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Pharmacy Express withdraws SSB loan application

Controlled drugs were removed from two of the four drugstores located at the Fort Street Tourism Village (and owned by Pharmacy Express), which were searched by police and Ministry of Health officials. Their attorney, who called the search illegal, said that a closure order had been issued to the drugstores by the Health Ministry.

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Aug. 11, 2022

Yesterday, the Fort Street Tourism Village was the scene of a stunning Ministry of Health and Wellness inspection that looked and felt more like a police bust. The raid, which took place at four pharmacies in the Tourism Village, and which ultimately involved police officers brandishing warrants, and the prying open of locked drawers for which there seemingly were no available keys, was a sensational new turn following a series of intriguing moves within the Health



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Waterloo resubmits EIA to DOE

by Khaila Gentle

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In December 2021, the proposal for the expansion of the Port of Belize Limited and construction of a cruise terminal and cruise tourism village by Waterloo Investment Holdings—a company reportedly owned by Lord Michael Ashcroft—was rejected after its Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was denied approval by the



National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC). A notice issued by the Department of the Environment

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Dr. Zabaneh: Belize firmly supports Taiwan

by Khaila Gentle

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Aug. 11, 2022

Longstanding tension between Taiwan (formally known as the Republic of China, Taiwan) and China (the People's Republic of China (ROC)) has escalated in the past few weeks following the Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi's controversial visit to Taiwan. The congresswoman's visit on Tuesday, August 2, took place as part of a tour of Asia by US Congress, though a stop in Taiwan was not officially on her itinerary.

It was the first time in twenty-five years that a US House Speaker had visited the island nation and was precluded by numerous threats of retaliation from China. Since then, China has increased its military operations near Taiwan.

Just this Wednesday, eleven Chinese



Hon. Dr. Louis Zabaneh – Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Culture, Science & Technology (MoECST)

warplanes crossed the Taiwan Strait

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BMP councilors oppose appointment of deputy mayor without vote

BELMOPAN, Thurs. Aug. 11, 2022

There seems to be some tension between the leadership and the councilors of the Belmopan City Council. Two opposing press releases were issued on the same day by the council—one sent out by the Office of the Mayor, announcing the appointment of a new deputy mayor, and another by “the Councilors”, who rejected the appointment. The issue is over Mayor Sharon Palacio's decision to name

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Ladyville woman, 66, and family of 10 displaced by arson

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A 66-year-old woman and her family in Ladyville are being assisted by NEMO after their home, which contained all their belongings, was destroyed by a fire allegedly set by the matriarch's estranged lover. The fire occurred on the same day that Marie Lamothe, 66, celebrated her birthday with her loved ones, who all live as an extended family at their Ladyville home, a two-story structure where the elderly woman resides in the lower flat, and other members of the extended family

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IMPACT Justice supports Belize's constitutional reform



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The current laws of Belize are being reviewed with the assistance of the Improved Access to Justice in the Caribbean (IMPACT Justice) project and the Regional Law Revision Center Inc., a non-profit organization located in Anguilla. The exercise, which is being funded by the Canadian government, started on June 23 and is expected to be completed by March 2023. This study of our laws will complement the work of the People's Constitutional Reform Commission and will assist in pinpointing areas in need of improvement.

The joint release issued today by the University of the West Indies and IMPACT Justice states, "In requesting the assistance of IMPACT Justice in this exercise, Hon. Magali Young, SC, Attorney General of Belize, mentioned that since these laws had not been revised in over 18 years, it was of critical importance that the exercise be undertaken in order to improve not only the efficiency of the legal system but also ensure certainty of the law for citizens, legal practitioners, and even law enforcement."

The IMPACT Justice project is being implemented through the Caribbean Law Institute Center from inside UWI's Faculty of Law and has been in operation for almost 10 years with funding from the Canadian government. The support of the body

will aid our process of law revision in the country.

Of note, the organization has also donated legal books to 11 Magistrate's Courts across the country. This is in line with a recommendation that was made following a study of the Magistrate's Courts in Belize which was conducted by the organization. The *Situational Analysis of the Magistrate's Courts of Belize* was commissioned by Attorney General Magali Marin Young SC, in mid-2021 and was released in March of this year.

The study included a site visit to the lower courts and published recommendations suggesting that new magistrates be provided some sort of mentorship and guidelines, that online subscriptions of legal resources and digital recording equipment be purchased, and that a digital payment system be put in place.

An article published in March 2022 by www.Caribbeannewsglobal.com states, "Another key recommendation, which will be undertaken with the assistance of the IMPACT Justice Project, is the purchase of certain key legal materials for the use of magistrates at all of the Magistrate's Courts."

They have since made steps to forward this recommendation.

"In total, 88 books (8 per Magistrate's Court) have been purchased on topics including the Interpretation of Contracts, Commonwealth Caribbean Criminal Practice and Procedure, Commonwealth Caribbean Property Law, Commonwealth Caribbean Tort Law, Commonwealth Caribbean Family Law, Commonwealth Caribbean Land Law, Criminal Evidence and Money Laundering," the release, issued this evening, states.

Cop caught on camera trafficking Corona

The police officer can be seen on a Tik Tok video carrying crates of what seems to be beer across the Belize/Guatemala border near Arenal village. A Corona beer logo can clearly be seen on one of the crates.



Police officer transporting cases of Corona

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Aug. 11, 2022

In a Tik Tok video that was posted on Tuesday night, a person who appears to be a police officer can be seen carrying contraband beer during the daytime across the Belize-Guatemala border at Arenal, which is located in Cayo and straddles the border between the two countries. The video shows the officer with his arms around crates on which the Corona beer logo can be seen as he lumbers along an uphill path at the border crossing. In the video there is a Spanish caption. The English translation of that caption is, "how when the police say 'don't contraband'".

The Tik Tok video was subsequently uploaded to other social media.

The Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, after viewing the low-resolution video, has said that the police believe they know the identity of the officer, who was dressed in a camouflage uniform known to be

Tracey Betancourt still wanted for murder

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Aug. 9, 2022

San Pedro resident Tracey Betancourt is still wanted by the police for murder of American businessman Lamont 'Monty' Lipka. Last month, on July 28, the Supreme Court case against Betancourt, 25, and 38-year-old Leon Walford concluded, with both being found guilty. Betancourt, however, who was out on a fifty-thousand dollar bail, was not present in court when the verdict was delivered. Since then, police have been unable to locate Betancourt, and she remains a fugitive.

Lamont Lipka was the owner of Tropicana Bar and Grill in San Pedro Town. He was brutally killed, in front of workers and patrons, on May 13, 2018 when a gunman—eventually identified as Walford—walked into the restaurant, located on Coconut Drive, and shot him in the head, neck, chest, abdomen, and arms.

In November of that year, Tracey Betancourt was arrested and charged for Lipka's murder and conspiracy to commit murder, with ASP Alejandro Cowo stating during a police brief that there was sufficient evidence tying Betancourt, then 21 years old, to the murder. Shortly after, police located and



Tracey Betancourt – wanted by police

arrested Walford for the shooting as well.

Betancourt is no stranger to the law, having been charged for drug trafficking in September 2016 and for keeping ammunition without a gun license in 2017.

A flyer from Crime Stoppers Belize notes that there is a warrant of arrest out for the 25-year-old and asks members of the public to be on the lookout for her. Those with any information about her whereabouts are asked to call Crime Stoppers at 922, or to contact police at the nearest police station or use the P3 App.

Belize Business Bureau applauds GoB for its new policies

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 10, 2022

The Belize Business Bureau says that recent transformative policies implemented by the Government of Belize will be "the hallmark" of the Briceño administration's first term in office.

In a recent press release, the Bureau commended the Government for the reduction of public debt from 133% to 89% of GDP, the "inclusion of all sectors" in the constitutional reform process, and especially the promotion of growth of small businesses through its recent MSME strategy and roadshow.

The president of the Belize Business Bureau, Arturo Lizarraga, told the media this week that the new policies being rolled out by the government reflect its listening ability—in the case of constitutional reform—as well as its fiscal management skills, in the case of the reduction of public debt.

"It's transformative, because we've been in a downturn. We've been in a state of shock for many years. It's not two years of COVID. It's almost like fifteen," said Lizarraga.

He then noted that during the last administration, a greater focus was placed on the nationalization of large companies—BTL and BEL—as opposed to supporting small businesses.

In its press release, the Belize Business Bureau also proposes that the Government take its MSME strategy even further by holding off on taxes and GST for MSMEs during their first four years



Arturo Lizarraga – President, Belize Business Bureau

in operation as well as providing them access to duty exemption. According to the BBB, these additional policies would spur investments, lower risks, and improve profitability for small business owners. They could also push businesses in the informal sector to enter the formal sector, which would "create a larger tax base with data—big data—on how small businesses are growing the economy."

The Bureau's president, in speaking with the media, also expressed the organization's full support of the proposed increase in the minimum wage from \$3.30 to \$5.00 per hour. This differs from the stance of the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which has stated that it supports the increase but has expressed the view that it should be done in phases and with certain conditions.

"You have to embrace the Chamber's willingness to want to wait and protect big businesses on that not implementing the \$5. The Business Bureau's role is very clear—give them the 5 bucks. Stop delaying," Lizarraga said.

worn by the Special Patrol Unit. He further said that he has called on the Professional Standards Branch to investigate the matter.

BDF soldiers get land titles

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Aug. 11, 2022

On Thursday and Friday of last week, the Ministry of Natural Resources, which has been hosting mobile clinics at various locations in the country, to provide Lands Department services to members of the community who might find it difficult to travel to Belmopan to access such services, took its mobile operation to Price Barracks in Ladyville—the headquarters of the Belize Defence Force (BDF). At the end of the clinic on Friday, over 200 soldiers and civilian staff of the BDF, as well as 150 police officers and members of the Belize Coast Guard, had received the assistance needed to purchase their land title at the clinic. It was a fulfillment of a promise that had been made to them by the Minister of Natural Resources, Hon. Cordel Hyde.

He had explained to local media last week what prompted his decision to host a mobile clinic especially for members of the country's military. "The birth of this is a few months ago at our Sandhill land clinic. The BDF came out in droves. It must have been a couple buses of them, and so we promised them that they don't need to subject themselves to that, that we'll bring a special operation for them here. I don't think they believed. We've put it off a couple times, but we're here, and really it's about giving them a special treatment, because what we are going to do is, we are issuing purchase price approvals for them, and then they are going to pay, because they've said they had the money to pay, so they're going to pay immediately and apply for title immediately, and so we are hoping that by tomorrow to issue the titles to these folks," he told a local reporter on Thursday.

He further noted, "We understand that they don't have the time to chase their land matters. They're very busy. They're dispatched all over the country in very remote places, and it's impossible for them to spend the time and the energy to chase down their matters. As it turns out, some of the officers we were able to help are retired officers. They are retired and were not able to complete their land transaction, so we consider this to be a very big deal, and we're happy that we had this opportunity to fulfill that promise."

Chief of Staff at the BDF, Lt. Col.



Hon. Cordel Hyde, Minister of Natural Resources

Jermaine Burns, was one of the soldiers who received a land title. "It wasn't a few minutes ago when I received my title that it felt really good to see the level of commitment that our government has put into today's activities to see the projects through, because we have cited these areas for over the past three years and we've been trying in and out to try and get the soldiers something, some sort of benefit for serving the country, and I'm glad today that we've done that. I'm glad to do that; I have capitalized on the process to secure one of these for myself," he said.

"I feel privileged and blessed that the ministry took the initiative to bring it here to us as soldiers, because due to our schedule and operations we don't have the time like others to go out, so it's good that they brought it here. And it's not only one day. They made it a two-day event so soldiers that couldn't make it yesterday made it today. They made the process much easier for us," Cpl Jereen Chun, a member of the BDF, told local media on Thursday.

"Finally getting land for myself, it's been a good experience. For a while, it seems like it was going a long period, but eventually, it came to fruition. Better than going to Belmopan or going to Belize City and going through that long process. This clinic helped a lot in speeding up the process for us," said Cpt. Pierce Coleman, a BDF pilot.

Minister of Defence and Border Security, Hon. Florencio Marin, Jr., has also publicly applauded the initiative.

Plans are also reportedly being made to host a mobile clinic especially for members of the Belize Coast Guard.

Dr. Zabaneh: Belize firmly _

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median line into Taiwan air space, according to its Ministry of National Defense. Before that, China had launched live-fire missile tests in close proximity to the island.

At present, there are some 300 Belizeans residing in Taiwan, a large number of whom are students. And while there is currently no imminent threat of direct military action by the People's Republic of China against Taiwan, the Government of Belize—and many others—has expressed its unwavering support for its ally. Today, during an interview at the Belize Best Western Biltmore Plaza, Dr. Louis Zabaneh, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and

Technology, reiterated the government's stance.

"We have our ambassador who is in Taiwan, and she is in close contact with the students on a regular basis. In fact, that's one of the functions of our embassy—it's to look out for our citizens who are in Taiwan. But we've heard our Foreign Minister make it very clear that we are fully supportive of Taiwan's sovereignty and independence," said Dr. Zabaneh.

Dr. Zabaneh's statement was made just as other allies of Taiwan were voicing their support, including the Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Ralph Gonsalves, who, according to *Taiwan News*, condemned China's military drills during his recent visit to the ROC.

CITCO Youth Innovation summer camp ends

150 kids from various parts of the city were given certificates for completing CITCO's Youth Innovation Incubator Summer Camp.

by Charles Gladden

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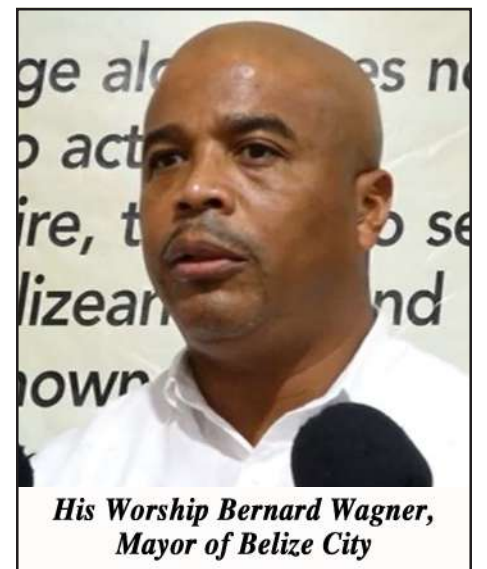
To conclude the Belize City Council's Youth Innovation Incubator Summer Program, which was organized by the Belize CITCO, along with its partners from the central government and the private sector, 150 kids from all parts of the city were awarded certificates for completing the month-long activities.

The summer program was aimed at providing participants with an opportunity to educate themselves on subjects such as financial literacy, leadership skills and music, free of cost.

On Wednesday, August 11, members of the local media were present at the House of Culture when the camp's closing ceremonies took place, during which camp participants were recognized for their involvement.

"Normally, summer programs would just have that sporting component, but we wanted to be a broad-based type of summer, where you not only have the sporting component, but you have the self-development process as well. You have music, [and] swimming, and you have been able to self-development—all of that types of areas we were looking at. And so, when we did this program here, it was to engage over 150 kids in our community throughout those four weeks. But clearly, from the outcome today, we can see we made an impact with our youths," said Mayor of Belize City, Bernard Wagner.

Mayor Wagner highlighted the escalating crime in the city—much of which is being carried out by gang members, and he noted that initiatives such as the Youth Innovation Incubator Summer Camp is a way of preventing young ones from possibly embarking on



His Worship Bernard Wagner, Mayor of Belize City

such a path.

"We recognized there is this issue with gangs in our communities ... [a] huge amount of gangs. We want to be able to assist in this area by attacking it from the early stage. You have to be able to change the mindset of our kids, of our youths, providing avenues, [and] providing social programs. This gang warfare is not good for the city; it is not good for the country. It is a process where it can only get worse, and so we as leaders in our community have to be able to stop it at the point, engage our kids, engage the kids from the different neighborhoods [and] have them understand that, listen, all of us feel the same pain. All of us feel the same challenges. Why would you growing up, as you turn from a child to a youth, begin to harbor this hate? That is what is happening in our community. There is this strong hatred in our community, and it [crosses] political lines, it crosses communities; it is rampant in the urban areas. And so we at the municipal level, want to be certain in changing that mindset," said Mayor Wagner.

Ladyville woman, 66, and family of 10 displaced by arson

The home of Marie Lamothe, 66, was burned to the ground on her birthday by her ex-lover, who reportedly set the family home on fire after an argument.

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live upstairs. Ten persons in total are left without a home following the fire on Tuesday night.

An argument between the woman and her ex-common-law husband is what is believed to have prompted him to set the fire. He had threatened that he would burn down the house, according to Gabriela Lamothe, Marie Lamothe's daughter, who also had to escape from the home. Ronaldo Sebastian thankfully awoke in the heat of the fire and was able to alert the rest of his relatives, after first bolting to secure his grandmother.

They are certain that Lamothe's ex-common-law husband committed the crime, and the matriarch has since been in conversation with police over the incident. The chairman of the village told

local media that the family would be accommodated in a house for at least a month or two until they can pick up the pieces of their lives.

The elder woman and her granddaughter have been sleeping in a makeshift tent, while the others slept in an old vehicle that was in the yard, as they tried to stay dry during the constant rains the country experienced this week. They are asking the public for any contributions that can help them get back on their feet, since everything they owned was destroyed in the fire.

"For right now the neighbour and NEMO is trying to help her out and lend her a house for the meanwhile across from where she lives. NEMO is helping her with mattress and little stuff to get together. But if anybody else could come in and give something like groceries, because she lost everything. It's really sad, but I'm a person that believe in God and to me the most important thing is that my mom and my family is safe," Gabriela told a local reporter.

There has been no indication whether the man believed to be the arsonist has yet been detained by police.

Female parliamentarians demand apology from PlusTV

Plus TV host and owner, Louis Wade has been criticized for what some have called offensive language used on his morning talk show.

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 10, 2022

The Women Parliamentarians Caucus has written to the board of the Belize Broadcasting Authority (BBA) to condemn the use of offensive language by PlusTV talk show host Louis Wade on the morning of July 25 on the show *Rise N Shine*. Wade, who is a member of the BBA as well as the elected media representative set to sit on the People's Constitutional Commission, had been addressing the recent backlash surrounding his appointment to that constitutional reform body when he used a phrase which some have deemed offensive and in poor taste.

He is quoted as saying, "Nation-building is for giants, not—wussies".

The Caucus is demanding an apology from the Belmopan media house, and, in addition to writing the Belize Broadcasting Authority, issued a press release, stating:

"The Caucus takes this opportunity to remind all those in leadership roles that to use words associated with the genitalia of women to convey weakness, or a cowardly man, or being 'less than a giant,' is offensive, disrespectful, discriminatory, and continues the patriarchal narrative that women are weaker than men."

The term used by Wade, noted the Caucus, is one that has misogynistic connotations and one that is also

unacceptable to use in reference to members of the LGBT community.

"We call on PlusTV to issue a public apology for the use of the word on its media," said the release.

Included in the letter to the BBA, written by Hon. Valerie Woods, who is the interim chair of the Caucus and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, are the Terms and Conditions for on-air television licenses issued by the BBA, which states that licensees should "exercise care and discretion" to ensure that the programs broadcasted do not include lewd, perverse, or sexually explicit material that promotes "crime and public disorder".

Guideline 17 of the Terms and Conditions also states that licensees should organize programming with "a sense of good taste and a desire to positively educate and entertain people of Belize of various ages and cultures."

"It has been two (2) weeks since this incident occurred on PlusTV with no retraction, apology from the media house nor any corrective action from the BBA," states the letter.

The Women Parliamentarians Caucus was established by female members of the country's National Assembly in February of this year. It includes members of both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Waterloo resubmits EIA to DOE

The owners of the Port of Belize Limited have resubmitted their EIA to the Department of the Environment for approval. A third public consultation is expected to be held—despite members of the public rejecting the proposed development on numerous occasions.

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(DOE) this week has revealed, however, that the Port has resubmitted an application for review of its EIA to the Department.

The notice informs the public that the document is available for viewing at the Port Loyola Library, National Library Service, Leo Bradley Library, and Turton Library Center, all in Belize City, and invites persons to submit their comments regarding the report to the DOE by September 2. It also notes that a public consultation will be held at the Best Western Biltmore Plaza Hotel on September 1 at 6:30 p.m.

When the NEAC first rejected Waterloo's proposal in 2021, it cited six reasons, including the fact that insufficient consultations had been held with the population living nearest the proposed site.

Earlier that year, the UBAD Educational Foundation (UEF) visited the Port Loyola community and conducted interviews to assess how informed residents were on the proposed development. Most persons knew little to nothing about the project and even less about its possible effects on the community.

In an article dated Thursday, July 7, 2022, we made reference to remarks made by chairperson of UEF, Sista Yaya Marin Coleman, who, during an

AMANDALA interview, pointed out that, when it comes to discussing the proposed development, the people who are set to be directly affected—those in Port Loyola—often remain voiceless, while all other entities, including the investors and the government, get their say.

The proposed expansion at the Port of Belize Ltd., expected to cost around BZ \$400 million, has been lauded by developers as an opportunity for employment, economic growth, and a boost in tourism. Despite this, environmental advocates, NGOs, and concerned members of the public have raised numerous concerns over the years about the potential environmental and social impacts that development will have on the surrounding communities and the ecosystem. Most notably, the large-scale dredging and the dumping of dredged material could severely impact the surrounding environment, so much so that even the Belize Water Services Limited (BWS) has openly rejected the proposal.

In July 2020, Waterloo Investment Holdings made its first attempt at conducting a public consultation, during which most in attendance gave a resounding "no" in response to the project. A second consultation was held in September 2021, and the proposed development received just as much opposition as it did the year before.

BMP councilors oppose appointment of deputy mayor without vote

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councilor Pauline Soberanis-Tillett as the new Deputy Mayor of Belmopan, to replace councilor Daren Swasey.

The issue is, however, that a vote was not carried out prior to the appointment, in accordance with the Belmopan City Council Act, Section 19 (2) (e).

"The Councilors hereby inform the residents of Belmopan that this decision was not made in accordance with the Belmopan City Council Act Section 19(2)(e) which, through a decision of the Caucus, decided that appointments must be made by vote of the entire council. Furthermore, the term of the current Deputy Mayor Daren Swasey is still in effect until September 2022. We vehemently oppose the dictatorial appointment of a new Deputy Mayor," the release from the councilors stated.

Interestingly, the person named as the appointee to occupy the Belmopan deputy mayor post, Pauline Soberanis-Tillett, has also declined to take the post. "We did not have a meeting, voting or anything for me to have been elected; therefore, I decline," she has stated.

There is currently no indication what led Mayor Palacio to make this announcement regarding the



Pauline Soberanis-Tillett, rejects Deputy Mayor appointment

appointment of Soberanis-Tillett, but it is a decision that has so far backfired. Among a flurry of comments posted by the public on social media following the announcement, was a statement by Simeon Lopez, the former mayor of Belmopan, who remarked, "The Mayor has no authority to unilaterally appoint the Deputy."



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Population growth and race/ethnicity concerns

The Ministry of Immigration announced recently that a surprisingly low number of persons who are illegally in Belize had applied to have their status regularized through a special amnesty program that began last month; however, when the program is completed, the ministry expects that between 40,000 and 60,000 persons, mostly from Central America, will have availed themselves of the opportunity to come out of the shadows. After their statuses are regularized, individuals will have the opportunity to apply to become full citizens. If the number anticipated by the GOB is realized, and they all move on to citizenship, in a short period the number of citizens in Belize will have expanded by more than 10%.

Colonial Belize (British Honduras) aimed for a population of 300,000 by 1975, but in that year our population was only 133,000 persons. It was more than a quarter century later, in 2007, that our population reached 300,000. Allen D. Bushong, in the online book published by the University of Florida, *AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT IN BRITISH HONDURAS: A GEOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION OF ITS DEVELOPMENT*, says in 1959 the Downie Report, a study commissioned by the government, projected that for Belize to be viable as a country, its population would need to increase at a rate of 14,000 persons yearly.

Bushong said that there were numerous studies on our "under population problem" prior to the Downie report, and they all looked to the Caribbean, particularly to densely populated Jamaica, for people to increase our population. According to Bushong, between 1953 and 1957 "the average number of arrivals and departures was 149 and 67 per year for an average yearly net gain of 82." The bar for entry into Belize might have been set too high. Immigrants had to engage in

agriculture; make a deposit of US\$84; have the funds to buy/lease a parcel and develop it; build a house; have a police certificate of character; and on top of that the authorities considered "a minimum sum of US\$1,400 per person proof" that they would not become "a financial burden on the colonial government."

Bushong said an estimated 200 to 300 Central Americans crossed "freely back and forth" daily to work in the timber industry, but there were no official records to show whether the country experienced "a net gain or loss from such relatively short-distance migration."

Census reports suggest that Central Americans didn't find Belize an especially attractive place to live during the colonial period. Our attractiveness as a home for Central Americans increased when Guatemala and El Salvador were ravaged by civil wars, and those who had aims to reach the United States discovered that we were a good place from which to launch attempts at US entry. Over the last four decades, thousands of immigrants have come to Belize, mostly from Central America, and that has

contributed greatly to a near tripling of our population, from 144,000 in 1980 to an estimated 400,000 at this time.

There is much to be gained from a larger population, the greatest positive by far being increased economic opportunities. With a larger market, Belize's manufacturers will be more competitive; the cost of producing goods will be lower, the profits greater. Those in the arts and entertainment sector would also benefit from an expanded local market for their products.

There are disadvantages to a larger population, and these include more stress on environmental resources — our forests, our wildlife, our marine stock, our water quality; more demand on public schools and hospitals; and the end of the laid-back world that many of us cherish, the world where everyone knows everyone. One "cost" of immigration-led growth is the change in the racial makeup, and in Belize the Afro group has seen a dramatic fall as a percentage of the population. In 1980, 39.7% of Belize's population was Creole/Kriol, and in the last census it had fallen to 24.9%; in 1980, 7% of Belizeans were Garifuna, and that has fallen to 6.1%.

The change in Belize's racial makeup, from Afro to Mestizo/Maya, is inevitable; only the rate of that change is controllable. We are a country with strong Caribbean roots, but we are far from the Caribbean islands; we have strong Mestizo/Mayan roots, and we are near to countries with millions of Mestizo/Mayan people.

No racial majority ever gave up its place as meekly as Afro Belizeans have. In the US, a country that has been European-dominated ever since that group massacred and started displacing the Plains Indians of North America around two hundred years ago, the inevitable flow of non-European peoples from countries south of the Rio Grande has met great resistance. Those who are genetically European are using the ballot, stiff immigration laws, and a wall to protect their majority.

Of great concern to Belizeans is the impact on the local culture, which could get run over if the influx of new peoples is too rapid. Belize is just about the most unique country in the world. Our culture began forming over 300 hundred years ago, and it became more flavorful during the last 200 years with the infusion of many races/ethnic groups from across the globe who, to escape war and economic deprivation, came to this "tranquil haven of democracy."

The process was slow, and while not as perfect as well-seasoned beans cooked over slow fire, our melting pot of peoples is a special thing. Largely, we go to the polls, and the color of a candidate's party flag is far more important than the color of their skin. Largely, there is intermarriage between the races/ethnicities, though members of those groups that came after the first Great War don't usually marry members of the Afro groups.

To preserve, improve what we have, we must face the issues that confront us. Our failure to properly address the poverty in some areas, particularly in parts of the old capital, threatens the welfare of all. A caller to the WuB morning show noted that many employers in Belize now demand that applicants for jobs be conversant in both English and Spanish. This is a concern (to Belizeans who only speak English) that is not too difficult to address. The language of government is English, and being an English-speaking country in this region is not only unique, it's an advantage. We need to talk about these things.

Regularizing the thousands who are here illegally is the humane thing to do, the Belizean thing to do, but we must be careful "how we do it." We mustn't hide our heads in the sand. American television is like the invasion of a foreign army of 10,000, one of our former leaders said. If the "regularizing" isn't properly managed, in a few years Belize won't look like the country we know today. Some change is good. But we don't want to lose our unique flavor.



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Gagged man in viral video denies abuse allegations

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A video of a man gagged and tied up by a woman who appeared to be his common-law wife went viral on social media this week. The woman accused the man of sexually abusing their child, and had him bound by the hands and feet at knifepoint. The visibly distraught individual, since identified as Dorian Anderson, 35, has publicly denied the allegations made against him in the video – which, according to reports, is at least two months old.

The incident took place in Ladyville. Anderson, who has described the allegations against him as baseless and



Viral video Dorian Anderson

praised for taking justice into her own hands. But now many are questioning the validity of her story. The police will be left to determine whether or not her claims are true, since Anderson, the man seen tied up in the video, has filed a report against the woman, who remains

untrue, told local media that he had gone to the home to deliver some money to the woman when the incident took place. He has further claimed that she, the mother of his child, stole the entire contents of his wallet following the incident.

Before his going public, many viewers of the video had expressed approval of the actions of the mother, who was

San Pedro father arrested for rape of daughter

by Charles Gladden

SAN PEDRO, Ambergris Caye, Wed. Aug. 10, 2022

A 52-year-old construction worker from the island of San Pedro was charged with incest after his teen

unidentified. He called for a medical examination of the child to be done, and if it is determined that the child has not been abused, he wants the mother of the child to face punitive action, including imprisonment.

Protecting the child's identity is paramount, since the allegations made are of a serious nature, and it has still not been determined if the claims made in the video are genuine or not. At this point, however, this viral video which has been seen by thousands of persons online has already marred the reputation of Anderson, who says that he might even be at risk of losing his job.

daughter reported to police that he had raped her on numerous occasions over a period that spanned several years.

The 17-year-old minor, in the presence of her mother, told San Pedro police that the forcible sexual acts by her father, continued to take place until she was 15—two years ago.

After carrying out an investigation, police arrested the father and charged him with incest.

He is expected to be arraigned in the San Pedro Magistrate Court.

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STOREROOM KEEPER CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Reports to: Vehicle Care Coordinator



The Belize City Council is seeking applicants to fill the post of **Storeroom Keeper**.

All interested persons must submit their application packages in a sealed envelope, addressed to the **Acting Human Resources Manager**, no later than **Friday, August 19, 2022**.

Application packages should include the following:

1. Completed Belize City Council Application Form
2. Cover Letter
3. Resume
4. Copy of the applicant's Social Security Card
5. A current police record
6. A passport sized photo
7. Two (2) letters of reference

Duties and Responsibilities

Storeroom

- ◆ Conduct an annual storeroom clean out
- ◆ Maintain storerooms in a neat and orderly manner
- ◆ Ensure that storerooms is kept lock at all times once not in use
- ◆ Ensure that no unserviceable store or personal items remain in storeroom
- ◆ Prepare quarterly disposal list for all unserviceable stores/equipment and submit for onward action
- ◆ Conduct monthly physical check and reconcile against stock card
- ◆ Ensure that keys for both storeroom are secured at all times

Stores

- ◆ Ensure that supplies/equipment receive are stored away properly for future distribution
- ◆ Verify and ensure that supplies receive are listed on both requisition and invoice
- ◆ Receive, inspect and ensure that all incoming stores are reconcile with purchase orders
- ◆ Monitor/manage the movement of sand and gravel, hardcore, all in etc.

- ◆ Receives, secure and issue supplies and equipment for Works and Sanitation Departments
- ◆ Verify that supplies received are listed on requisitions and invoices
- ◆ Ensure proper dispensing and recording of oils and lubricants
- ◆ Ensure that all stores issued are sign by receiving officer

Management

- ◆ Create and maintain an electronic database of both storeroom inventory
- ◆ Maintain inventory stock card for both departments and where necessary a log book to monitor the ins' and outs' of equipment usage
- ◆ Ensure that a physical check and proper handing over is done prior to staff going on holiday
- ◆ Prepare and submit a monthly report on inventory of supplies and materials distributed for the month and submit to the Works Manager
- ◆ Organize and control the issuing of material
- ◆ Create bi-weekly report of movement of stores (addition, issues etc) and forward to the Works Manager
- ◆ Create bi-weekly report of inventory balance and submit to the Works Manager
- ◆ Follow Stores Orders Regulation governing the Financial Orders Accounting Procedure
- ◆ Ensure that all protocols, procedures and guidelines are used at all times in carrying out assigned duties
- ◆ Ensure that professionalism is displayed at all times when carrying out duties
- ◆ Working Hours: **1st Shift:** 6:00am to 12:00noon, 1:00pm to 3:00pm (Monday to Fridays)
2nd Shift: 8:00am to 12:00noon, 1:00pm to 5:00pm (Monday to Thursdays and 4:30pm on Fridays)
- ◆ Perform related work as required
- ◆ Report to work immediately in the event of a disaster threat and after the city has suffered a disaster.
- ◆ Reports to the Vehicle Care Coordinator and accountable to the Works Manager

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⇒ High School Diploma

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Preocupaciones sobre el crecimiento de la población y la raza/etnicidad

El Ministerio de Inmigración anunció recientemente que un número sorprendentemente bajo de personas que se encuentran ilegalmente en Belize habían solicitado la regularización de su estatus a través de un programa especial de amnistía que comenzó el mes pasado; sin embargo, cuando se complete el programa, el ministerio espera que entre 40.000 y 60.000 personas, en su mayoría de Centroamérica, hayan aprovechado la oportunidad de salir de las sombras. Después de que se regularicen sus estados, las personas tendrán la oportunidad de solicitar convertirse en ciudadanos de pleno derecho. Si se cumple el número anticipado por el Gobierno de Belize, y todos pasan a la ciudadanía, en un corto período el número de ciudadanos en Belize se habrá expandido en más del 10%.

El Belize colonial (Honduras Británica) apuntó a una población de 300,000 para 1975, pero en ese año nuestra población era solo de 133,000 personas. Fue más de un cuarto de siglo después, en 2007, cuando nuestra población alcanzó los 300.000 habitantes. Allen D. Bushong, en el libro en línea publicado por la Universidad de Florida, *AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT IN BRITISH HONDURAS: A GEOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION OF ITS DEVELOPMENT*, dice en 1959 que el Informe Downie, un estudio encargado por el gobierno, proyectó que para que Belize sea viable como un país, su población tendría que aumentar a un ritmo de 14.000 personas al año.

Bushong dijo que hubo numerosos estudios sobre nuestro "problema de población insuficiente" antes del informe Downie, y todos miraron hacia el Caribe, en particular hacia la densamente poblada Jamaica, en busca de personas para aumentar nuestra población. Según Bushong, entre 1953 y 1957 "el número promedio de llegadas y salidas fue de 149 y 67 por año para una ganancia neta anual promedio de 82". El umbral para ingresar a Belize podría haber sido demasiado alto. Los inmigrantes tuvieron que dedicarse a la agricultura; hacer un depósito de US\$84; tener los fondos para comprar/arrendar una parcela y desarrollarla; construir una casa; tener un certificado policial de carácter; y además las autoridades consideraban "una suma mínima de US\$1.400 por persona como prueba" de que no se convertirían en "una carga financiera para el gobierno colonial".

Bushong dijo que aproximadamente entre 200 y 300 centroamericanos cruzaban "libremente de un lado a otro" diariamente para trabajar en la industria maderera, pero no había registros oficiales que mostraran si el país experimentó "una ganancia o una pérdida neta por una migración de tan corta distancia".

Los informes del censo sugieren que los centroamericanos no encontraron a Belize un lugar especialmente atractivo para vivir durante el período colonial. Nuestro atractivo como hogar para los centroamericanos aumentó cuando Guatemala y El Salvador fueron devastados por guerras civiles, y aquellos que tenían como objetivo llegar a Estados Unidos descubrieron que éramos un buen lugar desde el cual lanzar intentos de entrada a Estados Unidos. Durante las últimas cuatro décadas, miles de inmigrantes han llegado a Belize, en su mayoría de América Central, y eso ha contribuido en gran medida a casi triplicar nuestra población, de 144.000 en 1980 a un estimado de 400.000 en este momento.

Hay mucho que ganar con una población más grande, y lo más positivo es, por mucho, el aumento de las oportunidades económicas. Con un mercado más grande, los fabricantes de Belize serán más competitivos; el costo de producir bienes será más bajo, las ganancias mayores. Aquellos en el sector de las artes y el entretenimiento también se beneficiarían de un mercado local ampliado para sus productos.

Hay desventajas para una población más grande, y estas

incluyen más presión sobre los recursos ambientales: nuestros bosques, nuestra vida silvestre, nuestra población marina, nuestra calidad del agua; más demanda en las escuelas y hospitales públicos; y el final del mundo relajado que muchos de nosotros apreciamos, el mundo donde todos conocen a todos. Un "costo" del crecimiento impulsado por la inmigración es el cambio en la composición racial, y en Belize el grupo afro ha visto una caída dramática como porcentaje de la población. En 1980, el 39,7% de la población de Belize era criolla/kriol, y en el último censo había descendido al 24,9%; en 1980, el 7% de los beliceños eran garifunas, y eso ha caído al 6,1%.

El cambio en la composición racial de Belize, de afro a mestizo/maya, es inevitable; sólo la tasa de ese cambio es controlable. Somos un país con fuertes raíces caribeñas, pero estamos lejos de las islas del Caribe; tenemos fuertes raíces mestizas/mayas, y estamos cerca de países con millones de personas mestizas/mayas.

Ninguna mayoría racial jamás renunció a su lugar tan mansamente como lo han hecho los afrobeliceños. En los EE. UU., un país que ha estado dominado por los europeos desde que ese grupo masacró y comenzó a desplazar a los indios de las llanuras de América del Norte hace unos doscientos años, el flujo inevitable de pueblos no europeos de países al sur del Río Grande se ha encontrado con grandes resistencia. Aquellos que son genéticamente europeos están usando las boletas electorales, leyes de inmigración rígidas y un muro para proteger a su mayoría.

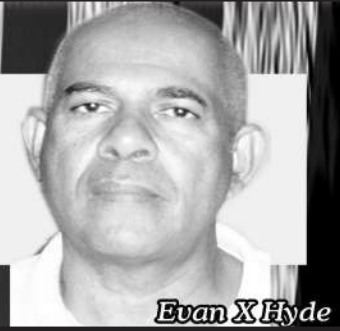
De gran preocupación para los beliceños es el impacto en la cultura local, que podría ser arrollada si la afluencia de nuevos pueblos es demasiado rápida. Belize es casi el país más singular del mundo. Nuestra cultura comenzó a formarse hace más de 300 años, y se volvió más sabrosa durante los últimos 200 años con la infusión de muchas razas/grupos étnicos de todo el mundo que, para escapar de la guerra y las privaciones económicas, llegaron a este "refugio tranquilo de democracia".

El proceso fue lento, y aunque no tan perfecto como los frijoles bien sazonados cocinados a fuego lento, nuestro crisol de pueblos es algo especial. En gran parte, vamos a las urnas, y el color de la bandera del partido de un candidato es mucho más importante que el color de su piel. En gran parte, hay matrimonios mixtos entre las razas/etnias, aunque los miembros de esos grupos que vinieron después de la primera Gran Guerra no suelen casarse con miembros de los grupos afro.

Para preservar, mejorar lo que tenemos, debemos enfrentar los problemas que nos confrontan. Nuestra incapacidad para abordar adecuadamente la pobreza en algunas áreas, particularmente en partes de la antigua capital, amenaza el bienestar de todos. Una persona que llamó al programa matutino WuB señaló que muchos empleadores en Belize ahora exigen que los solicitantes de empleo sepan inglés y español. Esta es una preocupación (para los beliceños que solo hablan inglés) que no es demasiado difícil de abordar. El idioma del gobierno es el inglés, y ser un país de habla inglesa en esta región no solo es único, es una ventaja. Tenemos que hablar de estas cosas.

Regularizar a los miles que están aquí ilegalmente es lo más humano que se puede hacer, lo beliceño para hacer, pero debemos tener cuidado con "cómo lo hacemos". No debemos esconder la cabeza en la arena. La televisión estadounidense es como la invasión de un ejército extranjero de 10.000, dijo uno de nuestros ex líderes. Si no se gestiona adecuadamente la "regularización", en unos años Belize no se parecerá al país que conocemos hoy. Algún cambio es bueno. Pero no queremos perder nuestro sabor único.

From the Publisher



Evan X Hyde

The late Dr. Leroy Taegar's opinion was that the reason that poor people (East Indians, Creoles, Garinagu, etc.) had been able to inhabit the waterfront lands in Belize and Honduras for so long was because the big money did not know how to build hurricane-resistant structures for all those years. When the oligarchy could build massive, powerful structures on the prime real estate on the waterfront, they were moving the poor off these lands, because the waterfront real estate had shot up in value.

I regret that the conversation was a brief one insofar as that particular topic was concerned. Taegar and I moved on to other things. So that, for

instance, I have no idea when precisely the oligarchy, both domestic, American, and otherwise, began buying out the waterfront, from Belize to Honduras.

We know that resistance by the Garifuna people to these oligarchical incursions has been met with deadly violence in Honduras. Garifuna leaders have disappeared and have not been heard of since.

In the case of Belize, a Garifuna friend of mine, as long ago as the turn of the century, took me on a ride south of Hopkins. For miles and miles the waterfront had been taken over by strangers and the oligarchy. The result was that Hopkins would not be able

to expand south.

Our newspaper editor published a fascinating post in last week's edition from a Belizean lady who lives in St. Louis. She was explaining how the big people devalue specific real estate with nefarious initiatives, such as guns and drugs and gangs, so that they can buy cheap and then "gentrify" the area.

Two or three decades ago, the late Galento X Neal, who had migrated to New York City in the early 1970s before returning home two or three decades ago, tried to explain to me how Harlem had been "gentrified" and grabbed up by high-flying white people. ("Gentrification" was a concept new to me.) Remember, historically Harlem had been the depressed home of Afro-Americans who lived in the Manhattan borough of New York City. (New York City has five boroughs — Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Bronx, and Staten Island.)

Next to Harlem, Brooklyn was, it seemed to me, the next "blackest" area of New York, but Brooklyn was more middle-class than Harlem, which was definitely roots until Whitey decided he wanted it, or wanted it back. Whatever.

Where am I going with this? Before Hopkins experienced bloody disaster a week and a half ago, the Southside real estate of Belize City had been in the process of being devalued for more than three decades. As the St. Louis lady described in her post, which was with reference to the Hopkins incident, somebody orchestrated the flooding of the Southside with guns, drugs, and gangs. Somebody wants the Southside real estate, but they want it cheap. Somebody wants to "gentrify."

If you ever talk to Clinton Canul Luna, he will describe watching a similar process in an area south of Acapulco (Mexico). Luna had been sent as a child to Acapulco, a famous tourist destination, by his mother to live and work after Hurricane Janet destroyed Corozal Town in 1955. Luna learned so much he ended up managing high-class hotels and later became active in trade union activities before returning to Belize in the early 1990s.

We'll be promised jobs and development on the Southside. This is always the bait. But the jobs and development are bogus. Our people will just become third millennium slaves. The gentrification of the Southside will destroy all the dreams our grandparents and great grandparents had cherished when they began fighting for self-rule in 1950.

Mr. Price did not like the tourism concept. Neither do I. But Mr. Price

is dead, and I consider myself an anachronism. Hence, we are both irrelevant. The people who are relevant are all those Belizeans who have achieved success in the American diaspora and dream of returning home to retire in the Belize they remember with love and nostalgia. But there's a problem. The Belizean diaspora is not organized, and the oligarchies in Guatemala, Honduras, and Belize are.

You need to study the shadowy oligarchy in the south of Belize. After that, you can mix in Amnesty and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) arbitration. For me, these things add up to a Belize which will be different from the one my generation knew.

You may notice, readers, that my writing is not really passionate. I would view this column only as an attempt to record some aspects of our history over the last century, with my focus being on my disappointment with the futility which always seems to accompany recent diaspora efforts to be active in The Jewel.

(As somewhat of an aside, when Samuel Haynes, Jr., visited Belize a couple years ago and was interviewed by Nuri Muhammad on KREM Radio/TV, I spoke to him afterwards and asked him if it was true that his famous father did not fly in airplanes. He said that, to the best of his knowledge, his dad had never flown in an airplane.)

I met the late Samuel Haynes, Sr., in 1965 at a meeting held by Hon. Philip Goldson at the Audubon Ballroom in Manhattan. I was 18 years old and knew nothing about the 1919 Ex-Servicemen's uprising or Mr. Haynes' famous career. As the years went by (Mr. Haynes, Sr., died in 1971), it seemed to me that the late Compton Fairweather, chairman of the British Honduras Freedom Committee, was giving a lot of credit for the formation of the Freedom Committee to Mr. Haynes.

Back in those days, New York City was the leader of Belize's diaspora population. Today, that leadership role belongs to the Los Angeles diaspora community, but they have not been able to achieve the cohesion and strength which the Freedom Committee had.

It may be a reach to say that the Freedom Committee saved Belize from Guatemala. We do know that the Freedom Committee was able to bring pressure on Great Britain, which wanted to sell us out. Today, it is the United States which is selling us out. Only the Los Angeles diaspora can organize Belize people abroad in time to neutralize some of the sellout initiatives I believe I see taking place. For what it's worth, that is my thesis today — Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

La opinión del difunto Dr. Leroy Taegar era que la razón por la cual la gente pobre (indios orientales, criollos, garinagu, etc.) había podido habitar las tierras frente al mar en Belize y Honduras durante tanto tiempo era porque el gran dinero no sabía cómo construir estructuras resistentes a huracanes durante todos esos años. Cuando la oligarquía pudo construir estructuras masivas y poderosas en las mejores propiedades frente al mar, estaban sacando a los pobres de estas tierras, porque el valor de las propiedades frente al mar se había disparado.

Lamento que la conversación haya sido breve en lo que respecta a ese tema en particular. Taegar y yo pasamos a otras cosas. De modo que, por ejemplo, no tengo idea de cuándo precisamente la oligarquía, tanto nacional como estadounidense y otras, comenzó a comprar la costa, desde Belize hasta Honduras.

Sabemos que la resistencia del pueblo garífuna a estas incursiones oligárquicas se ha enfrentado con violencia mortal en Honduras. Los líderes garífunas han desaparecido y no se ha vuelto a saber de ellos desde entonces.

En el caso de Belize, un amigo mío garífuna, tan lejano como en el cambio de siglo, me llevó a dar un paseo al sur de Hopkins. Durante kilómetros y kilómetros, la costa había sido ocupada por extraños y la oligarquía. El resultado fue que Hopkins no podría expandirse hacia el sur.

El editor de nuestro periódico publicó una publicación fascinante en la edición de la semana pasada de una mujer beliceña que vive en St. Louis. Ella estaba explicando cómo la gente grande devalúa bienes inmuebles específicos con iniciativas nefastas,

como armas, drogas y pandillas, para poder comprar barato y luego "gentrificar" el área.

Hace dos o tres décadas, el difunto Galento X Neal, que emigró a la ciudad de Nueva York a principios de la década de 1970 antes de regresar a casa hace dos o tres décadas, trató de explicarme cómo Harlem había sido "gentrificado" y absorbido por la gente blanca pretenciosa. ("La gentrificación" era un concepto nuevo para mí). Recuerden, históricamente, Harlem había sido el hogar deprimido de los afroamericanos que vivían en el distrito de Manhattan de la ciudad de Nueva York. (La ciudad de Nueva York tiene cinco distritos: Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Bronx y Staten Island).

Después de Harlem, Brooklyn era, me parecía, la siguiente zona "más negra" de Nueva York, pero Brooklyn era más de clase media que Harlem, que definitivamente era de la base hasta que el güero decidió que lo quería, o que lo quería de vuelta. Lo que sea.

¿Adónde voy con esto? Antes de que Hopkins experimentara un desastre sangriento hace una semana y media, las propiedades inmobiliarias de la Zona Sur de la Ciudad de Belize habían estado en proceso de ser devaluadas durante más de tres décadas. Como describió la dama de St. Louis en su publicación, que se refería al incidente de Hopkins, alguien orquestó la inundación de la Zona Sur con armas, drogas y pandillas. Alguien quiere las propiedades inmobiliarias de la Zona Sur, pero las quieren baratas. Alguien quiere "gentrificar".

Si alguna vez hablan con Clinton Canul Luna, describirá haber visto un proceso similar en un área al sur de

John has big dreams— Part 9



by Clinton Canul Luna

John got into the van and told his driver to take him to a supermarket, since he wanted to buy certain things that he needed. Tony obeyed the orders and took John to his destination. Immediately, he jumped out of the vehicle, went into the supermarket, and while he was looking for what he needed, he bumped into a former classmate named Sarita. They greeted each other very kindly. And John said, "Sarita, I haven't seen you in a long time. Where have you been?"

And she answered him:

Sarita: "Look, I had a contract. I was hired by a company in Canada. And that is where I am living and working."

John: "Ah, that's good. I'm quite pleased. And what are you doing here?"

Sarita: "No, well, it's vacation time, and I decided to come visit my family."

John: "Ah, that's nice, that's nice, that's nice. Say hello to your family, please."

Sarita: "Of course. For your part, thank you. Hey, John, what do you know about the matter of seeing a product or producing marijuana for the domestic market? I don't know if they are also going to export."

John: "Look, I'm not really up to date about it. Just what I heard on the news. It looks like it's going to be a business that's going to give people a lot of work."

Sarita: "So it seems."

John: "I heard that they are going to see a lot of jobs and that it is a great deal."

Sarita: "Yes, well. Hey, but, notice that I also heard that it is money that they will not be able to put into the banking system."

John: "No, well, from what I also heard, it seems that they are going to open or form some type of bank to store that money. That drug is not approved in all the countries of the world."

Sarita: "And, how are they going to do it? John, how are people going to buy their goods? I imagine they are going to be pure adults who go to work, and they are going to be people who have a family. They need to consume."

John: "Yes, well..."

Sarita: "What money will be used to buy? In other words, I imagine that they are going to be paid from the same business that they are going to produce for. And that money, obviously, they will have to use it to make their purchases."

John: "Well, I think so. And, I don't know. It seems that in Belize, all the products are imported."

Sarita: "Well, yes, almost everything. And, the services and goods that they are going to pay for. They will pay with the same money that they are going to earn from that great business."

John: "Well, I can't find any other explanation."

Sarita: "Then with that money they are going to buy what they need at the stores."

John: "Well, I think so. And the store obviously, they have to import the products."

Sarita: "Well, yes. And to import the products they need to pay in American dollars. Not in Belizean dollars."

John: "Well, yes. I think so."

Sarita: "And where are they going to get the US dollars?"

John: "Well, I guess from the banks."

Sarita: "So to buy American dollars, they will have to use the same Belizean money to be able to buy the products that are always needed, which is imported. In other words, most things are imported from other countries."

John: "I think so."

Sarita: "Then the money will enter the international banking system. It cannot. Or, perhaps, it will be that they are going to use another type of money? But, with what money are they going to buy? How are they going to pay? The business is to do business. And it's to make a profit. And the operating expenses, it's quite an expense, and everything is imported. It's imported, and they will have to buy those things. So, there's no way, I can't think of a way how they are going to do it without using that money. It has to be used to pay for the things they need to consume. Whether it's food, whether it's clothing or whether it's electricity; whether it's water, rent or maybe the family wants to get a house. All, all of these things are imported. A car, gasoline, oils. Everything is imported. So the money has to be used to buy that. And they will have to use the same money to

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES

Pursuant to The Belize Bank Limited Undertaking (Belize Bank Corporation Limited Operations) Vesting Act, 2021 and The Belize Bank Limited Undertaking (Belize Bank Corporation Limited Operations) Vesting Act (Appointed Day) Order, 2021, THE BELIZE BANK LIMITED, a company duly formed and incorporated under the Laws of Belize with registered office situate at Second Floor, Matalon Business Center, Coney Drive, Belize City Belize (the "Bank") acquired the undertaking of Belize Bank Corporation Limited (formerly Scotiabank (Belize) Ltd.).

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Dated the 9th August 2022

The Belize Bank Limited
Second Floor
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General Manager
P.O. Box 535
Anglican Diocesan Office
25 A Southern Foreshore, Belize City

Deadline: August 26th, 2022

The Belize the lawyers made

by Colin Hyde

I understand the disappointment of many when our GoBs have applied states of emergency when the police's efforts can't stay the violence in the land. The disappointment is greatest for those who have many friends and family in areas where the brutal measure is applied. Yes, I listened to my nephews, Mose on Krem WuB and Cordel on the television evening news. For them it must be especially difficult, because they know that had our post-independence governments done the right things, which include some of the excellent initiatives that Kremandala has been pushing for decades, there would be hope where there is despair.

Many that live in these areas are victims of terrible injustice. They watched totally greedy elements of the PUP and the UDP make off with the country's assets so they and their children could drive Floyd Mayweather-type bling rides in the rich streets of the USA, yes, hobnob with the rich and famous in Miami and Los Angeles. For Kremandala, that organization's sports initiatives that would have created job opportunities were stymied, and their efforts to have African and Maya history included in the curriculum of our schools so that our youth would have greater knowledge of their roots, were ignored.

The disdain for sports is incredible.

There are few ball fields and courts in Belize City, and the deficiency is particularly pronounced in the oldest parts of the city. The present government is celebrating its efforts to rehabilitate the old Berger Field on Vernon Street, and kudos are deserving, but they need to explain how they allowed a gas station to be built on a piece of land nearby. There wasn't any need for a gas station there, because there is one just a couple blocks away. That parcel should have been acquired and used to build a basketball/volleyball court.

The biggest "donor" to our doom is our ineffective justice system. I've told you that these young men commit violent crimes, and the guilt is on the nation. They are victims of a system that thinks it can be soft, victims of a Belize that was made by Belizean lawyers. The feeble justice system has led to a Hatfield/McCoy revenge story playing out in our country.

The state is obligated to deliver justice. It hasn't. The research has not been done to show precisely when our country stopped bringing people who commit murder to justice. We know it began sometime after we became a self-governing country.

In our country which our lawyers made, one of these lawyers, speaking in defense of the pathetic justice system, said that Belizeans are guilty of hypocrisy when they clamor for harsh

penalties for those who commit violent crimes, because when a loved one of theirs is accused of a serious misdeed, they seek out the best lawyer they can afford, to get them off. Indeed, many people get soft when the one going to the gallows or facing life imprisonment is their own. But there is no problem there, because we can afford for individuals to break down. In fact, that is expected. What we absolutely cannot afford is for the state to be soft too. And Belize is mashmelo soft. That's the main root of our violence problem.

We are where we are now: a people in despair. It's tough; our young men have many reasons to be angry, but they cannot let their anger lead them to commit violent acts. The best laid plans are wasted if there is violence in the neighborhood. It's no chicken and egg story here. Development won't come in a land where there is violence.

This violence in our country, there is poverty and lack of education and poor wealth distribution at its root, but the biggest cause of violence is a justice system that's a miserable failure.

Facts about Belize going to the ICJ

It's a fact that the Webster's Proposals, the Heads of Agreement and the Ramphal/Reichler Proposals did not call for changing the Hondo to the Sarstoon and the Benque Viejo to Halfmoon borders of our country. The sinister Webster's sought to create a situation where we would have needed to get our independence from both Great Britain and Guatemala.

Looking at the last proposal, the Ramphal/Reichler, the disappointing Guatemalans made it plain they wouldn't entertain that, because there was no offer of land.

The deal for Belize to go to the ICJ was "signed, sealed and delivered" in December 2008, when we signed on to the *compromis*. What Belizeans agreed to in May 2019, 55% to 45% if I remember correctly, was *fait accompli*, a done deal 10 years previously. There are Belizeans who think we could have said no. Oy!

Ambassador Martinez explained the decision best. Taking a little liberty with his words, he said we are giving Guatemala an honorable discharge from their ugly claim. Where I agree with the

ICJ naysayers is that we prostrated ourselves. Aiyayai, no country has ever put up its entire territory for adjudication! Daam yes our pride is wounded. But I don't know what it gains us to hate Guatemala for what she made us do.

Guatemala has no land to get. They have no rights here. There are some good neighbor things that we could have agreed on without their mad claim. Hopefully when the court dispenses the sense, those over there who are bullies will stop being covetous.

From too much teaching to Colombia president's inaugural address

I don't know why this women's caucus made such a long speech and felt they had to demand an apology. All they had to say was: we don't like those words.

So, there are people who are "angry" with the church leaders for agreeing to have the weed referendum postponed. Grrr, but I'll hold my disappointment there to allow me space for words that hopefully will elicit a Damascus moment in the intransigent set.

In his inaugural address, new Colombian president, Gustavo Petro, said: "It is time for a new international convention that accepts that the drug war has failed." Petro said over a million Latin Americans have died in the 40 years of the drug war, that "the war on drugs strengthened the mafias and weakened the states... [that] the war on drugs has led states to commit crimes and has evaporated the horizon of democracy."

Sedi, from 13 years of blanks to buckshot

In the last months of his 13 years as an elected representative of the people of Belize, Mr. Sedi Elrington blasted our failure to address poverty, especially in areas in Belize City, and since leaving office he has been writing regularly in *The Reporter*, offering ideas about how we could solve our many problems. It's water under the bridge, the failure of the Barrow government in which he served for so many years. In these dark days in which we live, we have to read through his lines with the hope of finding

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

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PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

“Press” Predictions; 16-52-86
Boledo stats thru 12th to 19th August 2022

In boledo news, 22 played 7 times already. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 16-86-52-73-08-40. These are my lucky jackpots numbers: 2041-8121-7635. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 861-278-593-048-101-909. There are only 17 numbers left to play for the year: 00-18-26-27-30-34-35-40-41-47-55-73-80-81-83-86-94. 14 of those numbers will be out before the year is over. Put them together in jackpot numbers. 55 is still out since the 14th of October 2020, that’s over 1 year 9 months 3 weeks and 4 days now, then 26 is still out since the 22nd of January 2021, that’s over 1 year 6 months and 3 weeks exact now. 47 is still out since the 22nd of April 2021, that’s over 1 year 3 months and 3 weeks exact. 35 will complete 1 year on the 20th of August. The ending 2 & 9 ball are very rapid, ending 2 ball came out 25 times already, then the ending 9 ball came out 23 times already. 22 leads with 7 times now, 22 will play at least 3 more times before the year is over. Keep your eyes open for 00 and 55. Good luck to all buyers, remember to read your Psalms: 23-92-72. Next week, more stats, and big up all who won off the 22.

BILLIARDS

Long island will edge Lakers-1 6 games to 3

Belikin 8-Ball Billiards, Results and Predictions

In billiards action, the Belkin 8-Ball Belize City games are in the semifinals. C-Delta beat Lakers Two 4 games to 1. Julio Ardon beat Floyd “Rojo” Enriquez 3 games to 1. Then Titus Coc Garcia edged Atmost Martinez, the policeman, 3 games to 2, that was the most exciting match of the evening. Then Orlin Mejia beat Daniel Robinson 3 to 1, William Leiva and Jose Guzman are their 2 top shooters. For Lakers Two, Evondale Bailey did not play in the first round of action. Long Island will beat Laker-I at Long Island Wednesday night easily. Naim Rosado will be playing in his very first match, he is Belize’s best billiards player right now. They will win it all in Belize. The Nationals will be in 2 weeks time in Dangriga. The Punta Gorda champions, the Cayo champs, the Orange Walk champs will be the Gunners, the Mango Creek champs will represent the Stann Creek District. The Corozal Champs will be very dangerous with one of the best players in Mr. Luis Valdez. All those championship teams will gather for 2 days, May the best team win. Enuuff respect to the president, Mr. Allan McCoy.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

Verdes FC will upset Alianza 2 to 1 in Belmopan

International Football Results and Predictions

In football action, Concacaf game in El Salvador, Verdes FC drew first blood

with 2 goals from their 2 Mexican Imports. Edwin Villeda Bernal and EBarro, the Platense team rallied in the second half with a header, then they received a penalty by a hand ball in the box; they capitalized on the kick to draw the game 2 goals apiece, but Verdes FC advanced on the 2 away goals in Salvador. They will play the Salvadorian champs Alianza on the 16th of August, next week Wednesday, at the FFB Field in Belmopan. The return match will be in 1 week’s time in Salvador; Verdes FC are in the round of 16. Their Spaniard coach is very good. The local tournament will get started very soon with 8 teams this time. There will be a lot of foreigners in this year’s competition. Next week, more stats.



Edwin Villeda Bernal



Woodrow West



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

The St. Louis cardinals swept them 3 straight games, and also the Houston Astros. They are now some 6 games behind the Los Angeles Dodgers for the best record in baseball. Mookie Betts and the LA Dodgers swept the San Diego Padres 3 straight games, the Milwaukee Brewers still lead the Central Division over the St. Louis Cardinals, that race will go to the end of the season because the Cardinals are just some 2 games behind them. Paul Goldschmidt will be in the MVP talk. The New York Mets are still the leaders of the National League East Division; Francisco Lindor is on top of his game. The Dodgers have the best pitching staff in baseball, they spend a lot of money on their pitchers, they all won World Series rings and banners. The Chicago Cubs are at last place in their division because the organization is too “cheap”. In 2016 when they won after 108 years they spent a lot of money. Next week, more stats.



Mookie Betts



Paul Goldschmidt

INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

The NY Yankees have lost 6 straight games

Baseball Results, Predictions and Updates

In baseball action, the New York Yankees have lost 6 straight games.

John has big dreams— Part 9

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buy the other money that is used, mostly, in this part of the world to buy the goods and services that are brought here. What does it matter.”

John: “You have a point. I think you’re right about all that. But who knows how they’re going to do it. No, I don’t understand. How they’re going to do such a thing or not. They say it’s going to be a good deal or great

deal. Well, that’s what they say. And, no, I find it... I’m going to tell you again that I can’t comprehend how they are going to buy without using that money. Although we could also use credit cards, but the cards are also controlled by the banks.”

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Moises Cal steps away from pending PSC chairman appointment



Moises Cal

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 10, 2022

Moises Cal, the former diplomat and PUP standard bearer who was accused of possible money laundering after being found with over a million U.S. dollars (undeclared) in his luggage at a

Panama airport in 2007, has quietly withdrawn from a process that was underway to possibly appoint him to be the new chairman of the Public Services Commission. It was the Prime Minister himself who had recommended Cal and who had publicly defended Cal in the face of public criticism that followed reports of the possible appointment.

In reference to Cal (who was in possession of a diplomatic passport when detained in Panama), Prime Minister Briceño told reporters, "... We all make mistakes in life, and you can reform your life. Whether Mr. Cal did or did not do it—it was allegations. It has never been proven in court. He was never arrested..."

The United Democratic Party, however, had vehemently opposed the consideration of Cal as a candidate for such a critical post. "The place for the disgraced former diplomat Moises Cal

is not the chair of the Public Service Commission but perhaps a chair in jail," a UDP press release issued in July had said.

The possible appointment was also opposed by the president of the Public Service Union, Dean Flowers, who had told the media that the membership of the union would be polled to determine the collective stance of those members in regard to Cal's possible chairmanship of the PSC.

After it became known—via a senior government source—that Cal had quietly withdrawn his name last week from consideration for the post, Flowers stated that Cal's decision to step aside, whether it was a personal one or prompted by the government, is good news.

"The issue of Mr. Cal is not a personal one. It is one based on principles," Flowers said. He further pointed out that the law demands that

persons appointed to such offices be without reproach and of good character.

Cal, however, became, in the eyes of many, a disgraced public figure after the incident in Panama. In 2007, Moises Cal allegedly flew to Panama with one million U.S. dollars in undeclared cash in his luggage and a diplomatic passport, even though he had left the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to be a PUP standard bearer for Belmopan. It is alleged that Cal, after being detained, paid over \$100,000 in bribes to Panamanian officials so that he could leave the country before being questioned by police. Prior to his detainment, he had reportedly come under scrutiny by Panamanian authorities after reportedly making 14 trips to that country in a 3-month period. He has never publicly addressed the allegations against him.

Since then, despite keeping a low-profile, he has continued to be involved in the affairs of the People's United Party, and according to Prime Minister Briceño, has also done some charitable acts in the community.

"He, I believe, has been an active citizen in Belize, in Belmopan, and has been, I believe, a good citizen. He is always assisting people, and—many people don't know this, but—helping poor people. For Christmas he helps several families and children with food. So, I believe he has the qualities to be able to be the Chair of the Public Service Commission," the Prime Minister had told local media after the public became aware of the possible appointment of Cal as PSC chairman.

As a previous issue of AMANDALA had reported, before his fall from grace, Moises Cal served as an ambassador for the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and was Belize's representative in the Central American Integration System (SICA) during the Musa administration. He also served as an ambassador to Nicaragua and Costa Rica for Belize before resigning from his ambassadorial roles to vie for a seat as area representative of the Belmopan division.

With Cal's withdrawal from consideration for the post, three persons recommended by the Public Service Union could possibly be considered for the post, which became vacant after the retirement of the previous PSC chairman, Charles Gibson, in June. Those three persons, who have all been public servants, are Marilyn Ordonez, David Gibson and Sandra Hall. Notably, there appears to be a pressing need for someone to assume the PSC chairmanship, since, according to PSU chairman Dean Flowers, there are disciplinary matters, as well as matters related to retirement benefits and issues involving promotion and appointments that need to be addressed promptly.

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President/CEO of Bowen & Bowen, Michael H. M. Bowen, expressed gratitude to the parents and guardians who nurture and support their students' educational pursuits. And to the scholars, he commented, "Your education is an investment in you; it will expand your minds, open doors, and can never be taken away."

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Killer of PC Marvin Locke pleads guilty



Marcial Toledo, found guilty

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 10, 2022

It was a brazen act that stunned the public—the fatal stabbing of a police constable, Marvin Locke, 49, outside the Racoon Street Police Station in 2017. The man who did it—52-year-old Honduran national, Marcial Toledo—had waited at the station for Locke to appear before killing the officer, and this week, on Tuesday, August 9, he pleaded guilty to murder before Supreme Court Justice Susan Lamb.

In March 2017, Toledo had apparently arrived home intoxicated and claimed he had been told that his wife had been seen along with PC Locke that day. A few hours later, after telling his wife what he allegedly heard, he went to the Racoon Street Police Station and sat there until Locke appeared (reportedly when PC Locke was coming off his shift), and the two men proceeded to talk.

They then went outside the station to continue their conversation, and it was at that point that Toledo took out a knife and stabbed Locke 5 times, including a stab to the chest that would later cause the officer's death.

Locke's colleagues quickly intervened in an attempt to save their fellow officer's life, but Toledo then tried to stab one of them. This prompted another officer to hit Toledo on the head with a cement block.

PC Locke succumbed to his injuries around 5:15 p.m. that evening, just a few hours later.

Since the incident almost 5 years ago, Toledo has been remanded at the Belize Central Prison

The case management for his trial began last Friday, and it was reportedly at that point that Toledo indicated to the court that he was considering entering a guilty plea for murder. He formally did so on Tuesday and must return to court on September 23 for his sentence hearing.

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The Government of Belize via the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) intends to repair various small sections of the Ex-serviceman's Road (Boom Creek Village Road)), Toledo District with suitable crushed material.

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing now invites sealed bids from suitably qualified and experienced contractors to blast and crush road materials for use on repairs of small sections of Ex-serviceman's Road, Toledo District.

The scope of works repair works on the road will include the following:

- 1 Clear Borrow Pit Location
- 2 Provide equipment and labour to drill Borrow Pit and Prepare site for Blasting
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Bidders who are interested must have the necessary equipment, financial capacity, a licensed blaster, technical expertise, and experience to complete the works in accordance with the Bidding Documents. Bidding will be conducted through national competitive bidding procedures and interested bidders may obtain further information and a copy of the bidding documents at the offices of MIDH at the address below as of Monday August 8, 2022, during normal office hours Monday through Fridays from 8.00 A.M – 12.00 Noon and from 1.00 PM – 4.00 PM. Bidding documents are free of charge and may be picked up by interested bidders on the submission of a written application (email) to the address below. All bids must be delivered to the address below by 2.00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, September 2, 2022, and they will be opened on the same day at 2.15p.m. at the address below. Late bids will be rejected. A bid security of \$10,000 must be submitted and delivered to the address below at the same time of the bid submission.

1. Victor Espat
Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing
#1 Power Lane
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Supervisory Committee
La Inmaculada Credit Union Limited
5 Park Street
Orange Walk Town
Or via email to licu@btl.net

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Programme Officer

The National Council on Ageing is a mechanism of the Government that works by advocating for the changes that are necessary to provide an enhanced quality of life for all older persons in Belize.

The NCA is looking for a person that has an interest in working with older persons and population ageing. He/She must demonstrate the ability to work independently and network with stakeholder organizations to implement programs.

In addition the Programme Officer will be responsible for:

- Promotion of the National Policy of Older Persons
- Implementation of the National Council on Ageing's strategic plan.
- Continuing public awareness activities/campaigns for the NCA
- Development of sustainable program that promote inclusion of older persons and protection of older person's rights.
- Maintenance of NCA Website and social media presence

This position is open to any person with an Associate's Degree in Social Science or related field experience in program planning, implementation and evaluation would be an asset.

The salary is negotiable and will be determined by qualification and previous experience in this field.

All persons wishing to apply for this position should forward a letter stating their interest, along with a Curriculum Vitae and the names of 2 referees (one of which should be a current or recent employer) no later than: **August 26, 2022**

Please note only those candidates who are short listed will be contacted.

The National Council on Ageing
Secretariat Office,
Unit 17, Garden City Plaza, Belmopan
Tel: 822-1546
Email: ncabze@yahoo.com
Website: www.ncabz.org

Salvadoran national sentenced to 15 years for rape of child, 5



Bairo Gomez, sentence

by Charles Gladden

who in June pleaded guilty to raping a 5-year-old child in October of 2018, was sentenced this week to 15 years in prison.

On June 29 of this year, Gomez pleaded guilty to the crime, which spared the child the trauma of recounting the event at a trial. He had been denied bail after being deemed a possible flight risk due to his nationality and was remanded to the Belize Central Prison.

Gomez begged for leniency from the court and apologized for his actions.

Justice Susan Lamb took into consideration the years Gomez has served while on remand, and thus he will only serve an additional 11 years and 2 months of his 15-year sentence, which is the minimum mandatory sentence that can be handed down by law for the offense of rape of a child.

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Aug. 10, 2022
Salvadoran national, Bairo Gomez,

“RTA” victim in OW likely beaten to death

by Charles Gladden

ORANGE WALK, Mon. Aug. 8, 2022

When the body of an Orange Walk man—47-year-old Israel Chable—was found on the side of the road in San Jose Village in the early hours of Saturday morning, August 6, it was initially presumed that he had been the victim of a hit-and-run incident. But details that have been emerging since the discovery of the body seem to be pointing to another cause of death.

To begin with, the injuries seen on the body, according to the Commanding Officer of the Crimes Investigation Branch (CIB), Alfonso Aban, were not the kind of injuries typically sustained by the victim of a road traffic accident. Chable, in fact, according to what his grieving sister, Urbelina Escaragga, told reporters, appeared to have been bludgeoned to death. Escaragga even made reference



Israel Chable, deceased

to rumors circulating in the village that there was a misunderstanding over money that might have led to the murder.

Escaragga related to local reporters in Spanish the rumors she had heard in the village—rumors that Chable was killed over money that was owed to him by a friend.

“There are many rumors about what happened to him. He works in Ladyville and often comes home late, but that day he came home early, at around 6 o’clock. Supposedly, some of the workers had received letters that they have been dismissed, but he was not dismissed. He says that one of his friends was laid off, but the guy owed him money, so he went to San Jose to collect [it] from his friend... When we saw him, he was sitting right leaning against his bicycle, and his slippers were in front of him. We’ve been hearing a lot of rumors that his friend never paid him, and maybe they did something [to him] while he was coming home. We were told that he was also at a bar, and they followed him home and hurt him. We think that it is an injustice, because the autopsy revealed that he had an injury to his mouth and head that looks like a machete wound, and there is no way that someone can die from falling off a bicycle. We just want answers, and we want someone to pay for what has happened,” she said (in Spanish).

Chable, after being found on the road, had been taken to the Northern Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival by medical officials.

While police are currently uncertain about the cause of Chable’s death, they have confirmed that a man who was found on Saturday night, August 6, on the street in Corozal was the victim of a hit-and-run accident, but they do not yet know that person’s identity. At about 10:00 that night, they saw the unidentified man suffering from various injuries to his body in the middle of the street in downtown Corozal near St. Francis Xavier Credit Union.

According to police reports, the man had been walking on 5th Avenue in Corozal Town in a north to south direction, and when he reached an intersection at 2nd Street, a black car hit him from behind and left the scene.

The unidentified man was taken to the Corozal Community Hospital, where he received treatment but reportedly passed away.

Police are investigating.



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MAJOR REPAIRS TO HAWKESWORTH BRIDGE (563 FT IN LENGTH) SPANNING THE MACAL RIVER, SAN IGNACIO TOWN, CAYO DISTRICT

The Government of Belize via the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) intends to have major repairs done on the Hawkesworth Bridge which spans 563 feet across the Macal River in San Ignacio Town, Cayo District. The Bridge is approximately 48 feet above normal water level of the Macal River.

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing now invites sealed bids from suitably qualified and experienced Bridge contractors to undertake the proposed repairs of high-level Suspension type Hawkesworth Bridge.

The scope of works repair works on the road will include the following:

1. Replacement of various metal elements of the Main Deck, Towers and Pedestrian Sidewalk of the Bridge structure such as Metal I Beams, Wind Braces, and Guardrails.
2. Replacement of Nuts and Bolts on the Main Bridge Deck
3. Sand blasting of sections of the Bridge
4. Painting of the entire Bridge with a Primer and two coats of Rustoleum Paint

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

Bidding will be conducted through national competitive bidding procedures and interested bidders may obtain further information and a copy of the bidding documents at the offices of MIDH at the address below as of Monday August 8, 2022, during normal office hours Monday through Fridays from 8.00 A.M – 12.00 Noon and from 1.00 PM – 4.00 PM.

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

All bids must be delivered to the address below by 10.00 AM local time on Tuesday, September 7, 2022, and they will be opened on the same day at 10.15 A.M, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected. A bid security of \$10,000 must be submitted and delivered to the address below at the same time of the bid submission.

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

2. Lennox Bradley
Chief Engineer
Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing
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All stakeholders should get a place on the PCC—an opportunity Belizeans didn't get in '81

by **Wellington C. Ramos**, Adjunct Professor of History and Political Science

HISTORY OF THE BELIZE CONSTITUTION

In the general election of November 1979, the People's United Party (PUP) ran on a platform that included a push for independence. The PUP's opponent, the United Democratic Party (UDP), favored delaying independence until the territorial dispute with Guatemala was resolved. Although the PUP won only 52 percent of the vote, it carried thirteen of the eighteen seats in the House of Representatives and thus received a mandate for the preparation of an independence constitution. On January 31, 1981, the government issued the White Paper on the Proposed Terms for the Independence of Belize. The National



Wellington C. Ramos, Adjunct Professor of History and Political Science

Assembly appointed a joint select committee to consider the proposed terms and to solicit input from all organizations in the country, but that

was not done.

The PUP accepted the widespread support for a monarchical form of government, based on the British parliamentary system, but also suggested a number of amendments to the proposal. The House of Representatives adopted the committee's report on March 27, 1981. The Belize Constitutional Conference was then held at Marlborough House, London, between April 6 and April 14, 1981. Although invited to participate, the leader of the opposition, the United Democratic Party, in the House of Representatives, Dr. Theodore Aranda, and other representatives of the UDP declined to attend. Participating in the meeting at Marlborough House were only the Belizean delegation, headed by C.L.B. Rogers, Deputy Premier of Belize, and the British delegation, headed by Nicholas Ridley, Secretary

of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, along with their respective experts. The report issued by the Belize Constitutional Conference set out the structure and content for the independence and constitution of Belize.

The British Parliament legislated the final steps leading to Belizean independence in the Belize Act 1981, which received royal assent on July 28, 1981. The act granted Queen Elizabeth II the power to provide Belize an independence constitution and to set a date for Belizean independence by an Order in Council. The act also recognized Belize's self-governing status, with provisions for its right to amend the so-called Constitution Order. The Queen issued the order on July 31st 1981. In Belize, the National Assembly passed the new constitution, the governor gave his assent on September 20, 1981, and Belize became independent the following day.

CRITIQUE

When Premier George Price and his People's United Party were negotiating the independence of Belize with Great Britain's prime minister Margaret Thatcher and secretary of foreign affairs Nicholas Ridley, the British drafted a document entitled "HEADS OF AGREEMENT" to settle the Guatemalan claim to our country as a pretext for our independence.

The People's United Party (PUP) accepted the document, but the leader of the opposition (United Democratic Party) (UDP), Dr. Theodore Aranda, his party and a majority of the citizens of Belize, were all against these proposals. Riots broke out throughout the entire country. In this document there were provisions to give our country to Guatemala and to deny us as citizens of Belize our rights to our territory. Attached below is a copy of those proposals in the Heads Of Agreement:

GEORGE CADLE PRICE, DR. THEODORE ARANDA—PREMIER OF BELIZE (1981), LEADER OF THE UDP OPPOSITION (1981)

THE HEADS OF AGREEMENT OF MARCH 11TH 1981

APPENDIX 8, HEADS OF AGREEMENT

The United Kingdom and Guatemala, in order to settle the controversy between them over the territory of Belize, have reached agreement on the following points.

1. *The United Kingdom and Guatemala shall recognize the independent State of Belize as an integral part of Central America, and respect its sovereignty and territorial integrity in accordance with its existing and traditional frontiers subject, in the case of Guatemala, to the completion of the treaty or treaties necessary to give effect to these Heads of Agreement.*

2. *Guatemala shall be accorded such territorial seas as shall ensure permanent and unimpeded access to the high seas, together with rights over the seabed thereunder.*

3. *Guatemala shall have the use and enjoyment of the Ranguana and*

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MOHW hosts Workplace Wellness Forum

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELMOPAN, Tues. Aug. 9, 2022

A Workplace Wellness Forum held this week by the Ministry of Health & Wellness focused on addressing the importance of physical well-being as well as mental health—something which the Director of Public Health & Wellness, Dr. Melissa Diaz Musa, says has become a priority in many workplaces across the globe.

According to Robyn Daly, a nutritionist in the Ministry of Health & Wellness, the main objective of Tuesday's forum was to help administrative officers identify wellness strategies that they can begin to incorporate in their workplaces.

"Many staff have challenges—it could be mental health, it could be stress, it could be eating challenges, whatever it may be, but we want to see more being done within the workplace," she said.

The Ministry's heightened focus on

wellness includes promoting health literacy, improving health education, and reaching out to the population to ensure that they have healthy and stress-free working environments, especially in light of the fact that many persons spend the vast majority of their days at the workplace.

Having a stress-free working environment, says the Director of Health & Wellness, includes ensuring that one's workplace allows for flexibility when it comes to "getting up and moving around", promoting healthy habits, and "ensuring that the place you spend the most of your working day is a place that promotes and enhances that preventative care and that wellness function."

The World Health Organization (WHO) has reported that, in the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic alone, the global prevalence of anxiety and depression increased by a "massive" 25%. In the population of adults aged 18-29, the effects were even worse.



Source – Government of Belize Press Office

This, says the WHO, should have been a wake-up call to all countries to step up their mental health services and support.

"COVID has caused significant stress in populations globally, and we have seen that as well in Belize, even among healthcare workers, so it's important that employers, supervisors,

create a wellness space at your workplace," said Dr. Diaz Musa.

The Workplace Wellness Forum also focused on promoting preventative care—something just as important as therapeutic care.

"In Belize, we've been very focused

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MINISTRY VACANCY NOTICE

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

SENIOR LITIGATOR

Applicants for the position of Senior Litigator:

- a) must be:
 - i. qualified to practice as an attorney-at-law or as an advocate in a court in any other part of the Commonwealth having unlimited jurisdiction either in civil or criminal causes or matters; and
 - ii. has been qualified for not less than five years so to practice in such a court.
- b) must be in good health.
- c) must be a person who conducts himself at all times, both in his professional and in his personal life, in a manner that will maintain public confidence in the standards of the legal profession.

Experience and training required:

- a) Minimum of ten (10) years' experience as a practicing attorney-at-law in the area of civil litigation of complex legal matters specifically in public law (constitutional law and administrative law) and human rights law;
- b) Bachelor of Laws Degree from a recognized institution; and
- c) Legal Education Certificate or equivalent from a recognized institution.

Salary: BZD \$84k per annum with allowances.

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

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

Deadline for receipt of applications: **September 4, 2022**

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

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

Vacancy

Vacancies exists for the following positions to join our accounting team:

- 1) Full Charge Bookkeeper
- 2) AP Analyst
- 3) Staff Accountant

QuickBooks Experience is a MUST

Responsibilities:

- Responsible for day-to-day accounting functions including general ledger, accounts receivable, accounts payable and credit card reconciliations.-
- Ensure the accuracy of entries to the ledger accounts
- Provide prompt and courteous serve to customers and colleagues
- Assist Executive team with ad hoc reporting and analysis
- Other responsibilities as assigned

Responsibilities:

- Preparing financial statements, and bookkeeping for construction & real estate clients-
- Reviewing/redesigning processes and procedures for clients
- Preparing client payroll items
- Conducting reviews and coordinating audit requests from third parties
- Interacting with clients, staff members, and vendors to ensure all transactions are processed accurately.
- Participate in recruiting and business develop activities when needed
- Responsible for full cycle accounting duties, both cash and accrual based.
- Code and enter vendor expense invoice
- Accounts payable
- Invoice tenants for monthly billings and apply payments accordingly.
- Reconcile bank statements
- Maintain rent roll
- Ensure accuracy in general ledger
- Experience with depreciation/amortization schedules and straight-line rent
- Prepare monthly financial statements
- Experience with annual NNN reconciliations

Responsibilities:

- Coordinating accounting functions and programs.
- Performing month end responsibilities such as preparing journal entries.
- Preparing financial analyses and reports.
- Assisting with preparing and monitoring budgets.
- Maintaining and reconciling balance sheet and general ledger accounts.
- Assisting with annual audit preparations.
- Investigating and resolving audit findings, accounts discrepancies, and issues of non-compliance.
- Preparing federal, states, local, and special tax returns.
- Contributing to the development of new or amended accounting systems, programs, and procedures.
 - Performing other accounting duties and supporting the junior staff as required or assigned.

Please submit application letters along with resume to:
info@belizeapplications.com by August 22, 2022



Consultancy Services to Develop a Transport App for Smart Cities (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Country: BELIZE

Project name: E-Mobility

Period of assignment/services: 45 working days over a period of 6 months

Background:

UNDP Belize in partnership with the Government of Belize, Ministry of Energy and the Belize City Council, with funding from the European Union (EU) has launched a project on the decarbonization of Belize's Public transport sector through the introduction of electric vehicle technology. The EU funded E-Mobility project, pilots the inclusion of electric buses as a means of satisfying growing public transportation demands for sector efficiency and modernization. The Project focuses on demonstrating conditions and early experience for e-mobility integration into the national public transportation system, informing sector growth and investment planning. This 'Sustainable City' initiative offers innovative, smart and technical solutions for urban challenges ensuring inclusiveness of action and improving accessibility of services to the city's population.

In support of the emobility pilot, the project hopes to introduce "SMART" governance systems aimed to positively impact all residents of Belize City particularly vulnerable groups such as women and youth, PWDs and the elderly.

UNDP Belize is seeking a mobile application developer to develop the transport mobile application for Smart Cities Within the framework of Smart Mobility, the project supports the development of a mobile application with real time tracking of electric buses and other participating vehicles. This is meant to address the current irregularity of city buses and the difficulty experienced by passengers to gauge bus wait time. The app is also meant to monitor seat availability and whether transportation option is accessible to persons with disabilities. This app will be launched through a smart cities app platform, but the information will also be displayed on screens staged in strategic areas in Belize City, as an interactive map for those who are unable to access the app through their phones. The initial phase of the app will focus on catering the need of the people regarding the irregularity of the bus schedule.

Objectives, Duties and Responsibilities:

The overall objective of the assignment is to develop:

1. A user friendly Mobile Application
2. Focus on Bus Schedule and support to a cashless public transport system Support capacity building, knowledge management, and documentation of lessons learned

Qualification, Experience and Skills:

- Master's Degree or equivalent Advanced Degree in Software Engineering, Computer Science, information technology, web developer, graphic designing or other related disciplines
- Progressive experience of working in the development of mobile applications;
- Capacity to understand the needs for the app development,
- the ability to communicate openly and integrate all feedback which is provided;
- A proven track record of developing successful mobile applications;
- Working experience in developing graphically designed products for UNDP or other organizations from the UN system.
- Experience working in a fast-paced environment managing and meeting multiple deadlines and priorities
- Fluency in English

Request for Proposal Package located:

Please download the RFP package at:

https://procurement-notice.undp.org/view_notice.cfm?notice_id=94182 or

<https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/Index/179678>

Submission of Application Package:

Technical Proposals are required to submit by email clearly labeled *RFP: Consultancy Services to Develop a Transport App for Smart Cities*

United Nations Development Programme

Attn: Procurement Associate
3rd Floor, Lawrence Nicholas Building, Belmopan
Cayo District, Belize, C.A.
Tel: (501) 822-2688, 0467, 4228
Email: procurement.bz@undp.org

Deadline for Application: Monday, August 15, 2022. UTC.

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

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



Vacancies at Julian Cho Technical High School



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

- 1 Visual Arts/LSPD – Temporary
- 1 Integrated Science Teacher- Temporary

Qualification for Teacher:

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

Application package must include:

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

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

Salary:

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

Application packages must be addressed to:

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

ELECTRONIC PACKAGES CAN ALSO BE EMAILED TO:

ictsecretary@yahoo.com

Deadline for applications is Monday August 15, 2022.



ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MINISTRY VACANCY NOTICE

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

DEPUTY REGISTRAR

Applicants for the position of Deputy Registrar – Belize Intellectual Property Office (**BELIPO**) must be:

- a) an Attorney-at-Law qualified to practice law in Belize or the Commonwealth
- b) versed and trained in Intellectual Property laws.
- c) in good health.
- d) a person who conducts himself at all times, both in his professional and in his personal life, in a manner that will maintain public confidence.

Experience and training required:

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

Salary: Based on qualifications and experience.

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

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

Deadline for receipt of applications: September 30, 2022

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

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



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES

Institution:	Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing
Country:	Belize
Project:	Additional Financing for George Price Highway Rehabilitation Project
Sector:	Infrastructure, Environment and Natural Disasters
Abstract:	Individual Consulting Services – Preparation of Institutional Strengthening in Environmental Compliance
Loan/Credit/Grant No.:	4616/OC-BL
Deadline:	August 25th, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), towards the cost of the Additional Financing for George Price Highway Rehabilitation Project (AFGPHRP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the contracting of an Individual Consultant for forty-five (45) days who will be responsible for designing and implementing a training program for the relevant stakeholders involved in the construction and supervision of the George Price Highway Rehabilitation Project. The training program will focus on environmental compliance and knowledge of other relevant permitting agencies involved with the project and should be designed to determine conformity with environmental laws and regulations.

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank](#) (GN-2350-15, January 2020) – Section V, 5.2 Selection of Individual Consultants based on Comparison of Qualifications of National Individual Consultants. 2

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours:

Program Management Unit
#1 Power Lane, Belmopan, Cayo
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tel: 501-822-0100/1942
Email: pmupcmow@gmail.com, gphrp.3344@midh.gov.bz or procurement.officer.midh@gmail.com

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **2:00 p.m. (Local Belize Time) on August 25th, 2022.**

Attn: Mr. Rolando Chan
Program Coordinator
Program Management Unit
#1 Power Lane, Belmopan
Cayo District, Belize
Tel: 501-822-0100/1942
E-mail: pmupcmow@gmail.com, gphrp.3344@midh.gov.bz or procurement.officer.midh@gmail.com



*Karl Heusner Memorial
Hospital Authority*

TENDER NOTICE

Date: August 4, 2022

To: SUPPLIERS OF PEST CONTROL SERVICES, BELIZE C.A.

Tender Invitation – Pest Control Services, Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority

Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority guidelines for quotations from Pest Control Agencies.

The quotation requested is to provide spraying services to the below areas. Any additional services provided by the Pest Control Agency is to be submitted in a separate quotation.

PURPOSE:

The Pest Control Agency is responsible for keeping the entire hospital compound and building free of most pests including: Roaches, Ants, Fleas, Termites and Rodents. In addition, ensure to control the population of domesticated and wild animals on the compound. Pesticides recommended for use will be discussed in the Pre-Tender meeting.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The Pest Control Agency shall keep and maintain the below listed zone areas on a weekly basis free of all pests as set out in the “PURPOSE” section.

Zone I: Compound, Material & Supplies, Purchasing, Housekeeping, Laundry, Sewing Room, Maintenance, Dietary Kitchen, Morgue and NICU/PICU.

Zone II: Administration, Medical Ward, Surgical Ward, Pediatric Ward, Maternity Ward, Dialysis, Pharmacy, PRO Office, Infection Control/AQAC, Shift Supervisor, and Dialysis Social Worker.

Zone III: Accident & Emergency, Asthma Bay, Labour & Delivery, Operating Theater/Post Anesthetic Recovery, Private Ward, Milk Room, Central Sterilizing Unit, Radiology, Stat Lab, Physiotherapy, Operator Booth, Medical Records, Specialist Clinics, Main Lobby, Gift Shop, and Accounts.

Pre-qualification Requirements:

- Business registration certificate and company’s Belize office address (es) including: telephone numbers, fax number and e-mail address
- Company Registry certificate of good standing
- Company’s profile, organizational structure with names of key personnel and all management staff including resumes
- Company code of conduct
- Any additional information that will enhance the potential of the company

Commencement and validity of Provision of Pest Control Services:

- The contract is expected to commence on September 1, 2022 and will be for an initial period of two years from the effective date with a one-year extension option.

A meeting will be held on August 18, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the KHMHA conference room to address queries.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “KHMHA Pest Control Services” addressed to Director Operations, Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City, Belize C.A. on or before August 19, 2022 at 4 p.m.

KHMHA reserves the right to reject any or all Tenders.

Troy Banner remanded to prison for harming newborn

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELMOPAN, Tues. Aug. 9, 2022

In this Tuesday's issue of AMANDALA, we reported that Camalote resident Troy Banner had been detained and charged for causing injuries to his 15-day-old baby, and we can now confirm that Banner has been remanded to the Belize Central Prison for committing grievous harm, cruelty to a child, and wounding.

Banner appeared unrepresented on Tuesday in the Belmopan Magistrate's Court, where he was denied bail and remanded until September 13.

The two-week-old infant had been rushed to the hospital over the weekend after suffering a fractured arm, which Banner claimed was caused by the baby falling from a bed. Bruises were also visible on the child's face and back.



Troy Banner

This is the third known instance of alleged child abuse by Banner, who, in 2019, was charged with manslaughter for the death of his 2-month-old son. He has also been publicly accused of child abuse by his ex-common-law wife, who is also the mother of his eldest son.

Statement by H.E. David Kuan-Chou Chien, Ambassador of Republic of

August 10, 2022

The US congressional delegation, led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, recently visited Taiwan from August 2nd to 3rd. During her visit, Speaker Pelosi voiced strong support for Taiwan's democracy and raised the profile of Taiwan internationally. Right after Speaker Pelosi's departure, however, China conducted large-scale military exercises and launched ballistic missiles in the waters surrounding Taiwan. We strongly condemn China's extremely irresponsible behavior.

China's targeted, large-scale military exercises are serious provocation. By using Speaker Pelosi's visit to Taiwan as a pretext, China pursues its true intentions in a number of ways. Firstly, China has

threatened Taiwan militarily for years, and it continues to upgrade its efforts. China aims to now influence the international community's freedom of navigation in the waters and airspace of the Taiwan Strait by denying that it is an international waterway. On this occasion, China tries to routinize its actions in an attempt to disrupt the long-term status quo across the Taiwan Strait. Secondly, China has used the drills in its military play-book to prepare for the invasion of Taiwan. It conducts not only military exercises and missile launches, but also cyberattacks, disinformation, and economic coercion, in an attempt to weaken public morale in Taiwan. Thirdly, in terms of the range of its missile tests, China is clearly trying to deter other countries from interfering in its attempt to invade Taiwan. In other words, China's real intention behind these military exercises is to alter the status quo in the Taiwan Strait and the entire region. This has already brought significantly unstable elements into the mix, threatening the regional and global security.

In facing China's military exercises, Taiwan's people, society, military and government have displayed resilience and confidence, and remained calm. Despite China's continued attempts to intimidate Taiwan, the Taiwanese people will not panic and are resolved to not be defeated. Taiwan will continue to staunchly uphold its free and democratic way of life. Acting upon its beliefs with the same determination, Taiwan will continue to defend its sovereignty, freedom, democracy, and prosperity. We also call on the international community to support Taiwan in unison and put a stop to China's irresponsible threats and ambitious expansion, and jointly safeguard the value of freedom and democracy, to maintain a free, stable and prosperous world.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the Government of Belize, led by Hon. John Briceño, Prime Minister, for the prompt support and reaffirming to strengthen the strong and close bilateral relationship between Belize and Taiwan. As Belize and Taiwan share the values of democracy, freedom and human rights, and have enjoyed a rock-solid friendship and partnership for the past 33 years, Taiwan will continue to work together with Belize to consolidate our long-lasting partnership.

(END)



MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

AND

HOUSING

INVITATION TO BID

**REPAIRS AND RESURFACING OF VARIOUS SECTION OVER A 7.5 MILES LENGTH OF
EX-SERVICEMAN'S ROAD (BOOM CREEK VILLAGE ROAD) TOLEDO DISTRICT**

The Government of Belize via the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) intends to repair and re-surface various small sections over 7.5 miles length of the Ex-serviceman's Road (Boom Creek Village Road)), Toledo District with suitable crushed material.

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing now invites sealed bids from suitably qualified and experienced contractors for repairs and resurfacing of small sections of Ex-serviceman's Road, Toledo District.

The scope of works repair works on the road will include the following:

1. Clean main road of all vegetation and deleterious materials and dispose of spoil within a 2 miles radius of project site.
2. Clean side drains—8,000 linear yards and dispose of spoil within a 2 miles radius of project site.
3. Drainage improvement & Culvert Installation works (Provisional item)
3. Scarify, shape and compact road surface (110,000 S.Y) as per crossfall on drawings.
4. Supply, transport, place and compact 6 inches of subbase type material as per specifications.
5. Supply, transport, place and compact 6 inches of crushed All-In as per specifications.

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

Bidding will be conducted through national competitive bidding procedures and interested bidders may obtain further information and a copy of the bidding documents at the offices of MIDH at the address belows of Monday August 8, 2022, during normal office hours Monday through Fridays from 8.00 A.M – 12.00 Noon and from 1.00 PM – 4.00 PM.

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

All bids must be delivered to the address below by 11.15 AM local time on Tuesday, September 2, 2022, and they will be opened on the same day at 11.30 A.M, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected. A bid security of \$10,000 must be submitted and delivered to the address below at the same time of the bid submission.

1. Victor Espat
Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing
#1 Power Lane
Belmopan, Belize
Tel: 501-822-2136/39
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All stakeholders should get a place on the PCC..

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Sapodilla cays, and rights in those areas of the sea adjacent to the cays, as may be agreed.

4. Guatemala shall be entitled to free port facilities in Belize City and Punta Gorda.

5. The road from Belize City to the Guatemalan frontier shall be improved; a road from Punta Gorda to the Guatemalan frontier shall be completed. Guatemala shall have freedom of transit on these roads.

6. Belize shall facilitate the construction of oil pipelines between Guatemala and Belize City, Dangriga and Punta Gorda.

7. In areas to be agreed an agreement shall be concluded between Belize and Guatemala for purposes concerned with the control of pollution, navigation and fishing.

8. There shall be areas of the seabed and the continental shelf to be agreed for the joint exploration and exploitation of

minerals and hydrocarbons.

9. Belize and Guatemala shall agree upon certain developmental projects of mutual benefit.

10. Belize shall be entitled to any free port facilities in Guatemala to match similar facilities provided to Guatemala in Belize.

11. Belize and Guatemala shall sign a treaty of cooperation in matters of security of mutual concern, and neither shall permit its territory to be used to support subversion against the other.

12. Except as foreseen in these Heads of Agreement, nothing in these provisions shall prejudice any rights or interests of Belize or of the Belizean people.

13. The United Kingdom and Guatemala shall enter into agreements designed to re-establish full and normal relations between them.

14. The United Kingdom and Guatemala shall take the necessary action to sponsor the membership of Belize in the United Nations, the Organization of

American States, Central American organizations and other international organizations.

15. A Joint Commission shall be established between Belize, Guatemala and the United Kingdom to work out details to give effect to the above provisions. It will prepare a treaty or treaties for signature by the Signatories to these Heads of Agreement.

16. The controversy between the United Kingdom and Guatemala over the territory of Belize shall therefore be honorably and finally terminated.

Signed at London, the 11th day of March 1981, in the English and the Spanish language, both texts being equally authentic.

In looking at these proposals, no Belizean citizen in their right mind would agree to these proposals, and the Belize government knew that. In 1968 the American government appointed an American diplomat by the name of Bethuel M. Webster to negotiate the dispute

between Guatemala and Belize, and he submitted a similar document known as the "WEBSTER PROPOSALS". There is little or no difference between these two documents, and the intention of the British was the same, which was to give Belize to Guatemala to settle the dispute. A British diplomat later said that the proposals were used only as a matter of political expediency.

THE WEBSTER PROPOSALS

Negotiations between the United Kingdom and Guatemala in search of a solution to Guatemala's claim to Belize were bilateral negotiations until 1962. It was a significant historical moment, because in that year delegates from Belize were permitted for the first time to participate in the Anglo-Guatemalan negotiations which took place in San Juan, Puerto Rico, with the U.K. and Guatemala as principals.

To be continued



Ministry of Rural Transformation
Community Development, Labour and Local Government

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Consultancy to Develop a National Rural Development Strategy for Belize

1. PURPOSE

The Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour & Local Government's overarching mission is to contribute to Belize's sustainable development by providing effective labour administration services, strengthening local governments, and facilitating an enabling environment for rural development.

The Ministry of Rural Transformation has embarked on developing a new National Rural Development Strategy (NRDS) that is both area-based and multi-sectoral. The NRDS would aim to alleviate the current ad hoc approach to rural development by establishing a multi-sectoral and coordinated approach to not only reducing rural poverty but also improving rural residents' cultural, social, political, and environmental well-being.

2. CONSULTANCY OBJECTIVES:

The objective of the consultancy is to develop a national rural development strategy for Belize that will serve as a national framework to guide the rural sector's development process by clearly identifying development strategies that result in poverty reduction and rural economic growth while enhancing local culture and conserving critical environmental resources.

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES

To develop the strategy, the Consultant will conduct the following:

- At a high level, engage directly with relevant line Ministries for assessment and planning of the strategy framework.
- Assess the implementation deficit of the previous BRADS and identify lessons learned.
- Carry out a situational analysis of the social, economic and natural environment conditions of the rural sector based on an informed delineation. The issues to be considered/reported upon in the analysis should include, but not necessarily be limited to the following:
 - Economy – identify critical elements of the rural economy including production, emerging commodities, off-farm employment, tourism, eco-tourism, main employers, livelihoods, labour force participation and overall economic opportunities. Establish clear linkages to the private sector and value chains for whatever opportunities that exist in various sectors.
 - Social development – produce a sex-disaggregated profile of the rural sector. Describe the supply and demand of health and education services, educational achievement, multidimensional poverty, and other relevant social issues of concern.
 - Infrastructure – identify needs and gaps in infrastructure including roads and public utilities that impact on the efficiency of production and quality of rural life.
 - Environment and natural resources – identify the state of the environment, degradation risks, resources for production inputs and climate change risks.
- Review secondary data including reports, studies, assessments, and relevant policy and legal documents including poverty assessments, census reports, labour surveys, etc.
- Collect primary data through participatory consultations with all categories of stakeholders in order to introduce the initiative, obtain feedback and gauge perception of need and strengthen buy-in.
- Prepare, validate, and submit a National Rural Development Strategy to the Ministry.

4. SUPERVISION/PROCESS MANAGEMENT

The Consultant will report to the Chief Executive Officer or his designate. The Rural Development Department's staff will assist the Consultant in coordinating activities such as meeting planning, stakeholder workshops, interaction with government Ministries

and agencies, and general administrative matters.

5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND DELIVERABLES

The Consultant shall prepare and submit all reports in English. A soft and hardcopy of all reports are to be submitted to the Ministry.

Main tasks	Payment	Timeframe
Inception Report and Work Plan	20%	One week after signing
Situational Analysis Report	25%	One month after commencement
Draft of National Rural Development Strategy	30%	Three months after commencement
Final National Rural Development Strategy	25%	Five months after commencement

6. DURATION OF CONSULTANCY

5 months (August – December 2022)

7. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Consultant will be expected to travel to locations for meetings and consultation sessions as agreed upon by both parties. The Consultant's fees will be inclusive of travel and accommodation costs.

8. QUALIFICATIONS

The consultant must have the following qualifications and experience:

- Minimum of a master's degree in Rural Development, Local Economic Development, Sustainable Development, Agriculture Economics or any disciplines directly related to the Consultancy.
- At least 10 years' experience in local economic, rural development or community development planning.
- Extensive knowledge of rural community development, public policy, poverty reduction, climate change adaptation, gender and equity approach to programming.
- Broad experience in facilitating extensive stakeholder consultations with government representatives, private sector, NGOs, and other stakeholders.
- Proven technical report-writing (English), analytical, communication, and project management skills.

9. INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION:

Technical proposals must demonstrate relevant local or regional experience, appropriate knowledge, skills, and academic qualifications, approach and methodology, and a preliminary work plan. Financial proposals should include consultant costs such as fees, travel, and accommodation. The Ministry will cover the costs of meetings and workshops.

The full Terms of reference may be requested by writing to us at Coord.Rural.Dev@labour.gov.bz.

Technical and financial proposals must be submitted to:

Elsa Cardinez
Coordinator for Rural Development
Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government
Email: Coord.Rural.Dev@labour.gov.bz
Subject: "National Rural Development Strategy for Belize"

All submissions must be made by 12th August 2022 at 4:00pm

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lodgement of an EIA Report and Public Consultation

For

“PORT OF BELIZE CRUISE TOURISM FACILITY AND CARGO EXPANSION”

Located on Caesar Ridge Road, Port Loyola area, Belize City, Belize

The General Public is hereby advised that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for the expansion of the Port of Belize cargo facility and the establishment of a cruise port terminal and cruise tourism village has been submitted by Port of Belize Limited & Belize Logistics Terminal Limited to the Department of the Environment (DOE). The EIA report was prepared by Nextera Environmental and Engineering Consultants and Piedroba Consulting Group LLC. The EIA report will be reviewed by the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC) before a final decision is taken by the DOE.

The General Public is hereby informed that the EIA report is available for public review, free of charge, since August 8th, 2022, and can be examined Mondays to Fridays during normal working hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) at the Port Loyola Library, National Library Service, Leo Bradley Library, Turton Library Center all located within Belize City, and at the DOE's Office located on 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan. The public is invited to submit their comments in writing on or before September 2nd, 2022, to the DOE Office in Belmopan or email: envirodept@environment.gov.bz; eiaunit@environment.gov.bz. The EIA report and its annexes are also available on the DOE's website at link: <https://doe.gov.bz/environmental-clearance/>

Considering the realities related to COVID19 virus, and while hard copies of the EIA report are available at the above-mentioned locations, you are encouraged to utilize the above link to access the EIA report. Please practice social distancing when viewing hard copies of the report and follow the recommendations of the Ministry of Health.

Kindly be informed that a hybrid public consultation session for the EIA will be held on **September 1st, 2022, commencing at 6:30pm sharp**. The in-person consultation will be held at the Best Western Biltmore Plaza Hotel and virtually via the Government of Belize Press Office Facebook Page.

The public is invited to participate in this consultation to make comments, ask questions, seek clarification, express concerns, or issues, or to make objections or representations to the DOE in relation to the possible effects of the proposed project activity on the environment.

Bill Russell, who transformed pro basketball, dies at 88

A Hall of Famer who led the Celtics to 11 championships, he was “the single most devastating force in the history of the game,” his coach Red Auerbach said.

by **Richard Goldstein**

www.nytimes.com, July 31, 2022

Even before the opening tipoff at Boston Celtics games, Bill Russell evoked domination. Other players ran onto the court for their introductions, but he walked on, slightly stooped.

“I’d look at everybody disdainfully, like a sleepy dragon who can’t be bothered to scare off another would-be hero,” he recalled. “I wanted my look to say, ‘Hey, the king’s here tonight.’”

Russell’s awesome rebounding triggered a Celtic fast break that overwhelmed the rest of the N.B.A. His quickness and his uncanny ability to block shots transformed the center

position, once a spot for slow and hulking types, and changed the face of pro basketball.

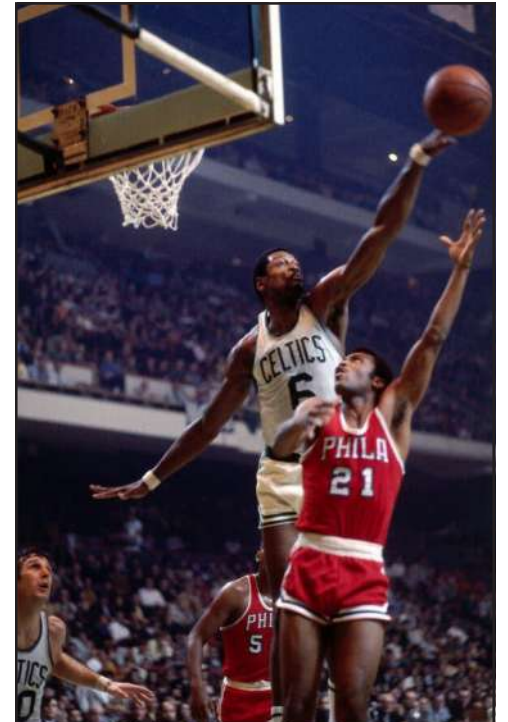
Russell, who propelled the Celtics to 11 N . B . A . championships, the final two when he became the first Black head coach in a major American sports league, died on Sunday. He was 88.

His death was announced by his family, who did not say where he died.



Bill Russell with his coach, Red Auerbach, in December 1964 after scoring his 10,000th career point in a game in Boston Garden. In a 1980 poll of basketball writers, he was voted the greatest player in N.B.A. history. Credit...Associated Press

When Russell was elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1975, Red Auerbach, who orchestrated his arrival as a Celtic and coached him on nine



Russell blocking a shot in 1964 in a game against the Philadelphia 76ers in Boston. His quickness and uncanny ability to block shots transformed the center position. Credit...Dick Raphael/ Getty Images

championship teams, called him “the single most devastating force in the history of the game.”

He was not alone in that view: In a 1980 poll of basketball writers (long before Michael Jordan and LeBron James entered the scene), Russell was voted nothing less than the greatest player in N.B.A. history.

Former Senator Bill Bradley, who faced Russell with the Knicks in the 1960s, viewed him as “the smartest player ever to play the game and the epitome of a team leader.”

“At his core, Russell knew that he was different from other players—that he was an innovator and that his very identity depended on dominating the game,” Bradley wrote in reviewing Russell’s remembrances of Auerbach in “Red and Me: My Coach, My Lifelong Friend” (2009) for The New York Times.

In the decades that followed Russell’s retirement in 1969, when flashy moves delighted fans and team play was often an afterthought, his stature was burnished even more, remembered for his ability to enhance the talents of his teammates even as he dominated the action, and to do it without bravado: He disdained dunking or gesturing to celebrate his feats.

In those later years, his signature goatee now turned white, Russell reappeared on the court at springtime, presenting the most valuable player of the N.B.A. championship series with the trophy named for him in 2009.

Russell was remembered as well for his visibility on civil rights issues.

He took part in the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and was seated in the front row of the crowd to hear the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. deliver his “I Have a Dream” speech. He went to Mississippi after the civil rights activist Medgar Evers was murdered and worked with Evers’s brother, Charles, to open an integrated basketball camp in Jackson. He was among a group of prominent Black athletes who supported Muhammad Ali when Ali refused induction into the armed forces during the Vietnam War.

President Barack Obama awarded Russell the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian

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CENTRAL BANK of BELIZE



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

ASSISTANT MANAGER, ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET

The Central Bank invites qualified individuals to join its Accounts and Budget Department.

The Assistant Manager, Accounts and Budget, provides support to the Manager, Accounts and Budget, in the general administration of the Accounts and Budget Department. The incumbent assists in supervising the department’s staff, administering vault custodian functions, providing advice on the Central Bank’s performance, producing Central Bank’s financial statements, ensuring compliance with the relevant requirements of the applicable laws, and ensuring conformity with the department’s policies and procedures to mitigate operational and financial risks.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist in the development and implementation of goals, priorities, procedures, and internal controls necessary for auditing, budget, financial analysis, and property management in accordance with the general accepted accounting principles, policies, procedures, and other applicable Bank rules and guidelines;
- Perform vault operations as the principal vault custodian;
- Prepare and disseminate monthly reports of the Bank’s financial performance to the governing body;
- Assist in the preparation of the Central Bank’s audited financial statement in collaboration with external auditors and in compliance with Central Bank of Belize Act, International Financial Reporting Standards, and other relevant legislations;
- Assist in the preparation of the Central Bank’s annual and revised budget and manage the processing of all revenue and expenditures of the Bank;
- Manage and ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the Central Bank’s payment and procurement operations within the framework of established systems, procedures, and internal controls;
- Ensure effective time management in preparation of all reports and reconciliations prepared by staff within the department; and
- Perform any other related duties that may be assigned.

The applicants should possess the following:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A Master’s Degree in Accounting, Finance, Banking, Business Administration, or other related field from a recognized university with three (3) years of progressively related administrative duties and training, and three (3) years managerial experience. Experience in strategic management and project management methodologies would be an asset; **OR**
- A Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting, Finance, Banking, Business Administration, or other related field from a recognized university with six (6) years of progressively related administrative duties and training, and six (6) years managerial experience. Experience in strategic management and project management methodologies would be an asset.

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- In depth knowledge of the Central Bank of Belize Act, relevant sections of the Domestic Banks and Financial Institutions Act, accounting concepts and principles, IFRS standards and internal control processes; Sound knowledge of budget management and planning strategies, procurement management theories and practices; Knowledge of banking principles, business and management principles and strategic management approach; Proficient in software applications, including accounting software and Microsoft Office Suite.

COMPETENCIES

- Personal Credibility, Flexibility, Personal Accountability, Fostering Teamwork, Managing Performance, Attention to Communication, Results Orientation, Managing Change, Diagnostic Information Gathering, Thoroughness, Initiative, Analytical Thinking.

Submit the following documents by **Friday, 26 August 2022**:

- CBB Employment Application Form (Available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three (3) current references (one must be from a previous employer)
- Certified copies of university transcripts, degrees, and any other personal certificates

Applications should be addressed to:

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

Ref: Assistant Manager, Accounts and Budget- Accounts and Budget Department

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

From the Publisher

Reproduced from page 9 of the Tuesday, August 9, 2022, #3576 issue of Amandala

There was a time when Belizeans of African descent were the clear majority in this 8,867. This was under British rule, and there was heavy law-and-order in the settlement/colony.

Since Belize achieved political independence, law-and-order has broken down, defence attorneys rule, and our Jewel has become wild, especially at night and especially on weekends.

Wilfred "Sedi" Elrington was Foreign Minister in the Dean Barrow UDP Cabinets from February 2008 to November 2020. But if you read his columns in THE REPORTER, it's as if he were talking about total strangers when he discusses such as his former Cabinet colleagues.

Here is what Mr. Elrington wrote on Friday: "It is patently unjust, scandalous, shameful and disgraceful that politicians who are the servants of these said people, and their relatives and cronies, are enriched to the point where they become millionaires in only a few five-year terms in office while the constituents who elected them to office and whose interest they swore to serve, wallow in poverty and misery in hellish shelters for in excess of forty continuous years."

That very same Friday the newspaper was published, Sedi's older brother, Hubert, who was a Cabinet minister in the UDP governments of 1984-1989 and 1993-1998, told KREM Radio's Marisol Amaya, apparently with reference to the three UDP governments in which Sedi served from 2008 to 2020, "They are a bunch of crooks."

Both Hubert and Sedi are attorneys, and the Elrington family success must be given respect, because they are not brown Belizeans who benefited from any kind of white paternity. As Afro Belizeans, they are the real deal, but it doesn't matter to me what kind of Belizean you are: if you are exonerating yourself from Cabinet issues when you were sitting at the same Cabinet table,

then you must be taken to task.

Before I continue, let me tell you that a source this week told me that Sedi had put the Samuel Haynes Institute (corner Mahogany and Oleander Streets) into a trust, so that he could remain in charge after the PUP ousted the UDP in 2020. He had funded that school immediately after being elected as Pickstock area representative in 2008 with \$200,000 Lord Michael Ashcroft handed him. We will be watching to see what his position is on Waterloo.

I am in possession of a copy of a check made out to Hubert Eric Elrington for \$10,000 on June 7, 2019 from Pickstock Development Association funds. Hubert is not from Sedi's Pickstock constituency. He lives in Caribbean Shores. So this was a questionable transaction. If anyone asked, the story would have been that the check was for Hubert to supply plywood.

When I was appointed to the Senate by then Governor-General, the late Dame Minita Gordon, my term of office was from 1993 to 1998. The UDP's Leader of Government Business in the Senate during that period was Sedi Elrington.

In my speech on one of the budgets presented by Dr. Manuel Esquivel's administration during that period, I brought up the matter of African and Mayan history, which I had been calling for from late 1969. Sedi's reply was: "The people don't want it."

Well, no institution has done more than Kremandala to promote African and Mayan history, and no one has created more jobs in the old capital ghetto than Kremandala. Straight like that. Sedi is a multimillionaire who hoards his money: he does not create jobs. I don't believe he is in a position to preach to anyone about the Afro-Belizean crisis in The Jewel.

I give respect to his personal success, but in Sedi Elrington's case, I would say: talk is cheap.

From the Publisher en Español

Reproducido de la página 9 del martes 9 de Agosto de 2022, número 3576 de Amandala

Hubo un tiempo en que los beliceños afrodescendientes eran la clara mayoría en este 8.867. Esto fue bajo el dominio británico, y había mucha ley y orden en el asentamiento/colonia.

Desde que Belize logró la independencia política, la ley y el orden se han roto, los abogados defensores gobiernan y nuestra Joya se ha vuelto salvaje, especialmente por la noche y especialmente los fines de semana.

Wilfred "Sedi" Elrington fue ministro de Relaciones Exteriores en los gabinetes UDP de Dean Barrow desde febrero de 2008 hasta noviembre de 2020. Pero si leen sus columnas en THE REPORTER, es como si estuviera hablando de completos extraños cuando discute sus ex colegas del gabinete.

Esto es lo que el Sr. Elrington escribió el viernes: "Es evidentemente injusto, escandaloso, vergonzoso y deshonesto que los políticos que son los sirvientes de esta misma gente, y sus parientes y compinches, se enriquezcan hasta el punto de convertirse en millonarios en solo unos cuantos períodos de cinco años en el cargo, mientras que los electores que los eligieron para el cargo y cuyos intereses juraron servir, se revuelcan en la pobreza y la miseria en refugios infernales durante más de cuarenta años continuos".

Ese mismo viernes que se publicó el periódico, el hermano mayor de Sedi, Hubert, quien fue ministro del Gabinete en los gobiernos UDP de 1984-1989 y

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BELIZE CITY

The Estate of CEDELLA REBECCA LUCAS, a.k.a.
SEDELLA REBECCA LUCAS

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 36 of the Administration of Estate Act, Chapter 97 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020 that all creditors having any claims or demands upon or against **The Estate of CEDELLA REBECCA LUCAS, a.k.a. SEDELLA REBECCA LUCAS**, deceased, late of 1553 Life Avenue, Coral Grove, Belize City, Belize are required to send particulars in writing of there claims or demands to the Administrator of the said estate ADOLPH D. LUCAS, Sr. of 1553 Life Avenue, Coral Grove, Belize City, Belize and to send such particulars not later than three months from the first publication thereof. **AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN** that after the expiration of the three months aforesaid the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said **CEDELLA REBECCA LUCAS, a.k.a. SEDELLA REBECCA LUCAS**, deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims or demands of which particulars have been delivered and the Administrator will not be liable for the assets of the said deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands the Administrator shall not then have had notice .

Dated this 9 th day of August, 2020.


ADOLPH D. LUCAS, Sr
Administrator



National Bank of Belize Limited

Employment Opportunity

The National Bank of Belize Limited (NBB) is looking for a highly motivated, goal oriented, responsible and committed individual to join its team in the position of Internal Audit Support Officer in Belize City.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Perform a variety of support tasks for the Audit Department to ensure that audits are conducted in a timely, efficient and professional manner;
- Assist in the completion of independent audits and reviews of the bank's operation as per the approved annual audit plans;
- Perform quarterly and financial year-end cash checks at all branches and service centres;
- Perform semi-annual fraud risk assessments;
- Maintain a proper record keeping system of all audit documentation;
- Adhere to laws and regulations including Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism, and KYC regulations and complies with all bank policies and procedures;
- Any other related duties as assigned from time to time.

Qualifications and Skills:

- **Minimum:**
Associate's Degree in Accounting, Business Administration or related field.
- **Preferred:**
Bachelor's Degree in Accounting
- At least one (1) year of recent, successful professional experience in banking, accounting or auditing;
- Knowledge of computer software including Microsoft Office Applications;
- Knowledge of the banking industry in Belize, lending, routine banking operations and banking products;
- Excellent command of the English language;
- Positive work attitude, excellent work ethics and sound understanding of confidentiality.

Salary:

In accordance with the NBB's Salary Structure

Interested applicant should submit application letter along with resume, copies of certificates and two recent letters of professional recommendation via email to the Human Resource Manager at:

hr@nbbld.bz

Deadline for submission of application: 23rd August, 2022



KREM Television Program Guide

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Questions or comments may be forwarded via email to

Phone: 202-5848 kremtelevision@yahoo.com

Friday, August 12 to Thursday, August 18, 2022

FRIDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Stew (LIVE)
- 12:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (repeat)
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Miles Davis Ahead
- 3:30 p.m. Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)
- 6:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 7:30 p.m. Documentary: Stake Bank: The System - Discussion
- 9:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (repeat)

SATURDAY

- 10:00 a.m. UEF Belizean Women Movement Community Conversations(LIVE)
- 11:00 a.m. Documentary: Ethiopia And The History Not Seen
- 11:58 a.m. Movie: Soyent Green
- 1:17 p.m. Documentary: Japan's War in Colour
- 2:52 p.m. Movie: Winnie Mandela
- 4:45 p.m. Documentary: Mission Mind Control
- 5:30 p.m. UEF Belizean Women Movement Community Conversations(Repeat)
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

SUNDAY

- 10:30 a.m. Sunday Review (LIVE)
- 12:00 p.m. Movie: The Rosa Parks Story
- 1:30 p.m. Documentary: The Rising Countries - Dubai, China, Russia, India, Korea
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: The Butler
- 4:30 p.m. Documentary: The Great Barrier Reef
- 5:30 p.m. Sunday Review (repeat)
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday Jazz
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

MONDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Stew (LIVE)
- 12:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (repeat)
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Stake Bank: What Do I Want Out of Life Discussion
- 3:30 p.m. Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)
- 6:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary: Our History Is Not What We Think
- 9:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (repeat)

TUESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Stew (LIVE)
- 12:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (repeat)
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Stake Bank: Knowing Your Rights Discussion
- 3:30 p.m. Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)
- 6:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 8:00 p.m. Ted Talk: Don John
- 9:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (repeat)

WEDNESDAY

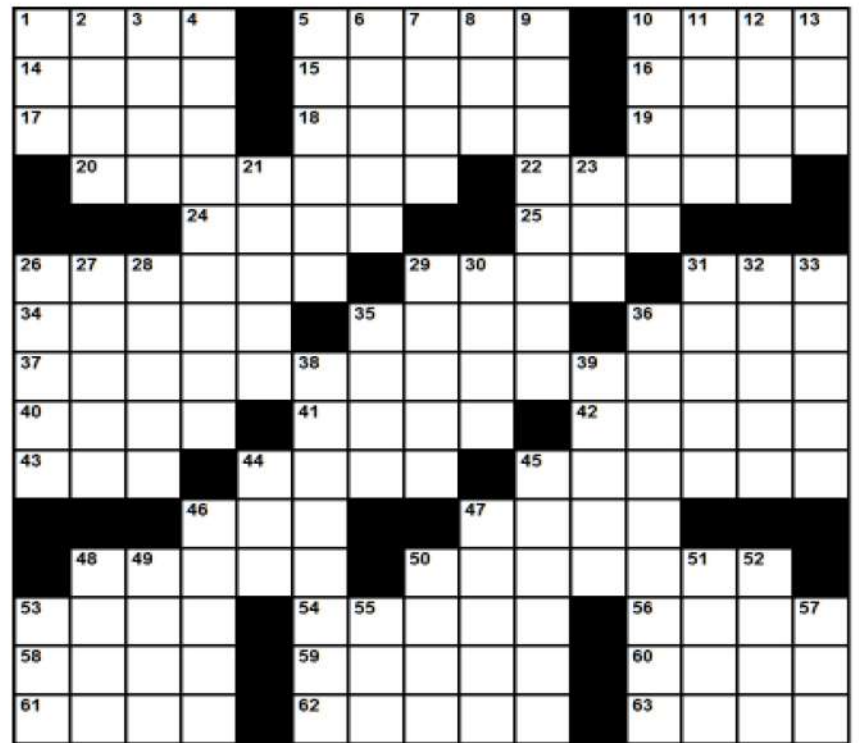
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- 12:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (repeat)
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Documentary: Money, Happiness And Eternal Life
- 3:30 p.m. Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)
- 6:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)
- 7:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 7:30 p.m. Belizean Legends: Harry Shaw
- 9:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (repeat)

THURSDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Stew (LIVE)
- 12:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (repeat)
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Belizean History: Decolonizing an Independent Belize
- 3:30 p.m. Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)
- 6:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)
- 7:00 p.m. UEF Zoom Community Meeting: 400 million BZD development at the Port of Belize (LIVE)
- 8:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 9:00 p.m. Krem TV Evening News (repeat)



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Across

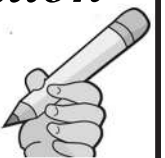
- 1. Haughty person
- 5. Arise
- 10. Ancient Egyptian
- 14. Diamond Head island
- 15. Cold-weather drink
- 16. Citrus hybrid
- 17. Decorate the tree
- 18. Womb
- 19. Currency of Brazil
- 20. Mends shoes
- 22. Free from noise
- 24. Drinks like a dog
- 25. NAFTA member
- 26. Most spirited
- 29. Crusty cheese
- 31. Automation, abbr.
- 34. Cover story
- 35. Building entrance
- 36. Minnow's kin
- 37. Sexists
- 40. Bald eagle's cousin
- 41. Apply rickrack
- 42. Heron's cousin
- 43. Bakery choice
- 44. Informal assent
- 45. Print goofs
- 46. Crank's comment
- 47. Pet, for short
- 48. Bakery bonus
- 50. Abhors
- 53. A combo
- 54. Relinquish a claim
- 56. Wine served warm
- 58. Feels bad
- 59. Baby wriggler
- 60. Big story
- 61. Ale ingredient
- 62. Frank book
- 63. Claim untrue

Down

- 1. Heavy imbiber
- 2. DEA officer
- 3. Baltimore partner
- 4. Rimsky-Korsakov's flyer
- 5. Emulate Rodin
- 6. Beach bags
- 7. Air heroes
- 8. And also not
- 9. Rum drink
- 10. Feudal assembly
- 11. Curved arch
- 12. Builder's map
- 13. Up to
- 21. Elementary
- 23. Avail oneself of
- 26. Having more spunk
- 27. Winglike parts
- 28. Creator of Pooh
- 29. Tree limb
- 30. Emulate Sinbad
- 31. Iraqi port
- 32. Choral ensemble
- 33. Epispem
- 35. Arp's style
- 36. Strayed
- 38. Brayed
- 39. Daredevil's need
- 44. Candied item
- 45. Diner
- 46. Helping push
- 47. Flu symptom
- 48. A Met score
- 49. Lunar valley
- 50. Callas was one
- 51. Adhesive item
- 52. Body cover
- 53. Beret kin
- 55. Aladdin prince
- 57. Far from friendly

Crossword answers for last edition

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



Daily Printable Crossword Puzzle - 08-04-2022 - Answers



VACANCY

E-Mobility Project Manager



Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.

Location: Belmopan, Belize

Application Deadline: 23/08/2022, 21:59

Type of Contract: National Personnel Service Agreement (NPSA)

Pre-classified Grade: NB4

Expected Duration of Assignment: One Year with possibility of extension subject to performance evaluation

Background:

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

UNDP does not tolerate sexual exploitation and abuse, any kind of harassment, including sexual harassment, and discrimination. All selected candidates will, therefore, undergo rigorous reference and background checks.

Project Description:

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Scope of Work:

In consultation with the Project Steering Committee, the Project Manager (PM) is responsible for day-to-day management, coordination and supervision of the implementation of the Project. Specifically, his/her responsibilities are but not limited to the following: 1. Ensuring effective project management of the assigned projects by maintaining the delivery of appropriate technical, operational, financial and administrative outputs, while tracking the project progress through monitoring, evaluation and reporting; 2. Maintaining collaborative working relationships among key project partners and donors, through effective communication, consultation and reporting which assures the timely involvement of local and international experts, organization of training and public outreach, purchase of required equipment etc. in accordance with UNDP rules and procedures;

Summary of Key Functions:

1. Ensuring effective project management of the assigned projects by maintaining the delivery of appropriate technical, operational, financial and administrative outputs, while tracking the project's progress through monitoring, evaluation and reporting.
2. Maintaining collaborative working relationships among key project partners and projects' donors, through effective communication, consultation and reporting

Required Qualifications:**Min. Education:**

- Master of Science Degree in a subject related to development studies, engineering, economics, or environmental sciences

Or

- A Bachelor of Science Degree in a subject related to development studies, engineering, economics, or environmental sciences

Experience and skills:

- Two (2) years of relevant experience in managing projects, including demonstrated capacity to actively explore new, innovative implementation and financing mechanisms to achieve the project objective
- Alternatively, if in possession of Bachelor's degree, four (4) years of relevant administrative or project experience in managing projects, including demonstrated capacity to actively explore new, innovative implementation and financing mechanisms to achieve the project objective.
- Previous experience with public administration procedures in Belize is an asset.
- Project Management Certification or equivalent is an asset.
- Good understanding of national policies and institutional frameworks relevant to Belize's Energy and Transport sectors;
- Demonstrated experience in liaising and co-operating with government officials, municipal authorities, academic institutions, NGOs and the private sector;
- Good analytical and problem-solving skills and the related ability for adaptive management with prompt action on the conclusion and recommendations coming out from the project's regular monitoring and self-assessment activities as well as from periodic external evaluations;
- Experience in the UN or a development agency is an asset
- Excellent communications, report writing and analytical skills.
- Familiarity and prior experience with UNDP procedures would be an asset

Languages: Excellent written and oral communication and presentation skills are required in English. Knowledge of Spanish is considered an asset.

Applications: UNDP is an equal opportunity employer and, all qualified individuals are encouraged to apply.

To apply please go to:

[E-Mobility Project Manager NPSA 9 - UNDP Careers \(oraclecloud.com\)](https://oraclecloud.com)

AMENDMENT No. 1

NATIONAL PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS

N° CABELI-G-007-2147/2022

Procurement, Installation and Connectivity to Fiber Optic Grid of Fifty (50) Surveillance Cameras and all associated equipment (Monitors, DVRs, etc.)

Currently reads		To be read from now on	
Introduction (Extension of Deadline Submission)			
Specific Procurement Notice			
3.3 Presentation of the Procurement Process	Bids for this invitation to bid shall be received no later than August 17th, 2022, by 9:00 a.m. at the following physical address below	3.3 Presentation of the Procurement Process	Bids for this invitation to bid shall be received no later than September 7th, 2022, by 9:00 a.m. at the following physical address below
Section II. Bidding Data (BD)			
Section II Bidding Data 9.1	The deadline for consultations and clarifications is as follows: a. Clarifications must be sought no later than Wednesday, August 3 rd , 2022. b. The Buyer shall respond to the queries of the bidders for the preparation of their bids no later than Friday August 5 th , 2022.	Section II Bidding Data 9.1	The deadline for consultations and clarifications is as follows: a. Clarifications must be sought no later than Monday August 29th, 2022. b. The Buyer shall respond to the queries of the bidders for the preparation of their bids no later than Friday September 2nd, 2022.
Section II Bidding Data 24.1	a. Bids must be received no later than Wednesday, August 17 th , 2022, by 9:00 a.m. at the address detailed in BD 23.2 (b) b. The deadline for the preparation of bids will be 31 days.	Section II Bidding Data 24.1	a. Bids must be received no later than Wednesday, September 7th, 2022, by 9:00 a.m. at the address detailed in BD 23.2 (b) b. The deadline for the preparation of bids will be 52 days.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES

Pursuant to The Belize Bank Limited Undertaking (Belize Bank Corporation Limited Operations) Vesting Act, 2021 and The Belize Bank Limited Undertaking (Belize Bank Corporation Limited Operations) Vesting Act (Appointed Day) Order, 2021, THE BELIZE BANK LIMITED, a company duly formed and incorporated under the Laws of Belize with registered office situate at Second Floor, Matalon Business Center, Coney Drive, Belize City Belize (the "Bank") acquired the undertaking of Belize Bank Corporation Limited (formerly Scotiabank (Belize) Ltd.).

The Bank thus hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale under a Deed of Mortgage between Scotia Bank (Belize) Ltd of the one part and Lourdes Rudon (hereinafter called "the Mortgagors") of the second part which was filed at the Land Titles Unit in Belmopan City on the 28th September 2004 in Deeds of Book Volume 29, of 2004 at Folios 951 - 1012. The Bank will at the expiration of two months from the date of the first publication of this notice sell the property of the Mortgagors described in the SCHEDULES hereto.

ALL offers to purchase the said property must be made in writing to the Bank or to the undersigned from either of whom full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO AS

ALL THAT lot, piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 50 (568.219 Square Meters) situate in Mango Creek Village Extension, Stann Creek District bounded and described as shown on Plan No. 784 of 2003 and more particularly described in Minister's Fiat Grant No. 784 of 2003 together with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon.

Dated the 10th August 2022

**The Belize Bank Limited
Second Floor
Matalon Business Center
Coney Drive,
Belize City**

Caribbean Youth Fellowship participants discuss improving education opportunities

The first cohort of youth to participate in the Caribbean Youth Fellowship Program led a discussion on possible policies that can be implemented to improve education opportunities in Belize

by *Khaila Gentle*

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Aug. 11, 2022

Today at the Belize Best Western Biltmore Plaza, the International Republican Institute (IRI), through the Caribbean Youth Fellowship (CYF), held a roundtable discussion with a number of young Belizeans on the possibilities of advancing education opportunities for the country's youth population through recently developed policy proposals. The discussions were spearheaded by the first cohort of participants in the recently concluded CYF Program—a program that seeks to increase the political engagement of young leaders in the Caribbean.

Prior to the discussions, those individuals presented the two policy frameworks that they created during the length of the CYF program—one that

seeks to achieve equitable secondary education access and another that tackles the limited financial opportunities for access to tertiary education in Belize—to a number of officials in attendance, including representatives from Belize's financial institutions and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science & Technology, who gave constructive feedback afterward.

Michel Fritz II, leader of one of the two groups that took part in the CYF program, presented a policy framework for secondary education reform. Lack of access to equitable secondary education, said Fritz, is an inalienable barrier for students across Belize, mainly due to a lack of financial resources, a lack of social support services, and a lack of legislation that ensures children remain in school.

"Education is the key to advancing the country, so if we are not adequately

educating or do not have equitable access, there remain barriers to an increased quality of life," he said.

The first group of CYF participants made several suggestions for addressing this, including increasing the mandatory age for being in school—which the Government recently accomplished—and increasing the minimum employment age from 14 to 16, which would allow children to complete their secondary level of schooling.

Having bipartisan agreements, added Fritz, is one way to ensure that these new policies remain in place, even with changes in government.

Amillin Mendez was the leader of the second group of participants, which gave a presentation on addressing the limited financing available to persons seeking tertiary education.

Pursuing a Bachelor's degree, said

Mendez, costs most Belizeans a little bit over \$24,000 in tuition alone. And while several financial institutions, like DFC, provide accommodative tertiary education funding, interest rates can range from 7.5% to 14%, and funding criteria is often quite burdensome.

"So how do we effect effective changes? Let us start by finding solutions for sustainable financing. Let us study the root problems, examine the sources of the problems, magnify the indicators, and be keen on the consequences," said Mendez.

"Let us open the conversation on where tertiary education fits in terms of a national strategy for the government," she added.

As we mentioned, the presenters received constructive feedback from those in attendance at the forum, including the Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science & Technology, Hon. Dr. Louis Zabaneh.

Natalie Ewing Goff, the General Manager at DFC, and Alvaro Alamina, the General Manager of the National Bank of Belize, also gave their thoughts, acknowledging that, when it comes to providing better financial opportunities to those seeking tertiary education, there is still some work to be done. Both institutions committed to looking into what can be done to improve those opportunities.

This is the first time that a forum of this nature has been held in Belize. Marcelo Salas, the Regional Program Director for the Caribbean at IRI, spoke with the media at the end of the presentations on the purpose of having such programs.

"We saw that [the Caribbean] is a region that's growing very fast economically but also in its stability in political development, and the stabilization of democracy. You know, these are very young democracies that are full of energy, and we thought that it would be important to support the growth and development," he said.

"We started our initiatives supporting youth—young leaders—because we see that the present and the future of these countries are in the hands of these youths. And the more that we can do to support them to develop their skills, the better it will be for the countries in the Caribbean," he added.

MOHW hosts Workplace

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on curative care, hospital care, but what we've got to do is also refocus on primary care and prevention and promote wellness. So, wellness doesn't necessarily mean the absence of disease, but having that mental and physical wellness and well-being," said Dr. Melissa Diaz Musa.

The Ministry is hoping to push people to focus on the aspects of wellness that have been neglected since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, such as physical screenings for cancer. According to Dr. Diaz Musa, cervical and breast cancer remain two of the leading causes of death in women, along with prostate cancer in men.



MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

AND

HOUSING

INVITATION TO BID

PAVING OF 2.2 km of GUINEA GRASS VILLAGE ROAD ORANGE WALK DISTRICT

The Government of Belize via the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) intends to upgrade to paved standard a 2.2 section of Guinea Grass Village Road (section passing through Village), Orange Walk District with Double Chip and Seal Treatment.

The Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing now invites sealed bids from suitably qualified and experienced contractors for paving of the above-mentioned 2.2 km section road passing through Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District.

The scope of works will involve upgrading to paved standard a total of 7218 ft x 23 ft of roadway with Double Chip and Seal Treatment and will include the following:

1. Clean main road of all vegetation and deleterious materials and dispose of spoil within a 2 miles radius of project site.
2. Clean side drains—14,437 linear feet and dispose of spoil within a 2 miles radius of project site.
3. Drainage improvement & Culvert Installation works (Provisional item)
3. Scarify, shape and compact road surface (18,446 S.Y) as per crossfall on drawings.
4. Supply, transport, place and compact 6 inches of subbase type material as per specifications.
5. Supply, transport, place and compact 6 inches of crushed All-In as per specifications.
6. Supply all equipment, materials, and labour to apply 2 coats of chip seal treatment covering a total surface area of 18,446 S.Y.

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

Bidding will be conducted through national competitive bidding procedures and interested bidders may obtain further information and a copy of the bidding documents at the offices of MIDH at the address below as of Monday August 8, 2022 during normal office hours Monday through Fridays from 8.00 A.M – 12.00 Noon and from 1.00 PM – 4.00 PM.

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

All bids must be delivered to the address below by 10.00 AM local time on Tuesday, September 2, 2022 and they will be opened on the same day at 10.15 A.M, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected. A bid security of \$10,000 must be submitted and delivered to the address below at the same time of the bid submission.

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

2. Lennox Bradley
Chief Engineer
Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing
#1 Power Lane
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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES
BELMOPAN RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Atlantic Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties. **Sales currently running until 15th October 2022. Public Auction Sales will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.**

BELMOPAN COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION



REGISTRATION SECTION

Belmopan

BLOCK

20

PARCELS

9553 to 9558

(Being 6 vacant contiguous commercial lots – sizes available on website)

REGISTRATION SECTION

Belmopan

BLOCK

20

PARCELS

9559 to 9735

(Being 177 original lots – 20 lots sold = 157 remaining residential lots – sizes available on website)

REGISTRATION SECTION

Belmopan

BLOCK

20

PARCELS

9736 to 9743

(Being 5 large parcels of land – sizes available on website)



(Being a developing SUB-DIVISION of Commercial and Residential parcels of land situate 400 meters east of the intersection of the George Price Boulevard and the northwestern corner of the Piccini Residential Development, Belmopan, Cayo District, the freehold properties of Messrs. New Era Development Company Limited)

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Bill Russell, who transformed...

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award, at the White House in 2011, honoring him as "someone who stood up for the rights and dignity of all men."

2017, following President Donald J. Trump's calling for N.F.L. owners to fire players who were taking a knee during the national anthem to protest racial injustice, Russell posted a photo on Twitter in which he

posed taking a knee while holding the medal.

"What I wanted was to let those guys know I support them," he told ESPN.

To be continued...

Full article can be found at: <https://>



Russell received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, in 2011. President Barack Obama honored him as "someone who stood up for the rights and dignity of all men." Credit...Doug Mills/The New York Times

www.nytimes.com/2022/07/31/sports/basketball/bill-russell-dead.html#:~:text=Russell%2C%20who%20propelled%20the%20Celtics,not%20say%20where%20he%20died.

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1993-1998, le dijo a Marisol Amaya de Radio KREM, aparentemente en referencia a los tres gobiernos UDP en los que Sedi sirvió de 2008 a 2020, "Son un montón de bandidos".

Tanto Hubert como Sedi son abogados, y se debe respetar el éxito de la familia Elrington, porque no son beliceños morenos que se beneficiaron de ningún tipo de paternidad blanca. Como afrobeliceños, son el verdadero negocio, pero no me importa qué tipo de beliceño sea usted: si se está exonerando de los asuntos del Gabinete cuando estaba sentado en la misma mesa del Gabinete, entonces debe ser reprendido.

Antes de continuar, déjenme decirles que una fuente me dijo esta semana que Sedi había puesto el Instituto Samuel Haynes (esquina de las calles Mahogany y Oleander) en un fideicomiso, para que pudiera permanecer a cargo después de que el PUP le ganara al UDP en las urnas en 2020. Había financiado esa escuela inmediatamente después de ser elegido como representante de área de Pickstock en 2008 con \$200,000 que Lord Michael Ashcroft le entregó. Estaremos atentos para ver cuál es su posición sobre Waterloo.

Tengo en mi poder una copia de un cheque a nombre de Hubert Eric Elrington por \$10,000 el 7 de junio de 2019 de los fondos de la Asociación

de Desarrollo de Pickstock. Hubert no pertenece al distrito electoral Pickstock de Sedi. Vive en Caribbean Shores. Así que esta fue una transacción cuestionable. Si alguien preguntaba, la historia habría sido que el cheque era para que Hubert suministrara madera contrachapada.

Cuando fui nombrado para el Senado por la entonces gobernadora general, la difunta Dama Minita Gordon, mi mandato fue de 1993 a 1998. El líder de Asuntos Gubernamentales del UDP en el Senado durante ese período fue Sedi Elrington.

En mi discurso sobre uno de los presupuestos presentados por la administración del Dr. Manuel Esquivel en ese período, saqué a colación el tema de la historia africana y maya, que venía reclamando desde fines de 1969. La respuesta de Sedi fue: "El pueblo no lo quiere."

Bueno, ninguna institución ha hecho más que Kremandala para promover la historia africana y maya, y nadie ha creado más puestos de trabajo en el gueto de la antigua capital que Kremandala. Así de directo. Sedi es un multimillonario que amasa su dinero: no crea puestos de trabajo. No creo que esté en condiciones de predicarle a nadie sobre la crisis afrobeliceña en La joya.

Respeto su éxito personal, pero en el caso de Sedi Elrington, diría: hablar es barato.

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Resilient nations.

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Pre-classified Grade: SB3

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Summary of Key Functions:

1. Support management of project in ATLAS/ QUANTUM
2. Support in project implementation and financial management of the project.
3. Provide event and meeting organization support for assigned events.
4. Take care of internal communication and updates of project-related information on project platforms and social media.
5. Administrative and operational support to project implementation, ensuring quality of business processes

Required Qualifications:

Administration & Operations, documents and records management- Overall document (hard or electronic) management; registry and retention policy including storing and archiving

Min. Education:

High school Diploma

Desirable: Bachelor's degree in public administration, business administration, finance management, economics or associated field

Experience: Six (6) years of relevant administrative or project experience.

Alternatively, if in possession of Bachelor's degree, three (3) years of relevant administrative or project experience is required.

- Demonstrated track record in the preparation of technical and financial reports, and accounts management of international projects is an asset for this position;
- Experience in the usage of computers and office software packages (MS Word, Excel, etc) and experience in handling of web-based management systems (i.e. ERP, Atlas).
- Familiarity and prior experience with UNDP procedures would be an asset

Languages: Fluency in English (Spanish would be an asset).

Applications: UNDP is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified individuals are encouraged to apply.

To apply please go to:

[E-Mobility Project Associate NPSA 6 - UNDP Careers \(oraclecloud.com\)](https://www.undp.org/careers/6)

VACANCY: PROFESSIONAL VETERINARY SERVICES

Avacancy exists for Professional Veterinary Services at an International Organization.

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
- Inspections of quarantine animals ready for export
- Coordinate with relevant authorities and producers for the export of bovines
- Other duties relevant to the assignment from time to time

Qualification:

Candidate must possess a minimum of 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 certificate to **P.O. Box 426, City of Belmopan, Cayo District** or email at vacancy2017bze@gmail.com no later than 26th August 2022.

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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

San Pedro, Ambergris Caye; Belize District; Little Belize Settlement, San Antonio Village, Corozal Town, Xaibe Village, Consejo Village, Corozal District; Shipyard Settlement, August Pine Ridge Village, Hill Bank Area, Trial Farm Orange Walk Town; Lord's Bank, Los Lagos, Hattievillage, Belize District; Belmopan, Georgeville Village, Camalote Village, Cayo District; Bella Vista Village, Toledo District

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A: San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize District:

1. Vehicle:



1999 Toyota Rav 4
VEHICLE: Available for viewing prior to sale

2. Parcel No. 7854 Ambergris Bay Area on the Western Portion of Ambergris Caye, San Pedro, Belize:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	7854
Freehold property of Mr. Pedro Valeriano Vasquez.		

3. Parcel No. 6824 Colonia Diego, San Pedro Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	6824
Freehold property of Mr. Pablo Sosa.		

4. Parcel No. 2601 San Pedro Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	2601
Freehold property of Mr. Pablo Sosa		

5. Parcel No. 9412 approximately 13 miles northeast of San Pedro Town in Bracelette Caye on the west coast of Ambergris Caye, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	9412
Freehold property of Messrs. Pair of Aces Limited, surety for Mr. Keith Alan Zielaskowski.		

B: COROZAL DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 799 Warea Bight Area, near Little Belize, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Warea Bight/Freshwater Creek	3	799
Freehold property of Mr. David Neufeld of Little Belize Corn Mill.		

2. Parcel No. 130 San Antonio Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	36	130
Freehold property of Mr. Carlos C. Elvir & Blanca Elvir.		

3. Parcel No. 929 8th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal Central	1	929
Freehold property of Mr. Abraham Nicholson.		

4. Parcel No. 178 Xaibe Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Xaibe	1	178
Freehold property of Mr. Abraham Nicholson.		

5. Parcel No. 418 Consejo Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Consejo	1	418
Freehold property of Mr. Antonio Gutierrez		

C: ORANGE WALK DISTRICT:

Farm equipment: FARM EQUIPMENT: CAMP 18 SHIPYARD COMMUNITY - Available for viewing



Combine Harvester Sprayer

1. Parcel No. 1124 August Pine Ridge Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
August Pine Ridge	9	1124
Freehold property of Mr. Jacob Freisen.		

2. 726.969 Acres Indian Creek Community, Hill Bank Area, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Sierra De Aqua	23	68,69,70,71,72,73,75,76,77,78,79,80, & 81
Freehold properties of Mr. Jacob Freisen & Mr. Bernhard Freisen.		

3. Parcel No. 396 Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Trial Farm	4	396
Freehold property of Mr. Jesus Pena.		

D. BELIZE DISTRICT:

1. Lot No. 58 situate in Lord's Bank Village Extension, Belize District:



ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 58 situate in Lord's Bank Village Extension, Belize District comprising 1066.42 square yards TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. Freehold property of Mr. Norman Augustine Jr.)

2. Lots Nos. 43 & 44 Fred Hunter's Subdivision, Mile 13 Phillip Goldson Highway, Belize District:



ALL THOSE pieces or parcels of land being Lots Nos. 43 and 44 situate Southwest of the Phillip Goldson Highway at Mile 13, Belize District, Belize being a portion of land comprised in Minister's Fiat Grant No. 15 of 1989 date 23rd February 1989 TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Being 2 vacant lots situate in the Fred Hunter Subdivision near Mile 13 on the Northern Highway, South of Los Lagos in the Belize District, the freehold properties of Mr. Gildardo Cardona and Mrs. Rocio Aguilar Cardona)

3. Lot No. 307 Hattievillage, Belize District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 307 situated at Belizean American Site near Mile 17 1/2 South of George Price Highway, Hattievillage, Belize District comprising 613.44 square meters TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Freehold property of Mr. Sean Delroy Nicholas)

E: CAYO DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 3173 Western Side Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belmopan	20	3173
Freehold property of Ms. Su Ti Liang.		

2. Lot No. 193 Georgeville Village, Cayo District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of vacant land being Lot No. 193 Minister's Fiat 606 of 2013 of Georgeville Village, Cayo District, comprising of 1026.481 Square Meters, TOGETHER with all buildings and erection standing and being thereon. (Freehold property of Ms. Tanesha Salazar)

3. Parcels Nos. 2286 & 2287 Camalote Village, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Society Hall	24	2286 & 2287
Freehold properties of Mr. Ron Waight & Ms. Karina Waight.		

F: STANN CREEK DISTRICT

1. Parcel Nos. 440 Dangriga, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga South	31	440
Freehold property of Messrs. Dangriga Cable Vision.		

2. Parcel Nos. 618 Dangriga, Stann Creek District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga South	31	618
Freehold property of Messrs. Dangriga Cable Vision.		

G: TOLEDO DISTRICT:

1. Lot No. 2 Bella Vista Village, Toledo District:



All That piece or parcel of land known as Lot #2 located in Bella Vista Village, Stann Creek District comprising 445.892 square meters Together with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Freehold property of Mr. Robert Andrew August and Ms. Roselia E. Lizama)

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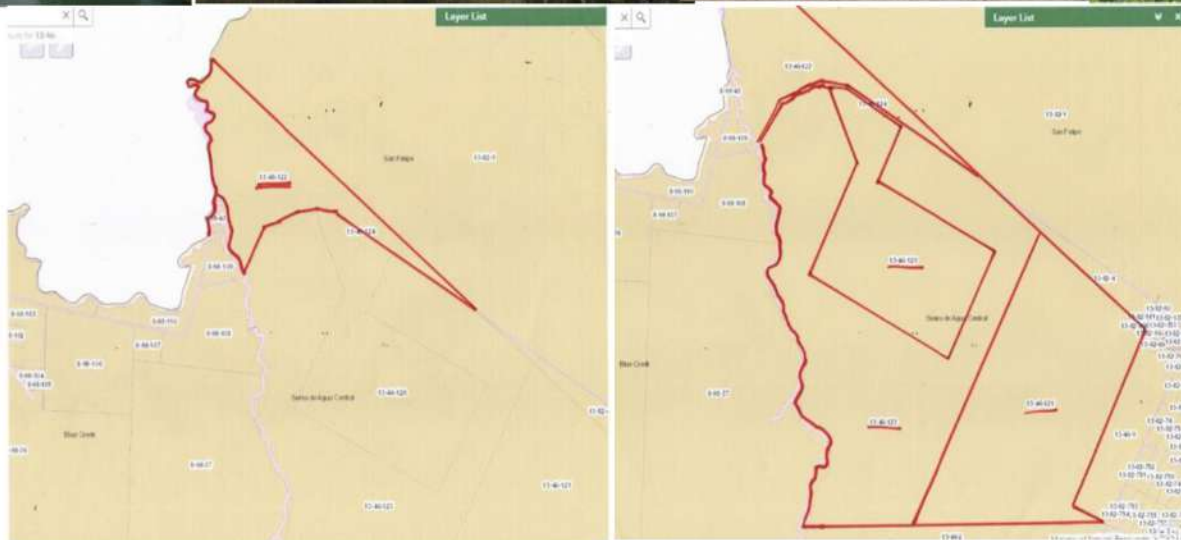
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8,953.41 ACRES OF ALMOST FULLY DEVELOPED RICE FARMLAND, NEAR SAN FELIPE VILLAGE & BOOTH'S RIVER, ORANGE WALK DISTRICT

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8,953.41 Acres Rice Fields West of San Felipe Village and Booths River, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Sierra De Agua Central	13	120, 121, 122, 123 & 124

(Being five contiguous parcels of almost fully developed rice farmland containing aggregate 8,953.41 acres situate on the West side of San Felipe Village and along the Eastern side of Booths River, Orange Walk District, the freehold properties of Messrs. Hillbank Agricultural Company Limited/Dyck Brothers Company Limited)

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**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE
INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK**

STRENGTHENING OF TAX ADMINISTRATION

**Terms of Reference
Project Coordinator**

DUTY STATION: Belize City, Belize
PROJECT NUMBER: BL-L1031

I. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Government of Belize (GoB) has entered into a US\$ 14 Million Loan Contract Agreement (BL-L1031) with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of a five-year tax modernization project entitled "Strengthening of Tax Administration". The main beneficiaries of the Project are: (a) the Government, which will have more revenues to implement its public policies; (b) taxpayers, who will have more support and a digital environment to fulfil their tax obligations; and (c) the population, from the government policies implemented.
- 1.2 The main objective of the Project is to contribute to Strengthening Tax Administration aimed at increasing revenue collection, through the following specific objectives: (a) increasing the effectiveness of the Government to collect taxes and (b) increasing tax administration efficiency. These objectives will be achieved by improving tax administration governance and operational processes, and by modernizing the technological infrastructure.
- 1.3 The MoF is the Executing Agency responsible for the implementation of the Strengthening of Tax Administration Project and, for this purpose, has established a Project Executing Unit (PEU) with concrete technical, administrative, financial, control and planning, monitoring and evaluation responsibilities for the IDB-funded initiative.
- 1.4 In this regard, a vacancy exists for the **Project Coordinator** for the PEU under a contractual arrangement with the MoF, and as part of the BL-L1031 initiative.

II. OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF WORK

- 2.1 The objective of the position is to provide the necessary strategic, governance, organizational and administrative leadership for Project implementation and, thereby, ensuring the effective allocation of resources, providing the financial and technical direction of the Project towards the attainment of the goals and targets, leading the physical and financial progress reporting, and serving as the main focal point of the Project with the BTS, the MoF and other public and private institutions.
- 2.2 The Project Coordinator is responsible for leading and guiding all matters pertaining to the effective, efficient and transparent implementation of the Project BL-L1031, through the technical, administrative and financial management of the PEU, in accordance with the procedures and stipulations contained in the Program Operational Manual (POM) and in compliance with the Loan Contract.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES/ACTIVITIES

- 3.1 The main responsibilities of the Project Coordinator include, among others:
 - (a) Implementing the intra- and inter-institutional coordination mechanisms with the BTS, the MoF and other public and private organizations related to and/or beneficiaries of the Project
 - (b) Promoting and disseminating the Project among beneficiaries, public entities, and other stakeholders.
 - (c) In close coordination with the pertinent technical and administrative personnel of the BTS and the MoF, guiding the strategic and operations planning activities of the Project.
 - (d) Monitoring the activities of the Project in compliance with its global strategic objectives and those of its individual technical components, as well as the targets established in the Project.
 - (e) Implementing the Programs' risk management mechanisms on the basis of the IDB tool Risk Management in Projects with Sovereign Guarantee (RMP), taking into consideration the assessment and evolution of the risk factors, the factors of probability and impact, and risk mitigation measures.
 - (f) Guiding the preparation, the periodic physical and financial progress reports to be submitted to BTS, MoF, MED, and the Bank.
 - (g) Presenting to the Bank the required data, reports and other documentation of the Project as a whole and its individual components, as established in the Loan Contract.
- 3.2 Specific activities include:
 - (a) Lead the overall planning and reporting framework and activities of the Project, including the preparation and update of key planning tools including the PEP, AOP, PP and other, in direct coordination with the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer and other members of the PEU.
 - (b) Monitor and ensure the Project's adherence to reporting requirements to the BTS, MoF, PSC, and the Bank.
 - (c) Lead and coordinate timely implementation of all aspects of the Project based on the Project planning documents including the PEP, AOP, PP, supporting technical documents, and Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.
 - (d) Ensure timely execution of all administrative, procurement, financial and technical procedures of the Project in compliance with the POM. In addition, ensure the strict adherence to administrative, Project management, and Bank and national financial rules and regulations, among others.
 - (e) Ensure the necessary coordination between technical staff of the MoF (BTS and other) to provide the technical specifications and content for the preparation of terms of reference and technical specification as the basis for procurement actions and activities.
 - (f) Provide for the timely monitoring and management of Project risks and lead the implementation of the mitigation measures as necessary.
 - (g) Ensure the necessary coordination and control of all Project procurement activities and logistics with the Procurement Specialist and pertinent staff members of the MoF.
 - (h) Support the information dissemination activities and advocate for the Project among key internal and external stakeholders, while maintaining the necessary and transparent lines of communication.
 - (i) Ensure with the BTS, the establishment of the necessary and effective lines of internal communication with key stakeholders of the MoF (tax administration, systems administration, financial management, general administration, and other) to ensure the dedicated participation of such personnel in Project implementation and in direct coordination with the PEU.
 - (j) Ensure the presence of an accurate Project filing system covering financial, procurement, technical and all activities of the Project, and following the internal control requirements established in the POM.
 - (k) Provide timely and accurate reports to the Director General BTS, Financial Secretary, PSC and other agencies on the developments, progress and challenges of the Project.
 - (l) Ensure the timely implementation of the monitoring and evaluation activities including the contracting of the mid-term and final evaluations.
 - (m) Lead, in coordination with the Financial Specialist, the preparation of the Requests for Advance of Funds along with the expenditure justifications, as required by the Bank.
 - (n) Lead the contracting of the independent external auditors of the Program in coordination with the Financial Specialist, the Procurement Specialist and the PMO, and following IDB procedures for this matter.
 - (o) Lead the contracting of the consultancies for the execution of the mid-term and final evaluations.
 - (p) Ensure the presence of the necessary control environment along with the capacities necessary for the application of a management by objectives framework.
 - (q) Provide for the necessary human resources management capabilities for PEU personnel administration.
 - (r) Communicate with Project stakeholders (MoF, PMO, PEU, other) to ensure awareness of any new developments in Project status, strategy, progress, deadlines, challenges, decisions and other aspects that may affect Project implementation and the attainment of its development objectives.
 - (s) Other.

- 3.2 The Project Coordinator shall undertake his/her work in direct coordination and with the supervision of the MoF/BTS, and in accordance with the Loan Contract and the POM.

IV. DELIVERABLES

- 4.1 The Project Coordinator will be responsible for preparing/updating the following reports which are considered recurrent deliverables or responsibilities:
 - (a) Updates to PEP, AOP, PP, risk matrix, and other
 - (b) Quarterly physical and financial progress/status reports.
 - (c) Updates to POM
 - (d) Staff performance appraisals.
 - (e) Specific reports requested by the PMO, MoF or the PSC.
 - (f) Allocation/provision of funds reports.
 - (g) Fixed asset allocation reports.
 - (h) External audit reports (prepared under consultancy engagements)
 - (i) Mid-term and final evaluations (prepared under consultancy engagements).
 - (j) Other.

V. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

- 5.1 **Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Business Administration, Business Management, Project Management or related fields. Certification in Project Management or a Master's degree in a related field would be an asset. Participation in relevant courses/trainings in procurement, project management, time management, leadership, Microsoft Projects, or similar, would also be considered an asset.

- 5.2 **Work Experience:** A minimum of seven (7) years general working experience since obtaining the first academic degree. A minimum of (5) years of experience working in project management including administration, monitoring, control and evaluation. Previous work with investments projects funded by international development agencies is a plus.

- 5.3 **Skills:** The following skills are highly desirable:
 - Knowledge of Records Management
 - Experience supervising staff
 - Experience in Report Writing
 - Knowledge and experience working with Microsoft Office, QuickBooks or similar accounting software
 - Excellent oral and written command of the English language
 - Strong organizational and time management skills and ability to multi-task, with ability to adapt to changing needs and priorities
 - Solid team management, leadership and delegation skills and ability to coordinate functional activities of multiple actors
 - Strong team player
 - Strong work ethics

VI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 The Project Coordinator of the PEU reports to the Director General of the Belize Tax Service. He/she shall work in close coordination with the staff of the MoF and especially the members of the BTS and the Finance Officer of the Ministry.

VII. COMPENSATION

- 7.1 The Project Coordinator will be paid a monthly salary to be established during the contracting process.
- 7.2 Given the staff-like tasks and responsibilities of the PEU personnel, reports (deliverables) do not apply. Instead, performance assessment reports from the supervisor.

VIII. APPLICATIONS

8.1 **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank](#) GN-2350-15 section 5 – individual consultants and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the IDB policies. The individual consultant will be selected in accordance with the selection of Individual Consultant based on Comparison of Qualifications method set out in the Contracting of Consultant Policies.

8.2 **APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

Expression of Interest package should contain:

- (i) Cover letter briefly explaining interest, experience, and competence of the consultant
- (ii) Comprehensive resume with the Individual Consultant's experience in the assignment of similar nature. Description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments. *Please provide dates, name of employing organization, titles of positions held, types of activities performed and location of the assignment.*
- (iii) Copy of degrees/certificates
- (iv) List of at least two references
- (v) Proof of nationality: copy of documentation of nationality

Qualified Individual Consultant must submit their Expression of Interest via e-mail to Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday August 26, 2022, marked **STAP-Project Coordinator** in the subject header. In addition, applicants may also submit a hardcopy at the following address:

**Director General
Belize Tax Service
Strengthening of Tax Administration
Project
Eleanor Hall Building
Lake I. Boulevard, Belize City**

For clarifications kindly contact:

**Senior Economist
Ministry of Finance
Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan
E-mail: raquel.guerra@mof.gov.bz
Phone: 828-4100/ 828-4112**

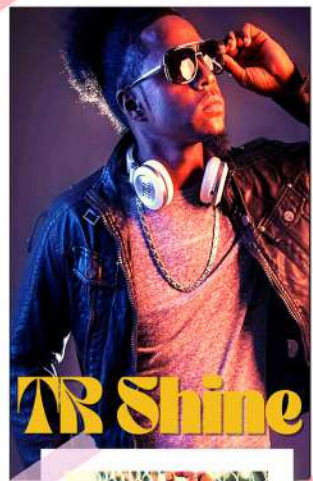
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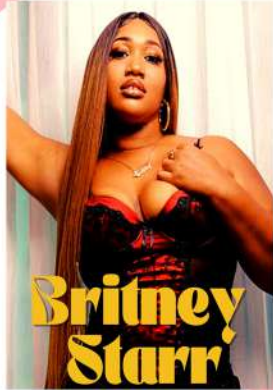
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BY ORDER of the Mortgagee, Messrs. Ascendancy Belize Limited, Licensed Auctioneer, Sylvano Guerrero, is selling by way of ONLINE AUCTION via www.madisons.bz the following properties with reserved prices. The online public auctions will expire bi-weekly on August 24, 2022, September 7, 2022, and September 22, 2022 until a sale is determined within this period.

TERMS: 10% DEPOSIT. BALANCE IN 14 DAYS

**Lot 63, Pomona Village
Stann Creek**



All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel #63 Pomona Village, Stann Creek District; comprising of a total area 461.849 square meters together with all buildings and erections thereon being a concrete building approximately 20 feet by 40 feet and elevated 11 feet above the ground with 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, kitchen, dining and living room, a front porch approximately 5 feet by 10 feet and a side porch approximately 7 feet by 15 feet.

The property is held as a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 178 of 2006 in the name of Roy Sylvester Tillett.

**Block 7, Parcel 1988/1
San Pedro**



All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel #1988/1, Block #7, Boca Del Rio Area, San Pedro Town. Building 1 is 2 storeys with 7 one bedroom units with an area of 1795sq.ft. Building 2 is a single-story building with 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining and kitchen with an area of 520 sq. ft. Building 3 is an external lavatory with an area of 64sq.ft. The entire property has a total area of 416.67 sq. yds.

The property is held by a Leasehold title (Freehold Interest) in the name of Tomasito Paz.

**Block 3, Parcel 604,
Sarteneja Village, Corozal**



All that piece or parcel of land being Block #3, Parcel 604, Sarteneja Village, Corozal District, Belize; comprising of 1,519.8 sq.m. together with a concrete bungalow on the lot having two bedrooms, one shared bathroom, living, kitchen, and dining rooms, and a large front porch. The building has an area of 1,475 sq. ft. and porch of 5 ft by 25 ft and a back section with dimensions of 12 ft by 22 ft.

The subject property is held as a Land Certificate Interest in the name of Carol Cobb.

**Block 1, Parcel 224
San Pablo/San Jose, Orange Walk**



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

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

**Block 42, Parcel 420/1,
Punta Gorda**



All that piece or parcel of land being Block #42, Parcel #420/1, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize; comprising of 450 sq. yds. together with all erections thereon being a single storey residence having three bedrooms, two bathrooms, living, dining, kitchen, utility room, and an enclosed garage. The building has an area of 1,588 sq. ft.

The subject property is held as a Leasehold Interest in the name of Maria Roches.

Block 42, Parcel 100, Hopeville, Punta Gorda



All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel #100, Block #42, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District, Belize comprising of a bungalow residence with four bedrooms, one bathroom, living, dining, kitchen, and utility, with a large porch in front. The house has an area of 850 sq. ft. The porch is 224 sq. ft. This land has a total area of 657.25 sq.yds.

The property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Maria Roches.

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



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

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

Block 4, Parcel 2155, Orange Walk Town



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

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

Block 4, Parcel 948, Orange Walk Town



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

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

Block 1, Parcel 57/1, Buena Vista Village



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

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

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



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

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

Block 45, Parcel 2349, Port Loyola, Belize City



All that piece or parcel of land being Block #45, Parcel #2349 situated on Faber's Road in the Port Loyola Area of Belize City, together with all erections thereon. It is located in one of the newest developing areas of Belize City and has a total area of 481.71 sq.yds (402.266 sq m). Access to the property is by way of a gravel road off the George Price Highway travelling South.

The subject property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Richard Menzies.

Block 42, Parcel 793, Punta Gorda



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

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



VACANCIES St. John's College



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

- 1) Chemistry & Mathematics (Full-time)
- 2) Mathematics & Technical Drawing (Full-time)
- 3) Mathematics (Temp. - August - November)

Qualifications:

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

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

4) Administrative Assistant

Responsibilities:

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

Qualifications/Requirements:

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

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

Application Deadline: Thursday, 18th August 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, certified copy of highest degree, certified copy of license to teach, and two recent references 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



REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

RFQ NUMBER: 535-22-001

DATE: August 10, 2022

Peace Corps Belize has a need for 2 vehicle(s). Peace Corps is soliciting fixed-price quotations from the vendor community for the vehicle(s) detailed below.

Item	Description	Qty
001	4x4 SUV with Manual Transmission	1
002	4x4 Pickup Truck with Manual Transmission	1

Interested vendors wishing to submit a quotation should contact the Director of Management and Operations at the address below for vehicle additional specifications and RFQ form.

Vendor must supply vehicle within 90 days after award of contract.

Name: Director of Management and Operations
Address: 7069 George Price Boulevard, Belmopan
E-mail: BZ-DMO@peacecorps.gov

Quotations are due no later than 5pm on August 26, 2022. Late quotations will not be accepted.



BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND TENDER NOTICE

Country: Belize Project: CARICOM Development Fund Grant No: BZE/G00011 Project ID: CDF/00011/6 Contract Number: W/CDF-03/2022 National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Deadline: **September 12th, 2022**

1. The Government of Belize has received funding through the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of Eligible Sub-projects and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for **Installation of a Chlorinator and the Upgrading of the System's Electrical Components for the Mahogany Heights Water Supply System, Mahogany Heights, Village, Belize District, Belize.**

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

The contract proposes to:

The contract proposes the installation of a chlorinator and the upgrading of the system's electrical components in Mahogany Heights, Belize District, Belize.

3. **Final (Project Site) Destination as specified in BDS:** Mahogany Heights, Belize District, Belize.

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

5. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the CARICOM Development Fund's Guidelines for Procurement (May 2010), and are open to all countries of the world are eligible to tender for this contract.

6. Qualification requirements include (a) The bidder shall furnish unaudited or audited financial statements (balance sheets with corresponding notes, income statement, and statements of cash flow) of the firm for years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 to demonstrate the current soundness of the bidder's financial position (b) Bidders should have general experience under contracts in the role of contractor, JV member, subcontractor, or management contractor for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 with activity of at least five (5) months in each year starting 1st January, 2019 (c) Bidders should have specific experience as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor, or subcontractor, between 1st January 2011 and the bid submission deadline and should have less than or equal to three (3) contracts, each of a minimum value of BZ\$11,300.00, but with a total value of all contracts equal or more than BZ\$33,900.00 (d) demonstrate cash flow requirement: capacity to have a cash flow amount of BZ\$8,500.00 of which not more than BZ\$4,250.00 can be credit for materials (e) an average annual turnover of BZ\$203,400.00 which shall be calculated as total certified payments received for contracts completed within the best two (2) years of the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 (e) other provided in the respective Bid Documents.

7. A secured "sample" electronic Bid document can be shared with interested Bidders at the address below, starting **August 15th, 2022**, on week days between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for viewing purpose only (has a time restriction for viewing). A complete set of Bidding documents (hard-copy or electronic version) can be purchased by interested bidder upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **BZ\$150.00**. Requests may be made by personal application or in writing to the address below. Written applications must be clearly marked: **"Installation of a Chlorinator and the Upgrading of the System's Electrical Components for the Mahogany Heights Water Supply System, Mahogany Heights Village, Belize District, Belize"**. The method of payment will be by cash deposited to, or Bank transfer to BSIF's Bank Account only. Banking details can be requested at the address below. Cash payment will not be accepted at the BSIF Office.

8. **Deadline** for bids is **at or before 10:00 a.m., September 12th, 2022** at the address below. **Bids will be opened at 10:15 a.m., September 12th, 2022** at the Social Investment Fund, 3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to participate. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids **will be rejected**. All bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of BZ\$ 3,390.00 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency or Bank Guarantee. The bid validity period is 90 days.

9. A Virtual Pre-bid meeting with interested eligible bidders will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 30th, 2022. The link is <https://bit.ly/31ACuQU>. Bidders can participate in the meeting to address any queries about the bidding document or the scope of works. Persons who purchase packages are urged to attend.

10. The address referred to above is:

Contact: Ms. Ruby Pascascio
Senior Procurement Officer Social Investment Fund
3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive
Belmopan Cayo District
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BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND TENDER NOTICE

Country: Belize Project: CARICOM Development Fund Grant No: BZE/G00011 Project ID: CDF/00011/7 Contract Number: W/CDF-04/2022 National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Deadline: **September 12th, 2022**

1. The Government of Belize has received funding through the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of Eligible Sub-projects and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for **Installation of a Chlorinator and the Upgrading of the System's Electrical Components for the Georgeville Water Supply System, Georgeville Village, Cayo District, Belize.**

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

The contract proposes to:

The contract proposes the installation of a chlorinator and the upgrading of the system's electrical components in Georgeville Village, Cayo District, Belize.

3. **Final (Project Site) Destination as specified in BDS:** Georgeville Village, Cayo District, Belize.
4. Belize Social Investment Fund now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the construction works in the aforementioned areas.
5. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the CARICOM Development Fund's Guidelines for Procurement (May 2010), and are open to all countries of the world are eligible to tender for this contract.
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8. **Deadline for bids is at or before 10:00 a.m., September 12th, 2022** at the address below. **Bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m., September 12th, 2022** at the Social Investment Fund, 3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to participate. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. All bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security" of BZ\$ 3,426.00 or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency or Bank Guarantee. The bid validity period is 90 days.
9. A Virtual Pre-bid meeting with interested eligible bidders will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30th, 2022. The link is <https://bit.ly/31ACuQU>. Bidders can participate in the meeting to address any queries about the bidding document or the scope of works. Persons who purchase packages are urged to attend.
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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTY

Pomona Village, Stann Creek District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following property. Sale currently running until **15th October 2022**. Public Auction Sales will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until this property is sold.



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 55 comprising of 835.844 square metres situate in Pomona Village, Stann Creek District, bounded and described as shown by Plan No. 1493 of 2006 attached to Minister's Fiat Grant No. 1493 of 2006 TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [1,100 sq. ft.] containing 2 bedrooms + 1 bathroom + living/dining/kitchen + 2 Verandas and Lot [.21 acres (835.844 S.M.)] situate in Pomona Village, Stann Creek District, the freehold property of Mr. Levan Borland)

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KEVIN A. CASTILLO

TELEPHONE 223-4488

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Facebook: [Belize Auctions](https://www.facebook.com/BelizeAuctions)

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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: AIRCRAFT

BY ORDER of the Asset & Utilities Unit, Ministry of Finance, Government of Belize, Licensed Auctioneer Kevin A. Castillo is selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the below described aircraft. Sales currently running until **15th October 2022**. Public Auction Sales will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until this aircraft is sold.

Gulfstream G2 Aircraft



N.B. - Terms of Sale listed on website

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VACANCIES St. John's College



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

1. English (Full-time)
2. Chemistry (Temp. - August-December)

Qualifications:

- minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in the relevant field.
- formal teacher-training and/or years of teaching experience in the subject area.
- commitment to the mission of St. John's College as a Catholic, Jesuit Belizean institution.

3. 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.

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 Ministry of Education's pay scale.

Application Deadline: Friday, 26th August 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

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Pharmacy Express withdraws SSB loan application

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Ministry—specifically involving pharmaceutical suppliers within the country. The four pharmacies where the search took place are owned by Pharmacy Express—a company that has been in the spotlight for the past few weeks after it was announced that the Social Security Board might be lending the company \$7 million to cover costs related to “refinancing and inventory purchases”. It was an announcement that prompted the Ministry of Health to issue a press release in which it cited concerns about the company.

Those concerns, however, had just been words on paper until yesterday afternoon, August 10, when ministry personnel swooped in to do an inspection of Pharmacy Save, Pharmacy Express, Village Discount Pharmacy, and RX. The raid was reportedly put into motion after a senior drug inspector voiced suspicions that the pharmacies have been providing controlled drugs to tourists without a prescription or the appropriate license. The inspection started as early as 7:00 o’clock on Wednesday morning, some reports say, and was initially carried out by ministry officials, who soon had to call on the police for help after some pushback from the company owners and store managers, who

claimed that the Health Ministry had no authority to conduct such a search.

After police officers with warrants entered the establishment, a large amount of controlled drugs was confiscated from the location, some of which were taken out of drawers that had been locked. (Calls had been reportedly been made to the owners in an attempt to get them to go to the premises to open the drawers, but they seemingly did not comply with those requests.) But in the middle of the operation, when drug seizures had been made at only two of the four pharmacies, the raid was abruptly halted—allegedly after a call from some higher-up within GoB. That halt to the raid reportedly took place around 4:00 in the evening.

And all indications are that there will be further fallout as a result of the raid, which the owners of the company—Angela and Julius Zabaneh—and their attorney, Senior Counsel Godfrey Smith, represented by Hector Guerra, are classifying as illegal. The attorneys told *7News* that the police were preventing workers from leaving the stores and managers from executing a closure order handed down by the Health Minister to the company. Smith further told *7News* that the government can “expect lawsuits”. As mentioned, the owners had reportedly cited the illegality of the raid at

an earlier point, when Ministry of Health personnel had started their inspection, and had noted that no search warrant was provided. As reported, however, police later arrived with warrants to continue the search and to open drawers that were locked.

Inside those locked drawers, sources say, was a large quantity of controlled drugs that, under the Misuse of Drugs Act, cannot be legally sold without a permit. Those drugs were reportedly taken to the Central Health Region for storage and documentation.

In its Public Notice of Investment, the Social Security Board had stated that the \$7 million loan which it might have granted to Pharmacy Express Limited is for “refinancing and inventory purchases.” Following public condemnation of the possible loan, the company had issued a release in which it stated, “Our business caters strictly to foreign clientele who arrive on cruise ships. Noteworthy is that our products have never and will never be distributed in the local market.”

After public expressions of concern about the loan in late July, the Ministry of Health and Wellness had noted possible licensing issues with the company. Pharmacy Express Limited (PEL), which is reportedly headquartered at Mile 5 on the George Price Highway, reportedly shares a building with Medigen International Limited, a company believed to be its affiliate, and which, as a recent AMANDALA article had reported, “had been awarded tender for the importation of Pharmaceutical and Related Medical Supplies shortly after appearing on the list of licensed pharmaceutical establishments” in 2021. It had been reported by *7News*, however, that the Ministry of Health “has had issues with Medigen ... which won a number of tenders last year—but with whom they have had supply problems.”

This most recent controversy has thus brought to the fore a cluster of other public concerns related to this company, pharmaceutical supply processes, and the Ministry of Health.

These concerns stem from moves that took place within the Health Ministry as far back as August of 2021. At that time, the Ministry was headed by Hon. Michel Chebat, and several months would still pass before the shakeup in the Ministry that led to Hon. Kevin Bernard becoming Minister of Health. At that time, the public became aware of the awarding of pharmaceutical supply tenders in August, following the issuance of a call for tenders (for submission in March) in February 2021. The announcement of the awards in August was, as stated by *7News* at the time, “unprecedented in terms of lateness”.

What was more notable, however, is that, while well-known, large-scale importers of pharmaceutical supplies such as Brodies received tenders to provide only small amounts of “pharmaceutical and related medical supplies to the Ministry of Health” and Wellness, new and unknown companies, including Medigen International Limited, were on the List of Licensed Pharmaceutical Establishments for the first time in 2021. And that company—Medigen International Limited—seemed to be a favored supplier, which *7News* had said, “zoomed to the front of the line ahead of the long established importers—to the surprise of many”.

Even more alarming, however, was a report that surfaced at about the same time, in August 2021, that the Ministry of Health was no longer requiring a Certificate Of Good Manufacturing Practices—an optimal standard of quality that pharmaceuticals from any supplier would have to meet. Instead, only a certificate of Good Distribution Practices is now required.

“That means that many of the new suppliers selected for tenders this time around may be sourcing their pharmaceuticals on the cheap from India—and they will not have that gold standard GMP certification,” *7News* had said.

Notably, when questioned about the raid yesterday at the pharmacies in the Fort Street Tourism Village, Director of Health and Wellness, Dr. Melissa Diaz Musa, told *7News* in a text message, “I don’t have any comment at this time. (The) team is conducting evaluation of pharmacies throughout the country.”

Late this evening, a release from the Social Security Board (SSB) announced that Pharmacy Express Limited has withdrawn its application for a loan from the statutory body. The SSB release notes that only the Health Ministry submitted a written expression of concern about the loan, and it further explained that “The MOHW’s objection was on the basis that presently PEL is not in possession of a pharmaceutical license to operate, and therefore the entity was operating without a license and should not be dispensing or supplying pharmaceuticals to the public....”

The statement from SSB also indicates that while the company did not issue any response denying or qualifying the claims made by MOHW, they had written a letter on August 9 to the CEO of SSB.

In that letter, the SSB said, “PEL informed that they were withdrawing their loan application, to which the SSB responded by accepting same. Consequently, this brings the loan approval process and inquiry, in relation to the PEL matter to an end.”

FROM THE PUBLISHER en Español

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Acapulco (México). Cuando era niño, Luna había sido enviado a Acapulco, un famoso destino turístico, por su madre para vivir y trabajar después de que el huracán Janet destruyera el municipio de Corozal en 1955. Luna aprendió tanto que terminó administrando hoteles de clase alta y luego se convirtió activo en actividades sindicales antes de regresar a Belize a principios de la década de 1990.

Nos prometerán trabajos y desarrollo en la Zona Sur. Este es siempre el cebo. Pero los trabajos y el desarrollo son falsos. Nuestra gente simplemente se convertirá en esclavos del tercer milenio. La gentrificación de la Zona Sur destruirá todos los sueños que nuestros abuelos y bisabuelos tenían cuando comenzaron a luchar por el autogobierno en 1950.

Al Sr. Price no le gustaba el concepto de turismo. A mí tampoco. Pero el Sr. Price está muerto, y yo me considero un anacronismo. Por lo tanto, ambos somos irrelevantes. Las personas que son relevantes son todos aquellos beliceños que han logrado el éxito en la diáspora estadounidense y sueñan con regresar a casa para jubilarse en el Belize que recuerdan con amor y nostalgia. Pero hay un problema. La diáspora beliceña no está organizada y las oligarquías de Guatemala, Honduras y Belize sí lo están.

Necesitan estudiar la oscura oligarquía en el sur de Belize. Después de eso, pueden mezclar la Amnistía y el arbitraje de la Corte Internacional de Justicia (CIJ). Para mí, estas cosas suman un Belize que será diferente al que conoció mi generación.

Pueden notar, lectores, que mi escritura no es realmente apasionante. Vería esta columna solo como un intento de registrar algunos aspectos de nuestra historia

durante el siglo pasado, con mi foco siendo mi decepción con la inutilidad que siempre parece acompañar los esfuerzos recientes de la diáspora de ser activos en La Joya.

(Marginalmente, cuando Samuel Haynes, Jr. visitó Belize hace un par de años y fue entrevistado por Nuri Muhammad en Radio/Televisión KREM, hablé con él después y le pregunté si era cierto que su famoso padre no volaba en aviones. Dijo que, hasta donde él sabía, su padre nunca había volado en un avión.)

Conocí al difunto Samuel Haynes, Sr., en 1965 en una reunión celebrada por el Honorable Philip Goldson en el Audubon Ballroom de Manhattan. Yo tenía 18 años y no sabía nada sobre el levantamiento de los ex-militares de 1919 o la famosa carrera del Sr. Haynes. A medida que pasaban los años (el Sr. Haynes, padre, murió en 1971), me pareció que el difunto Compton Fairweather, presidente del Comité de Libertad de Honduras Británica, estaba dando mucho crédito por la formación del Comité de Libertad al Sr. Haynes.

En aquellos días, la ciudad de Nueva York era el líder de la población de la diáspora de Belize. Hoy, ese rol de liderazgo pertenece a la comunidad de la diáspora de Los Ángeles, pero no han podido lograr la cohesión y la fuerza que tuvo el Comité de la Libertad.

Puede ser una exageración decir que el Comité de la Libertad salvó a Belize de Guatemala. Sabemos que el Comité de la Libertad pudo ejercer presión sobre Gran Bretaña, que quería vendernos. Hoy es Estados Unidos el que nos está vendiendo. Solo la diáspora de Los Ángeles puede organizar a la gente de Belize en el extranjero a tiempo para neutralizar algunas de las iniciativas de traición que creo que están teniendo lugar. Por si sirve de algo, esa es mi tesis de hoy, miércoles 10 de agosto de 2022.

The Belize the lawyers made

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something that can brighten our present situation.

In a recent column, Mr. Elrington said some very bad things about our justice system. He said that in the era when he sat as a Supreme Court judge, judges for the most part “were knowledgeable ... respectful and scrupulously and patently fair ... so fair that one could confidently predict the outcome of a case ... that is no longer the case ...” I will suggest to Mr. Elrington that if he loves

and respects us, he should lay his information on the table, give Belizeans a chance to judge for themselves. I don’t think it helps us any for him to be making such serious accusations, and presenting no evidence.

In his most recent column, Sedi said some shocking things about life in some parts of Belize. I guess if mothers are taking their gay sons to strip clubs, it’s normal for some to use pornography to teach their daughters about sex. Whoop! I don’t know about you, but I am ashamed of my sins.



Veterans rule; waiting for another “golden generation”



Tilliman, Charlie and Manu: caption – 1990s superstars, (l to r) Norman “Tilliman” Nunez, Charlie Slusher and David “Manu” McCaulay at funeral of Ian “Coco” Henry on June 9, 2020

by Chilor

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Aug. 11, 2022

I watched the NBBA Interdistrict Championship game on TNC 10 last Saturday night, where the performance of two veteran players at the FFB Stadium reminded me that we don’t yet have another “golden generation” of football stars to take us to the next level. It’s coming soon, hopefully. With former national team striker Harrison “Cafu” Roches leading the attack and opening the scoring for Griga Conquerors FC against Belmopan’s Atletico FC, and the Griga defense anchored by another former national team player, Evan Mariano, who served the pass that Deon McCaulay used to send Belize to the Concacaf Gold Cup back in 2013, it was clear that age was not enough of a factor at the current Interdistrict level for this crop of young players to assert themselves over the veterans. Cafu indeed played like a young buck, trailing the play aggressively in attack, and there are rumors that Mariano will be appearing in the upcoming, some say already started, Premier League of Belize Opening Season 2022-2023. Another outstanding veteran on the Griga squad was Jacinto “Fowl” Bermudez in defense.

While there are no guarantees that these “old timers” will be able to hold their own at the PLB level, they clearly have garnered enough football intelligence and experience to go along with still formidable physical hardware to contribute effectively for at least a portion of the ninety. And more, they are still entertaining and possessing of some loyal fans still searching for their likes among the new crop of footballers.

On the subject of veterans, I am also reminded of the Over-40 championship a couple weekends ago

at the MCC, where the now over-50 Manu McCaulay stole the show. Below is our previously unpublished reflection on that game:

Kultue Yabra, Over 40 football champions again



Juan Carlos and Brazo: caption – Kulture Yabra players, (l to r) Publics owner Juan Carlos and “Brazo” Velasquez

Friday, July 29, 2022

Despite the dilapidated, broken down bleachers, and the “bumpy field” that a San Pedro fan couldn’t resist deriding the Belize City fans about, after their U13 squad lost 1-nil to a dominant Belize City U13 selection earlier this afternoon, football fever is alive and well in the old capital, as poignantly demonstrated in the Over 40 Tournament Final tonight at the MCC. It was all there for FFB President Sergio Chuc, special guest in his capacity as owner of Westline Bus Company, chief sponsor of the tournament, to witness – the competitive but still friendly rivalry of the veterans, the cheering and sometimes jeering fans at every threat at goal or blundered effort, including the vociferous chastisement and cussing out of the referee by the leading lady fan of each team. All the ingredients to help make a match interesting and exciting, even if the level of play was not superlative. And suspenseful too.

Kulture Yabra entered tonight’s second leg of the finals series with a

What’s the problem?

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Aug. 11, 2022

For whatever reason, certain sports organizations, beginning with the Athletics Association of Belize and lately including the Belize Olympic Committee and the Belize Volleyball Association, have not felt it convenient to share emails with the *Amandala* sports desk, so we can share the exploits of the athletes with our readers. We have heard some things were on “social media”, but we prefer to get official facts and figures from “the horse’s mouth” via direct communication by email. Surprisingly, of late the reincarnation of the Premier League of Belize (PLB), about which we have commented frankly on their election problems, seems to have also forgotten our email address. Word around is that a new PLB season has started a couple weeks now. When they deem it expedient to share the information with us, we’ll play catch up with the competition.

Until then, we are very happy to share with our readers, the young

ones especially, the New York Times story of the recently departed legend, a giant of our times, Bill Russell.

This article is long, and we may have to continue it in a few editions. We had intended to do only a few excerpts, but when we were struck by a revelation that hit a cord back home in our own sports culture, we felt the urge to go all the way and just reprint the whole article. There is one Belizean football legend, retired only a few years now, who, according to very close associates and teammates, had a strange pre-game ritual similar to what has been described with Bill Russell. And both have been considered the best in their time, and by some even the G.O.A.T. in their particular sport. We’re referring here to our own Norman “Tilliman” Nunez/Pipersburgh in Belize football. You’ll find out what peculiar trait he had in common with basketball legend Bill Russell if you read the NY Times article: “Bill Russell, who transformed pro basketball, dies at 88.”

PLB Opening Season Week 3 schedule

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Aug. 11, 2022

We received a copy of the full schedule for the Premier League of Belize (PLB) 2022-2023 Opening Season this morning. We are yet to receive the stats on the first two weeks of competition. Below is the Week 3 schedule:

PLB Opening Season Week 3 schedule:

Saturday, August 13

7:30 p.m. – Bandits Sports vs Altitude FC – Isidoro Beaton Stadium

Sunday, August 14

4:00 p.m. – Port Loyola FC vs San Pedro Pirates FC – MCC Grounds

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

4:00 p.m. – Verdes FC vs Police Benque United – Norman Broaster Stadium

3-1 cushion from the first leg; and it looked like it would be smooth sailing all the way when their relentless offensive pressure from the start of the game was rewarded at the 22nd minute with an own goal by Medina’s Pickstock Lake after a difficult save by their goalie Aaron Buckley, who denied rookie Over 40 Kulture star Jarro James repeatedly tonight. Jarro had scored twice in last Saturday’s 1st leg of the Final, but tonight his many valiant efforts were in vain, as Buckley had his number.

A stunning grounder from just inside the eighteen by John Castro (38’) tied it up for Lake before the half; and early in second half Bruce Carrillo (54’) put Lake in front, 2-1, and suddenly it was looking like trouble for the Yabra veterans, some of whom are over 50 and a few even nearing 60. One more goal from the pressing Lake and it would be 3-1 and

an aggregate 4-4 tie. The game picked up noticeably in intensity, with the referee having to resort to a few yellow cards and even a red to calm the hostilities. Yabra was pressing for the security goal, and a couple fine run-through passes from Manu to Jarro were thwarted by the outcoming Aaron Buckley who intercepted a number of plays near the edge of the eighteen. But it was the astute veteran David “Manu” McCaulay who sealed the deal for Kulture Yabra, surprising Buckley on one such move with a high lob from forty yards out that sank into the back of the net beyond the reach of the back pedaling and diving Buckley. 2-2 tie; and suddenly Kulture once again had a 2 goal cushion and only 10 minutes remaining. It stayed that way until the long whistle, giving Kulture Yabra the aggregate 5-3 series win and the championship.

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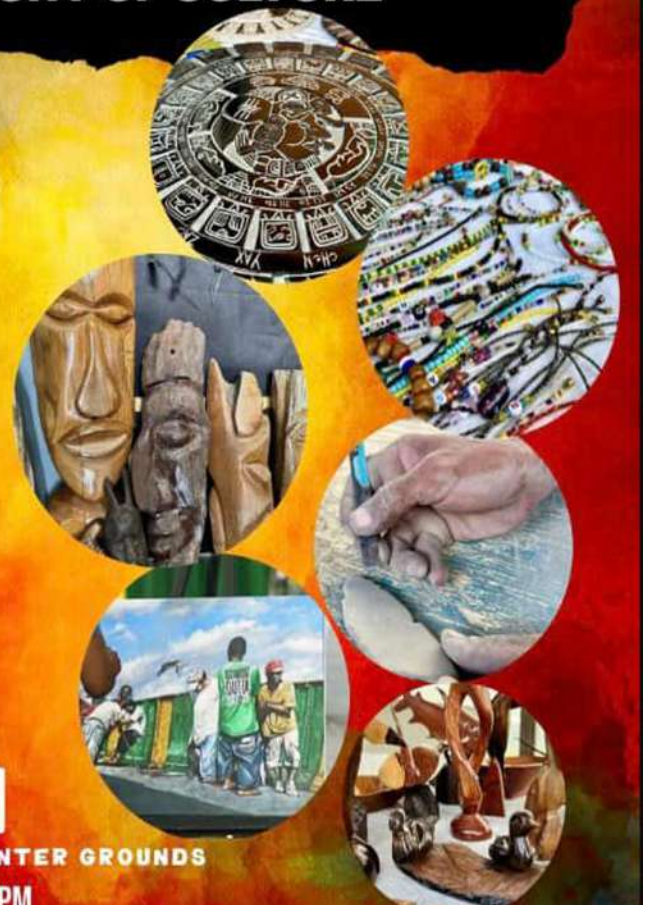
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