

NO! Waterloo project denied again

The Department of the Environment has informed Waterloo Investment Holdings Limited that its proposed cruise port and cargo expansion project at the Port of Belize Ltd. in Port Loyola has not been approved. Environmental clearance for the project has been denied for a second time. The developers have 21 days to lodge an appeal.



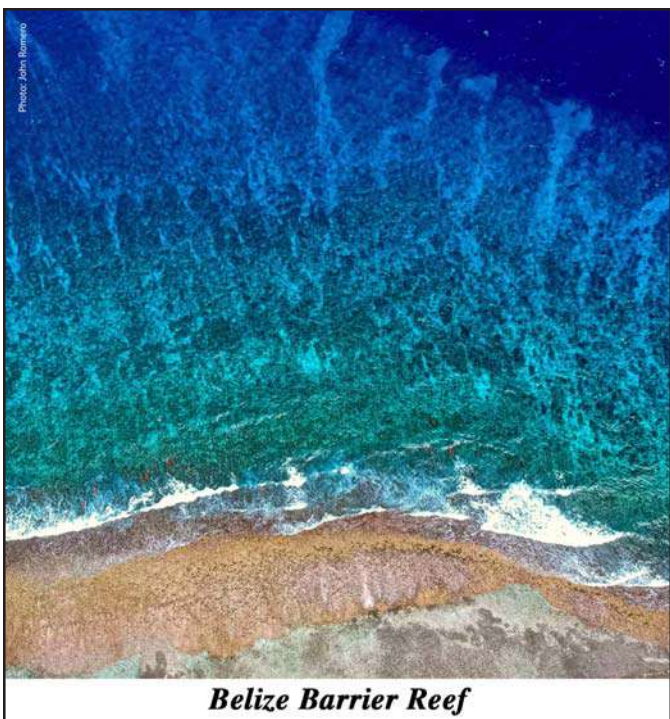
BELIZE CITY, Wed. Dec. 7, 2022
In the Tuesday issue of the AMANDALA, it was reported that, after days of hesitation by most government officials to comment on the matter, the CEO in the Ministry of Sustainable Development and chairman of the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC), Kenrick Williams, had confirmed that the NEAC had

voted to reject Waterloo Investment Holdings Ltd.'s proposal to construct a cruise terminal, along with the expansion of cargo capacity, at the Port of Belize Ltd. He indicated, however, that the final decision would be made by the Department of the Environment (DOE), and that the NEAC's decision ultimately was a recommendation that would have to be reviewed by the DOE.

This week, however, the Department of Environment informed Waterloo Investment Holdings Limited that the recommendation of the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC) to not grant environmental clearance to the proposed project has

been accepted by the DOE.

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Belize Barrier Reef

PM calls Oceana petition drive unnecessary

by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Dec. 8, 2022

After Oceana Belize's vice president, Janelle Chanona, informed the Belizean public that the government planned to engage in seismic testing and announced that Oceana would be conducting a petition drive in an effort to compel the government to set up a legislative mechanism that would require GoB to consult the Belizean public via

In a letter to Oceana's president Keith Addis, Prime Minister Briceno reiterated his government's support of the current moratorium on offshore oil exploration. He also called the Oceana petition drive unnecessary. Oceana has responded by calling for the enshrinement of the ban in law before it stops gathering signatures.

referendum before carrying out any offshore exploration, there was seemingly some type of breakdown in the working relationship between Chanona and Prime Minister John Briceno. Briceno had told reporters that he considered Chanona's decision to publicly divulge what they discussed to be "dishonorable" and a breach of trust, and suggested that her claims that the government was possibly setting the stage for oil

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Sylvia Flores - former Mayor, Speaker, Minister - passes at 71

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Dec. 8, 2022

On Tuesday, December 6, Sylvia Sarita Flores, a political trailblazer who was the first female Speaker of the House of Representatives, and who also served during her political career as president of the Senate, a Cabinet minister, and area representative and mayor for Dangriga Town, passed away due to natural causes at her home in Dangriga.

Prior to entering politics, Flores had been an educator who strived to

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Will mediation finally resolve sugar impasse?

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At the end of November, Alfredo Ortega, the Chairman of the Committee of Management of the Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association (BSCFA), announced a bit of good news. He shared that the Association and the miller, Belize Sugar Industries/American Sugar Refining (BSI/ASR), had finally reached agreement on a mediator to help resolve the impasse in their negotiations over the terms of a new commercial agreement between the two parties following the expiration of a previous agreement in 2021.

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Julie-Ann Ellis Bradley

Louis Wade III receives media scholarship



(l-r) Abil Castaneda, Director of Quality Management and Capacity Development, B.T.B.; and Louis Wade III, scholarship recipient

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Dec. 7, 2022

At a small ceremony held in the Belize Tourism Board conference room in Belize City on Wednesday, December 7, Louis Wade III, a journalist at Plus TV, was presented with BTB's first Media Broadcasting Scholarship.

Wade will be traveling to the CSB Media Arts Center in Palm Beach, Florida, where he will take part in an eight-week training program conducted by experts in the field, which is valued at 42,000 dollars.

Despite being one of the youngest members of the local media, Wade remarked that he is in a good position to learn how to speak for the current generation.

"I've been to Africa this year to cover news stories, and now I am going to Miami on a scholarship. I look forward to this journey, although it sounds tedious, but I am pretty sure it will be fun, so I am excited. Being one of the youngest in this field in Belize, there is a lot for me to learn, because I'm just twenty-four years old. I started news when I was twenty-years old, so I am very young in it. I feel that being

young, I am in a good spot to tell stories that my generation needs to tell and stories that my generation needs to hear as well," he said.

Director of Quality Management and Capacity Development at the Belize Tourism Board, Abil Castaneda, noted that Wade will be witnessing how the large media companies in America operate.

"One thing with CSB Media Arts Center is that they have a great mix of theoretical, but they incline more towards the practical. They are going to work in a studio. As I was mentioning to Mr. Wade, they will have internships where they will be able to go and see how the big boys do it – the ESPNs and the NBCs and the affiliates there in Florida. We like the approach that they provide — a practical sort of entry into what broadcast media is, but we also like that their instructors are actually people that work in the media like yourselves that have been in the sector for twenty-thirty years, that bring a wealth of experience of what to do and the little tricks of the trade," Castaneda said.

Wade is expected to depart for Florida in March of 2023.

Devon Jones gets suspended sentence for maiming of Francis Gill

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Dec. 7, 2022

Devon Jones, 41, an electrician of Rhaburn Ridge, Belize District, was spared a prison sentence that could have been as severe as life in prison when he pleaded guilty to dangerous harm instead of the original charge—attempted murder—that had been brought against him in 2014 after he reportedly used his Chevy Blazer to ram into Francis Gill, 43, who had been leaning against a cement wall in front of Key Ley Restaurant on



(l-r) Devon Jones, acquitted and Francis Gill, deceased

Feetown Road. The two men had reportedly gotten into an argument while

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PM calls Oceana petition drive unnecessary

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drilling were dishonest. It was perhaps the strained relations between the two that led the Prime Minister this week to send a letter regarding the petition, not to Chanona, but to her boss, the president of the Oceana board of directors, Keith Addis. In that letter, Prime Minister John Briceno called the petition drive which Oceana is currently conducting unnecessary and instead urged the organization to re-engage with the Belize government in good faith.

In the first portion of his letter, PM Briceno stated, "The Government of Belize, through this open letter to you, seeks to reiterate its policy position with regard to oil exploration in general and seismic testing in particular. Public clarity is necessary because of recent representations made by Oceana Belize on this important subject, representations which we deem precipitate. First, as you know, there is currently a prohibition on offshore petroleum operations enacted by the National Assembly in 2017, which as Leader of the Opposition, I had actively supported.... The Government reaffirms its support for this law which is binding upon the State."

He then placed on paper what seemed to be a pledge which he says his administration had made on a number of occasions: that "any change to the existing prohibition on offshore petroleum operations would arise only with the support from a majority of Belizeans by way of a national referendum."

The PM further went on to state that no government department or ministry "has or proposed to authorize offshore seismic testing without alteration of the existing prohibition." He did not state, however, how such alterations would or could come about. The 2017 Moratorium on offshore exploration was legislated in the Petroleum Operations (Maritime Zone Moratorium) Act, 2017, which prevents the government and any other person or corporate bodies from doing any exploration activity in Belize's ocean space. In his letter, PM Briceno said that he continues to support the ban.

Finally, and significantly, the Prime Minister indicated to the head of the Oceana board of directors that what was stated in the letter "supersedes any prior state or inferences" and represents a written assurance of the government's policy stance on the matter. His letter adds that his administration has embraced the cause of marine conservation over the last two years, and he made mention of the conservation efforts being carried out as part of the Blue Bond agreement with The Nature Conservancy, as well as a number of other conservation initiatives being undertaken by the government.

"In the circumstances and with the assurances provided herein, the Cabinet and I consider the referendum proposed by Oceana Belize to be unnecessary. Instead, it would be best for us to re-engage meaningfully and in good faith, and to refocus on those many marine conservation challenges that require collaborative action now,"

the PM's letter stated

The comments in his letter indeed seemed to be solid reassurance, but nonetheless, are not necessarily legally binding — something that Oceana Belize's vice president, Janelle Chanona, noted in a response she sent to the Prime Minister. In her letter, she expressed appreciation for the reassurance provided by the PM's statement. But Chanona suggested that more than words would be required to get the organization to abruptly stop the petition. What Chanona requested in the letter was that the Briceno administration provide proof of its commitment to not carry out oil exploration without a referendum by making it a legal requirement for a referendum to be conducted prior to such exploration.

PM Briceno has, in previous public statements, said that at some point the government will be compelled to engage in seismic testing offshore to determine what resources lie within Belize's ocean space, within the exclusive economic zones, for leveraging purposes during negotiations with nations and international entities that might be willing to pay the country not to engage in drilling.

While Chanona, in the letter sent on December 7 to the PM, states that she is heartened by the Prime Minister's reaffirmation of support for the offshore oil moratorium in his correspondence she noted in the letter that Oceana Belize is committed to joining "fellow citizens in reiterating the resolve to meaningfully participate in decision-making processes to protect the tens of thousands of livelihoods that depend on the integrity of our natural environment."

She went on to remind him that "In 2011, 2012, 2016 and now in 2022, Belizeans have come out in the thousands to publicly exercise their right to have a say in what happens next with offshore oil."

She further stated, "In respect of such sensational people power, and in the context of expressed bi-partisan support for a national referendum before any change is made to the existing prohibition on offshore petroleum operations, we look forward to meeting with you and your team to discuss how existing legislation can be amended to include a referendum."

She stated that by putting legislation in place that would bind the current administration to its purported pledge, the government will ensure that the Belizean people are afforded transparency in regard to the issue of oil exploration well into the future. Such a move by the government, she said, would be "deserving of global recognition".

Vice President Chanona gave an assurance that once the amendments are made to the relevant legislations, "the continuation of our current signature drive would be unnecessary," adding, "Like you, I too look forward to identifying opportunities for collaborating with your administration on the extensive list of challenges confronting our marine resources."

The organization awaits a response from GoB.

Kansas man suspected of kidnapping/murder found in Belize

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Dec. 8, 2022

Aldrick Scott, 47, a native of Topeka, Kansas, who fled the United States while a search was being conducted for his missing ex-girlfriend, was found hiding on the island of Caye Caulker and was detained and sent back to the US this week. Scott, who reportedly shaved his head to avoid being detected, will reportedly face felony kidnapping charges, as well as a possible murder charge if/when the body of his ex-girlfriend, Cari Allen, 43, a resident of Omaha, Nebraska, is discovered.



Aldrick Scott, suspected of kidnapping and possibly murder

He is currently in Texas, where an extradition hearing will reportedly take place this week, after which he is to be extradited to Nebraska.

According to KETV, a US news outlet, Allen was last seen alive in her neighborhood on Saturday, November 19, and at some point there was a 911 call, possibly from a neighbor, that informed police that Allen had been murdered by “Aldrick Scott”, with whom she had been in a 1-year relationship that had just ended. Scott was not initially named as a suspect, but a search that was carried out across the state of Nebraska, including at the Douglas County landfill, ultimately became a multi-state search—with a search warrant being served at Scott’s Kansas home on Monday, November 21. But the law enforcement officers learned that Scott had boarded a flight out of the country—reportedly arriving in Mexico before crossing over into Belize. An arrest warrant was issued shortly after for Scott.

KETV Newswatch also reportedly interviewed Shalton Fuentes, who reportedly had housed Scott for a few days while he was in Belize and who, according to the news outlet, had been arrested along with Scott but was later released. Fuentes, who reportedly tipped off Belize police about the whereabouts of Scott, had learned that Scott was a fugitive while doing

an online search. It is unclear whether Fuentes is a Belize native or is a foreigner living in Belize, but some sources say that Scott, who had been using a different name—“Nelson”—while in Caye Caulker, had been working for Fuentes at his barbeque establishment on the island.

Earlier this week, authorities apprehended Scott and searched him for drugs and ammunition, and when nothing was found, he was read his rights and informed of the reason for his detention.

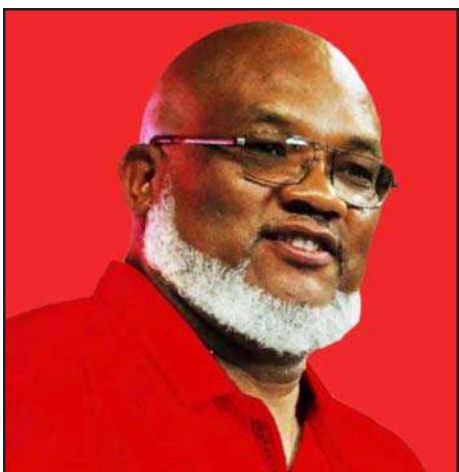
The following day, a car awaited him at the Queen Street Police Station and transported him to the Philip Goldson International Airport, where he was placed on a flight that took him to Houston.

Fuentes reportedly told US reporters that Scott had confessed to the crime and said that he did not intend to kill Allen. “He and the girl was reportedly in a relationship and he thought the girl was dating somebody else and he didn’t mean to kill the girl,” KETV.com quotes Fuentes as saying. Fuentes, who said that Scott considered committing suicide, said he believes that Scott likely buried Allen at his home in Kansas.

Scott served a total of 14 years as a platoon sergeant in the US Army and in the Marine Corps.

The remains of Allen are yet to be discovered.

Saldivar triggers emergency NPC meeting



John Saldivar

by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Tues. Dec. 6, 2022

After a UDP Special Committee decided on Friday, December 2, that former UDP Minister of National Security, John Saldivar, recently designated as “significantly corrupt” by the US State Department, would not be allowed to represent the party as a

standard bearer of the Belmopan constituency, he had posted a statement on social media which indicated that the decision would not be final until a ruling was issued by the National Party Council of the UDP and that he was awaiting a review by that body.

He said that the Special Committee had “referred the matter of my continued candidacy for the Belmopan Constituency to the National Party Council after a narrow vote against my candidacy. The final decision lies with the NPC.”

Many Belizeans had speculated that his position at the helm of the UDP’s Caucus for Change, with which about 20 UDP standard bearers/caretakers are affiliated, would ensure a significant amount of support for him at the NPC level—perhaps sufficient to overturn the Special Committee decision and afford him the chance to proceed to seek to be elected Belmopan standard bearer at an

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Nephew gets life sentence for uncle’s murder on Wagner’s Lane

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Dec. 6, 2022

Raheem Budram and Kareem Eaghan, Jr., the two young men convicted of the murder of Shane Budram, Raheem’s uncle, were each sentenced to 40 years in prison on Monday in the courtroom of Justice Ricardo O’Neil Sandcroft. The two men, both 21 years old now, will have to serve 37 years in prison before being eligible for parole.



(l-r) Raheem Budram and Kareem Eaghan, Jr., both sentenced to life in prison. Shane Budram, deceased.

On a Friday night in February 2020, Shane Budram was pursued by Eaghan and shot a number of times before he collapsed in front of the doorway of his home on Wagner’s Lane. The shooting occurred after an extended argument between Shane Budram, and his nephew, Raheem Budram, which reportedly took place at the intersection of Simmons Alley and Wagner’s Lane and reached a violent peak when the younger Budram instructed Eaghan to shoot his uncle.

After the initial shots, Budram reportedly began running from his assailant and heading in the direction of his home, which lies closer to Berkeley Street. As he was running, he was shot several more times. When he reached his home, he reportedly collapsed and died at his doorway. There were several persons in the area who witnessed the fatal shooting.

Because of statements provided by those eyewitnesses, Judge Sandcroft disregarded the alibis offered to the court by Raheem Budram and Kareem Eaghan, Jr., who claimed that they were not at the scene of the crime.

According to a 2020 AMANDALA article, “Budram had had a number of run-ins with the law, but from all accounts, he was turning his life around, devoting himself to his family and trying to be a good role model for the young men growing up in the Wagner’s Lane area . . .”

That article had also reported that before Raheem Budram handed himself in, he had posted a photograph of himself and his deceased uncle, Shane Budram, along with the following comment: “One love, mein uncle. I will miss you, mein, you taught me everything I know. You will always be my general. It hurt me yuh gone, mein, but yow, such is life, mein. Love yoh, mein. Life goes on Dan man!”

There is no indication at this time if the men will appeal the sentence.



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COMPOL: Salvadoran/Honduran gangs fleeing crackdown won't find safe haven here



Soldiers in El Salvador mobilize

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Dec. 8, 2022

A regional crackdown on gang activity has Belizean authorities on high alert.

There have been recent reports that in El Salvador, the government has reportedly deployed up to 10,000 troops in crime-ridden areas still controlled by organized gangs such as the Mara Salvatrucha-13 (MS-13) and is specifically targeting Soyapango, a municipality that is reportedly the third most populated area in the country. Some have commented that it is the police, and not the gangs, that are now an object of fear. And reportedly initiatives of a similar nature are now being undertaken in other parts of Central America—with the Honduran government reportedly announcing on Saturday that it was placing the cities of Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula under a national security emergency (the equivalent of what Belizeans know as a state of emergency) and that some constitutional rights in those areas would be suspended while those measures are in place. Belize's Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, even mentioned to reporters that he has been told that his law enforcement counterparts in Guatemala might be taking similar steps.

The concern is that gang members and criminals fleeing from such crackdowns might find their way into Belize, but Commissioner Williams told the media that he is aware that those persons might see Belize as a "safe haven", and that it's important that proactive measures be taken now to avert an influx of such persons.

"Certainly, Belize is right next door to Guatemala, not too far from Honduras,

next door through the maritime domain and [El] Salvador is just an hour away, likewise. And so, as a nation, we have to look at what is happening around us very seriously and make sure we put things in place that is not going to have these gang members that may want to flee those jurisdictions see us as a safe haven. And with that, I can say that we monitoring our local gangs very closely and as much as we are working with them through the multi-sectoral approach and the LIU," he said.

Williams said that the Police Department might also resort to more "draconian measures" if local gangs persist in causing unrest. "If it is that we should find that despite the efforts that we are doing through the multi-sectoral [approach] and the LIU, the propensity for violence among these gang members does not decrease, then we will have to look at draconian measures as well. We are hoping that we don't have to get there, but as a department and a country, the government has a responsibility to ensure it safeguards the masses and we cannot allow ourselves to be held hostage or imprisoned by a few persons who just don't want to behave themselves. So, it's something that we are monitoring very closely and the minute we see that things are not going the way it should, then who needs to be locked down will be locked down," he said.

For now, a close eye on the border crossings, legal and illegal, will be needed to ensure that gang members running from the law in the neighboring Latin American countries do not find their way to Belize.

Saldivar triggers emergency NPC meeting

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upcoming UDP convention. And the Caucus did not disappoint—issuing a statement not long after, on Friday night, to indicate their support of Saldivar.

"Our Caucus is clear and determined in our support for John Saldivar in the absence of any evidence to prove his guilt. We believe it is only right and just that the people of Belmopan choose their leader. We will therefore vote accordingly at the NPC," the Caucus indicated in the statement.

UDP leader, Hon. Moses "Shyne" Batrow indicated in a release shortly after, however, that the decision by the Special Committee "on John Saldivar's alleged corruption and its impact on the UDP Institution" was "binding and final". He went on to state that "The binding decision by the Special Committee on John Saldivar that it is in the best interest of the Party that Mr Saldivar's candidacy be disallowed is

with immediate effect." Additionally, he noted that Saldivar at that point had been stripped of his position as Belmopan caretaker and Western Regional Coordinator.

Barrow acknowledged the fact, however, that Saldivar could attempt to trigger an appeal to the NPC by petitioning an emergency NPC meeting—a feat that seemed prohibitively difficult, since a little less than 200 signatures would have to be gathered, and it was unlikely that the NPC would hold such an appeal session before the upcoming convention.

A lot of Belizeans were startled to learn just days later, however, that the necessary number of signatures had been gathered to trigger the appeal and that the NPC had conveniently scheduled the appeal to take place via Zoom on Saturday, December 17. Saldivar would need most of the approximately 120 members of the council to vote in his favor.

It thus appears at this point that there

is still a possibility that Saldivar could salvage his political career. When questioned by local reporters, the current Belmopan area representative, Hon. Oscar Mira, said that the US designation of Saldivar was the result of his own actions.

"It is his doing. You cannot blame anybody else but yourself, and I think it is for us, all politicians to learn and to ensure that whatever happened to him or whatever he did, that we are above reproach. We put ourselves to the electorate, they have that confidence in us, and we should be honest enough to ensure that we represent them well. Represent them with honesty, represent them with integrity... The United States designation, in my belief, is something that they've done not because they have hearsay evidence, but I am sure that they

know why and they have the evidence to make such a proclamation. It doesn't happen often, so I am sure that they know what they are doing," said Mira.

The Belmopan area rep further commented, "We cannot use dirty money and believe that if we put it on a good cause that it is okay and it becomes now good money. No. Money laundering is money laundering, and it doesn't matter if you put it to good use. And we as politicians, need to understand that. We need to make sure that we know where our finances are coming from and that it is not tied to any corruption and it is not tied to illegal activity. We can do our own background checks; that is not difficult to do, but what we shouldn't do is that we should not get beyond ourselves, thinking as politicians that we will be there forever."



Where to, Port of Belize?

Belizeans across the length and breadth of the country spoke loudly about privatization in 2008, and the statement they made was that they didn't like it. The PUP government of 1998 to 2003 had privatized everything it could get its hands on, with the country's telecommunications (BTL), electricity generation and distribution (BEL), water collection and distribution (BWSL), and main port (PBL), being among the prime assets that were sold. By 2008, after a second PUP government, the people had seen enough of privatization, and they voted the party out of office, massively. The PUP, which had been swept into office in 1998 with an overwhelming 26-3 victory, was ejected from government in 2008, 25-6.

Privatization was disastrous. For Belize it was the definition of neocolonialism. Rich foreign investors gobbled up the national assets; government coffers got an injection of cash, some to invest, some for government ministers to play with. The BWSL privatization ended up with the company being bought back by the 2003-08 PUP government; and over its three terms in office, from 2008 to 2020, UDP governments were able to buy back BTL, at tremendous cost, and, along with the Social Security Board, acquire majority shares in BEL. By 2020 only PBL remained in private control. The government (PUP) had sold the company to a local businessman, and it had ended up in a receivership controlled by foreign parties.

Since being sold by government, PBL has largely been neglected. A couple years ago, the receiver, Waterloo Investment Holdings Ltd., announced a bold proposal, a \$400 million investment that would include improvement of the critical bulk storage facilities at PBL, on condition that it got approval for a cruise ship terminal at the port. But there were

serious environmental and social issues associated with Waterloo's project. The proposal involved the dumping of 7.5 million cubic meters of dredged material between Turneffe Atoll and English Cay, and it was rejected by the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC).

Last week a second proposal submitted by Waterloo, this one with plans to dump the massive quantity of dredged spoils onshore and near to the shore, also failed to meet the standards of the NEAC. The rejection was unanimous. The business organization, BCCI, later informed the public that it wasn't present when the body met, and if it had it would have voted in support. The NEAC membership is comprised of a number of interest groups, with representation from government ministries, environmental NGOs, and the BCCI. For the BCCI, it is critical that the facilities at PBL be improved, so, maybe understandably, they were prepared to overlook some serious concerns that other members of the body aren't prepared to cut corners on.

All are in agreement that with its many possibilities for the Belizean people at large, and for its workers, the Port needs to be improved, that its structure and machinery cannot

be left to crumble/rust away. We, the children of slaves, refugees, and the original owners of this land, have suffered while development of the Port has been stymied under the receivership. So, the question now is, whereto for PBL? Will it be more neglect from Waterloo, will it be partnership with the workers at the Port on a more realistic project, or will it be nationalization?

The talk of nationalizing PBL has been floated before. In a July 30, 2020 letter, Lord Ashcroft, the chairman of Waterloo, wrote to then Prime Minister, Dean Barrow, after a GoB press conference at which the possible nationalization of PBL was said to have been broached. In the letter, which is reproduced by *The Reporter* on its social media page, the Waterloo chairman reminded the Barrow government about the steep cost of nationalizing private companies.

In the unpleasant reminder, Lord Ashcroft stated that the compensation for BTL was "in excess of BZ \$580 million; as well as legal costs associated with more than 9 years of international litigation." Lord Ashcroft mentioned the ongoing litigation over the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) and the International Business Companies Registry (IBCR), companies which we have since paid his group over US\$38.5 million for; and he also mentioned the Universal Health Services debt which had ballooned from BZ\$20 million to BZ\$90 million after 13 years of international litigation.

The Barrow government was informed that if it chose not to be prudent, if it insisted on the path of nationalization, Waterloo would be happy to sit down with the government and address the matter "in a fair and equitable manner, and with the country's best interests at heart." Ashcroft stated that the claim, which his group estimated to be in excess of US\$85 million, could be settled simply, by the parties agreeing to arbitration under the UK-Belize Bilateral Investment Treaty.

It is no secret how a PUP government allowed Lord Ashcroft to take control of BTL. In the original Articles of Association set out by the UDP government of 1984-89 when it privatized telecommunications and created BTL, the government owned the controlling shares, and no individual or group was allowed to own more than 25% of the company. Just before leaving office in 1993, however, the PUP government of 1989-1993 declared, in a letter, that Lord Ashcroft was a "permitted person", and when the party returned to office, 1998-2003, it allowed Ashcroft's group, Carlisle Holdings Ltd., to acquire 52% of the shares in the company.

In respect to the ownership of PBL, Belizeans are clamoring for reason to prevail. How the company fell into the control of Waterloo has not yet been fully explained. We only know what happened on the surface. The local investor who was "gifted" with PBL fell into debt with a foreign-owned local bank, and from there the company went into this receivership, under whose management it has been since 2012.

There is a place for foreign investment in Belize, but it must be in step with the goals of the Belizean people. Lord Ashcroft was a minority shareholder in BTL, and there he should have remained. If foreign investors don't like the progressive rules in this former colony, such as the Esquivel decision that BTL control remain in Belizeans' hands, there are other countries where they should take their money to invest. Independence doesn't mean we stopped being "hewers of wood", but that we also own or have major shares in the mill. It is of little profit to Belizeans if they have no shares in the engines of production.

Lord Ashcroft is a businessman, a very successful one, but his ego might be too big for Belize. It didn't help Waterloo any that under its management PBL has treated its workers, particularly the stevedores, poorly. As previous governments ensured that small farmers in the sugar industry were protected, that the small farmers in the citrus industry got a stake when foreign ownership of the factories was dissolved, that the workers at BSI got a share in the company, it should have followed that the workers at PBL were included when the company was privatized. A good road for the receivership might be to come to the table with the workers, with respect.



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VACANCY: Looking for a self-motivated person to sell seaweed between bus terminal and Pound Yard bridge. Pay will be 300 weekly and working hours are Monday to Saturday. Please contact me at 671-8920 for more information.

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NOTICE: We, **Sampson Investments**, state that we have lost our original Vessel Registration Certificate. Registration number: SPC-0538. Name of Vessel: RXTASEA

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LIQUOR LICENCE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Glenford Stamp** is applying for a Beer Liquor License to be operated at Stamp's Shop, 37 Dean Street, Belize City, under the Intoxicating Liquors Act, Revised Edition of 2000.

LIQUOR LICENCE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Pablo Guerra** is applying for Beer License, to be operated at Puma New Road Service Station, 135

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New Road, Belize City, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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LIQUOR LICENCE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Benjamin Cruz** is applying for a Publican Special License to be operated at Amarillo Bar y Restaurante, Young Bank Extension, Camalote, under the Intoxicating Liquors Act, Revised Edition of 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that **Daniel Lighter** is applying for a Restaurant License to be operated at Gaia Riverlodge, Pine Ridge, Cayo District, under the Intoxicating Liquors Act, Revised Edition of 2000.

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LIQUOR LICENCE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Myrna Harris** is applying for a Malt & Cider Liquor License to be operated at Belcove Hotel, #9 Regent Street West, Belize City, Belize, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENCE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **CHRISTIANA R. CASTILLO** is applying for a Hotel & Bar Liquor License, to be operated at FALLING LEAVES LODGE, No. 2 W Ford Young Drive, Cahal Pech Hill, San Ignacio, Cayo District, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENCE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **CHRISTIANA R. CASTILLO** is applying for a Restaurant Liquor License for Obsidian Restaurant & Bar, FALLING LEAVES LODGE, No. 2 W Ford Young Drive, Cahal Pech Hill, San Ignacio, Cayo District, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENCE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Ltd., Orange Walk Sale Centre** is applying for

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renewal of a Publican General License, to be operated at Tower Hill, Orange Walk District for the year 2023 under the intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENCE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Ltd., Corozal Sale Centre** is applying for renewal of a Publican General License, to be operated at Santa Rita Hill, Corozal Town for the year 2023, under the intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.


LIQUOR LICENCE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Ltd., Cayo Sale Centre** is applying for renewal of a Publican General License, to be operated at Esperanza Village, Cayo District for the year 2023, under the intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENCE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Ltd., Caye Caulker Sale Centre** is applying for renewal of a Publican General License, to be operated at Calle al Sol in Caye Caulker for the year 2023, under the intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

LIQUOR LICENCE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Ltd., Dangriga Sale Centre** is applying for renewal of a Publican General License, to be operated at Mile 1 1/2 George Price Drive in Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District for the year 2023, under the intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.


LIQUOR LICENCE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Company Ltd., San Pedro Sale Centre** is applying for renewal of a Publican General License, to be operated at Coconut Drive in San Pedro Town for the year 2023, under the intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Belizean businesses exhibit products at Taiwan expo

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Dec. 6, 2022

A few Belizean businesses got the opportunity to exhibit their products at the Taiwan International Tea, Coffee, Wine, and Food Industry Show held in Taipei, Taiwan from November 18-21 as a result of efforts by BELTRAIDE, in coordination with the Central America Trade Office (CATO) and the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

The event is an annual industry trade show that attracts visitors and professionals in the Asia Pacific area, and is a prime opportunity for small businesses to expand their market due to the wide range of persons attending

the show and sampling the various products. This year, the Belizean products/enterprises which received this valuable exposure in the Asian region included Che'il Mayan Chocolate's cacao teas, Wine Times' alcoholic beverages, Oxmul Coffee, Gallon Jug coffee, Belize Chocolate Company, and Mahogany Chocolate. Kakawa joined the effort with their use of Belizean cacao, Marie Sharp pepper sauce, and Belizean rum in their chocolate creations.

On Tuesday, December 6, a ceremony was held at the ITVET in Belize City to recognize the participants who had displayed their products in Taipei.



Belizean business owners

NOTICE TO RENOVATE THE BULLET TREE LIBRARY FOR THE DIGITAL INCLUSION PROGRAM

The Taiwan Technical Mission invites eligible Construction and Home Renovations firms to submit bids to indicate their interest in renovating the Bullet Tree Library located on El Pillar Road at the Bullet Tree Falls. For more information, please contact us via the email and or phone number listed below. The tenders are to be printed and sealed in an envelope and submitted to our office, reflecting the value of the items required for the renovation plus labor and GST. Deadline for submission is 16th December, 2022.

Taiwan Technical Mission

Address 43 Forest Drive, Belmopan, Belize
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Director of BELTRAIDE, Dr. Leroy Almendarez highlighted the doors that could be opened for these small entrepreneurs as a result of the exposure they've received through their participation in such a trade show.

"Most of them won first place. It tells you how comparable our products are, but for many of these producers, they're small, and it's very expensive for them to take their products, especially in a market like Taiwan, and to get their products at the expo in Taiwan at the expo. Think about all those who had to travel from different places and how long they traveled to taste our products, and what it means, even though those who did not hear about Belize before and see something made in Belize and the way it tasted, it creates greater opportunities for them,

and then it basically requires them to produce more with the same standard and quality so that consumption increases. And you find out that they actually grow within that ecosystem from micro to small to medium and they can continuously export," he said.

Derrol Vernon, the owner of Wine Time, in describing his experience while he was in Taiwan, told local reporters, "It's an honor, and I am very grateful for it to have the opportunity to display this product, not only to Belize but to the world, because I think it's something that I must share... It's me along with my entire family; my wife, brothers, and cousins. We all come together, and I have an entire team behind me. It's not only me, and it's not about us; it is

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¿Hacia dónde, Port of Belize?

Los beliceños a lo largo y ancho del país hablaron en voz alta sobre la privatización en 2008, y la declaración que hicieron fue que no les gustaba. El gobierno del PUP de 1998 a 2003 había privatizado todo lo que estaba a su alcance, con las telecomunicaciones del país (BTL), la generación y distribución de electricidad (BEL), la recolección y distribución de agua potable (BWSL) y el puerto principal (PBL), estando entre los activos principales que se vendieron. En 2008, después de un segundo gobierno del PUP, la gente ya había visto suficiente privatización y votó masivamente para sacar fuera al partido. El PUP, que había llegado al poder en 1998 con una aplastante victoria de 26-3, fue expulsado del gobierno en 2008, 25-6.

La privatización fue desastrosa. Para Belize fue la definición de neocolonialismo. Los ricos inversionistas extranjeros se tragaron los activos nacionales; las arcas del gobierno recibieron una inyección de efectivo, parte para invertir y parte con la que jugaran los ministros del gobierno. La privatización de BWSL terminó con la recompra de la empresa por parte del gobierno PUP de 2003-2008; y durante sus tres períodos en el cargo, de 2008 a 2020, los gobiernos UDP pudieron recomprar BTL, a un costo tremendo, y, junto con la Junta de Seguridad Social, adquirió acciones mayoritarias en BEL. Para 2020, solo PBL permanecía bajo control privado. El gobierno (PUP) había vendido la empresa a un empresario local y había terminado en una administración judicial controlada por partes extranjeras.

Desde que fue vendido por el gobierno, PBL ha sido descuidado en gran medida. Hace un par de años, el síndico, Waterloo Investment Holdings Ltd., anunció una propuesta audaz, una inversión de \$400 millones que incluiría la mejora de las instalaciones críticas de almacenamiento a granel en PBL, con la condición de que obtuviera la aprobación para una terminal de cruceros en el puerto. Pero hubo serios problemas ambientales y sociales asociados con el proyecto de Waterloo. La propuesta implicaba el vertido de 7,5 millones de metros cúbicos de material dragado entre el Atolón Turneffe y Cayo Inglés, y fue rechazada por el Comité Nacional de Evaluación Ambiental (NEAC por sus siglas en inglés).

La semana pasada, una segunda propuesta presentada por Waterloo, ésta con planes para arrojar la enorme cantidad de despojos dragados en tierra y cerca de la costa, tampoco cumplió con los estándares de NEAC. El rechazo fue unánime. La organización empresarial BCCI informó más tarde al público que no estaba presente cuando se reunió la entidad y que, de haberlo estado, habría votado a favor. La membresía de NEAC está compuesta por una serie de grupos de interés, con representación de ministerios gubernamentales, ONGs ambientales y la BCCI. Para la BCCI, es fundamental que se mejoren las instalaciones de PBL, por lo que, tal vez comprensiblemente, estaban preparados para pasar por alto algunas preocupaciones graves con las que otros miembros del cuerpo no están preparados para tomar atajos.

Todos están de acuerdo en que con sus muchas posibilidades para el pueblo beliceño en general y para sus trabajadores, el Puerto necesita ser mejorado, que su estructura y maquinaria no pueden dejarse desmoronar/oxidar. Nosotros, los hijos de esclavos, refugiados y los propietarios originales de esta tierra, hemos sufrido mientras el desarrollo del Puerto se ha visto obstaculizado bajo la administración judicial. Entonces, la pregunta ahora es, ¿hacia dónde para PBL? ¿Será más descuido de Waterloo, será sociedad con los trabajadores del Puerto en un proyecto más realista, o será nacionalización?

La charla de nacionalizar PBL se ha planteado antes. En una carta del 30 de julio de 2020, Lord Ashcroft, presidente de Waterloo, escribió al entonces primer ministro, Dean Barrow, después de una conferencia de prensa del Gobierno de Belize en la que se dijo que se había abordado la posible nacionalización de PBL. En la carta, que *The Reporter* reproduce en su página de redes sociales, el presidente de Waterloo recordó al gobierno de Barrow el alto costo de nacionalizar empresas privadas.

En el desagradable recordatorio, Lord Ashcroft declaró que la compensación por BTL fue "más de BZ\$580 millones; así como los costos legales asociados con más de 9 años de litigio internacional".

Lord Ashcroft mencionó el litigio en curso sobre el Registro de la Marina Mercante Internacional de Belize (IMMARBE por sus siglas en inglés) y el Registro de Empresas Comerciales Internacionales (IBCR por sus siglas en inglés), empresas por las que desde entonces hemos pagado a su grupo más de US\$38,5 millones; y también mencionó la deuda de Universal Health Services, que se había disparado de BZ\$20 millones a BZ\$90 millones después de 13 años de litigio internacional.

El gobierno de Barrow fue informado que si optaba por no ser prudente, si insistía en el camino de la nacionalización, Waterloo estaría feliz de sentarse con el gobierno y abordar el asunto "de manera justa y equitativa, y teniendo en mente los mejores intereses de la nación." Ashcroft afirmó que el reclamo, que su grupo estimó en más de 85 millones de dólares estadounidenses, podría resolverse simplemente si las partes aceptan el arbitraje en virtud del Tratado Bilateral de Inversiones entre el Reino Unido y Belize.

No es ningún secreto cómo un gobierno PUP permitió que Lord Ashcroft tomara el control de BTL. En los estatutos originales establecidos por el gobierno UDP de 1984-89 cuando privatizó las telecomunicaciones y creó BTL, el gobierno poseía las acciones de control y ningún individuo o grupo podía poseer más del 25% de la empresa. Sin embargo, justo antes de dejar el cargo en 1993, el gobierno PUP de 1989-1993 declaró, en una carta, que Lord Ashcroft era una "persona autorizada", y cuando el partido volvió al cargo, 1998-2003, permitió que el grupo de Ashcroft, Carlisle Holdings Ltd., adquiriera el 52% de las acciones de la empresa.

Con respecto a la propiedad de PBL, los beliceños claman porque prevalezca la razón. Aún no se ha explicado completamente cómo la compañía cayó bajo el control de Waterloo. Solo sabemos lo que sucedió en la superficie. El inversionista local a quien se le "regaló" PBL se endeudó con un banco local de propiedad extranjera, y de ahí la empresa pasó a esta administración judicial, bajo cuya administración ha estado desde 2012.

Hay un lugar para la inversión extranjera en Belize, pero debe estar en sintonía con los objetivos del pueblo beliceño. Lord Ashcroft era un accionista minoritario de BTL y allí debería haberse quedado. Si a los inversionistas extranjeros no les gustan las reglas progresistas en esta ex colonia, como la decisión de Esquivel de que el control de BTL permanezca en manos de los beliceños, hay otros países donde deberían llevar su dinero para invertir. La independencia no significa que dejemos de ser "taladores de madera", sino que también somos dueños o tenemos participaciones importantes en el ingenio. Es de poca utilidad para los beliceños si no tienen acciones en los motores de producción.

Lord Ashcroft es un hombre de negocios, uno muy exitoso, pero su ego podría ser demasiado grande para Belize. No ayudó en nada a Waterloo que, bajo su administración, PBL haya tratado mal a sus trabajadores, particularmente a los estibadores. Igual como los gobiernos anteriores se aseguraron de que los pequeños agricultores de la industria azucarera estuvieran protegidos, que los pequeños agricultores de la industria de los cítricos obtuvieran una participación cuando se disolvió la propiedad extranjera de las fábricas, que los trabajadores de BSI obtuvieron una participación en la empresa, debería haber sido el caso de que los trabajadores de PBL fueran incluidos cuando se privatizó la empresa. Un buen camino para la sindicatura podría ser sentarse en la mesa con los trabajadores, con respeto.

Sunday Review News Review Talk Show

On Krem TV & Krem Radio

Live-streaming on Krem Television Face Book Page

Host: YaYa Marin Coleman

Date: Sunday, December 11, 2022 **Time:** 10:30 a.m. to noon

Guest: Wil Maheia/Owner & Journalist of PGTV

Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 11, 2022

NOTICE

BELIZE CITY

Estate of STEPHAN THOMAS ODLIVAK, deceased.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of STEPHAN THOMAS ODLIVAK, late of No.1 Colgate Drive, Smithtown Town, New York, U.S.A., are required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to the Administrator of the said estate, **KIMBERLY CHRISTINE HANSON** of Bermuda Beach D7, San Pedro Ambergris Caye, Belize District, Belize, c/o **COURTENAY COYE LLP**, Attorneys-at-Law situate at 15 A Street, Belize City, Belize, and to send such particulars not later than the 5th March 2023, AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that at the expiration of the last mentioned date, the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Stephan Odliak, deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims or demands of which particulars have been delivered and the Administrator will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands it shall not then have had notice.

DATED the 5th December 2022.


Courtenay Coye LLP
Attorneys-at-Law

**Christmas Holiday Opening Hours**

December 23, 2022:

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December 30, 2022:

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

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Vacancy number: Belmopan-2022-22
Closing date: December 23, 2022

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

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

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

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

“Tour-isms”**High Season & Season Highs**

The tourism high season is officially here. Christmas decorations have gone up in businesses and hotel lobbies across the country. Industry workers are prepping for busier days ahead since tourist arrivals should be on the up and up. Following the heights of Covid-19 in 2020, just over nine thousand overnight tourist arrivals were recorded for December of that year. Twelve months later in 2021, overnight tourist arrivals were 34, 286 for that same month. By those indications, despite our recent hurricane financial loss, the number of visitors for this December should continue on an upward trajectory. This year there are no mask mandates, no social distancing, and all ports are open. There are none of the pandemic restrictions that had put such a damper on our high season and on our high spirits during this time of year just a few years ago. This year we are heading into the high season with more. As the industry continues to recover, it is more collaborative, more inclusive, and more holistic. Some events that highlight these industry traits include industry training, food, sports, and music.

Heading into the high season many more hotels and tour operators can now benefit from free marketing on the www.travelbelize.org and www.belizeantraveller.org websites. That initiative is sure to result in more overnight tourist arrivals in the future. Training never ends. The BTB will take the training from online to the streets. On December 16th the BTB's Elevate Taste Program will host a Culinary Training Course for Street Food Vendors in Belize City. Street food is apart of most Belizeans' daily routines. We buy our tacos in the mornings, rice & beans in the afternoons, and maybe some panades or hot-dogs in the evening time at the park. The point is street food vendors make up a huge part of our daily and weekly experiences. We interact with them, we support their businesses, and we know them. We can imagine that non-locals share some of those same food experiences.

Street food also goes well when watching sports. On December 3rd, the BTB completed its first Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup. The proud winners of this year's cup are the Hopkins Ibayani Soccer Team. Griga United Soccer Team placed second. This successful collaborative endeavor was done with the help of the Football Federation of Belize (FFB). However, the collaboration does not end there. Music goes well with food and sports. While the BTB is not looking to develop music solely for the athletic community, it is helping to develop music and music tourism in Belize for all communities. Culture is a strong component of the Belize Tourism Product. Music is culture. Over an 8-month period, the BTB and Sound Diplomacy, an international music policy consultancy, will gather and use benchmark data and comparative analysis to create a concise and strategic plan for the value of music in our culture and our tourism.

Every Belizean person, place, and product matters for achieving higher standards in the industry. The BTB continues to assist hotels, tour operators, street vendors, musicians, athletes etc. inserving their businesses, their communities, and the tourism industry at large. The only '-ism' suitable for this week is **Familism**. For the concept of placing the interest and well-being of the family ahead of the individual. Similarly in the tourism industry, we place our collective success over individual success. We go into this high season with more collaboration, inclusivity, and holism in our tourism.

See you next week.

The Belize Tourism Board



Solving the water crisis is key to climate action and sustainable development

by Gilbert F. Hougbo

Water flows through all major global issues; from health to hunger, gender equity to jobs, education to industry, disasters to peace.

For that reason, it has to be made an integral part of all global meetings to do with making the world a better, safer and fairer place. Right now, this is not the case.

In the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – the primary framework of the international effort to eradicate extreme poverty – the success of every one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) depends on a well-functioning global water cycle.

At COP 27, the fact that water and climate change are inextricably linked was reflected in the format of the event, but even so, water is still not a stand-alone topic for regular review and reporting in the COP process.

As we fight climate change and strive to build a better world, water must be embedded in landmark global frameworks, including the Paris Agreement, 2030 Agenda, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, Committee on World Food Security and others.

Without that integration, we will fail to get a grip on the major crises that threaten life on Earth and the hope of a better tomorrow.

In the case of climate change, water must be at the heart of our plans to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of more extreme and erratic weather.

For instance, the protection, restoration and expansion of water-related ecosystems is essential for safeguarding biodiversity and capturing carbon from the atmosphere.

At the same time, water and sanitation systems – existing and new – must be designed to withstand an increasingly

hostile context.

The writing is on the wall. In only 20 years, flood-related disasters have increased by 134 per cent, and the number and duration of droughts by 29 per cent.¹ Against this backdrop, around 2 billion people have no access to safe drinking water and 3.6 billion live without a safe toilet. Clearly, progress towards achieving SDG 6 – water and sanitation for all by 2030 – is seriously off-track.

We have no choice but to act faster and smarter, across sectors, to solve the water crisis for the sake of every aspect of sustainable development.

Water-related climate mitigation and adaptation should be seen as a new “social contract” between ourselves and future generations.

In our own lives, we can all be more aware of our water footprint and be less wasteful of water.

At the individual level, this will be a

small price to pay to protect our great-grandchildren. However, the cost to the global system will be considerable, yet essential.

Financial resources must be better targeted, and new funding mobilized, towards the infrastructure and systems needed to build and maintain water-related services across society and the economy.

There are encouraging signs. At the national level, more attention is already being paid to water as countries make national plans to adapt to the impacts of climate change and reduce emissions. I welcome this and encourage all countries to follow suit.

But this is too large an issue for nation states to tackle individually. The multilateral system exists precisely for the purpose of orchestrating a response to complex global challenges just like this.

The Government of Egypt, which hosted COP27, launched the “Action for Water Adaptation and Resilience,” designed to make integrated water and climate action standard practice in SDG-related actions. This is a welcome signal that decision-makers are starting to recognize water for what it is: a medium of resilience, a problem-solver and a primary connector between all the major challenges we face.

The momentum from COP27 will carry us to next year’s UN 2023 Water Conference, the first of its kind since 1977. Co-hosts Tajikistan and the Netherlands are urging the world to unite around water to follow an approach that is “action-oriented,” “inclusive” and “cross-sectoral”.

We need to take the momentum built up at COP27 and convert it into a new Water Action Agenda.

It’s down to everyone to solve the water crisis. And that can only be done when water is on everyone’s agenda.

Gilbert F. Hougbo is Chair of UN-Water and Director-General of the International Labour Organization



VACANCY

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

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QUALIFICATIONS

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

Essential Experiences

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

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

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

Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

Applications must be sent to the following address:

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

no later than Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Belizean businesses exhibit products...

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about a product to represent Belize on an international level. I put a lot of pride and dignity behind it.”

James Mesh, the founder of Oxmul Coffee, told local media that he got the idea to start the enterprise in 2005 and it became a business last year in March—harvesting close to 700 pounds of coffee beans.

“We live on a farm in western Belize, and one of the crops we cultivate is coffee, but what we do, we focus on 3 important things: culture, tradition, and food security, and Oxmul Coffee came into existence. The name is Yucatec Mayan, which is the original name of the village of San Antonio in the Cayo District. Religion came, and the name was changed to San Antonio to honor patron Saint Anthony, so the original name ‘Oxmul’ stayed as a piece of history and the meaning Ox is number 3 and Mul Mayan temple,” he said.

Old UDP leaders failed John and Patrick

by Colin Hyde

John and Patrick have no firsthand knowledge of the days when the opposition, from the NIP to the UDP, couldn't defeat the PUP in a general election. Those boys came along when those days were long gone, they came along when what was the 'also-ran' had become a juggernaut in Belize's politics. Even a political neophyte like me knew that when Dito Juan shouted, "Never again PUP!" from the rostrum in 1989, we had entered a period when the drought was all on that Blue crowd, that they were going to suffer the way the Reds had, for a long, long time.

But the UDP blew the 1989 election, gave it away. There was some internal struggle as Dean Lindo battled Derek Aikman for the chairman's seat. A rift developed when Manuel Esquivel blocked Rufus X in Belize Rural North, thus creating a small problem between the UDP and Kremandala. Ignore that I wasn't against blocking that brother's path to glory. Of course, the UDP owed thanks to Rufus X for all the ground work he had done for the party, but that man's a radical, not House material! Oh, another UDP felony, there was also the absolute boner of denying a license to Krem Radio. Boy, how quickly pigs who get power begin to act like Farmer Jones!

Ah, John and Patrick, they were born in a time when the UDP was ascendant, a party that held government, at least

fully on par with the George Price Blue. I am sure plums were thrown John's way during the 1993-1998 UDP government. I have the evidence for that. Patrick is a little younger, so he couldn't have gotten any big posts from that government, but his time would come, and so would John's time come again, as the party in 2008 was returned to office, where they would remain until 2020.

During the period 2008-2020, the men jostled as heirs to the throne. Everyone accepted that one of them would be the one at the helm when Dean Barrow stepped down. But things would happen during this period that would lead to both of them being sidelined, effectively out of politics in 2022. Ha, ha, an unknown slipped into their job, and 50% of the reason for that goes to money and gender relations. The other 50% of that story goes to the heftiest dose of nepotism ever.

Under Dean Barrow the UDP became a corrupt party. John would form close relationships with unscrupulous sorts, two in particular who are presently in jail for very, very serious crimes. John would say that his associations were all for worthy causes, but it's extremely hard to explain away these friends that he had. Patrick's difficulties were of the domestic kind. The stories are largely of the skirmish variety, from a vehicle slipping into the sea to a cracked windshield to hair pulling to mild head-butting to kicking a door, but any one of them was

enough to derail a political career.

It is to be wondered what kind of guidance these guys, the future of the UDP, got from senior party leaders. When John was getting friendly with unsavory sorts, and when Patrick showed the first time that he didn't understand that in our culture we demand that all women are treated as if they were our mothers, where were they? Most likely they were nowhere. The fact is that most political leaders in Belize have little experience with true leadership. If you send them a questionnaire, you will find very few answering yes to being scouts/girl guides leaders, managers of sports clubs, youth cadets or members of the Volunteer Guards, or boat captains. Just about the only leadership credential the majority of our politicians can boast of is the art of manipulation. They know little about the science of grooming leaders.

So now we find the UDP on the rocks, being led by a man who trained to write dirty rap songs in the USA, not develop the kind of talent we need in leadership in this country. Hmm, many considered it a blunder when the present PM said we don't have talent to burn in this country. If you understand talent to mean people who have invested in developing cutting edge skills to grow our country, you would recognize how true that statement was. Really, how many people with John and Patrick's credentials are in politics? Precious few!

The UDP had two top talents, two men dedicated to developing themselves to lead – two men in the prime of their political careers, their 40s and 50s, two men who have gathered some knowledge over time, two men who have educated themselves for leadership, and now they are squandered. John and Patrick WERE the UDP, and now their careers are on major pause, or kaput. And some or much of the blame for that has to go to the old leaders who presided over it all.

Some background to President Kagame's Rwanda

In my Tuesday piece I had a bit about Rwanda, and its president, Brother Paul Kagame, whose scheduled visit to Belize, in September, was pushed back to a later date. In a report by Ms. Khaila Gentle in the *Amandala* about President Kagame's visit, she noted that a GoB press release said our leaders were "impressed with the President's visionary leadership and complete transformation of Rwanda, from a country devastated by genocide in 1994 to one of the fastest growing economies in Africa", and that Human Rights Watch (HRW) said that Rwanda under Kagame had done fairly well, that "twenty-seven years after the 1994 genocide, a significant number of people

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PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

“Press” Predictions: 17-54-71
 Boledo stats thru 9th to 16th Dec. 2022
 In Boledo news, 2 hard numbers played last week in 26 and 94. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 54-71-17-28-41-00. These are my lucky Jackpot numbers: 7291-2647-8903. These are my lucky PICK-3 numbers: 947-162-358-060-599. Get ready, Belize! Some Christmas money will be coming our way. There are only 3 numbers left to play for the year: 47 is still out since the 22nd of April 2021; that’s over 1 year 7 months 2 weeks 2 days now; 00 is just out for 1 year 2 weeks now; then 18 will complete 1 year on the 29th of December. 2 of those 3 numbers will be out before the year is over. Doubles have played some 46 times already. 22 played 9 times, 33 played 9 times, 88 played 7 times, 77 played 6 times, 11 played 5 times, 66 played 4 times, 44 played 3 times, 99 twice and 55 played once. Keep your eyes open for 00 and 99. Those 2 numbers are for Christmas ham and turkey. The eighties series is long overdue. The nineties series refuses to play on a Sunday for 39 straight Sundays. Remember to read your Psalms: 91-92-63-72. Good luck to all buyers! Next week, more stats.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Altitude FC will beat Verdes FC 2-nil in Mango Creek
Local football Finals predictions
 In local football action, the Final with Verdes FC, the 3-times defending champion, and Altitude FC, the leaders of the regular season, was postponed due to the inclement weather at the M. A. Stadium in beautiful Mango Creek. The 3,000 fans turnout was very outstanding. The game will be this

Saturday at the same venue at 7:30 p.m. They have the best stalls of any stadium in the entire country. Enuff respect to Mr. Jordan Zabaneh and his working staff! They are very creative with their space at the stadium. The fans will have



Krisean Lopez



Miguel Garcia

to show their stubs. This final in Mango Creek will have the most fans all-time. Supa G will be there again! Altitude FC will win the game 2-nil; Jardell Muschamp and Andres Orozco will score. Miguel Garcia vs Krisean Lopez. Edwin Bernal Villeda vs Luis Torres a.k.a. “Barker”. Then Norman Anderson vs Dalton Eiley. Both managers are special people. There will be an award banquet at the Biltmore Plaza Hotel before the Christmas. Next week, more stats.

CYCLING

Krem Cycling classic is just 22 days away - update

The 32nd Krem New Year’s Cycling Classic

In cycling action, the 32nd Krem New Year’s Day Cycling Classic is just 22 days away. There will be at least over 80 cyclists in all of the races. There will be Females, Juniors, Masters and the Elites from the Border to Belize. Brandon Cattouse is the defending champion for team BTB Valvordine 501; he won his first Classic last year in 18 years of his cycling career. His teammate Oscar Quiroz got a contract to ride for Team Galaxy in Miami. More of our Belizean cyclists need these opportunities. Then, Fitzgerald “Palas” Joseph went to Colombia one month ago and won second place in the Masters Category. A Mexican beat him at the finish line by half of a bicycle wheel; but he will bring back the gold medal in the next Pan-American Games next year. Enuff respect to sponsor for the Belize contingent, Mr. Roque Matus, who spent over \$40,000 on the trip! Next week, some predictions.



Brandon Cattouse



Fitzgerald “Palas” Joseph



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Lebron James passes “Magic” Johnson assists all time

NBA results and predictions

In NBA action, the Los Angeles Lakers shocked the Milwaukee Bucks by some 5 points. Lebron James passed Earvin “Magic” Johnson on the all-time assist list. Lebron is now in the all-time top 5 in assists (John Stockton is the all-time leader). He has over 10,000 assists already in his 20-year career. He will be the all-time leading scorer over Kareem Abdul Jabbar in his next 30 games. They are playing much better now. They won 6 of their last 10 games. Anthony Davis is healthy right now. The Boston Celtics have the best overall record at 19-6. The Lakers are on a 6-game East Coast trip. The Denver Nuggets and the Phoenix Suns are the 2 top teams in the West; the Memphis Grizzlies and the New Orleans Pelicans are also playing very well. The Golden State Warriors, the defending champions, are struggling to play 500 ball; they are 11-13. Steph Curry and Draymond Green are quarrelling; but Steve Kerr, their coach will iron out that situation. Next week, more stats.



LeBron James

World Cup FOOTBALL

Kylian Mbappé for France has 5 goals already

The 22nd World Cup results and predictions



Kylian Mbappe

In World Cup in Qatar 2022 action, Argentina beat Australia 3 goals to 1.

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BELIZE PORT AUTHORITY WATER TAXI NOTICE

Water Taxi Operation

Belize Sea Shuttle Express Water Taxi, of San Pedro Town, Belize District is seeking approval for the below water taxi runs.

Run	Departure	Arrival	Departure	Arrival
1	Corozal Main Pier at 0630 Hours	Sarteneja Main Pier at 0700 Hours	Sarteneja Main Pier at 0705 Hours	San Pedro Main Wharf at 0830 Hours
	San Pedro Main Wharf at 0900 Hours	Caye Caulker, OFB Terminal at 0930 Hours	Caye Caulker OFB Terminal at 1300 Hours	San Pedro Main Wharf at 1330 Hours
	San Pedro Main Wharf at 1430 Hours	Sarteneja Main Pier at 1530 Hours	Sarteneja Main Wharf at 1535 Hours	Corozal Main Pier at 1630 Hours

Interested parties are invited to submit any representation or objection to this permit to the Ports Commissioner at: mile 4 ½ George Price Highway or to bzportauth@btl.net, by 23rd December, 2022.

The Ports Commissioner shall consider any representation or objection made to an application.

Belize Port Authority
 Tel: (501)-222-5665/5666 or
 Email: bzportauth@btl.net Website: www.portauthority.bz
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NO! Waterloo project denied again

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A press release issued by the DOE on Tuesday evening states, "Following a process of public consultations, exchanges with the developer and site inspections, the NEAC, at its meeting held on November 24, 2022, recommended, on the basis of the scientific and technical information before it, that the project not be granted environmental clearance."

It is being reported that, in a letter to Andy Lane, Chief Executive Officer of the Port of Belize Ltd., the Chief Environmental Officer, Anthony Mai, noted that because the company had insisted that the cargo expansion at the Port and the construction of a cruise terminal be considered as one application, the DOE proceeded to make an assessment/decision "on that basis". The letter reportedly also reminded Lane that the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (amended in 2020) provided the legal framework by means of which the project proposal was reviewed.

In the initial portion of the letter, the Department of the Environment went on to state that it took note of "concerns raised by the public" and that it found that the NEAC's recommendation was "well-founded". It further pointed to the Revised Terms of Reference which guided the NEAC's decision-making process. These guidelines included areas of concern, such as the potential impact on flora and fauna as a result of the proposed marine development, the possible effects of the large-scale dredging that would have to take place, the potential impacts on long and nearshore shore currents and "possible shoreline erosion or accretion", the possible impact the project could have on the "traditional uses of the area", and the ways in which the project could impact the neighboring communities socioeconomically and culturally. (The DOE would indicate later in the letter that there had not been adequate consultation by the developers with those communities.)

What was further noted is that the

NEAC, according to its mandate, had to examine the Environmental Impact Assessment report submitted to it "on the basis of scientific evidence and facts concerning social, economic and ecological considerations" and that in the process of reviewing possible environmental effects of the project it also had to consider the "significance or the seriousness of those effects".

The letter then stated that Waterloo's expansion of cargo capacity and construction of a cruise terminal, which would require the dredging of up to 7.5 million cubic meters of material, would "represent one of the most significant dredging projects in Belize" and that the Committee "was not assured that the methodology proposed in the 2022 EIA Report would be effective in containing the dredged spoils". It further made mention of the method the company proposed for containing 3.5 million cubic meters of the spoils in a nearshore location, which involved the use of geotextiles, and pointed out that such a

method "has not been used before and therefore poses a risk of failure". Notably, while the developers had referred to examples of the use of geotextile material for containment in their Supplemental Report, the Department of Environment made a key observation in its letter to Lane: that those examples "are not reflective of the method that the Developer proposes to use in Belize".

According to the letter to Lane, additional concerns that influenced the decision to reject the proposal included the "detrimental impact" that the nearshore disposal of dredged material could have, not only on the Belize Barrier Reef System, given its "sensitive nature", but also on marine life and on the "fishing grounds and navigation south of the containment area".

Interestingly, the Department of Environment also called into question the capacity of the containment system to "resist the frequency and magnitude of weather systems that tend to affect Belize" — an observation that is especially poignant in the aftermath of the landfall of Hurricane Lisa. To emphasize that point, the letter noted that "appropriate model validation and simulation timeframe/period to scientifically evaluate the model's accuracy as well as its ability to perform effectively under diverse climatic and hydrological conditions were not used." This was a concern that, according to the letter, had been outlined in a piece of correspondence that was sent to the developers in December 2021 when their first EIA was rejected. But the DOE letter claims that "the Developer has not sought to use such an acceptable validation and simulation timeframe or period in the 2022 EIA Report."

The letter then, near its conclusion, asserts that there were concerns that the "information and analysis provided in the EIA were dated, general and not specific to the proposed project" and that "insufficient field assessment" had been done.

It is important to note, however, that in the letter to Lane, the DOE makes reference to Regulation 27 of the Environmental Regulations, which affords the Waterloo developers the opportunity to write to the Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management within 21 days if they opt to appeal the decision.

The Department of Environment has also taken steps to address other entities which have commented on the process which led to the decision to deny approval of the Waterloo project. This week it issued a press release dated December 7, 2022 that takes aim at what appears to be an attempt by the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry to suggest that reports that the NEAC voted unanimously to reject the Waterloo proposal were untrue. The BCCI stated in a release that its representative, although not present at the meeting at which the vote was carried out, and despite not hearing the scientific and technical comments which led to the decision, had voted in favor of the project. The DOE, however, in its release, puts a spotlight on the seemingly faulty reasoning underlying the BCCI's claims.

"The Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations regulates the EIA process and does not provide for any of its members, including the BCCI



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Interested candidates are required to apply using the **CARICOM Secretariat's Recruitment Portal** which can be accessed at https://caricom.org/opportunities_category/caricom-secretariat-vacancies/

The deadline for the submission of applications is **14 December 2022**.

***ONLY SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED AND ADVANCED TO THE NEXT STAGE OF THE SELECTION PROCESS.**






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Belize receives 3rd award for Blue Bond deal

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Dec. 7, 2022

The Blue Bonds for Ocean Conservation, a financing arrangement between Belize and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) that hinges on a commitment by the country to marine conservation, has been lauded as the most innovative debt-for-marine conservation deal worldwide to date. The deal marked a historic restructuring of the country's debt, through a buyback of the billion-dollar "Superbond" at a discount of over 40%, which was possible through financing provided by TNC at interest rates and with repayment terms that are more favorable than those that accompanied the Superbond loan. It required the country, however, to commit to the creation of facilities for investment by the government in marine conservation and the preservation of a significant portion of our marine space. So far, the Government of Belize has received

three awards for the historic restructuring. Today, they announced the third, which was received by the Director of the Blue Bonds and Finance Permanence Unit, Beverly Wade, in Miami at the end of November.

"The Government of Belize is the recipient of the prestigious award for *Sovereign Restructuring Deal of the Year* at the Bonds & Loans Latin America & the Caribbean Awards," a release from GoB states. Since 2015 the Bonds & Loans Latin America & the Caribbean Awards has recognized innovative and ground-breaking financial deals and has been acclaimed as the world's leading Pan-Latin America and Caribbean debt event.

Belize was selected after a close examination of the deal size, tenor, structure, and distribution. Also analyzed as a part of the decision to select Belize as the recipient of this year's award was the background of



the borrowers (Belize), with extra

credit being given for the high-quality execution of the deal, the accessing of new pools of liquidity, innovative structuring, and the opening of new markets.

Belize's Blue Bond is inextricably tied to climate mitigation and conservation efforts, with a commitment being made by the country to protect up to 30% of our ocean prior to the signing of the deal.

The Blue Bonds in Belize is basically a pilot initiative that supports a plan to provide countries across the Caribbean, Africa, Latin America, and the Asia-Pacific regions with a debt restructuring option to help ensure the protection of more of the world's oceans.

"Belize previously received awards for Innovation – Bond Structure (Sustainability Bond) and Sustainability Bond of the Year – Sovereign from Environmental Finance," the release from GOB states.

VACANCY



NOTICE

Operations Manager

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following post in the Operations Department. In the Port's continued effort to promote diversity both males/females, able/ differently abled are encouraged to apply for the available post.

Reports to: Chief Executive Officer

Summary of Responsibilities: Lead the Operations Department to achieve the best possible level of service to our Customers, at the lowest possible cost, whilst ensuring zero harm. Inspire and motivate all Supervisors, Clerks and Operators and other Operations Staff to continuously improve safety standards and productivity, through the application of lean processes, complimented by the relevant application of technology. Lead change initiatives to achieve these macro-level goals. Establish and maintain excellent working relationships with all other heads of department, collaborating within the leadership team to ensure the optimal holistic contribution to the continued success of the company.

Job Responsibilities:

- Attract, develop, grow and retain the best talents and fill the leadership pipeline.
- Organize, balance and schedule workloads within the department.
- Prioritize, delegate, and set performance objective, and develop visual management systems.
- Follow-up on performance, provide quality feedback, and objectively appraise differentiated performance levels.
- Empower and inspire to achieve high levels of motivation and employee engagement.
- Ensure zero harm, improve safe working processes within the full Operational area of the facility.
- Provide timely reports for all accidents and disciplinary incidents.
- Understand Customer requirements and drive the department to achieve these on a consistent basis.
- Track and manage variable expenditure to avoid all cost waste and reduce costs to the bare minimum.
- Continuously lean, streamline, and improve processes.
- Leverage relevant technology to automate processes.
- Collaborate with the Technical department to ensure that the optimal quantity of equipment is available for deployment.
- Work closely with the Accounting department to ensure that all services are precisely and expeditiously billed to the Customers.
- Coordinate just-in-time berthing of all vessels with the Marine department.
- Maintain high levels of data quality for Operational information and reports provided to other functions.
- Represent the company towards Unions, Customers, Regulators and Authorities.
- Provide inputs into budgetary processes.
- Take ownership in ambiguous situations.

Job Qualifications/Requirement:

- Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Supply Chain Management, Port Management or other related field (Master's degree would be an asset)
- 3-5 years' exemplary leadership experience of diverse teams
- Minimum 3-5 years' experience in supervising or managing logistics operations or other similar fields

Required Skills, Knowledge and Characteristics: To be selected applicants must possess the following important characteristics:

- Emotional intelligence
- Innovative and creative
- Complex problem-solving
- Critical and analytical thinking
- High cognitive ability
- Technology cognizance
- Persistence, resilience, stress tolerance, flexibility and adaptability
- Assertive and decisive
- Visionary and inspiring
- Coaching and mentoring
- High integrity

Compensation Package: Will be commensurate (in accordance with the Company's Salary Structure).

To apply: Provide updated resume, cover letter (addressed to Human Resource Manager), copy of valid social security card, valid police report, name and phone number of two (2) previous employers.

Email to:

jobapplications@portofbelize.com

Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, December 09, 2022.

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World Cup FOOTBALL

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Then Lionel Messi scored again; he now has 3 goals, plus he missed a penalty kick against Poland. The Netherlands then sent home the USA, 3 goals to 1. They are the only country to win all of their first 4 games. Then England beat Senegal, 3 goals to 1. Harry Kane scored his third goal also of the World Cup. There are 5 players with 3 goals already. France, the defending champion, beat Poland 3 goals to 1. Kylian Mbappé scored twice; he now leads the World Cup with 5 goals. He also has 9 goals in 2 World Cups already - he will be the all-time leader when he is finished with football. They will also beat England when they clash next week, 2 goals to 1. Argentina will edge the Netherlands, 2 to 1. Lionel Messi will score both goals. Portugal will clash with Brazil. Japan and South Korea can create some upsets down the stretch. Next week, more results and Finals predictions.

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BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Development Finance Corporation, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties. Sales currently running until **31st December 2022**. Public Auction Sales will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.

A: COROZAL DISTRICT:

1. 0.72 ACRES Buena Vista Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Buena Vista Village	1	86/1

(Being 0.72 acres of vacant property planted with a variety of fruit trees + Palmetto house, situate just off the Phillip Goldson Highway, Buena Vista Village, Corozal District, the leasehold property of Mr. Crisanto Cristino Ewan surety for Mr. Valerio Rene Lopez)

B: ORANGE WALK DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 732/1 August Pine Ridge, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
August Pine Ridge	9	732/1

(Being a wooden bungalow dwelling house containing: 2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen and Lot [2,620.5 S.M.] situate in Orange Walk District, the leasehold property of Mr. Glenford Rowley)

2. Parcel No. 333/1 San Lazaro Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Lazaro	4	333/1

(Being a two story concrete dwelling house containing- Ground Floor: 2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Office + Laundry: Second Floor - 4 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + 2 verandas and Lot [1,367.188 S.M.] situate in San Lazaro Village, Orange Walk District, the leasehold property of Mr. Pablo Tun Surety for Mr. Roger Pablo Tun & Mr. Pablo Tun)

3. 20 ACRES Carmelita Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Carmelita	4	1364

(Being 20 Acres of vacant land, situate Carmelita Village, Orange Walk District, the freehold property of Ms. Marsha Canton surety for Mr. Stanley Garbutt)

C: BELIZE DISTRICT:

1. Parcel Nos. 302, 303 & 304 Scissors Tail Street, Ladyville, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCELS
Vista Del Mar	16	302, 303 & 304

(Being a residential concrete Apartment Building [2,469.16 S.Y.] containing: 14 Apartments: Ten (1 Bedroom + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Porch) & Four (2 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Porch) + Laundry room [22.5'x 40'] TOGETHER with Parcels [2,089.62 S. M.] situate on Scissors Tail Street, Ladyville, Belize District, the freehold property of Mr. Kevin Enriquez & Ms. Andrea Enriquez surety for Messrs. ANKA LTD.)

D: CAYO DISTRICT:

1. 0.50 ACRES Belmopan, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Mount Pleasant	20	807

(Being 0.50 Acres of vacant land, situate in the outskirts of the City of Belmopan, Cayo District, the freehold property of Ms. Barry A. Espat)

2. 7.79 ACRES Mountain View Area, Belmopan, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belmopan	20	7731

(Being a recreational facility containing: 3 Food court + POOL + JACUZZI + external showers + Palapa + Restroom and Lot situate Mountain View Area, City of Belmopan, Cayo District, the freehold property of Miguel Ernesto Elena-Fuentes.)

3. 24.95 Acres Frank's Eddy Agricultural Area, Cayo District:



All that piece or parcel of land containing 24.95 Acres situate in the Frank's Eddy Agricultural Area, Cayo District and held under a Deed of Conveyance. (Being 24.95 Acres of vacant land, situate in the Frank's Eddy Agricultural Area, Cayo District, the freehold property of Mr. Deon Dale Pascascio A.K.A Messrs. PasguHal Eco-Lodge)

E: TOLEDO DISTRICT:

1. 310.34 Acres along the North Side of Boom Creek Road, Toledo District:



All that piece or parcel of land being 310.34 Acres situate along the North Side of Boom Creek Road, Toledo District held under a Minister's Fiat Grant. (Being a well develop FARM LAND for cattle with 80% Pasture + water bodies + fully fenced ranch situated 4 miles from Punta Gorda Town along the Boom Creek Road, Toledo District, the freehold property of Mr. Santos Aparicio Alegria surety for Mr. Santos Aparicio Alegria & Mr. Yencer Dany Alegria.)

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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Paraiso Village, Corozal District; Belize City, Belize District

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1. Parcels No. 2268 near Paraiso Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North	1	2268

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house [Approx 1025 sq. ft.] containing: 3 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/Kitchen + Carport/Garage + Storage Room and Lot [6,098 sq. ft. or .14 Acre] situate near the Village of Paraiso, Corozal District, the freehold property of Mr. Aaron Navarro)

2. No. 17 Zietown Street, Loyola, Belize City:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Albert/Mesop	45	885

(Being a two-storey concrete house [2068 sq. ft.] containing: Ground Floor – 5 individual rental rooms + 2 bathrooms + small kitchen; First Floor – 3 Bedrooms + 1 Bathroom + Living/Dining/kitchen TOGETHER with lot [433.164 S.M.] situate at No. 17 Zietown Street, Belize City, the freehold property of Mr. Douglas Carr & Mrs. Angie Carr)

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VACANCY NOTICE – FUND MANAGER

GOB ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FUND, DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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

1. INTRODUCTION:

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

2. PURPOSE OF POSITION:

The Fund Manager is responsible to execute the activities related to the coordination, oversight and implementation of the objectives of the Environmental Management Fund (EMF) through the activities outlined in the EMF Budget and the Department of the Environment (DOE) Strategy and Policy Document. The Fund Manager is primarily responsible for ensuring excellence in the maintenance, control, management and reporting of financial information of the EMF in a timely manner.

The Fund Manager will support the Executive Director and work under the overall supervision of the Chief Environmental Officer.

3. ANALYSIS OF POSITION

This person will be required to handle several responsibilities associated with the general operations of the Fund, and provision of support towards the Executive Director. **(Details of these responsibilities of this post are listed in the Terms of Reference)**

4. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND EXPERIENCE

Associates degree in Accounting, Management, Business administration or other related field PLUS 5 years of work experience in accounts and/or financial resource management, procurement, and reporting. **(Details of the skills set required for this post are also listed in the Terms of Reference.)**

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants can obtain a copy of the terms of reference at www.doe.gov.bz or by requesting a copy from the Department via email: doe.ceo@environment.gov.bz or office number: 822-2548 or 828-4846

Applicants are asked to submit a hardcopy of the complete application package containing a cover letter, resume, and 2 reference letters, no later than 4:00 pm, December 22, 2022 addressed to:

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

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Belize City, Belize

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- Schedule, execute and control projects and work activities.

The position requirements are:

- Civil Engineering or Architectural degree, or equivalent certification
- Experience in Design Engineering or Architecture
- MS Office Suite- Strong independent user; proficient in MS Project, AutoCAD 2014, and other design software

Application Deadline: December 23, 2022

Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews. If you are not contacted three (3) weeks after the application deadline, we welcome your application for any other vacancy.

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Apply: bowen.bz/resources

Secrets within monarchies



by Clinton Canul Luna

There are many things that happen within monarchies. Some of these have been efforts to keep power within the family, and history is full of such incidents involving decisions made, and things done, by a family or families to keep power. In one of many marriages in a monarchy, in an era long ago, there was this king that wanted to have several sons, but at that time he thought that the woman was the one who carried both the X and the Y chromosomes—in other words, the female was responsible for the gender of the child conceived, whether it is a girl or a boy. They did not know that it was the man who carries the male and also the female chromosomes. In his ignorance, not

knowing that he was responsible for his wife not being able to give him more sons, he decided to adopt a girl. His wife, the queen, had already given him a son, but for him it was not enough, since men occupied different positions in the administration or the monarchical system. So he wanted to have several sons. The girl grew up and obviously, since she was adopted, she called the king father and the queen mother, in private, of course.

One must remember that the king or queen was supposed to represent God or was appointed by God. So, there were many beliefs, and one of those, at that time, was that what the king said had to be respected, for he had the

highest authority. With the passing of time, the girl grew up. As she developed into a young lady, the king fell in love with her and eventually began forgetting his wife, the queen, and stopped giving her the attention she desired. However, in a castle with so many people—relatives and very close friends—and with the king's rejection, obviously, there were other people, men, who could fill that void, as has always happened and continues to happen today. The man sees the woman of another, the other sees the woman of another, and so on. So, there will always be a person who is going to look at someone else's wife,

and so, it happened in this case. There was one of the great officers of the army who served the crown and was at the service of the queen and little by little, in the encounters they had, there was that chemistry that made them get closer and closer, a chemistry that she did not find with her husband, the king. On the other hand, the king was directing his chemistry to the young girl who was growing. He dedicated his time to her because he already had in mind that he wanted to have more sons but didn't want to have them with another woman from outside. He wanted to have them inside the family of the monarchy and saw it easy to have offspring with his adopted daughter.

As time went by, there were talks between them. There were talks among those very close to the family who kept letting the girl know that she was not of royal blood and that she was adopted. The girl started noticing the king's intentions; she reciprocated and, realizing her role within the monarchical body, she accepted the king's love affair. When she reached an age where she could have sexual relations, they got closer and closer until the moment came where she became pregnant. Unfortunately, the king did not know that it was he who was not able to father another boy, so, a baby girl was born. Everyone was very happy with the arrival of the new member of the monarchy, including the queen, and they began suggesting names to give the newcomer.


We can see that he really wanted a boy, but a girl was born, which he accepted, and he was very happy with his baby girl. Nevertheless, he wasn't planning on giving up and thought that possibly in the future they could have another child, which would be a boy. Meanwhile, they gave the baby girl much love and attention, and a place in the royal line, and decided to name her Ruth in memory of a Biblical story about Ruth, who was a generous, affectionate woman, dedicated to God and his commandments.

fincasolan@gmail.com
December 4, 2022
Finca Solana
Corozal Town

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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTY
Privassion Creek, Mountain Pine Ridge, Cayo District

BY ORDER of the Supreme Court of Belize, Licensed Auctioneer Christiana R. Castillo is selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following property. Sale currently running until **1st February 2023**. Within this period, a Public Auction Sale will expire on Monday 19th December 2022 and thereafter fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until this property is sold.

11.90 ACRES along Privassion Creek, Mountain Pine Ridge, Cayo District:




ALL THAT piece or parcel being **11.90 Acres** of land (Minister's Fiat Grant No. 1135 of 2000) along Privassion Creek, Mountain Pine Ridge Area Cayo District TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Being 11.90 acres of land situate along Privassion Creek, Mountain Pine Ridge, Cayo District, the freehold property of Messrs. Robert's Grove Limited)

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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTY
Corozal Town, Corozal District

BY ORDER of the Supreme Court of Belize, Licensed Auctioneer Kevin A. Castillo is selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following property. Sale currently running until **31st December 2022**. Within this period, a Public Auction Sale will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until this property is sold.

Parcel No. 809 6th Street South, Corozal Town, Corozal District:





REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal Central	9	809

(Being a concrete bungalow structure [25 ft. X 50 ft.] and lot [527.5 S. Y.] situate on 6th Street South, Corozal Town, Corozal District, the freehold property of Mr. Ricardo Gomez)

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Senator Reverend Doctor Raphael Warnock!

The slow return to normalcy, and for me, the end of the Trump era, is finally here! The citizens of the State of Georgia, where Republicans outnumber Democrats by a large margin, decided to pick sanity over crazy. The Republican Party, as clueless as ever, with a big assist from “der Fuhrer”, decided to run an unqualified, almost illiterate black man against one of the most dignified black candidates that ever ran for higher office. Most Georgians saw this as an insult to their intelligence, and repudiated this insult by electing the most qualified, the most honorable candidate to represent them in the Senate. Georgians, black and white, denied Trump and his acolytes a chance to lead America into more chaos, more crazy, and into a more contentious society!

I personally am not a big fan of Joe Biden, but he has accomplished what no other president since Roosevelt in 1934 has done! He did not lose a single Senate seat in a midterm election! He has been underestimated, a term coined by George W. Bush, many times over. He has turned politics upside down, winning where he should be losing, both legislatively and electorally. He has confounded his detractors, other nations, and I believe, even himself. He has to be given major credit, speaking and campaigning for democracy, even as the barrage of negativity launched against him by the Republicans, continues unabated and mercilessly!

This nation has been teetering on the edge of fascism, flirted with authoritarianism, but in the end recognized the value of common sense and stability over a disruptive state of being. We pulled back from the edge and drove a stake through the heart of Trumpism, and all the other isms that aren't, and will never be, this new America! The American dream, which lately has been more a dream rather than a reality, continues to thrive! I know some will say that I'm being optimistic, but I know, deep down inside me, that Trump will soon be just a figment of our imagination, that those who still ardently follow him will become outcasts, rather than any movement of significance!

America is changing, the old and intransigent are dying, or falling into oblivion, while the multi-cultured, the optimists, the changing faces of this American landscape are taking over. Political, environmental, social and economic changes are advancing at an encouraging pace! Hopefully the young, the progressives, and a society that no longer cares about what clan one belongs to, but how the country might become more equitable to all its citizens, will take over, and form a more perfect union!

Like I've always said, I am a dreamer.

Glen

FOR SALE BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE

The Development Finance Corporation of Bliss Parade, City of Belmopan, Cayo District hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as mortgagee under Deed of Mortgages or Charges between those hereinafter named and the said Corporation which mortgages or charges are recorded at the Land Titles Unit or the Lands Registry, respectively and that the said Development Finance Corporation will, at the expiration of two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, sell the properties described in the Schedule hereto.

All offers to purchase the said properties must be made in writing to the said Corporation at its Headquarters Office or District Offices.

SCHEDULE

Parcel No. 1738, Block No. 12, Caye Caulker Registration Section containing 837.76 S.M. held under a Land Certificate being the freehold interest of ORLANDO MATEO AUGUST surety for ALBERTO LUIS AUGUST & VALERIE RUSHELL AUGUST.

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The US Government-funded Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) has selected Belize as one of only two countries in the world for a five-year government to government grant to fund a program aimed at reducing poverty and stimulating economic growth.

The Government of Belize (GOB) through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, and Investment, have contracted a team of individual consultants to form a Compact Development Team in Belize that will work together with a U.S.-based MCC Team to conduct a diagnosis of the constraints to economic growth, prepare concept notes, develop project proposals, and plan for project implementation.

The Belize Compact Development Team will be led by a National Coordinator who will manage the team, engage key stakeholders across all sectors, and bear responsibility for the overall performance and work quality of the team. The Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement Specialist will be a member of this team and will be working closely with the MCC GSI team lead assigned to the Belize country team.

Vacant Post

1. Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement Specialist

Remuneration: Competitive salary and benefits are offered, commensurate with academic level, work experience and other relevant strengths of the winning candidate. Kindly follow the below link for further details.

<https://med.gov.bz/>

Interested candidates are requested to submit ONE PDF File that shall include: **a)** Letter of Interest indicating the post being applied for; **b)** the curriculum vitae, **c)** copies of university degrees, and **d)** the names of 3 references.

Subsequently the top 3 applicants for the post will be interviewed.

Deadline for application is **16 December at 4:00pm**. Application can be sent via email to: econdev@med.gov.bz or hand delivered to the address indicated below:

Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Economic Development
Sir Edney Cain Building
Ground Floor, Right Wing
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.

Any request for clarification should be sent via email no later than 12 December 2022. Responses will be provided within three days.



Happy Holidays!

from the Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Belize Water Services

Our Holidays Office Hours

Offices Close	Offices Re-open
Friday, December 23, 2022— 1:00 PM	Tuesday, December 27, 2022
Friday, December 30, 2022— 1:00 PM	Tuesday, January 3, 2023

****NB: The Belize City Office will be closed on Saturday, December 24, 2022 and Saturday, December 31, 2022.**

Have a safe and blessed holidays!

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER Of The Final Approval of The Tariffs and Other Specific Terms & Conditions Issued by the Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission” or “PUC”) in respect of the Power Purchase Agreement (“PPA”) between Santander Sugar Energy Limited (“SSEL”) and Belize Electricity Limited (“BEL”)

1. SSEL and BEL, by way of joint letter dated September 6, 2022, submitted a revised Draft PPA for review and approval by the PUC (the “Amended PPA”).
2. This Amended PPA is to supersede the PPA that had been executed by the parties on December 16, 2016 (the “Original PPA”) and came about after fifteen (15) months of negotiations between SSEL and BEL.
3. As a matter of record, such negotiations were subsequent to the Discontinuance of Claim No. 466 of 2020 between BEL and the PUC on 17th June, 2021. In the said Claim, BEL sought relief from the Supreme Court of Belize for, among other things, a Declaration that the PUC acted *ultra vires* when it purported to take a Decision to amend the Original PPA, after both parties had failed to come to an agreement on the terms. Notably, the Amended PPA and proposed tariffs deviate little from the purported Decision under challenge in Claim 466 of 2020, save and except for the introduction of additional performance standards.
4. Through agreed arrangements, the parties propose to increase the minimum annual production from 18.4 GWh, to 25.3 GWh in 2022 and to 32.9 GWh by 2032. Projected maximum annual production is to increase from 36.2 GWh to 47 GWh.
5. In relation to performance, the parties also agreed to introduce performance measures that are geared to improving SSEL’s availability. To that end, it is proposed that SSEL will declare availability two days in advance which shall be no less than 8 MW. Where SSEL fails to meet 90% of the daily declared availability, BEL would impose a penalty that result in the reduction of the per KWh charge for that period. Additionally, the parties agreed to the introduction of a True Availability Factor of 88% annually. Where SSEL fails to meet this True Availability Factor for two consecutive years, the Company would be in default of its obligations under the Amended PPA.
6. Between November 10, 2022 and November 25, 2022, the Commission held publicly advertised consultation in an effort to generate commentary on the proposed PPA. The Commission did not receive any comments from the public despite all efforts to do so.
7. The Commission considered the request from both parties for final approval of the Amended PPA and decided as follows:

ORDER

1. The Public Utilities Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Utilities Commission Act, Chapter 223 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize and all other powers thereunto enabling, hereby grant final approval for SSEL and BEL to enter into the Amended PPA, subject to the following conditions:
 - a) The Term of the Amended PPA shall continue in force for twelve (12) years and thereafter it may be extended at the option of parties for up to an additional ten (10) years, provided that both parties must have delivered a notice of their election to exercise the option at least one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the end of the Term.
 - b) The rate fixed in the Amended PPA allows for the SSEL to recover its investment, inclusive of a reasonable return over a period of 20 years retroactive to January 1, 2020. Consequently, where the PUC approves an extension of the Term, the capital recovery in the approved rate will automatically continue for a period not exceeding eight (8) years during the ten (10) year extension period. Thereafter SSEL cannot recover its investments unless it has made substantial improvement that are prudent and useful.
 - c) Notice of Termination for convenience shall be given at least one (1) year prior to exit by SSEL from Belize’s electricity market. Notwithstanding that Notice, the approval or concurrence of the PUC is required.
 - d) SSEL shall consult with BEL in respect of technical modifications to existing plant designs and arrangements before undertaking any extension of its power plant as had been contemplated in the Original PPA as Phase 2. SSEL and BEL shall seek to ensure that investments proposed for any such second phase will result in higher service levels and lower unit cost of supply.
 - e) The Parties shall seek the PUC’s approval prior to the implementation of any such second phase and where the parties pursue the second phase of the generation project, the PUC shall hold a proper rate proceeding, in accordance with applicable subsidiary legislation. Consequently, it is imprudent to fix the applicable tariffs before consideration of the facts of that rate case.
 - f) The PUC may review the performance of the Amended PPA after three (3) years and make any such modifications to the PPA that it deems warranted after due notice and consultation with the Parties.
 - g) Subject to any Government Policy with respect to the sugarcane industry or for creating a market for organic waste-streams, and notwithstanding (f) above, the PUC may commence rate proceedings at any time for the purpose of bringing the rate-setting methodology into compliance with such Policy.
 - h) Notwithstanding (f) and (g) above, the PUC has a statutory obligation under Sections 6-(2)(b) and 7-(4)(a) of the Electricity Act to ensure that Licensees who are operating efficiently remain viable and recover all their reasonable costs.
2. The Parties shall modify the Amended PPA to the extent as indicated in Order 1 above and be guided by a marked up version of the suggested changes which is attached for reference. The duly signed Amended PPA, inclusive of all relevant documents, exhibits and attachments, shall then be filed before the Commission within a period of 30 days from the date of this Order.

BY ORDER dated this 29th day of November, 2022


 DEAN MOLINA
 CHAIRMAN
 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Bernard: Health Ministry to make moves to stop loss of nurses

BELMOPAN, Wed. Dec. 7, 2022

The Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Kevin Bernard, commented yesterday on what has been a problem within the country's healthcare system for a number of years, but especially since the Covid-19 pandemic: a shortage of nurses and other healthcare professionals, and the departure of many local nurses who are offered more attractive compensation packages by hospitals in foreign nations. Bernard acknowledged that the problem persists, but said that his ministry is looking at ways to recruit additional nurses as well

as to retain more nurses in the country in order to fill the gaps that exist within our own healthcare system.

Bernard, who commented on the matter this week when interviewed by reporters at the opening of a polyclinic in Belmopan, noted that, in recent meetings with the Nursing Association of Belize, Ministry personnel mentioned a possible increase in the length of the mandatory period of service that local nurses who are sent by the government for overseas study must provide in the country when they return to Belize. They also discussed a possible examination

and adjustment of the compendium of allowances for healthcare workers.

"Everybody, we know, we have to be able to have a good incentive, in order for them to be retained, because people are coming and taking our people, for better improvements of course," Bernard said.

He pointed out that the government must find ways to ensure that local professionals working in the healthcare system every day to provide lifesaving care to the population remain in the country. While endeavoring to encourage local nurses to stay in the



Hon. Kevin Bernard, Minister of Health and Wellness

country, however, the Health Ministry will also be looking at other ways to fill the human resources gap.

"We are also looking at other areas or regions, Nicaragua being a close area. We are trying to get through bilateral means, access to some other nurses, so that we can fill the gaps that we have that exist in Belize," he explained.

He noted, however, that of the two approaches being taken to address the shortage of nurses, the ministry's priority is to "continuously look at ways we can improve so that we can retain our nurses and our doctors."

Bernard further made a call to qualified healthcare workers currently looking for a job to apply to fill vacant posts across the country.

"I encourage those who are out there looking for a job and there is a need for that post in our facilities here or across the country, apply and we will hire you," Bernard said.

BELIZE SCHOOL OF MUSIC PARTICIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL CONCERT

The Belize School of Music is pleased to announce that Melysa (Nga Kei) Choi has participated in the Eighth Global High Scorers Concert hosted virtually by the Associated Board of the Royals Schools of Music (ABRSM). The concert, dated Saturday November 26, 2022, is hosted on ABRSM's YouTube channel. Twenty-four other countries are also represented.

The ABRSM Global High Scorers Concert Series features selected students who passed the instrumental examinations with Distinction, the highest honor. Four other students from the Belize School of Music have

also participated in previous editions of the concert series. Daeyan Arda, Amber Lee-Shi, Victoria Quan and Diego Francois have all made their international debut after excelling in their examinations. The pieces performed were as follows:

Daeyan Arda- Sonatina in C, Op. 36 No. 1, 1st movement by Muzio Clementi
Amber Lee- Shi- Rondo 3rd movement from Sonata in E, Op. 14, No. 1 by Ludwig van Beethoven

Victoria Quan- Maple Leaf Rag by Scott Joplin

Diego Francois- Intermezzo in B flat minor, Op. 117, No. 2 by Johannes Brahms

Melysa (Nga Kei) Choi – Dedicataria No. 1, from Cuentos de la juventud, Op. 1 by Pantaleón Enrique Joaquín Granados y Campiña
Students were prepared by their teacher, Gina Scott.

Special thanks to Donnie Rockwire (Rockwire Visuals), Tarique Young (YoungStarr Entertainment), Jahmai Trapp (Ignite Belize), and Dennis Peyrefitte (NICH) for video production. Videos were recorded at Wesley Methodist Church and at the Bliss Centre for the Performing Arts. Additional thanks to the Institute of Creative Arts (ICA) for their continued support.

BELIZEPROPERTYAUCTIONS.COM COUNTRYWIDEPUBLIC AUCTION SALES:PROPERTIES Orange Walk Town, Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Heritage Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties. **Sales currently running until 6th February 2023. Public Auction Sales will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.**

1. Parcel No. 141 Honey Camp Street, OrangeWalkTown:



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
OrangeWalk Town 4 141

(Being an incomplete two storey concrete house(30ft.X45ft.) Ground Floor: three bedrooms, bathroom, living/dining/kitchen; First Floor constructed up to belt beam; Additional Storeroom/Laundry (10 ft. X 20 ft.), the freehold property of Mr. Noel F. Blanco & Ms. Celia A. Blanco)

2. Parcel No. 47 Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
GuineaGrass Village 4 47

(Being a concrete bungalow dwelling house containing 2 Bedrooms+1 Bathroom and lot[1227.28 S.Y.] situate in the Village of Guinea Grass in the Orange Walk District, the freehold property of Mr. Elmer Garrido)

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE PLACENCIA AND INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE FIRE STATION BUILDINGS



Institution: BELIZE NATIONAL FIRE SERVICE
Country: BELIZE
Project: PLACENCIA AND INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE FIRE STATION BUILDINGS PROJECT
Project ID Nos.: NFS-2022/PL01 & NFS-2022/IND02

Deadline: Wednesday 28th December, 2022

The Government of Belize has committed funding to contract an experienced and qualified contractor **FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRE STATION BUILDING** to be located in Placencia and Independence Villages.

General requirements of the Bidders:

- 1) Bidder's Company must be incorporated in the country of Belize a minimum of five years;
- 2) Bidders must have experience in works of a similar size, scope and nature;
- 3) Bidders must present two references from projects recently completed in the last two years
- 4) Bidders must confirm access to minimum resources (technical, financial, human resources)
- 5) Bidders are required to present Certificates of Good standing from the Companies Registry, the Belize Tax Service and the Belize Social Security Board.

Interested contractors please note that above requirements are mandatory, and this information must be included within any final submitted bid. Note the deadlines below:

- a. The deadline for submission of **Expression of Interest is Wednesday, 28th December, 2022.**
- b. The deadline for the submission of your final bid is **January 25, 2023.**

Interested contractors may obtain bidding documents scope of works electronically at the email address below from Monday to Fridays starting **Monday December 12th 2022** between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Printing of documents is at the intended Bidder's expense.

Belize National Fire Service
Attn: BID DOCUMENTS
#3578 Sunrise Avenue, Belize
Tel: 501-223-1183
E-mail: seniorsec@fire.gov.bz



Belize Family Court

P.O. Box 1185

Telephone Numbers: 501-227-4114, 4107, 6021

VACANCY NOTICE

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

MAGISTRATE OF THE PUNTA GORDA FAMILY COURT-ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MINISTRY

The Magistrate is responsible for the overall supervision of the operations of the Punta Gorda Family Court. The Magistrate shall be answerable to and supervised by the Director of Belize Family Court.

Applicant must:

- Be a qualified Solicitor/ Lawyer, or Attorney at law and have been call to the bar in a Commonwealth jurisdiction; and
- Be in possession of Bachelor's in Law (LLB)
- Be in possession of a Certificate in Legal Education (CLE)

Salary: Pay Scale 23 (LLB and CLE)

\$36,554 x 1,480 - \$64,674

Age Limit 25-49

Analysis of position:

1. Preside over the adjudication of legal proceedings in the civil, hybrid and criminal jurisdiction of the Court.
2. Issue orders and give directions in all legal proceedings before the Court.
3. Sign warrants and other formal court documents required to be signed by the Magistrate
4. Provide oversight in the district courts for the supervision of the Clerk of Court, Intake Welfare Officer, and other Court staff in the fulfilment of aspects of their duties connected to legal proceedings
5. Prepare such written reasons for proceedings before the Court that will be needed to effect appeal of any decision made by the Court.

Interested persons may applied in writing to:

**The Secretary,
Judicial and Legal Services Commission
Ground Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan City, Cayo District
Belize, Central America
Telephone number: 822-2204 or 822-2235
Email address: ceo@mps.gov.bz**

Deadline for receipt of applications: **December 20, 2022.**

Please Note: Only suitable qualified applicants will be acknowledged.

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Belize Family Court

P.O. Box 1185

Telephone Numbers: 501-227-4114, 4107, 6021

VACANCY NOTICE

Suitably qualified applicants are invited to fill the position of:

DIRECTOR OF THE BELIZE FAMILY COURT-ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MINISTRY

The Director is responsible for the overall supervision of the operations of the Family Court. The Director shall be answerable to and supervised by the Chief Justice.

Applicant must:

- Be a qualified Solicitor/ Lawyer, or Attorney at law and have been call to the bar in a Commonwealth jurisdiction; and
- Be in possession of Bachelor's in Law (LLB)
- Be in possession of a Certificate in Legal Education (CLE)

PayScale 25 (\$42,862 x 1,480 - \$70,982)

Ministry/Department/Unit: Belize Family Court

Position Title: Director

Salary Pay Scale: 25

Age Limit: 30 years and above

Years of Experience in Related Field: ___5 years ___

Analysis of position:

(a) Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Supervise the Magistrates and Coordinators.
2. Establish operational policies for the day-to-day operations of the Court.
3. Establish collaborative networks between the Court and other agencies.
4. Sit as a Magistrate.
5. Liaise with the Chief Magistrate to establish standardization of Family Court policies and practice in District Magistrate Courts.
6. Conduct performance appraisals for senior staff, Magistrate, Coordinator and the Clerk of Court.
7. Oversee the monitoring and evaluation of court services.
8. Supervise the preparation and advocate for the annual budget for the Family Court.
9. Develop continuous professional development training for Magistrates and Coordinators of the Family Court.
10. Recommend the hiring and termination of staff.
11. Facilitate the preparation of reports required by the Chief Justice.
12. Address client's complaints where necessary.

Interested persons may applied in writing to:

**The Secretary,
Judicial and Legal Services Commission
Ground Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan City, Cayo District
Belize, Central America
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NO! Waterloo project denied again

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Representative or alternate, to participate and vote without attending the meeting. There was no virtual or remote participation allowed at the November 24, 2022 meeting of the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC), and as BCCI states in its own press release, 'the BCCI representative was unable to attend the meeting;' consequently, it is not correct for the BCCI to state that it voted as part of its membership of NEAC," the DOE release states.

The release further points out that, "the BCCI suggestion that it could have voted without taking into account any scientific and technical reports shared at the meeting, is inconsistent with good decision-making practices and the standard for responsible committee membership."

This is the second time the project has been rejected, and late in 2021, when the first ESIA for the project was denied environmental clearance, the Waterloo

developers had sent a letter to the NEAC's chairman, Dr. Kenrick Williams, alleging that some NEAC members had sought to "assist" in the process in exchange for "financial remunerations." When urged by the Sustainable Development Ministry to provide some evidence of their claims or to further explain what took place so that an investigation could be done, however, the Waterloo developers released no further information. So far, the company has not issued an official statement on the second rejection of their proposal.

As noted in the Department of Environment's letter to Waterloo, during the public consultation on the most recent Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) report for the project, the project's consultants were asked to submit an addendum to the document to answer questions and address concerns regarding the nearshore containment of spoils that would be unearthed during the necessary dredging, and the possible direct or indirect impact on the Belize Barrier

Reef, a World Heritage Site with Outstanding Universal Value.

The company proposed to dump a portion of the dredged spoils nearshore in the shallow waters near PBL and to contain them with geotextile curtains.

"We appreciate the DOE, NEAC's, and public concern with the BBRS and how our proposed aquatic and confined placement (close to the coast, or 'nearshore') may have a potential environmental impact. However, it is critical to reiterate how these dredged materials placed are very similar or identical to the natural sediments encountered and every possible measure will be taken to mitigate any potential environmental risk in its entirety," the developers had stated in their response to the DOE request letter.

Several environmental organizations had pointed out, however, that the dredged spoils were potentially harmful to the marine ecosystem, and had questioned the efficacy of the proposed method of containment of the material, which would ultimately still be placed in the marine ecosystem. When asked how the system of geotextile containment would withstand the impact of a hurricane or strong storm at the most recent public consultation on the project, the developers failed to give a direct response.

Waterloo Investments Holdings Ltd., a company reportedly owned by Lord Michael Ashcroft, is claiming that they have invested more than 5 million dollars in this proposal phase of the project, and in January, after the company's first ESIA for the project had been rejected, Ashcroft had written to Prime Minister

Briceno and made reference to a 1982 UK-Belize investment treaty, on the basis of which, he said, the company would take the matter to international arbitration if an appeal was not heard. The company did not proceed with the appeal, but was allowed to submit a new project proposal instead. That second ESIA has now been rejected.

When interviewed today, Chief Environmental Officer, Anthony Mai, emphasized the concerns surrounding the placement of dredged material and the potential damage that the failure of an untested containment system could cause to the country's marine eco-system, and noted that these concerns heavily influenced the decision they made.

"A system like this has never been used before. In fact, we have requested information from them as it relates to examples of where it has been used worldwide, and the examples that were provided were not sufficiently clear," Mai said. He added, "The possible impacts from the possible failure of the containment system would obviously lead to sedimentation, so sedimentation leading south of the proposed disposal area will have significant impacts on the marine life within the area."

As it relates to the appeal process, he said that if the developers decide to activate an appeal process by writing to the Minister of Sustainable Development, Orlando Habet, he would have to convene a special tribunal to hear the appeal. That body would then hand down a final decision. Mai said that, as far as he is aware, such a process has never before been put into motion in Belize.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Corporate Website Development

OVERVIEW

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) is requesting for expression of interest from parties who would like to participate in the bidding process for the development of a corporate website for BEL. The information submitted will be used as part of the pre-qualification process.

PREQUALIFICATION

All interested parties must prequalify for the bidding process by filling out the Expression of Interest form which can be found at www.bel.com.bz/Tenders.aspx.

Following the assessment of submissions, a short-list of not less than three and not more than six applicants, subject to a pass mark of 70 points, will be provided with full Terms of Reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment. BEL reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel this invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

SUBMISSION

The email containing the submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly labeled "**Expressions of Interest: BEL Corporate Website Development**".

Submit the Expression of Interest form via email to bidsubmittal@bel.com.bz no later than **3:00 p.m. local time on Monday, December 19, 2022.**



The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is searching for a highly qualified

Private Sector Development Consultant

The IDB Belize Country Office (CBL) is seeking the services of a consultant who will work under the guidance of the IDB Lab Specialist and the Chief of Operation in Belize, to perform activities related to the origination, client-relations, and monitoring of IDB Lab and Compete Caribbean operations in Belize.

The ideal candidate must hold a bachelor's degree in business administration, economics, finance, or similar discipline with a minimum of three (3) years relevant professional experience, some of which would preferably have been in the areas of project management, public administration, and strategic planning. Experience in administration of projects financed by multilateral development institutions or other external donors would be an asset.

Post of duty: The IDB Country Office in Belize City

Contract Info: Full Time Consultancy for 12 months with possibility of renewal for a maximum of 3 years.

For more information on the position's requirements and to apply

please visit our website at

[Job Description - Private Sector Development Consultant \(2200001073\)](http://www.idb.org/Job-Description-Private-Sector-Development-Consultant-2200001073)
(taleo.net)

Closing date for application is December 15th, 2022

If you have any challenge with the online application system, please contact us at hrsc@iadb.org



KREM Television Program Guide

Shoa Wiself, Si Wiself, Bee Wiself!!!

Questions or comments may be forwarded via email to

Phone: 202-5848 kremtelevision@yahoo.com

Friday, December 9 to Thursday, December 15, 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: Coach Carter
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. Documentary: Congolese Tin At the Heart of the New Scramble for Africa
- 7:30 p.m. **Navel String Connections (repeat)**
- 9:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

SATURDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Movie: The Fighting Temptations
- 11:02 a.m. Documentary: Elephant King of the Kalahari
- 11:48 a.m. Movie: Two Tickets to Paradise
- 1:12 p.m. Documentary: Diamonds - Gold and Greed
- 1:57 p.m. Movie: Race
- 4:12 p.m. Documentary: How Poor People Survive in USA
- 4:54 p.m. Movie: The Night Before Christmas
- 6:22 p.m. Documentary: Lost Kingdoms of Africa - Great Zimbabwe
- 7:00 p.m. Music Videos

SUNDAY

- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday Review (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. Movie: The Blind Side
- 12:48 p.m. Documentary: Money, happiness and eternal life - Greed
- 1:53 p.m. Movie: Home Alone
- 5:19 p.m. Documentary: National Day of Mourning
- 5:30 p.m. **Sunday Review (repeat)**
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday Jazz
- 8:00 p.m. Music Videos

MONDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Creed
- 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. **Krem Krismus Night 1**
- 10:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

TUESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Pele: Birth of a Legend
- 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. **Krem Krismus Night 2**
- 10:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Documentary: Reggae Britannia Parts 1, 2 & 3
- 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. **Krem Krismus Night 3**
- 10:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**

THURSDAY

- 6:30 a.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (LIVE)**
- 9:00 a.m. **Morning Stew (LIVE)**
- 12:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**
- 1:00 p.m. News Broadcast: Democracy Now
- 2:00 p.m. Movie: Remeber the Titans
- 3:30 p.m. **Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes (repeat)**
- 6:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (LIVE)**
- 7:00 p.m. Documentary: The Environmental Disaster that is Fuelled by Used Clothes and Fast Fashion - Foreign Correspondent
- 8:00 p.m. **Krem Krismus Night 4**
- 10:00 p.m. **Krem TV Evening News (repeat)**



Daily Printable Puzzle - 12-07-2022

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Across

- 1. Do origami
- 5. Chopped cabbage
- 9. Length of yarn
- 14. Balm ingredient
- 15. Clock's information
- 16. From this place
- 17. Galvanization stuff
- 18. Encompassed by
- 19. Initial stages
- 20. At any time
- 21. Twisting force
- 23. Ross Island volcano
- 25. Eurasian plain
- 29. Ballet step
- 30. Nothing at all
- 32. Dissembler
- 33. Fluorescent red
- 36. Certain con
- 38. Breakfasted
- 39. Government group
- 40. Disconnected
- 41. Like some columns
- 43. Airport info
- 44. Full of vigor
- 46. In the works
- 47. Cover with wax
- 49. C major or F minor
- 50. Claus aide
- 51. Increase threefold
- 53. Scamp
- 56. Furthermore
- 59. Chinese horn
- 61. Crime group
- 64. Like lady Godiva
- 65. Timber wolf
- 66. Bugs Bunny's voice
- 67. Go under
- 68. Bakery fixture
- 69. Guttural scream
- 70. Bookie terms
- 71. Beatty film

Down

- 1. Abash
- 2. An oil source
- 3. Introverted
- 4. Rather run down
- 5. Relative position
- 6. Long ways to go
- 7. Islamic bigwig
- 8. Says I do
- 9. Tender twig
- 10. Dog house
- 11. Naval off.
- 12. Arctic surface
- 13. After deductions
- 22. Atlas dot
- 24. Run-of-the-mill
- 26. A player, perhaps
- 27. Barbeque spot
- 28. Not on all fours
- 30. Cool, once
- 31. Dubious
- 33. Thrust out
- 34. On the fringes
- 35. Kind of drum
- 36. Be defeated
- 37. Money in Iran
- 42. Risque
- 45. Banjo cousins
- 48. In recession
- 50. Art frames
- 52. Cause a liquid to percolate
- 53. Changed decor
- 54. Foregoing
- 55. Like ears and brains
- 57. Lowdown
- 58. Twosome
- 60. Ages upon ages
- 61. Biz degree
- 62. According to
- 63. At a distance

Crossword answers for last edition

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



Daily Printable Crossword Puzzle - 11-30-2022 - Answers

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Tender Note

**Taiwan Technical Mission is now opening a bid of
VEHICLE PROCUREMENT FOR AUTOMOTIVE**

Date: 9th December 2022

Supplier

Vehicle requirement for bidding:

- 1.9L above 4 Cylinders Turbodiesel
- 4 door double cab
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- 4x4 System (2WD, 4H, 4I)
- Brand of Japan, Korea, USA only

1. Closing Date: **15th December 2022 - 5:00 p.m.**
2. Bid will be opened at the Taiwan Technical Mission Office on **15th December 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**
3. For interested businesses you are kindly urge to approach the Taiwan Technical Mission Office in Belmopan for the Quotation.

All interested contact:

Ms. Nancy Chang
Taiwan Technical Mission
Phone: +501-822-1568
Email: neysuerte@gmail.com

NTUCB holds 56th AGM in PG



BELIZE CITY, Wed. Dec. 7, 2022

The National Trade Union Congress of Belize (NTUCB) held its 56th Annual General Meeting on December 3 and 4 in Punta Gorda Town, Toledo. At that meeting, Luis Luke Martinez was reelected as the president of the congress for a second term in an

uncontested election.

The newly elected members of the NTUCB executive are Clifford Martinez, 1st vice president; Phillip Tate, general secretary; Jorge Mejia, treasurer; Jose Trejo, auditor; and Ramiro Gongora, who will serve as trustee.

They will serve alongside president Luke Martinez; 2nd vice president, Miguel Aguilar; assistant general secretary, Marvin Mora, assistant treasurer, Jose Escalera; trustee, Jacqueline Cruz; director of education, Trisha Perez; and director of gender affairs, Ella Waight.

The re-elected NTUCB president, Luke Martinez, told AMANDALA in a Zoom interview on Monday that a president of the NTUCB can only serve two terms, each being two years in duration, and added that the completion of a new strategic plan has been a major goal achieved during his term.

Martinez said that instead of developing an entirely new plan, they integrated certain components (including key objectives) of a 2011-2016 strategic plan drafted by the NTUCB, which lacked a monitoring and evaluation tool, into their current plan, which tied those objectives to a list of prioritized weekly goals.

As a result, a new strategic plan is in place with the help of the International Labor Organization (ILO), said Martinez. That document is currently being strengthened, and the hopes are that before the end of this year, the implementation of that plan, highlighting the goals and objectives of the NTCUB, will be in full motion.

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PRESS RELEASE

FORTIS BELIZE LTD (formerly BECOL), in collaboration with the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO), the Department of Environment (DOE), and the Ministry of Health (MOH) will host a virtual public discussion for communities downstream of the FORTIS BELIZE hydroelectric facilities and the general public on Tuesday, December 20th, 2022. The virtual public meeting will take place from 2pm to 4:00pm and will be live-streamed on the Government of Belize Press Office Facebook page, the Love FM Facebook page, and on Love TV. This interactive discussion is aimed at educating and informing residents and stakeholders on issues such as the Early Warning System (EWS) and related emergency procedures, mercury-in-fish data, water quality of the Macal, and other topics that may be of concern to stakeholders.

This exercise is an ongoing effort by FORTIS BELIZE LTD/NEMO/DOE/MOH to inform and educate the public and to safeguard the wellbeing of the communities along the Macal River. All stakeholders and the general public are encouraged to tune in to the live broadcast.

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SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

VACANCY

The Social Security Board invites applications from suitably qualified persons to fill the role of **MANAGER, POLICY AND AFFILIATE RELATIONS** in its Policy, Research and Actuarial Services Division, SSB Headquarters, Belmopan.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Advanced university degree (Master's Degree or equivalent degree) in Social Protection, Social Sciences, Demography/ Population Studies, Public/Social Policy, or Public Sector Management, with five (5) years' experience in any one or combination of the following areas: Social protection analysis; social protection management; public/social policy; demography/population studies; preparation of economic and socio-economic plans and related policy formulation and implementation; socio-demographic development planning; and other related areas.

Visit our website at www.socialsecurity.org.bz/vacancy-announcement/ to view further details and requirements on this position.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Application packages containing application letter, resume, two (2) recent letters of recommendation, copies of degree, certifications and other relevant academic credentials and current police record or receipt for record may be submitted via email to:

Manager, HR Strategies, HR Services, SSB Headquarters, Belmopan at: dlindo@socialsecurity.org.bz
HR Advisor, Policy & Strategy, HR Services, SSB Headquarters, Belmopan at: fphillips@socialsecurity.org.bz
Copy emails to: General Manager, Human Resources, SSB Headquarters, Belmopan at: odakers@socialsecurity.org.bz

Email Subject Line: "Application for Manager, Policy and Affiliate Relations"

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 15th, 2022

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and Caye Caulker

From The Publisher

Reproduced from page 9 of the Tuesday, December 6, 2022, #3608 issue of Amandala

I began college at Dartmouth in September of 1965. I was 18 years old. Dartmouth is located in Hanover, New Hampshire, a small town of about six or seven thousand people in the cold, mountainous northeast of the United States. Dartmouth is known as a skiing school.

There was one black family in Hanover: the father worked at the local post office.

The late Stokely Carmichael (later Kwame Toure), at the time a charismatic, eloquent activist for an organization called the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), began talking about black power in the spring of 1966 in Mississippi, which is probably the most racist and dangerous state in America.

(Incidentally, the Rt. Hon. George Price studied at a segregated, black Roman Catholic seminary in Mississippi in the late 1930s. He later spent about a year at another Catholic seminary in Guatemala City.)

The "black power" slogan electrified black youth in America. Dartmouth, an Ivy League university with about 3,000 students in enrollment, and all-male at the time, enlarged its freshman class percentage of African Americans in the class admitted in 1967.

One student of the 1970 class was a young brother named Don Dayson, who became a physician working in Harlem, where he met Belizeans living in New

York, gained contact with me, and we corresponded for a while.

Another brother in that class was Dandre DeSandies, who lived in the dormitory (Cohen) next to mine (Bissell), and with whom I became good friends. A couple decades ago, Dandre, who had become a professor at a university in California, visited Belize while in charge of some students. We met, and talked some.

I believe Wally Ford was also a member of that 1970 class. I made contact with him recently through a Belizean, Astor Foreman, who lives next to Wally in New York. Wally is a professor at Medgar Evers College, and in 1969 he was the person of major assistance in the establishment of this newspaper, soliciting a donation from a Dartmouth professor of Chinese named Mirsky. Wally holds a special place in our newspaper's 53-year history.

Renewing contact with Wally, I began touching bases with other Dartmouth classmates like Bob Bennett and Dennis Young (not the Belizean one). These brothers had heard various things about me over the decades.

Meanwhile, Dartmouth had become co-ed around 1977 or 1978, and one of my granddaughters, Kameesha, graduated from Dartmouth and later did graduate work at Harvard. She is Cordel's oldest child.

Chatting with Don Dayson recently by e-mail, he said he had heard back

then that I had run for prime minister. I tried to explain how I had wanted to be a writer, and got dragged into Belize's party politics. But, this is a long story, complex, and perhaps even subtle.

Politicians and writers are two different creatures. A politician tells people what they want to hear; writers tell people what they need to know.

Because of all the drama involved with my early adult life, I think I was able to advise Cordel sometimes about some things an aspiring politician should avoid, and so on and so forth.

Since Cordel became Belize's Deputy Prime Minister two years ago, we have met maybe two or three times, held maybe three or four conversations. He is, of course, very busy. I do not interfere in his politics.

Nevertheless, the nature of the media businesses in which I am involved is such that a lot of politics is discussed, and some of that discussion is critical of the Cabinet in which Cordel works, and sometimes even critical of Cordel himself, if I am to judge by comments recently made to me by one of my younger siblings. I am therefore placed in a quandary from time to time. But, all

I can do is try to adjust to these new millennial realities.

I was teaching at the Belize Technical College in late 1968 when all the discourse and action began, featuring Assad Shoman and Said Musa, which led to a street demonstration against an American propaganda film about the Vietnam War at the beginning of 1969. This discourse and action, in a way, sparked black conscious activism in Belize which led to the establishment of the United Black Association for Development (UBAD) in February of 1969.

Needless to say, a lot of things have changed in Belize since then. But, thinking back about it, maybe some of the ruling party thought I wanted to be prime minister when they charged me with seditious conspiracy in 1970. I would say my trial in the Supreme Court in July of 1970 was responsible for major changes in my life.

In conclusion, I would say that all I did was do what I had to do when I had to do it. There were good times, and there were times which were not so good, but it was always exciting. I couldn't ask for anything more.

Blessings upon you.

JOB VACANCY

We would like to invite suitably qualified candidates to submit their details for a Corporate Administrator with an International Corporate Services Provider in Belize.

Job Description:

The successful candidate will be required:

- To administer a defined portfolio of companies for both private and institutional clients.
- To provide efficient and quality service at all times to our clients.
- To have or develop a working knowledge of regulatory and compliance issues that effect trust and corporate matters.
- To apply internal policies and procedures.
- To prepare corporate documentation for clients.
- To maintain accurate records and assist in the billing of clients.

Qualifications, Skills and Knowledge:

The successful candidate will be required:

- To be highly discipline and have ability to work well under pressure and have the ability to prioritize delegated tasks.
- To be educated to a University or College Degree level, or be pursuing an appropriate qualification.
- To possess excellent communication (oral and written), organizational and interpersonal skills.
- To be highly motivated and capable of working independently with minimal supervision.
- To be able to work well within a team environment.
- To be flexible to work overtime as required and to be able to meet frequent deadlines.
- To be verse with the use of Microsoft Office applications.
- Prior experience in the international business sector would be an Asset.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

If you are interested in this exciting position, kindly forward a Cover Letter, a Curriculum Vitae and 2 reference letters to services@ccstrust.bz.

From The Publisher en Español

Reproducido de la página 9 del martes 6 de diciembre de 2022, número 3608 de Amandala

Comencé la universidad en Dartmouth en septiembre de 1965. Tenía 18 años. Dartmouth se encuentra en Hanover, New Hampshire, un pequeño pueblo de unas seis o siete mil personas en el frío y montañoso noreste de los Estados Unidos. Dartmouth es conocida como una escuela de esquí.

Había una familia negra en Hanover: el padre trabajaba en la oficina de correos local.

El finado Stokely Carmichael (más tarde Kwame Toure), en ese momento un activista carismático y elocuente de una organización llamada Comité Coordinador Estudiantil No Violento (SNCC por sus siglas en inglés), comenzó a hablar sobre el poder negro en la primavera de 1966 en Mississippi, que es probablemente el estado más racista y peligroso de Estados Unidos.

(Por cierto, el Muy Honorable George Price estudió en un seminario católico romano negro segregado en Mississippi a fines de la década de 1930. Más tarde pasó aproximadamente un año en otro seminario católico en la Ciudad de Guatemala).

El eslogan de "poder negro" electrificó a la juventud negra en Estados Unidos. Dartmouth, una universidad de la Ivy League con unos 3.000 estudiantes matriculados y exclusivamente masculinos en ese momento, amplió el porcentaje de afroamericanos de primer año en la clase admitida en 1967.

Un estudiante de la clase de 1970 era un hombre joven llamado Don Dayson, quien se convirtió en médico trabajando en Harlem, donde conoció a beliceños que vivían en Nueva York, se puso en

contacto conmigo y mantuvimos correspondencia durante un tiempo.

Otro hermano de esa clase era Dandre DeSandies, que vivía en el dormitorio (Cohen) junto al mío (Bissell), y con quien me hice muy amigo. Hace un par de décadas, Dandre, quien se había convertido en profesor en una universidad de California, visitó Belize mientras estaba a cargo de algunos estudiantes. Nos conocimos y hablamos un poco.

Creo que Wally Ford también fue miembro de esa clase de 1970. Me puse en contacto con él recientemente a través de un beliceño, Astor Foreman, que vive al lado de Wally en Nueva York. Wally es profesor en el Colegio Medgar Evers, y en 1969 fue la persona de mayor ayuda en el establecimiento de este periódico, solicitando una donación de un profesor de chino en Dartmouth llamado Mirsky. Wally ocupa un lugar especial en los 53 años de historia de nuestro periódico.

Al renovar el contacto con Wally, comencé a ponerme en contacto con otros compañeros de clase de Dartmouth como Bob Bennett y Dennis Young (no el de Belize). Estos hermanos habían oído varias cosas sobre mí a lo largo de las décadas.

Mientras tanto, Dartmouth se había convertido en mixto alrededor de 1977 o 1978, y una de mis nietas, Kamisha, se graduó de Dartmouth y luego tomó cursos a nivel de licenciatura en Harvard. Ella es la hija mayor de Cordel.

Hablando con Don Dayson recientemente por correo electrónico, dijo



REQUEST FOR BIDS

BELIZE

MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

Contract Title: Supply and deliver one water bowser for Ministry of Sustainable, Development and Disaster Risk Management

Reference No:

1. The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are collaborating with the European Union to build climate change resilience through the **“Building Climate Change Resilience and Social Integration of Displaced People in Settlements of Western Belize”** project.
2. The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management acting on behalf of the *Government of Belize* intends to equip settlements surrounded by pine savannahs and threatened by fires with one fire bowser and invites sealed quotations from eligible suppliers for the following item:

No.	Description of Goods	Quantity	Final Destination
1	<p>Water Bowser Truck General: Year: 2016 and newer Condition: New or Certified pre-owned Mileage: Below 150,000 miles G-2500-gallon epoxy coated tank 2 Spray heads in front, side spray and 2 spray heads in rear 1 ½ ” Cox hose reel with 50 ft of hose Backup camera Water level gauge with monitors installed in cab 11r 22.5’s sized tires with great tread Ice cold A/C Serviced, washed, and detailed</p> <p>Engine Fuel Type: Diesel Powertrain Transmission: Manual 6 speed Drive Side: Left Hand Drive</p> <p>Category Specific Water Type: Non-Potable Tank Composition: Steel Fill Type: top fill / PTO pump Attachments Spray System: Yes Front Spray: Yes Side Spray: Yes Rear Spray: Yes Hose Reel: Yes Hose Reel Type: Manual Backup Camera: Yes PTO Pump @225 gallon per Minute</p>	1	Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management

3. The Request for Bids is in accordance with Open Tendering Procedure as specified in the Finance and Audit (Reform) Act, Chapter 15 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, and is open to all eligible potential suppliers.
4. Interested potential suppliers may obtain further information from the *International Organization for Migration*, email creyna@iom.int or snovelo@iom.int.
5. The Bid document will be sealed with three hard copies to the IOM office and an electronic copy by interested, eligible suppliers upon submission to the email address provided above and below.
6. Bids are to be accompanied by Letters of Good Standing from the Belize Tax Service, Belize Companies Registry, and the Belize Social Security Board.
7. This is to ensure you are getting bids from reputable bidders.
8. Quotations must be delivered or emailed to the address below on or before **4:00 pm on Monday January 3rd, 2023**. Late quotations will be rejected. Quotations will be opened in the presence in of the selection committee **on Monday, January 9th, 2023 at 2:30 pm**.
9. The address referred to above is:

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Polyclinic opened in Belmopan



(l-r) Narda Garcia, chairperson of board of Social Investment Fund; Hon. Kevin Bernard, Minister of Health and Wellness; and Dr. Rene Goody

by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Wed, Dec. 7, 2022

On Tuesday, December 6, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to mark the opening of a new polyclinic that was built on the compound of the Western Regional Hospital in the country’s capital, Belmopan, through a joint effort by the Ministry of Health and Wellness and the Social Investment Fund (SIF).

The new facility, which has been in operation for over two weeks, will be providing an expanded set of healthcare services to residents of Belmopan and nearby villages, which is expected to shorten the queue of persons seeking medical attention at the Western Regional Hospital

“These are the types of infrastructure development and investment that [have] to take place across the country.... I was talking just a while ago to Dr. Azueta, who serves in one of the regions, the Valley of Peace community area, has expressed to us that this will definitely bring great improvement to the Western Regional Hospital and that this polyclinic will reduce some of the strain that exists at the Western Regional,” stated Minister of Health, Hon. Kevin Bernard, at the ceremony.

He further stated, in reference to the Western Regional facility, “This hospital has been built for over 50 years, and so the infrastructure has also weakened, so we have to find a new facility to provide for the residents not only secondary care but tertiary care.”

Belmopan area representative, Hon. Oscar Mira, made a similar point when commenting on the construction of the polyclinic:

“The facility here at the Belmopan hospital [opened] in 1970, and this is one



step further in providing adequate services to the people of Belmopan, the surrounding communities, but also the surrounding villages of Belmopan, so I think it came at a very good time for us to inaugurate this polyclinic. There’s a lot more work to do. We acknowledge that there’s a lot to do in the health sector, but this is one step forward, and I’m happy to say that the polyclinic has been in operation over the past week and providing the services needed for the residents of Belmopan,” he said.

Renee Trujillo, the public relations officer of the Social Investment Fund, noted to the local media that the funding which was provided was used to cover, not only the cost of the construction of the building which houses the new facility, but also the purchase of medical equipment to ensure the provision of a broad range of health services.

“We have a sterilizing steam machine that’s coming in; it includes [a] generator, it includes a dental chair, which you would not believe how much a dental chair actually costs, it includes an entire network server system for the hospital. And so when we do buildings like these, when we do infrastructure like these, it does not only include the building, but we also try to put budget or money aside to furnish it with equipment and office furniture and that sort of thing,” said Trujillo.

The funding for the construction and furnishing of the facility—a total of 1.4 million dollars— was provided by the Caribbean Development Bank and channeled through the Social Investment Fund.

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following post in the Operations Department. In the Port's continued effort to promote diversity, both females/males, are encouraged to apply for the available post.

ASSISTANT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

Reports to: Cargo Operations Manager

Summary of Responsibilities: The Assistant Operations Supervisor will report to the Cargo Operations Manager and will assist with the supervision of all container movement and operations personnel. He or she will be responsible for preparing vessel worked forms to Accounts Department for billing and statistical/Operational reports. Able to check reefer plugins, read and calculate charges. Learn newly implemented Octopi Terminal Operating System, *training to be provided*. Assist COM with preparing gang order for vessels and reefer cargo information. This post is fun and challenging, come prepared for a new venture.

Job Responsibilities:

Summary of Responsibilities: The Assistant Operations Supervisor will report to the Cargo Operations Manager (COM) and will assist with the supervision of all container movement and operations personnel. He or she will be responsible for preparing vessel worked forms to Accounts Department for billing and statistical/Operational reports. Able to check reefer plugins, read and calculate charges. Utilize newly implemented Octopi Terminal Operating System (TOS), inhouse training and opportunity for ongoing self-development to be provided.

Assist COM with preparing gang order for vessels, berth planning, staff scheduling and reefer cargo information.

Leadership Responsibilities:

- Attract, develop, grow and retain the best talents and fill the leadership pipeline.
- Organize, balance and schedule workloads within the department.
- Prioritize, delegate, and set performance objectives.
- Follow-up on performance, provide quality feedback, and objectively appraise differentiated performance levels.
- Empower and inspire staff to achieve high levels of motivation and employee engagement.
- Ensure zero harm, improve safe working processes.
- Provide timely reports for all accidents, incidents and disciplinary incidents.
- Understand Customer requirements and drive the department to achieve these on a consistent basis.
- Track and manage variable expenditure to avoid all cost waste and reduce costs to the bare minimum.
- Continuously lean, streamline, and improve processes.
- Leverage relevant technology to automate processes.
- Maintain high levels of data quality for data and information and reports provided to other functions.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Remain vigilant and immediately take action in the event any personnel, customers or visitors to the terminal are not wearing PPE and/or any unsafe acts are witnessed.
- Assist with supervising of the movement of inbound and outbound of all containers and break bulk/bulk cargoes.
- Assist with supervising of personnel working in the port compound, container yard and pier.
- Assist with the input, processing and verification of correct and complete upload of vessel and cargo information into the TOS in preparation of vessel arrival. Reconcile planned and executed work prior vessel departure. Provide relief at Gate-In and Gate-Out processes as required.
- Develop and implement a systematic yard plan to accommodate perform cargo flows into and out of the yard; modify as required to meet actual vessel cargo fluctuations.
- Plan, sequence, execute and monitor cargo discharge and load, into and out of the yard in an optimized manner.
- Generate and execute work queues for yard stacker operators; discharge and load; monitor execution.
- Assist with the preparation of gang order for vessels.

- Assist with the preparation and daily maintenance of the staff roster; aligning anticipated operations manning requirements with projected vessel movements, distributing regularly (daily if required).
- Assist with the preparation and daily maintenance and distribution of the Berth Plan.
- Provide relief at Gate-In and Gate-Out processes as required.
- Provide relief at Front-Desk release processes as required.
- Check and sign delivery orders for authenticity to load direct delivery containers.
- Assist with the supervising of the loading and unloading of containers and break-bulk vessels in compound/pierhead.
- Provide reports of vessels worked to Accounts Department for billing.
- Provide reports (work logs) of vessels worked for operations statistics.
- Check and prepare reefer cargo information. Check reefer plug-ins, reading and calculate charges.
- Develop and maintain operational data and operational reporting.

Innovation & Productivity Improvements

- Learn "Octopi" Terminal Operating System (TOS). Initial basic training is to be provided and an inquisitive mind is required to continually learn, adopt and implement new features released within the TOS software on an ongoing basis. Strive to realize both the TOS's and the organization's full potential.
- Proactively drive efficiency and productivity and provide suggestions and recommendations to the Supervisors for continuous improvements.
- Develop and maintain updated processes and procedures for all tasks so that work is 100% standardized.
- Actively seek opportunities to drive innovation and realize efficiencies in the standardized work.
- Ensure all general work areas in a clean, tidy and hazard free condition.
- Any other duties and functions, of a related nature that may be assigned from time to time by the Cargo Operations Manager.

Requirements:

- Demonstratable supervisory and leadership skills required
- Proactive in addressing safety issues, hazardous practices and operational emergencies
- Ability to challenge standard practice and drive operational improvements
- Ability to work independently
- Able to work flexible hours
- Strong mathematical and analytical skills, critical thinking
- Microsoft office proficiency required
- Computer literacy including familiarity with data base entry and reporting, TOS utilization.

Job qualifications/Requirements:

- Experience in Cargo & Container Operations, Production or similar would be an asset.
- Associates Degree or higher
- Math & English CXC passes would be an asset.
- Experience supervising a blue-collar team would be an asset.

Skills/Competencies:

- Ability to work independently
- Ability to work flexible working hours
- Math and analytical skills required.
- Supervisory and leadership skills required.
- Pro-activeness required.
- Microsoft office proficiency required.

Compensation Package: Will be commensurate (in accordance with the Company's Salary Structure).

To apply: Provide updated resume, cover letter (addressed to Human Resource Manager), copy of valid social security card, Valid police record, name and phone number of two (2) previous employers and a copy of COVID vaccination card.

Applications should be emailed to:

jobapplication@portofbelize.com

Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, December 16th, 2022

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que en ese entonces había escuchado que me había postulado para primer ministro. Traté de explicar que había querido ser escritor y fui arrastrado a la política partidista de Belize. Pero, esta es una historia larga, compleja y tal vez incluso sutil.

Los políticos y los escritores son dos criaturas diferentes. Un político le dice a la gente lo que quiere oír; los escritores le dicen a la gente lo que necesita saber.

Debido a todo el drama involucrado en mi temprana vida adulta, creo que a veces pude aconsejar a Cordel sobre algunas cosas que un aspirante a político

debería evitar, y así sucesivamente.

Desde que Cordel se convirtió en Viceprimer Ministro de Belize hace dos años, nos hemos reunido tal vez dos o tres veces, hemos tenido unas tres o cuatro conversaciones. Él está, por supuesto, muy ocupado. No interfiero en su política.

Sin embargo, la naturaleza de los negocios de los medios en los que estoy involucrado es tal que se discute mucha política, y parte de esa discusión es crítica con el Gabinete en el que trabaja Cordel y, a veces, incluso con el propio Cordel, si he de juzgar por los comentarios que me hizo recientemente uno de mis hermanos menores. Por lo

tanto, me encuentro en un dilema de vez en cuando. Pero, todo lo que puedo hacer es tratar de adaptarme a estas nuevas realidades milenarias.

Estaba enseñando en el Colegio Técnico de Belize a fines de 1968 cuando comenzó todo el discurso y la acción, protagonizada por Assad Shoman y Said Musa, que condujo a una manifestación callejera contra una película de propaganda estadounidense sobre la Guerra de Vietnam a principios de 1969. Este discurso y la acción, en cierto modo, provocó el activismo consciente negro en Belize que condujo al establecimiento de la Asociación Negra Unida para el Desarrollo (UBAD por sus siglas en

inglés) en febrero de 1969.

No hace falta decir que muchas cosas han cambiado en Belize desde entonces. Pero, pensando en ello, tal vez algunos del partido gobernante pensaron que quería ser primer ministro cuando me acusaron de conspiración sediciosa en 1970. Diría que mi juicio en la Corte Suprema en julio de 1970 fue responsable de cambios importantes en mi vida.

En conclusión, diría que todo lo que hice fue lo que tenía que hacer cuando tenía que hacerlo. Hubo buenos momentos, y hubo momentos que no fueron tan buenos, pero siempre fue emocionante. No podría pedir nada más.

Bendiciones sobre ustedes.

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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 December 22, 2022, January 4, 2023, January 17, 2023, and January 31, 2023 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 having 2 bedrooms, 1 shared bathroom, living, kitchen, and dining rooms, and a large front porch. The building has an area of 1,475 sq. ft., 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 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.

Lot 184 Hummingbird Community, Stann Creek



All that piece or parcel of land being Lot #184, Hummingbird Community, Stann Creek District; together with all erections thereon. On the property is a bungalow with two bedrooms, one bathroom, a living room, a dining room, and a kitchen. The property is in fair condition and measures 1,092 square feet.

The property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Pedro Guerra.

Block 4, Parcel 1493/1 Ann Gabourel Registration Section



All that pieces or parcels of land being Parcel #1493/1, Block #4, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, Belize, totaling 416.67 sq. yds. The property has a single-story building with one bedroom, one bathroom, a living room, a dining room, and a kitchen. The floor area of this building is 657 sq. ft.

The subject property is held in Leasehold Interest in the name of Rosalba Rosado.

Block 1, Parcel 57/1, Buena Vista Village



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

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

Block 42, Parcel 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.

Lot 246 Silk Grass Village Ext, Stann Creek



All that piece or parcel of land being Lot #246, Silk Grass Village, Stann Creek District, Belize; together with all erections thereon. The property is 833.33 square yards in total, with all structures being an elevated residence with two bedrooms, one bathroom, living, dining, and kitchen. It is in fair condition and measures 624 square feet.

The property is held in the Freehold Interest in the name of Felix Galeana.

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 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.

Lot 143 Maya Mopan Village, Stann Creek



All that piece or parcel of land, Lot #143, Maya Mopan Village, Stann Creek District, Belize; together with all erections thereon, totaling 825.22 sq. yds. The structure is a single-story structure with two bedrooms, a living room, and a dining room.

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

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Guatemala Ex-President Otto Perez Molina and Ex-Vice President Roxana Baldetti Get 16 Years in Prison for Fraud, Conspiracy



Guatemala Ex-President Otto Perez Molina

by Rick Martin

After years of investigation and a heated legal battle, a court in Guatemala on Wednesday sentenced former President Otto Perez Molina and former Vice President Roxana Baldetti to 16 years in prison for fraud and conspiracy charges.

According to *Prensa Libre*, they were both found guilty of illicit association (8 years) and customs fraud (8 years) but were acquitted of illegal enrichment charges.

The court also ordered Perez to pay \$1.10 million (8.7 million quetzales), while Baldetti was fined \$1.06 million (8.4 million quetzales). As reported in *Reuters*, Perez Molina, who has always maintained his innocence, voiced his frustration at the court's decision.

"All that's left is to appeal," the 72-year-old former president said during a break in the trial, adding he felt "cheated" since the conviction was made "without a shred of proof."

The *Associated Press* reported that Perez Molina and Baldetti resigned in 2015 and have spent the last seven years in prison awaiting a verdict on charges of permitting and benefiting

from a customs graft scheme known as La Linea, or "The Line."

The pair were accused of leading this customs fraud network that defrauded the state by letting businesses evade import duties in exchange for bribes.

During their administration, the country reportedly lost some \$3.5 million in state funds, and investigators accused both Perez Molina and Baldetti of receiving hefty cuts.

The former president was forced to resign with only four months left in his term amid protests over corruption scandals. Baldetti also stepped down from her office and was charged for her connection to the case.

The former vice president was already sentenced in 2018 to more than 15 years in prison in a separate fraud case. Aside from Perez Molina and Baldetti, around 30 other people were

also implicated in the "La Linea" case.

The verdict was a win for Guatemala's efforts to fight and curb systemic corruption aided by the United Nations-backed anticorruption mission, known by its Spanish initials CICIG.

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Will mediation finally resolve sugar impasse?

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Around this same time last year, the northern sugar industry found itself in an impasse over the same issue, and the Prime Minister intervened multiple times after a delay in the start of the sugar season that threatened to have an impact on the economy of the north, and the entire country. The efforts of the PM and other members of his administration had culminated in the acceptance by the two parties of an interim agreement which lasted until July 31, 2022 while negotiations continued. With less than two weeks to go until the expected start of the new sugar crop season on December 19, 2022, it appears all hope now rests in the hands of mediator, attorney Julie-Ann Ellis Bradley.

Mediation began on Monday, December 5 and continued Tuesday. We have been reliably informed that there has been no breakthrough in those two days, and so mediation continues on Friday, December 9.

Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai is hopeful that the mediation will be successful. He told the media on Monday, December 5, that he does not subscribe to the idea that "BSI has long pockets and they can wait more than the farmer...BSI is there to mill cane; BSI is there to make money. Every day that they are not working, they are not making money. Every day the farmer is not working he is not making money...So both want the crop to start."

Today, Ellis Bradley would not provide specifics of the case, saying mediation is a confidential process and the parties must choose what information is provided publicly. She did describe a mediator as a neutral third party who facilitates a discussion between parties in dispute so that they find a mutually acceptable resolution. She added that mediators are especially trained to address deadlocks in a dispute. However, they do not hand down decisions or make recommendations.

Julie-Ann Ellis Bradley has been a mediator for over thirteen years. She was one of three mediators who were proposed by the BSCFA. BSI had proposed another mediator, but accepted Ellis Bradley as the mediator who was selected to help with their dispute.

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Specific Procurement Notice Two (2), Mortuary Cadaver Transport Vehicles N° CABEI-G-010-2147/2022 One Stage-One Envelope



December 9, 2022.

1. SOURCE OF RESOURCES

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is granting total funding for the Procurement of **Two (2) Mortuary Cadaver Transport Vehicles** for the National Forensic Science Service within the framework of the **Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)**.

2. EXECUTING AGENCY AND BUYER OF THE BIDDING PROCESS

2.1 Buyer's background

The Executing Body (EB) for the BISP is the Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development**, and Investment. The Ministry of Economic Development will be responsible for the execution of the Programme and all its components, reporting all progress to CABEI and ensure the execution of each component under the terms established for CABEI formulation and approval. The execution of BISP components will be carried out by the Co-Executors: Belize Police Department, Belize Defense Force, Belize Coast Guard and National Forensic Science Services.

2.2 The **Ministry of Economic Development** is responsible for the present Procurement process for which it invites suppliers of goods and services to submit bids for this procurement in a sealed envelope.

2.3 The Supplier will be selected and awarded in accordance with the procedures of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration as established in the Procurement Policy for Procurement of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Regulations, (DI-52/2020 and PRE-40/2021) which can be found on the following web site: <https://www.bcie.org>.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

3.1 General Objectives of the Procurement: acquisition of two (2) **Mortuary Cadaver Transport Vehicles for the National Forensic Science Service**.

3.2 The Buyer makes available to interested parties all the documentation related to this Procurement necessary for the preparation of bids.

Such information will be available free of charge:

a. For download on the Ministry of Economic Development's Website: www.med.gov.bz/bisp-tenders and the Ministry of Finance's Procurement Portal <https://blz-cppnb.caricom.org/epps/home.do>.

b. Additional information regarding the preparation of proposals can be communicated by emailed to: procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz and copied to projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz or by calling telephone number: **822-0156**

Any cost to obtain the documents are Non-Refundable. The nominal charge amounts needed are to cover printing and shipping costs.

3.3 Bids for this invitation to bid shall be received no later than **Tuesday, January 10th, 2022**, until **9:00 a.m.** at the following physical address below:

3.4 Bids must be sent to the address below and bids will not be permitted in electronic form. **No late bids will be accepted.** Bids shall be opened publicly, in the presence of the representatives designated by the Bidder, at the address listed below, on **Tuesday, January 10th, at 9:15 a.m.**

3.5 All Bids must be accompanied by a "**Bid Maintenance Declaration**".

3.6 The address referred to above is: **Project Coordinator
Belize Integral Security Programme
#1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit 3
Belmopan City, Cayo District
Belize, Central America**

Ref: Procurement of 2, Mortuary Cadaver Transport Vehicles (BISP) - N° CABEI-G-010-2147/2022)

Phone Number: 822-0156

email address: projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz
Procurementofficer.bisp@med.gov.bz

CONFIDENCIAL EXTERNO

HAPPY 35th BIRTHDAY, HRCB

by Wilfrido Novelo

I write as a founding member of the Human Rights Commission of Belize (HRCB). My involvement in human rights in Central America began in May 1981 when a good/great friend of mine, the late Domingo Pérez, asked me to attend a human rights conference in San José, capital of Costa Rica, hosted by CODEHUCA (Comisión de Defensa de Derechos Humanos en Centro América), the Commission for the Defense of Human Rights in Central America. Mr. Pérez was the Secretary General of the United General Workers Union. I was accompanied by George Rochester. At that time, we had no idea that Belize would

get Independence on September 21, an equinox day when night and day are of equal duration.

The conference was hosted at the "Hotel Balmoral". At a suite of the hotel, we had a meeting with the Guatemalan delegation, led by Licenciado Guillermo Torriello Garido. He had been a former Foreign Minister and Ambassador during the government administrations of President Jacobo Arbenz of Guatemala from 1944 to 1954. We asked the Guatemalan delegation to support a resolution in favor of Belize's independence.

To our dismay, the Guatemalans answered YES. They automatically became exiles from Guatemala. Some got

asylum in Costa Rica and Mexico. Lic Garido exiled himself to Havana, Cuba. While attending many human rights conferences in San José, it was noted that Belize was the only country in Central America that did not have a human rights commission. We asked CODEHUCA to provide the relevant support, and in November 1985 we had a human rights symposium held in Dangriga with facilitators from Panama. At the symposium, a Steering Committee was elected to found the Human Rights Commission of Belize, with every district being represented. The Toledo district was represented by Andy Palacio; Stann Creek by Pablo Lambey; Cayo by Carol Cabral, Oscar Alonzo, Celso Poot and

William Heusner; Belize by Antonio González, James McFoy and David Price. Teacher Héctor Delgado of San Narciso village represented Corozal, and yours truly, Wilfrido Novelo, represented Orange Walk. By November 1987, the HRCB already had legal personality, with a logo consisting of a garland, the symbol of achievement, with a dove in flight, the symbol for peace, in the middle.

We decided to formally launch the Human Rights Commission of Belize on December 10, 1987 — International Human Rights Day, as proclaimed by the United Nations. Carol Cabral was our first president. Sad to say, there are only three

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GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS & NEW GROWTH INDUSTRIES BELIZE CRIME OBSERVATORY PROJECT COORDINATOR



BACKGROUND

With funding from the USAID, the Infosegura project aims to support SICA in strengthening the regional and national institutional capacities for collecting, monitoring and processing security information and for its application for decision-making and policy formulation at regional and national levels with implementation in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic and Nicaragua.

The project aims to: (1) improve regional and national institutional capacity to collect, monitor, and process safety information and apply it to the decision-making and policy formulation at the national and regional levels; (2) strengthen the capacity of civil society to collect, analyze, and public safety data and process monitoring of policies and programs of public safety; and

(3) support regional knowledge management to improve knowledge and understanding of the root causes of violence and insecurity and promote successful policies and practices of public safety.

Similarly, the Government of Belize (GOB) is addressing the issue of crime and violence with a renewed vision, one that is more integrated, and encompasses a continuum of multi-sectorial and inter-agency initiatives, ranging from prevention to control. This integrated vision has emerged out of a consensus that an integrated approach is the best approach to effectively address the multifaceted and dynamic nature of crime and violence in Belize.

In adopting this approach, GOB has partnered with several multi-lateral agencies and friendly countries to collaborate on the identification, design and execution of programs and projects relating to national and citizen security in Belize. Some of these partnerships includes the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), the United Nations Systems (UNDP, UNFPA, UNWomen etc.) the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), the Government of the United States, Mexico and Canada. Of note are two multi-agency projects which are currently being implemented in Belize through the support of the IADB.

The Infosegura project in Belize will support national data collection efforts by complementing existing interventions that aim to strengthen crime and justice data platforms in Belize. The infosegura project will bring together various actors in the justice system to systematize and synergize crime and justice data collection and analysis at the national level.

SCOPE OF SERVICE

Provide support, under supervision of UNDP Governance Programme and the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries, for the operation and management of the Crime & Violence Observatory in Belize, which will be used for the generation of public information on basic indicators of violence and insecurity in Belize. The management of the data will include making necessary update to the data sourced for the Observatory (e.g. recorded crime data), and identifying, sourcing and maintaining complementary sources of data relating to citizen security (e.g. data from health partners relating to violence). The coordinator will report to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries (CEO, MHANGI).

Project Coordinator

The Project Coordinator will be stationed in the Ministry of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries in Belmopan and will be responsible to:

- Conduct all data processing functions relating to the Crime Observatory Information Management System and the Crime Observatory (CO) Website (collect, validate, clean, collate, store, disseminate)
- Assist in the management and administration of the CO Website
- Prepare reports and documents to be uploaded to the CO Website and for public consumption (monthly statistics, annual reports, news, research articles, regional data etc.)
- Assist in the generation of Crime Observatory reports and research papers
- Provide liaison and technical support for regional systems and agencies as it relates to the Project: SICA, OBSICA, OAS, UN, IADB agencies etc.

- Provide support for the implementation of Phase 3 of Infosegura Project in Belize
- Coordinate logistical arrangements for meetings, trainings, conferences and forums
- Provide oversight support for the implementation of the multiple components of the Infosegura project in Belize
- Monitoring the work plans and budget of the overall project, based on proposed annual work plans and budgets.
- Preparing a directory of stakeholders and canvass the support and cooperation for project activities.
- Coordinating all processing all capacity-building activities under the project.
- Overseeing all contracts for project
- Report monthly to UNDP and to the CEO, MHANGI on the progress of the Infosegura project implementation.
- The coursing, processing and storage management of data held by the Belize Crime Observatory. Data will include police recorded crime data, census data for Belize, data from other Belize government ministries and data from the Belize Crime Victimization Survey
- The maintenance of data held by the Belize Crime Observatory to ensure these data is fit for the purpose for which they are used. This includes ensuring the data are routinely updated, precise in their content and comprehensive in their coverage
- Promote and apply standards for the formatting and structure of data to allow for subsequent analysis
- Perform geocoding of crime data, utilizing the full address information recorded in the crime record
- With appropriate training, generate web-based applications that help support the dissemination of data held by the Observatory, and which in turn promotes the service the Observatory provides
- The calculation of crime statistics for the country of Belize by districts for national publication
- To liaise closely with the Joint Intelligence Coordination Centre and the CompStat Unit on the production of analysis reports and the use of data to support improvements in security and citizen security
- The administration and maintenance of an online library containing analysis reports generated by the Observatory and other key stakeholders (i.e., the Joint Intelligence Coordination Center, the CompStat Unit, National Forensic Science Services, the Kolbe Foundation etc.)
- Provide technical input to the procedures and protocols manual to ensure it is kept up to date
- To generate tactical assessments, identifying changes in crime, emerging issues, and monitoring the impact of targeted activities
- To generate problem profiles and target profiles that aim to provide a rich understanding of the problems, individuals, and offending groups the reports are focused on
- To conduct results analysis that aims to measure the impact of targeted police and citizen security activities
- To liaise with the other ministries of the Government of Belize, maximizing the use of data they collect for the benefit of the Observatory's mission
- To administer arrangements for accessing data and reports to those who are authorized
- Any other related duties that may be assigned by the CEO.

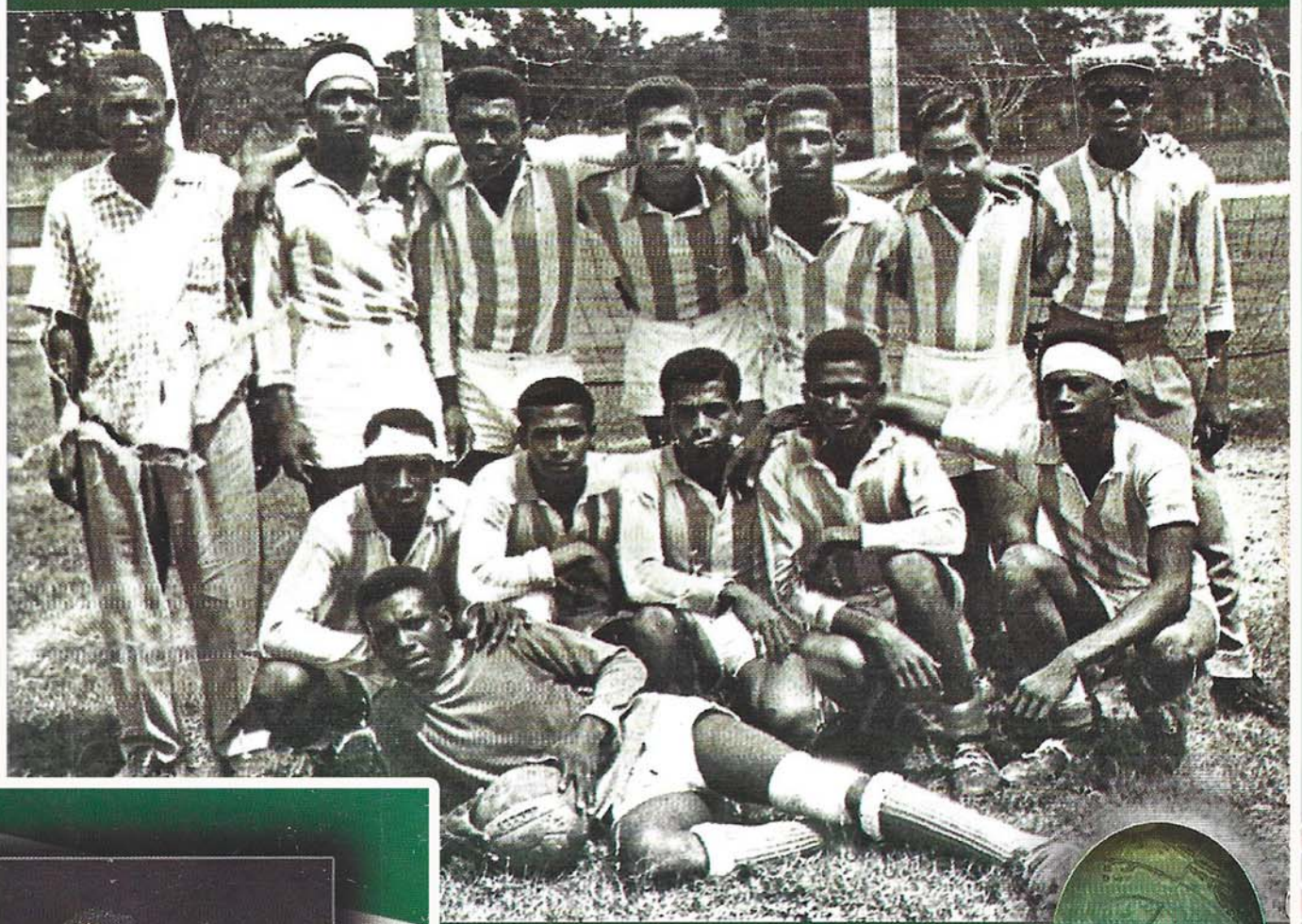
Prospective candidates should have a minimum of Bachelor's degree in a social science or related field (Public Health, Public Policy, Criminology, Demography, Statistics, Criminal Justice). At least two years of relevant professional experience. Participate in research on issues related to Social Violence, Citizen Security, Conflict and / or Social Affairs would be an advantage. Candidates should be fluent in English and have a working knowledge of Spanish. They should have the ability to write clearly and concisely and have strong data analytics skills, coordination skills, communications, and advocacy skills. Be able to think conceptually, work under pressure, be results oriented, and able to work in a team.

Deadline

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest, updated CV and two (2) references as soon as possible but no later than December 9, 2022. Applications should be addressed to Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries, 1902 Constitution Drive, City of Belmopan, or by emailing info@homeaffairs.gov.bz.



SPORTS, SIN AND SUBVERSION



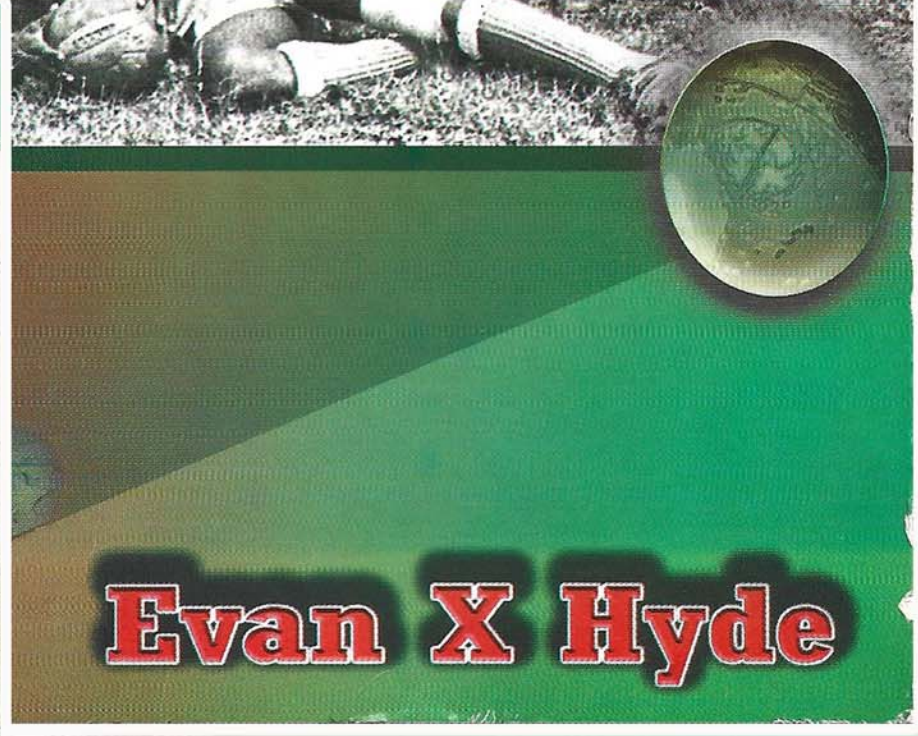
Ludwig Lightburn after he defeated New Orleans' Ralph Dupas, the no. 2 lightweight contender in the world, at New York City's Madison Square Garden in 1955. This was Lightburn's first nationally televised fight in the U.S. It was also seen in Mexico and Canada, and broadcast worldwide on shortwave radio. (The ring announcer is Johnny Addie.)

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VACANCIES

The Belize Fisheries Department, under the Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation, along with the Toledo Institute for the Development and Environment (TIDE) have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding for TIDE to partially manage the Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve (SCMR). The agreement designates TIDE as co-manager of Cayman Crown (CC) and established fish spawning aggregation (FSA) sites (Rise and Fall and Nicholas) within SCMR.

Therefore, TIDE announces that vacancies exist for the posts of **CC Site Manager, CC Head Ranger and CC Ranger** which are all based at Hunting Caye in the Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve, Toledo District, Belize. These positions will oversee co-management of Cayman Crown and established FSA sites, which will contribute to the transition towards a full co-management agreement for the entire marine reserve. The positions described below will be employed by TIDE and will work closely with the staff from the Belize Fisheries Department stationed at Hunting Caye.

MAJOR FUNCTIONS

The CC Site Manager: The CC Site Manager's overall responsibility is to manage and support park rangers in ensuring resource protection at Cayman Crown and established FSA sites at SCMR. He/she will support the CC Project Manager with project implementation and data management – actively participating in the planning and development of TIDE activities within CC and established FSA sites. Moreover, the successful candidate will supervise all CC park rangers and work closely with strategic partners for the effective implementation of the SCMR Management Plan. Additionally, he/she will oversee construction and maintenance of infrastructure and equipment at the field station based at Hunting Caye and ensure the procurement of resources, whilst budgeting accordingly. Finally, he/she will foster good working relations with stakeholders, fishers, tour operators (foreign and domestic), etc.

The CC Head Ranger: The CC Head Ranger's overall responsibility is to manage and support park rangers, under the supervision of the CC Site Manager, to ensure resource protection at CC and established FSA sites at SCMR. He/she will support the CC Site Manager with project implementation and data management. Moreover, the successful candidate will supervise all CC park rangers and work closely with strategic partners for the effective implementation of the SCMR Management Plan. Additionally, he/she will support the CC Site Manager to oversee construction and maintenance of infrastructure and equipment at the field station based at Hunting Caye, as well as the procurement of resources.

The CC Ranger: The CC Ranger's overall responsibility is to support the CC Head Ranger and CC Site Manager in ensuring the smooth and effective operation of resource protection at CC and established FSA sites at SCMR. This includes patrol and law enforcement duties, as well as ensuring the security and safety of users/visitors to the marine reserve. He/she will uphold maintenance standards for the ranger station at Hunting Caye and surrounding areas and use and maintain all equipment appropriately. The SCMR Ranger will have a basic working understanding of the local marine and coastal ecosystems and be able to protect biodiversity in accordance with relevant regulations.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To request a full copy of the Terms of Reference for any of these positions, please send an email to info@tidebelize.org or visit our Facebook page.

The deadline for applications is **Friday, December 23, 2022**.

To apply, please send the following to info@tidebelize.org or mail/hand deliver to Mrs. Celia Mahung, Executive Director, PO Box 150, Punta Gorda Town, Belize by deadline date:

1. A 1-2 page cover letter describing your previous experience
2. An updated Curriculum Vitae
3. Three (3) professional references, including one from your most recent employer
4. A police record will be required if selected for an interview

We offer an attractive salary and benefits package that is commensurate with qualification including experience, training and education.

Should you have any questions, please call us at 722-2274 or 2431, or write to info@tidebelize.org.

SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL



A temporary vacancy exists at San Pedro High School for the following post:

- **English Language**

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in English Language.

Experience teaching the subject and pedagogical training will be an asset.

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

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

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

Applications must be addressed to:

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

Deadline for Applications: December 30, 2022

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Positions:

ACTING VICE- PRINCIPAL

PART-TIME (Semester 2, January - August 2023)

Deadline: Friday, 16th December 2022

INTEGRATED ENGLISH TEACHER

PART-TIME (April - June 2023)

INTEGRATED SCIENCE TEACHER

PART-TIME (April - June 2023)

SEND US:

- Cover letter
- Passport size picture
- Police record
- Birth certificate
- Resume
- Character references (2)
- Copy of SSB ID
- University degrees
- Teacher's license.

St. Ignatius High School
#22A George Price Avenue
Santa Elena Town, Cayo

saintignatiushighschool@yahoo.com 824-3294

POSITION TITLE: Administrative Officer
ANTICIPATED START DATE: 3 January 2023
REPORTS TO: Technical Officer
LOCATION: Orange Walk



Administrative Officer (AO) is responsible for the administrative and clerical services. He/She will be working under the supervision of the Technical Officer. He/She will be required to take direction and work intuitively to support the completion of the regional office goals and objectives in a professionally manner.

Description:

The position of Administrative Officer of the Orange Walk Football Association (OWFA) is a full-time position which will define and lead the Regional Administrative Programme under the authority of the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) and in compliance with the aims, objectives and values of the Federation. The position will require working closely with all staff members across all areas including but not limited to, finance, revenue, marketing, communications, operations and strategy.

Key Responsibilities

The Administrative Officer shall hold the following responsibilities:

1. Coordinate the administrative activities in an effective, up to date, and accurate manner by:

- Actively participates in the regional department's strategic planning sessions;
- Works cooperatively with all team members to support the achievement of work plan activities designed to achieve identified goals and objectives;
- Operates office equipment such as computers, fax machines, photocopiers, voice mail messaging systems and computer scanning equipment to complete officetasks;
- Performs clerical functions such as preparing correspondence, receiving visitors, arranging conference calls, and scheduling meetings for the technical officer or designate;
- Coordinates and organizes meetings and conferences including meeting venue bookings, catering requirements, sets up the room with audio-visual equipment and flip charts;
- Prepares meeting agendas, records and distributes meeting minutes;
- Coordinates any required repairs to office equipment;
- Maintains adequate office supply.

2. Administrative and clerical support to the Technical Officer in accomplishing their roles and responsibilities. This includes:

- Assists in the development and distribution of schools, clubs, and academies trainingschedules;
- Produces forms and correspondence as required;
- Produces and/or assists in the production of all required internal and external reports;
- Coordinates activities with the technical officer;
- Assists in the development of the regional office budget and ensures spending remains within acceptable variances.

3. Coordinator of the regional office's information, reporting, and communication strategies and activities. This includes:

- Develops or maintains an accurate and up to date records management system (electronic and hardcopy files);
- Stores, retrieves and disseminates information for schools, clubs and academies;
- Prepares detailed presentations and reports as required by the Technical Officer;
- Ensures the safeguarding of all confidential files;
- Provides regional website updates to the Football Federation of Belize IT department to ensure up to date department information is posted on the intranet/website; Keeps the OWFA Facebook page up-to-date.
- Creates databases and/or processes to accomplish tasks.

4. Other duties as may be assigned from time-to-time.

Experience & Knowledge Requirements:

- Minimum high school diploma or higher education;
- Minimum 2 years' experience in the field of administrative / business;
- Must possess strong organization, evaluation and problem solving skills;
- Must be able to communicate effectively in writing and verbally;
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office, Excel and PowerPoint;
- Must be able to work flexible hours;
- Organization skills and the ability to effectively manage resources;
- A team player, with an ability to build consensus and collaborate with the Football Federation of Belize.

Remuneration:

Based on qualifications

Applications:

1. To apply, candidates should send a Cover Letter and Curriculum Vitae, Copies of certificates, diplomas, and/or university degrees
2. Copy of valid Belize Social Security Card
3. Recent Police record issued within the last six months
4. Three letters of recommendation one of which must be from last employer

to the Assistant General Secretary of the Football Federation of Belize Headquarters by 4:00 p.m. December 16, 2022 to: Email: luis_pena@footballfederationbelize.bz

Position Title: Human Resource Manager
Anticipated Start date: January 3, 2023
Reports to: Assistant General Secretary\
 General Secretary
Location: Belmopan



Human Resources Manager (HRM) is responsible for the administrative tasks and services to support efficient operations of the Human Resources department. He/she will be tasked with the responsibility of performing at a high standard in the day-to-day operations of the federation. He/She will be required to take direction and work intuitively to support the completion of the Federation's goals and objectives in a professional manner.

Experience and knowledge requirements:

1. A Bachelor's or Master's degree in Human Resources Management (HRM) with a strong background in business administration.
2. Three to five years working experience in HRM in a supervisory role with experience in creating Job descriptions in line with the organizations Strategic Plans covering performance management, employee retention programs and succession planning.
3. Strong knowledge of Belize's Labor Laws and Corporate Policies and Procedures
4. Must be able to work flexible hours

Skills/Abilities:

1. Good command of the English Language both written and Oral, and with strong presentation skills
2. Ability to multi-task with excellent planning and organizational skills
3. Skills in the application of HRM Best Practices and Industrial Relations
4. Must possess strong organizational and problem-solving skills.
5. Must possess strong Customer Service skills
6. Knowledge of Football Administration
7. Must be a Team Player, with the ability to build consensus and collaborate with the Football Federation of Belize stakeholders
8. Able to maintain a high level of confidentiality

Responsibilities:

1. Oversee the day-to-day operations of the HR department
2. Oversee the recruiting of new employees
3. Oversee the enforcement and execution of performance management systems, targets, and indicators
4. Provide inhouse training for staff in areas where performance targets are not met
5. Oversee the performance evaluations for staff and improve on the job descriptions
6. Act as the liaison between staff and office of the AGS & GS in solving staff concerns
7. Be able to problem solve and manage effective relationships at all levels within the organization.
8. Be able to address disputes, disciplinary matters and implement a reward and recognition system

Applications:

To apply for the post applicants must submit:

1. Cover Letter and Curriculum Vitae
2. Copies of certificates, diplomas, and/or university degrees
3. Copy of valid Belize Social Security Card
4. Recent Police record issued within the last six months
5. Three letters of recommendation one of which must be from last employer

to the Assistant General Secretary of the Football Federation of Belize Headquarters by 4:00 p.m. December 16, 2022 to: email: luis_pena@footballfederationbelize.bz

Remuneration: Based on qualifications

New PSC members/ chair appointed

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Dec. 8, 2022

In last month's *Government Gazette* dated November 26, it was announced that new members of the Public Services Commission (PSC) had been appointed, and that, after an extended delay and two previous attempts to nominate candidates for the post who had later withdrawn from consideration, a chairperson of the PSC—Diana Murillo Price—had been selected.

The appointments were carried out by the Governor General on the advice of the Prime Minister following consultations with the Leader of the Opposition.

The finalization of this process of filling vacant spots on the commission is something that, in the eyes of the Public Service Union, is long overdue, since there has been an ever-mounting heap of unaddressed matters for the members of the commission to resolve (including promotions, appointments and disciplinary matters)—many of which have had a direct impact on the day-to-day lives of some public workers, including some retired public officers whose receipt of their retirement benefits has been delayed.

But there is likely to be a mixed reaction from the PSU, which had decried the long delay in the appointment of the PSC members and chair due to the inconvenience caused to retired public servants in need of their benefits, but which had favored the appointment of another individual—Mr. Alfredo Cruz—to the post of PSC chair.

In mid-October of this year, the PSU, via press release, endorsed Mr. Cruz for the position, with Dean Flowers, the president of the PSU, pointing to the fact that Cruz is "knowledgeable and experienced in the inner workings of the Commission." A few days later, the Prime Minister would confirm that Cruz's name had been mentioned in discussions about persons who could possibly fill the post, but he had stated

that for reasons he did not wish to comment on, Cruz was not considered. (Cruz is, however, a member of the commission.)

During the October interview in which he made those remarks, however, the Prime Minister, who had previously nominated former diplomat Moises Cal and Crescencio Sosa for the post prior to their withdrawal from consideration, had indicated that Murillo Price was the person he planned to appoint to serve as PSC chair.

In regard to the backlog to be addressed by the Public Service Commission, he had stated, "As soon as Ms. Murillo takes that position, trust me, we will ensure that we can get that done as quickly as we possibly can, but we want to make sure that we find the right person." He had indicated that he had interviewed Murillo Price, and that she had expressed her willingness to serve as PSC chair. At that point, Murillo Price was expected to retire from her position as a public officer in a few weeks.

Ms. Murillo Price has served as a public servant for over 40 years and has since retired from her post. She officially began to serve as PSC chair on November 16 and will hold the post for the next two years alongside commissioners Troy Gabb, William Skeen, and Alfredo Cruz. The tenure for the commissioners began on November 1.

As noted, prior to the appointment of Murillo Price, two other persons had been nominated for the post: former diplomat Moises Cal, who had been accused years ago of money laundering and who withdrew from consideration after public outcry and objections from the Opposition; and

Crescencio Sosa who, according to Prime Minister John Briceño, had withdrawn from consideration for the post after falling ill just a short time before he was set to start his work as the Chairman of the PSC.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTIES

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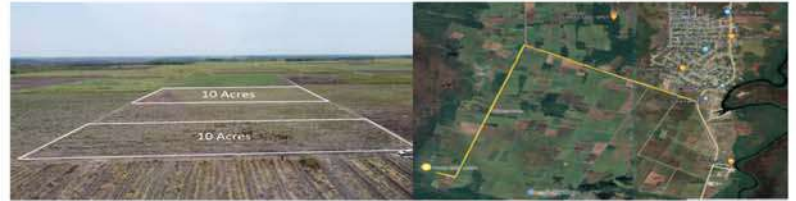
615-1133

Bz.auctions.realty@gmail.com

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees, Messrs. National Bank of Belize Limited (NBB), Licensed Auctioneer Jonathan Mulligan, will be selling by way of Public Auction, the following properties:

COROZAL DISTRICT

REGISTRATION SECTION: Concepcion, Aventura/Corozal District
BLOCK: 1
PARCEL: 200/1 & 202/



Being two parcels of land totaling 20.96 acres, these properties provide an excellent opportunity for those looking to purchase extremely fertile, commercial size farmland in the sugar rich fields of Concepcion Village. Freehold Property of Faustino Moh.

VIRTUAL AUCTION VIA ZOOM on Sunday December 18th, 2022 at 10:00 am

TERMS: STRICTLY CASH

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BELIZE DISTRICT

REGISTRATION SECTION: Queen Square West
BLOCK: 45
PARCEL: 1523



Located at #1523 Margaret Williams Street, Faber's Road Ext., Belize City measuring 383.84 square meters. This property consists of a fully fenced, gated, two-level concrete house, which benefits from 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, and verandahs with stairways (upper & lower, back & front).

ON SITE On Saturday December 16, 2022 at 10:00 am

TERMS: STRICTLY CASH

CAYO DISTRICT

REGISTRATION SECTION: Kay Lay Out, Bullet Tree/ Cayo District
BLOCK: 17
PARCEL: 1



All that piece or parcel of land being 0.678 acres situate in Kay Layout Bullet Tree, Cayo District together with all buildings erections and developments standing and being thereon.

VIRTUAL AUCTION VIA ZOOM on Friday December 23rd, 2022 at 10:00 am

TERMS: STRICTLY CASH

Meeting ID: 886 8606 5276 | Passcode: 5MEySJ

HAPPY 35th BIRTHDAY, HRCB

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surviving founding members of the HRCB. We are Oscar Alonzo, current CEO of the Belize Sugar Cane Farmers Association in Orange Walk Town; retired teacher Héctor Delgado, and myself, Wilfrido Novelo. The HRCB has done a lot for Belize. We lobbied for the lowering of police detention time from 72 to 48 hours. We participated in many human rights conferences that eventually brought many semblances of peace in Central America, even though these violations still continue in the region. A lot has been done, but a lot more needs to be done. This coming Saturday, December 10, is International Human Rights Day. On this solemn occasion, I say "HAPPY 35th BIRTHDAY, HRCB."

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PUBLIC AUCTION

By order of the Municipal Court, certified and licensed Auctioneer Troy Gabb Sr. will sell the following property:
Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. ON SITE

Property in Belize City

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1994	Douglas Lamb (first) Ronald Sutherland (second)		Anthea Sutherland (second) Marco Salas (first)
1995	Robert Mariano (first) Gustavo Carillo (second)	(Ladies)	Juan Rojas (second) Shalini Zabaneh (first)
1996	Nigel Matus (first) Ian Smith (second)		Patricia Chavarria (second) Geovanni Choto (first)
1997	Fred Usher (first) Michael Lewis (second)	(Ladies)	Byron Pope (second) Kaya Cattouse (first)
1998	Francisco Flores (first) James Frampton (second)		Shalini Zabaneh (second) David Henderson (first)
1999	Ernest Meighan (first) Skip Spangenburg (second)	(Ladies)	Gregory Lovell (second) Shalini Zabaneh (first)
2000	Ariel Rosado (first) Quinton Hamilton (second)		Patricia Chavarria (second) Byron Pope (first)
2001	Miguel Perez (first) Shane Vasquez (second)	(Ladies)	Carlos Lopez (second) Shalini Zabaneh (first)
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2003	Douglas Lamb (first) Frank Cannon (second)	(Ladies)	Gregory Lovell (second) Alicia Thompson (first)
	(Ladies) Fiona Humes Gonzalez (First) Marlon Castillo (first)		Kaya Cattouse (second) Ron Vasquez (first)
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	(Ladies) Claudett Maheia (second) Michael Lewis (first)		Kaya Cattouse (second) Giovanni Lovell (first)
2005	Shane Vasquez (second) Shane Vasquez (second)	(Ladies)	John DeLong (second) Alicia Thompson (first)
	(Ladies) Marinette Flowers (first) Scottie Weiss (first)		Kaya Cattouse (second) John DeLong (First)
2006	Marlon Castillo (second) Marinette Flowers (second)	(Ladies)	Clayton Travis (Second) Kaya Cattouse (First)
	(Ladies) Alicia Thompson (first) Marinette Flowers (second)		Nicole Gallego (Second) Oscar Quiroz, Jr. (First)
2007	Shane Vasquez (first) Marlon Castillo (second)	(Ladies)	Joslyn Chavarria, Jr. (Second) Alicia Thompson (First)
	(Ladies) Gina Lovell (first) Shalini Zabaneh (second)		Nicole Gallego (Second) Alicia Thompson (First)
2008	Neo German Camacho Villegas (first) Edward Reyes (second)	(Ladies)	Nicole Gallego (Second) Brandon Cattouse (first)
	(Ladies) Shalini Zabaneh (first) Alicia Thompson (second)		Derrick Chavarria (second) Gabrielle Gabourel (first)
2009	Marlon Castillo (first) Gregory Lovell (second)	(Ladies)	Gabrielle Gabourel (first) Kaya Cattouse (second)



World Cup 2022 quarter-finals: Which teams are left, who is out and the knockout fixtures



Neymar dances with his Brazil team-mates after their 4-1 win against South Korea in the last 16 - AP

TELEGRAPH SPORT, Wed. Dec. 7, 2022

With the round of 16 done and dusted, the World Cup has been whittled down to eight teams.

The Netherlands cruised past the USA to become the first side to confirm their place in the quarter-finals, before Argentina – inspired by Lionel Messi – narrowly overcame Australia. France joined them with a 3-1 win against Poland on Sunday, before England followed up with a 3-0 demolition of Senegal.

Japan, perhaps the tournament's biggest overachievers with victories against Germany and Spain at the group stage, went out in agonising fashion on Monday, losing to Croatia on penalties having led in normal time only to be pegged back by Ivan Perisic. Brazil, meanwhile, cemented their status as favourites with a stylish 4-1 win against South Korea.

Morocco and Portugal became the final sides to book their places in the quarters, the former besting Spain via a penalty shoot-out and the latter waltzing past Switzerland. They will now face off for a place in the final four.

England take on France in the pick of the quarter-final ties, though the Netherlands' clash with Argentina could also become, as they say, football heritage.

Croatia will be hard pressed to beat Brazil but, with Luka Modric still imperious at the age of 37, never say never. Here's everything you need to know before the quarter-finals get underway.

What is the World Cup schedule for the knockout stage?

Saturday, December 3 – (Match 49) Netherlands 3 USA 1; (Match 50) Argentina 2 Australia 1.

Sunday, December 4 – (Match 52) France 3 Poland 1; (Match 51) England 3 Senegal 0.

Monday, December 5 – (Match 53) Japan 1 Croatia 1 (Croatia win 3-1 on penalties); (Match 54) Brazil 4 South

Korea 1.

Tuesday, December 6 – (Match 55) Morocco 0 Spain 0 (Morocco win 3-0 on penalties); (Match 56) Portugal 6 Switzerland 1.

Quarter-finals

Friday, December 9 – (QF1) Croatia vs Brazil, 3p.m.; (QF2) Netherlands vs Argentina, 7p.m.

Saturday, December 10 – (QF3) Morocco vs Portugal, 3p.m.; (QF4) England vs France, 7p.m.

Semi-finals

Tuesday, December 13 – (SF1) Winner of QF1 vs Winner QF2, 7p.m.

Wednesday, December 14 – (SF2) Winner QF3 vs Winner QF4, 7p.m.

Third-place play-off

Saturday, December 17 - Loser of SF1 vs Loser of SF2, 3p.m.

World Cup final

Sunday, December 18 - Lusail Stadium, 3p.m.

Who's leading the race for the Golden Boot?

At the end of the group stages, Marcus Rashford was among the front-runners. Now, Kylian Mbappé has a clear lead...

How did each team progress to the last 16?

In Group A - Final standings

Netherlands topped the group after beating Qatar in their final match. **Senegal** edged out **Ecuador** 2-1 to progress as runners-up. **Qatar** were the first team knocked out of the World Cup and lost all three of their matches, scoring only one goal.

In Group B - Final standings

England progressed as group winners after cruising past Wales in their final game. Their 3-0 win means **Wales** finished bottom, while the **USA** made it through as runners-up after squeezing past **Iran** in their decider.

In Group C - Final standings

After losing their opening game to Saudi Arabia, **Argentina** completed their turnaround in fortunes by beating Poland to top the group. **Poland**, despite losing to the South Americans,

Hopkins Ibayani are 2022 Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup Champions



Hopkins Ibayani - Champion



Griga United - Sub-Champion

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Dec. 8, 2022

After completing a single round-robin qualifying phase followed by knockout semifinals, the Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup 2022 championship finals were held this past Saturday, December 3, at the same venue where the tournament started back on October 8 with 6 teams participating. The tournament was sponsored by the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) in collaboration with the Belize Tourism Board (BTB).

In the third place game starting at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday in Hopkins, Christ Warriors Seine Bight cruised to an 8-2 victory over Corozal FC with Jaheim Mena netting 5 goals for the winners (1', 2', 8', 27' & 32'). Also scoring for the winners were Valeak Valerio (9' & 20') and Kenyon Martinez (14'); while Corozal FC got a goal each from Jervis Ara (10') and Angel Gutierrez (30).

sneaked through to the knockouts in second place on goal difference. That came after **Mexico** could only beat Saudi Arabia 2-1, therefore having to settle for third place, with **Saudi Arabia** finishing bottom.

The championship match which followed was a tight contest to the end, with the home team Hopkins Ibayani prevailing, 1-nil, over Griga United, the only goal of the game coming from Isanie Valentine (14').

Trophies and team cash prizes (\$1,500 to the champion, and \$1,000 to the sub-champion) were issued immediately afterwards.

The AWARDEES list included: Most Valuable Player – Isanie Valentine (Hopkins Ibayani); Best Goalkeeper – Lincoln Lopez (Hopkins Ibayani); Best Coach – Franz Nunez (Hopkins Ibayani); Top Scorers – Evan Mariano (Griga United) & Jaheim Mena (Christ Warriors Seine Bight); 4th Place – Corozal FC; 3rd Place – Christ Warriors Seine Bight FC; Sub-Champion – Griga United; Champion – Hopkins Ibayani.

In Group D - Final standings

France are through, and still topped the group despite their surprise defeat to Tunisia in their final group game.

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62-year-old woman shot in Ladyville

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Dec. 7, 2022

A 62-year-old woman who is a Ladyville resident was shot on Saturday night while conversing with her husband at their residence in the village. The gunshot wound was allegedly inflicted on Diamantina Hernandez by a young man, Shackeem Ferguson, 23. He has since been arrested and charged with attempted murder and remanded to the Belize Central Prison until February 7, 2023.

There is yet no indication why the young man attacked the elderly couple, but he is said to have gone to the

Hernandez residence a little before 11:00 p.m. on Saturday and fired a number of shots, one of which wounded Hernandez in her upper back.

He appeared unrepresented in the Magistrate Court yesterday for the attempted murder charge and was read additional charges of deadly means of harm and dangerous harm upon the victim.

According to reports, police surveillance footage shows the accused at the scene, and eyewitnesses claimed that they saw Ferguson firing the shots at the home.

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Australia stunned **Denmark** 1-0 in their own final group game to qualify as runners-up, level on points with France but second on goal difference. **Tunisia** finished third on four points while **Denmark**, many people's dark horses pre-tournament, picked up a single point in fourth.

In Group E - Final standings

Japan won the group after their shock victory over Spain in the final round, which came as a result of a goal that caused a huge controversy because the ball appeared to be out of play in the build-up. **Spain** took second place despite their defeat. **Germany** are out of the World Cup despite beating Costa Rica in their final match. **Costa Rica** finished bottom.

In Group F - Final standings

Morocco went through as surprise

group winners on seven points after their 2-1 win over **Canada**. **Croatia** managed to hold on to second place after a 0-0 draw with **Belgium** in a match that will be remembered for the hat-trick of golden opportunities missed late on by Romelu Lukaku.

In Group G - Final standings

Brazil topped the group despite losing to Cameroon on the final evening of group-stage action. **Switzerland** finished second thanks to their ill-tempered victory over Serbia. **Cameroon** and **Serbia** both went out.

In Group H - Final standings

After a dramatic final two games **Portugal** qualified as group winners despite losing 2-1 to **South Korea**. The late winner for the Koreans carried them through as runners-up on goals scored over **Uruguay**, whose 2-0 win over **Ghana** was not enough to carry them through.



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Sylvia Flores - former Mayor, Speaker, Minister - passes at 71

Former Speaker of the House of Representatives, and mayor of Dangriga Town, Sylvia Flores, 71, passed away due to natural causes at her home in Dangriga on Tuesday, December 8.

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improve the lives of those in her community as well as an advocate for women in the country.

Flores earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and political science from Hunter College in New York City, and after her return to Belize in 1983, she was named Justice of the Peace. In 1988, she became the first woman mayor in Dangriga, serving two terms.

She would later serve as the first female Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1998 to 2001 and president of the Senate from 2001 to 2003. In that same year, she secured a seat in the House of Representatives after being elected as the area representative of Dangriga, and was subsequently named Minister of Defence and National Emergency Management.

In 2005, she became the Minister of Human Development and Women, a role which enabled her to continue her advocacy for women. Flores, who served two terms under former Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. Said Musa, played a key role in the revision of the Domestic Violence Act.

Flores, following those terms, returned to teaching. She taught Spanish at Stann Creek Ecumenical High School and Economics at the junior level. Additionally, she taught Spanish and English at Delille Academy for 5 years, for free, when there were no funds to pay teachers.

Area representative of Dangriga, Hon. Dr. Louis Zabaneh, told *Amandala*, “She is highly regarded, highly respected by persons across the political spectrum, all spectrums as a matter of fact, and really have left a wonderful legacy for many others to follow and to emulate. The country has lost an incredible champion of people, a champion of women’s rights, a champion of doing

things the right way.”

Dr. Zabaneh further mentioned that the two would often converse at Flores’ home or in the community, on topics that included her approach to life and its challenges, and her strategies as a political figure.

During the interview, Dr. Zabaneh told us that one of his most cherished memories of Flores is her keeping in touch with him after the passing of his mother.

“I will always remember her calling and checking up on me to see how I was doing and reminding me to pray. Reminding me that my mom had passed away a few years before and that she was no longer around and that she would be calling me to keep me on the right path. Those are beautiful memories that we will cherish and we will always be grateful for her example and for her being willing to share all that she had with those following behind her,” Zabaneh said.

At one of the last events she attended as a public figure, Flores was named Woman of the Year in 2013 by the United States Embassy in Belize and expressed her gratitude for such an award.

“It is most certainly an honor for me as well, to have been a part of [the] cadre of very qualified Belizean women who were nominated for this award. You are women [whom] I respect greatly and for whom I hold great admiration, because you are women who have an abiding sense of self-worth [and] have contributed significantly to the empowerment and the advancement of our Belizean women and girls,” she said.

Flores had been battling with diabetes, and her health deteriorated after she suffered a stroke. She passed away at around 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8.

Flores was an only child and birthed one daughter. She also leaves behind five grandchildren.

She was 71.

Old UDP leaders failed John and Patrick

Some background to President Kagame’s Rwanda

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responsible for the genocide, including former high-level government officials and other key figures, have been brought to justice.”

While waiting for the president, it would be good for us to learn a little more about Rwanda, and what led to the tragedy known as the Rwandan Genocide. History.com said that “as many as 800,000 people, mostly of the Tutsi minority”, were murdered in 1994 in Rwanda. That report said Hutu nationalists started it, and it “spread throughout the country with shocking speed and brutality, as ordinary citizens were incited by local officials and the Hutu Power government to take up arms against their neighbors.”

It’s a very complex story, and to begin to get a better understanding of how Rwanda could arrive at such a place, we go to HRW at the website hrw.org. The bits I excerpt won’t come close to explaining the whole Rwandan story, but it’s a beginning where I’m not aware of any. Before we get there, there are two facts to consider. All the reports say it was the Hutu who had the most responsibility for the genocide. President Kagame is a Tutsi. Now to the select excerpts from the HRW report for a little background on the tragedy:

“Hutu who killed Tutsi did so for many reasons, but beneath the individual motivations lay a common fear rooted in firmly held but mistaken ideas of the Rwandan past... Forerunners of the people who are now known as Hutu and Tutsi settled the region over a period of two thousand years... They developed a single and highly sophisticated language, Kinyarwanda, crafted a common set of religious and philosophical beliefs, and created a culture which valued song, dance, poetry, and rhetoric. They celebrated the same heroes: even during the genocide, the killers and their intended victims sang of some of the same leaders from the Rwandan past.

“With fertile soil and regular rainfall, the region was productive and population grew to a point where Rwanda was in 1994 the most densely populated nation on the African

continent. As the Rwandan state grew in strength and sophistication, the governing elite became more clearly defined and its members, like powerful people in most societies, began to think of themselves as superior to ordinary people. The word ‘Tutsi,’ which apparently first described the status of an individual—a person rich in cattle—became the term that referred to the elite group as a whole and the word ‘Hutu’—meaning originally a subordinate or follower of a more powerful person—came to refer to the mass of the ordinary people.

“Most people married within the occupational group in which they had been raised. This practice created a shared gene pool within each group, which meant that over generations pastoralists came to look more like other pastoralists—tall, thin and narrow-featured—and cultivators like other cultivators—shorter, stronger, and with broader features...

“Although it was not usual, Hutu and Tutsi sometimes intermarried. The practice declined in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as the gap widened between Tutsi elite and Hutu commoners, but rose again after Tutsi lost power in the 1959 revolution... During the genocide some persons who were legally Hutu were killed as Tutsi because they looked Tutsi... The Twa, a people clearly differentiated from Hutu and Tutsi, formed the smallest component of the Rwandan population, approximately 1 percent of the total before the genocide.

“Because Europeans thought that the Tutsi looked more like themselves than did other Rwandans, they found it reasonable to suppose them closer to Europeans in the evolutionary hierarchy and hence closer to them in ability. Believing the Tutsi to be more capable, they found it logical for the Tutsi to rule Hutu and Twa, just as it was reasonable for Europeans to rule Africans. Unaware of the ‘Hutu’ contribution to building Rwanda, the Europeans saw only that the ruler of this impressive state and many of his immediate entourage were Tutsi, which led them to assume that the complex institutions had been created exclusively by Tutsi. Not surprisingly, Tutsi welcomed these ideas about their superiority, which coincided with their own beliefs.”

I’ll have a few more select excerpts on Tuesday.

Devon Jones gets suspended sentence for maiming...

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standing in front of the restaurant, where there were a number of customers at the time. An angry Jones then got into his vehicle and reversed it—crushing Gill’s leg, which had to be amputated above the knee.

The incident took place on Saturday, August 30 of 2014.

Gill had reportedly sued Jones later in a civil claim, and the court had ordered Jones to pay him over \$200,000 in compensation. Just about four years later, however, Gill was fatally gunned down in 2018 in front of his home on Barracuda Street in the Coral Grove area.

Jones appeared in court on Tuesday with his attorney, Orson Elrington, before Justice Ricardo O’Neal Sandcroft, who handed down a suspended sentence for his crime—which means that he will have

to avoid committing any legal violations for three years. Otherwise, he will have to serve three years in prison. According to his attorney, he must also participate in anger management sessions for two years and must pay a fine of \$4,000 by December 2023.

Elrington told reporters after Justice Sandcroft delivered his ruling, “Well, I would think that if you were facing up to life imprisonment and you are able to walk a free man today, you’d be very happy. But, of course, he understands the seriousness of the offence he committed, and he has shown himself prior and subsequent to that that it was a one-off incident. The judge, in considering many different factors in making his decision, of course the fact that Mr. Jones pleaded guilty early; the fact that prior to this incident he did not have a conviction before the court; the fact that Mr. Jones is a contributing

member for society, both a farmer and an electrician; the fact that he expressed and showed that he was genuinely sorry for his actions; and last but not least, the fact that the family came here today in the form of Mr. Vaughan Gill and his father and expressed that they forgive Mr. Jones and they believe that their son and brother had forgiven Mr. Jones before he passed, and so for the judge, after considering all those things,

decided that he would render a sentence which would show that seriousness of the charges, because even as the charge was reduced from attempted murder, which carries the maximum life imprisonment—even after reducing from that to deadly mean of harm would also have been a 10-year sentence—he used his discretion and decided that he would give a suspended sentence of 3 years...”

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