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# Churches await writ of referendum

"So, we are about to see what kind of government we have, and the church will not be afraid to show the nation what kind of government we have, depending on their reaction to the results of the referendum. As I've said before, we have skin in the game, and we are not going anywhere," stated Pastor Louis Wade today.

## by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 7, 2022

This week, it was announced that the number of signatures of Belizean voters that had been garnered by the churches met the 10% threshold to trigger a referendum on the legalization of cannabis. Today, a joint press release from the churches, under an umbrella moniker, the "Belize Coalition of Churches", thanked the Belizean people, organizers,

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Pastor Louis Wade, Jr. -- representing Belize Coalition of Churches

## Allyson Major's accused killer walks; Min. Musa: it doesn't end there

## by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Mon. July 4, 2022

Corporal Kent Martinez was accused of firing the shot that hit Allyson Major once in the head during a high-speed chase through the streets of downtown Belize City in 2019—ultimately causing the 36-year-old teacher's death. But following a trial in the Supreme Court



## **GoB addresses concerns of private land owners in Toledo**

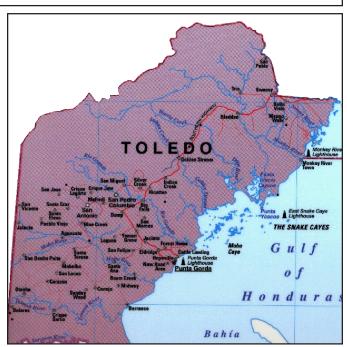
Maya leaders say the release from GoB is "extremely distressing and regrettable" and offers no tangible assistance to the parties involved.

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 6, 2022

The hopes recently expressed by the judges of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) – that the Government of Belize (GoB) and Maya Leaders Alliance rebuild confidence in each other through dialogue in order to ensure the successful implementation of an FPIC (Free, Prior and

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# SFXCU placed under enhanced surveillance by Central Bank

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Cpl. Kent Martinez, acquitted

## **Another murder in Lake I**

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 6, 2022 On Tuesday, at around 9:40 p.m., Tyrone King, a 26-year-old resident of Giles Street, was killed in the home where he lives behind the Charles Bartlett Hyde building in the Lake Independence area of Belize City by a gunman who entered





Tyrone King, deceased

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 7, 2022 The Central Bank has stepped in as regulator to try to bring some stability to St. Francis Xavier Credit Union (SFXCU) amid the ongoing internal conflict that is placing considerable strain on the operations of the institution. According to a leaked internal letter from the Belize Credit Union League to the board of directors of the credit union, a meeting was held with the credit union's general manager, Rafael Dominguez, Sr., and the credit union's president, Everaldo Puck, and at that meeting they were placed under enhanced





Rafael Dominguez, Sr.

## **Bus rolls over man in Orange Walk**

#### by Charles Gladden

#### ORANGE WALK TOWN, Thurs. July 7,2022

On Tuesday, July 5, a 48-year-old resident of Santa Familia, Orange Walk District, was killed when the rear wheel of a bus ran over him after he slipped off his bicycle in the downtown area of Orange Walk near Cinderella Street and Queen Victoria Avenue.

The victim of the accident, Enrique Herman Cawich, a Belizean laborer, was reportedly about to cross the street on his bicycle at about 6:00 that evening when he saw a bus traveling from a north to south direction from Otro Benque Road onto Queen Victoria Avenue.

Upon seeing the approaching bus, Cawich attempted to turn back, but slipped off his bicycle and hit the right side of the bus, which caused him to fall to the ground near the bus's rear wheel.

The driver of the bus reportedly did not stop the vehicle to render aid, but an employee of a nearby clothing store, Joezer Reyes, who witnessed the accident, reportedly tried to secure assistance for the injured man.

He told reporters, "...at the same time when I looked, the back wheel like chipped his head, and the impact moved him way across the other side of the road. And then afterward, I was like, I need some help because the two buses were so wide, I didn't know if the vehicles at the back were watching what was happening, so I was afraid they mashed him too. So I called for my worker, [to] help, somebody just [gets] knocked down beside me. And at the same moment, he was still breathing. He burst his head a little, but



deceased

not a lot of blood, but I think he bled internally."

Reyes added, "He was still breathing, but he couldn't talk. Looked like he got conscious until we put him in the pickup back. He looked like he was in pain, because his mouth was open, but he couldn't speak."

Ishmael Cawich, brother of the deceased, told 7News that his brother had a severe alcohol problem, and believes that may have led to his death.

"... What happened, I think he was working at the housing site behind the hospital about a drain that the government is giving people to fix for the flood for the rainy season... When you go and work there and you do your task and the same day you can collect. So I think that is what happened yesterday. While coming out from work, I think he collect what he [has] done for the day and he went to drink,' Cawich said.

Cawich was transported to the Northern Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. He had no children.

## **UEF continues advocacy for poor Belizeans near PBL**

A partnership between the UBAD Educational Foundation and the University of Bristol seeks to give a voice to often voiceless workingclass Belizeans.

#### by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 7, 2022 In March of this year, The United UEF chairperson YaYa Marin Coleman, who told us that there is a specific reason for that focus: Waterloo Investment Holdings' proposed BZ \$400 million investment for the Port of Belize Cruise and Cargo **Expansion Project.** Marin-Coleman aptly pointed out that, when it came to debates on the pros and cons of the proposed development, almost everyone got their say, including investors, developers, the government, and environmentalists. But the people of Port Loyola, who stand to be most affected by the development, remained voiceless. The UEF chairperson also appeared this past Tuesday on the KREM Wake Up Belize morning show, where she explained this further: "When there was the proposed 400 million Belize dollars investment for the Port of Belize Cruise Terminal, Cruise Tourism Village, Cargo Expansion, yuh hear the developer had something

## **Elders are frequent victims of** "swindling" — National **Council on Ageing**

The National Conference on Elder Abuse Awareness held on Thursday focused on ways to recognize signs of elder abuse as well as how to address and prevent such abuse.

#### by Khaila Gentle

**BELIZE CITY**, Thurs. July 7, 2022

According to the National Council on Ageing in Belize, one in six older persons will experience some form of elder abuse, which includes financial abuse in the form of fraud or "swindling". То address this, the council held a national

conference on Thursday focused on discussing detection and prevention methods.

Elder abuse, says, HelpAge Belize Executive Director Ivorine Bulwer, manifests itself in various forms: physical (or what she termed as "manhandling"), emotional, psychological, sexual, and even financial. Bulwer explained to the media that it's important for caregivers and other health professionals to be able to recognize the signs of abuse in these various forms.

"What is also important is we've got to look at structured programs, whether it's Health or Social Services, so that we can better screen for abuse. If you see an elderly person coming up to the Emergency Room every so often with falls, with injuries, those are need for concern. Those are need for referral to social services. Those are, you know, incidents that need to be addressed, because something is wrong," she said.

By the end of this century, it is expected that the world's elderly population will have grown by approximately 36 percent—one of the reasons organizations such as the National Council on Ageing and HelpAge Belize and others like them around the world have been stressing the importance of healthy ageing and of having proper elder care services.

According to Hon. Elvia Vega-Samos, Minister of State in the Ministry



Thursday's conference was especially aimed at raising awareness of the issue of elder abuse through examining the factors that contribute to it and strategizing on how to prevent and perhaps even end it. She noted that working towards such an end is not something that can be done in isolation.

"We need all the stakeholders to come together and make a difference for our elderly," she said.

Ix-Chel Poot, the Executive Director at the National Council on Ageing, told the media that the National Conference on Elder Abuse Awareness uses a multisectoral approach that looks not only at how cases of elder abuse are being addressed but at how data related to those cases are being recorded. At the moment, however, that data is almost non-existent, making it difficult to accurately report on elder abuse statistics.

According to Poot, one of the most prevalent forms of elder abuse in Belize—at least among the cases that are brought to the Council—is financial abuse in the form of fraud or "swindling". This includes when caregivers use the signatures of elder persons, such as those suffering from dementia, to obtain land or other assets.

The World Health Organization defines elder abuse as "a single or repeated act or lack of appropriate action occurring within any relationship in which there is an expectation of trust

Black Association for Development Educational Foundation (UEF) completed a collaborative project with the University of Bristol that was aimed at assisting grassroots organizations in enacting change in their own communities.

The partnership, which began in January 2020, enabled Belize to join four other nations-Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Antigua & Barbuda, and Colombia-in working on bottom-up and community-led initiatives that put power in the hands of small organizations. Those initiatives were all aimed at giving a voice to the communities that are often left out of academic and political discussions and policymaking.

Here in Belize, UEF's focus was on the people of the Port Loyola community. AMANDALA spoke with of Human Development, Families, and Indigenous Peoples' Affairs,

that causes harm or distress to an older person."

fu seh, the government had something fu seh, the environmentalists have something fu seh, and I'm like 'so who di talk fi the Belizean people?' especially those nearest to the Port of Belize?" she stated.

Throughout the course of the twoyear project, UEF did extensive work in advocating for the residents of Port Loyola who knew little to nothing about the proposed development in their own community. In fact, in December 2021 when the National **Environmental Appraisal Committee** (NEAC) first denied Waterloo's proposal for the construction of a cruise port terminal, one of the six reasons given by the Committee was

that insufficient consultations had been done with the population living nearest the proposed site.

According to Marin-Coleman, although the project has ended, UEF still has work to do, since, even now, most residents know little about the proposed development. And now, four months after the project's completion, a researcher from the University of Bristol-sociologist Dr. Jessica Paddock-is in Belize getting a firsthand look at UEF's endeavours in an effort to evaluate how the university can further assist the organization. As part of those endeavours, UEF recently launched a new website which can be accessed at uefbelize.org.

## COVID-19 sub-variants beginning to evade antibodies

While Omicron variants BA.1 and BA.2 are still the predominant strains causing COVID-19 in the country, Dr. Melissa Diaz Musa says that may soon change.

## by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 7, 2022

The number of new daily COVID-19 cases has fallen below 200 for the first time in a week (with 161 new cases confirmed at the time of writing), but Director of Public Health and Wellness Dr. Melissa Diaz Musa says that Belize is still very much in the midst of its fifth wave. And while results from recent genome sequencing have revealed that Omicron variants BA.1 and BA.2 are still the predominant COVID-19 strains in the country, that may change as soon as next week.

According to Dr. Diaz Musa, at present, more samples are being sequenced, and it is likely that the presence of the BA.4 and BA.5 strains will be detected. As the dynamics of the pandemic continue to shift, the Ministry of Health & Wellness has noted slight changes in the symptoms being presented by persons with COVID-19.

"Our hospitalization rates have been the same. We haven't seen a significant increase. What I can say is that the symptoms that are being reported have shifted a little bit from previously, because with Omicron BA.1 and 2 we know that a lot of the symptoms were upper respiratory tract, or sore throat...a runny nose, sinusitis, and headache. Now we are seeing persons presenting a little bit more with cough some people have developed pneumonia and are treated with antibiotics at home," said the Director.

Dr. Diaz Musa noted that compounded with the fact that the symptoms of the newest COVID-19 sub-variants are slightly more severe than their previous counterparts, is recent scientific evidence that reveals the antibodies—whether through vaccines or being previously exposed to the virus—are less effective against BA.4 and BA.5.

"We know that because of the significant mutations, this virus is evading these antibodies three or four times more than with the previous subvariants, so it's something of concern as well," she said.

Nevertheless, Dr. Musa Diaz maintains that vaccines continue to provide protection against severe illness and hospitalization. While there have been claims that the new sub-variants have also been eluding rapid tests, Dr. Melissa Diaz says that that has not been proven as yet.

## Adelma Broaster speaks at RSPCSC Summer Camp



Man convicted of sexual abuse of a 3-year-old boy

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 7, 2022

A 54-year-old man has been convicted of rape of a 3-year-old boy today in the Supreme Court of Belize. Alfonso Perez was accused in 2019 by the little boy's 9-year-old sister, who turned out to be the key witness in the case. The girl told the court that she was hanging out clothes when she saw the elder man trying to force the child to perform oral sex on him on the roof of his Belize City residence.

The now 12-year-old girl recounted on the stand that she screamed and went for her brother, before escaping from Perez who she says tried to prevent her from running away.

The elder man is back behind bars tonight and is awaiting sentencing, which is to be handed down on July 29th of this month.

Justice Ricardo Sancroft presided over this case in a trial without jury and found that the child's accounts were true, while he did not believe the accused who was undefended. In his defense the man claimed that he was in his underwear, hanging out on his roof,



Alfonso Perez, convicted of sexual abuse

when some kids tried to rob him.

As mentioned, Justice Sancroft handed down his judgment this afternoon, and has reserved sentencing until July 29, 2022.

## San Ignacio/Santa Elena Town Council worker fatally hit by car

by Charles Gladden

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Tues. July 5, 2022

On Monday, July 4, Herman 'Kaibil' Valdez, a popular employee of the San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town Council, was fatally hit by a car which slid down a hill after its brakes failed in downtown San Ignacio in the Cayo District.

According to initial reports, Valdez was carrying out his duties as a town council employee when the incident occurred. He was pushing a wheelbarrow, in which he had placed his tools, and was picking up garbage between the Police Station and the old Town Hall area when he was hit by a dark blue SUV that came rushing down a hill on Buena Vista Street beside the Police Station.

After hitting Valdez, the SUV then collided with one or more parked cars—thus sandwiching Valdez between several vehicles and crushing him to death.

The mayor of the San Ignacio/Santa Elena Town Council, Earl Trapp, told local media, "I was in a meeting, and I received a call that Mr. Valdez was, or had an accident and the accident basically a vehicle ran down from Buena Vista hill, that's the one by the police station that goes up to San Ignacio Hotel. It ran out of brakes and directly impacted or crushed Mr. Valdez between the vehicle, the said vehicle, and we had other vehicles that were parked on the other side of the street, noh."



passed away moments later while

receiving treatment. Valdez was known throughout the San Ignacio Town area as a loyalist of the United Democratic Party (UDP), and Mayor Earl Trapp told 7News that his support of the party will be fondly remembered by other members of the UDP. "He will be greatly remembered, especially when we are in the political mood because he was really that person that would be on the frontline and always cheering for the party, but he was very much into his party," said Mayor Trapp. Mayor Trapp noted that Valdez will also be remembered as someone humble and hardworking.

Adelma Broaster

## by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 7, 2022

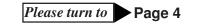
The Rogers Stadium Physical Cultural Sporting Club (RSPCSC) held its second annual two-week summer camp at Gwen Lizarraga High School, where Adelma Broaster was the special motivational speaker on Thursday.

The at-risk kids who participate in the summer camp are taught key principles in Language Arts, Math, Phonics, and Physical Education, and each day an encouraging address is delivered to them by a motivational speaker.

Broaster told AMANDALA about the motivational speech that she gave to the kids at the summer camp.

"I gave a speech in regards to coaching. I've been coaching for a number of years, I'd have to say, but more than likely the speech is for them to actually get them over to the sporting Valdez was transported to the San Ignacio Community Hospital but

network of the club, because we have a sporting section [that] will occur this Saturday at Rogers Stadium. It's going to be in the discipline of basketball or football. We do know that they express some other interest in the sporting activity of softball, and Rogers Stadium is the home of softball, so it'll be easy



## Man flung from pickup on **Philip Goldson Highway**

by Khaila Gentle

SAN JOSE VILLAGE, Orange Walk, Wed. July 6, 2022

A road traffic accident just outside of San Jose Village in the Orange Walk District claimed the life of one person this week, allegedly as a result of drunk driving. On Tuesday, July 5, 25-yearold Eden Itza was seated in the back of a white Tacoma pickup truck, whose driver had offered him a ride as he was waiting for the bus. However, when the driver of the truck (who, according to some sources had been drinking) lost control of the vehicle, Itza was flung from the truck and onto a coconut tree.

According to police reports, the accident occurred on the Philip Goldson Highway near Mile 62, when the pickup, which was being driven by German Gutierrez, ran off the road and hit a culvert.

Upon arriving at the scene at around 8:20 p.m., police found Itza's motionless body lying on the pavement inside a yard, a few feet away from the Tacoma pickup truck. He was transported to the Northern Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Another person who had been seated in the front passenger side of the truck, Rigoberto Lopez, sustained minor scratches due to the accident.

The driver, German Gutierrez, allegedly fled the scene following the accident but later turned himself in and was detained.

According to Itza's older sister, Amanda Estrada, Itza was a fisherman and was coming home from work with his brother that night. Both men had travelled to Orange Walk from the



Eden Itza (deceased)

Belize District by bus and were waiting for another bus to complete their journey home when they met an acquaintance, who offered them a ride. That acquaintance, Gutierrez, had reportedly been drinking, however, and lost control of the truck while attempting to overtake another vehicle.

Estrada said that she'd been told her brother was still alive immediately following the accident, but that persons at the scene of the accident had been instructed by police not to move Itza's body until an ambulance arrived.

She noted that she would remember her brother as someone who always looked out for his relatives.

Gutierrez was arrested and charged for Manslaughter by Negligence and other offences today.

## **UB and BCG sign MOU**

## MOU signed between the University of Belize and Coast Guard to offer scholarships to seamen

#### by: Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July. 7, 2022

On Thursday, July 7, the University of Belize and the Belize Coast Guard (BCG) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will grant five scholarships to members of one of Belize's military forces.

Members of the Coast Guard will be receiving higher education at the University of Belize in specialized fields such as Applied Engineering, Emergency Medical Response for the high seas, Climate Smart Agriculture for Food Security of the Coast Guard, Training of Trainers in Education Methodology, and Language Acquisition in Mandarin, Spanish or French for Enhanced International Relations. Commandant of the Belize Coast Guard, Rear Admiral Elton Bennett, highlighted how the MOU, which allows their seamen to improve their education in some of the fifty programs offered by the university, will improve the administrative skills and overall level of the BCG. "My intent here is to bring the Coast Guard up to the level where it can provide the necessary support to the country. Our responsibility for nation-building goes well

beyond operations. We must have the capabilities in-house that contribute [to] scientific research, and able to contribute toward large-scale infrastructure development along our post. So what we're doing here is really improving the level of education within the Coast Guard so that in the future the Belize Coast Guard can do more toward supporting those different sectors," he said.

Speaking on the MOU, Minister of Education, Hon. Francis Fonseca said, "We thought it was extremely important, it serves both the needs of our national university and the Belize Coast Guard. The Belize Coast Guard has a need for human capital development, meaning training and education of their officers, and the University of Belize has [a] marine science program that they're trying to develop fully. They have properties on Hunting Caye and Calabash Caye, which we have not fully benefited from and we think a partnership with the Coast Guard can help us to better take advantage of those assets that the university owns and make full effectiveness of them. And, it's important for our national university to be at the forefront of national development [by] working with our institutions in this country that are a part of national development and, of course, the military

## **Nephew found guilty** of murdering his uncle

Raheem Budram and his friend, Kareem Eagan, Jr., were found guilty of murdering his uncle, Shane Budram



(l-r) Raheem Budram and Kareem Eagan, found guilty of murder; and Shane Budram, deceased

## by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 7, 2022

On Wednesday, July 6, Raheem Budram and Kareem Eagan, Jr., were found guilty of the 2020 murder of Shane Budram, Raheem Budram's uncle, in the court of Justice Ricardo O'Neil Sandcroft, who tried the case without a jury.

Sometime after 10:00 on a Friday night in February 2020, Shane and Raheem Budram got into a heated argument at a spot where the mouth of Simmons Alley intersects with Wagner's Lane, known as "Jump Street".

At some point during that argument between the two relatives, Budran instructed his companion, Eagan, to fire shots at Shane Budram. The elder Budram, a longtime resident of Wagner's Lane, would receive a total of ten gunshot wounds as he attempted to flee from the gunman (who followed in pursuit) and toward his house, which was located near to Berkelev Street.

According to an AMANDALA article on the incident, when Shane Budram reached his house, where his common-law wife and daughter were, he collapsed and died in his doorway.

Earlier in his life, Budram had had run-ins with the law, but he had reportedly turned his life around, from all accounts, and had become a devoted family man and a good role model for the young men in the Wagner's Lane neighborhood.

At the end of the trial of Raheem Budram and Kareem Eagan, Jr., Justice Ricardo O'Neil Sandcroft found the two men guilty of a joint murder in a 50-page ruling. The two men had claimed, in their defense, that they had not been present at the scene when the shooting occurred; however, multiple eyewitness statements indicated that they had indeed been at that location.

Budram and Eagan must return to court for their sentence hearing, which is scheduled to take place on July 29.

## Adelma Broaster speaks...

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Saturday at Rogers Stadium. It's going to be in the discipline of basketball or football. We do know that they express some other interest in the sporting activity of softball, and Rogers Stadium is the home of softball, so it'll be easy for us to align them into that

In regard to how she feels she can have an impact on younger athletes, she said, "I'm hoping to inspire them and tell them that now is the time for them to get involved. At a young age, it's better, because I personally believe I got involved very late. Thankfully, I was skillful and I was able to maneuver and got the opportunity to play on the national team. But I'm saying now is the time that we need to groom our young players. So if we start grooming them and then you channel them up into the different stage, then I think we should have excellent players down the stretch."

direction," stated Broaster.

Broaster, who played a key role in the Millennium Girls football club in Belize City many years ago, is known throughout Belize as one of the pioneers in women's football.

is an important part of [our] country's development."

Dr. Vincent Palacio, Interim President of the University of Belize told the media how the university can help the BCG with the courses they'll offer, and described the partnership as "a marriage made in heaven."

"You look at any military organization, you see several things happening. The health sector, we have a very dynamic nursing program and every military operation needs health care providers. Second, military operations need counsellors and people to help the mental

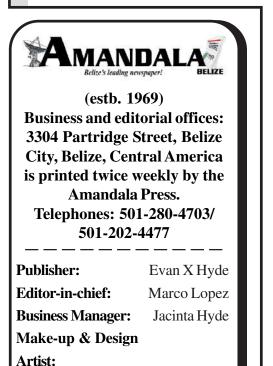
state of the officers, and we offer a very good social work program that could facilitate this. From the leadership level, we offer a Master's Degree in Leadership. We offer an MBA in Leadership so the leaders can come and participate in this as well. So, we do quite a bit that these people can benefit from. We offer an engineering program, so why can't we involve our engineers with what they do here in various aspects... It was a marriage made in heaven, it's a must-do. I'm wondering why just now. It has tremendous potential for both parties," Dr. Palacio said.



The family of Allyson Major, Jr. feels betrayed by our justice system, after police officer Kent Martinez was freed of a charge of manslaughter by negligence brought against him for the shooting death of their family member three years ago. According to reports, the police, suspecting that Major had marijuana in his possession, set after him. The reports say that Major fled from them in a vehicle, and at the Belize City Swing Bridge the pursuing police caught up with him, fired at him from their vehicle, and one of their bullets hit him in his head, shattering his skull and the lives of his family and friends.

In a country that is jaded by over two decades of escalating violence, the shooting of Mr. Major provoked extreme outrage. Debilitating poverty coupled with unenlightened drug laws have led to the growth of gangs armed with the most deadly weapons, and in the battle to protect turf the "soldiers" die at a rate that exceeds what is seen in the bloodiest wars almost anywhere in the world. The experts can probably give all the reasons why we are woefully inadequate at resolving the regular conflicts that flare up during normal human interaction, but since justice disappeared from the land, since the likelihood of an acquittal in a murder case is now the inverse of what it was prior to independence, increasingly we settle our disputes with guns and edged weapons.

In a country numbed by almost daily reports of gunshot victims, the Major case struck a nerve. He died because the police suspected he had some marijuana and set after him, and when they caught up with him, someone put a bullet in



his head. If the individual who shot and killed an unarmed, unaggressive Allyson Major, Jr., is indeed a police officer, then his life was taken by a man carrying a licensed weapon for the single purpose of protecting the lives and properties of his brothers and sisters.

It's no news in Belize, an alleged killer being acquitted by a jury in a court in Belize. In this case the reportedly jury was instructed by the judge to accept a submission by Mr. Martinez's attorney that he had no case to answer. According to reports, the prosecution couldn't prove that the bullet that broke Mr. Major's cranium and splattered his brain had been fired from a gun in Martinez's hand. There were a number of police officers in pursuit of Major, and civilians in the vicinity, at the time of the incident. The court says the man who stood in the docks last week had no case to answer. Many say that if he didn't do it, as the court said, there is a great likelihood that he knows who did. There is tremendous hurt in the society over the outcome of the case, and the minister in charge of the police has also expressed pain. The prosecution went for the lowest charge, manslaughter by negligence, but it is hard to get a guilty verdict against an on-duty police officer. As it is in the US, a country that has become notorious worldwide for homicidal officers, mainly white officers who prey on nonwhite civilians, cases against the police usually end in a not guilty verdict.

The outrage is mainly over the acquittal, but we must not lose our focus on why Mr. Major was shot. The reports say the police believed he had marijuana in his possession. In a few weeks or months, Belizeans will be voting in a referendum on a not-yet-worded question that will be related to the status of marijuana in Belize. There are a number of related issues, but on the substance itself, some people in Belize, some say overzealous persons, have damned it as a corrupter of society. Putting the facts over the propaganda, in 2020 the WHO reclassified marijuana, moving it from the category of most dangerous drugs, to less dangerous.

Smoking or handling marijuana is synonymous with being a bad person in some segments of our society. There's no dearth of cynics, calloused people who say that people pop up to say good things about anyone who is murdered, regardless of the person's character. The fact is, *all have sinned and come short of the glory of God*, so Mr. Major must have had his share of sins too. But many upstanding Belizeans vouch for this brother, say he was a good man, and while the court has not determined who killed him, and maybe that will reside forever with the guilty party and those who saw what happened, how more senseless and tragic can it get than for one to lose their life because they might have been handling weed.

There are many questions that we must move posthaste to answer if we love our country and want to make a better future for our children and youth. There are questions to be asked of our laws and justice system. Outside of the court and the laws on the books, we need to ask questions about the quantity and quality of training and vetting an officer gets before he is issued a gun. An officer might not have killed Mr. Major, but the police have been involved in too many of these kinds of incidents. There is no right to bear arms in Belize. If you want a gun, you have to prove to the Police Department that you have the need, and the responsibility, to be a gun owner. Guns are not toys. A gun in the hands of the wrong person can cause great harm.

The Police Department needs to be held accountable for the training of its officers, and for issuing guns to officers who don't have the judgment and composure to carry one. It is a common and feeble defense of the Police Department that the public can't expect police officers to be of better character than the people in the society they come from. It is very unflattering of our people, and a cop out, an attempt by the Police Department to pass on or share the blame when officers act criminally. Belize has more than enough good men and women to staff the department, or who are moldable, able to be transformed to a level where they bring honor to the khaki, navy blue and green. That uniform must mean something. It must mean that those who wear it are of excellent character. The Police Department must look within itself, instead of finding excuses without. The Police Department needs to explain to the society WHY guns are given to officers who err so terribly. There are too many tragedies in this case, the worst of them the unjust death of Mr. Major. There's the burden on someone's mind of committing the world's worst crime and the unbearable emotional and financial pain they have brought to the man's family. All of that was caused by a terrible failure of the system.

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## Education Ministry allays concerns over ITVET football field

Some members of the public have been concerned that the ITVET football pitch in Belize City might be replaced by buildings without any announcement being made to the public.

## by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 7, 2022

Some members of the public, who were fearful that the football field at the ITVET compound in Belize City would be obliterated during the construction that is taking place at that location, can put those fears to rest tonight, since the Ministry of Education has informed AMANDALA that that football field will remain and be integrated into the new STEAM lab high school being constructed at the Belize City compound.

Some members of the public were disturbed by the absence of any public announcement or groundbreaking ceremony to signal the start of

construction work at that location. When passersby began seeing construction material being loaded on and near the football field used traditionally by the community and for summer programs, concerns began to arise.

As mentioned, however, the Education Ministry has informed us that the football field will remain. Kevin Chen, the communications officer at the Ministry, said that they have confirmed this with the Project Execution Unit within the ministry.

"I have confirmed with Mr. Deon Barker, the Engineer in the Project Execution Unit of the Ministry, that there are no plans to construct over the football field that presently exists on



Construction taking place near the football field on the ITVET compound

the premises. We will be keeping the field and incorporating it as part of the project," Chen stated in his response to us.

The Belize STEAM Laboratory School—a high school focused on developing students' skills in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math-is scheduled to open sometime in 2022. The syllabus will be developed with the collaboration of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

The construction of the STEAM Lab school at the former Belize Technical College compound is, in a way, appropriate, since Technical, before its dismantlement, was not only a premier technical institution within the country but also a hub of science and technology, catering for some of the brightest minds across the nation, many of whom would not have otherwise been able to afford a tertiary level education.

This new STEAM Lab school is being constructed with funding obtained through a US \$10 million loan agreement signed by the UDP administration with the International Development Bank in January 2020.



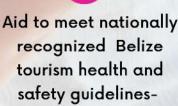




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## LA INMACULADA CREDIT UNION LIMITED

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## CWU signs CBA with Central Bank

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 6, 2022 The Christian Workers Union

(CWU) has signed a new Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Central Bank of Belize. According to a press release from the Ministry of Labor, the agreement, signed by the union on behalf of 186 employees for a threeyear period, seeks to maintain and enhance the relations that exist between the bank and the union and to promote "good industrial relations, fairness, impartiality and tripartism".

Additionally, the Ministry congratulated the Central Bank of Belize and the CWU on the timely conclusion of the CBA, as well as the spirit of goodwill and collaboration that prevailed throughout the negotiations.

AMANDALA reached out to the Ministry for further details on the terms and benefits included in the agreement, but the Ministry was unable to share further details.

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ariver license would be an asset.

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La familia de Allyson Major, Jr. se siente traicionada por nuestro sistema de justicia, luego de que el oficial de policía Kent Martinez fuera liberado de un cargo de homicidio por negligencia presentado en su contra por la muerte a tiros de su familiar hace tres años. Según los informes, la policía, sospechando que Major tenía marihuana en su posesión, lo persiguió. Los informes dicen que Major huyó de ellos en un vehículo, y en el puente giratorio de la Ciudad de Belize los policías que lo perseguían lo alcanzaron, le dispararon desde su vehículo y una de sus balas le dio en la cabeza, rompiéndole el cráneo y la vida de su familia y amigos.

En un país que está hastiado por más de dos décadas de violencia en aumento, el tiroteo del Sr. Major provocó una indignación extrema. Pobreza debilitante junto con leyes de drogas poco ilustradas han llevado al crecimiento de pandillas armadas con las armas más letales, y en la batalla para proteger territorio, los "soldados" mueren a un ritmo que supera lo que se ve en las guerras más sangrientas en casi cualquier parte del mundo. Los expertos probablemente puedan dar todas las razones por las que lamentablemente somos inadecuados para resolver los conflictos regulares que estallan durante la interacción humana normal, pero dado que la justicia desapareció de la tierra, dado que la probabilidad de una absolución en un caso de asesinato es ahora la inversa de lo que fue antes de la independencia, cada vez más arreglamos nuestras disputas con fusiles y armas blancas.

En un país adormecido por informes casi diarios de víctimas de disparos, el caso Major tocó una fibra sensible. Murió porque los policías sospecharon que tenía marihuana y lo persiguieron, y cuando lo alcanzaron, alguien le metió una bala en la cabeza. Si el individuo que disparó y mató a Allyson Major, Jr., desarmado y no agresivo, es de hecho un oficial de policía, entonces un hombre que portaba un arma con licencia le quitó la vida con el único propósito de proteger las vidas y propiedades de sus hermanos y hermanas.

No es noticia en Belize, un presunto asesino es absuelto por un jurado en un tribunal de Belize. En este caso, según se informa, el juez instruyó al jurado para que aceptara una afirmación del abogado del Sr. Martinez de que no tenía ningún caso que responder. Según los informes, la fiscalía no pudo probar que la bala que rompió el cráneo del Sr. Major y salpicó su cerebro había sido disparada con un arma en la mano de Martinez. Había varios policías persiguiendo a Major y civiles en los alrededores en el momento del incidente. El tribunal dice que el hombre que estuvo en el banquillo de los acusados la semana pasada no tenía ningún caso que responder. Muchos dicen que si él no lo hizo, como dijo el tribunal, es muy probable que sepa quién lo hizo.

Hay un tremendo dolor en la sociedad por el resultado del aso, y el ministro encargado de la policía también ha expresado

reclasificó la marihuana, moviéndola de la categoría de las drogas más peligrosas, a la menos peligrosa.

Fumar o tratar la marihuana es sinónimo de ser una mala persona en algunos segmentos de nuestra sociedad. No hay escasez de cínicos, personas insensibles que dicen que la gente aparece para decir cosas buenas sobre cualquier persona que es asesinada, independientemente del carácter de la persona. El hecho es que todos han pecado y se quedan cortos de la gloria de Dios, por lo que el Sr. Major también debe haber tenido su parte de pecados. Pero muchos beliceños honrados ponen las manos en el fuego por este hermano, dicen que era un buen hombre, y aunque la corte no ha determinado quién lo mató, y tal vez eso residirá para siempre con la parte culpable y aquellos que vieron lo que sucedió, qué más insensato y trágico puede ser perder la vida porque podría haber estado tratando con marihuana.

Hay muchas preguntas que debemos apresurarnos a responder si amamos a nuestro país y queremos hacer un futuro mejor para nuestros niños y jóvenes. Hay preguntas que hacer sobre nuestras leyes y nuestro sistema de justicia. Fuera de la corte y las leyes en los libros, debemos hacer preguntas sobre la cantidad y la calidad del entrenamiento y el escrutinio que recibe un oficial antes de que se le entregue un arma. Es posible que un oficial no haya matado al Sr. Major, pero la policía ha estado involucrada en demasiados incidentes de este tipo. No existe el derecho a portar armas en Belize. Si usted quiere un arma, debe demostrarle al Departamento de Policía que tiene la necesidad y la responsabilidad de ser propietario de un arma. Las armas no son juguetes. Un arma en manos de la persona equivocada puede causar un gran daño.

El Departamento de Policía debe rendir cuentas por la capacitación de sus oficiales y por entregar armas a los oficiales que no tienen el juicio y la compostura para portar una. Es una defensa común y débil del Departamento de Policía que el público no puede esperar que los oficiales de policía tengan un mejor carácter que las personas de la sociedad de la que provienen. Es muy poco halagador para nuestra gente, y un intento del Departamento de Policía de pasar o compartir la culpa cuando los oficiales actúan de manera criminal.

Belize tiene más que suficientes hombres y mujeres buenos para el personal del departamento, o que pueden ser moldeados, capaces de transformarse a un nivel en el que honren el caqui, el azul marino y el verde. Ese uniforme debe significar algo. Debe significar que quienes lo usan tienen un carácter excelente. El Departamento de Policía debe mirar dentro de sí mismo, en lugar de buscar excusas en el exterior.

El Departamento de Policía necesita explicarle a la sociedad POR QUÉ se entregan armas a oficiales que cometen errores tan terribles. Hay demasiadas tragedias en este caso, la peor de ellas la muerte injusta del Sr. Major. Está la carga en la mente de alguien de haber cometido el peor crimen del mundo y el dolor emocional y financiero insoportable que han traído a la familia del hombre. Todo eso fue causado por una terrible falla del sistema.

dolor. La fiscalía optó por el cargo más bajo, homicidio involuntario por negligencia, pero es difícil obtener un veredicto de culpabilidad contra un oficial de policía en servicio. Como sucede en los EE. que se ha vuelto notorio mundialmente por oficiales de policía homicidas, principalmente blancos, que se aprovechan de civiles no blancos, los casos contra la policía generalmente terminan en un veredicto de no culpable.

La indignación se debe principalmente a la absolución, pero no debemos perder el enfoque en por qué le dispararon al Sr. Major. Los informes dicen que la policía creía que tenía marihuana en su poder. En unas pocas semanas o meses, los beliceños votarán en un referéndum sobre una pregunta que aún no ha sido redactada y que estará relacionada con el estatus de la marihuana en Belize. Hay una serie de cuestiones relacionadas, pero en cuanto a la sustancia en sí, algunas personas en Belize, algunos dicen que personas demasiado entusiastas, la han condenado como corruptora de la sociedad. Anteponiendo los hechos a la propaganda, en 2020 la OMS

## **Sunday Review News Review Talk Show** On Krem TV & Krem Radio Live-streaming on Krem Television Face Book Page Host: YaYa Marin Coleman Co-Host: Dwight Neal Date: Sunday, July 10, 2022 Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Guest: Katie Numi Usher/Belizean Visual Artist. We will be discussing colonialism and colorism.

Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 10, 2022



This Tuesday evening, my siblings and I were talking about cricket. My father, who played cricket competitively for many years, is 99, and blind, but I believe he was enjoying the conversation. I remember one time he had told me that cricket was the greatest game ever invented.

Amongst the coconut trees and stumps and whatever on Spanish Caye, we children used to play a form of cricket — "bat and rickets."

In the real cricket, the batsman seeks to hit the ball as hard as he can on the ground, in order to avoid the fielders and reach the four boundary. On rare occasions, an outstanding batsman will try to reach the six boundary, which must be done through the air. In the air, however, the batsman runs the risk of being caught, which ends his innings.

But at Spanish Caye there were so many obstacles on the ground that the way to score runs was through the air. As a child growing up, I often saw the Unity cricket team play, but did not understand how important the ground is, as opposed to the air, in the higher levels of the game. Call me dumb, if you wish. About fifteen or twenty years ago, Test matches and high level cricket games began appearing on local cable television. I saw fabulous fast bowlers like Australia's Glenn McGrath and the West Indies' Courtenay Walsh and Curtly Ambrose. I watched such great batsmen as India's Tendulkar and Dravid, and, of course, the incomparable Brian Lara of the West Indies. There was so much I learned about the game from these televised games.

Then, cricket disappeared from local television. Perhaps I wasn't looking in the correct places. But, a few months ago, mainstream ESPN and ESPN2 began televising cricket on cable channels I could watch. Recently, I've watched Test matches between England and the West Indies, between the West Indies, and Bangladesh, and between England and India. To repeat, I've learned a lot.

A few days ago, a man from the Belize River Valley, Gliksten Bennett, called KREM Radio's *Morning Stew* show and spoke at length about the history of cricket in Belize. I had never heard cricket's history here discussed before, and I am grateful to Gliksten.

When I was a child growing up, cricket was still a big deal in Belize City, and it was very popular in the Belize River Valley. On some weekends, the Unity Cricket Club, to which my father belonged, would travel to villages like Burrell Boom and St. Paul's Bank to play against teams from those villages. As a teenager of 16 or 17, I played on two different occasions for Unity in games in the two villages I mentioned. As I said, I really didn't know the game. I also played for Unity, when they were short of players basically, in two games on the old Newtown Barracks and one on the MCC Grounds.

My parents' second son, Nelson, was saying how involved he was in cricket with a championship cricket team named Milport. Since I never saw him play cricket competitively, I assume his glory years were during the 1965-1968 period when I was away studying in the United States.

There is a lot to discuss here, but what I want you to think about is how open spaces, such as fields suitable for cricket, have disappeared from Belize City, which had about eight teams when I was growing up. You can't play cricket if you don't have a field. In its original incarnation, the MCC Grounds was totally glorious. There is nothing like open spaces and green fields and fresh breezes from the Almighty.

When I wrote about Herman "Harmie" Brackett to honor him on his unbelievable 21 not out against the MCC team from England in 1960, he called me from California to express his thanks. By the by, he asked me if I remembered Steadman White, and of course I did. Steadman appeared one day from some island in the Caribbean and began playing for the Police cricket team. I have never seen a man hit cricket balls as far as Steadman White did. I know that he married a daughter of Rose Howard. Harmie told me Steadman and his family live in Florida.

There are so many cricket stories I could tell you, and I'm sure Gliksten has his own. I will close with this one. The Chief Justice of British Honduras in the 1960s was a man named Sir Clifford de Lisle Inniss. I believe he was from Barbados. He was in his forties at least, probably even in his fifties, but he loved cricket so much he played actively with the Belize Club team, which was comprised of expatriates. I think Sir Clifford was considered a pretty good bat.

Well, he developed the habit of drifting a little out of his stumps when a bowler would run by to deliver from the end where Sir Clifford was batting. Oliver "Racku" Craig, the butcher and very well-known sportsman, saw what was happening when he bowled from Sir Clifford's end, and he decided to stump the Chief Justice, which, strictly speaking, was a legal thing to do. But, my sources said that Sir Clifford was very angry and considered Racku's stumping of himself to be an act of indecency.

So many memories flood my mind. I have to tell you how classic it was to watch the bowler called Preacher and the late, great C. F. S. Brown bowling for Sussex from opposite ends on the Garden. And, in my earlier years, Orlando "Rhamadin" Rhamdas and Clive Brackett (Harmie's older brother) from opposite ends for a team from the Yarborough area whose name I can't remember. (MYA?) Life was beautiful back then in little Belize. We were poor and had nothing of material consequence, but we had our games. Now this is my third closing of this essay. I have to pay the greatest of respect to our softball girls. Our girls were world class. Nostalgia, baby, a sure sign of age. Bless up, Belizeans.



Este martes por la noche, mis hermanos y yo estuvimos hablando de cricket. Mi padre, que jugó al cricket de forma competitiva durante muchos años, tiene 99 años y es ciego, pero creo que disfrutaba de la conversación. Recuerdo una vez que me dijo que el cricket era el mejor juego jamás inventado.

Entre los palos y troncos de coco y lo que sea en Cayó Español, los niños solíamos jugar una especie de cricket: "bate y *rickets*". En el cricket real, el bateador busca golpear la pelota lo más fuerte que puede en el suelo, con el fin de esquivar a los fildeadores y llegar a la línea de cuatro. En raras ocasiones, un bateador destacado intentará llegar a la línea de seis, lo que debe hacerse por el aire. En el aire, sin embargo, el bateador corre el riesgo de ser atrapado, lo que pone fin a sus entradas. Pero en Cayo Español había tantos obstáculos en el suelo que la forma de anotar carreras era a través del aire. Cuando era niño, a menudo veía jugar al equipo de cricket Unity, pero no entendía cuán importante es el suelo, a diferencia del aire, en los niveles más altos del juego. Llámenme tonto, si quieren.

partidos de prueba y juegos de cricket de alto nivel comenzaron a aparecer en la televisión por cable local. Vi fabulosos jugadores de bolos rápidos como Glenn McGrath de Australia y Courtenay Walsh y Curtly Ambrose de las Indias Occidentales. Observé a grandes bateadores como Tendulkar y Dravid de la India y, por supuesto, el incomparable Brian Lara de las Indias Occidentales. Aprendí mucho sobre el era gran cosa en la Ciudad de Belize y era muy popular en el Valle del Río Belize. Algunos fines de semana, el Club de Cricket Unity, al que pertenecía mi padre, viajaba a pueblos como Burrell Boom y St. Paul's Bank para jugar contra equipos de esas aldeas. Cuando era un adolescente de 16 o 17 años, jugué en dos ocasiones diferentes para Unity en juegos en los dos pueblos que mencioné. Como dije, realmente no

Hace unos quince o veinte años,

juego de estos juegos televisados.

Luego, el cricket desapareció de la televisión local. Tal vez no estaba buscando en los lugares correctos. Pero, hace unos meses, ESPN y ESPN2 comenzaron a transmitir cricket en canales de cable que yo podía ver. Recientemente, he visto partidos de prueba entre Inglaterra y las Indias Occidentales, entre las Indias Occidentales y Bangladesh, y entre Inglaterra e India. Para repetir, he aprendido mucho.

Hace unos días, un hombre del Valle del Río Belize, Gliksten Bennett, llamó al programa *Morning Stew* de Radio KREM y habló extensamente sobre la historia del cricket en Belize. Nunca había oído hablar de la historia del cricket aquí antes, y estoy agradecido con Gliksten.

Cuando era niño, el cricket todavía

conocía el juego. También jugué para Unity, cuando básicamente estaban cortos de jugadores, en dos juegos en el antiguo Newtown Barracks y uno en el Jardín MCC.

El segundo hijo de mis padres, Nelson, estaba diciendo lo involucrado que estaba en el cricket con un equipo de cricket de campeonato llamado Milport. Como nunca lo vi jugar al cricket de manera competitiva, asumo que sus años de gloria fueron durante el período 1965-1968 cuando yo estaba estudiando en los Estados Unidos.

Hay mucho que discutir aquí, pero lo que quiero que piensen es cómo los espacios abiertos, como los campos aptos para el cricket, han desaparecido de la Ciudad de Belize, que tenía unos ocho equipos cuando yo era niño. No



# John has big dreams — Part 4

John turned around and continued doing his exercises. Meanwhile, he began to think, asking himself, "Who am I going to ask to make those 200 tamales and horchatas?" He had that in mind when suddenly he remembered that on one of the many trips he made through the towns and villages, he had journeyed through Patchacan and had seen a sign that said "hot tamales" and told his driver, "Stop, please. Look, I'm going for some hot tamales over there".

The driver backed up the truck into the yard and parked. John said to the driver, "Come, let's see if there are any tamales. Let's have some tamales." They came out of the vehicle and greeted the woman selling the tamales.

**John**: "Ma'am, good day, good morning."

Lady: "Tell me."

John: "Do you have tamales?"

Lady: "Yes."

**John**: "Give me four. Two here for my driver and two for me."

**Lady**: "Alright. Are you going to have it here or to take?"

John: "We're going to eat it here." Lady: "Alright."

The lady served them the tamales along with forks. As John ate his tamales, he savoured the unique flavors in them.

**John**: "Ma'am, I've traveled all over the country of Belize and I've eaten tamales wherever I went, but I've never had one as tasty as these. What did you put in it?"

Lady: "I make my tamales with local chickens."

**John**: "Ohh, that's why the taste is different."

Lady: "I think so. So, the others are

made with the chicken that grows during a period of 6 weeks?"

**John**: "Yes, it is indeed. They sell it there at the stores."

Lady: "That chicken that grows within 6 weeks, who knows how they do it. Because my hens take at least a year to grow. And to grow a chicken in 6 weeks, what kind of chemicals do they have to give that bird."

**John**: "You're right, Ma'am. Who knows what chemicals they have to give them so they can grow up so fast. I wonder, could those chemicals that are given to those chickens in order for them to grow faster, harm the human brain and cause them to have a violent reaction?"

Lady: "Hmmm. I am starting to wonder too. Furthermore, the backyard hen, which is tastier, is more nutritious, and is good for your health."

John: "You are right, Ma'am. It is very nutritious, because it is natural."

Lady: "That is right."

They spoke for a while, sharing each other's thoughts. Then John paid for the tamales, thanked her and left. So while John was doing his exercises, he remembered the lady from whom he had bought those tasty tamales and decided to speak to his driver after his exercises.

John: "Hey, look, I'd like you to work on Saturday and Sunday. I'm going to pay you out of my pocket to pick up the tamales and the horchatas, to see that the tent is set up properly and that the chairs are organized; to fix the location for my friends."

**Driver**: "No, Mr. John, no Honorable John; you do not have to pay me. I also want to participate in that project that you have. What you are doing is a humanitarian act for those people who are not like that because they want to, but those people are sick and they don't know it."

**John**: "That's right, you're right. Then do me a favor."

**Driver**: "Tell me, Honorable." **John**: "I want you to go with the adv or rather take me to the lady Do

lady, or rather, take me to the lady. Do you remember the lady where we ate the delicious tamales in Patchacan?"

Driver: "Yes, I remember."

John: "Well, let's go there." So, on Saturday, the driver took John to the lady in Patchacan. Arriving there, he called out excitedly, "Ma'am, how are you?"

Lady: "Hello, Sir, how are you? How have you been?"

John: "Good..."

After exchanging a very friendly greeting, John said, "Ma'am, could you make 200 tamales for me?"

Lady: "Yes, of course. With pleasure."

John: "But let it have local hens." Lady: "Of course."

**John**: "And notice that I need horchatas. Could you make me 200 bottles of horchatas? But I don't want the kind of horchata that they sell in stores in bottles. I want some natural horchatas made by you. Can you?"

Lady: "Yes, here I make natural horchata too."

**John**: "Ah, great. And how much is it going to cost me, Ma'am? I need them by tomorrow at 8:00 in the morning. My driver is going to pick it up."

**Lady**: "Look, I'm going to charge you \$700."

**John**: "Sounds good to me, Ma'am. I'm going to pay you right now so you

## by Clinton Canul Luna

can have them ready for me tomorrow at 8:00 in the morning."

Lady: "Of course."

John took the money out of his pocket and paid the lady the \$700.

**John**: "Well, Ma'am, with your permission, my driver is coming for the tamales and horchata."

Lady: "Okay, Sir.

After that, John and the driver got into the vehicle and left. And the driver told him, "Sir, you didn't ask for a receipt."

John: "No, I don't need a receipt. I'm not going to put that in the government account. This will be out of my pocket. This is an act that I want to give to my friends who don't have anything. They don't have anything to eat or a place to live. Politicians talk their heads off and talk a lot about projects here and projects there, and nothing ever comes to these poor people who are the people from below. Nothing ever comes to them. So I don't feel sorry for absolutely participating or contributing out of my pocket, because I was also in the same situation. However, I was not an alcoholic."

John and the driver talked along the way until they arrived at their destination.

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# **Embattled UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson resigns**

July 7, 2022 - THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson finally succumbed to political reality Thursday and resigned after the latest ethics scandal around his leadership led some 50 senior critics say he should not be allowed to remain even as caretaker prime minister.

"Now PM has finally done the decent thing he needs to hand in the seals of office, apologise to Her Majesty (Queen Elizabeth II), allow her to appoint a Caretaker under whom Ministers can serve, so the Conservative Party can choose a new leader properly," George Freeman, who quit as science minister on Thursday, said in a tweet. Zahawi, who was promoted earlier this week as Johnson tried to shore up his Cabinet, said he and a group of colleagues had privately expressed their concerns to the prime minister on Wednesday and he decided to go public after Johnson ignored the advice to resign. "I am heartbroken that he hasn't listened and that he is now undermining the incredible achievements of this government," Zahawi said in a letter posted on Twitter. "But the country deserves a government that is not only stable, but which acts with integrity." Thursday morning's resignations meant that 50 Cabinet secretaries, ministers and lower-level officials had





lawmakers to quit the government.

Johnson had clung to power for two days, defiantly telling lawmakers on Wednesday that he had a "colossal mandate" from voters and intended to get on with the business of government.

But he was forced to concede defeat Thursday morning after two more members of his Cabinet quit and one of his closest allies, Treasury Chief Nadhim Zahawi, publicly told him to resign for the good of the country.

It wasn't immediately clear when Johnson would leave office, however.

His resignation will trigger an internal election to pick a new leader of the Conservative Party, who will also be the next prime minister. That process is likely to take place over the summer.

Johnson signaled that he intends to stay in office until that concludes. Such a move would be controversial, and

Britain Conservative Party MP, Boris Johnson, left, speaks to the media to launch his campaign as a candidate to be the Mayor of London, outside City Hall in central London, Monday, July 16, 2007.

quit the government over two days, often castigating the prime minister for his lack of integrity. With more than 20 positions unfilled, the crisis had stalled the business of some parliamentary committees because there were no ministers available to speak on the government's behalf.

It is a humiliating defeat for Johnson, who succeeded in leading Britain out of the European Union and was credited with rolling out one of the



# A big stretch to say the PM lied

## by Colin Hyde

Correct me if you think I'm wrong, but we haven't seen a leader of a public sector organization that is as aggressive as the current president of the Public Service Union. Our public servants have seen a lot of things over the years. There was a time when that organization was synonymous with integrity, spine, and the readiness to put it all on the line in defense of our country. Those times are no more, and most if not all of the responsibility for their lost glory lies with our political leaders.

Along with independence came some Belizean leaders who were corrupt, in office to enrich themselves, and/or egotistic, demanding subservience, and they took over the public service, and for the workers it was *aid and abet us or find the door*. Not all public servants capitulated to their dishonest or arrogant bosses, but over time the politicians swayed enough officers their way, and thus the dignity of that very respectable body was eroded.

Those public servants who didn't yield to the temptation and become like their political bosses want back their glory. But that won't be won overnight, and it won't be won by making charges that are unfair, and on top of that, hurt the country. We build ourselves by staying the course, not wildly tearing down others.

It doesn't get more aggressive than calling someone a liar, and the PSU president was more than a little loose when he said the PM was lying about his encounter with Mr. Chi. We are watching too much American television. There's a whole heap of money to be made in America if you can get the light to spot on you, and it doesn't matter how you do it. The Americans have fallen in love with ugly. They have their fair heroes, but foul will get you into the megabucks too. A former top politician once said that sometimes a leader haffu lie. I don't know if lies came through that leader's teeth faster than promises in election season, but there are situations where we must be thankful for a leader not telling the truth. The fact is that not everything a leader knows can be told whenever they are questioned. There are negotiations that commit leaders to silence for a time, or force them into sleight of speech. That doesn't make them liars. Whoa there, some truths revealed at the wrong time can cost the country.

If I understood the PSU prez correctly, the PM lied because he said Mr. Chi hung up his phone on him, but Mr. Chi could not have done so because he was speaking through someone else's phone, his hands being occupied. Oh no, no, no, correctly the PM was only less than accurate. In this matter it is no stretch to conclude you were hung up on if you were speaking to an uncooperative someone on the phone and suddenly they go mum, or the connection is broken.

It is a battle to keep those political leader bohgaz in check, but we must be very careful in choosing the tools we use to challenge them. You don't want to pin "liar" on anyone, least of all your political leaders.

A man who is branded a liar is in a catch 22, living in a damned-if-youdo, damned-if-you-don't world. You only lose your life once. If you lose your word, you won't get it back. Whoa there, why should our leaders care if we believe that they lie every time they open their mouths? Oh no, we wouldn't want our leaders to think that we feel that way about them.

Only Her Majesty's Opposition stands to gain if our leaders are stained, get branded with the sin of the Devil. Last week, former PM Dean Barrow, who has to be considered as an affiliate if not card-carrying member of the UDP, accused the PM of telling a lie when he said the Barrow government had considered a tariff increase for the Port of Belize.

Mr. Barrow might be right, and he might be wrong in his determination of the PM's integrity in that matter. There might be grey areas on that Port matter. No, I wouldn't jump and conclude that the former PM is right in his assessment of what the present PM said. Opposition party spokesmen will be less than circumspect in their speech, because throwing mud is their game.

The president of the PSU is no party to that. The PSU's business at all times must be to put the country first. A liars brand will undermine our leaders' ability to lead. I say, keep the pressure on, but use the right tools.

## Follow Chebat, not Johnny, Kevin

You have to watch John Briceño. We're allowed to. We should. We gave him our biggest job, and he ought to know that the one who climbs the highest has the recorder on everything he does and says. Like all people, da man's got strengths and he's got weaknesses. Here I'm not after praising him; I'm after a particular weakness, one that Kevin must be aware of.

It's no shame to have a weakness, or two, or three. It goes with being human, whether you are somebody, or nobody. Beginning on a lower rung, using myself as an example, my dad, in a rare moment praised me for some good deed I'd done, and I said to him, I said 'Yaa, Dad, but I have some blunders to get over,' and he said, he said everybody does stupid things, sometimes. Our PM, he's a man who's got to watch his words.

Trusting the veracity of Alfonso of Wave, he said the PM said that Covid-19 was just a bad cold. True, this disease, it's no bother to some the first time they catch it. But we all have fair

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warning that we must keep our guard up, because some of us are especially vulnerable, and because it might be like malaria and dengue, diseases which are worse if you catch them a second and third time.

While the PM and some of his colleagues have clearly projected that we have to be aggressive, that we absolutely can't let the disease paralyze us, it's not likely he wanted to be so dismissive in his speech about the pandemic. The fact is, he lost a PUP House of Representatives colleague to the disease, and one of his present colleagues had some touch-and-go time in her fight to beat it. Hn, heaven alone knows where that brother was when God was giving out tact. Pray Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and Fauci didn't hear him speak so of the deadly pandemic.

Kevin will have to buck the PM, hard as it is for him, because he and some other Orange Walk representatives look to Johnny as their mentor. Kevin flat out has to ignore that bad cold claim. Oh no, no, no, Covid is much worse than a bad cold. Some of us have an easy time of it, and for some of us it's hell. This thing is far from over, and we'll need the new Health minister to step up his game so we keep the right focus.

Bah, at this time Johnny is just about his worst company. What our Health minister most needs at this time is to be around men like Chebat. If Fonso didn't lie, and Chebat was still the man in charge of the ones with the stethoscope around their necks, the PM would have paid in full for his poor speech. We all know what Chebat would have done to drive back that bad message. When the PM landed from off his 3-weeks abroad he'd find himself in a television infomercial, a bedfellow of all the maligned "Covid is a fake disease", "Covid can be cured with bleach" poster boys.



Dear Mr. Williams,

You, sir, are wrong, because not

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because I'd promised I would always love him and help him when I could, and he made the same promise to me. I also love his family, who are like my own.

I am deeply troubled by your comments following the death of Tracy Thompson and the assault of Vanessa Reyes in Placencia. I may be wrong, but you seem to not understand the importance of police protection, based on these comments:

"When it reaches this stage, where the victim [has] been victimized before, and nothing is done, it comes back to the police right? Everybody says, "Oh, she made complaints to the police, and police did nothing." Yes, she may have made reports, but the question is what was her request? She requested no court action. And this is why I have always said to victims of domestic violence: you need to make [it] stop yourself. There's only so much the police can do, because if it is that you go to the police and say you don't want court action, then the police will not pursue it." all domestic violence is severe, and police assistance is all that's needed in many cases. To condone and, thus encourage, the ignorance of police in any case of domestic violence is reprehensible.

There is much the police can do. The problem is: They DON'T.

I am a single female from the U.S.A. I came here in 2015 and fell in love with Belize. Particularly the Toledo District, where I now have a home and property and work as a writer.

The people, environment, culture, and pretty much everything here gave me a sense of peace and freedom I had never felt before in my life.

I have Complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (CPTSD), which has plagued me my entire life, from childhood. With CPTSD comes sometimes debilitating anxiety. That's Belize has been such a life-changing thing for me.

Having said that, there is one thing I really need some help with.

Not long after arriving in Belize, I met and fell in love with a local gentleman. He was kind and loving and fun to be around. He was a really remarkable man, actually, with an unbelievable story of triumph and courage.

Until he drank.

At first, he was not physically abusive with me and, because of his history (and, I suppose, mine), I believed if I just hung in there with him and showed him unconditional love, he would realize he did not have to be defensive or jealous or insecure.

Unfortunately, it just got worse until, eventually, he did become physical. This happened multiple times until I left him. However, we continued talking, And, as I said, he is a wonderful man when he is not drinking.

As is pretty typical in domestic violence cases, the cycle continued. I would leave him (once, even leaving the district I had come to love so much) to get away from the ways with which he would always charm his way back into my life.

In addition to having CPTSD, I also have severe asthma that has developed into Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). It's manageable, but because I run out of breath so quickly and easily, it's difficult for me to perform many tasks that used to be simple.



## PRESS PREDICTIONS The sports psychic speaks



#### "Press" Predictions: 26-94-40 Boledo stats thru 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

In boledo news, the twenties series finally played on a Sunday. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 26-72-40-54-36-94. These are my jackpot numbers: 6927-8618-9830. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 826-513-042-798-181-269. Get ready Belize, some mucho dinero will be coming our way. 55 refuses to play since the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2020, that's over 1 year 8 months 3 weeks and 2 days now, Then 12 finally played after 1 year 2 months and 1 day. 26 is still out since the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2021, that's over 1 year 5 months 2 weeks and 2 days now. 47 is still out since the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, that's over 1 year 2 months 2 weeks and 2 days now. Keep your eyes open for 47 and 55. Those 2 numbers will be out very soon. There are only 22 numbers left for the year to play: 00-18-26-27-30-34-35-36-40-41-47-54-55-63-67-73-75-80-81-83-86-94. You all can form some very beautiful jackpots out of those 22 numbers that are left. The seventies and the teens have played some 18 times each alongside the 0's, all ending 2 numbers are completed. 18 is the only ending 8 ball number left. Last year the thirties and the eighties series dominated, this year they both played the least at 10 times each. The hardest numbers are ending 0 ball, there are 4 numbers left: 00-30-40 and 80. Good luck to all buyers and remember to read your Psalms: 72-91-23. Belated birthday to Mayor Bernard Wagner, and happy birthday to our Prime Minister, the Hon. Johnny Briceño, on his 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday yesterday, Thursday the 7th of July. God Bless you with many more to come.



Long Island has the best team in **Belize** 

The Belkin 8-ball Billiards Results

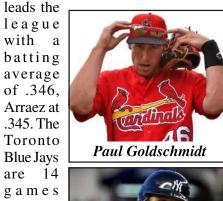
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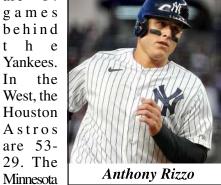
country every year for the last 20 plus. There are 10 teams in Belize City; Long Island is the defending champion with Larry Lisbey "Liggy" of Orange Walk, Manuel Ramos and Wilman Mejia, they are 4 of the best players in the country. Orange Walk has 8 teams; Chatazz are the defending champions, but the Gunners got gunned down by the champion on open night, 3 to 2. Ernest Arzu and Wayne Wilshire were the 2 winners for the Gunners. Punta Gorda has 6 teams, Cayo have also 6 teams. Belmopan will have only 5 teams. BRC is my team, owner Mr. Tim Banman, they also have some top shooters. Those games at Mike's Cool Spot are very competitive every Sunday and Saturday. Mango creek will only have about 4 teams, they are the weakest. Corozal will have 6 teams. Louis Valdez is the best player from that district. Then the Nationals will be for 2 days at a venue to be mentioned. Next week some results.



## The All-Star Game coming up very soon, Baseball Results and **Predictions.**

In baseball action, the New York Yankees still have the best record at 62-24. Their top hitter, Aaron Judge, has 32 homeruns already, 3 others players have 23 homeruns, Paul Goldschmidt





Twins at 48-38. The New York Mets Alonso leads with 74 RBI's, followed by Paul Goldschmidt with 70. Manny Ramirez is at third with 66, Aaron Judge has 63. In the National League, the LA Dodgers are 52-30. The San Diego Padres are 46-36, the New York Mets are 53-33. The Milwaukee Brewers lead the Central Division with 50 wins 37 losses. The St. Louis Cardinals are 47-40. The Chicago-Cubs are struggling at 34-50, they got rid of all their top players, like Kris Bryant, Anthony Pizzo, who already have over 20 home runs, to the New Yankees. The organization does not like to spend the money. The All-Star Game will be coming up very soon. Next week more stats on the Home Run Derby and the game.



Primo• Rogli will be the new champion

The 119<sup>th</sup> Le Tour De France Results In cycling news, the 119<sup>th</sup> Le Tour De France started on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and will finish on the 24th July. Primo• Rogliè is the runner-up champion to Tadej Pogoèar, they both are from Slovenia. There will be 22 teams, but only 8 cyclists per team due to the COVID-19 situation. There will be some very steep hills to climb, with an individual time trial. Team



by Gilroy "Press" Cadogan

Ineos, Team Astana, Team UAE are the defending champions. They usually have a team time trial. They will get started with some road race; the sprinters will have

their way then. The tour will last for 3 weeks, there will be over 40 to 50 cyclist who will abandone



the Tour, it's too grueling. Mondays are their rest days. Tadej Pogeèar is the 2time champion. The races are very exciting, especially in the hills. The leader wears the Yellow Jersey, the best sprinter wears the Green Jersey, the hills leader a wears the Polkadot Jersey and the best young rider wears the White Jersey. Phil Ligget and Bob Roll will do the commentating, they will miss Paul Sherwin, he passed away some 2 years now. Next week some results.



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se puede jugar al cricket si no hay un campo. En su encarnación original, el Recinto MCC era totalmente glorioso. No hay nada como los espacios abiertos y los campos verdes y las brisas frescas del Todopoderoso.

Cuando escribí sobre Herman "Harmie" Brackett para honrarlo en su increíble 21 carrera sin ser eliminado contra el equipo de MCC de Inglaterra en 1960, me llamó desde California para expresar su agradecimiento. Por cierto, me preguntó si recordaba a Steadman White, y por supuesto que sí. Steadman apareció un día desde alguna isla del Caribe y comenzó a jugar para el equipo de cricket de la Policía. Nunca he visto a un hombre golpear pelotas de cricket tan lejos como lo hizo Steadman White. Sé que se casó con una hija de Rose Howard. Harmie me dijo que Steadman y su familia viven en Florida. Hay tantas historias de cricket que podría contarles, y estoy seguro de que Gliksten tiene la suya. Cerraré con esta. El Presidente del Tribunal Supremo de Honduras Británica en la década de 1960 era un hombre llamado Sir Clifford de Lisle Inniss. Creo que era de Barbados. Tenía al menos cuarenta y tantos años, probablemente incluso cincuenta, pero amaba tanto el cricket que jugaba activamente con el equipo del Belize Club, que estaba compuesto por expatriados. Creo que Sir Clifford fue considerado un bateador bastante bueno.

Bueno, desarrolló el hábito de salirse un poco de sus muñones cuando un lanzador pasaba corriendo para lanzar desde el extremo donde Sir Clifford estaba bateando. Oliver "Racku" Craig, el carnicero y deportista muy conocido, vio lo que estaba sucediendo cuando lanzaba desde el lado de Sir Clifford, y decidió eliminar al Presidente del Tribunal Supremo, lo que, estrictamente hablando, era algo legal. Pero, mis fuentes dijeron que Sir Clifford estaba muy enojado y consideró que la eliminación suya por parte de Racku era

## NOTICE **BELIZE CITY, BELIZE Estate of NATALIE PALEN, Deceased** STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

DATED the 5th day of July, 2022

Courtenay Coy LLP Attorneys-at-Law

un acto de indecencia.

Tantos recuerdos inundan mi mente. Tengo que decirles lo clásico que fue ver al jugador de bolos llamado Preacher y al difunto y gran C. F. S. Brown jugar bolos para Sussex desde extremos opuestos en el Jardín. Y, en mis primeros años, Orlando "Rhamadin" Rhamdas y Clive Brackett (el hermano mayor de Harmie) de extremos opuestos para un equipo del área de Yarborough cuyo nombre no recuerdo.

La vida era hermosa en ese entonces en el pequeño Belize. Éramos pobres y no teníamos nada de importancia material, pero teníamos nuestros juegos.

Ahora bien, este es mi tercer cierre de este ensayo. Tengo que mostrar el mayor de los respetos a nuestras chicas de softball. Nuestras chicas eran de clase mundial. Nostalgia, bebé, un signo seguro de la edad.

Bendiciones, beliceños.

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# **Belize's Blue Bond highlighted at UN Oceans Conference**

by Khaila Gentle

LISBON, Portugal, Fri. July 1, 2022 Belize's successful negotiation of the Blue Bond was one of several topics highlighted at the UN Oceans Conference 2022 this past week. Beverly Wade, Director of the Blue Bonds and Finance Permanence Unit in the Office of the Prime Minister, presented "Blue Bonds in Action" at one of the conference's side events, titled "Enhancing Support for the Sustainable Blue Economy: Scaling Innovative, Transformative and Durable Investments in SIDS". The presentation was done alongside representatives from the government of Seychelles.

According to a press release from the Government of Belize Press Office, "The country's successful negotiation of the Blue Bond was heralded as novel, innovative, and pioneering in debt restructuring and creating finance permanence for funding its ambitions in ocean conservation and livelihood protection."

The second UN Oceans Conference comes at a critical point in time. According to the United Nations, some 60% of the world's major marine ecosystems are being used unsustainably or have already been degraded. And as the world population grows and human activities increase, so do threats to the ocean and its health. The conference seeks to address this on behalf of the world's most vulnerable nations-those that not only depend on the ocean for their livelihood but that also are most at risk of experiencing the detrimental effects of climate-related disasters.

Both the UN and the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) believe that for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), which are the stewards of some of the largest ocean territories, a sustainable blue economy agenda could be transformative for national development.

"The benefits of investing in sustainable ocean opportunities are estimated to be at least five times the costs. Recognizing this potential, and motivated by the emerging evidence of ocean decline, recent years have seen a surge in national commitments to ocean conservation," noted the AOSIS. In addition to presenting on Blue Bonds in Action, The Ministry of Blue Economy & Civil Aviation (MBECA) took part in numerous other side events throughout the conference, including one on tackling organized crime in the global fishing industry. "Belize's new blue economy is already hailed globally as a model to follow. With our approach to conservation financing, sustainable fisheries, and our outstanding marine protected areas system, the UN Ocean's Conference in Lisbon provided the best opportunity to showcase and engage in opportunities for further support and collaboration at the global level," stated CEO in the Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation, Kennedy Carrillo, in a press release.

At the end of the conference, on July 1, world leaders adopted an action-oriented Political Declaration to save the ocean from existing and future threats, including marine pollution, harmful fishing practices, biodiversity loss, and acidification, titled "Our Ocean, Our Future, Our Responsibility."



CEO of the Ministry of Blue Economy & Civil Aviation, Kennedy Carrillo (front center)



The **Security Officer** forms part of a team of Security Professionals whose responsibilities is to watch over and protect BSI's property and various threats. This includes static, patrol, and escort security functions within the Company. The Security Officer must be able to obtain certification in ISPS Code and other port regulations.

## **Qualifications and Experience:**

High School Diploma

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- Holder of a valid Class A driver's license
- Be able to operate standard transmission and 4x4 type off-road vehicles
- Possess Security, Police or Military background and/or equivalent skills

#### Skills and Competencies:

- Ability to adapt to new technologies
- Excellent written & communication skills
- Team oriented/ possess interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of smart phones, camera and GPS technology
- Be physically fit and able to stand long hours in all types of weather conditions
- Must be able to legally carry and use firearms during course of duties
- Able to work flexible hours (shift, weekends & holidays)
- Computer literate (Microsoft Suite)

#### Roles and Responsibilities:

- Implement/ enforce Access Control Procedures at the Entry Control Points (ECPs).
- Conduct patrols to ensure the well-being of employees and protect the company's assets within the Big Creek Port.
- Report to assigned post and perform all duties diligently
- Respond and report to all accidents/ incidents that affect the Company
- Perform any other assigned duties

## Letters of application accompanied by a résumé, police record and two reference letters should be submitted to:



# **UDP's Allan Kelly charged for gun offense**

## Former UDP City Council candidate, Allan Kelly, was criminally charged for firing his gun in public on Police Street following an altercation.

## by Charles Gladden

#### BELIZE CITY, Tues. July 5, 2022

Former UDP City Council candidate, Allan Kelly has been criminally charged for discharging a firearm in public and aggravated assault following a dispute that involved a man who is currently in a romantic relationship with the mother of Kelly's nine-year-old son. The incident occurred on Police Street in the Lake Independence area of Belize City on Sunday, July 3.

The man who was allegedly targeted by Kelly—Samuel Lawson, a 23-yearold truck driver—reported to police that sometime after 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, he was at the residence of his girlfriend (who was previously in a relationship with Kelly and is the mother of Kelly's nine-year-old son) on Police Street when Kelly arrived at the residence and initiated an argument with his former partner.

Lawson said that, in response to the commotion, he began to walk out of the yard and toward his vehicle along with his girlfriend and the child. Kelly then allegedly followed behind the trio and confronted Lawson. He then pointed his licensed 9mm pistol at Lawson and fired three shots above his head.

Kelly was restrained by other members of his former girlfriend's family who arrived at the scene and had him leave the yard, but shortly after, he was detained by police who, when they searched him, found a Glock 26 9mm pistol.

Police later canvassed the area where the shooting occurred and recovered

(3) 9mm expended shells from the scene.

The following morning, Kelly was taken to court, where he was represented by attorney Godwin Haylock. He pleaded not guilty to the offenses, but nevertheless was remanded to the Belize Central Prison until August 25.

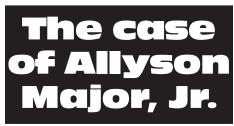
During Monday's police press briefing, a local reporter asked the Communications Director of the Belize Police Department, ASP Fitzroy Yearwood, how Kelly was able to obtain a gun license. But ASP Yearwood said that he was unable to provide an answer to that question, since "the Commissioner of Police has the only power in this country to grant a license."

Notably, this recent shooting incident



Allan Kelly, former UDP City Council candidate, charged with discharging gun in public

isn't Kelly's first run-in with the law. In 2013, he and Brian "Yellowman" Audinette were charged for physically assaulting Phillip "Fawda" Henry as well as a police officer, police corporal Wilbert Chi, who tried to mediate the situation. However, both alleged victims failed to make an appearance in court, resulting in Kelly and Audinette being freed after they met bail of \$3,000.



I always try to give the police the benefit of the doubt. Maybe it's because my father and uncles were cops, maybe it's because I feel that they're underpaid and that they put their lives on the line every day, to protect us. But when incidents like what happened to Mr. Major occur, you have to take a stand. This man wasn't fleeing from a murder scene, or from burglarizing a business, or a person. He wasn't attacking anyone. He bought some weed, and paid with his life for something so trivial. Even if it was unlawful, it was trivial and unnecessary. He was chased through the streets of the city by the police, at breakneck speed, endangering the lives of others. For what? For buying weed? To add insult to injury, no one is being made to pay for this indecent assault and murder; the perpetrator or perpetrators were found to be not guilty! This man's life wasn't worth anything, nada, and his family is left to make sense of his untimely death, at 36! If this had happened in the United States, which it often does, the family would be able to sue for restitution, for millions of dollars. In Belize, they just have to suffer and move on! I notice that the churches are celebrating the fact that they forced a referendum on the legalization of weed! They haven't forced a referendum on guns, or on pedophilia, or alcohol, or corruption, or wife-beating, but weed... Oh weed! That's the bane of our existence! I propose to you that they are as much responsible for the death of Mr. Major as those reckless policemen, who didn't have the common sense to know when to hold their fire! I don't even understand why the government humors them. They were elected to make and pass laws that



#### Qualifications and Experience:

- Associates' Degree in Electrical Engineering/ Control Engineering or a related field
- Technical degree with 5 years' experience in related field in a Factory environment

#### Skills and Competencies:

- Analytical skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Excellent technical problem solving skills
- Personal credibility and accountability
- Self-motivated with exceptional work ethic
- Team oriented

#### **Roles and Responsibilities:**

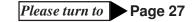
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- Support the Maintenance Team in skilled execution of planned, reactive and corrective Instrumentation
  maintenance activities
- Install, service, repair and maintain of electrical equipment (s)
- Be able to work with ladders, scaffolds, electrical power tools, lifting equipment, on rooftops to install maintain or repair wiring, equipment, fixtures, etc.
- Ensure tasks are carried out in accordance with the Company's safety rules and regulations at all times
- Be able to Troubleshoot, Repair, Install electrical circuits, Electro mechanical Machinery, PLC Circuits using Available Testing Equipment (DLRO,IR Tester, DMM, Process Meter, Growler)

## Application Form along with a Résumé and two references should be submitted to:

Human Resources Manager P.O. Box 29, Tower Hill, Orange Walk Or email HR.Belize@asr-group.com

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS IS JULY 18, 2022





## **Tender notice**

Date: June 30, 2022

To: SUPPLIERS OF MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT

Tender Invitation– For the Supply and Installation of a Computerized Tomography (CT) Scan

Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority invites interested and reputable Suppliers with suitably references relevant to the specific equipment listed below to apply for pre-qualification:

## **CT Scan Requirements:**

The system should be latest state of the art,(GE, Siemens, Phillips) independent 64 or more rows of detectors with acquisition of at least 64 slices per rotation capable of integrating with any PACS/HIS system. The system should be DICOM – ready with true isotropic volume acquisition and sub millimetre resolution. The model quoted should be, USFDA/European CE certified. The system should be capable of doing ultra-low dose imaging using iterative reconstruction technique.

Note: A Complete Technical Specifications Document for 64 slice CT Scanner will be distributed at meeting to be held as detailed below.

## **Installation Requirements:**

- 1. Power Supply requirements-3 phase 480V, 150kVA, 60 Hz+/-20%
- 2. Room space available for Gantry-16 feet X20 feet
- 3. Room space available for control Council-7 feetX14feet
- 4. Normal room temperature-(18-26) deg. C entigrade
- 5. Relative Humidity 35%-75%
- 6. Connection to LAN network is available (CAT5)
- 7. Maximum ceiling space is 9 feet

## Maintenance and Support Requirements:

- 1. A1-year manufacture warranty
- 2. At least a 2-3year purchased extended warranty
- 3. Proposal for a year by year service contract at the close of warranty period
- 4. Spare parts must be available for no less than ten years
- 5. Technical support availability 24/7
- 6. Dial-in-Diagnostics
- 7. 48-hour maximum downtime during warranty period for any single episode.

## **Pre-qualification Requirements:**

Business registration certificate and full office address(es) of company in Belize/International including: telephone numbers and e-mail address

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITY** FOR THE POST OF CORPORATE OFFICER

**CAPITAL CORPORATE SERVICES LIMITED** invites qualified candidates for a career opportunity of Corporate Officer.

## **EDUCATION:**

to:

Candidate must have an Associate's Degree and at least 2-3 years' experience in corporate field.

## **REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:**

- Broad knowledge and experience in corporate transactions, such as transfer of shares, resolutions, notices, annual renewal processes both in Belize and Anguilla, land transactions such as transfer of land, first registration, cautions, withdrawal of caution, discharge of charge, declarations and any other relatable documents.
- Excellent writing, communication, organizational and problem-solving skills
- Demonstrated ability to be flexible, team player, make suggestion and adopt to change
- Creatively helping in seeking and finding solutions to make the system and procedures flow smoothly
- General knowledge of accounting
- Experience in all the fields listed herein.
- Excellent Interpersonal Skills
- Must have professional demeanor, flexible, dependable, have a sound work ethic and mature attitude to work and be a good communicator and collaborator.

Send application along with resume and photograph no later than  $11^{\rm th}\,July2022$ 

Human Resources Coney Drive, Matalon Business Center Suite 403 | 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Belize City, Belize Email: <u>eloysa@grandbelizeanestates.com</u>

## NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, ORANGE COUNTY In the General Court of Justice, District Court Division NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN CHILD CUSTODY ORDER 22-CVD-000649

To: Delia Dalila Caranza Ascencio

Pursuant to N.C. G.S. 50A-305, take notice that the Foreign Child Custody Order, referenced in the caption above, was registered in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court in the above-named county on May 26, 2022 by Cruz Isaac Martinez. If you want to contest the validity of the registered foreign child custody order, you must file a written request for a hearing to contest the confirmation of the registered order. Your request for a hearing must be filed with the Clerk of Superior Court in Orange County, North Carolina, USA within 20 DAYS after you are served with this Notice. Failure to contest the validity of the foreign child custody order will result in the confirmation of the order and preclude further contest of the order with respect to any matter that could have been asserted. This, the \_27th day of June, 2022

- Currentcertificate of good standing from Company Registry/ comparable document
- > Company's profile, organizational structure
- Any additional information that will enhance the potential of the company

## Commencement and validity of Provision of CTSCAN:

The Supplier is expected to ship and install equipment within 60 to 90 (Days) after equipment purchase.

A meeting will be held at the virtually to address any queries that the interested suppliers may have on July <u>8</u>, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "KHMHA CT Scan" and must also include relevant contact information, addressed to Financial Controller, Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City, Belize C.A. on or before July 15, 2022 at 4 p.m.

KHMHA reserves the right to reject any or all Tenders.

Sarah Al-Zoubi, Attorney at law 421 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1100, Raleigh, NC 27601



## **BELMOPAN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL**

VACANCY exists for the following post at the Belmopan Comprehensive School year 2022/2023.

**1 Business Teacher** 

**1 Visual Art Teacher** 

**1** Teacher of Spanish

- **1** Social Studies/History Teacher
- Temporary (3 Months) - Temporary (3 Months)
- Temporary (3 Months)
- **1 English/Literature 1 Information Technology Teacher**
- Full-time
- Full-time
  - Full-time

Teaching Qualifications: A Bachelor's Degree in the subject area with educational component. An Associate's Degree with teaching experience may be considered.

## **Applicants should submit:**

- Letter of application, Curriculum Vitae,
- Certified copy of qualifications,
- Certified copy of teaching license,
- **Original** transcript,
- Copy of social security card,
- Copy of birth certificate,
- Original police record,
- Medical form - a medical assessment completed within the last two months
- Two letters of recommendation from most recent employer (must be from within the last year)

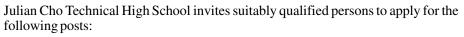
\*\*Please note incomplete application will not be considered.

Deadline: Thursday July 14, 2022 Applications must be addressed to:

> Secretary **Board of Management Belmopan Comprehensive School** South Ring Road Belmopan



## Vacancies at Julian Cho **Technical High School**



1 Visual Arts/LSPD – Temporary

## 1 Technical Drawing/Plumbing - Temporary 1 Welding/PE Teacher – Fulltime

## **Qualification for Teacher:**

(a) Bachelor's Degree or Higher in the subject area with pedagogical training preferred, however an Associate Degree in the subject area may be considered.

(b) Teaching experience at the secondary level would be an asset.

(c) Good communication skills and a willingness to uphold the mission of Julian Cho Technical High School.

## Application package must include:

- A letter of application and resume
- Certified copies of diplomas and certificate/s
- · Sealed transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended



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## TENDER NOTICE

Date: June 30, 2022

To: SUPPLIERS OF MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT

Tender Invitation – For the Supply and Installation of a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).

Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority invites interested and reputable Suppliers with suitably references relevant to the specific equipment listed below to apply for pre-qualification:

## **MRI Scan Requirements:**

## 450W 1.5T MRI

LCC magnet, 70cm Bore Diameter or larger, 50cm FOV, OpTix Digital R/F System, 34 mT/m Gradient Amplitude, 150 T/m/s Slew Rate, Acoustic Reduction Technology (ART), Standard coil set

Note: A Complete Technical Specifications Document for MRI machine will be distributed at meeting to be held as detailed below.

## **Installation Requirements:**

- 1. Power Supply requirements- 3 phase 480V, 150kVA, 60 Hz +/- 20%
- 2. Mobile unit is required.
- 3. Normal room temperature- (18-35) deg. Centigrade
- 4. Relative Humidity 35%-100%
- 5. Connection to LAN network is available (CAT5)

## **Maintenance and Support Requirements:**

- 1. A 1-year manufacture warranty
- 2. At least a 2-3 year purchased extended warranty
- 3. Proposal for a year by year service contract at the close of warranty period
- 4. Spare parts must be available for no less than ten years
- 5. Technical support availability 24/7
- 6. Dial-in-Diagnostics
- 7. 48-hour maximum down time during warranty period for any single episode.

## **Pre-qualification Requirements:**

- Business registration certificate and full office address (es) of company in Belize/International including: telephone numbers and e-mail address
- Current certificate of good standing from Company Registry comparable document
- Company's profile, organizational structure
- Any additional information that will enhance the potential

- Birth certificate or Passport
- Certified copy of Social Security Card
- Recent Medical Certificate
- Recent Police Record
- Valid Teacher's License (Secondary level)
- Two recent letters of recommendation

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

## <u>Salary</u>:

Salary will be in accordance with the government pay scale based on qualification. Application packages must be addressed to: Secretary

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

ELECTRONIC PACKAGES CAN ALSO BE EMAILED TO: jcthssecretary@yahoo.com jctechnical@yahoo.com

Deadline for applications is Monday, July 18, 2022.

of the company

## **Commencement and validity of Provision of MRI Machine:**

> The Supplier is expected to ship and install equipment within 60 to 90 (Days) after equipment purchase.

A meeting will be held at the KHMHA Conference Room to address any queries that the interested suppliers may have on July <u>8</u>, 2022at 2:00 p.m.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "KHMHA MRI Machine" and must also include relevant contact information, addressed to Financial Controller, Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City, Belize C.A. on or before July 15, 2022 at 4 p.m.

KHMHA reserves the right to reject any or all Tenders.

## **AMANDALA**Belize

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITY** FOR THE POST OF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

CAPITAL CORPORATE SERVICES LIMITED invites qualified candidates for a career opportunity of Compliance Officer.

## **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT:**

Minimum Bachelor's Degree in Management or related field with a minimum of two (2) years compliance related experience

## **COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Develops, initiates and maintains and revises policies and procedures for the general operation of the Company's Corporate Governance Framework and its related activities to prevent illegal, unethical or improper conduct.
- $\geq$ Monitors and provides monthly reports to management levels of customer compliance and ensure internal compliance targets are met.
- Collaborate with other departments to direct compliance issues to  $\geq$ appropriate existing channels for investigation and resolution and/or to obtain accurate and complete information for onward submission to Management
- $\geq$ Be knowledgeable of FATCA and other regulatory requirements and laws relating to compliance governing industry.

## **KNOWLEDGEAND SKILLS**

- Excellent Interpersonal Skills
- Excellent Communication skills both written and verbal format
- Must have professional demeanor, like reading and research, flexible,  $\geq$ dependable, have a sound work ethic and mature attitude to work and be a good communicator and collaborator.

Send application along with resume and photograph no later than 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to:

> Human Resources Coney Drive, Matalon Business Center Suite 403 | 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Belize City, Belize Email: eloysa@grandbelizeanestates.com



- Site of the Year Award
- Green Champion of the Year Award
- Cultural Experience of the Year Award
- Health and Wellness Provider of the Year Award



SCAN THE OR CODE TO NOMINATE! CLOSING DATE: JULY 12, 2022

A BTB Signature Event

# **PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTY**

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

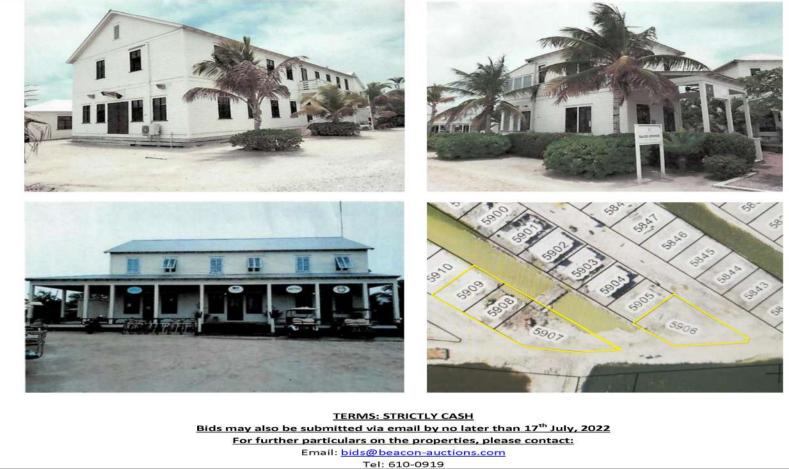
Registration Section	Block	Parcel	Being the freehold properties of
San Pedro	7	5906 (915.37 sq. yds.)	5906GOA3208 Inc.
San Pedro	7	5907 (899.22 sq. yds.)	5907GOA4209 Inc.
San Pedro	7	5908 (416.67 sq. yds.)	5908GOA4210 Inc.
San Pedro	7	5909 (416.67 sq. yds.)	5909GOA4211 Inc.

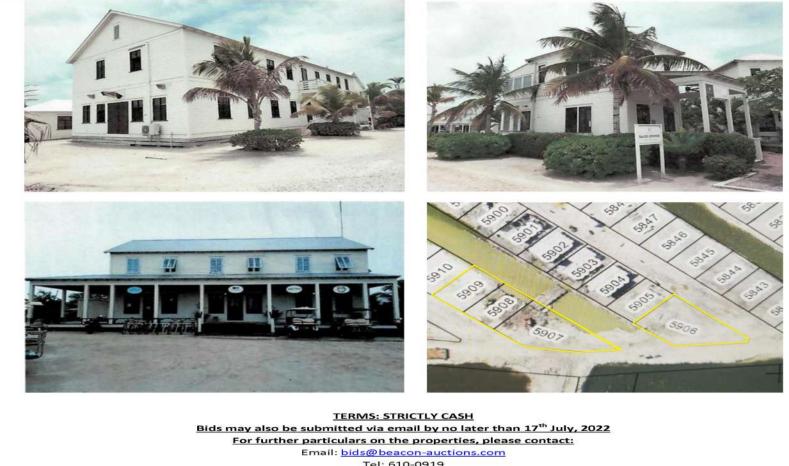
TOGETHER with all buildings thereon in one lot by way of public auction onsite on Monday, 18th July, 2022 at 1PM. Total Land Area: 2,647.93 SQ. YDS.

Buildings & improvements:

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

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







## **Central Information Technology Office**

## **Ministry of Finance**

Corner Dry Creek Mountain View Boulevard Belmopan

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

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

- Tenders are invited from Electrical and AC companies for the monthly maintenance or as needed of the Electrical, and Doorand Fire Alarm Systems and for the quarterly maintenance of the Air Condition Systems at he Belize National ICT Center and Sub Office in Belmopan.
- Procurement of the services will be conducted through Open Tendering Procedures.
- 3. The contractor will be expected to provide prompt and efficient operation and maintenance of the complete Electrical, Door and Fire Alarm, and AC systems for one (1) year commencing September 1st, 2022, and ending August 31st, 2023.

#### **Requirements**: 4.

- The Tenderer should have executed at least five (5) similar work contracts a. over the past 3 years.
- The Tenderer should have at least 5 full-time employees on staff specifically b. trained for operation and maintenance services of Electrical, Door and Fire Alarm Systems, and AC systems. The full list of the employees, viz., name, age, designation, qualifications, and experience should be attached with the Technical Bid.
- The successful tender will be expected to provide the following Electrical с. and AC MaintenanceServices:

## **Electrical Maintenance Program**

- All equipment shall be maintained as per the guidelines of the manufacturer. i.
- ii. Inspect, clean, and test all components of the electrical distribution system, such as circuit breakers panels, and switch gears.
- Inspect, clean, and test the fire alarm, door alarm, emergency lighting systems, iii. and all lights and lens in the buildings.
- iv. Inspect, clean, and test the hydrogen detector system.
- Repair or replace all electrical components relating to the distribution system, v. fire and door alarm systems, and lighting systems as needed during the routine monthly service.
- Repair or replace all electrical components relating tolights, light fixtures, switches, vi. and outlets as reported by the Customer, within three (3) working days of notification.
- vii. Immediately notify the customer of any urgent repairs that are needed for the emergency lights, fire alarm, door alarm, and breaker panels and take corrective action immediately or no later than 24 hours of notification of the customer.
- viii. Submission of reports after inspection and works have been completed. The reports should be submitted in both hard and electronic formats.

#### <u> Air Conditioner Maintenance Program – CITO Building Corner Mountain</u> View Blvd and Dry Creek Street

- ix. Clean and replace dust stop air filters as per manufacturer recommendations or as needed.
- Application of Algae tablets, bleach, and liquid additives in condensation lines X. and moist areas of the air conditioning system.

- 5. The following services should be included in the financial offer and should not be billed separately:
  - a. Travel and subsistence
  - Diagnosing issues that require a call out but no remedial work such as a b. circuit breaker tripping
- Any costs related to the preparation and submission of tender bids are the sole 6. responsibility of the tenderer.

## 7. Eligibility Criteria

All Tenders shall include the following:

- a. Letters of Good Standing from:
- Belize Tax Service a.
- **Belize Companies Registry** b.
- Belize Social Security Board с.
- Current Trade License b. Evidence of five (5) similar past jobs/contractsover the past three (3) years.
- с. d. Two references
- Evidence of Electric License for the electricians who will be servicing the electrical systems over the term of the contract.
- f. Evidence of Certification in Air Condition maintenance for the AC technicians who will be servicing the AC systems over the term of the contract.

## 8. Evaluation Criteria

- Bidders will be evaluated according to:
- Capacity: formal academic qualification and Certification in related field a.
- Specific Experience: Experience in providing the service requested b.
- Past Performance: Similar Jobs undertook in the past three (3) years с.
- Integrity: On the information provided in respect of business certificates d.
- **Financial Offer** e.
- 9. Only bids that satisfy the Eligibility Criteria will have their Technical and Financial Offers reviewed. The bid will be assessed on a weighted average - 50% for Technical Merit and 50% for Financial Offer.
- 10. Price should be inclusive of General Sales Tax (GST) payment of 12.5%.
- 11. Additional information can be obtained from Ian Smith at Tel: 828-5169 or by email at Ian.Smith@CITO.gov.bz.
- 12. Questions shall be type-written in English and shall be sent via email to the following address:

securitytenders2022@cito.gov.bz. The deadline for queries is 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Responses from CITO will be type-written in English and will be emailed to the requester and may also be madeavailable to other Tenderers subject to confidentiality.

- Check the entire system for unusual operating conditions, such as excessive 13. Tenders are to be submitted in separate Inner Envelopes one for Technical Offer and another for Financial Offer - and both included in an outer envelope. The outer envelope should mark:
- noise, condensation, ice build-up, loose insulation, and correct any defects as required.
- Check thermostats to ensure they are in proper working order. Operational checks xii. to be carried out and adjustments calibration made as required.
- xiii. Check evaporator and condenser, blowing out of coils with high-pressure washer and cleaning solution.
- Clean drain pan and all drain pipelines. xiv.
- Check refrigerant and line for leakage. Inspection of the compressor, all piping, XV. joints, and system components. Conduct pressure checking as required.
- Check all motors and shaft bearings for incidence of wear and replace if needed. xvi.
- Check the condition of all contacts in motors and controls. Ensure tightness of xvii. all connections and check evidence of over-heating. Correct as may be required.
- Touch up, partial or complete painting as may be required to prevent corrosion. xviii.
- Clean diffuser grills. XIX.
- Check ductwork and insulation and replace if needed. XX.
- Submit a detailed report after each service maintenance xxi.
- The company should be capable of offering a 24 hours on-call service for air d. conditioners and electrical and fire alarm systems to respond to unanticipated emergencies, particularly in the server room.

#### **"TENDER FOR THE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL** SYSTEMS AND QUARTERLY MAINTENANCE OF AIR CONDITION SYSTEMSAT THE BELIZE NATIONAL INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) CENTER BUILDING (BELMOPAN)",

- 14. Deadline for tender submission to the Central Information Technology Office, Belmopan is 1<sup>st</sup>August, 2022 at 10:00 am.
- 15. Tenderswill be opened in the presence of the representatives of the tenderers on 2<sup>nd</sup>August, 2022 starting at 10:10 am.
- 16. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Late bids will be disqualified and returned to the sender unopened.

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



## VACANCY NOTICE

Help for Progress, a Registered Non-Governmental Organization in Belmopan City, an Implementing Partner for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Belize, is seeking to fill the following temporary posts:

Position: Field Assistant, Temporary

Number of Vacancies:1

Duty Station: Belmopan City, Cayo District, Belize

## Major Responsibility:

• Provide support in the processes seeking to identify, contact and meet with asylum seekers and other persons of concern to UNHCR in different communities in the Cayo, Belize and Orange Walk Districts or in other areas as required, to facilitate their participation in the Amnesty Program

## Activities:

- Plan and conduct meetings with community leaders, asylum seekers and other stakeholders to obtain data necessary to identify vulnerable groups requiring financial assistance to participate in the Amnesty Program.
- Obtain data from asylum seekers and other persons of concern that will be used for determining financial assistance in the application to the Amnesty Program.
- Develop and manage relationships with asylum seekers and other persons of concern, community leaders, and service providers to facilitate the Amnesty Program application process.
- Provide information, guidance and accompaniment to asylum seekers and other persons of concern who wish to apply for consideration in the Amnesty Program, in accordance with established assistance criteria.
- Submit regular progress reports, participate in meetings and office activities as requested.

## **Education:**

• Minimum Qualification: Associate Degree or equivalent work experience in relevant area

## **Remuneration:**

- Negotiable fixed monthly salary on a short-term contract.
- Per diem allowances payable.

## Skills, Experience and Qualifications Required:

- Fluency in written and spoken English and Spanish.
- Knowledge and experience in data collection methods and data gathering techniques. Complete and accurate data recording is necessary.
- Demonstrates integrity by modelling good values and ethical standards

CENTRAL BANK of BELIZE

www.centralbank.org.bz

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## Central Bank Announces New Access to its Premises

Belize City, 27 June 2022: The Central Bank of Belize (Central Bank) advises that effective, Monday, 4 July 2022, visitors will now be required to use its Marine Parade entrance when conducting business at its headquarters.

As a result, access to the compound from the Gabourel Lane entrance will be discontinued at the close of business on Friday, 1 July 2022. The transition to the new entrance at Marine Parade is a procedural change that seeks to ensure the safety and security of staff and lawful visitors to the Central Bank.

The Central Bank remains committed to assuring financial system stability and, in so doing, serving the Belizean public and business community.

- ENDS -

ISSUED BY: THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE 1 GABOUREL LANE. BELIZE CITY, BELIZE T: +501 223 6194 E: communications@centralbank.org.bz



Date: June17, 2022

TO: RECYCLING COMPANIES AND INTERESTED PARTIES

Bid Invitation – Disposal of Unserviceable General Hospital Equipment, Office Furniture and Fixtures and Scrap Metals

Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority invites Recycling Companies and Interested Parties

- Standards.
- Seeks and applies knowledge, information, and best practices.
- Builds and maintains good relationships with Persons of Concern and service providers.
- Excellent non-discriminatory interpersonal and communications skills.
- Experience working with communities, governmental and nongovernmental organizations would be an asset.
- Capacity to work under pressure, manage stress and adapt to rapidly evolving situations.
- Sound time management and organizational skills.

Closing date: 11 July 2022

#### **Application:**

Please send resume, cover letterand 2 references via email to helpforprogressbz@gmail.com. Response will only be sent to short listed candidates and will include further information regarding an interview. Short listed candidates will be required to submit current police record.

## to submit bids for the purchase of "Unserviceable Items" listed below:

2) Metal Lockers	3) Electric Hospital
5) Door Frames	6) Wheel Chairs

Viewing of "**Unserviceable Items**" proposed for disposals can be viewed with prior appointment with Mr. Carlos Mendez during the hours of 8:00 to 5:00 pm. Mondays to Fridays.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "KHMHA Asset Disposal" addressed to Finance Director, Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City, Belize C.A. on or before July15, 2022.

KHMHA reserves the right to reject any or all Bids



## MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING



## **NOTICE**

## **PROCUREMENT OF TWO (2) PROJECT ENGINEERS**

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing(MIDH) has embarked on various road infrastructure projects which aims to promote sustainable economic development, increase climate resiliency, and improve road safety. The Project Execution Unit (PEU) is currently seeking to employ two (2) additional engineers for the monitoring and management of upcoming infrastructure projects.

## **Scope of Services**

Under the general direction of the Engineering Coordinator of the PEU, the Project Engineers will be responsible for the effective coordination and monitoring of all aspects of the implementation of the infrastructure related activities of the assigned project in accordance with the approved Project Execution Plan (PEP).

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

The Project Engineers' duties will include, but will not be limited to:

- Review/ develop/ amend project designs and cost estimates as may be necessary.
- Review/ develop/ amend bid documentation utilizing approved templates to include invitations to bidders, instructions to bidders, bidding forms, form of contract, drawings, specifications, bill of quantities, and other schedules, etc.
- Assist the PEU during bid phase, including site visits with bidders, preparation of responses to queries raised by bidders, and the preparation and submission of a comprehensive bid report with recommendations.
- Prepare and submit annual project work plans and budget.
- Provide direction to and supervision of the day-to-day operations of the Project guided by the project documents and annual work plans.
- Monitor contractors' performance to verify that the works are being executed in accordance with the contract, and that the quality of materials and workmanship are in accordance with standard specifications and good engineering practices.
- Review payment and completion certificates.
- Keep account of project-related expenditure and disbursement activities.
- Convene and document meetings with contractors, engineering consultants, and other relevant stakeholders as required for the purpose of coordinating activities.
- Participate in and report on, community engagement activities including public meetings,
- Prepare and submit progress reports in the time and format required.

## Academic Qualification and General Experience: The Project Engineer must possess:

- A minimum of a BSc. Degree in Civil Engineering or related field.
- A minimum of ten (10) years' experience in the design and supervision of civil engineering works.
- Fluency in written and spoken English. Fluency in a second language, would be an asset.

**Specific Experience:** The Project Engineer must possess:

- A minimum of seven(7) years working experience in the design and implementation of road infrastructure projects (pavements, bridges, drainage etc.).
- Experience in at least two (2) road infrastructure projects within the last five (5) years.
- Experience in the use of policies, guidelines, and requirements of International Financing Institutions (IFI's) would be an advantage.

**<u>Reporting:</u>** The Project Engineer will report directly to the Engineering Coordinator within the PEU. The duty station for the position will be at the PEU

Headquarters in Belmopan.

## **Application Submission:**

Interested persons are requested to submit their application, in English, to any of the addresses below and shall include a letter of interest, Curriculum Vitae, two (2) recommendation letters, a copy of a valid social security card and a copy of the highest degree, supporting documentation shall also be in English. The deadline to submit applications is **Friday 29 July 2022**. Electronic submissions will also be accepted.

#### 1. VICTOR ESPAT

Chief Executive Officer Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing Power Lane Belmopan <u>BELIZE</u>

Tel: +501-822-2136 Email: ceo.secretary@mow.gov.bz

#### 2. Evondale Moody

Engineering Coordinator Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing Power Lane Belmopan <u>BELIZE</u>

Tel: +501-828-5220 Email: <u>peu@midh.gov.bz</u>

## David Cruz convicted for 2019 Roaring **Creek murder**

David "Ducey" Cruz was found guilty of the 2019 murder of Timroy Neal in front of Lucky Store in **Roaring Creek** 

## by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN CITY, Wed. July 6, 2022 David "Duecy" Cruz appeared in the Belmopan Supreme Court on Tuesday, July 5, and was found guilty of murder for fatally shooting Timroy Neal, 28, in front of Lucky Store in Roaring Creek in December 2019 — an incident which reportedly took place across the street from the village's police sub-station and was captured by a surveillance camera in the area.

In 2019, Neal was standing in front



David Cruz, convicted of murder

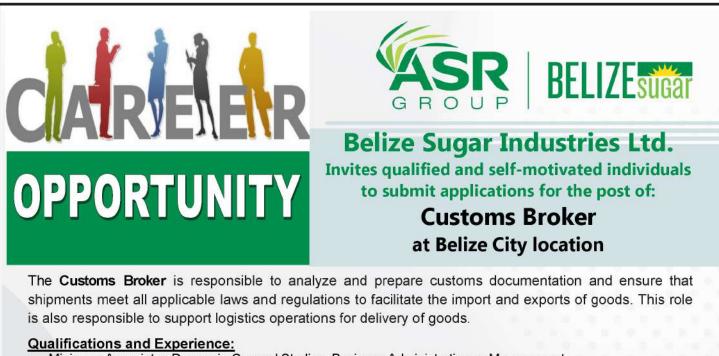
of the well-known establishment when Cruz approached him and fired several shots in his direction, which injured him. While Neal was trying to escape from Cruz, he fell by the steps of the store, and that was when Cruz stood over Neal and fired several more shots.



When the gun stopped firing, Neal was dead — with reportedly seven gunshot wounds in the head.

Neal was transported to the Western Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Almost three years later, Cruz was



- Minimum Associates Degree in General Studies, Business Administration or Management
- Must be a Certified/Licensed Customs Broker and a member in good standing of the Belize Customs Brokers Association
- Hold a Valid Belize Driver License
- Fluent in Spanish is an asset

## Skills and Competencies:

- Excellent problem-solving skills
- Demonstrate ability to work independently and be a team player .
- Adaptable, dependable and organized
- Ability to multitask and prioritize tasks and able to deliver on an urgency level .
- Excellent negotiating skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication and relationship skills to deal with third party agencies
- Advanced skills in Microsoft Suite
- Minimum 2 years previous experience as a Customs Broker

# This prompted the officers to search the Hilux, and during that search of the

vehicle they found a .22 handgun containing a magazine with (14) live rounds of ammunition. When police officers requested a license for the firearm, none of the men were able to provide one, and as a result they were detained and charged for keeping a firearm and ammunition without a gun license.

Yesterday, July 5, the men were also charged with aggravated burglary. Two of the men— Coleman and Lopez— are Cayo residents, while Medina is reportedly from Cattle Landing in the Toledo District.

found guilty of murder before Justice Francis Cumberbatch and is expected to return to court for his sentence hearing, which is set for July 28.

At the time of his death, Neal was the father of two children and had twins on the way.

It has been reported that Cruz is a notorious figure in the community of Roaring Creek, where his criminal record goes as far back as 2006, when

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## Men found with firearm in stolen Hilux

by Charles Gladden

CAYO DISTRICT, Thurs. July 7, 2022 Three men — Clinton Medina, 23; Mark Coleman, 23; and Edgar Lopez, 22 — were detained and charged for keeping a firearm and ammunition without a gun license after being stopped by police while they were traveling in a Toyota Hilux that was stolen from a Cayo resident.

On Monday, July 4, at about 8:30 in the night, the trio allegedly entered the home of a 59-year-old Cayo resident, and while inside the home they pointed a firearm at him and demanded that he immediately hand over the keys to his 2007 Toyota Hilux, which he did, due to fear for his life. Thereafter, the three men drove away in the Toyota Hilux, but they would later encounter police officers at a checkpoint.

At 10:22 p.m. that night, the three men were stopped by the officers at the checkpoint, who requested that the trio exit the vehicle and present documents for the vehicle, but they had no such documents in their possession.

#### Roles and Responsibilities:

- Examine product information to ensure compliance with local regulations
- Prepare customs entry and arrange for payment of taxes and duties on shipments/calculate duties and tariffs applicable for payment
- Prepare and process import and export documentation according to customs regulation, laws and procedures
- Coordinate with local agents to monitor and trace all incoming shipments via air, road or ocean and update end users

## Application Form along with a Résumé and two references should be submitted to:



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS IS JULY 18, 2022



## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE Roaring Creek Village, Cayo District

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

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



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

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

## PUBLIC AUCTION SALE SANTA RITA HILL, COROZAL DISTRICT

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







## **VACANCY NOTICE**

## **LEGISLATURE- NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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

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

## <u>Duties</u>

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

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

## Minimum Qualifications and Skills

The candidates should possess the following qualifications and skills:

- (a) Associate Degree in General Studies or Secretarial Studies. A minimum of three (3) years of legislative work experience will be an asset.
  - Verse and experience with the use of Microsoft Office software.
  - Experience and verse in using virtual meeting platforms such as Teams/Google Meet/Zoom/etc.
  - English Language CXC General Proficiency I/II/III passes or equivalent.
  - Evidence of professionalism and ability to prepare notes for the various principals in the Senate and House.
- (b) Good knowledge of practice and procedure of the National Assembly. Have general knowledge of the functions of various government



This concrete bungalow house measures an impressive 1,740 square feet in space, and boast three bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 2 living rooms, dining room, and a spacious kitchen. The house is complimented by a front porch, and a huge, enclosed back porch. The yard measures in at 50 feet by 100 feet with an area of 555.4 square yards. Property is located in Santa Rita Hills at the "Chactemal Estates", which is a modern, well planned, private housing community that comprises of medium to high income homes. Financial Institutions such as banks, grocery stores and a wider range of goods and services are available in Corozal Town, which is approximately ½ mile away. Property is also but a 10-minute drive away from the Belize/Mexico Border. Freehold Property of Lyndon Russell Gillett and Rhyma Ann Gillett.

TERMS: STRICTLY CASH JONATHAN MULLIGAN TELEPHONE: 615-1133 Email: Bz.auctions.realty@gmail.com ministries/departments. Computer literate and proficient in the application of word processing and spreadsheet. Aptitude Good learning abilities, general clerical knowledge, verbal and writing ability in English. Have good public relations skills and be professional.

(c) The applicant must be a person of integrity and good standing with no criminal record.

## <u>Salary</u>

Equivalent to Government's Payscale 9.

#### **Deadline for applications**

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

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## GEORGETOWN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL GEORGETOWN VILLAGE STANN CREEK DISTRICT

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

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

All appointments will commence on August 22, 2022.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



## **Cayo Centre For Employment Training**

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

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

#### 1 Information Technology Instructor 2 Culinary Arts Instructor

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

## The Instructors will be persons who:

- Are familiar with and supportive of the mission of Cayo Centre for Employment Training
- Are in possession of a valid Teacher's License

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

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

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

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

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- Are proficient with Microsoft Office Suite Applications
- Knowledge in Competency Based Education Training (CBET) would be an asset
- Must have good organizational skills and able to assist in planning, directing, coordinating, and evaluating all Training aspects of instruction
- · Has excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Is proficient with Adobe Suite Applications (I.T. Instructor Only)
- Working experience in the tourism industry as a Chef/Sous Chef (Culinary Instructor Only)

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

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

Application Deadline: July 22nd, 2022

Applications should be addressed to:

The Manager Cayo Centre for Employment Training P.O. Box 134, Buena Vista Street San Ignacio Cayo District Applications can also be sent to: info@cayocet.bz

## NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 37(3) of the Registered Land Act, Chapter 194, Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, notice is hereby given of the loss of the following Land and Lease Certificates:

Names	Registration Section, Block & Parcel Nos.	Certificate Nos.
RICHARD WOOLCOCK	7-42-6729	Land Cert. No.LRS-201012943 issued dtd 24/11/2010

The above Land/Lease Certificates after the expiration of twenty-one (21) days from the appearance of this notice. Any person in possession of the above-mentioned certificates is required to return it to the Belize Land Registry, Ministry of Natural Resources, City of Belmopan.

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Patricia Robateau Blackett (Mrs.) **Registrar of Lands** 



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

## 1. One Principles of Accounts Teacher(August 22, 2022 – November 27, 2022)

## QUALIFICATIONS

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

## **Essential Experiences**

- Knowledge and skills in teaching Principles of Accounts .
- . Pedagogical training and teaching experience
- Knowledge of the Education Act and Education Rules
- Good organizational skills .
- . Knowledge, competence and expertise in using technology
- . High motivation, enthusiasm, and commitment to teaching and learning
- ability to work and communicate effectively with students, staff and Administrators
- Willingness and ability to work with parents and the community
- . Willingness to work outside normal working hours when necessary

## SALARY

Commensurate with Government Pay Scale

## REQUIREMENTS

- Letter of Application
- Recent Curriculum Vitae

## **Towards a** hemispheric partnership for food security

by Manuel Otero

Op-ed from Director General of the Inter-American Institute for *Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)* 

The looming global food crisis will also significantly impact Latin America and the Caribbean. Failing to address it or tackling it in a disjointed manner will have painful consequences and will endanger the peace and future of our societies, which have been hard hit by the pandemic in the last two years, amidst a decade of low economic expansion and increasingly frequent extreme climate events.

These food security-related problems have particular regional significance at this time, given that, between 2012 and 2019, Latin America and the Caribbean experienced its lowest growth rate since the "lost decade" of the 1980s.

Further compounding this problem of low economic performance and the pandemic is the war in Eastern Europe, which has triggered spikes in the prices of energy, fertilizers and several major agricultural commodities, all of this, amidst troubling climate concerns.

This situation has made food security a priority concern, among other issues such as low economic growth, poverty and inequality, environmental sustainability and macroeconomic conditions.

In May, the World Bank's Food Price Index was 87% higher than in May of 2020. Although the index is still lower than it was in comparable crisis situations in the 1970s and in 2008, these prior experiences provided valuable lessons on what to do and what not to do to overcome the disruption.

As far as the region is concerned, it bears mentioning that the Americas continues to play a key role as the world's major net food exporter, and therefore a guarantor of the planet's food security.

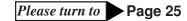
Thus, it is imperative that the region's countries work together to tackle common challenges; maintain and expand production and export capacity; and avoid trade measures that would heighten insecurity and volatility in international markets. To this end, several of the major food producing and exporting countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, along with the United States and Canada, signed an agreement at the recent Summit of the Americas. The countries of the Americas must continue to advocate for an end to the conflict and, in the meantime, must insist that it not be allowed to affect the production and exportation of food or agricultural inputs originating in the areas that are at war. Despite the fact that the Americas is a net exporting region, overall, it is critical that it introduce intraregional trade facilitation measures, as well as provide humanitarian aid and financial support to its net importing countries, particularly in the English-speaking

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

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

Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

Applications must be sent to the following address: Secretary: Mr. Hugo Gonzalez Board of Management CEMJC/ESTM San Roman Village Corozal District no later than Friday, July 15, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.



# **Price of premium gas inching towards \$18**

Skyrocketing fuel prices and an increased cost of living continue to burden consumers in Belize and across the globe.

## by Khaila Gentle

#### BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 6, 2022

The price of premium gasoline rose to \$17.60 per gallon on Tuesday, much to the chagrin of Belizeans countrywide. And while the price of both regular gasoline and diesel remain capped at \$13.50 and \$13.41 respectively, the increased cost of fuel has been affecting business sectors across the country, especially in transport.

Over the past few months, residents have been faced with increases in both bus and water taxi fares, and many motorists have lamented the metaphorical "gas pain" that they have had to contend with alongside recordhigh inflation rates.

In an interview this week, Minister of Home Affairs Hon. Kareem Musa commented on the current cost of fuel, noting that the Government has been doing "all that it can" to mitigate the effects of rising global fuel prices, such as reducing the excise duty on diesel and regular gasoline in an effort to keep the cost of both below the \$14 mark.

On Wednesday, the Government of Belize issued a statement reiterating the various steps that Cabinet has taken to cushion the increase in fuel prices, including negotiating with the nation's fuel importer, Puma Belize Ltd., to ensure prices are as low as possible. Additionally, GOB's fuel subsidy programs have been expanded to include tourism operators-efforts that

are expected to result in a loss of up to \$20 million by the end of the year.

According to the Government of Belize press release, the acquisition costs of fuel have risen more than 300% since 2020. But Belize is not the only country faced with rising fuel prices and an overall increase in the cost of living. In the United States, the average price of regular gasoline ranges from US \$4.36 (BZ \$8.79) in the state of Georgia to US \$6.29 (BZ \$12.68) in California.

A report in the New York Times notes that "the staggering increase in the price of fuel has the potential to rewire economic, political and social relations around the world."

In other parts of the world, such as Ecuador and London, citizens have

begun protesting against the energy and food prices. In a country like Belize, where the cost of gas is now more than five times the minimum wage, it remains to be seen whether such unrest could be triggered by the skyrocketing cost of living. When asked by reporters for a comment on those protests, the Minister of Home Affairs acknowledged that both Belize and the rest of the world are currently faced with "tough times".

"It's very important that we look after those families that are on the margins in terms of our social programs, in terms of pantry-getting food assistance out to those individuals who are most in need. This is a very, very crucial time for us. And we are aware that in other countries there are riots and protests, but I think overall we do understand as Belizeans that this is a tough time not just for Belize but for the world," he said.

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Caribbean, Haiti and Central America.

In exporting countries, poverty and food insecurity have been aggravated by the pandemic and the pressures of inflation. Policy responses to this situation must consider both consumers and producers.

Regarding the former, it is necessary to prioritize social protection actions and food assistance for the most vulnerable populations, rather than general energy subsidies or restrictions to international trade.

With respect to the latter, short-term efforts should be geared towards minimizing impacts on the 2022-2023 production cycle. One way to achieve this objective is for the public and private sectors to engage in continuous consultation processes to monitor prices, guarantee an adequate supply of fertilizers and secure funding from the banking system in order to offset the rise in production costs. This certainly does not exclude the possibility of applying targeted fertilizer subsidies in special cases. It is also crucial to undertake medium-term efforts aimed at increasing resilience. Possible initiatives include the design, financing and implementation of a new generation of public policies to strengthen agrifood systems. IICA's recently created Public Policy Observatory for Agrifood Systems (OPSAa), a platform to exchange information and best practices, as well as monitor progress with respect to the food situation, will provide support in this area.



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#### <u>WEDNESDAY</u>

6:30a.m.Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)9:00a.m.Morning Stew (LIVE)12:00p.m.Krem TV Evening News (repeat)1:00p.m.News Broadcast: Democracy Now2:00p.m.Movie: Thornwell3:30p.m.Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)6:00p.m.Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)7:00p.m.News Broadcast: Democracy Now7:30p.m.Documentary: Inside Mecca9:00p.m.Krem TV Evening News (repeat)

#### **THURSDAY**

6:30 a.m. Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)
9:00 a.m. Morning Stew (LIVE)
12:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (repeat)
1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
2:00 p.m. Movie: Riverbend
3:30 p.m. Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)
6:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)
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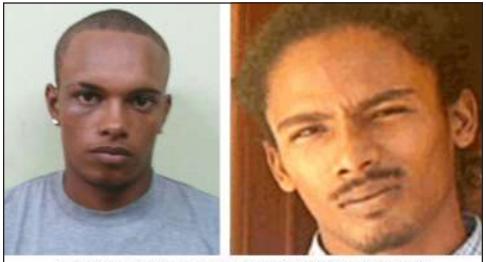
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Daily Printable Crossword Puzzle - 06-29-2022 - Answers



# Two men found guilty of 2018 Marage Road murder

Jessie Mejía and Darwin Prado were found guilty of murdering Casey Lozano and Marlon Spain in 2018.



(1-r) Darwin Prado and Jessie Mejía, both guilty of murder

## by Charles Gladden

LADYVILLE, Belize District, Wed. July 6, 2022

Two Ladyville residents, 27-yearold Jessie Mejía and 25-year-old Darwin Prado, were found guilty of the 2018 double murder of Casey Lozano and Marlon Spain which took place on Marage Road, located in an area of the village known as "Japan."

According to reports in AMANDALA's archives, at around 6:45 p.m. on January 23, 2018, Mejia and Prado waded through some high bushes bordering a swamp and ambushed a group of men who were socializing near the junction of Marage Road and Compassion Lane in the Japan area of Ladyville. Marlon Spain and Casey Lozano, who were among the men in that group, were fatally wounded in the shooting, while Sidney Humes and Johan Gray, who were also in that group, received gunshot injuries.

Mejia and Prado were found guilty when they appeared in the Supreme Court on Monday, July 4, before Justice Ricardo O'Neil Sandcroft. Their sentencing is scheduled to take place on July 28.

The two men both have a history of violent crimes. In May 2016, Prado was charged with Egbert Baldwin for shooting at a residence in Ladyville. During that shooting, one of their accomplices, Lionel Rhamdas, was killed.

Also in 2016, Mejia was accused of inflicting chop wounds to two brothers, and in 2015, he was charged for allegedly shooting Edward McKay.

The dual murder of Marlon Spain and Casey Lozano is believed to be linked to the March 2016 murder of Rene "Fat Cat" Chavarria, 26, who was fatally shot on Marage Road.

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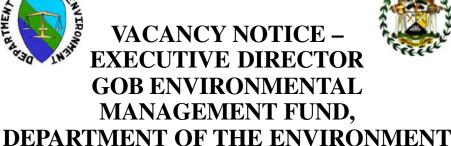
technology and innovation in order to bridge productivity gaps and expand inclusive production in family farming. To this end, it is necessary to foster associative undertakings and cooperative development.

We face considerable challenges, but the Americas, a young, green and peaceful continent, possesses the necessary resources, individuals and institutions to build a better future for everyone.

countries in the region work together. We need a true hemispheric partnership for food security.

The positive transformation of agrifood systems will yield economic, social and environmental benefits for the region; will have a positive impact on global food and environmental security; and will reduce migration problems. Urgent action is needed to build a new vision for agriculture in the Americas. Agriculture holds the key to resolving the formidable challenges of today's world, including ensuring peace and democratic stability.





Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill one (1) vacant post of Executive Director of the GOB Environmental Management Fund, Department of the Environment, Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Disaster Risk Management.

## **1. INTRODUCTION:**

The Environmental Management Fund was established through the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, (EPA) 2009, Chapter 328 of the Substantive Laws of Belize. Part VII of the EPA has provisions for the governance and general operations of the Fund. The main purpose of the Fund is to assist the Department of the Environment (DOE) to address environmental matters and enforce the legislation which also guides the DOE's roles and functions. The specific objectives of the EMF are to cover all costs associated with the response and clean-up of oil spills and other chemical spills, to carry out programs to prevent and reduce pollution; to provide support for laboratory analysis of samples collected for environmental monitoring; to support its environmental monitoring and enforcement programs; to promote environmental public awareness and research; to encourage local environmental initiative; to publish reports and publications on the environment; to promote, support and encourage activities relating to the protection and management of the environment; and to plan and implement other initiatives important for the effective and efficient management of our natural and environmental resources.

## **2. PURPOSE OF POSITION:**

This person will be tasked with the efficient management of the GOB Environmental Management Fund (EMF), as well as building the necessary capacity of the Fund for its long-term sustainability. He/ She is expected to apply results-based management techniques, provide operational oversight, create and maintain effective systems, and ensure appropriate staff capacity development to efficiently support the goals and objectives of the Fund.

## **3. ANALYSIS OF POSITION**

This person will be required to handle several responsibilities associated with the Duties and responsibilities associated with the overallmanagement of the Fund, Management of Human and Financial Resources: and provision of advisory support to the Board of Directors. (Details of these responsibilities of this post are listed in the Terms of Reference)

## 4. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND EXPERIENCE

ü Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Finance, Accounting, Business Administration, Management, or related field with 10 years of work experience in programme operations management, organizational management, public sector management

The current situation need not lead to a humanitarian crisis, provided that

## <u>The case of Allyson Major, Jr.</u>

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are beneficial to the citizens, not these loudmouth philistines who rarely practice what they preach!

Marijuana should be legalized! No one should have to die for purchasing weed, for whatever purpose! As has been said many times, it's good for the economy, and it will ease up an

already crowded prison system, and create jobs!! Mr. Major's death should not be in vain; someone should answer for it, and give some sort of closure to a much aggrieved family! This should be a sign that things have to change. And by the way, Black lives do matter!

Glen

(Details of the skills set required for this post are also listed in the <u>Terms of Reference.)</u>

## **5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Applicants can obtain a copy of the terms of reference at www.doe.gov.bz or by requesting a copy from the Department via email: emf@environment.gov.bz or office number: 822-2548 or 822-2819.

Applicants are asked to submit a hardcopy of the complete application package containing a cover letter, resume, and 2 reference letters, no later than 3:00 pm, July 22, 2022, addressed to:

**Chief Environmental Officer Department of the Environment** 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Green Building Complex 7552 Hummingbird Highway **Belmopan, Cayo District** Belize





REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Society Hall	24	461
The freehold property of Mr. Ul	ric L. Willoug	hby.

#### reel No. 1710 Mah gany Street, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Punta Gorda	4	1710
The freehold property of Ms. El	izabeth Borlan	d.

No. 315 San Estevan Village, Orange Walk District: 14.



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Estevan	1	315

#### Parcel No. 1142 Phillip Goldson Highway, San Jose Palmar, Orange Walk District: 15.



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

#### Parcel No. 2492 Oak Street, Halls Layout, Corozal Town, Corozal District: 16.



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



The freehold property of Mr. Jose Arturo Gallego, surety for BSA Global Shipping Limited

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#### 30. Parcel No. 1081 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, District District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Fort George/Pickstock	45	1081
The freehold property of Ms. S guarantor for Messrs. Bel-Caribe		

#### VEHICLES:

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E-mail: kevinacas@yahoo.com Facebook: Belize Auctions



Vacancies exist at Pallotti High School for the post of:



1 Temporary (1 Year) Integrated Science/ Physical Education Teacher

1 Temporary (1 Year) English/Social Studies Teacher

## **1 Permanent Music Teacher**

A professional background (with a minimum of a **Bachelor Degree**) in education in the related field and **updated pedagogy** in the subject area, valid teacher's license, as well as **moral soundness** (in keeping with Catholic teaching and tradition) would be an asset.

Please send cover letter and resume to:

Principal Pallotti High School P.O. Box 180 Belize City, Belize

**Deadline for Application: July 18, 2022** 

## Vacancy Concierge - Adventure Center

We are looking for a reliable & friendly person to join our Team

## **Responsibilities:**

- Meet and greet all guests and be the point of contact for tours in the adventure center
- Provide all relevant information to guests for planning tours, which includes PADI dive courses, diving and inland tours
- Plan daily tour schedules based on the guests abilities and expectations
- Co-ordinate with all tour operators and guides
- Keep all administrative work updated, make and receive calls
- Ensure that all safety standards are strictly adhered to
- Be on hand to advise guests on Hopkins Village and all local businesses – restaurants, gift shops, etc

# From the Publisher

## Reproduced from page 9 of the Tuesday, July 5, 2022, #3567 issue of Amandala

One of the United States Congressional leaders in the investigation into the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D. C., is a Republican named Liz Cheney, a congresswoman from Wyoming.

I wasn't sure whether she was a senator or a congresswoman, so I went into the computer. At the time, it was branded in my mind that she was the daughter of a United States fighter pilot who was shot down over North Vietnam during the Vietnam War and served four or five courageous years in a Hanoi prison cell. But that pilot was John McCain, who later became a senator for Arizona and a Republican Party candidate for U.S. president when Barack Obama first won for the Democrats in 2008.

There would have been a lot of egg on my face if I hadn't checked the computer. This is the type of thing which happens to you as you age.

There was, however, a certain amount of accuracy in my original thinking, in that Liz Cheney is the daughter of a former Republican vice-president, Dick Cheney, who was considered one of the hawks in the United States war against Saddam Hussein's Iraq which began under false pretenses in 2003.

In becoming one of the leaders of the attack on Donald Trump, who most people consider the most powerful politician in the Republican Party, Liz Cheney is demonstrating an amount of courage which should be respected, and praised.

The reason I had confused Liz Cheney with a daughter of John McCain is because Donald Trump, who dodged the Vietnam War draft on flimsy medical excuses, had publicly insulted John McCain, an authentic war hero, before he died of cancer a couple years ago. The McCain family was, of course, much hurt by the insult to their patriarch.

The socio-political climate in the United States is very confrontational, for several reasons. But racism factors greatly into the cauldron-like American atmosphere.

European immigrants, whose descendants form the white American population majority, waged war against the Native American population of America to seize the eastern and middlewestern territory of the United States. Then they moved further west and down south. When the white Americans began moving south, they grabbed huge areas of land, all the way from Texas to California, from the Mexican people, who had outlawed slavery during the presidency of Vicente Guerrero, who was black, in the late 1820s.

Today, the American empire is being threatened by drugs, hedonism, and immigration by people of color. Remember, this was a republic which fought a bloody civil war over slavery between 1861 and 1865. The whole world can see that white Americans love highpowered guns and they are inclined to violence as a solution to problems. Hence, January 6, 2021.

I have said earlier that Donald Trump is the most powerful leader in the Republican Party. Belizeans have had enough experience with party politics as an institution to know that Liz Cheney may have committed political suicide by opposing Donald Trump.

I never studied United States history, and all I know of American politics is what I see on cable television. But I am convinced that if the Biden presidency ever moves to indict and incarcerate Trump, the U.S. will break out into some kind of civil war. This is real.

In Belize, we have benefited greatly, since the end of the American Civil War, from our proximity to the United States, the fact that we are Englishspeaking, and the fact that Belize and the United States basically share Christian beliefs. But today, the crisis in America grows. There is more and more evidence that Trump used violence in an attempt to overthrow Joe Biden's victory in the November 2020 presidential election. This is what January 6, 2021 clearly constituted—seditious conspiracy. Real seditious conspiracy, not a brief newspaper article.

Remember this, Belizeans. Home is where, when you have to go there, they have to let you in. (The words of Robert Frost.) You saw what has been happening to the Ukrainians. They have no home to go to.

#### **Requirements:**

- Knowledge of Belize as a tourist destination
- Computer literate typing skills, word, excel and access
- Excellent communication skills
- Polite and friendly with a great deal of patience
- Fast learner, flexible and able to multi-task
- Ability to work in a fast paced environment

Must have: A high school diploma and 1-2 years in hospitality and/or a certificate in tourism

All CV's along with contactable references should be sent via email to <u>samantha@hamanasi.com</u> **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 15<sup>th</sup> JULY** 



## From the Publisher en Español

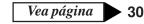
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Uno de los líderes del Congreso de los Estados Unidos en la investigación del ataque del 6 de enero de 2021 al edificio del Capitolio de los Estados Unidos en Washington, D. C., es una republicana llamada Liz Cheney, congresista de Wyoming.

No estaba seguro de si era senadora o congresista, así que entré en la computadora. En ese momento, estaba grabado en mi mente que ella era la hija de un piloto de combate de los Estados Unidos que fue derribado en Vietnam del Norte durante la Guerra de Vietnam y cumplió cuatro o cinco valientes años en una celda de la prisión de Hanoi. Pero ese piloto fue John McCain, quien más tarde se convirtió en senador por Arizona y candidato del Partido Republicano a la presidencia de Estados Unidos cuando Barack Obama ganó por primera vez para los demócratas en 2008.

Hubiera tenido mucho huevo en mi cara si no hubiera revisado la computadora. Este es el tipo de cosas que te suceden a medida que envejeces.

Sin embargo, había cierta precisión en mi pensamiento original, ya que Liz Cheney es la hija de un ex



## **Commencement Exercise or Culminating Activity?**

#### by Rudolph A. Neal

NOTE: Slightly adapted from a Letter to the Editor by yours truly, entitled: "Commencement or Culminating Exercises", dated June 10, 2016.

Over the past few weeks, the air was filled with the mellifluous playing of the Pomp and Circumstance tune. This signaled that it was that time of year again when schools all across Belize would be hosting their "commencement exercises". From the time of my first graduation, which was many, many years ago, I had always wondered why graduation ceremonies were referred to as "commencement exercises". I later understood that graduation ceremonies are referred to as commencement exercises due to the fact that it is preparing students for a 'new beginning'. It offers the perception that it is only the start of all things great and new. It is designed to give students the unalterable hope that it is at this point that their lives will just begin - wherein

a copious amount of opportunities will flood their way and where many doors will be open and countless paths will be there to explore and trod.

This, however, while it is an innocent idea that gives the impression of something good, is but a mere illusion to the masses of graduates, except for a privileged few. At the end of these commencement exercises, there are indeed doors that are swung wide open and paths that are paved with good intentions. However, this is only the reality for a few privileged persons. The reality for the majority of the masses is that at the end of those "commencement exercises," that is where the buck stops for many. They are left to try and garner support from community members and stakeholders to try and further their studies locally, if even on a part-time basis. Others are left to try and find a part-time job after high school to fund their educational aspirations, which they will only be able to carry out on a parttime basis.

Truth be told, while the term

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vicepresidente republicano, Dick Cheney, quien fue considerado uno de los halcones en la guerra de Estados Unidos que comenzó bajo falsos pretextos en 2003 contra el Irak de Saddam Hussein.

Al convertirse en uno de los líderes del ataque contra Donald Trump, a quien la mayoría de la gente considera el político más poderoso del Partido Republicano, Liz Cheney está demostrando una valentía que debe ser respetada y alabada.

La razón por la que había confundido a Liz Cheney con una hija de John McCain es porque Donald Trump, quien eludió el servicio militar obligatorio en la guerra de Vietnam con excusas médicas endebles, había insultado públicamente a John McCain, un auténtico héroe de guerra, antes de que muriera de cáncer hace un par de años. La familia McCain, por supuesto, estaba muy herida por el insulto a su patriarca.

El clima sociopolítico en los Estados

siendo amenazado por las drogas, el hedonismo y la inmigración de personas de color. Recuerden, esta fue una república que libró una sangrienta guerra civil por la esclavitud entre 1861 y 1865. Todo el mundo puede ver que los estadounidenses blancos aman las armas de alto poder y se inclinan por la violencia como solución a los problemas. Por lo tanto, 6 de enero de 2021.

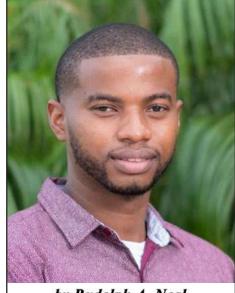
He dicho antes que Donald Trump es el líder más poderoso del Partido Republicano. Los beliceños han tenido suficiente experiencia con la política de partidos como institución para saber que Liz Cheney puede haberse suicidado políticamente al oponerse a Donald Trump.

Nunca estudié historia de los Estados Unidos, y todo lo que sé de la política estadounidense es lo que veo en la televisión por cable. Pero estoy convencido de que si la presidencia de Biden alguna vez toma medidas para acusar y encarcelar a Trump, Estados Unidos estallará en una especie de guerra civil. Esto es real.

En Belize, nos hemos beneficiado enormemente, desde el final de la Guerra Civil estadounidense, de nuestra proximidad a los Estados Unidos, el hecho de que somos de habla inglesa y el hecho de que Belize y los Estados Unidos comparten básicamente creencias cristianas. Pero hoy, la crisis en América crece. Cada vez hay más evidencia de que Trump usó la violencia en un intento de derrocar la victoria de Joe Biden en las elecciones presidenciales de noviembre de 2020. Esto es lo que claramente constituyó el 6 de enero de 2021: una conspiración sediciosa. Conspiración sediciosa real, no un breve artículo periodístico. Recuerden esto, beliceños. El hogar es aquel lugar donde, cuando tienes que ir, tienen que hacerte entrar. (Palabras de Robert Frost.) Han visto lo que les ha estado pasando a los ucranianos. No tienen casa a donde ir.

"commencement exercise" is being used and offers the illusion of a myriad of opportunities waiting to be explored, that is not the case. The reality is that these "commencement exercises" signal the end for many students' educational aspirations and employment opportunities. Most of them are forced to take basic wage jobs after the completion of high school, and in many cases, with the demands and required work hours of these jobs, educational aspirations wither and die and the quest for sustenance and survival takes effect. As these dreams die, the once pursuant become complacent and settle where they are. This then means that we should seriously take some time to reflect and evaluate whether or not it is really a commencement exercise or a culminating activity that these students are undergoing.

Finally, this then explains the cycle that young people in our society are going through. They are forced to grapple with a few, limited opportunities after their proverbial "commencement exercise". Having completed their high schooling, the availability of opportunities, both pedagogical and employment-wise, is limited to scarce. This adds credence to why many young people are left to grapple with the hardships and fragmentation of society. While admittedly some efforts are being made to retain young people longer in the educational system and incentives are being offered to assist



by Rudolph A. Neal

students in furthering their studies, there needs to be a more comprehensive and unified effort to ensure that students are really given the opportunities that they deserve so as to bring true meaning to the term "commencement exercise". Until a serious and concerted effort is made to retain our young people longer in the educational system and furnish them with opportunities to further their studies and advance themselves, we will continue to conduct culminating activities as opposed to commencement exercises.

Unchained Reflections Of A Liberal Pragmatist



Unidos es muy conflictivo, por varias razones. Pero el racismo influye en gran medida en la atmósfera estadounidense similar a un caldero.

Los inmigrantes europeos, cuyos descendientes forman la mayoría de la población estadounidense blanca, emprendieron la guerra contra la población nativa americana de América para apoderarse del territorio del este y medio oeste de los Estados Unidos. Luego se trasladaron más hacia el oeste hacia el sur. Cuando los y estadounidenses blancos comenzaron a moverse hacia el sur, arrebataron grandes extensiones de tierra, desde Texas hasta California, del pueblo mexicano, que había prohibido la esclavitud durante la presidencia de Vicente Guerrero, que era negro, a fines de la década de 1820.

Hoy, el imperio estadounidense está

#### **Required Documents**

- Cover Letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Certified copies of transcripts
- Certified copies of degrees, diplomas and certificates
- Certified copy of <u>valid</u> Teachers' License
- Two recent letters of recommendation

Application packages should be submitted by July 20, 2022 to info@acc.edu.bz or delivered to:

> Mr. Nelson Longsworth Principal Anglican Cathedral College **71 Regent Street** P.O. Box 98 Belize City, Belize

## SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL



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

• Information Technology

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

Business Studies

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

Experience using Microsoft Teams would be an asset.

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

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

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

Applications must be addressed to:

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

Deadline for Applications: July 22, 2022

## **Anglican Cathedral College**

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the permanent position of Counsellor.

## Core Responsibilities:

- Manage the Guidance Counselling Program.
- Provide counselling service to students, staff and parents as needed.
- Advocate on behalf of students.
- Facilitate personal development sessions.
- Coordinate student-centered programs and activities.
- Liaise with relevant community-based organizations.

## Qualifications

Minimum qualification required is a Bachelor's Degree in Counselling or Psychology. Social Work can be considered.

#### Salary

Salary will be in accordance with Government pay scales for teachers.

## **Required Documents**

- Cover Letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Certified copies of transcripts
- Certified copies of degrees, diplomas and certificates
- Certified copy of <u>valid</u> Teachers' License
- Two recent letters of recommendation

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## **Lost or Destroyed**



**Debenture & Share Certificates** July 9, 2022

Notice is hereby given of the loss of the following Debenture Certificates:

Name	Debenture Certificate No.
Roger Wright and/or Derron Wright	Series 4 #0004
Ron, Faith and Henry Cunningham For (Bernard Cunningham) Estate	Series 5 #0180 & 0053
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## JOB VACANCY

## **CASHIER / STORE CLERK ( BELIZE CITY )**

The cashier/store clerk is responsible for all transactions / sales in the store and assist customers with professional service in a timely and effective manner.

## **KEY DUTIES & RESPONSIBLITIES:**

- Record all transactions in the POS System
- Assist Customers with queries in store and on different platforms such as WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, Calls, messages etc.
- · Greet each customer with a positive attitude
- Document all invoices and purchases
- Maintain, clean and organize work area
- Restock and display products
- Check inventory

Kon, Faith and Henry Cunningham For (Bernard Cunningham) Estate Series 6 #0029-003, 0059-0065, 0068

It is proposed to cancel the above Debenture Certificates after the expiration of twenty-one (21) days from the appearance of this notice.

Any of the above mentioned certificates are therefore required to be returned to:

Securities Officer Finance Department Belize Electricity Limited 2 ½ Miles Philip S. W. Goldson Highway

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

Process end of day sales Report

## **Qualities / Skills:**

- Sales Experience
- Great Customer service
- Knowledge of Basic Microsoft office
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Organized
- Excellent communication skills
- Timely and Dependable
- Team Player
- Minimum High School Diploma
- Bi-lingual is a plus
- Love of food is a must

## Store Hours:

Monday - Friday : 9am-6pm Saturday : 9am - 2pm

Submit Resume, 2 references and a copy of Social Security Card to Carnivorebelize@gmail.com or 31 Eve Street, Belize City SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

## **Public Notice of Investment**

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

## **Public Notice of Investment**

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



SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

## **Public Notice of Investment**

## David Cruz convicted....

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he was charged with murdering a 16year-old boy. However, he was able to beat the charges. After that incident, he was accused of being involved in the commission of several other crimes, including murders, within the Roaring Creek area, but was never convicted for any such offense.

In reference to the conviction of Cruz, Commissioner of Police Chester Williams told local media, "... I can tell you, this one with Cruz who got convicted today in the Belmopan Supreme Court is of significant importance to us, because you'd know that this fellow who is now convicted is known to be one of the Roaring Creek bad man who has been out there for a number of years and having been creating problems for the police, problems for the community, and so I'm sure that the Roaring Creek residents are going to be happy to know that he has been convicted and sent away to prison for a lengthy period of time. So, I am grateful for that conviction where he is concerned.".

## Education Ministry allays concerns over ITVET football field

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The government and IDB at the time launched the second phase of the Education Quality Improvement Program (EQIP II), with a special focus on STEAM education.

"As part of the program, a STEAM Lab School will be built in Belize City, as an innovative secondary school that provides young people with enriching pathways to future-forward education and career opportunities. The school will encourage innovation and experimentation by its student and faculty bodies through its integrated, inquiry-and-problem-based learning approaches. It is envisioned that the school will have 300 students once fully operational," a news release from the IDB dated January 27, 2020, stated.

Last year, the Ministry of Education began advertising a vacancy for a vice-

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Social Security Act, Chapter 44 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, that the Social Security Board, as per its Investment Framework, Section 49, has proposed to lend the amount of **Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (BZ\$200,000.00)** to Good Stays Hotel Ltd. for capital expenditures. The new loan facility will be consolidated for a term of ten (10) years. Principal and Interest payments will be paid monthly on the declining balance. principal and four (4) teachers to implement the curriculum at the new school.

There is no indication why a groundbreaking ceremony was not held to mark the start of this significant construction. There has been speculation that the absence of fanfare might be due to the fact that a project for which funding was received under the UDP is now being executed by a PUP administration.

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## St. John's College VACANCIES



St. John's College invites applications to fill the following positions at the junior college division:

#### 1. Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs

#### Responsibilities

- Assist the Dean in the overall administration of the Junior College particularly in the area of creating, supporting and enhancing a student-centered academic environment.
- Actively promote a culture of academic excellence through leadership in academic planning, faculty professional development and learning support services as well as through assistance with recruitment, enrolment, and the management of student information.
- Articulate an academic vision and establish the academic agenda of the future.
- Set a context for the various academic departments, programs, and services within a broad and coherent institutional framework.
- Supervise the daily operations of the office of academic affairs.
- Work closely with academic chairpersons, students, faculty, the Dean, the Associate Dean for Student Services, and other administrators to bring life to the vision and mission of the college

#### **Qualifications/Requirements**

- Minimum of a Master's degree in Educational Leadership or other related field.
- At least five years' experience as an administrator.
- Strong commitment to the mission of St. John's College as a Catholic, Jesuit institution.
- Self-reliant, creative, innovative, proactive, decisive, and enthusiastic.
- High personal and professional standards.
- Accessible and consultative when making decisions.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Leadership and management skills.
- Ability to work as a team member and be effective in professional relationships with others at all levels within the college community.
- 2. Counselor

#### **Responsibilities**

- Work under the supervision of the Dean to provide counseling services for students in all college division.
- Coordinate counseling programs for parents, community, and staff in the area of educational responsibilities, student performance, personal, family and social relationships, and parental education.
- Supervise assigned programs to monitor performance and achieve overall curriculum objectives.

#### **Qualifications/Requirements**

- Minimum of a Master's degree in Counseling from an accredited institution is preferred; a Bachelor's degree in Psychology or Social Work will be considered.
- At least one year's experience in school counselling would be an asset. Sound knowledge of developmental processes in students; counseling techniques to facilitate problem solving and decision making; interpersonal communication techniques and behavioural management techniques.
- Familiar with the school curriculum.
- Able to function within legal and ethical constraints of the counseling profession.
- Self-reliant, creative, innovative, proactive, decisive, and enthusiastic.
- Strong commitment to mission, quality, and service to students.
- Excellent interpersonal and communications skills.
- High personal and professional standards
- Computer literate
- Ability to provide leadership, work as a team member and be effective in relationships with others at all levels within the College.

#### 3. Administrative Assistant

#### Responsibilities

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



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT **Project Coordinator**

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

#### Background

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

- Responsibilities:
  1. Facilitate the development of curricula based on project design
  - 2. Develop TORs and hire workshop facilitators as needed.
  - Provide technical and administrative support to 3. third party groups to ensure that activities are completed withing its timeframe.
  - Gather and organize all project related data.
  - Coordinate and communicate with key partners, agents, and government departments in the 5. discussion of public policies and publications. Assist in the creation of promotional activities as

#### Minimum Requirements:

a. Education: A minimum of an Associated Degree in Project management or related field. A Bachelor's degree in Project Management or management would be preferred.

#### c. Skills

- Excellent analytical and decision-making
- skills. Strong time management skills
- Term of work: Contract employment for 6 months renewable at the end based on funding and performance.

#### Expression of Interest

#### Interested persons are required to apply via email in response to this vacancy to

info@satiim.org.bz Please send Curriculum Vitae along with references and examples of related work experience.

Deadline

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

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







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

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

#### **Qualifications:**

- minimum of an associate degree in the relevant field; Bachelor's degree with Education preferred
- formal teacher-training and/or years of teaching experience in the subject area



Identify and analyze potential project risks and 7. take appropriate action/s. Coordinate project activities with Community

b. Experience

of Southern Belize

skills

it relates to the project.

- based officers and communications team. 9. Provide monthly progress reports outlining activities conducted, number of participants,
- challenges encountered along with supporting documentation. 10. Assist the Project manager in preparing donor
- report

A minimum of 5 years working in rural development,

indigenous development, project management. Working knowledge or the social organization and

communication practices of indigenous communities

· High proficiency in writing and reporting

Effective negotiation and conflict

management skills

Any other tasks assigned.

#### **Qualifications/Requirements**

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

**Remuneration:** In accordance with Ministry of Education's pay scale.

Application Deadline: Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

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

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

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

- a full and valid license to teach in Belize
- commitment to the mission of St. John's College as a Catholic, Jesuit Belizean institution

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

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

## Applications are due Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

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

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

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

## CARICOM urges US to lift sanctions against Venezuela

The regional body is urging the US to lift sanctions against Venezuela in hopes of restoring the region's access to energy through Venezuela's PetroCaribe Program.

PARAMARIBO, Surinam, Thurs. July 7, 2022

CARICOM heads of government have called for the lifting of the sanctions imposed by the United States against Venezuela under the Trump administration in 2017. These sanctions ultimately put a stop to the PetroCaribe program, which provided important financial benefits for CARICOM member states participating in the program.

During his remarks at the opening ceremony of the 43rd Regular Meeting of CARICOM Heads of Government, held in Paramaribo, Suriname on July 3, Prime Minister of Belize Hon. John Briceño said, "Fuel prices have been too high for too long. We in the Caribbean call for the immediate lifting of the sanctions imposed on Venezuela so that the revolutionary PetroCaribe program can be reinstated, providing our economies with much-needed relief." (In Belize, premium fuel reached a new all-time high of \$17.60 per gallon this week.)

During a press conference yesterday, at the close of the meeting, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Ralph Gonzalez, described extensively the key role that Venezuela's PetroCaribe program has played in the Caribbean and Latin America and what the ending of the program due to the US sanctions has meant for the region.

"What has made the issue of real urgency is the manipulation of the market addressing oil production and distribution, exacerbated by the Russian/Ukraine war. Clearly, the prices are rising, and all sorts of products touching and concerning energy and also spin-offs touching fertilizers and the like, and we had to in a sense take, in cricketing terms a fresh guard, in light of these new circumstances. There is one obvious one, with the supply of energy through the PetroCaribe arrangement, which was very favorable to several countries in the Caribbean, including especially so, the independent countries of the OECS, but other countries within CARICOM. As you are aware, the unilateral sanction by the United States administration imposed during the time of President Donald J. Trump in relation to Venezuela brought, for all practical purposes, the PetroCaribe arrangement to an end. This arrangement delivered important financing benefits to countries participating," PM Gonzalez said.



Ralph Gonzalez, Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

He said that the United States is attempting to carve out exemptions to the sanctions to facilitate Venezuelan oil exports to European countries whose energy sectors have been affected by the war in Eastern Europe. In light of this, he said that dialogue between the parties is necessary now to allow CARICOM to regain the benefits once afforded by the program.

"After all, because of what is happening in Europe, we hear that the Americans want to give Europe a carve-out, a special carve-out in relation to these sanctions, unilateral as they are in relation to energy products out of Venezuela. You see, the Americans themselves are going down to Caracas, on two occasions now, to see if they can make arrangements to get additional energy products because what is happening, we all know...that the sanctions have in part made the Russians make more money from energy to help them to fund in part, the war. These are known facts. Now you can't on the one hand be looking for carve-outs for Europeans, you can't at the same time, going to Venezuela looking for some special arrangement to get more oil, and then we are suffering," PM Gonzalez said.

He informed the community that ten weeks ago he was in Venezuela and spoke to President Nicolas Maduro about the resumption of the PetroCaribe arrangement. "In fact, the decision has been made for the resumption of it, all things being equal, and with a 35% off the top upfront. So clearly we want to go and get this. Similarly, we know that the arrangements between Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela with border, the exploitation of the LNG, where the sanctions had already had hit that, that is a matter which we discussed and to talk to our American friends about the unilateral sanction in this regard. We are not doing this in any combative way; we are not doing this in any confrontational way. There is a dialogue, a conversation between friends: CARICOM and the United States of America, and Venezuela also, our friends-this is how responsible mature leaders are trying to address an [issue] which is very much in front of us," Gonzalez said.



- Responsibilities:
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  - Responsible for developing & implementing social media marketing strategy effectively.
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  - Setting sales target and overseeing the activities and performance of the Sales Team.
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## **Education, Experience and Skills:**

 Bachelor's Degree in Marketing, Business Administration or related field with at least two years' working experience in sales.

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Submit application letter along with resume, copy of degrees and certificates, police record and two recent reference letters to:

conzie@remax-dorado.com

Deadline: July 29, 2022

# AREER

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) is the primary distributor and the only licensed public provider of electricity in Belize. Our Mission is to deliver safe, reliable and sustainable energy solutions to enhance the quality of life and the productivity of enterprise and to support national development.

We are looking for a highly motivated, goal oriented, responsible and committed person to join our Company in the role of Administrator, Administrative Services in the Executive Services Department of our Employee & Corporate Services Division at our Corporate Headquarters in Belize City.

## Duties:

- Provide executive support to the Chief Executive Officer, Leadership Team and Heads of Department in a timely, professional and efficient manner.
- Ensure the timely, professional and efficient delivery of support services to the Board of Directors and Internal Audit.
- Assist the Manager, Executive Services with overseeing and coordinating the work of Administrative Assistants.
- Prepare meeting minutes and summaries for circulation companywide for the Board of Directors, Leadership Team, Heads of Departments, and other meetings as assigned.
- Coordinate activities required of the Executive Services Department under the Company's Archive Policy and Procedures.
- Plan and coordinate logistics for corporate events in support of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, Leadership Team and Heads of Departments.
- Coordinate courier and messenger services and ensure the proper maintenance of conference and meeting rooms countrywide.

## **Education and Experience:**

- Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, English, Secretarial Studies or related field
- Five years' working experience in the administrative field
- Three years' experience in a supervisory capacity

## **Required Skills and Abilities:**

- Strong corporate administration knowledge
- Excellent experience in record keeping and database management
- Excellent meeting management skills
- Familiarity with budget planning preparation
- Ability to effectively manage the Chief Executive Officer calendar and corporate calendar
- Ability to maintain confidentiality in line with the Company's code of ethics
- Strong leadership and interpersonal skills to facilitate teamwork
- Ability to coach and motivate team
- Excellent organizational and time management skills with keen attention to detail
- Ability to plan for and keep track of multiple projects and deadlines
- Excellent communication skills both written and oral with proficiency in English Grammar
- Excellent problem-solving skills
- Action and results oriented with excellent collaborative skills for pursuing shared goals
- Customer oriented with the ability to attend to internal/external customers professionally
- Advanced proficiency in Outlook, Word, PowerPoint; Intermediate proficiency in Excel

## **Domestic** violence isn't just black and white

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So, when I took out a protective order against him after the last incident (because I had no other choice), I sought to hire someone who could come and do menial tasks for me. Mostly just things I'm not able to do that (in a typical, traditional home) men usually do, and that my ex used to do for me.

I tried hiring several different people, but had no luck. I was not looking for a full-time employee, as I couldn't afford one. Rather, just a local villager with an extra hour or two a couple times a week. They would come work for an hour or two, get their pay, and then disappear.

Of course, my ex was always checking on me, to see if I needed help with anything. Eventually, without any other option, I told him yes, I needed some help.

I had him come and help with some things I really needed to get done.

In return, I fed him and paid him, and thanked him, and he left.

This happened a few times. As I have said before and will always say: He is a good man and fantastic partner when he is not drinking, but, when he drinks, I do not want to be around him. It is just that simple.

He is never, ever violent when he is sober. He's one of the most kindest, gentlest, most talented and agreeable people you could ever know.

But he will not ever quit drinking, and that is his choice.

Just as it is (or *should* be) my choice to not have to be around him when he does.

So my problem — and that of many other men and women like me -- is this:

Where is my right to have him removed from my house when I don't want him here?

The police have mocked me. In the past, they wouldn't even come when I called and, once, even said "Well you're the one who keeps taking him back."

While this is *absolutely not true* -- I have not and will not ever take him back -- why should that even matter?

If a business owner has an unruly drunk on their premises who refuses to leave and calls the police, the police remove that person. Every time, even if it happens several times a week.

Salary: in accordance with Company's salary structure.

Submit application letter along with resume, copy of degrees and certificates and three recent professional letters of recommendation via email to:

> Manager, Talent Acquisition & Development Email: career.opportunity@bel.com.bz

In the email subject, please indicate the position: Administrator, Executive Services

Only electronic applications are being accepted at this time. For more information or queries, call 227-0954 Ext. 2901 or 1415

Deadline: Friday, July 22, 2022

They don't tell the business owner "Well, sorry. It's your fault for allowing them to come here."

And the reason for that is because it is the business owner's property, and they have paid for that establishment, as well as the taxes and everything there.

Why can the same not be done for someone like me? I own my property. I had my house built. I pay for my place here. Everything in my house belongs to me, and I worked very hard to achieve what I have achieved.

And I can't even enjoy it?

I did not need to get a protective order against him. I simply needed to be taken seriously when I called for help to have him leave my home when he's drunk and refusing to leave. (Note: This is NOT his home, and we have not been





BELIZE WATER SERVICES LIMITED

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

#### INVITATION TO BID

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Address for Bid Submission

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

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

## Embattled UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson resigns

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world's most successful mass vaccination campaigns to combat COVID-19.

But the perpetually rumpled leader known for greeting critics with bombast and bluster was also dogged by criticism that he was willing to bend, and sometimes break, the rules to achieve his goals.

Johnson, 58, managed to remain in power for almost three years, despite

allegations that he was too close to party donors, that he protected supporters from bullying and corruption allegations, and that he misled Parliament about government office parties that broke pandemic lockdown rules.

Full article can be viewed at: https:// www.npr.org/2022/07/07/ 1110226702/boris-johnsonresignation-prime-minister-uk

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# Domestic violence isn't just black and white

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together for years).

I just needed to have the reassurance that, if I call the police and tell them, "My ex is here and he's drunk and he's refusing to leave," they will assist me. And I know I'm not alone. There are a lot of women just like me who have experienced this same issue, some of whom were simply forced to leave the country.

I realize relationships are different here than where I come from, but that should not negate human decency. The police should be relied upon when we (women) need help to have someone removed from our property, regardless.

My ex and I are not together and

never will be together again. However, he does help me sometimes, and that, I truly appreciate. But when he is drinking and shows up at my house, I need to feel safe calling the police to have him escorted off my property before he escalates and becomes unmanageable.

Not mocked, ignored, or made fun of.

The current kind of policy is dangerous. When men know the police don't care what they do and won't come help, those men will do whatever they want to a woman who has no recourse and certainly cannot defend herself.

Please advise. Kind regards -Name withheld by request-

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

Tenders are invited from Security Companies for the general security and surveillance of The Green Building Complex N0. 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan City. The tender shall be for a period of one (1) year commencing (1<sup>st</sup>August 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup>, July 2023). The successful tender will be responsible for the security of premises by an armed guard everyday including public and bank holidays.

- 1. The successful tender will be expected to provide the following security and surveillance services every day from 4:00 pm to 7:30 am.
- A. (a) General security and surveillance of the premises which houses the offices of the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management and the Protected Areas Conservation Trust located at N0. 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan City including all assets, the building and fixtures erected thereon.

(b) Control and Monitor access to the compound. The Security must maintain a log of all persons and vehicles entering and leaving the premises.

(c) Conduct patrols within and outside the building to ensure that doors remain locked and that there is no sign of breakage into the building.

## VACANCY: PROFESSIONAL VETERINARY SERVICES

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## Work Station: Hybrid

## **Description of Work**:

- Professional services on the verification of compliance regulations of bovines for export
- Record and file all electronic and manual data of bovines to be exported
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- Other duties relevant to the assignment from time to time

(d) The Security Company will provide its personnel with equipment for the effective performance of their duties.

(e) The Security Company not its agents, shall not divulge to any person or persons, any proprietary information coming to their Knowledge in the course of their duties.

(f) Any other security related task as may be agreed upon from time to time by the Parties involved.

**2.** Cost incurred in visiting the premises and preparations of the tender bid are the sole responsibility of the tenderer. Bids are to be accompanied by Letters of Good Standing from the Belize Tax Service, Belize Companies Registry, the Belize Social Security Board and current Trade License, evidence of past jobs and recommendations would be an asset.

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

## **Qualification**:

Candidate must possess aminimumof a Bachelor's degree in veterinary medicine. Must possess a vehicle and a computer to conduct the services required. Good command of the Spanish language is a must.

## Salary:

We offer a competitive salary.

## Other:

Successful candidate must be willing to work on remote areas and working schedule is dependent on quantity of animals to be inspected.

Interested candidates please send curriculum vitae along with two recommendations, copy of education certificateto **P.O. Box 426**, **City of Belmopan, Cayo District** or email at <u>vacancy2017bze@gmail.com</u> no later than 15<sup>th</sup>July 2022.

## Nicaragua expels Mother Teresa's nuns in latest crackdown

#### <u>by Vanessa</u> <u>Buschschlüter</u>

#### **BBC** News

Nuns from the order founded by Mother Teresa have left Nicaragua after their organisation was stripped of its legal status.

They were escorted by police to the border and crossed into neighbouring Costa Rica on foot.

Their organisation is among the latest to be shut down as part of a crackdown on anyone deemed to oppose President Daniel Ortega.

The Catholic Church has been outspoken



The nuns crossed on foot into neighbouring Costa Rica



Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) is pleased to announce the holding of an Extraordinary General Meeting at BEL Corporate Headquarters, 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Miles Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize on Thursday, July 14, 2022 commencing at 2:00 p.m.

Shareholders or their proxies are invited to participate virtually by pre-registering at the Company's website at **www.bel.com.bz/EGM**. Shareholders will be asked to provide their contact information along with an electronic copy of a valid identification (ID) such as their Social Security card.

Shareholders are invited to appoint a proxy as permitted under the Company's Articles of Association or can choose to appoint the about human rights abuses in Nicaragua.

## Expelled

Local media said 18 nuns from the Missionaries of Charity were driven to the border in a bus escorted by migration officials and police officers.

The group had been stripped of its legal status on 28 June by the Nicaraguan parliament, where members of President Ortega 's Sandinista party are in the majority.

The nuns had been working with the poor in Nicaragua since 1988 and ran a children's nursery, a home for abused and abandoned

girls and a nursing home.

A government department which oversees non-governmental organisations accused it of "not meeting its obligations" to declare the provenance of its funds.

More than 200 organisations have been shut down in Nicaragua since 2018 for allegedly breaching strict new laws about funding.

Among those closed down is the renowned Nicaraguan Academy of Language as well as a medical charity providing surgeries for children with cleft palates.

Tension between the government of Daniel Ortega and the Catholic Church has been high ever since clergy sheltered students protesting against President Ortega during a wave of anti-government protests in 2018. In 2019, the outspoken auxiliary bishop of Managua, Silvio Báez, left the country after receiving several death threats.

And more recently, in March, the government expelled the Apostolic Nuncio - the Catholic Church's equivalent to an ambassador - in a move the Vatican called an "unjustified unilateral measure".

President Ortega himself has accused Catholic clergy of being "coup mongers" and called them "devils in cassocks".

The 76-year-old is in his fourth consecutive term in office after winning a 2021 presidential election widely denounced as a sham.

Company's CEO or the Corporate Secretary as proxy to represent you at the EGM. Furthermore, the Company will provide virtual access to the meeting for shareholders and proxies.

Pre-registration for virtual attendance commences on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. Shareholders may do so either by visiting the Company's website at www.bel.com.bz/EGM or by contacting BEL's Securities Officer at 227-0954 extension 1512 for assistance. First published by BBC Latin America.





## **BCC Dragons are champions of NSC Recreation & Wellness Basketball Tournament 2022**

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 7, 2022 The National Sports Council's (NSC) Sports Competition for Recreation and Wellness Basketball Tournament 2022, which tipped off back on March 18, culminated with its championship game on Friday night, July 1, at the Marion Jones Sports Complex in Belize City, where the Belize City Council "Dragons" defeated National Sports Council "Valley" by a 62-47 score.

Twelve (12) teams participated in the tournament, 6 in Group A and 6 in Group B, and it was the Group A champions, Belize City Council "Dragons" facing the Group B champions, National Sports Council "Valley" in the final. Other Group A teams included Belize Healthcare "Shooting Stars", Belize Tax Services "Kollectaz", Belize Defence Force "Snipers", Digi, and Customs & Excise Department; while other Group B teams were Department of Youth Services, K.H.M.H. "Injectors", Central Bank, BWS, and Bowen & Bowen "Belikin Bruwers". Only employees of the firms/ departments were allowed to participate in the tournament.

A curious note is that former semipro football star, Jarret Davis was top scorer for Valley in their Group B finals victory, while a current 1st Division football star, Steven Baizar also top scored for Valley in their tournament championship loss to BCC Dragons on Friday night.

A preliminary on Friday night featured a match from the Belize City branch of the National Basketball Tournament, where in the Open category, Complex Titans defeated Trucker's Posse, 79-70.

The nightcap NSC Recreation & Wellness Basketball Championship game saw Belize City Council "Dragons" coming away with the 62-47 victory over National Sports Council "Valley". Semipro basketball star Devin Daly top scored for the BCC Dragons with 19 pts, while football star Steven Belize City Council "Dragons"; 2nd Place – National Sports Council "Valley"; and 3rd Place – Digi.



Devin Daly of Belize City Council "Dragons"



## Mundialito and Futsal updates from Orange Walk

by Ben Ramos, Jr. - Administrator, OWFA Regional Office

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Wed. July 6, 2022

Here are some updates on the ongoing New Horizon Sporting Club Mundialito 2022 at the Louisiana Football Field, and also the Orange Walk Futsal League which has reached its Futsal Finals.

New Horizon S.C. Mundialito

Week 2 games in the New Horizon Sporting Club Mundialito 2022 were played on Sunday, July 3, at the Louisiana Football Field, and all 4 games were shutouts.

In game 1, Spain blanked Mexico, 4-0, with a goal each from #18 Moris Mojica and #17 Benito Salazar, and 2 goals from #9 Noel Perez.

Game 2 saw USA bombing France, 5-0, with 2 goals each from #23 Hadid Torres and #13 Stanley Cardenas, while they also benefited from an own goal by France's #4 Shaundre Pech.

Game 3 followed a similar pattern, as Brazil clobbered Columbia, 8-0, with a goal apiece from #3 Gian Morales and #25 Kimannie Rancheran, 2 goals from #11 Jaylen Hall, and 4 goals from #7 Keizar Rodney.

It was a much more competitive affair in game 4, where Argentina clipped Croatia, 1-0, on a goal by #9 Dathan Calderon.

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Brazil	2	1	0	1	10	4	6	3
Spain	2	1	0	1	4	3	1	3
Croatia	2	1	0	1	4	3	1	3
Argentina	2	1	0	1	1	3	-2	3
France	2	1	0	1	2	6	-4	3
Columbia	2	1	0	1	3	8	-5	3
Mexico	2	0	0	2	1	6	-5	0
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Upcoming Mundialito Week 3 games at Louisiana Football Field: <u>Sunday, July 10</u>

Baizar also had 19 points in the loss for NSC Valley.

Final tournament results: 1st Place -

## National Women's League championship, promotion and relegation

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 7, 2022

Coming up this weekend in the National Amateur Women's League (NAWL) 2022 Opening Season Tournament are the Championship Finals, where Group A plays for the 20200 NAWL Opening Season Championship, and the Group B winner gets to advance to Group A in the NAWL 2022 Closing Season. The last place team in Group A, Verdes Rebels is automatically relegated to Group B for the Closing Season. (See "Women's League Group Semifinals Leg 2 results" in our Tuesday issue, July 5, 2022.)

Upcoming NAWL 2022 Opening Season Group Finals schedule:

Saturday, July 9, NAWL Group Finals 4:00 p.m. – (Group B Final) Bay City FC vs Wagiya United SC – FFB Stadium 6:00 p.m. – (Group A Final) Sagitun Girlz vs San Pedro Pirates – FFB Stadium 9:00 a.m. - Brazil vs France 10:00 a.m. - Columbia vs Spain 11:00 a.m. - USA vs Croatia 12:00 noon - Mexico vs Argentina **Orange Walk Futsal League** FUTSAL Finals schedule:

Friday, July 8, 2022

7:30 p.m. – (Interoffice 3rd Place) Mendez Home Building vs Cuellos Store 8:30 p.m. – (Open Division 3rd Place) Athletico United vs Galacticos 9:30 p.m. – (Interoffice Finals) BSI/ASR vs Orange Walk Town Board

10:30 p.m. – (Open Division Finals) Caribbean Rum Boyz vs Aquarius

Food & drinks on sale, and entertainment provided by DJ Faroh, DJ Naldo and Yaddy Kidd!





# Semifinals end, finals next week in BDFA U17 & U20 Male Elite Tournaments

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 7, 2022

The Football Federation of Belize's (FFB) Regional Male Youth Elite Tournaments 2022 completed its semifinal stage for the Belize District on Saturday, July 2, at the Marion Jones Sports Complex where the second leg of the Belize District Football Association (BDFA) semifinals were concluded in both the U17 and U20 categories.

U17 Semifinal Leg 2 results

(Leg 1 – Warriors FC, 2-0, over Hattieville United) Starting at 10:00 a.m., this second leg was a sensational encounter, as Hattieville came out blasting, and led 5-2 near the end of regulation, which would give them a 5-4 aggregate victory in the series. But Warriors scored again in injury time to make it 5-3 and an aggregate tie of 5-5. Hattieville benefited from a Warriors own goal in overtime, but Warriors scored twice more, so Hattieville registered a 6-5 win for the second leg, but Warriors won the aggregate by a 7-6 margin. What a game! Goals scored for Warriors were by Kaylen McFoy (26' & 111'), Joshua Arnold (65'), Jaymion Cacho (90+5') and Scorian Stuart (108'), and they conceded an own goal through Dixon Gamboa (118' OG); while Hattieville goals were by Calvin Thurton (13', 24', 38' & 40') and Flayden Carter (53').

(Leg 1 – Ladyville Rising Stars, 4-3, over Sampson Academy) The decisive second leg for this one ended in regulation with Sampson Academy pulling out the 3-1 win for an aggregate victory of 6-5 over Ladyville Rising Stars. Shaking the net for Sampson Academy were Keemar Wagner (13' & 63') and Keydenshay Bowen (25'), while the lone goal for Rising Stars was by Steven Rivera (46').

U20 Semifinal Leg 2 results

(Leg 1 – Hattieville United, 5-1, over Ladyville Rising Stars.) With that margin to overcome, Ladyville Rising Stars could not pull it together to present a team, and Hattieville United won the second leg by default.

(Leg 1 – Warriors FC, 2-1, over Lake-I FC) Leg 2 of this one was a different story as the margin was razor thin. At the end of regulation, it was Lake-I FC, 2-1, over Warriors FC, both Lake-I goals coming from Lawnie Leslie (56' & 88'), while Michael Palacio (90+3') scored in injury time to salvage the aggregate 3-3 tie for Warriors. It remained that way in overtime, and in the ensuing penalty shootout, Warriors prevailed, 5-4, for the victory and a spot in the finals.

With the teams set for the finals, the tournament takes a week break and resumes with the championship finals in both U17 and U20 next week.

BDFA U17 & U20 Male Elite Finals schedule:

Saturday, July 16, Marion Jones Sports Complex

10:00 a.m. – (U17 Finals) Warriors FC vs Sampson Academy 12:00 noon – (U20 Finals) Hattieville United vs Warriors FC

## Round of 16 Knockout in National Bank of Belize Amateur Interdistrict Championship 2022

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 7, 2022

The National Bank of Belize (NBB) Amateur Interdistrict Championship (NBBAIC) 2022 which started a couple weeks ago with 20 teams from across the 10 football zones of the country, is now down to 16 teams after pairing off in home-and-away eliminations and the 10 series winners were joined by the 6 best losers for the one-game knockout Round of 16 this coming weekend. (See "Decisive Round 1 Week 2 of National Bank of Belize Amateur Interdistrict Championship 2022" in our Tuesday issue, July 5, 2022.)

NBBAIC Round of 16 Knockout (one game only) schedule:

<u>Saturday, July 9</u>

7:00 p.m. – Conquerors FC vs Lake-I FC – Ambergris Stadium 7:00 p.m. – Benque Verdes Jrs. vs Griga Conquerors FC – Marshalleck Stadium

7:00 p.m. – Libertadores FC vs Kelly Street Bombers – Ricalde Stadium

8:00 p.m. - Atletico Football Club vs Santa Elena Royal United – Isidoro Beaton Stadium

Sunday, July 10

11:00 a.m. – Progresso FC vs Galacticos FC – Louisiana Football Field

3:00 p.m. – Mavericks FC vs Bambas FC – Victor Sanchez Union Field

4:30 p.m. – Caribbean Rum Boys vs ZBoys – Louisiana Football Field 4:30 p.m. – Hopkins Ibayani vs Bella Vista FC – Carl Ramos Stadium

## Apologies to Keydenshay and Steven



Keydenshay Bowen of U17 Sampson Academy



Steven Rivera of U17 Ladyville Rising Stars

## **Two undefeateds, Kulture and Lake clash Saturday in Over-40 football at the MCC**

## by Rudolph "Bolo" McKoy

BELIZE CITY, Tues. July 5, 2022 For last Saturday's scheduled game 1 between Kulture Yabra and Plaza United in the Westline Over-40 Football Tournament at the MCC Grounds, Plaza did not field a team, and Kulture won by default.

However, game 2 was a thriller between Medina's Pickstock Lake and BDF Veterans. BDF scored early in the first half and went up 3 to nil in the 34th minute. Lake came storming back and scored two goals in the last 10 minutes of the first half. The half ended, 3 to 2, BDF.

The second half saw Lake scoring two consecutive goals to go up 4 to 3. Then in the last 5 minutes, BDF scored to tie the game at 4 to 4.

That draw game may have sealed the second playoff berth for Lake. Lake has 6 points with two games remaining, and BDF have 5 points with one game remaining. Kulture Yabra have secured BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 7, 2022 In our sports story on page 33 of last Friday's *Amandala* for July 1, 2022, a grievous error, for which we sincerely apologize to readers and the young men concerned, saw the pictures of two promising young stars having the same caption, so their identities were not clear. Both Keydenshay Bowen and Steven Rivera are players in the Belize District U17 category of the current Football Federation of Belize (FFB) Regional Male Elite Youth Tournament 2022. Here we present the pictures with the correct captions. Once again, our apologies.



the top seed with 13 points and one game remaining.

This Saturday, July 9, at the MCC, the two undefeated teams clash in the Westline Over-40 Tournament.

<u>Saturday, July 9, MCC</u> 3:00 p.m. – Kulture Yabra vs Medina's Pickstock Lake 4:30 p.m. – Plaza United vs BDF Veterans Entrance fee is \$5.00.

The final game of the tournament will be on July 16, a back match between Lake and Plaza.



## Week 3 scores in Belize City branch of National Basketball Tournament 2022

## BELIZE CITY, Fri. July 1, 2022

The National Sports Council's (NSC) National Basketball Tournament 2022 continued in the Belize City branch of the tournament with Week 3 games from Monday through Friday of last week at the Marion Jones Sports Complex.

Below are the Week 3 games results in the different categories.

Monday, June 27, results

(U15) 501 Gators, 72-6, over Grace Primary. 501 Gators – Dario Cruickshank 16 pts. Grace Primary – Rajaughn Simpson 3 pts.

(U18) FSN Vision, 38-26, over Ladyville Dream Ballers. FSN Vision – David Maheia 12 pts. Ladyville Dream Ballers – Marque Ortiz 17 pts.

<u>Tuesday, June 28, results</u>

(Open) Island Ballaz, 49-48, over Westland. Island Ballaz – Kurt Burgess 17 pts. Westland – Devin Daly 15 pts.

(Open) Belama Gators, 62-54, over Garcia's Motors. Belama Gators – Travis Baptist 16 pts. Garcia's Motors – Amir Garcia 14 pts.

Wednesday, June 29, results

(U18) FSN Vision, 40-12, over OTM Ballers. FSN Vision –Raheem Martinez 11 pts. OTM Ballers – Ahmad Card 7 pts.

(U18) 501 Gators, 69-16, over Boy Warriors. 501 Gators – Leroy Betson 13 pts. Boy Warriors – Fitzroy McLaren 4 pts.

(U15) ABS Hard Rock, 44-34, over 501 Gators. ABS Hard Rock – Kelvin Cumberbatch 9 pts. 501 Gators – Roy Blades 17 pts.

(U18) Car Guys, 43-35, over ABS Hard Rock. Car Guys – Shane Pratt 20 pts. ABS Hard Rock – Keon Rowland 14 pts.

Friday, July 1, results

(Open) Complex Titans, 79-70, over Trucker's Posse. Complex Titans – Raheem Baptist 28 pts. Truckers Posse – Jayden Sutherland 24 pts.

Week 4 games schedule:

Monday, July 4

4:00 p.m. – (U15) Little Jaguars vs ABS Hard Rock

5:00 p.m. – (U18) 501 Gators vs Ladyville Dream Ballers

Tuesday, July 5

5:30 p.m. – (Open) Eagle's SC vs Westland

6:30 p.m. – (Open) Belama Gators vs No Limit

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

4:00 p.m. - (U18) Boy Warriors vs ABS Hard Rock

5:00 p.m. – (Female) RSPCC vs Belize Trend Setters

6:00 p.m. – (U18) OTM Ballers vs Car Guys

7:00 p.m. – (U18) FSN Vision vs We Got Game

Thursday, July 7

4:30 p.m. – (U18) We Got Game vs Ladyville Dream Ballers

5:30 p.m. – (Open) Hard Rock vs Trucker's Posse

Following are the current team standings in the various categories:

U-15 MALE	GP	W	L	Pts	Open MALE	GP	W	L	Pts
24/8	2	2	0	4	Eagles SC	2	0	2	2
ABS Hard Rock	2	2	0	4	Garcia's Motors	3	1	2	2
Grace Primary	2	0	2	2	Belama Gators	2	1	1	3
501 Gators	3	1	2	4	Westland	3	2	1	5
Little Jaguars	1	0	1	1	No Limit	2	1	1	3
			_		Island Ballaz	2	2	0	4

# **U13 Mundialito Week 7 scores from the MCC**

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 7, 2022

The Belize Tourist Board (BTB) sponsored U13 Mundialit Tournament, the brainchild of tourism minister, Hon. Anthony Mahler, continued on Saturday, July 2, with Week 7 games at the MCC Grounds, where two games are played simultaneously using half the field for each kids game. Eight teams are participating in the tournament, with 4 games scheduled for each Saturday at the MCC starting at 10:00 a.m.

In what was to be one of the two 10:00 a.m. openers, Pickstock FC won by default (3-0) over Youth & Sports Education. The other game was played, and it was Sampson Academy gaining the 1-0 win over Hattieville United, courtesy of a goal by Devon Yorke.

At 11:00 a.m., two more games kicked off. In one, Reality Youths won, 1-0, over Belize United, with the goal coming from Charles Leslie. And in the other game, Ladyville Rising Stars and Tutbay Yabra FC played to a 0-0 draw. See the current U13 Mundialito standings below:

TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
Reality Youths	6	5	1	0	16	0	+16	16
Belize United	6	5	0	1	21	2	+19	15
Tutbay Yabra FC	6	3	2	1	13	2	+11	11
Ladyville Rising Stars	6	3	1	2	9	6	+3	10
Sampson Academy	6	3	0	3	7	6	+1	9
Hattieville United	6	2	0	4	3	7	-4	6
Pickstock FC	6	1	0	5	4	21	-17	3
Youth & Sports Edu	6	0	0	6	0	24	-24	0

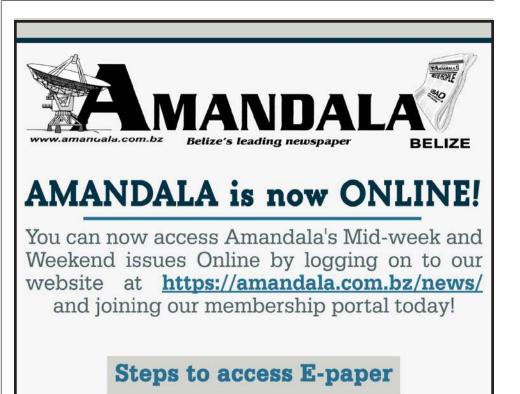
Upcoming Week 8 schedule (back matches from Week 6): <u>Saturday, July 9, MCC</u>

10:00 a.m. - Sampson Academy vs Reality Youths

10:00 a.m. - Belize United vs Hattieville United

11:00 a.m. - Youth & Sports Edu. vs Ladyville Rising Stars

11:00 a.m. - Pickstock FC vs Tutbay Yabra FC



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U-18 MALE	GP	W	L	Pts
We Got Game	2	2	0	4
OTM Ballers	3	0	3	3
Car Guys	2	1	1	3
ABS Hard Rock	3	2	1	5
FSN Vision	4	2	2	6
Boy Warriors	2	0	2	2
501 Gators	3	3	0	6
Ldv Dream Ballers	1	0	1	1

Open MALE	GP	W	L	Pts
Trucker's Posse	2	1	1	3
Boom Ballers	2	0	2	2
Hard Rock	2	2	0	4
Complex Titans	3	2	1	5

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# **Churches await writ of** referendum

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and benefactors who made what they call an "unprecedented moment possible." Indeed, the churches achieved a historic feat by triggering the referendum, and today, Pastor Louis Wade told local media that they are now doubling down on their efforts to convince the public to oppose marijuana legalization within the next 60 days-the period of time that will likely elapse before the referendum is held.

"We believe that time is on our side. When we went into the street, we had extended dialogue with the citizens of this nation, and they have their reasons for forcing the government to a referendum, and they have their reason why they will vote no. We believe, however, that since the period of time that we went out on the streets, there is new information which shows us even more why we should reject marijuana legalization in Belize," Pastor Louis Wade said.

Wade, who expressed the churches' belief that the government has not put forward a strong argument for the legalization of cannabis and creation of a cannabis industry, said that they want the opportunity to share the vital pieces of information they have with the public.

In pointing to what the churches consider one of the major shortfalls in GoB's plan to lay the groundwork for a cannabis industry, Wade said, "They are simply talking about economic, but they have not shown us where the Police Department, for example, at the present moment, is able to regulate a marijuana industry..." He claimed that, according to information they've received from the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA), the Government of Belize has stopped representatives from that entity from going out to test cannabis fields.

"We also know that the committee has not met for almost a year and a half, since this government came to office," Wade claimed. He asserted that right now, the government has been able to "talk", but "has not demonstrated the ability to regulate marijuana as we speak". "And so," he went on to say, "we will be putting our campaign forward as soon as the Governor-General makes the writ and releases it. We are confident that Belizeans know the damage that marijuana has done in their community

government thinks it is powerful enough or popular enough, I think the question is whether or not they will be humble enough to be able to say 'we stand corrected'. So, we are about to see what kind of government we have, and the church will not be afraid to show the nation what kind of government we have, depending on their reaction to the results of the referendum. As I've said before, we have skin in the game, and we are not going anywhere," said Wade.

He said that this process is not the church imposing its position on the masses, but that the churches have taken on a leadership role in the democratic process, and the people, according to Wade, have given them the mantle, adding that this issue is just one of many that need to be put to the people through a referendum.

"This is a good time," Wade said. He continued, "I've said it before, and I'll say it again: there are many other issues that need to be put before the people of Belize in referenda. We should not be afraid of this process, because it is the purest form of hearing the voice of the people on any issues, especially on controversial issues. "

Pastor Wade claimed that the government is attempting a wholesale "liberalization" of the country and culture in regard to marijuana use in Belize.

"The exact word of Minister Musa, on a program called Taboo, was that his objective was to legalize recreation marijuana absolutely, no restrictions, if he would have his way. So the current agenda is an ultra-liberalization of drugs in Belize. There is no way we will endorse that," Wade said.

Those remarks were made by Wade in response to a question posed by AMANDALA regarding the church's position on the legalization of industrial hemp. It is well known that industrial hemp is the plant species of Cannabis that produces a non-psychoactive quantity of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). According to international standards, hemp plants contain 0.3 percent or less THC.

Wade, however, pointed to a challenge being faced by local hemp growers and those within the global hemp market: the difficulty in ensuring that the THC content in their hemp plants does not exceed 0.3 percent—which would result in those plants being classified as marijuana and thus being subject to destruction. He suggested that this was one of the key reasons for the push to legalize cannabis. "Whenever the plant passes the CBD test and the THC test, where the content is particular level then there are industrial uses for that product. The problem in Belize is the testing of hemp. One of the reasons why they are trying to legalize it is because the hemp industry in Belize is having a problem keeping the THC content below the legal level," Wade said. "This is why we cannot simply rubber-stamp the hemp industry in Belize, because we are unable to regulate it. There is a problem in the hemp industry in Belize right now, in industrial hemp, where the farmers are unable to control THC content. That is why the government is seeking to blanket-legalize marijuana, because then at that point the

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quantity of THC in your plant becomes irrelevant," Wade claimed.

However, when Minister of New Growth Industries, Hon. Kareem Musa, appeared on an episode of the Taboo talk show, that was produced by Color Blind production and aired in early May,

there are certain things that we still have to understand, that it is not full-blown legalization. We're not there yet," Hon. Musa had said.

Hon. Musa had also stated that some key objectives that GoB is aiming to achieve through legalization are increased revenue generation for the government, and the opening of mainstream cultivation for farmers who currently make a living through illegal cultivation of marijuana. The social equity license, which allows small players to become involved in the industry and which is included in Belize's draft legislation, is a novel one, Hon. Musa said. "We are one of the few countries in the world that actually have a social equity license, and I can tell you that in the US, a lot of the states are now following suit, because they realize that it's not just about big business. This thing has a social impact as well...," Hon. Musa said. All parties await the Governor-General, Dame Froyla Tzalam's release of the writ of referendum, which is expected to take place sometime before the end of this month.

and their household."

The efforts of the churches to convince members of the public to oppose the legalization of marijuana via a referendum vote, is taking place within a local legal framework that, according to the Bar Association, does not render the referendum results binding-meaning that the government is not legally required to comply with the results. When asked today by AMANDALA what the churches hope to achieve by the nonbinding demonstration of democracy, Pastor Wade responded that the government's course of action following the referendum will show its true colors.

"We did not elect demi-gods; we elected people who said they would be servants of the people, and I believe that should the people of Belize speak to say we do not want marijuana legalized, I believe that, whether or not the he gave a brief outline of the steps taken by the government to roll out an industry so far.

"The point is, we are now going to adult use, cannabis, and so we are not there at full legalization. What we are legalizing is the industry around it, and so we are creating all of these licenses, and so you do have to get a license in order to cultivate. You do need a license to be a dispensary, to be a security provider, to be a consumption lodge. And that's another thing, cause I heard you discussing smoking out in public. That is still not going to be legal, smoking in public... You still have to still smoke at a private residence or in a consumption lodge, and it does not mean that you can have any amount of cannabis that you want ... It's now 28 grams, and I know people might think that's a big jump... it really isn't. So,

## **GoB addresses concerns of private land owners in Toledo**

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Informed Consent) protocol — is in peril following a release from the government and a response letter from the Maya leaders regarding the interest of private land owners within communal lands.

The Government of Belize released a statement yesterday morning which indicates that private land owners and entities have made complaints to the government due to increasing concerns on the part of those landowners "that their private landowner rights are being infringed due to the Maya Land Rights Judgement of 2015."

"There is the perception that some alcaldes, village councils, and other Maya leaders have become emboldened in their dealings with private landowners," the release from GoB states.

Minister of Human Development and Indigenous People's Affairs, Hon. Dolores Balderamos Garcia, has stated that the Prime Minister, Hon, John Briceño, has since given some of those landowners an audience, and has been made aware of the key concerns of those parties. Those landowners, who have received titles to lands which neighbor or lie within communally owned territory, are now seeking to clarify their rights of ownership, and the Prime Minister has since directed the ministry to facilitate those landowners, some of whom have been contacted by the Ministry of Indigenous People's Affairs CEO, Tanya Santos, said Hon. Balderamos Garcia in an interview this week.

The statement released by the government remarks, "It is of grave concern to these landowners that some village leaders and Maya leaders are of the view that the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) Consent Order has bestowed absolute rights on them. While the Government of Belize fully recognizes the need to implement the ruling of Belize's highest court, the government must seek to achieve a balancing act between the customary land rights of Maya people and the right to private land ownership, both of which are protected by the Constitution."

The president of the Toledo Alcaldes Association (TAA), Domingo Bah, in a letter sent to Minister Balderamos Garcia, said that the release came as a surprise to the Maya leaders, since both sides had committed to desisting from issuing such public statements on matters as yet another divisive public statement, the Maya leaders are asking the government to recall and honor the commitment to constructive dialogue. In essence, they say that this release simply rehashes old and ongoing conflicts between the private landowners and the Maya communities.

The allegation against some Maya village leaders is that they have been aggressively attempting to infringe on the rights of private landowners who hold title to lands which they believe should be owned by Maya communities. The government release urges Maya leaders not to conduct themselves as if the private owners do not have rights but acknowledges that the Maya villages have a right to request that government and private landowners, "refrain from further surveys, leases and land transfers" until the legal framework is agreed upon and implemented.

"What village leaders and Maya leaders may NOT do is conduct themselves as if private owners do not continue to enjoy their rights of ownership to their land. Existing roadways, easements, shared access, etc. cannot arbitrarily be fettered by alcaldes and village chairmen as they see fit," the release states.

The letter to Minister Balderamos Garcia from the Toledo Alcalde Alliance (TAA) states that recommendations have been handed down by an expert witness to address these standing issues within the implementation process and that the statement issued by GoB provides no context of the history between the parties.

"The Government is aware that these are not new, or unexpected. Yet, the release presents these as exceptional and intrinsically unjust to private landowners, no matter of context, impact, or history between the parties," the letter from the TAA states.

The TAA further noted that courtappointed expert witness Dean Rosa Celorio issued clear recommendations to address the issues, but the Government has refused to implement those.

"It failed to inform the public that paragraph 4 of the Consent Order also states that the village's consent must be obtained before carrying out any activities on the lands claimed by a Maya village," the letter stated.

As previously mentioned, the release from GoB did note that "village leaders and Maya leaders are within their rights to respectfully request that government and private landowners refrain from further surveys, leases, and land transfers until a comprehensive legal framework can be adopted and administrative measures put in place." It further noted that these issues were not meant to be resolved with certainty by the parties and that a resolution mechanism to resolve the issues is a part of the implementation road map process. The letter from the TAA states, "As we work toward shifting our tone and manner of communication and rebuilding trust and confidence between the parties, it is extremely distressing and regrettable that the Government had issued this statement to the public without even attempting to inquire about these issues with us or address a particular dispute. The release simply makes broad and sweeping statements that present a

## Allyson Major's accused killer walks; Min. Musa: it doesn't end there

Police corporal Kent Martinez, who had been charged with manslaughter by negligence for the shooting death of wellknown teacher Allyson Major, was acquitted of all charges on Monday. But the quest for justice is not over, says Minister of Home Affairs, Kareem Musa.

Allyson Major, deceased

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Justice Ricardo O'Neil Sandcroft found Martinez not guilty of manslaughter by negligence due to insufficient evidenceindicating agreement with the no-case submission that had been made by Martinez's attorney, Oscar Selgado. Justice Sandcroft directed a jury of nine to return with a not-guilty verdict, stating, "Evidence must be sure so that the prosecution makes you

sure. Selgado made a no-case submission that the burden of proof was not met. So, you must return a not guilty verdict."

This was because ballistic evidence provided by the National Forensic Science Laboratory could not link Martinez to the bullet that caused Major's death. According to Oscar Selgado, pieces of the bullet that were removed from Major's body "did not bear sufficient description and information" to be compared to any of the shells that had been recovered at the scene of the shooting.

In response to the outcome of the trial, Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Kareem Musa has stated that he—much like Major's friends, family, and a vast percentage of the Belizean populace—is extremely disappointed.

"It certainly opens up a wound which has not at all healed. And to hear that, in fact, this officer who was charged is now able to walk free and that the family has not received the justice that they deserve, like I said, it's very disappointing to hear," said Hon. Musa in an interview on Tuesday.

Musa pointed out the fact that a critical piece of evidence had been deemed inadmissible in the trial: surveillance footage that allegedly shows an officer pointing his weapon in the direction of Allyson Major. As a result, the Minister is hoping that the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) can find grounds for the case to be appealed. "I would hope that the DPP would explore the possibility and take a very hard and serious look to see whether there was an error in law in denying the admissibility of that particular piece of evidence, which, like I said, would be very crucial in a case like this," he

stated.

During the interview, Minister Musa condemned the killing of Major along with the fact that, apart from being charged criminally, Corporal Martinez had not faced disciplinary action nor had any of the other officers who were involved in the shooting.

"There is also the issue of the tribunal disciplinary hearing possibly against not

just one but several officers, because I have no doubt in my mind, not a single doubt, that the police killed Allyson Major—not a doubt in my mind. I do not think a civilian was standing on the street side that day and fired a shot at Allyson Major. I do not think that," said Hon. Musa, who hopes that the police can continue to investigate the matter internally.

On July 16, 2019, Allyson Major was shot once in the head while driving his vehicle as he was chased by police officers down Regent Street in Belize City.

According to court papers, the police had reported that a "burgundy doublecolor van" was seen on George Street and that, upon following the van, they observed the driver throwing packages out of the vehicle. A chase ensued, during which shots were fired. Shortly after, the van crashed into a bus near the Swing Bridge, and Allyson Major was found inside, bleeding from the back of the head. He was later transported to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KHMH) but died a day later on Wednesday, July 17. No drugs or guns were found in his possession.

Several days later, Corporal Kent Martinez was arraigned and charged with manslaughter following an investigation by the Office of the DPP, which reportedly found that the bullet that caused Major's death came from Martinez's 9mm service weapon. Major's family is currently awaiting a date for a civil suit being filed against the Government of Belize for the unlawful killing. Hon. Kareem Musa—

affecting the Consent Order.

Readers would recall that at a recent CCJ hearing related to the process of implementing the FPIC protocol, the CCJ justices had lamented the acrimony that was evident in the statements made by the government of Belize and the Maya leaders-particularly remarks which tended to diminish the legitimacy of the role of the Maya Leaders Alliance as a representative of the Maya people in the implementation of the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) Protocol. The court had asked the parties to find a way to rebuild confidence in each other and directed that meetings be held to forward the finalization of the Implementation Road Map for the Consent Order.

No report has yet been issued on those sit-downs between the parties, and now, with this latest release being viewed skewed portrayal of the relationship between the village and these purported private landowners. "

The government, on the other hand, stated in its release that "The Government of Belize and all relevant ministries are committed to the protection of individual land rights, the recognition of Maya customary land tenure, and the processes that are Please turn to Page 43

necessary for balancing these competing interests where necessary. Additionally, the government is moving to put in place the legislative and administrative framework that the CCJ Consent ruling has directed. The government reiterates that it is vital that ALL parties concerned operate in a completely professional and respectful manner, thereby acknowledging the rights of one another.



## At least 6 dead in shooting at July 4 parade near Chicago

Officials in US city of Highland Park are still searching for the suspect after deadly attack at Independence Day event.

4 Jul 2022 At least six people have been killed and two others dozen injured in а shooting in а Chicago suburb, officials in the US city of Highland Park, Illinois, said after a gunman opened fire from a rooftop on an Independence Day

parade. Officials said

during a news conference on Monday that six people were dead and 24 were taken to hospital after the mid-morning attack, and that a rifle was recovered from the scene. A hospital spokesperson later reported 31 people were injured.

Hours after the shooting, authorities continued to search for the suspect, who was described as a white male wearing a white or blue T-shirt. Police later said they were searching for 22-year-old Robert E Crimo III, who they consider armed and dangerous.

Lake County Major Crime Task Force Spokesperson Christopher Covelli told reporters the gunman apparently used a "high-powered rifle" to fire from a spot atop a building where he was "very difficult to see".

"Very random, very intentional and a very sad day," Covelli said.

"We are aggressively looking for the individual who's responsible," he added. "He could be in the city. He could be



Witnesses described people screaming and fleeing the scene of Monday's attack [Nam Y Huh/AP Photo]

somewhere else."

The shooting comes as the United States struggles to stem a surge in gun violence and after a string of recent deadly incidents, including a massacre at a Texas primary school, has renewed calls for stricter gun regulations in the country.

The attack in Highland Park, a community of about 30,000 residents some 40km (25 miles) north of Chicago, Illinois, sent hundreds of parade attendees – some visibly bloodied – fleeing, with many leaving behind chairs, baby strollers and blankets.

Witnesses described seeing bloodied bodies covered with blankets.

Full article can be viewed at https:// www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/7/4/5dead-as-gunfire-erupts-at-july-4thparade-near-chicago

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who was previously the attorney representing the family in the suit—has

this and then the following day be able to walk on the streets in your uniform again. That is not acceptable," he said. Back in 2019, Corporal Martinez was

## SFXCU placed under enhanced surveillance by Central Bank

An independent auditor has been appointed by the regulator.

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supervision by the Central Bank.

"SFXCU was informed that they are being put under enhanced supervision. The credit union was also informed of the appointment of an independent auditor to look into deficiencies highlighted during an audit report that was shared at SFXCU 2022 AGM," the letter states.

There has been an ever-widening rift within the credit union that followed the previous board's decision in April to not renew the contract of the credit union's general manager, Rafael Dominguez, Sr. Claims of mismanagement had been made by the board at that time. When the credit union's AGM was held on Sunday, June 26, however, the members of the credit union unanimously voted for the reinstatement of Dominguez, Sr., and the majority of those members who attended the AGM also selected persons who were on Dominguez's team to fill posts on the credit union's board of directors, as well as its credit committee and supervisory committee. That newly

elected board, however, has been accused of unfairly suspending 14 workers, and the staff at the credit union had, in response, staged a walkout last week.

Dominguez, Sr., will now be under supervision, starting July 6, as a part of the enhanced surveillance at the credit union, which is being asked to ensure full collaboration with the regulator and appointed auditor on any request for information, documents, or reports.

The Belize Credit Union League (BCUL), in its internal correspondence to the board, said that they stand ready to aid the credit union, which is also a member of the league, "to assist in ensuring the credit union remains a stable, viable financial option for its members and the community it serves."

As mentioned, last week, protests were staged in Corozal, led by the head office manager, Elvis Canul, who said he was standing in solidarity with staff members who were reportedly placed on suspension by Dominguez wrongfully. The walkout was followed by a protest march the following day.

## Another murder in Lake I

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the house after he opened the door. According to initial police reports, when King opened the front door of the house, someone entered the living room area and fired two shots at his back. When police arrived at the scene moments later, they found a motionless King, with two gunshot wounds, bent over a sofa inside the home. While canvassing the area, police found three expended shells.

King's sister, Shakera Reyna-Forrester, has indicated that the house where her brother was killed was not his, but that he had been residing there with his common-law wife. Forrester also told reporters that although her brother had a couple of run-ins with several individuals, he hadn't told his family about any threats that had been made to his life.

"Tyrone has had run-in with people, and I would say as a family we would talk; he would share, but it's not as if he came to us and said x person wanted me dead or y has it out for me. But we know that, of course, he did not make the best decisions in life, but we don't know who exactly is responsible. We don't know why they would want to do it. Everything is just up in the air for us right now,' Forrester said. This isn't the first time King's family has lost a loved one due to gun violence. Back in 2016, Forrester's only child, Tyler Savery, a 7-year-old, was killed while he was on a bicycle being ridden by his cousin, Porshan Pipersburgh, 21, as they headed to Moon Clusters café at the end of the school day. And two years before the child's tragic death, Savery's father, Leon Savery, was also killed near Saint Mary's Primary School.

Recently, Forrester's other brother, Aaron, passed away due to natural causes; however, in 2017 he was also the victim of a shooting, but survived that attempt to take his life.

"... in 2017 Aaron was shot eight times, and by God's grace he survived, then he became ill and he recently passed. And now, we have Tyrone passing, and now we had in 2016 Tyler and before that, we had his dad. So the family has experienced quite an amount of blow...," Forrester told reporters.

Forrester further told members of the local media that she doesn't expect much justice to be served to the family by the country's law enforcement personnel and judicial system, since that system failed her previously after the death of her only son and will likely fail her again in the aftermath of her brother's death.

"I expect nothing of them, because they have done nothing for us, and they keep doing nothing for us... In fact, I could tell you that, I wasn't here last night when my brother was shot. I wasn't in the house where he was when he was attacked. But I was able to see the exact position that my brother was in when he was gunned down. I was able to see exactly how many bullet holes [were] on his body. I was able to see the entire crime scene, even though I was not there, and why was that? Because we have police officers leaking pictures of the murder victims on their personal phones, on whatever group chat they are in. So if you're asking me, what do I expect? I expect nothing, the same way they did nothing for Tyler who died innocently," she said. Police are currently conducting an investigation in an effort to determine the motive for the murder of King.

said that, regardless of this most recent verdict, it is not too late for Martinez, as well as the other officers who were involved in the incident, to face disciplinary action:

"The question is, why did the department not take any action back then three years ago against this officer-or these officers? Like I said, it was not just one officer chasing after Allyson Major-maybe it was one officer who shot him, but several vehicles were in chase of Allyson Major that day, and so we have to look at that and to see who should be charged. It's not too late for that-to charge them tribunally. Because the last message that I would want to send, even though this did not happen under our term in office, the last message that I would want to send as Minister is that it is okay for you to kill someone unjustifiably like

represented by attorney Richard "Dickie" Bradley, who had the following to say:

"When things like that happen, the decent thing to do in our society is that the authorities are to publicly apologize for the loss of life. They should not put the family through any lengthy court proceedings...pay compensation to the family...for losing a father and a husband. That is the proper, decent thing to do."

The court verdict, which has proven devastating to the Major family, comes just a few days before the first anniversary of the murder of another civilian at the hands of a police officer. On July 14, 2021, teenager Laddie Gillett was shot and killed while on a beach in Placencia, allegedly by police officer Kareem Martinez. That officer was dismissed and is awaiting trial.







## Public Utilities Commission



## **Public Notice**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Utilities Commission Act, Chapter 223 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity (Tariffs, Fees and Charges) Byelaws, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC; the Commission) hereby notifies the general public that on June 30, 2022, it made the **Belize Electricity Limited 2022 Annual Review Proceeding Final Decision** (hereinafter referred to as "the Final Decision") for the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL; the Licensee).

## Summary of the Final Decision:

- a) The Commission approved various adjustments to Cost of Power, Regulated Asset Value (RAV) and other Regulated Values approved for the Full Tariff Period of July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2024. There has been no adjustments to any other previously approved Tariffs, Fees and Charges.
- b) The Commission approved a Mean Electricity Rate (MER) of \$0.3999 per kilowatt-hour, which is unchanged from the previous approved MER in the 2021 ATRP Final Decision. As a result, there will be no change in rates payable by consumers.
- c) The Commission approved the following Tariffs to be applied for the Annual Tariff Period (ATP) of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024:

Customer Class	Service Type/ Consumption Block	Rate/Tariff \$/Mth; \$/KVA; \$/KWhr
Social	0 - 60 KWhrs	0.22
	Minimum Charge	5.00
esidential	0 - 50 KWhrs	0.33
	51 - 200 KWhrs	0.38
	> 200 KWhrs	0.43
	Minimum Charge	10.00
Commercial 1	0 - 50 KWhrs	0.33
	51 - 200 KWhrs	0.38
	> 200 KWhrs	0.43
	Minimum Charge	10.00
Commercial 2	Service Charge	150.00
	0-10,000 KWhrs	0.41
	10,001-20,000 KWhrs	0.39
	> 20,000 KWhrs	0.38
ndustrial 1	Service Charge	250.00
	Demand (KVA)	35.82
	Energy	0.30
ndustrial 2	Service Charge	250.00
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	Energy	0.26
Street Lights	Energy	0.45

#### Schedule 6 Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) Approved Tariffs for Full Tariff Period (FTP) - July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2024

## Viewing of Final Decision:

The Final Decision may be viewed in its entirety at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission at #4 Princess Margret Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Marina Towers, Belize City, or on the PUC Website at www.puc.bz.

Issued by the Public Utilities Commission on June 30, 2022