

Belize awarded BZD\$250 million by MCC



Prime Minister, John Briceño

by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 11, 2024

In April of this year, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) of the United States of America concluded a formal negotiation with the Government of Belize for the establishment of the terms of a funding agreement. Today, the House of Representatives passed the legislation to formalize this agreement and begin the rollout of a grant of \$250 million BZD that will be used to carry

At a Special Sitting of the House of Representatives held today, legislation was passed to establish an implementing agency for grant projects in the education and energy sectors.



Hon. Moses "Shyne" Barrow, Leader of the Opposition

out projects in two key areas - education and energy.

Prime Minister John Briceño, during his presentation, recalled that as far back as 2021, the MCC selected Belize as an eligible partner.

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"While Passing Through" by Bev-E

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 11, 2024

A revised and expanded edition of Belizean author and activist, Beverly Lemoine Gutierrez's book, *While Passing Through*, was released today, Thursday, July 11, at the Leo Bradley Library in Belize City.

The narrative recounts the first 23 years of Gutierrez's life while growing up in Belize through a raw first-person point of view as she endured sexual trauma by relatives, poverty, pregnancy, drugs, and multiple suicide attempts along with other topics.

"It's not about being raped; it's about healing," Gutierrez said. "One of the greatest things to me is for a woman or child to be healed and live a life they can be in society and function, even after all the evils that had



Beverly Lemoine Gutierrez at book launch

happened to them," she added.

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Judgement reserved for constitutional claim against Police Department



Shama Foster

BELIZE CITY, Wed., July 10, 2024

The trial has concluded for the constitutional claim pursued by Shamar Foster, a student and tour guide who was allegedly subjected to a violent police

A student/tour guide alleges he was subjected to a violent search and then physically assaulted by police to stop his recording of their actions. The claim is based on the right to record police officers on duty.

search at the Belize City Municipal Airport on April 1, 2022, when he was only 19 years old. At the time, Foster, a boat captain and student at Sadie Vernon High School, said he was aggressed

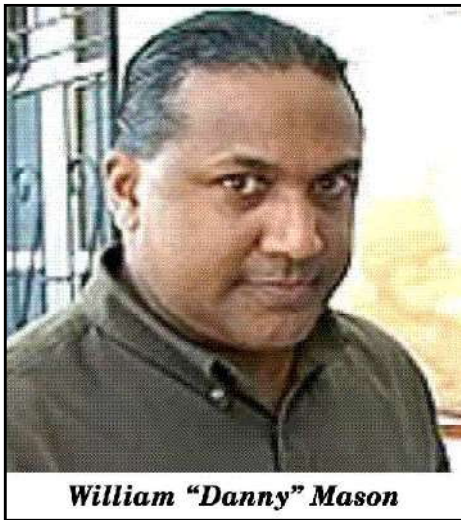
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Appeals of Mason et al dismissed by Court of Appeal

by Roy Davis (freelance writer)

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 11, 2024

In a judgement 59 pages long that was given today, the Belize Court of Appeal dismissed the appeals of William "Danny" Mason and four other appellants who were his employees. The others are Ernest Castillo, Ashton Vanegas, Keiron Fernandez and his



William "Danny" Mason

brother, Terrence Fernandez.

They, along with Mason, were convicted of the murder of Pastor Llewellyn Lucas in a judge-alone trial, and they were each sentenced to life imprisonment with individualized terms.

Their convictions and sentences were

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PM Briceño speaks on various topics

by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Thurs. July 11, 2024

After yesterday’s session at the House of Representatives in Belmopan, the local media got to speak with the Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. John Briceño, for a brief moment on various topics.

Speaking on the MCC (Millennium Challenge Corporation) Grant where the US government approved a five-year US\$125 million to Belize in April, PM Briceño mentioned that there are no strings attached. “If you want to look at what the MCC is all about, as I pointed out, fighting poverty and it has to do also with assisting a country to grow its economy. So that’s what they do all over the world; there’s nothing new. There have been no strings attached; it’s simply that they have come in to align themselves with what we want ... we’re attempting to do in Plan Belize.”

Reporters asked him about the upcoming by-elections scheduled for next Wednesday, July 17, for the vacant seat in Toledo East. He said it wasn’t the same as in 2021, when Hon. Elvia Vega-Samos won in a by-election in 2021.

“At that time, it was in the pandemic; her brother had died; the PUP had just won 26 seats; and we knew it would be

a walk in the park. We were so busy trying to put this country back in place,” he said

He was questioned about People’s United Party (PUP) standard bearer for the upcoming by-election, Dr. Osmond Martinez, about allegations that he holds dual nationality, which would disqualify him for office.

“If you have dual nationality, all you need to do is to give up one of them. So, you could only have ... you could be born elsewhere, or you can be a Belizean born elsewhere and you’re here; you can give up, you could only have Belizean nationality. So, this isn’t a problem. But I think Mr. Martinez was born, and explained it very well. He was, as he said, he was conceived in Belize. His mother had a delicate pregnancy, but then there were no good medical facilities in PG. So, her mother was originally from Honduras, so she went to their family in Honduras where they believed they could have gotten better medical attention. The baby was born and they came back to Belize,” he said.

Lastly, he was asked about relief for the Caribbean countries that were affected last week by Hurricane Beryl, a Category 4 storm. PM Briceño mentioned that Belize can only afford to assist Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines with 50,000 USD.

Man faces 5 years for sharing ex’s nude video; changes plea

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Tues. July 9, 2024

Brian Lee Perriott, 20, a call center agent, is out on bail after changing his initial guilty plea to not guilty, after he became aware in the wake of being charged that he could face up to 5 years behind bars at the Belize Central Prison for sharing a video in which his 26-year-old ex-girlfriend was nude, without her consent.

The incident allegedly took place during the month of June after the woman had ended her relationship with Perriott. He became vengeful, and a few days later, he opened a Facebook account under the name “D-Juan Petterson” and sent her a private message with a video which was recorded without her knowledge of the former pair in bed, where she was naked. The woman then reported the incident to authorities.

The harassment reportedly continued, as Perriott threatened her that he would send the video to her parents and post it on social media. Additionally, a few days later, Perriott created another fake profile in the woman’s name. The video was eventually distributed, which was



Brian Perriott, granted bail

confirmed when the woman received a screenshot of Perriott sharing it with several persons.

When the woman asked him to stop, he then threatened her that he would shoot at her house while her family was at home. Everything was reported to the police, and it was confirmed that Perriott was the mastermind behind the fake

accounts.

When he appeared in the Magistrate’s Court on Friday, July 5, Perriott pleaded guilty to the offenses, and was remanded to prison. However, when he appeared in court for sentencing on Tuesday, July 9, he changed his plea to not guilty and appeared with attorney OJ Elrington, who claimed that his client had been unrepresented in court when he was initially charged, hence his initial plea.

After changing his plea, Perriott was granted bail for \$8,000 plus one surety, with conditions being that he should not speak to anyone involved in the case while the matter is in court, and should stay off social media while the matter is in court, and stay 100 yards from the complainant.

He is to return to court on September 9.

Did police officer assist escape of murder suspect?

ComPol comments on claims that police officer assisted escape of Ellis Meighan, wanted for murder and attempted murder

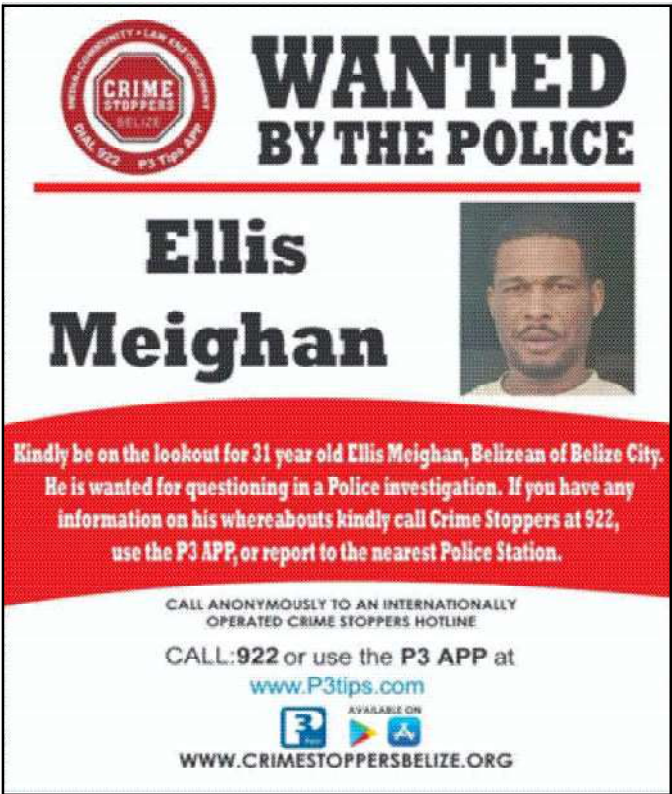
by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 11, 2024

31-year-old Ellis Meighan of Belize City is still wanted in Belize for the murder of 32-year-old Roy Lee Burgess and the attempted murder of 26-year-old Maia James several months ago in Placencia Village.

Following reports that James, who survived the gunshots and is now in the U.S., had told media outlets in the U.S. that a high-ranking officer had assisted Meighan to escape out of Placencia and eventually the country of Belize following the incident, local media asked Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams to comment.

“That information reached me, and the police officer who allegedly transported him out of Placencia has been transferred from there,” said Commissioner Williams. “I wish I could do more, but the truth is that we don’t have the proof to ascertain that he did it. So, the least I could have done was to get him out of Placencia.



Because, we don’t want to have a situation where we have police officers who are enabling criminals from Belize or anywhere else to go into Placencia and do what they need to do and then facilitate them out. That cannot happen. So, that officer has been removed from Placencia,” he added.

In the meantime, Meighan is being held captive at the Otay Mesa Detention Center in San Diego, California after he attempted to enter the US illegally and was detained. He was set to be deported; however, he

Fire guts wooden house in Gungulung

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. July 11, 2024

A fire broke out on Holy Emmanuel Street in the Gungulung area of Lake Independence, Belize City on Wednesday morning, July 11, resulting in a wooden bungalow being gutted.

While the National Fire Service has not given the media a concrete explanation of how the flame was ignited, reports noted that it was after 9:30 a.m. that the fire began.

According to neighbors, the mother of the home left earlier that morning to go to work along with her two small children, whom she dropped off at a babysitter. Not too long afterwards the smoke was seen coming out of the structure.

A neighbor reported that after the trio



had departed from their residence, smoke was seen, and they called the fire department, but by the time they arrived the home was gutted.

The estimated value of the items lost has not yet been determined, neither as to whether the home was insured.

is reportedly claiming asylum in the country.

ComPol Williams has told the local media that they have already provided information to US authorities concerning Meighan being wanted in Belize. Due to his claims of asylum, it will make the deportation process a lengthy one, but the ComPol remains optimistic.

“We have done all that we can in submitting the relevant documents to the US authorities and it’s a matter of

them to go through the process now and see whether or not they are going to send him back. We had instances before where they have returned wanted persons to us, so I am optimistic that the same is going to be done,” he said.

The motive for Burgess’s death? It is alleged that a “white” woman, who reportedly is the ex-girlfriend of Burgess, gave Meighan instructions to kill him, as she was heartbroken due to their relationship ending.

BCC and Peak Outsourcing sign MOU



by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 10, 2024

The Belize City Council and Peak Outsourcing-Belize International Ltd., a business process outsourcing (BPO) company, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Wednesday, July 10, at City Hall in downtown Belize City.

First established in Dumaguete and Makati in the Philippines in 2011, under the name Pinoy Partners Incorporated Limited, Peak Outsourcing expanded its operations to Belize in 2022 and set up its offices on Coney Drive in Belize City, with initially around 120 agents.

The purpose of the MOU is to create a bridge for employment opportunities and career development for the residents of Belize City. Peak Outsourcing will partner with the Belize City Council to not only provide jobs through the MOU, but also provide internship and training programs.

According to Orson Picart, Senior Talent Acquisition Specialist for Peak Outsourcing Belize, the collaboration has been in the pipeline for some time, but faced obstacles along the way; and last week's looming landfall of Hurricane Beryl near the country forced them to delay the signing.

"We had an initial meeting before penning the MOU, making sure that we had visibility across the entire MOU, and the different mechanisms in place to make sure that we can offer gainful employment training and different aspects that 'newbies' and possibly people who are in the BPO sector would need in terms of competences," he said.

"It also has to do with the other community-based initiatives that we're partnering on to make sure that, once again, we could build the competences of qualified individuals to make sure that they have placement. Where there are

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Cotton Tree man charged with 2 counts of abetment to murder

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 10, 2024

Jamal James Hyde, 22, a construction worker from Cotton Tree Village, Cayo District, has been charged in connection with the shooting death of 39-year-old Clint Castillo, a Cotton Tree resident, and the attempted murder of 32-year-old Andrew Muns, which occurred over the weekend.

According to reports, Castillo had been socializing with some men around 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, when an argument between two of his associates escalated into a fight and he tried to be the peacemaker between the two men.

It is alleged that when he did so, Hyde, who is believed to have had a firearm, allegedly handed the firearm to the triggerman, who fired multiple shots at Castillo, killing him instantly. It is alleged that the same triggerman then turned the weapon toward Muns, with whom he had been arguing, and fired gunshots at him.

On Tuesday, police reported that one person was detained and another was being sought, and today it was revealed that Hyde has been captured and charged with two counts of abetment to murder.

When reporters questioned Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams on the matter, he mentioned that the person who shot Castillo and Muns was still being sought by the



Jamal James Hyde, charged



(l-r) Clint Castillo, deceased and Andrew Muns, shooting victim

department, and they had gotten information about his whereabouts, but

865 dengue cases in Belize, says Health Ministry

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Tues. July 9, 2024

Amandala has confirmed with the Ministry of Health that there are over 800 active cases of dengue fever in Belize, particularly in the Toledo District.

"As a country, we have reported 865 dengue cases, 383 lab-confirmed cases, and 482 [clinically] confirmed cases," said Kim Bautista, the Chief of Operations at Vector Control for the Ministry of Health. "75 percent of those cases come from the Orange Walk, Cayo, and Toledo districts. In the Toledo District, the majority of their cases are from Punta Gorda Town and Bella Vista, which geographically is right on the boundary between the Stann Creek and Toledo districts," Bautista additionally mentioned.

According to Bautista, 224 cases, which is 26 percent of all the cases in the country, are in the Toledo District. The Orange Walk District has 197, which is 23 percent of all cases; and there are 225 in Cayo. Earlier this year, the country experienced an extreme heat wave during April and May, but during that time, dengue was still prevalent in the south.

"Now, as we all experienced earlier this year, there was an extensive drought, and there were parts of the country that still had dengue transmission; and that is in Toledo; that is when the outbreak in Toledo started. There was a situation where the municipality was stockpiling tires as part of beach reclamation efforts, and so when we look at the data that our field officers captured, the containers that are most positive for the mosquito that transmits dengue tend to be tires and uncovered drums and buckets and things like that. So, though you have a drought, if you still have the containers out there to breed these mosquitoes, there is the potential for transmission," said Bautista.

He further noted that in 2019, the Americas region saw the highest number of dengue cases: a total of 3.18 million; however, in 2023, that number rose even more—to 4.5 million. Meanwhile, in Belize, an increase of 5 percent has been recorded this year compared to last year.

"There's only a 5 percent increase. So, at week 27 last year, we're looking at 823; and this year, we're looking at 865. So, there's a 5 % increase. However, EpiWeek 18, which is at the end of April ... since the end of April we have been below that threshold, and we have been below the trend last year. So, following the projections that we're

had yet to find him.

"I have personally gone to the mother and asked her to see if she would be able to assist the police in locating her son, and even to the extent of asking her if she would be able to locate him and surrender him to the police. She pledged that she would do her best, so we'll wait to see what happens. In the meantime, we continue our efforts to try and locate him. He's now on our Five Most Wanted list, so you know that he's of great priority to us," he said.

According to ComPol Williams, the murder isn't gang-related, but the men involved in the incident are all friends. However, with the State of Emergency (SOE) in effect in that community, some



Kim Bautista, Chief of Operations at Vector Control

seeing, we were on trend to end the year with a lower number of cases than we had last year," Bautista said.

"... Last year, as a country, we reported 3,054 cases; 1,370 laboratory-confirmed cases and 1,370 clinical. This year, we're at 865. So, if we maintain the current trend, we should be under significantly reduced numbers at the end of this year," he added.

To combat the country's mosquito crisis, 14 trucks are passing through various communities across the country, including San Pedro and Caye Caulker, to spray chemicals that prevent the breeding of mosquitoes. They are targeting over 200 areas with a history of dengue, including the rural and urban areas.

"It is a maximum of four to four and a half hours, because you cannot apply chemicals in using that methodology during the day because it will evaporate. You cannot apply when it is raining; it will not work. And if you apply after it has rained, it would have to be a minimum of one hour after the rain has passed. So, you have maybe from about 5:00 a.m. to about 6:00 to 6:30 in the morning, and then from about 6:00 to about 9:00 in the evening. So, it's a short window that you have to go, and you're driving roughly seven to eight miles per hour to do a proper spray. So, you can imagine that it's a slow process, and the amount of communities you need to cover," he said.

Dengue is also driven by socioeconomic conditions, said Bautista, since there are persons who are living in areas more highly at risk for mosquito-borne transmitted diseases, such as low-lying areas or areas with poor drainage which are affected by climate change.

Bautista shared data from the Ministry's Epidemiological Week, which starts on Sunday and ends on Saturday.

may believe that the SOE is failing, but ComPol Williams thinks otherwise.

"SOEs are not designed to stop every crime occurring. Just like if you have an SOE, and a wife and husband have an issue at home and one kills the other, how do you expect this? So, it's not going to stop that ... The objective of the SOE is to go after the persons known to have continuous problems in the area. It's not just to look at somebody and say, 'Oh, he looks like he has a gun'; or 'Oh, he looks so', and we pick them and lock them. They were in a yard, hanging out, enjoying themselves, and arguments started ... Certain things are going to happen that are going to be outside the preventable reach out of the police," he pointed out.

ComPol sees possible justifiable behavior in viral video

Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams defends his godson, Devon Makin, for his actions committed in the viral video in San Pedro.

by Charles Gladden

SAN PEDRO TOWN, Ambergris Caye, Thurs. July 11, 2024

The Commissioner of Police, Chester Williams, broke his silence on a viral video that made its rounds on social media over the weekend in which his godson, Devon Makin, a police officer stationed in San Pedro Town, is seen aggressively detaining a civilian along with using profanity.

As mentioned in *Amandala* Tuesday’s digital edition, Makin was reportedly in pursuit of two men who were believed to be equipped with firearms and allegedly on their way to commit a crime. A snippet of the incident was captured via cell phone displaying Makin aggressively kicking the San Pedro man once, forcing him to kneel while hurling profanities.

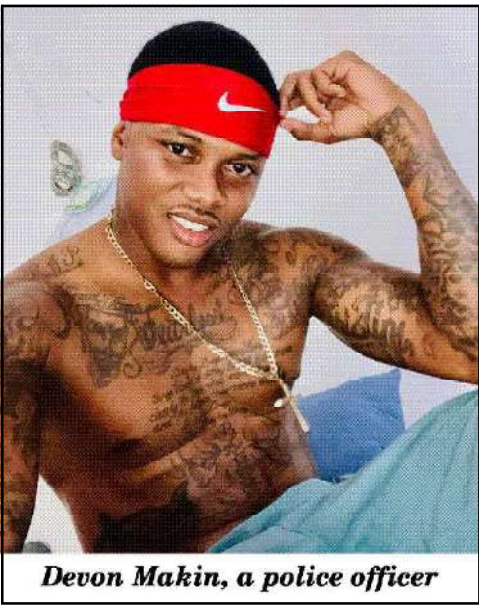
Then Makin pulled out his service-issued pistol and proceeded to pistol-whip the detainee. After doing so once, Makin took two glances at the camera, placed his weapon in its holster, approached the camera, and aggressively ordered the person not to video him, while turning his back to the detainee.

According to ComPol Williams, Makin was off duty and was making his way home when two minors asked for his assistance, because they were being threatened by two men, one of them being the alleged detainee.

After the viral video made its rounds on social media, critics commented that Makin used excessive force. However, in the eyes of ComPol Williams, Makin’s behavior might not be completely unjustifiable.

“He met the one who was seen with him in the video, and the information is that he may be armed. The police would have to take out his weapon to secure his safety as well as the safety of others; and in doing so, what we normally do if we have a suspect who is believed to be armed, is you would put him to kneel down or on the ground on his belly until you are certain that he is safe. The sergeant attempted to do that, but while trying to put the person in either position, the young man was resisting [and he] only had two hands. So, he was holding him with one hand and he had the other, the gun in the other hand, and so he tried to hit him with the other hand, but that’s the hand that had the gun,” he said.

ComPol Williams further mentioned, “We have to look at the situation in its totality. It’s not like the sergeant just went and picked on someone for no reason and just beat him up. There was a complaint made by two minors and even though he



Devon Makin, a police officer



Snippet of the video footage

was off duty, he responded to the calls of these two minors to try and apprehend the individual. Those persons who did the video recording, know exactly what happened; but, as usual, they spliced the video and just released what needed to be released ... If it is that you know that you are so innocent, you have done nothing wrong, and you believe that the police have abused you, then why can’t you come forward and make a complaint?”

In the past, when officers would demonstrate similar behavior they would be nailed to the cross by the ComPol; however, because Makin is his godson, thus the soft tap on the wrist, the public is saying.

“What does that have to do with the price of milk? It has nothing to do with it. If you want to talk about the issue of relatives ... Inspector Martinez, he’s my first cousin, correct? And what happened? My first cousin is more to me than a godson. And if I was able to move quickly on Inspector Martinez, who is my first cousin, then why would I not be able to do so with Mr. Makin? If it were that we were not looking at the thing holistically? Professional Standard Branch is in the picture. They are investigating.

Judgement reserved for constitutional claim against Police Department

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because he dared to question why he was being searched. The Ambergris Caye resident was accompanying 18 tourists waiting to board a Maya Island Air flight.

The claim form for the case was filed on March 22, 2023. The Police Department, via its legal counsel Bart Jones, declined to pay damages of BZ\$30,000 sought by Foster on May 6, 2022. They argued that the version of events of the police officers in question differed from Foster’s narrative.

Foster reported that while waiting on the Maya Island Air compound, a police mobile arrived and two officers approached him to conduct a search. They were later identified as Albert Martinez and Linda Chan. In the cell phone video that Foster managed to capture of the distressing ordeal, the officers are heard using demeaning language and stating that he did not appear to be a tour guide because of how he was dressed. In an attempt to get Foster to stop his recording, Martinez hit him on the arm; and while putting his hand on his gun he threatened, “You want this to get f**g nasty?” Foster was then hit a second time, and that caused his cell phone to fall to the ground and the screen to shatter. The officer even threatened to accuse him (Foster) of assaulting a police officer. Despite it all, Foster did not respond with expletives. Nothing incriminatory was found on him, and Foster alleges that the officers did not apologize for the arbitrary search.

The incident was followed up in June 2022 by Foster, who filed a complaint against the officers at the Professional Standards Branch. However, up to almost nine months after the filing of the claim, Foster had not received any formal response or update on his complaint.

The claim zeroes in on the police’s “wide interpretation of their power to stop and search,” wrote Foster’s attorney, Leslie Mendez, in a statement when the claim was filed. She added that “officers misuse this power to operationalize their prejudices, and adopt all manner of repressive tactics against ordinary citizens ...”

Sought in the claim are damages for constitutional relief, including vindictory damages. Also being sought are 5 declarations, including that the search conducted on Foster was unlawful; that the action of the police to stop him from recording the search was a breach of his fundamental right to protection of the law and freedom of expression; that the manner in which the search was conducted violated his right to dignity and respect as guaranteed under Section 3 of the Belize Constitution; and that he was deprived of an effective remedy because he was not notified about any disciplinary proceedings.

Once the investigation is done, we see how it goes from there,” Commissioner Williams said.

Speaking to the matter of the sergeant addressing bystanders with a camera, the Commissioner said: “When you have a situation like that, Mr. Vasquez [Channel 7 proprietor/journalist], those persons who were recording were part and parcel of the same enterprise of that young man. So not just because he, if a matter of fact, the police could not even have ascertained at that point, if he was armed or not; but the information is that he was armed. The



Leslie Mendez - Attorney-at-Law

Finally, the Court is also being asked to declare that “... the disciplinary proceedings conducted by the Professional Standard Branch under the Belize Police Department fails to meet the requirements to provide an effective remedy to the claimant in that the process lacks transparency, independence and impartiality ...”

Today, High Court Justice Martha Alexander heard closing arguments in the case. After the session, attorney Mendez spoke with *Amandala* about aspects of the case that would be precedent-setting. In the case of the right to record a police officer in the conduct of his or her duties, Mendez says they are arguing that this right is protected in the Constitution of Belize under the right to freedom of expression. She explained, “We are inviting the Court to find that that right encompasses your right to record police officers, because essentially what you’re doing is you’re receiving information, you’re collecting information that is relevant to public officials’ duties and how he carries out those duties.”

Mendez said she has not come across a case in the Commonwealth Caribbean that directly addresses the right to record police officers while on duty. She shared that the cases they relied on to help make their arguments were from courts in Canada and the U.S. They also relied on comments by international bodies regarding the inclusion of the recording of protests and public assemblies within the scope of freedom of expression.

Speaking about Foster’s disposition throughout the case, Mendez said she admires his perseverance given the lengthy process, and that while he had an interest in his matter individually, “he definitely wanted to explore to see how to deal with the systemic issue.”

One of the officers was sanctioned with a fine of \$150. While the claim does not seek penalties for the officers individually, Mendez says they do not consider the fine to be appropriate.

The Belize Police Department was represented by Stanley Grinage and Alea Gomez.

police must act as if he was. Those other persons who were in the immediate area, too posed a threat to the police, because one of them could have well had the gun that the young man had. So, end of the day, for him to have paid attention to them would not be unusual, because when you are in a situation like that, you have to pay attention to everybody, because they don’t know who is who.”

ComPol Williams expressed that if the men are innocent, they should make a complaint to the police station; but the duo have not done so.



Sizable deportation could provoke Bukele-type response

It's not our call to influence who fills the leadership positions in other countries, but it is incumbent on our leaders to consider the implications of foreign elections, particularly those in countries that directly impact us. Especially because we are small, our leaders are usually silent about whom they support, though very often it's clear at home whom they prefer. In a tack away from our usual posture, Belize's present leaders were overtly supportive of President AMLO's successor, Claudia Sheinbaum, maybe because AMLO, a left-leaning leader, has been more supportive of Belize's economic well-being than any leader who has been president in Mexico.

Leaders in big countries aren't coy about where they stand regarding the leadership in other nations. New UK Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, of the left-wing Labour Party, has a cordial relationship with former US president, Barack Obama. In March this year, when Obama visited the previous UK prime minister, Rishi Sunak, of the Conservative Party, for informal talks, Nile Gardiner, in the right wing newspaper, *The Telegraph*, said in a story titled "Obama is no friend of Britain – Sunak should invite Trump," that it was "a reckless move by Downing Street ahead of an impending US presidential election this November, as well as a bad strategic decision to host a left-wing anti-British former president."

It is a worrying promise made to the American people, by Donald Trump of the Republican Party, that if he wins the presidency in November his administration will embark on deporting 15 to 20 million people living in the US illegally. There is no guarantee that Mr. Trump will become the next president, because there is a formidable rival competing for the crown, the present president, Joe Biden, of the Democratic Party. There is also no guarantee that a Trump administration would follow through with the largest mass deportation of people in history. Some experts say it would be impossible to execute such a program.

There are no guarantees in politics. For decades, the Democratic Party has been seen as less hostile to undocumented immigrants, all non-white, and when the US got its first non-white president, Barack Obama, it was anticipated that the pressure on undocumented persons would ease. There are various aspects of the immigration story, but it is not an empty charge by some that Obama turned out to be "deporter-in-chief." It is claimed that his administration sent home more immigrants than any other in US history.

Our system, a capitalist one, has never been able to provide opportunities, or incentivize Belizeans to create opportunities sufficiently, so that our people are content to remain at home. Our economy is fragile, and struggling, and that's why Belizeans have left our shores, sometimes in droves, to seek a better economic life in the US.

Recent data from the Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB) is that our unemployment situation has never been as good as it is now. But the statistics don't tell the full story of what's on the ground. Many consider the SIB's definition of "employed person" to be overly

broad and generalized. Also, there has always been considerable underemployment in Belize, and a massive hike in the price of imported goods has caused more Belizeans to slip into this category. Belizeans are overly dependent on foreign products, especially since our post-independence governments abandoned the "mixed economy" system, and access to foreign television increased our appetite for luxury goods. The majority of our people have fallen into the ranks of the underemployed – with insufficient or barely enough money from our paychecks to buy what we need or perceive as needs.

The present government could point to the fact that our country was in recession for more than 4 consecutive quarters when they took office, that they took office during the Covid-19 pandemic, that a war in Europe and a genocide in Palestine have further disrupted the world economy, that they took over a country in massive debt, and that a couple of our backbone agro-industries aren't doing well. What caused our present economic state and what the present government has done to make things better are important, but only to help us chart a way forward. As it stands at this moment, our economy is unable to withstand any shocks of some severity, such as what mass deportation from the US would cause.

People are a country's greatest resource, if they have a place in the economy. When people can't find a place in the economy, they become a burden. Neither a Trump nor Biden government would send home doctors, engineers, computer technicians/programmers, or other highly skilled Belizeans. They walk on the proverbial red carpet, and many, if not all, have gained citizenship status in the US. The Americans are about increasing the fruits of their economy, so they will hold on to those who help make their economy grow. They won't send back Belizeans who do the jobs that Americans don't want either. Though their work is not nearly as prized, their services are essential.

Primarily, they would be sending back our people whose services are expendable, and those who are involved in illegal activities. Our biggest concern is the return of Belizeans who have been sucked into the world of violent crime. Deportees who had turned criminal so overwhelmed El Salvador that the people there embraced the suspension of basic rights and the incarceration of thousands, under their president, Nayib Bukele. Next door, in Honduras, President Xiomara Castro's government, faced with a similar problem, recently announced plans to construct a large prison with a capacity for 20,000 inmates.

Even if absorbing hundreds of deportees wasn't looming, we should be moving with urgency toward boosting our economy. We have to become more productive. Raising more cattle and selling them on the hoof, and more primary agricultural production, are positive, but the increased stress on our environment has to be considered. More than two decades after cruise tourism became "a thing," we have yet to produce a plan to guide its future.

Paramount for the growth of our economy is that we produce more of the goods that are sold in the grocery stores, and that we make a conscious effort to spend a greater portion of our dollar on products that are made in Belize. For the good of the nation, we must reduce our dependency on foreign luxuries. Our dollars must be spent on tacos and meat pies, products from our cottage industries, local art, locally processed foods and beverages, and the fresh fruit/vegetables/meat/fish produced by our farmers and fisher folk. We must return to planting 10,000 trees each year, to increase our forest cover and so we don't have to import lumber. We must revisit the cooperative system, combining our capital, talent, and labor so we become more competitive. Our government must continue promoting MSMEs, and it must redeploy the technical talents in its employ in the service of small entrepreneurs.

Our economy would be shocked by any sizable deportation. Deportees with no criminal inclinations would be tempted to turn to crime when they can't find economic opportunities in the land of their birth. Already we have to rely on SOEs from time to time to restore order when there is an escalation of violent crimes. If we were "hit" with some plane loads of deportees, it's likely only a Bukele-like response would keep our country from being paralyzed. We can prevent that happening by producing more, spending more of our money on Belizean products, and foregoing foreign luxury goods.



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St. John's College

VACANCIES



Applications are invited to fill the following positions at **St. John's College – High School**:

Full-time:

1) Belizean Studies

2) Computer Science

3) English & Literature

4) Mathematics & Technical Drawing

Part-time (August – November 2024):

5) Mathematics & Technical Drawing

6) Music

7) Physics

Qualifications:

▪ Minimum of an associate degree in the relevant field; bachelor's degree with education preferred.

▪ Formal teacher-training and/or years of teaching or experience in the subject area.

▪ A full and valid license to teach in Belize.

▪ Commitment to the mission of St. John's College as a Catholic, Jesuit Belizean institution.

Remuneration: In accordance with pay scale approved by the Ministry of Education.

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

8) Campus Minister

Responsibilities:

▪ Collaborate with the division head to implement service learning as a co-curricular program and integrated instructional strategy.

▪ Promote the spiritual and educational growth of the campus community through liturgy, sacraments, and religious instruction.

▪ Provide opportunities for all students to expand their knowledge and broaden their understanding of faith and faith traditions through short term study programs and activities.

▪ Allow opportunities for the involvement of parents, faculty, staff, and students in liturgical services.

Qualifications/Requirements:

▪ Minimum of an Associate Degree in Theology, Pastoral Ministry, Divinity, Religious Education, Christian Spirituality, or related field.

▪ At least two years' experience working in an educational/service-oriented setting.

▪ Knowledge of the guidelines and regulations of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Belize.

▪ Experience working in campus ministry, youth ministry or a pastoral setting.

▪ Familiar with the school curriculum.

▪ Self-reliant, creative, innovative, proactive, decisive, and enthusiastic.

▪ Strong commitment to mission, quality, and service to students.

▪ Excellent interpersonal and communications skills.

▪ Computer literate.

▪ Ability to provide leadership and be effective in relationship with others at all levels within the College.

Remuneration: In accordance with pay scale approved by the College.

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

Applications are due **Friday, 26th July 2024**.

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

Human Resources

St. John's College

P.O. Box 548

Belize City, Belize C.A.

E-mail: hr@sjc.edu.bz

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VACANCY

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY


The U.S. Embassy is seeking an eligible and qualified applicant for the following position:

Position Name: Program Specialist (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs)

Vacancy number: Belmopan-2024-12

Closing date: July 28, 2024


To view this vacancy, please scan the QR code or visit the ERA site at <https://erajobs.state.gov/dos-era/blz/vacancysearch/searchVacancies.htm>

For instructions on how to apply via the ERA system, please scan the QR code or visit the U.S. Embassy's website at: <https://bz.usembassy.gov/jobs/>

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

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



BELMOPAN METHODIST HIGH SCHOOL

THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTION:

Social Studies Teacher- (September to November, 2024)

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in the subject area

- At least one year teaching experience at the secondary level

- Willingness to uphold the mission of Belmopan Methodist High School

- Work as part of a team and interact effectively with students, parents and administration

Remuneration:

- Remuneration will be in accordance with the salary scale for teachers and as determined by the Teaching Service Commission.

Application package must include:

• A letter of application and resume

• An original transcript

• Certified copies of diplomas and certificate/s

• Birth certificate or Passport

• Certified copy of Social Security Card

• Recent Police Record

• Valid Teacher's License (Secondary Level)

• Two recent letters of recommendation

Application packages must be addressed to:


Secretary

Board of Governors

Price Center Road

City of Belmopan

Deadline for applications is Monday, July 22, 2024.



SACRED HEART COLLEGE

P.O. BOX 163, SAN IGNACIO, CAYO, BELIZE.
PHONE: (501) 824 -2102; 824 -2758; FAX: 824 - 3759

Vacancy

The following vacancy exist at Sacred Heart Junior College (Beginning August 2024- June 2025)

1. One FULLTIME Information Technology Teacher

Applicants for the above position should have a minimum of a B.S. in Information Technology, or related discipline but graduate degrees would be an advantage, as well as educational background in methodology, teaching experience and/or experience in the field will be an asset.

The following vacancies exist at Sacred Heart College for the post of:

1. One full time English Teacher- (School year 2024-2025)
1st Year Probationary

2. One Temporary Math Teacher- (September – November 2024)

Applicants must have a B.Sc. in the teaching subject area with a Diploma in Education, or B.Ed. in the teaching subject area. Experience in these areas will be an asset.


Remuneration for teachers commensurate with MOE approved salary scales.

Application packages should include the following: a signed letter of application, a copy of a university diploma showing the highest earned degree, official university transcript(s), two named referees, copy of social security card, and a recent police record.

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

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

Deadline for Application: July 19th, 2024



WESLEY COLLEGE

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

- 2 Business Teacher – Full Time
- 1 Belizean Studies Teacher – Full Time
- 1 Science Teacher – Full Time

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

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

Remuneration: In accordance with the Government of Belize pay scale

- Cover letter with resume
- Valid Teacher’s license
- Qualifications (*Original transcripts*)
- Social Security card (*Certified copy*)
- Birth Certificate/Passport (*Certified copy*)
- Medical Certificate (*Original*)
- Police Record (*Original*)
- Two recent character references
- Marriage Certificate (*Where applicable*)
- Work permit (*Where applicable*)

Application Deadline: August 2, 2024

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

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



Chat TOURISM

The Thing that Drives Us

Culture is an invisible force that drives people. It drives people to create, endure, and hope. Culture ensures a collective identity through traditions and information that are both intrinsic and acquired. It aligns the competing forces of past and future, natural and manmade, and the tangible and intangible. The word “culture” was originally defined as “the tilling of land”. Its meaning later developed to include concepts of “care” and “honor” until eventually, it came to imply a sense of cultivation through education and the collective customs and intellectual achievements of a people. Are we only Belizean because we are born here and if we remain here? Arguably, the most powerful parts of Belizean culture are the parts that cannot be seen or measured. Being Belizean is having a unique way of doing, being, and thinking. It includes everything, from the way we season meat, make our fry-jacks, tell Anansi stories to our children, speak entire sentences through our mannerisms, our intolerance for the boastful and ill-mannered, the way we find humor even in the worst situations, and especially our ability to welcome other cultures into our own. Our national symbols tell the world who we are, but it is our culture that reminds *us* of who we always will be.

Culture is not just a driving force of tradition; it is also a compass for navigating the way we take our traditions into the future. As one industry that directly benefits from the preservation of Belizeanism. the Ministry of Tourism and Diaspora Relations (MTDR) actively works to safeguard all aspects of local culture, even as that culture changes to adapt to modern times. For example, last week the MTDR hosted member states of the Mundo Maya Organization at a four-day event in San Ignacio. The Maya, the ancient temples, and their agricultural practices are tied to some of Belize’s most ancient cultural inheritances. The event was to reaffirm the Mundo Maya Organization’s commitment to preserving Maya history and heritage through the development of a strategy for improving travel and trade connections between Belize and other member states such as Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. The symposium was hosted under the theme “**Sustainable Legacies: Exploring Ancient Maya Environmental Adaptations and Resilience**”. Belize currently holds the Honorific Presidency of the Mundo Maya Region until December 2025. The Maya have always been environmentally resilient and innovative. It is no surprise that so much of their environmental ethos has become a part of the broader culture, purveying ancient tradition into our modern economy like seeds of wisdom. A resilient culture is a fluid and flexible culture and a resilient people is one that maintains its culture at home or abroad.

The Belizean diaspora remains bonded to Belize through culture. The Diaspora is attached to the Ministry of Tourism because the Ministry understands that Belizeans living abroad share a yearning for home and a need to remain engaged. What does it mean to any of us if ever we are away and there is a smell, a taste, a sound, or a symbol of something Belizean? Whether we go away to vacation, to study, or to live, our culture never leaves us. The diaspora feels the same need to protect and preserve all the tangible and intangible pieces of Belizean culture. The MTDR and the Belize Tourism Board (BTB) help to ensure that Belizeans abroad have the opportunity to remain connected to home and the culture. The Belizean culture is always the same and always changing because it thrives on creativity, endurance, and hope.

Chat again later.

Jasmine Anderson

For the Belize Tourism Board



Una deportación considerable podría provocar una respuesta tipo Bukele

No es decisión nuestra influir sobre quién ocupa los puestos de liderazgo en otros países, pero corresponde a nuestros líderes considerar las implicaciones de las elecciones extranjeras, particularmente aquellas en países que nos impactan directamente. Especialmente porque somos pequeños, nuestros líderes generalmente guardan silencio sobre a quién apoyan, aunque muy a menudo en casa está claro a quién prefieren. Alejándonos de nuestra postura habitual, los actuales líderes de Belize apoyaron abiertamente a la sucesora del presidente AMLO, Claudia Sheinbaum, tal vez porque AMLO, un líder de tendencia izquierdista, ha apoyado más el bienestar económico de Belize que cualquier líder que haya sido presidente en México.

Los líderes de los países grandes no dudan en decir cuál es su posición con respecto al liderazgo de otras naciones. El nuevo primer ministro del Reino Unido, Keir Starmer, del izquierdista Partido Laborista, mantiene una relación cordial con el ex presidente estadounidense, Barack Obama. En marzo de este año, cuando Obama visitó al anterior primer ministro del Reino Unido, Rishi Sunak, del Partido Conservador, para mantener conversaciones informales, Nile Gardiner, en el periódico de derecha *The Telegraph*, dijo en un artículo titulado “Obama no es amigo de Gran Bretaña – Sunak debería invitar a Trump”, que fue “una medida imprudente de la Calle Downing antes de las inminentes elecciones presidenciales estadounidenses en noviembre, así como una mala decisión estratégica recibir a un expresidente antibritánico de izquierda”.

Es preocupante la promesa hecha al pueblo estadounidense por Donald Trump, del Partido Republicano, de que si gana la presidencia en noviembre, su administración se embarcará en deportar a entre 15 y 20 millones de personas que viven ilegalmente en Estados Unidos. No hay garantía de que Trump se convierta en el próximo presidente, porque hay un rival formidable que compite por la corona, el actual presidente, Joe Biden, del Partido Demócrata. Tampoco hay garantía de que una administración Trump lleve a cabo la mayor deportación masiva de personas de la historia. Algunos expertos dicen que sería imposible ejecutar un programa de este tipo.

En la política no hay garantías. Durante décadas, el Partido Demócrata ha sido visto como menos hostil hacia los inmigrantes indocumentados, todos ellos no blancos, y cuando Estados Unidos tuvo su primer presidente no blanco, Barack Obama, se anticipó que la presión sobre los indocumentados disminuiría. Hay varios aspectos de la historia de la inmigración, pero no es una acusación vacía de que Obama resultó ser el “deportador en jefe”. Se afirma que su administración envió a casa a más inmigrantes que cualquier otra en la historia de Estados Unidos.

Nuestro sistema, uno capitalista, nunca ha sido capaz de brindar oportunidades o incentivar a los beliceños a crear oportunidades lo suficiente como para que nuestro pueblo se contente con quedarse en casa. Nuestra economía es frágil y está en dificultades, y es por eso que los beliceños han abandonado nuestras costas, a veces en masa, para buscar una vida económica mejor en Estados Unidos.

Datos recientes del Instituto de Estadística de Belize (SIB en inglés) indican que nuestra situación de desempleo nunca ha sido tan buena como ahora. Pero las estadísticas no cuentan la historia completa de lo que ocurre en el terreno. Muchos consideran que la definición de “persona empleada” del SIB es demasiado amplia y generalizada. Además, siempre ha habido un subempleo considerable en Belize, y un aumento masivo en el precio de los bienes importados ha provocado que más beliceños caigan en esta categoría. Los beliceños dependen excesivamente de los productos extranjeros, especialmente desde que nuestros gobiernos posteriores a la independencia abandonaron el sistema de “economía mixta” y el acceso a la televisión extranjera aumentó nuestro apetito por artículos de lujo. La mayoría de nuestro pueblo ha caído en las filas de los subempleados, con dinero insuficiente o apenas suficiente de nuestros sueldos para comprar lo que necesitamos o percibimos como necesidades.

El gobierno actual podría señalar el hecho de que nuestro país estuvo en recesión durante más de 4 trimestres consecutivos cuando asumió el cargo,

que asumió el cargo durante la pandemia de Covid-19, que una guerra en Europa y un genocidio en Palestina han perturbado aún más la economía del mundo, que se apoderaron de un país enormemente endeudado y que a un par de nuestras agroindustrias centrales no les está yendo bien. Lo que causó nuestro estado económico actual y lo que el gobierno actual ha hecho para mejorar las cosas son importantes, pero sólo para ayudarnos a trazar un camino a seguir. Tal como está en este momento, nuestra economía es incapaz de soportar cualquier shock de cierta gravedad, como el que causaría una deportación masiva de Estados Unidos.

Las personas son el mayor recurso de un país, si tienen un lugar en la economía. Cuando las personas no pueden encontrar un lugar en la economía, se convierten en una carga. Ni un gobierno de Trump ni de Biden enviaría a casa a médicos, ingenieros, técnicos/programadores informáticos u otros beliceños altamente calificados. Ellos caminan por la proverbial alfombra roja y muchos, si no todos, han obtenido la ciudadanía estadounidense. Los estadounidenses buscan aumentar los frutos de su economía, por lo que se aferrarán a aquellos que ayudan a que su economía crezca. Tampoco devolverán a beliceños que hacen los trabajos que los estadounidenses no quieren. Aunque su trabajo no es tan apreciado, sus servicios son esenciales.

Principalmente, enviarían de regreso a nuestra gente cuyos servicios son prescindibles y a aquellos que están involucrados en actividades ilegales. Nuestra mayor preocupación es el regreso de los beliceños que han sido absorbidos por el mundo de los delitos violentos. Los deportados que se habían convertido en criminales abrumaron tanto a El Salvador que la gente aceptó la suspensión de derechos básicos y el encarcelamiento de miles de personas, bajo su presidente, Nayib Bukele. Al lado, en Honduras, el gobierno de la presidenta Xiomara Castro, enfrentado a un problema similar, anunció recientemente planes para construir una gran prisión con capacidad para 20.000 reclusos.

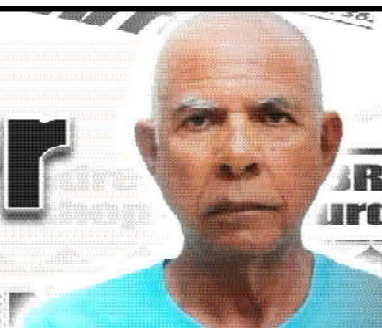
Incluso si no fuera inminente absorber a cientos de deportados, deberíamos estar actuando con urgencia para impulsar nuestra economía. Tenemos que volvernos más productivos. Criar más ganado y venderlo en pie, así como más producción agrícola primaria, son positivos, pero hay que tener en cuenta el aumento de la presión sobre nuestro medio ambiente. Más de dos décadas después de que el turismo de cruceros se convirtiera en “una cosa”, todavía nos falta producir un plan para guiar su futuro.

Lo más importante para el crecimiento de nuestra economía es que produzcamos más bienes que se venden en las tiendas de comestibles y que hagamos un esfuerzo consciente para gastar una mayor porción de nuestro dólar en productos fabricados en Belize. Por el bien de la nación, debemos reducir nuestra dependencia de los lujos extranjeros. Nuestros dólares deben gastarse en tacos y *meat pies*, productos de nuestras industrias artesanales, arte local, alimentos y bebidas procesados localmente y las frutas, verduras, carne y pescado frescos producidos por nuestros agricultores y pescadores. Debemos volver a plantar 10.000 árboles cada año, para aumentar nuestra cobertura forestal y así no tener que importar madera. Debemos revisar el sistema cooperativo, combinando nuestro capital, talento y mano de obra para ser más competitivos. Nuestro gobierno debe seguir promoviendo las MIPYMES y debe redistribuir los talentos técnicos a su disposición al servicio de los pequeños empresarios.

Nuestra economía se vería afectada por cualquier deportación importante. Los deportados sin inclinaciones criminales se verían tentados a recurrir al crimen cuando no puedan encontrar oportunidades económicas en su tierra de nacimiento. Incluso ahora tenemos que depender de vez en cuando de las empresas estatales para restablecer el orden cuando hay una escalada de crímenes violentos. Si fuéramos “golpeados” por algunos aviones llenos de deportados, es probable que sólo una respuesta como la de Bukele evitaría que nuestro país quede paralizado. Podemos evitar que eso suceda produciendo más, gastando más de nuestro dinero en productos beliceños y renunciando a los bienes de lujo extranjeros.

From the Publisher

Evan X Hyde



In *North Amerikkkan Blues*, written in 1971, I tried to explain what had happened to me in America to change my perspective on life in the winter of 1967.

Blessed with a university scholarship from the United States Consulate here in 1965, I did my best to stay out of the American socio-political ferment of the time. To me, African Americans have a different perspective on life from Caribbean people, and black people, generally speaking, from other parts of the world. I think African Americans, for various reasons, are American before they are African (or black).

I was the only student of color in a Dartmouth College fraternity named Zeta Psi. There was one white “brother” in the fraternity who, I could see, disliked black people, but overall things were pretty cool in Zeta Psi.

One night, however, I woke up, having fallen asleep drunk on the Zete floor/carpet, and I heard my white “brothers” criticizing some African American students who had demonstrated that night against the visit to Dartmouth of George Wallace, the segregationist governor of Alabama who was campaigning for the 1968 presidential nomination of the

Democratic Party.

I realized that I had to support my African American brothers who had demonstrated against Wallace, and from there one thing began to lead to another. So that, I ended up basically roots in my life instead of becoming a member of the black bourgeoisie.

From the age of 7, I grew up on West Canal across the street from the family home of the respectable Barrow family, whose patriarch was Ebenezer Oliver Bunting (E. O. B.) Barrow, a high-ranking civil servant who was grandfather to Dean, Denys, and Denise Barrow, who have become

multimillionaire members of Belize's black oligarchy.

But the Southside of Belize City was a strange place up until the 1970s and 1980s, in that roots people lived right next to the black bourgeoisie. So, next to the Barrow family home lived a brother named Godwin Gordon, whom we called “Dino.” His common-law was June Stanford, whom I had taught at Belize Technical College in 1968/69, and I believe it was June’s family who owned or rented the house where Dino and June lived upstairs.

Anyway, in the 1970s, Dino used to lead me and a couple of my younger brothers to the open space at the Newtown Barracks to play “pick side” football. We walked from Bolton Bridge to Newtown, which had been, historically speaking, a place of recreation for roots black people.

The Belizeans who opposed Right Hon. George Price and the PUP, claimed that he was “Latinizing” the country, and that they, led by the NIP, stood for black Belizeans’ interests. But when Mr. Price was finally voted out in 1984, it was not the NIP which replaced the PUP, but a new entity called the UDP, which had been formed in 1973 as an amalgamation of the PDM, the NIP, and a so-called Liberal Party.

And one of the first things the newly empowered UDP did, under the leadership of Hon. Manuel Esquivel, was sell the Newtown Barracks space to the Ramada Hotel group. After that, the PUP, when they returned to power in 1989, grabbed the rest of the Barracks, which had been iconic recreational space for Southside people for many, many decades. The symbolism involved here is stunning. But it is only a few people, like yours truly, who talk about this.

Whatever the case, for maybe five years I've been working on land at a site called Lake Garden just north of Ladyville. It's been a lonely ride, and it is clear that the elitist neighborhood is suspicious of my intentions. I have enough enemies to last a lifetime, so all I have done is try to keep the 7 acres as clean as I can.

This week I ran into a brother in Ladyville who used to participate in our “pick side” games on the Barracks. I hadn’t seen this roots brother for several decades. We were happy to see each other, and the first person’s name he brought up was that of Dino, who had been shot and killed in Los Angeles in the early 1980s. Roots brother and I reminisced about “The Mongolians.”

The sacred Newtown Barracks Club had stood across the street (Princess Margaret Drive) from the Barracks space, which had featured cricket,

UNITED KINGDOM MINISTRY OF DEFENCE.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR ITT: BEL/GE/2401 – PROVISION OF HURRICANE SHUTTERS

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The Estimated Contract Value is between BZ \$125,000- \$195,000.



Figure 2 Example Fully Open



Figure 3 Example Half Closed



Figure 1 Example Fully Closed and locked shut

Expression of Interest (EOI)

Expressions of Interest should be submitted formally by e-mail to the Works Contract Officer (WCO) at daniel.hall545@mod.gov.uk by 1000hrs, 26 Jul 24. In addition, all interested parties are to register on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) at the following website www.contracts.mod.uk.

Tender Issue and Bidders Conference

Selected tenderers will be issued with ITT documentation on 30 Jul 24 and will be invited to attend a Bidder's Conference on 2 Aug 24 (10:00 Hrs) at Price Barracks. This is the sole opportunity for tenderers to visit the site. The conference is limited to a maximum of 2 personnel from each company.


Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation criteria for determining the Commercial Solution will be Lowest price. Potential Bidders will be required to meet the minimum technical and commercial requirements as stated in the ITT.


Key Dates – (subject to change)

EOI Return by:	26 Jul 24
ITT Issue	30 Jul 24
Bidders Conference and site visit	2 Aug 24 (10:00Hrs)
Tender Returns	6 Sep 24
Contract Award	27 Sep 24
Contract Start Date/Mobilisation	11 Oct 24
Contract Completion Date	30 Mar 25

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Works Contract Officer | Defence Infrastructure Organisation
Email: daniel.hall545@mod.gov.uk



STANN CREEK ECUMENICAL COLLEGE
TEACHING VACANCIES
2024 – 25



Stann Creek Ecumenical College invites applications for the following teaching posts, effective August 19, 2024:

1. Teacher of Spanish (1), **TEMPORARY (2 Years)**
2. Teacher of Spanish (2), **TEMPORARY (3 Months)**
3. Teacher of Mathematics/Science (1), **TEMPORARY (1 Year)**
4. Teacher of Physical Education (1), **TEMPORARY (1 Year)**
5. Teacher of Music (1), **PERMANENT**

Qualifications:

- (a) Minimum of an Associate’s Degree in the subject area; Bachelor’s Degree with teacher training preferred
- (b) Minimum of three years teaching experience at the secondary level

Application package must include:

- i. A letter of application and resume
- ii. Certified copies (signed and stamped by a Justice of the Peace) of the applicant’s:
 - Diplomas or Certificates
 - Birth Certificate or passport;
 - Certified copy of Social Security Card;
 - Marriage or Divorce Certificate (where applicable)
 - Work Permit (where applicable)
- iii. Sealed transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended
- iv. Medical certificate
- v. Police Record (original)
- vi. Teacher’s Licence
- vi. Two recent recommendation letters (original)

4. SALARY
In accordance with government pay-scale

Please note that applications by e-mail will not be accepted.


Application packages must be addressed to:

Chairman,
Board of Governors
Stann Creek Ecumenical College
P.O. Box 84
Dangriga

Closing Date for Applications is Wednesday, July 24, 2024



SAINT CATHERINE ACADEMY
Compelled by Mercy • Inspired by Faith • Educational Courage • Principled Leadership • A Voice for Dignity and Respect
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Tel: 501-223-1758/4908 Website: www.sca.edu.bz
E-mail: administration@sca.edu.bz



Vacancies

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

Post: Support Staff

- IT Technician/Server Manager

Teaching Post - Permanent Faculty:

- Social Studies /Caribbean History
- English
- Religion
- Spanish
- Mathematics
- Chemistry

Duties of teachers:

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

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

Minimum Qualifications:

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

Application package must include application letter along with Resume, copies of relevant transcripts, 2 Letters of References, Police Record and valid teaching license.

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

Deadline: The deadline for applications is **July 19, 2024**. Packages may be addressed to

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

A MERCY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION



Independence High School
Independence Village
Stann Creek District
Tel: 523-2220
Email Address ind_highschool@yahoo.com

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

Temporary Positions (3 Months)

- 1 Belizean Studies/History Teacher
- 1 Spanish Teacher
- 1 English Teacher

Permanent Positions:

- 1 English Teacher
- 1 Counselor
- 1 Expressive Arts Teacher


A Bachelor Degree in the respective subject area is preferred. However, applicants in possession of an Associate Degree may apply. In addition, experience in teaching at CSEC level would be an asset.

Applicants for the Counselor Position must be in possession of a Bachelor Degree in Social Work or Counselling.

Applicants for the teaching positions must be in possession of a valid teaching license. Salary is based on qualification and experience and is in accordance with Government’s pay scale. Completed application package should be forwarded by **Tuesday, July 16, 2024** to:

Secretary
Board of Governors
Independence High School
Independence Village
Stann Creek District

Applicants will be interviewed at the high school on Thursday July 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE R.C. HIGH SCHOOL VACANCY

A vacancy exists at Our Lady of Guadalupe R.C. High School, Belmopan, for the following post for the school year 2024-2025:

➤ **Teacher of Mathematics**

Teaching position may include extracurricular responsibilities (supervising athletic programmes, moderating student houses and clubs, mass preparation, etc.)

QUALIFICATIONS

- First Degree in the relevant field(s) preferred
- Associate Degree may be considered
- Ability to work and communicate effectively with students, staff and administration
- Knowledge, competence and expertise in using technology in teaching
- High motivation and commitment to teaching
- Must be in possession of a **valid Teacher’s license**

SALARY

Based on qualifications and in accordance with the Government Payscale

The deadline for submission of applications is July 26th, 2024. Application letters along with a current curriculum vitae, valid teacher’s license, original transcript, certified copies of degrees, certified copy of social security card, marriage/divorce certificate, a medical report, letter of release and two recent letters of reference should be sent to:

Email: hrc@ologh.edu.bz
Principal
Our Lady of Guadalupe R.C. High School
P.O. Box 479
CITY OF BELMOPAN

Six hours away from big trouble

by Colin Hyde

The government should pass a law giving it license to commandeer “ALL sturdy hotels and private buildings not used as homes” in coastal areas when there is a threat of a big hurricane. In the fully public domain, by itself the City Center in Belize City could handle 10,000 in a crisis. Mass evacuation is unnecessary when so many safe spaces are about. The private structures should be released from their obligation IMMEDIATELY after the ALL CLEAR is given.

I don’t know how far inland the storm surge would be a problem, but people who experienced Hattie could say. Backwater is another issue, a concern, but storm surge is where the terror is. There are hundreds of structures near the coast in Belize that are as much a “fortress” as the Mayan temples. My, my, there’s so much irony in life. If some uncaring so-and-so built one of these ugly cement structures in front of your home, you curse them for blocking out your glorious sea breeze, but bless them during hurricanes. Your house could be biscuit, nothing will happen to it if it is buffered by some of these beasts. Well, I might be exaggerating a little.

It’s the season for roofers. Noh put no fat guys up there; that job is for wiry people. GoB should make available a little subsidy for people living in coastal

areas so everyone sleeping under zinc roofs can get someone up there to secure all zinc sheets that aren’t properly stapled down.

Getting to the title of my piece, the meteorologists seem to get better with their predictions every year. They are having some difficulty figuring out why some of these strong winds blow up and become fierce beasts so quickly, but they are on the button with the general course of storms. These individuals are brilliant, but humble, a tremendous combination. Bully, they never play God and tell us exactly where the hurricane will hit. They predicted, rightly, a WNW course for Beryl; but for days before she reached shore in Central America, the cone included, at times, from down south Belize to the north tip of Yucatan.

Please don’t ever play like any kind of god with these storms. Just a little wobble can set us up for catastrophe. At 9:00 p.m. on July 4, the Weather Underground hurricane track chart had Beryl at 19.5 N, 84.3 W. At 3:00 in the morning, six hours later, the coordinates were 19.6 N and 85.5 W. Over 6 hours it moved 0.1 degree north (about 7 miles), and 1.2 degrees west (about 83 miles). During that 6-hour period, Beryl was traveling due west, not west by northwest. If she had wobbled to the south during that 6-hour period, by 1 degree, she would have smack dab lined up with Corozal Town.

Reporter bullying chart deserves the prize

Last week’s *Reporter* featured on page 13 a chart on bullying which covers all the bases. Far too often “agendas” excise the sins people want to protect, exposing only the sins they aren’t guilty of. Those not in the pugilistic arts vehemently rain damnation on physical bullying, while there is nary a word about the savage psychological bullying that busts up hearts, not bones. Congratulations to whoever put their mind or minds to work on that chart; you hit every nail on the head.

In the physical category, “*Taking someone’s things*” is up there, and we all know about that and have experienced it at some time. Nobody baan big and muscular; even the baddest physical bullies have had to bow to a kecha. It has been said that people who have experienced the worst physical bullying grow up to vent their wrath on others, physically. Of course, that doesn’t apply to all bullied people. Ah, some never get strong enough to physically bully anyone. Agh, some in that subgroup are the dangerous ones who are likely to excel in the psychological bullying. Some bullied people grow muscles enough to bax down the one who bullied them; but instead of being mean, they are as meek as lambs, full a love.

In the chart we find FIVE full examples of psychological bullying: *telling lies about someone, making fun of someone, threatening someone, calling someone names, leaving someone out*. These are the cruel heartbreakers, vicious words that break down people’s spirits. Just thinking about that psychological bullying makes me feel very rrrrrrr. Lastly, there is “*hurting someone*”, and we know that could go in either category.

On the same page with the bullying categories was an ad with contact lines to report domestic violence, child abuse, and elderly abuse. Those are all important issues in our country, areas where we have to improve.

Slipping in something today on domestic violence, it’s an area where the focus is for the most part confined to physical bruises, and the too often occurrences of horrific violence. The physical story has to be at the fore, but it’s a category where the psychological isn’t given the attention it should get. It might be that the non-physical side of domestic violence is “swept under the rug” to prevent anyone from forming it inside their head that their physical actions could be justified. I don’t think that’s sufficient. Hitting a woman, or worse, is off limits. That is physical abuse. For the good of our society, we should put some emphasis on the mental story. We have to, to prevent things escalating to the physical.

Being unfair to farmers and market vendors

In the farming world, there came a time when I asked my uncle how it was that

I, who labored so hard, wholesaled my product for so much, and when I went to market the vendors sold my product for more than double my price. With the wisdom of the world, the way things work in the capitalist world, my uncle told me if I had a beef I should set up my own stall. He said the math behind the market vendor was different from the math of the farmer. I didn’t have to expend much thought on that one. It’s right on the surface.

I congratulate the young lady who was so kind to share her mangoes with everyone, for free. I hope that all who got mangoes from her didn’t have money in their pockets to buy from the vendors with their little stalls on the street side. Now, before I go on, yes, I like free mangoes. There, I’ve established that I’m a sinner too. Whoa there, it is important to know when we are sinning, and when we’re not; and when we are, to not brag, feel proud about it. Oh, of course the young lady is a saint in all this. Hopefully, all of us who received tasty fruits are in the saint category too.

Understandably, very few people were happy about tomatoes and hot peppers being sold for some crazy high prices. It happens sometimes in the capitalist system. I guess the people who complained don’t know what caused the price of those products to be so high, have no idea how many farmers lost their shirts to make the prices shoot up that way. See, we came through some severe dry, and heat extremes rarely experienced in Belize. Many of those vegetables we love aren’t native to Belize. I guess only the farmers who are rich enough to create artificial environments got a crop. Most of our farmers lost big time.

Does anyone say to farmers when the wholesale price of tomatoes goes down to 5 and 10 dollars per bucket, as it does very often around the middle of the year, here Bro, hold this little extra so you can pay for gas to go home? Sometimes we need to check ourselves. Bah, there’s a lot of information out there that isn’t sinking in. Please, you can’t like capitalism when the vegetable is \$5 a bucket, and hate it when it is \$6 a pound. There’s a word or term for that.

It was Waari Head

In a recent piece I said it would have been a good idea for the brain trust to have siphoned off some of the money from the climate-resilient GCP Highway between Roaring Creek and Santa Elena, Cayo, and invested it in a parallel road on the south side between Iguana Creek Bridge and Roaring Creek, and for the new Roaring Creek Bridge to connect that road to the Hummingbird. Correction, it’s the bridge at Warree Head, not Iguana Creek.



Vacancy at Julian Cho Technical High School



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

1 IT Technician/Teacher – Temporary (August – November 2024)

Qualification for Teacher:

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

Application package must include:

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

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

Application packages must be addressed to:

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

ELECTRONIC PACKAGES CAN ALSO BE EMAILED TO:
jcths.secretary2@yahoo.com
principaljctech@gmail.com


PLEASE NOTE THAT A HARD COPY OF APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST BE PRESENTED ON DAY OF INTERVIEW IF SHORTLISTED.

Deadline for applications is Monday, July 29, 2024.



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Belize Water Services

NOTICE TO MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS

No.: 202406-27-1

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Notice is hereby given that the 23rd Annual General Meeting of Belize Water Services Limited (BWS) will be held at the SCA Mercy Center Auditorium on Friday, August 30, 2024 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Shareholders who wish to appoint a proxy, may submit written questions to shareholderinfo@bwsl.com.bz by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16, 2024.

DIVIDENDS:
The Board of Directors of BWS is pleased to announce dividends of 7.5 cents (\$0.075) per share (equivalent to 5%) for the year ending March 31, 2024.

Shareholders are reminded that this year's dividend payments are being paid via direct deposit to your bank or credit union account. If you have not yet provided BWS with your banking information, please email, call or WhatsApp message us to obtain the banking update form. The completed form must be returned to BWS no later than Friday, July 12, 2024. Direct Deposit payments will be processed by August 4, 2024.

For shareholder information, kindly contact us at:
Email: shareholderinfo@bwsl.com.bz; Telephone: +501-222-5155; or send a WhatsApp message to 613-5382.

BWS: Delivering Water and More...

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS

ISSUE NUMBER 10/2024

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be \$64,391,800.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of \$200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Tuesday, 23 July 2024 and will be redeemed on Tuesday, 22 October 2024.

Each tender must be for \$200 or a multiple of \$200 and must specify to five decimal places the amount which is offered for each one hundred dollars face value of the Bills sought.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 19 July 2024.

The auction in the CSD will be open from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Tuesday, 23 July 2024.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

Bank: Central Bank of Belize
Account: GL1CORP0402627

The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE

Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website (www.centralbank.org.bz)

PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

BOLEDO

Press Predictions: 38-12-53
Boledo stats from 12th July to 19th July, 2024
In Boledo news, there are only 13 numbers left: 01-11-12-15-29-30-38-40-44-53-64-71 & 89. These are my lucky numbers for this week: 14, 40, 12, 38, 53 and 89. These are my lucky Jackpot numbers: 5801-2713-8233. These are my lucky Pick-3 numbers: 421-307-596-022-928. Get ready, Belize! Some mad dinero will be coming our way this week. A lot of high numbers made up the Jackpot last Sunday. 4 low numbers are the missing numbers. 11 is the only double that is left to play right now. 73-56-47-42-24-39 & 67 played a lot. Keep your eyes open for 11 & 01. The seventies series loves to play on Sundays. Good luck to all buyers! And remember to read your Psalms: 72, 91 and 63, with 92 for those bad weathers. Next week, more stats.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

Port Loyola FC is stronger for CONCACAF
Local football update and predictions
In the local football update, the new season is just 2 weeks away. There will be 8 teams again. Altitude FC will be out, and the San Pedro Pirates will be in. Then Port Layola FC, the defending champion, will face off with Antigua of Guatemala in 18 days' time, on the 30th of July at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan at 8:00 p.m. Then the other game will be on the 8th of August against Honduras' power house, Olympia. Then they hit the road to Panama on the 14th of August and El Salvador on the 22nd. Charlie Slusher, Port Layola FC's manager will be the new national "A" team coach. It's a well-deserved job. Port Layola FC has acquired Rene Leslie & the three Columbian players from Altitude FC: star striker Andres Orozco, Miguel Garcia & goalkeeper Secko Palomino; Peruvian midfielder Mateo is back with the team also. Next week, more stats.

LOCAL BASKETBALL

Game 3 should be played over free for fans
Local basketball finals/results
In local basketball action, the first BEBL best-of-5-games Finals series has some controversy. The game 3 should be played over because of the desk



by Gilroy "Press" Cadogan



Nigel Jones



Victor Evans & Glency Lopez
aka "Coupe"

Tour de FRANCE


African Biniam Girmay has won 2 stages
Tour de France results and predictions.
In the 121st Tour de France results, African Biniam Girmay leads the Tour de France after 8 stages. He won 2 stages already on a sprint finish. He becomes the first black man to win a stage race in the Tour de France. He still leads the Tour at the moment, but he better know how to climb the hills pretty well because




Biniam Girmay

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**LADYVILLE TECHNICAL
HIGH SCHOOL
VACANCIES**



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

- **Food & Nutrition/Food & Beverage/Customer Service Teacher (Full time)**
- **Mathematic/Physics Teacher (August – November 2024)**
- **Caretaker (Full time)**
- **Cafeteria Cook**
- **Cleaner (Part-time)**
- **Business Teacher (Full time)**

Teachers’ Qualifications:

- Bachelor/ Associates Degree in the specified subject area
- Applicants must have a valid Teaching license
- Experience in teaching at the CXC level would be an asset
- Experience in Competency Based Program

Caretaker requirements:

- Basic skills in plumbing, construction, general repairs, etc.
- Landscaping experience

Cafeteria Cook requirements:

- 3 yrs. of cooking experience in a professional kitchen
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Planning and preparing nutritious meals
- Experience with large quantity catering
- Flexible working hours

Cleaner requirements:

- Experience in cleaning & sanitizing
- Flexible working hours

Other Professional Requirements

- Good interpersonal and communication skills with students and colleagues
- Commitment to education
- Self-motivated
- Possesses sound ethical principles and values
- Willingness to participate in extra-curricular activities

Teachers’ positions: Letter of application with curriculum vitae, two letters of recommendation, certified copies of Teacher’s License, Social Security Card, Birth Paper, Qualifications, Official Transcript, original Police Record and Ministry of Education Medical Certificate form

Caretakers’ position: Letter of application, two letters of recommendation from past employer, certified copy of Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, original Police Record.

Cafeteria Cooks’ position: Letter of application, two letters of recommendation from past employer, certified copy of Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, original Police Record, Food Handlers Certificate.

Cleaners’ position: Letter of application, two letters of recommendation from past employer, certified copy of Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, original Police Record.

Salary
Salary according to Government pay scale

Deadline for application is July 12, 2024.

Complete packages can be forwarded to:

**Chair
Ladyville Technical High School
9 ¼ Miles Philip Goldson Highway
Ladyville, Belize District
Belize, C.A.**

Griga man dies after motorbike hits dead cow

by Charles Gladden


DANGRIGA, Stann Creek District, Wed. July 10, 2024

After fighting for his life for a little over three days, a Dangriga resident who on Friday, July 5 was thrown to the ground when his motorbike hit a dead cow near Mile 4 on the Southern Highway, passed away due to his injuries.

It is being reported that the cow was killed at around 11:00 p.m. that Friday, when a pickup heading to Dangriga Town hit it while it was wandering in the middle of the street. The dead cow was reportedly hit again by another pickup truck after it was placed on the opposite side of the road, and it was shortly after that second hit that 26-year-old Lokenver Montero, who was riding a motorcycle, approached and collided with the dead cow. This caused him to lose control of the motorbike, and he was flung onto the pavement.

He suffered head and body injuries and was taken to the Southern Regional Hospital, where he remained hospitalized until his passing on Tuesday, July 9.

Reports are also indicating that residents of the area had seen the cow wandering alongside the highway some hours before it was hit. Stray animals on the highway, some of which escape from their owners, are a serious hazard, especially at night, as they are at risk of being killed by oncoming vehicles which may also result in the loss of life of the driver and passengers.



Lokenver Montero, deceased

YWCA elects new Board of Directors

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 10, 2024


Fourteen new members of the Young Women’s Christian Association (Y W C A) Belize’s board of directors were elected for 2024-25 after being selected as candidates during the YWCA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Lurleen Betson Gamboa will be serving as the board’s president, Phillipa Sebastian Cadle as the first vice-president, and Jennifer Smith as the second vice-president, while Marilyn Ordonez is the board’s treasurer, and Jenean Sabal is the secretary.

The nine other elected members of the board are Margaret Rose Williams, Leni Ysaguirre McGann, Sheryl Terry, Jennifer Cayetano, Bernadette Ellis, Marsha Castillo Price, Aria Sylvestre, Danae Hutchinson, and Leah Enriquez.

The AGM was held on Thursday, June 27, under the theme “YWCA: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers, Blossoming Women and Community.”

In 1956, the YWCA opened its doors in Belize. It is located on St. Thomas Street, Belize City, and provides a range of services and programs to women of all ages.





**Vacancy exists at *Pallotti High School*
for the following post:**



1 Full-time English/Literature Teacher

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

Please send cover letter and resume to:

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


Deadline for Application: July 19, 2024

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Princess Margaret Drive
P.O. Box 539 - Tel: 203-2248 - Email: nhs@nazarenehighbz.org
Belize City, Belize, C.A.

VACANCIES

Qualified individuals are encouraged to apply for the following teaching positions available for the 2024 – 2025 Academic Year.

- Business Teacher - Permanent
- Spanish Teacher - Permanent
- Biology Teacher – Permanent
- Basic Electrical Technology Teacher - Permanent
- Belizean Studies/Caribbean History Teacher – Permanent
- English Teacher – 1 year (temporary)
- Mathematics Teacher (September-November)
- Life Skills / Counsellor (September – November)

Qualifications Requirement:

- Bachelor's Degree or higher in related field.
- Flexibility in offering two or more subject areas will be considered a tremendous asset.


All completed application packages must include:

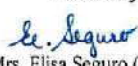
- 1) Application letter with Curriculum Vitae
- 2) Official Transcript/s
- 3) Copies of all certificates
- 4) Valid Teachers License
- 5) One letter of recommendation from a Pastor or a church elder
- 6) One letter of recommendation from last employer
- 7) One character reference letter from a reputable person
- 8) Recent police record
- 9) Medical Certificate
- 10) Birth Certificate/Passport
- 11) Valid Social Security card

All copies **MUST** be certified

All applications should be hand delivered by **Friday 12th July, 2024** addressed to:

Chairperson
Nazarene High School
Princess Margaret Drive
Belize City, Belize





Mrs. Elisa Seguro (Ed. D.)
Principal

"I WILL GO IN STRENGTH OF THE LORD GOD." PS. 71:16



Vacancy at Julian Cho Technical High School



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

1 Math Teacher – Permanent

Qualification for Teacher:

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

Application package must include:

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

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

Application packages must be addressed to:

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

ELECTRONIC PACKAGES CAN ALSO BE EMAILED TO:
icths.secretary2@yahoo.com
principaljctech@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE THAT A HARD COPY OF APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST BE PRESENTED ON DAY OF INTERVIEW IF SHORTLISTED.

Deadline for applications is Monday, July 22, 2024.

Executive Director

About MCA

The Government of Belize (GoB), together with the Millennium Challenge Corporation ("MCC"), is in the process of establishing an independent executing agency called the Millennium Challenge Account – Belize (MCA-B). MCC is a U.S. government agency focused on assisting countries and is dedicated to good governance, economic freedom, and investing in people. The MCA-B, located in Belize City, will be created by an act of Parliament to undertake the rights, obligations, and responsibilities of the Government of Belize under the Compact.

Executive Director position objective

The Government of Belize (GoB) is looking for an **Executive Director** to lead the operations unit of MCA-Belize (MCA-B). The Executive Director is responsible for starting up the MCA-B, the direct management of the MCA-B's project and operational support functions and serving as the primary representative of the MCA-B in the country to stakeholders and MCC. The Executive Director will be responsible for the overall implementation of the Compact Program in Belize and will provide highlevel executive leadership and management for the MCA-B office. The Executive Director is accountable to the MCA-B Board of Directors and will report to the board regularly.

Required Competencies

- Must hold a Master's degree or equivalent advanced degree in economics, development, business administration, engineering, education, public administration, or other relevant area
- Fifteen (15) or more years' experience in a senior management position in a reputable organization, private sector company, or government.
- Demonstrated experience and proven skills in managing a large organization or program with a multi-million USD budget and permanent staff of at least fifteen (15) personnel.
- Demonstrated capacity to build and maintain productive relationships with various stakeholders from government, civil society, NGOs, private sector, and international donors
- Outstanding organizational skills and the ability to work in large, multi-cultural teams
- Familiarity with project management systems
- Familiarity with the education and/or electricity sector
- Experience in managing annual budgets of USD 10 million or higher
- Fluency and excellent written and verbal communication skills in English

How to apply

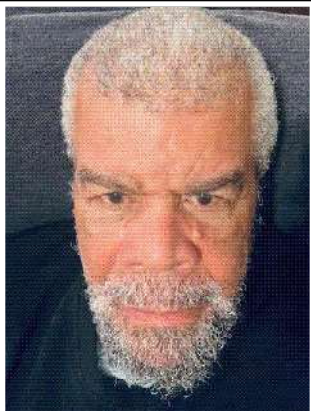
To access positions' profile requirements and submit applications, please visit <https://belize-jobs.tenderwell.app/>. The following documents should accompany applications:

1. Curriculum vitae containing detailed work experience;
2. Cover letter confirming interest and availability;
3. Soft copies of higher education and professional certificates (if available).

If you encounter challenges when applying online, please contact belize@developmentaid.org for assistance.

The closing date for receiving applications is **19 July 2024**. Only **applications received through the online portal (Tenderwell) will be considered**. Any applications received through other channels will not be considered. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews.

Should I go or should I stay?



Monday, July 8, 2024

I know that the press can be like a lion stalking its prey, indefatigable, unrelenting and insatiable! Once you're caught in that grip, between its jaws, escape is almost impossible. I usually become very upset at the press sometimes, but in the case of Joseph R. Biden, they are absolutely right! For those of you who read my columns, you know that I'm rabidly anti-Trump, that for me he has no redeeming virtues. I also have been a fervent Biden supporter, and still am. But after last

week's debate, I have joined the throng calling for him to step down! For the greater good, and to prevent us from living under authoritarian rule!

I was very surprised and absolutely disappointed by his inexplicable, meandering responses to the questions that were asked of him, and also by his interactions with the Crimson King, who was very careless with facts and figures, as he's wont to be, every chance he gets. His mendacity is unequalled in American politics. All his equivocations, his blatant disregard for facts, have been ignored because of Joe's alarming and un-reassuring performance!

This good man has been overwhelmed by age, the pressures and stress of being president! He has done an incredible job as president; I won't mention his many accomplishments in the last three and a half years, but it's all been positive! Sure, inflation has gutted

our pocketbooks, but that is a worldwide phenomenon, brought on by the plague and its aftereffects! He has served this country honorably, for over 50 years, and even though Republicans tried to tar him with the stink of corruption that is so rampant with their guy, the Orange Orangutan, it didn't stick, because it was not true! What a ting.

I believe that this decent, patriotic man should step down and let someone else carry the load. Even Jesus needed help carrying the cross to Calvary! It is time to put country over pride and chutzpah! It is time to let someone more energetic, more cognizant of the threat that Trump poses, confront him on his lawlessness, his unquenchable lust for power!

There is something more important than loyalty to a person, and that is loyalty to one's country! To always want what is best for us collectively, not

individually. As the old saying goes, no man is an island!

Many of my friends will disagree with me, but I remember the chaos of Trump's rule 2017-21, and I'm positive that it would be worse if he was ever elected again! We cannot afford to find out!

So, Joe, please read the room, the writing on the wall, and do the honorable thing, before it's too late. If you remain the candidate, I will support you 100%! But I'm afraid the unwashed masses would prevail, and then what?

Glen

From the Publisher

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football, track and field, gymnastics, swimming, and even horse racing. I believe the famed mahogany contractor named Ben Stuart had been a big part of the building of the Newtown Barracks clubhouse. But when Hurricane Greta struck in 1978, as relatively mild as Greta was, Ben Stuart was dead, and the badly damaged clubhouse, for some reason(s), was never repaired. This apparently created the opening for Ramada in the consciousness of all those black UDP Cabinet members who sold the Barracks in 1985 or so.

I remember in those "pick side" football games in the 70s, sometimes MCC superstars like the late Rungu Glynn would show up, but there were also participants in the games who were underworld figures, so to speak. So sometimes we would say to each other, when a regular player was missing: where is so and so? "New York" would be the answer. You would have to read between the lines.

Those were fun days. If Greta is responsible for Ramada, then Greta was worse than we ever believed. Just some food for thought in 2024 Belize.

MEGA AUCTION SALE

Licensed and Certified Auctioneer, Sheldon N. C. Arnold
will sell the following properties with reserve prices.

BELIZE DISTRICT PROPERTY -TO BE AUCTIONED AT HUMMINGBIRD FURNISHINGS COMPOUND IN THE CITY OF BELMOPAN ON WEDNESDAY JULY 24TH. 2024 AT 10:00AM



Location: Lot No. 295, Mile 16, situated in Maxboro area, Belize District.
Description: On the property is a single storey residence having four bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, living, dining, office, kitchen, utility, garage and storeroom. Building has a total area of 3772 sq.ft being the freehold interest of Rodolfo Gutierrez.

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT PROPERTY -TO BE AUCTIONED AT HUMMINGBIRD FURNISHINGS COMPOUND IN THE CITY OF BELMOPAN ON WEDNESDAY JULY 24TH. 2024 AT 10:00AM



Location: Block 4 Parcel 140/1, Yo Creek Village, Orange Walk District.
Description: On the property is a single storey residence having 4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining and kitchen, the floor area 1313sq.ft, lot measures, 1599.27 sq.yds, being the leasehold interest of Florentino Cal.



Location: Block 4, Parcel 3091/1, Orange Walk Town.
Description: On the property is a single storey building having 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living, dining and kitchen. It has reinforced concrete foundation. Land measures 555.56 sq.yds and building floor measures 727 sq.ft. being the leasehold interest of Kenis Garcia.

STANN CREEK DISTRICT PROPERTIES - TO BE AUCTIONED AT HUMMINGBIRD FURNISHINGS COMPOUND IN THE CITY OF BELMOPAN ON WEDNESDAY JULY 24TH. 2024 AT 10:00AM



Location: Lot No.38 situated in Sarawee Village, Stann Creek Valley Road, Stann Creek District
Description: land comprising 928.135 square metres being the freehold property of Nicholi Fernandez.

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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES & VEHICLE

Consejo Village, Corozal District; Hattieville, Potts Creek/Salt Creek, Belize District; Georgeville Village, San Ignacio, Cayo District; Dangriga, Stann Creek District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Atlantic Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties. **Sales currently running until 30th September 2024. Public Auction Sales will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties and vehicle are sold.**

A: COROZAL DISTRICT:

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



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

B. BELIZE DISTRICT:

1. 995 Acres situate at Intersection Potts Creek Road & Western Boundary of Salt Creek Work, Belize District:



ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land containing 995 acres situated on the intersection of Potts Creek Road and the western boundary of Salt Creek Work TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Freehold property of Messrs. Smuggler’s Run Holdings Limited)

2. Lot No. 307 Hattieville Village, Belize District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 307 situated at Belizean American Site near Mile 17 ½ South of George Price Highway, Hattieville Village, Belize District comprising 613.44 square meters TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon. (Freehold property of Mr. Sean Delroy Nicholas)

C: CAYO DISTRICT:

1. PARCEL NO. 752 BLANCANUEUX STREET- SAN IGNACIO, CAYO DISTRICT:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Ignacio North	23	752
Freehold property of Mr. Antonio Novelo.		

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



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

D: STANN CREEK DISTRICT

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga South	31	44
Freehold property of Messrs. Dangriga Cable Vision.		

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



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga South	31	61
Freehold property of Messrs. Dangriga Cable Vision.		

Vehicle - VIEWING BY APPOINTMENT



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The Sleepwalking Defense

by Joey Garcia

Thursday, July 11, 2024

If I say, “sleepwalker,” does your mind conjure an image from the movies or cartoons of a person walking robotically, arms outstretched, eyes closed, unaware of their surroundings or actions?

Before the rise of the data-based science called sleep medicine, sleepwalking was considered a mysterious phenomenon. Movies, theatre productions, novels, and other fantasy-rich arts played on people’s lack of knowledge. The dramatic arts imprinted dramatic images on the general public’s minds, leading people to misunderstand and, in criminal cases, attempt to misuse the facts about this rare sleep disorder.

What is called the “sleepwalking defense,” is actually a legal argument that a criminal defendant isn’t at fault because they acted while in a sleeplike state, without consciousness or intent to

commit a crime. It has proved successful occasionally in the U.S.—one time each in 1846, 1879, 1920—and once in the 20th century in 1987. But as science about sleep and sleep disorders has evolved, the sleepwalking defense has been tossed out of courts around the world.

Godfrey Smith, the attorney for triple-murderer Jared Ranguy, has suggested sleepwalking as the reason Ranguy murdered his stepfather, Robert Vellos; his mother, Karen Skeen Vellos; and his sister, Teena Skeen at the family’s home in Ladyville. In March 2024, Ranguy pleaded guilty to the November 2012 murders. To raise a sleepwalking defense is to conjure doubt about Ranguy’s intent: Did he *intend* to kill his family members in cold blood?

What is not being discussed is that the introduction of a sleepwalking defense might impact the judicial system of Belize. If it persists, sleepwalking might be used for any crime in Belize without the proof required in countries

where the sleepwalking defense has already been rejected. To fully understand the issues at hand, we must examine the nature of sleep.

When we sleep, our bodies move through three stages. The first, which lasts about ten minutes, occurs right after we fall asleep, and in this stage we can be awakened easily. Next, our muscles relax, and our brains move into slow wave activity. The final stage is deep sleep. It takes us 20-40 minutes to fully enter the third stage of sleep, and although there may be body movement, it’s very difficult to wake someone. The body cycles through these stages four to five times each night.

Sleepwalking occurs in stage three. Since the somnambulist (the medical term for a sleepwalker) is in a deep state of sleep, they usually don’t respond when spoken to. If they do speak, it’s incoherent. In a handful of criminal cases, the sleepwalking defense has been used to argue that a defendant cannot be culpable for his crime.

However, for the defendant to have a valid sleepwalking excuse, the defendant must: 1. Provide evidence, through existing, pre-crime medical records of a history of sleepwalking that involves violent or dangerous acts that are inconsistent with the individual’s daytime behavior; 2. Undergo a sleep study in a sleep lab, which is a designated medical space where sleep testing takes place, and this test would have to be conducted during normal sleeping hours; 3. Not have a history of violence or abuse toward the individuals that the defendant has harmed or murdered; and 4. Not have engaged in behaviors during the crime that require conscious intellectual activity such as thinking, reasoning, or remembering.

According to the American Psychological Association’s handbook on sleepwalking and criminal behavior, “The current scientific study of the sleepwalker’s brain and cognitive

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BELIZE A.D. 2024

CLAIM NO. 246 OF 2024

BETWEEN:

(JACQUELINE PELAYO

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CLAIMANT

DEFENDANT

TO: LAURA JOHNSON

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Belize, Claim No. 246 of 2024 by **JACQUELINE PELAYO** of Roaring Creek Village, Cayo District, Belize, in which the Claimant is seeking:

1. A Declaration by the Court that the Deed of Conveyance dated the 20th day of September 2012 and purportedly made between Jacqueline Pelayo (Vendor) and L and D Development Co. Ltd (Purchaser) and duly recorded as instrument number LTU-201201820 and filed on the 17th of October, 2012 be set aside and/or cancelled on the basis of fraud;
2. An Order directing the Commissioner of Lands at the Registry of Lands to cancel and/or to strike the said Conveyance from the Deeds Books on the basis that Laura Johnson obtained the conveyance to her fictitious / nonexistent company of the fee simple interest in the property by fraud;
3. Further and/or in the alternative, a Declaration that the Deed of Conveyance dated the 20th of September 2012, which was purportedly made between Dana Wright (Vendor) and L and D Development Co. Ltd (Purchaser) and duly recorded as instrument number LTU-201300051 and filed on the 1st of October, 2013 is a nullity as it was not filed within 1 month / 30 days of execution as required by section 71 of the General Registry Act of Belize;
4. Further and/or in the alternative, a Declaration that the Deed of Conveyance dated the 20th of September, 2012 which was purportedly made between Jacqueline Pelayo (Vendor) and L and D Development Co. Ltd (Purchaser) and duly recorded as instrument number LTU-201201820 and filed on the 17th of October, 2012 is a nullity and of no legal effect since the listed Purchaser does not exist;
5. Costs; and
6. Such further or other relief as this Honorable Court deems just.

AND it has been Ordered that service of the Claim in the said action on the Defendant be effected by this advertisement. If you desire to defend this action, you or your attorney must enter an appearance at the office of the High Court no later than fourteen (14) days after the second publication of this NOTICE and file a Defence no later than twenty-eight (28) days after the second publication of this notice.

TAKE NOTICE that in default of your doing so, the said Claimant may proceed therein and judgment may be given in your absence.

DATED the 12th day of July, 2024

ESTEVAN PERERA & COMPANY LLP
Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimant
Alpha Business Centre
No. 2118 Guava Street
Belize City, Belize

PER: ESTEVANA. PERERA

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BELIZE A.D. 2024

CLAIM NO. 247 OF 2024

BETWEEN:

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CLAIMANT

DEFENDANT

TO: LAURA JOHNSON

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Belize, Claim No. 247 of 2024 by **DANA WRIGHT** of Roaring Creek Village, Cayo District, Belize, in which the Claimant is seeking:

1. A Declaration by the Court that the Deed of Conveyance dated the 20th day of September 2012 and purportedly made between Dana Wright (Vendor) and L and D Development Co. Ltd (Purchaser) and duly recorded as instrument number LTU-201300051 and filed on the 1st of October, 2013 be set aside and/or cancelled on the basis of fraud;
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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTIES
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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:

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT

REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
Orange Walk Town/ Orange Walk District 4 2699



Situated in Orange Walk Town, this fully fenced property measures 1,329.11 Square Yards and consists of a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom concrete bungalow building with concrete and galvanized roofing. The building consists of [1860 sf.] of enclosed space and [464 sf.] of open verandah space. **Freehold Property of Vania and Evrit Matute.**
ON SITE Saturday July 20th, 2024 at 2:00 pm.
TERMS: STRICTLY CASH

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
Dangriga South/ Stann Creek District 31 820



Measuring 441.31 Square Meter(s), this property consists of two income generating buildings.
Building 1 is an elevated timber post and currently serves as a Pre-School. This building comprises of [558 sf.] of enclosed space with [76 sf.] of open veranda space.
Building 2 is a concrete building with galvanized roofing comprising some [726 sf.] of enclosed space, and currently serves as a day care. This building benefits from a large open space, kitchen and bathroom. **Freehold Property of Laurel and Yadira Diego.**
ON SITE Saturday August 10th, 2024 at 2:00pm
TERMS: STRICTLY CASH



Captain and First Mate/Chef
required...

TradeWinds is a global yacht chartering company that offers Luxury 7-day charters to its guests. We are looking for an experienced **Captain and First Mate/Chef (crew couple)** that are willing to commit to a minimum of one year on one of our luxury yachts based in Placencia.

Captains must have the RYA (commercially endorsed) Sailing Skipper’s license or its practical equivalent. The **First Mate/Chef** must hold Level 2, Basic Food Hygiene and Safety Certificate. Both the Captain and the First Mate are required to have valid STCW qualification (Includes Personal Survival Techniques; Fire Prevention and Firefighting; Medical First Aid; Maritime Security Awareness; Communication; Leadership; Teamwork & Human behavior and one of them must be a certified Dive Master. **Captains** must demonstrate sound leadership and hosting skills, have solid charter delivery experience, together with a good grasp of boat maintenance. They are expected to assist the **First Mate**, and split the cleaning chores, such as dishes, cabins, bathrooms, and midweek turnaround. **First Mate/Chef’s** need to go the extra mile in food delivery, taste, and presentation, be a well-rounded hostess, and must be able to assist the Captain with Sailing and Boat handling. Both candidates will be required to demonstrate first-class boat handling skills.

The Captain and First Mate share a small crew cabin and therefore must be in a long-term committed relationship.

Interested Crew Couples please send resumes containing references and certifications with a covering email stating why they should be considered to: Belize@trade-winds.com

Occasionally we have need for Relief Captains or First Mates. If you have these specific qualifications and experience, kindly send your Resume, References & certifications.



VACANCY

The British High Commission, Belmopan has 4 vacancies for Full time Security Guards.

Main purpose of the job:

To ensure that personnel can work in a safe and secure environment by protecting staff and FCDO assets at the British High Commission Office and Residence compounds.

Roles and responsibilities:

- Controlling vehicle and personnel access to the High Commission Office and Residence compounds.
- Security of all High Commission locations by regular patrolling.
- Monitor the High Commission’s radio network.
- Monitor CCTV at High Commission Office and Residence compounds and log information as necessary.
- Carry out any other security tasks as directed by Post Security Manager.
- Where necessary escort workmen and contractors in the High Commission premises.
- Be the first point of contact for British High Commission visitors.
- Respond to security incidents should they occur.

Essential on arrival:

- Associate Degree or minimum of 2 years’ experience in related field.
- Strong ethics, with an ability to manage confidential information.
- Flexibility and adaptability.
- Excellent organisational skills and the ability to multitask.
- The ability to be proactive and take initiative.
- Ability to handle time-sensitive tasks.
- Good command of oral and written English
- Ability to work in a demanding environment.
- Ability to work professionally in stressful situations.
- Ability to work flexibly to meet changing demands.
- Initiative and good judgement
- Ability to work effectively as part of a small team.
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- IT literacy, especially in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook & Teams).

Desirable:

- Good communication skills
- Former Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) in the military or Police (or experience to this level)
- Knowledge of Spanish would be an asset.
- Recent Police record.

Salary will be BZ\$ 2148.04 per month.

Working Hours: 42 hours per week

How to Apply

Interested persons should use the preferred method of applying online at <https://bit.ly/3zuGLct>

The Deadline for applications is 11.59pm on Wednesday 17 July 2024. Only those candidates who are short-listed will be contacted. Please be aware that all applicants must have a legal status to work in Belize. Confirmation of appointment is subject to the satisfactory completion of a probationary period and security clearance.

The British High Commission in Belize is an inclusive and diversity-friendly employer. We value difference, promote equality and challenge discrimination, enhancing our organisational capability. We welcome and encourage applications from people of all backgrounds. We do not discriminate based on disability, race, colour, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, age, veteran status or other category protected by law. We promote family-friendly flexible working opportunities, where operational and security needs allow.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Reproduced from page 7 of the Tuesday, July 9, 2024, #3755 issue of Amandala

Belize has a culture which seemingly delights in promoting rivalries. You remember when we were in primary school in the 1950s, if two boys had any kind of disagreement, the rest of us would gather around and begin chanting, “Knock out di bomb and touch di man.” One of the encircling boys would hold a stone (the “bomb”) or some other object, and the rest would urge the “beefing” boys to get it on, so to speak.

When it comes to something like sports, people have different opinions, and this sparks gambling, wherein people will bet on who will win in a boxing bout, football, basketball, and so on.

When we were growing up here in the 1950s and 1960s, the undoubted leader in business was Santiago Castillo, Ltd. Bob Turton had died in 1955; Isaiah Morter had passed in 1923. For sure, Belize Estate and Produce Co. (BEC)

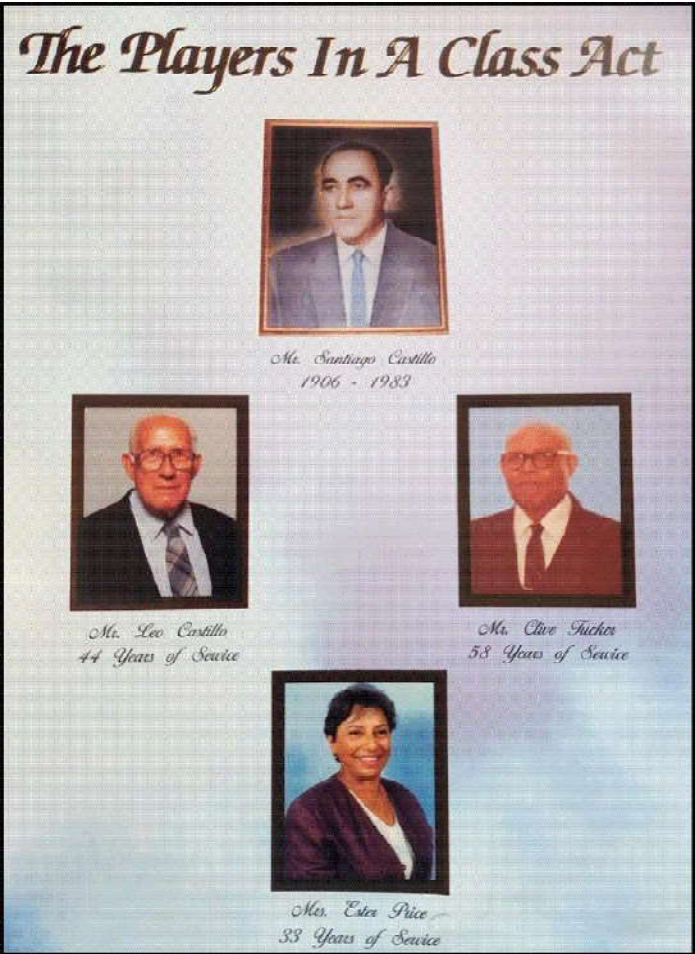
was a giant, but it had a foreign flavor to it. San Cas was the Belizean boss.

My late mother told us that her maternal grandfather, George Lindo, had told her that Santiago Castillo, a native of the outskirts of Orange Walk Town, had begun with a small plantain shop in the capital city, at a time when George Lindo himself was pretty wealthy. He owned rum shops, but died broke because of a serious gambling habit.

In the year 2000, the Santiago Castillo group of companies published a magazine history of their businesses, and this is what they said: “Santiago Castillo Limited started as a sole proprietorship import commission business under the ownership of Mr. Santiago Castillo, at the tender age of 19. It grew rapidly until the hurricane of September 10, 1931, which destroyed Belize. Not being insured, Mr. Castillo picked up the pieces and started all over

again. His business progressed steadily until the start of World War II in 1939. During the war years, importation became risky business. Merchant ships ran the risk of being torpedoed. Importation halted and the country of Belize quickly suffered a shortage of basic food items.

“Mr. Castillo, with his zeal for business and his understanding of Risks vs Reward, used his modest savings and chartered a ship,



The Supply and Delivery of Vehicle for The Belize Tourism Board

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Institution: Ministry of Finance, **Economic Development** and Investment
Country: Belize
Project: Sustainable and Inclusive Belize Program (SAIB)
Sector: Agriculture and Tourism
Abstract: The project’s implementation includes the procurement of several contracts that falls in the following categories: goods, consulting (individual & firms) and non-consulting services for environmentally sustainable and climate resilient farming systems, sustainable and inclusive agri-food markets and sustainable and inclusive tourism.

Loan No.: 5583/0C-BL
Process ID: BL-L1041-P00040
Deadline: **July 19, 2024;** 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize (the “Borrower”) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (the “Bank”) toward the cost of Sustainable and Inclusive Belize Program. The Central Executing Unit to the Ministry of Economic Development, an executing agency of the Borrower, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to perform the consulting services (hereinafter called “Services”): Consultancy Services for the Supply and Delivery of Vehicle.

The Central Executing Unit now invites eligible bidders to submit sealed quotation for the Supply, Delivery and Installation for the following lots of items:

No.	Item	Brief Description	Quantity	Lot #
1	Pickup truck	4 x 4 Crew Cab	1	1

For further information and to obtain the bidding documents, free of cost, interested bidders can send their request to the email address below no later than July 16, 2024.

All bids must be delivered to the address below no later than **10:00 a.m. (Belize local time)** on **July 19, 2024**.
Late bids will be rejected.

Karon Hamilton
Procurement Specialist Assistant
Central Executing Unit
Tel: 501-822-4106
khamilton.ceu@med.gov.bz

filled with basic food items, destined for Belize. Unable to buy marine insurance because of the war, his risk was compounded. Luckily, his plan worked and was repeated one more time. This catapulted his business to a position of strength and gained him the respect of the business community. In 1959 his business was incorporated under chapter 206 of the laws of Belize as a limited liability company.”

One of the reasons for Mr. Castillo’s success in Belize City, to most people’s minds, was that he, a Mestizo, had a Creole partner by the name of Clive Tucker close to him, and he had prominent Creole employees like Cyril Gibson, Bertie Ellis, Johnny Chessman, Roy Dixon, and so on. So the San Cas company had a lot of credibility amongst the then majority Creole population in the city.

The Bowen group of companies was limited to a lemonade bottling factory named Crystal until they became a franchise of the transnational behemoth, Coca Cola, sometime in the early 1960s. Barry Bowen then spearheaded the creation of the Belize Brewing Company (Belikin), which acquired a development concession from the Government of Belize in 1969.

Challenged by Charger for beer production/distribution in the middle 1970s, Bowen smashed that group, and then began growing rapidly in the 1980s. So that, by the early 1990s, the introduction of television in Belize having destroyed San Cas’ profitable Palace and Majestic Theater movie houses, it seemed to outsiders that the Bowen group was challenging the San Cas group for business hegemony in Belize. (Benny’s was not yet a player in the game.)

The subject of this column came up when my youngest daughter and I were discussing the early stages of World War II, when German submarines (also called U-boats) were wreaking havoc on British merchant shipping in the Atlantic. The United States did not enter the war on Britain’s side until 1941, but in 1939 and 1940, the British vitally needed goods shipped from the United States and Canada.

The story that is never told in Belize has to do with the fact that two prominent



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PROCUREMENT NOTICE
UPGRADING OF GUINEA GRASS ROAD

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH), intends to upgrade the Guinea Grass Road in the Orange Walk District using Double Bituminous Surface Treatment (DBST).

Provided there are no delays, construction is expected to start within a month. The MIDH hereby invites interested contractors in the civil works to be part of this bidding process.

The Project is being implemented by the MIDH, Project Execution Unit (PEU). An Engineering Coordinator within the PEU will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities.

The Scope of Works includes:

- Preparation of subgrade layer
- Placement of subbase and basecourse layers
- Drainage improvements
- Paving of the road using Double Bituminous Surface Dressing Treatment (DBST)

Consideration will be given to local firms who have qualified extensive experience in road construction of a similar size and complexity.

Minimum Qualification Criteria:

- General Construction Experience: 10 Years
- Specific Construction Experience in application of DBST
- Contract Management Experience: 5 Years
- Construction Experience in a Project of Similar Size and Complexity (one)
- Access to Line of Credit: \$500,000.00
- Average annual turnover of minimum: Bz\$1,000,000.00
- Qualified registered Engineer: 5 years' experience

Effective **Monday 15 July 2024**, Bidding Documents are available at a cost of **Bz\$500.00** from the address below.

There are two options for submitting the bidding information. These are:

- (a) By electronic submission, in pdf format, to the email address indicated below. The submission will be deemed to have been received at the time that it is received by the PEU. The burden of proving receipt of the email will be on the applicant and will not be met solely by a read receipt or sent items report generated by the bidder's computer.; or
- (b) By submission of one original and two hard copies, by hand or by registered mail, in a sealed envelope to the address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission must include the name and address of the applicant.

A Site Visit will be conducted on **Thursday 18 July 2024** at **10:00am**. Bidders shall congregate at the intersection of Philip Goldson Highway and the Guinea Grass Road.

All Bidding Documents properly completed should reach the office of the Chief Engineer at the address below no later than **Friday 26 July 2024** at **10:00 am**. The Ministry shall not accept responsibility for any costs incurred by the applicants.

Attention: **Mr. Evondale Moody**
Chief Engineer / Engineering Coordinator
Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing
Power Lane
Belmopan
BELIZE C.A.

Tel: +501-828-5220
Email: peu@midh.gov.bz

The case of the brazen burglar

Kidnapping trial for “Danny” Mason and Ryan Rhaburn adjourned

BELIZE CITY, Tues. July 9, 2024

Between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 7, an Apple laptop was stolen under seemingly unbelievable circumstances.

The victim was Roy Davis, 70, a freelance reporter who resides at #9 Corner Seagull Street and Iguana Street.

Davis told *Amandala* that he was sitting on a grey plastic chair in his yard with his back to the door of his concrete bungalow house and facing Iguana Street, when the burglar, whom he believes to be someone from his neighborhood, sneaked up behind him and entered his house without him knowing.

He said he had his laptop, valued at about \$2,000, charging on a small, wooden table, located about 3 feet from the doorway.

The laptop was the only item the burglar was apparently interested in, and he disconnected the charger from it and took it, leaving the charger behind.

Davis said he believes that the burglar left the same way he came—sliding along the side of the house through a path from his yard, using the bushes and some small trees as cover.

Davis was not aware that his laptop was missing until he went to the door of his house and saw, to his surprise, that the laptop was not on the table. He said he was in shock and disbelief, and he wondered who could have been so brazen to have stolen his laptop from “right under my nose”. Then it dawned on him that the culprit must be someone who knows him very well and was monitoring his movements that night, hoping for an opportunity to take the laptop.

Davis said he then told a friend of his what had happened, and the friend, who knows a lot about Apple computers, locked it.

Davis then went to the police station and reported the burglary. The police are investigating.

by Roy Davis
(freelance writer)

BELIZE CITY, Wed. July 10, 2024

The trial of William “Danny” Mason and Ryan Rhaburn, charged with 2 counts of kidnapping, was to start yesterday before Justice Francis Cumberbatch at the High Court in Belmopan, but it was adjourned because Mason made an application for a change of venue.

The trial was adjourned until July 18, for the court to hear submissions from the Director of Public Prosecutions, Cheryl Lynn Vidal, who is representing the Crown, and from Senior Counsel Hubert Elrington and attorney Norman Rodriguez, who are representing Mason, and attorneys Ian Gray and Simeon Sampson, who are representing Rhaburn.

The charges against Mason and Rhaburn are for the kidnapping of Mennonite businessman Lloyd Thiessen and his wife, Rosie, which occurred in May, 2016, at Mason’s ranch, located in the vicinity of Mile 31 on the George Price Highway.

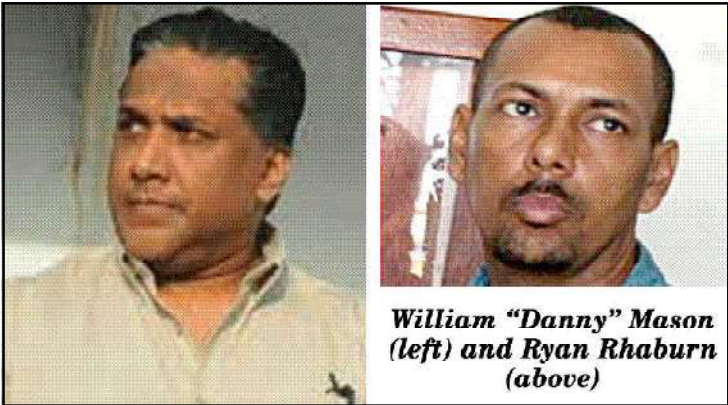
According to the allegation against him, Mason and his ranch manager, Rhaburn, kidnapped the couple after a business deal between Mason and Thiessen went sour.



It is alleged that Thiessen gave Mason \$300,000 to import a large quantity of corn into Belize, but the corn was not delivered.

When Thiessen went to Mason to get back his money, he was kidnapped and released later.

Mason, Rhaburn and three others were charged with 2 counts of kidnapping, but charges against the others were withdrawn.

Mason and three of his workers were convicted of the murder of Dangriga pastor Llewellyn Lucas, who was beheaded and his body burnt. They are currently serving life sentences with eligibility for parole after serving 35 years.





REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SINGLE INVESTMENT WINDOW ASSOCIATE

Institution: Ministry of Economic Development
Country: Belize
Project: Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP)
Sector: Trade and Investment
Abstract: This project aims to promote Belize’s foreign direct investment and trade performance.
Loan No.: 5582/OC-BL
Process ID: BL-L1040-P00007
Deadline: Extended to **Wednesday , July 17, 2024;** 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received eight million US Dollars (US \$8M) in loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP). The Trade and Investment Facilitation Program is a response to the low investment flows and limited international trade competitiveness faced by Belize. The general objective of the program is to promote Belize’s foreign direct investment and trade performance.

The specific objectives are to:

- (i) improve investment facilitation through simplification, standardization, and automation of key investment procedures;
- (ii) improve the investment promotion tools and MSMEs internationalization through the strengthening of the trade and investment institutional apparatus; and
- (iii) improve trade facilitation through simplifying, standardizing, and automating key trade processes.

The program is comprised of three (3) components that will support achievement of the objectives.

The consultancy/assignment is aligned to Component 1 which aims to facilitate Investments in Belize through the Implementation of a Single Investment Window - This component will contribute to simplifying and automating key investment procedures through the implementation of the Single Investment Window

In this regard, the Ministry is now launching the process to fill a contractual position for a **Single Investment Window (SIW) Associate** under the Project. The SIW Associate will be stationed at the Belize Trade and Investment Development Service (Beltraide) and will support the execution of the project “development, implementation and commissioning of the Belize Single Investment Window, transaction platform, including a regulatory and operational layer and the integration of the range of procedures, services and technological developments of the prioritized procedures and services required for its operation”, under IDB Loan Contract 5582/OC-BL.

The Ministry of Economic Development now invites eligible Persons/Individual Consultants to submit applications for this contractual position to provide services as the SIW Associate. Further information, including the required template for the application and full Terms of References, can be obtained via <https://med.gov.bz/>, by emailing tjoseph.ceu@med.gov.bz or calling 501-672-0848 during the hours 8:00am – 4:30pm from Mondays to Fridays prior to **July 12, 2024**. Interested Persons/Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have all the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications. Qualified Persons/ Individual Consultants should submit one (1) pdf copy in English via e-mail to tjoseph.ceu@med.gov.bz and/or two (2) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating **Single Investment Window Associate (BL-L1040)**.

The Deadline for submission is no later than Wednesday, July 17, 2024, by 10:00 a.m. No late submissions will be accepted. Hard copies of the application should be submitted to the following address:

Trudy Joseph
Procurement Specialist
Central Executing Unit
1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor
Belmopan City
Belize, Central America

Ref: Single Investment Window Associate (BL-L1040) - Your name

FROM THE PUBLISHER

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“Belize white” families were caught selling fuel to German submarines outside the Barrier Reef. In other words, they were traitors. My stats are that they were treated leniently by the British authorities, in that all that was done to them was that they were quarantined in Jamaica for the rest of the war.

Since San Cas “blew up” in size during and after the war, it always seemed to me that Mr. Castillo himself must have had a special deal with the British. The official San Cas story, as quoted earlier in this column, is that he took risks which worked out well for him.

Whatever the case, the British, in the person of Lord Michael Ashcroft, are very, very powerful in Belizean business again. Bowen and Bowen are still very huge, while Benny’s has grown rapidly in the last three decades. Then, there are the Chinese and the Indians, about whom I know nothing. Oh, I forgot to mention the Atlantic Bank group of companies, and the oligarchs from down south.

Mr. Castillo suffered a series of strokes, beginning in 1976, and died in 1983. His third wife has been running the businesses for some time, but the business landscape in Belize has definitely and dramatically changed. The San Cas group still has a special place in the affections of older Belizeans, but this is no longer a San Cas town.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BELIZE, A.D. 2024

CLAIM NO. 302 OF 2024

(TROY GENZER

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(BUENA VISTA POINT ENTERPRISES LIMITED

(ATTORNEY GENERAL OF BELIZE

(MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CLAIMANT

1ST DEFENDANT

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3RD DEFENDANT

TO: BUENA VISTA POINT ENTERPRISES LIMITED

San Pedro Town

Ambergris Caye

Belize District, Belize

TAKE NOTICE

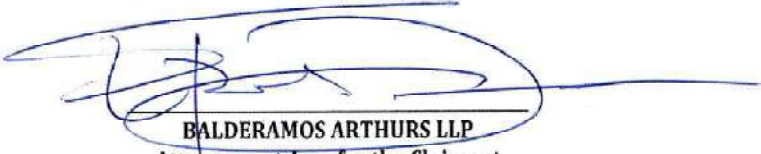
that Fixed Date Claim No. 302 of 2024 has been commenced against you in the High Court of Belize by TROY GENZER of 5610 West Bellfort, Houston, TX 77035, United States of America in which the Claimant seeks certain declarations and orders in respect of the title to Parcel 4338, Block 7, San Pedro Registration Section ("Parcel 4338"), *inter alia*, a declaration that the current land certificate for Parcel 4338 vested in BUENA VISTA POINT ENTERPRISES LIMITED is null and void, an order rectifying the land register to delete/remove BUENA VISTA POINT ENTERPRISES LIMITED as the legal proprietor, and an order that the current land certificate for Parcel 4338 be cancelled, plus costs and such other reliefs as the Court deems just.

The First Hearing of the Fixed Date Claim will take place on the 22nd day of July 2024 at 8:30 a.m. before the Honourable Justice Rajiv Goonetilleke.

AND it has been ordered that service of the Fixed Date Claim Form in the said claim be effected on you by this advertisement. If you desire to defend the said claim, you may file an Acknowledgement of Service at the High Court stating your position in regards to the said Claim or attend Court on the date set for the hearing.

TAKE NOTICE that in default of your so doing, the said Claimant may proceed, and Judgment may be entered in your absence.



DATED the 1st day of July 2024.



BALDERAMOS ARTHURS LLP

Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimant

TROY GENZER



INVITATION TO BID

Institution: MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.

Tender: INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY FOR THE UPDATE OF WEALTH UNTOLD – A GLIMPSE OF BELIZE’S NATURAL RESOURCES

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment (DOE) within the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change, invites suitable candidates to apply for the **individual consultancy** of updating the documents “Wealth Untold: A Glimpse of Belize’s Natural Resources,” first published by the DOE in January 2012. The duration of this consultancy is **10 weeks** (50 working days) over a period of 3 months from the start date/date of signing the contract.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTANCY:

1. To review the Wealth Untold Book and pinpoint areas for improvement, utilizing Belize’s latest environmental and natural resource management data, policies, legislation, strategic plans, and management plans.;

2. Identify opportunities for improvement concerning user experience, visual appeal, and graphics;

3. Revise the Wealth Untold Book based on feedback and reviews;

4. Provide both a physical and digital version of the final product upon approval by the DOE;

5. Conduct a workshop with key stakeholders to showcase the content and diverse applications of the publication.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Bachelor’s degree in Environmental Education, Communications, Public Relations, Natural Resources Management, or Environmental Science.

2. Experience in environmental awareness and education.

3. Fluent in the English language (spoken and written) is required.

4. Minimum five (5) years working experience in an environmental communication-related field.

5. Experience in communicating developing concepts, and messaging, as part of public awareness campaigns.

6. Experience in designing environmental educational material or related fields.

For Terms of Reference which list objectives, Scope of Work, Deliverables, Payment Schedule, Reporting Mechanisms, and Submission Procedures, kindly request via email at outreach@environment.gov.bz with a carbon copy to procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for submission: Wednesday, July 17, 2024, no later than 9:00 a.m., local time.

Expressions of Interest to Purchase Properties in Belmopan City, Belize


Lot #2

1991.768 square meters of land bordered to the North by Bliss Parade and to the West by Lot 4970 and to the East by Lot 972. Lot #2 is being marketed as a combined sale of both the CDMA building as well as the adjoining Lot 972 as described.

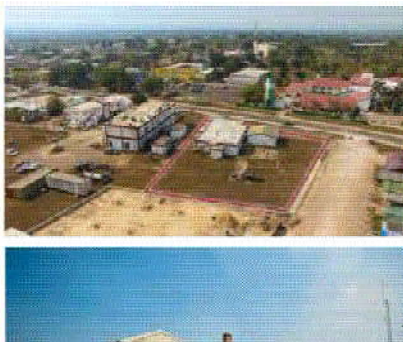
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5.589 acres of land formerly described as Lot Number 972 and bounded to the West by Lot 6109 and Lot 6108 and to the East by Lots 5625, and 5626, to the South Lots 6095 and 6094.


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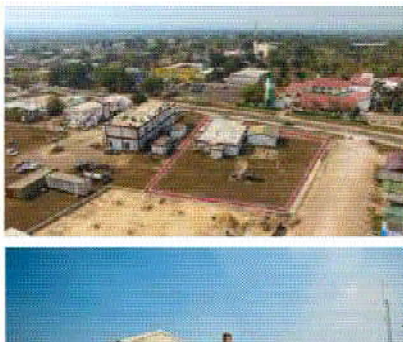
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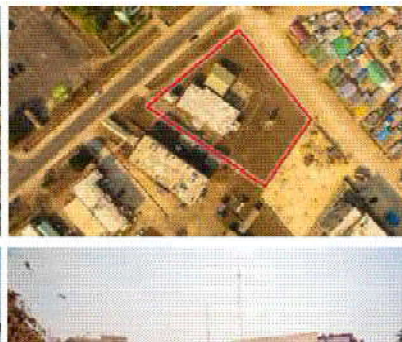
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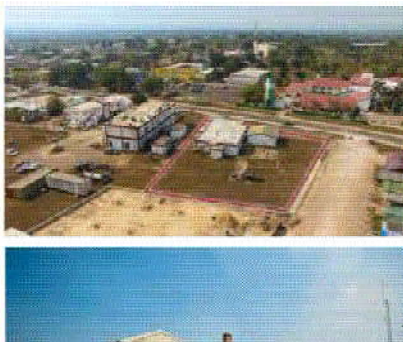
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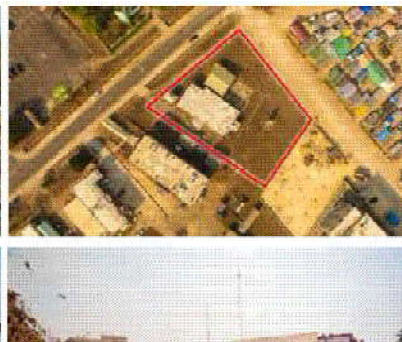
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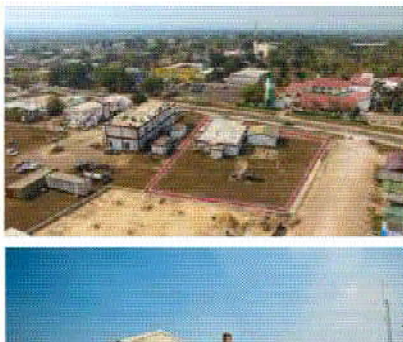
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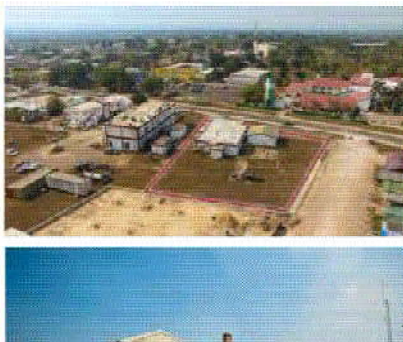
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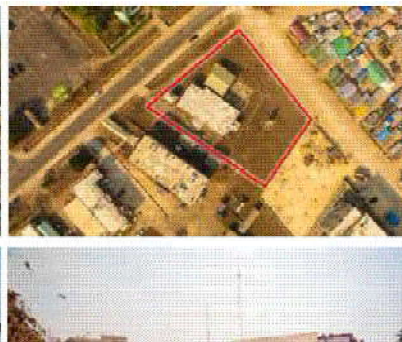
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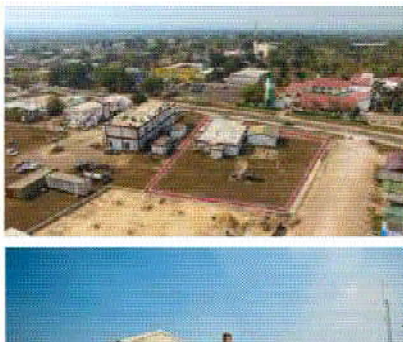
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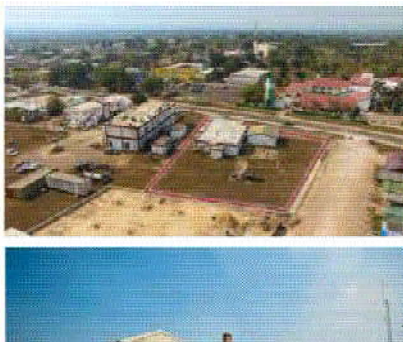
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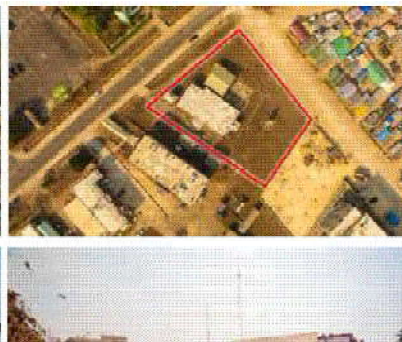
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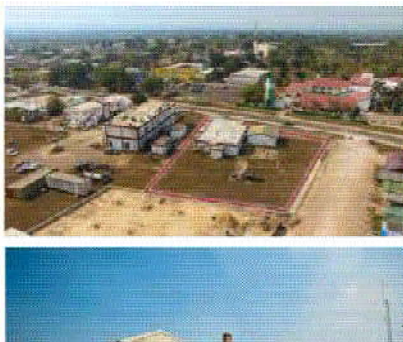
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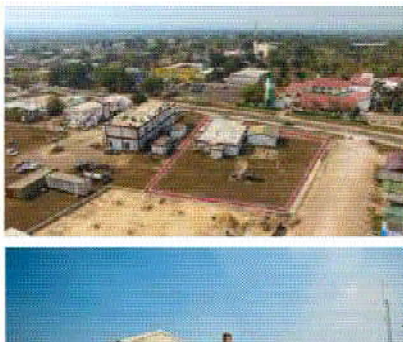
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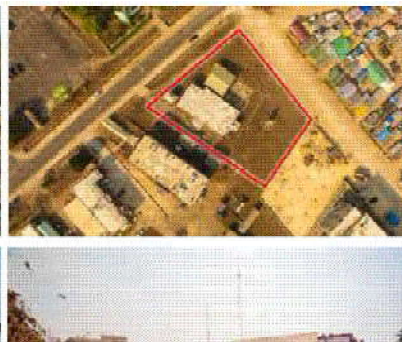
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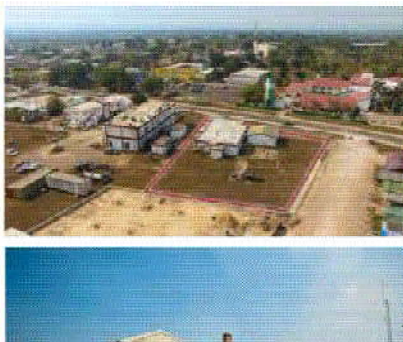
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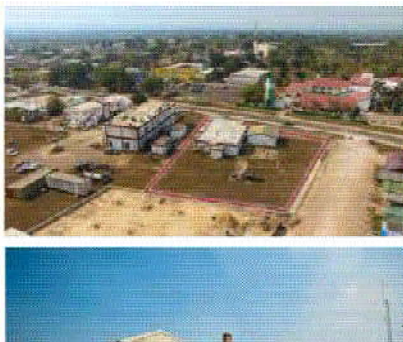
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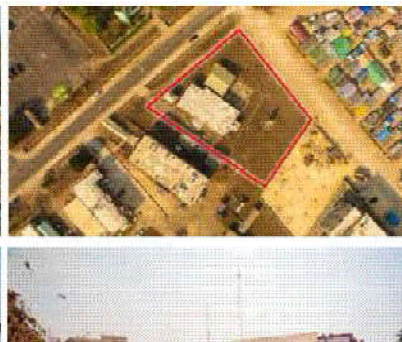
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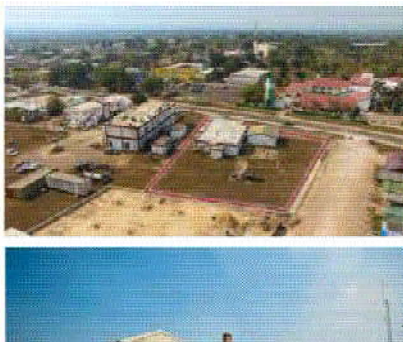
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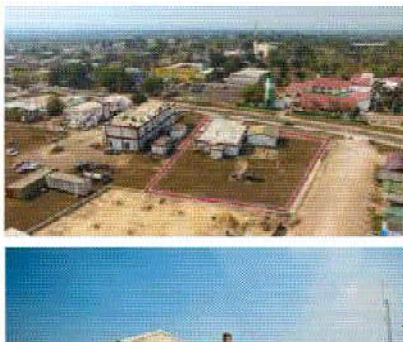
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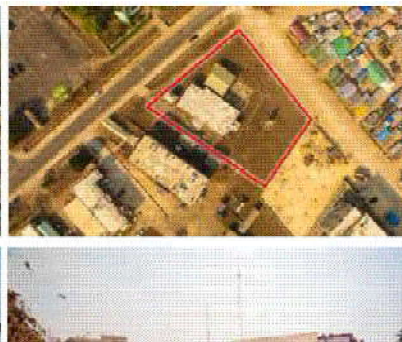
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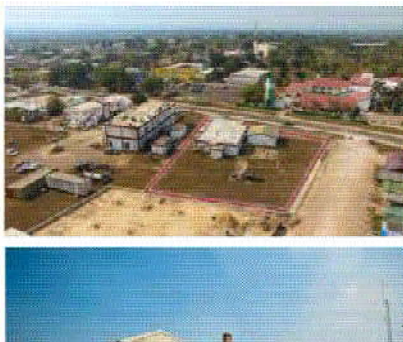
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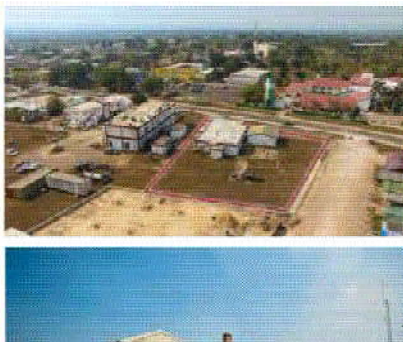
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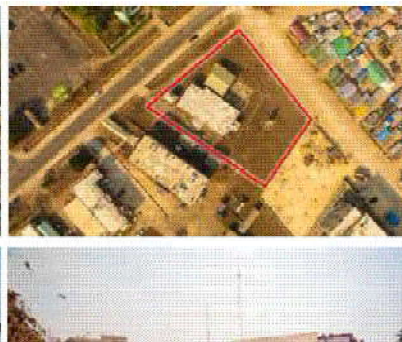
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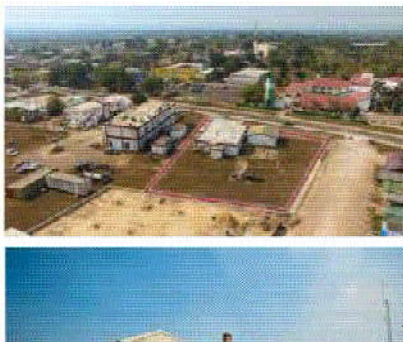
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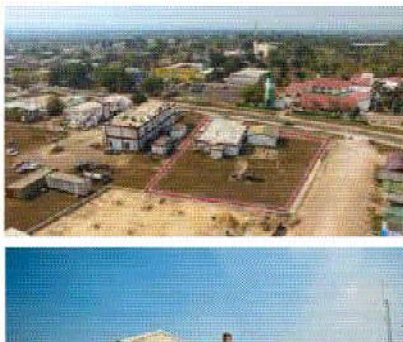
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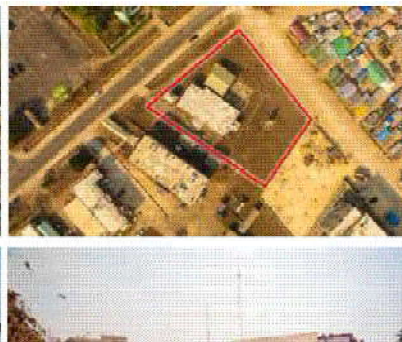
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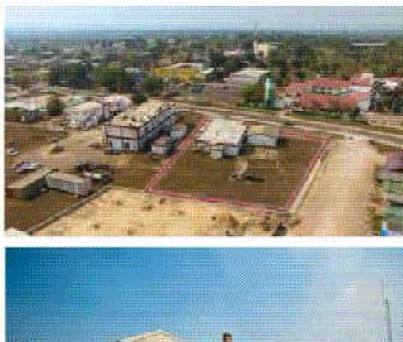
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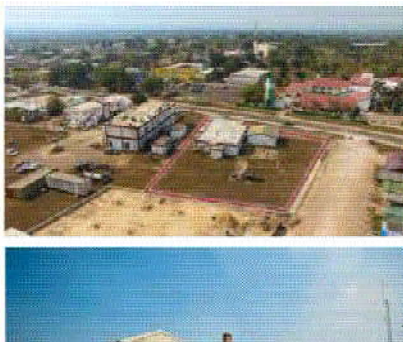
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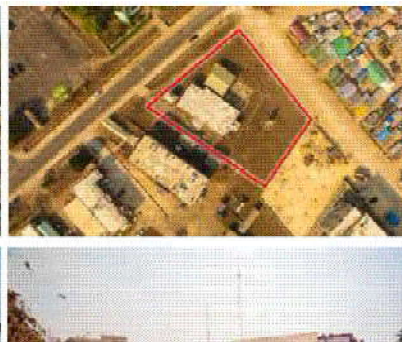
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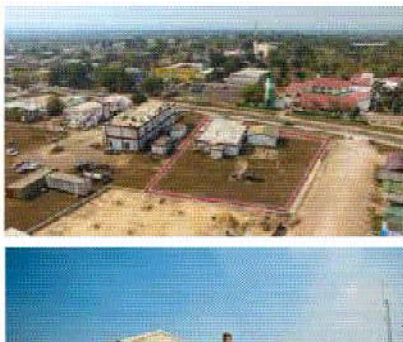
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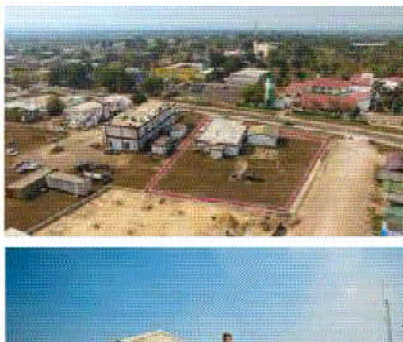
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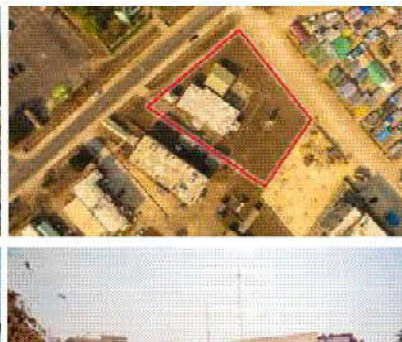
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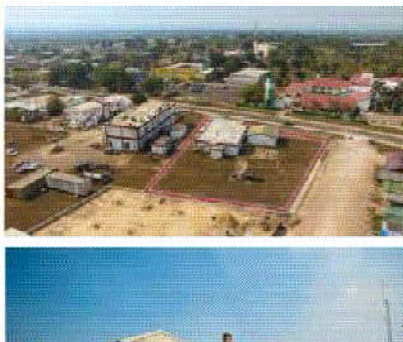
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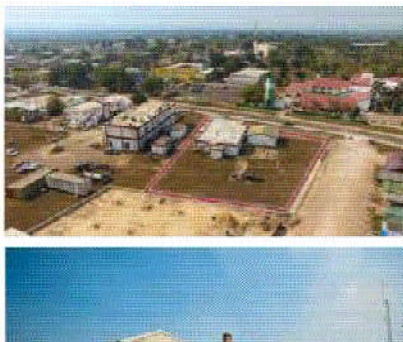
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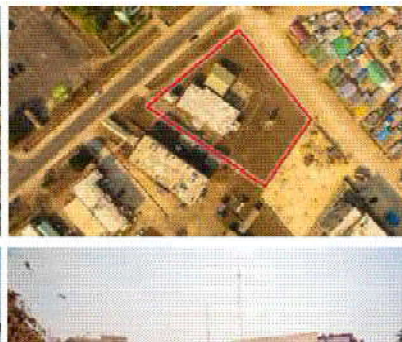
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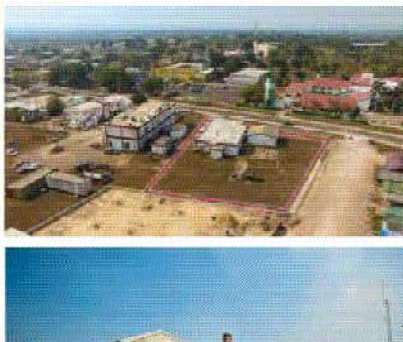
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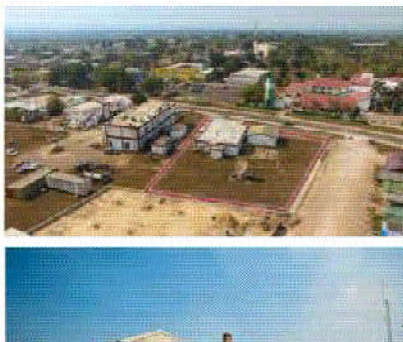
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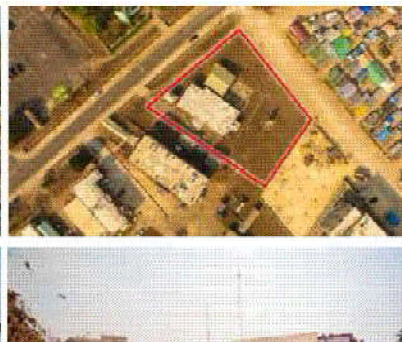
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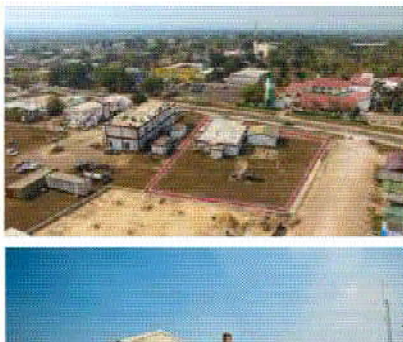
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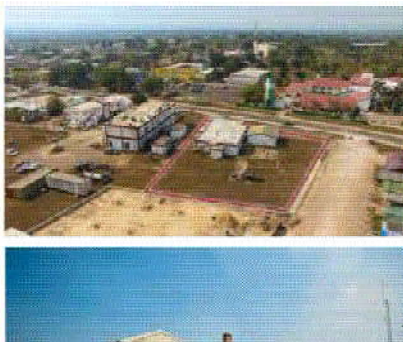
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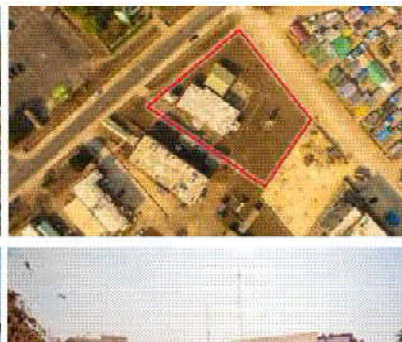
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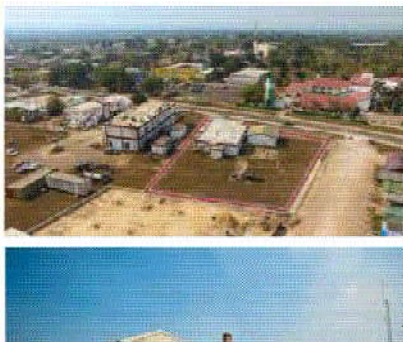
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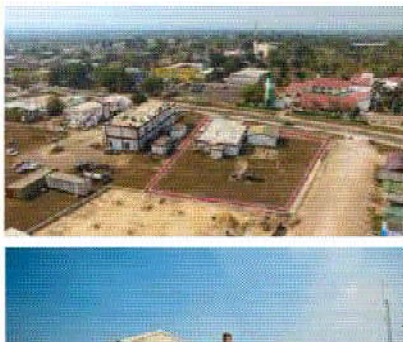
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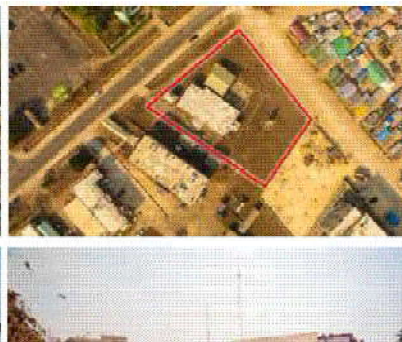
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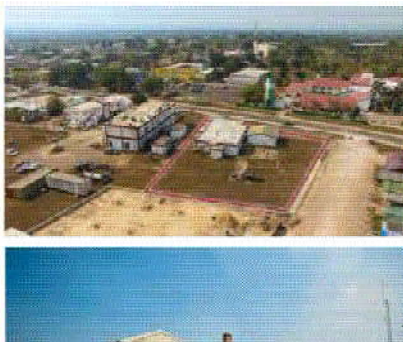
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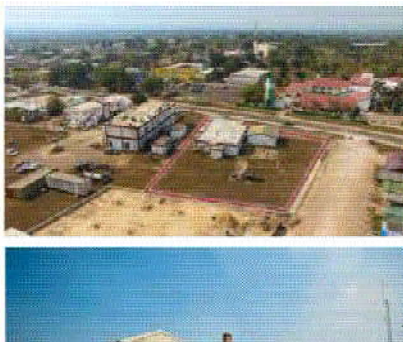
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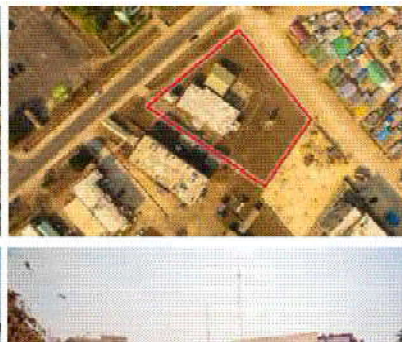
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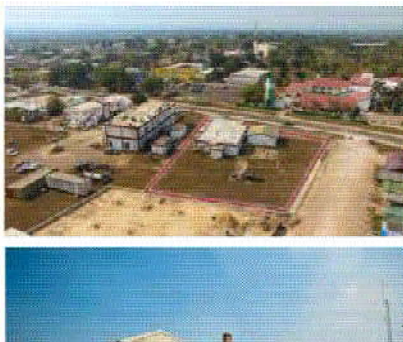
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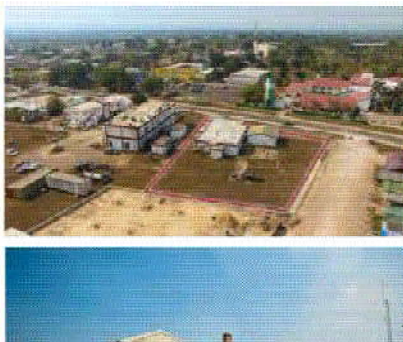
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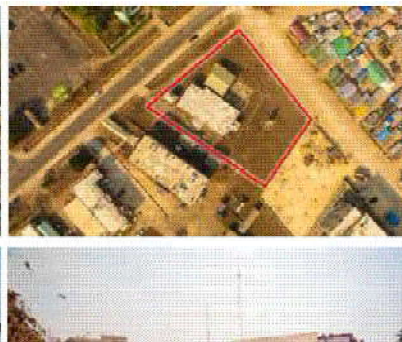
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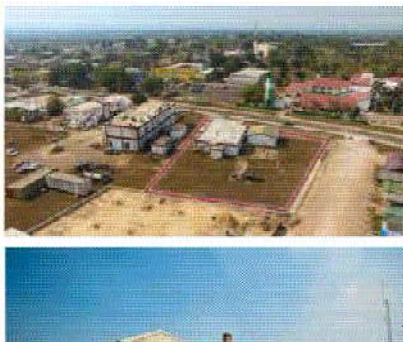
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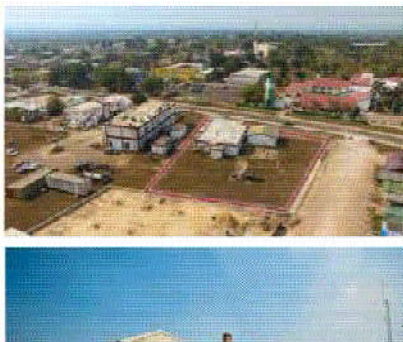
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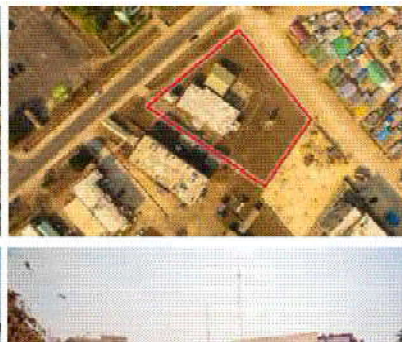
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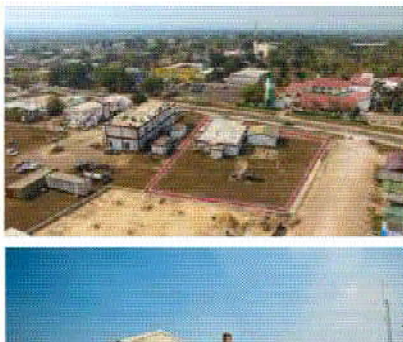
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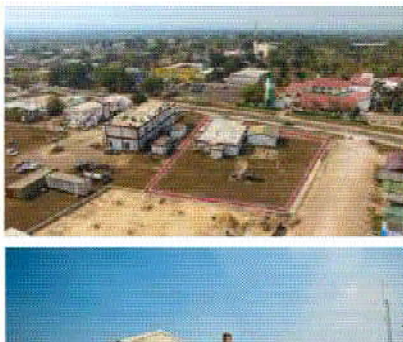
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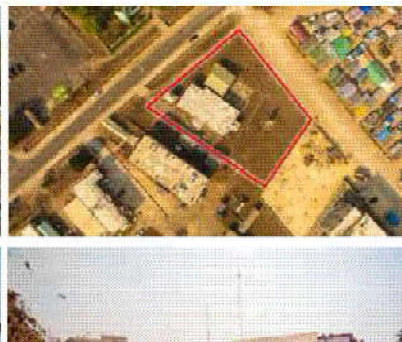
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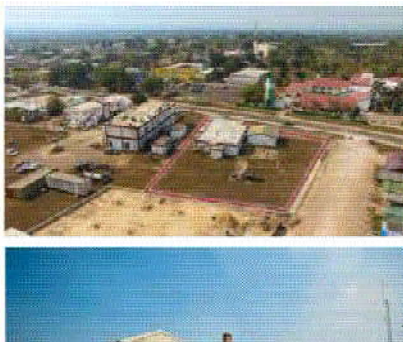
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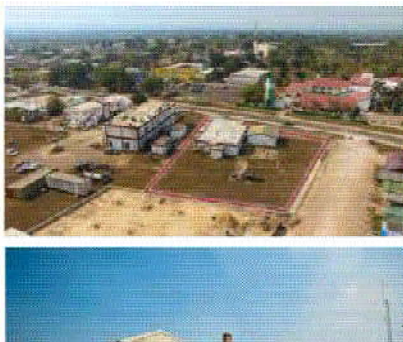
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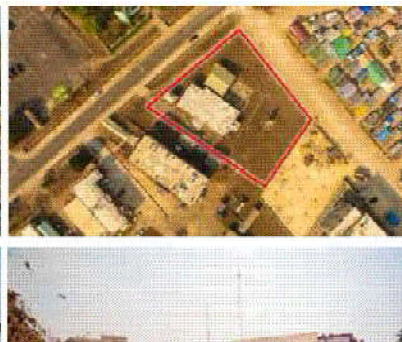
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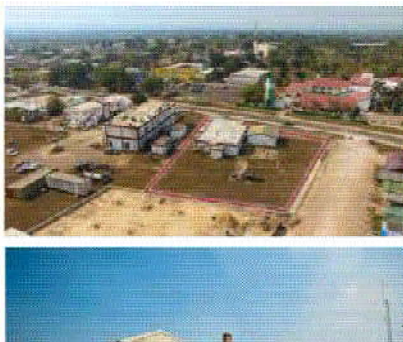
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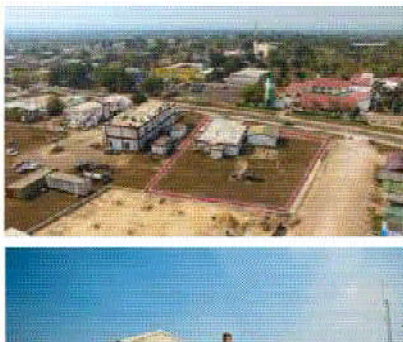
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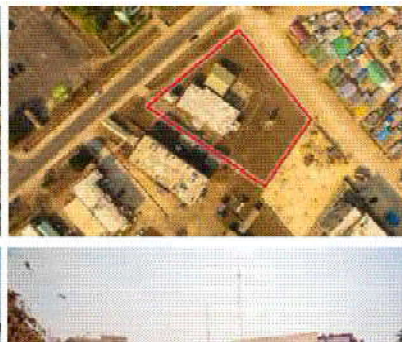
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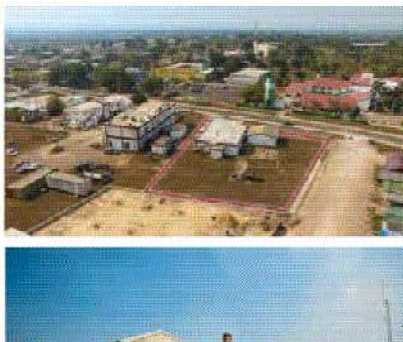
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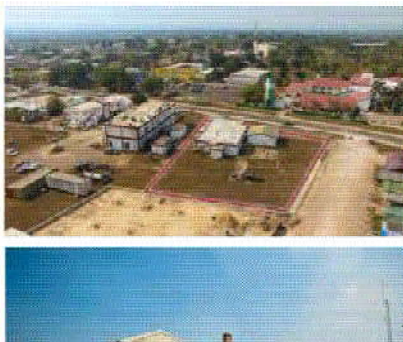
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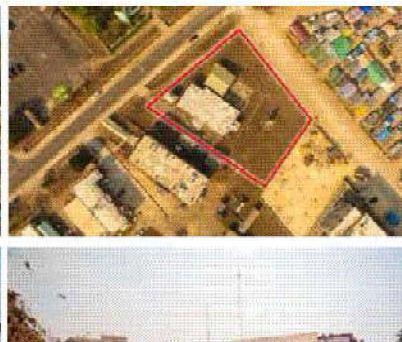
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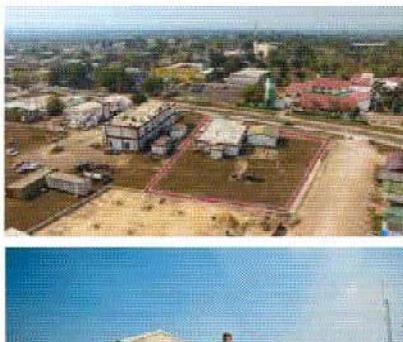
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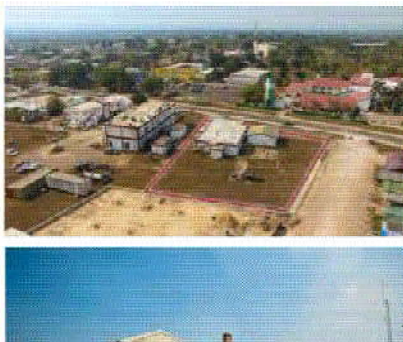
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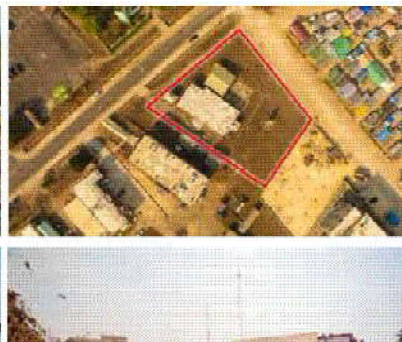
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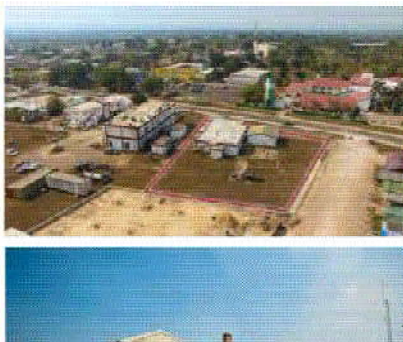
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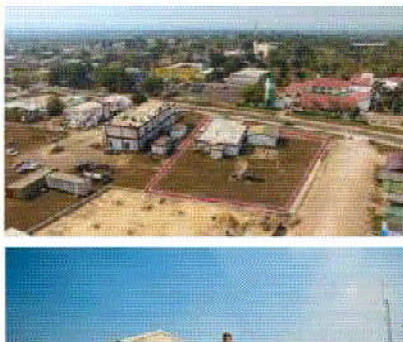
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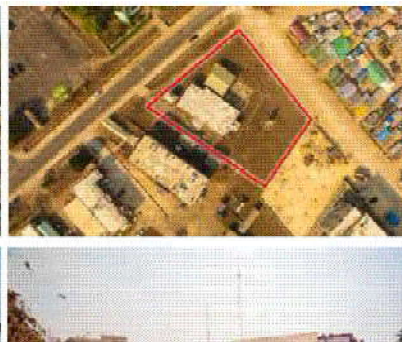
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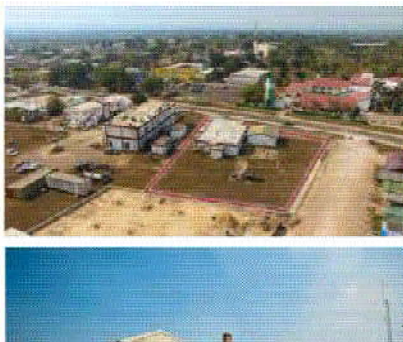
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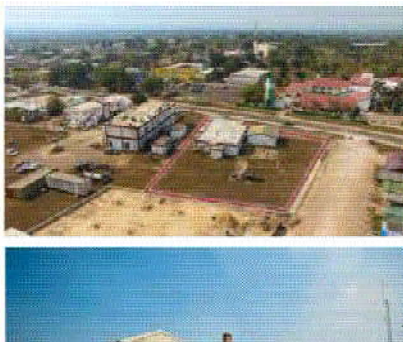
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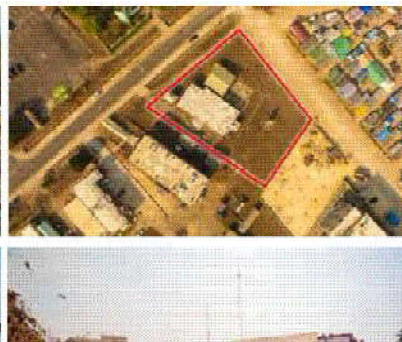
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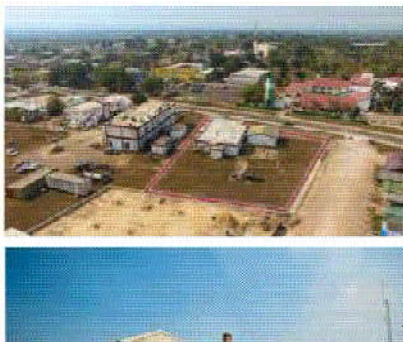
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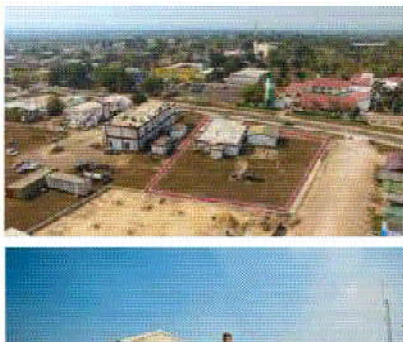
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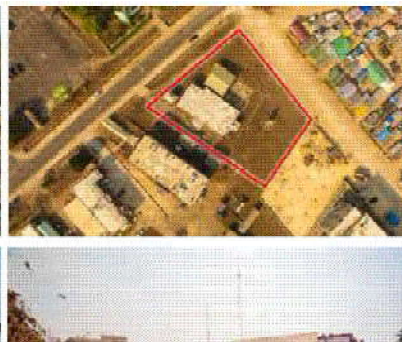
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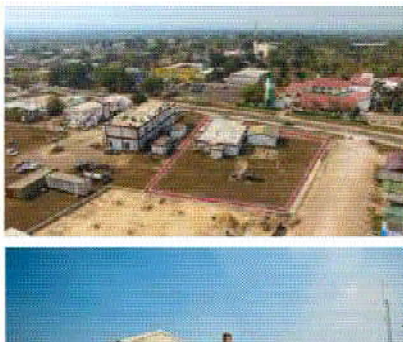
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First Registrations and Lost Certificates notices

CHAPTER 194, LAWS OF BELIZE NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13

In accordance with Section 13 of the Registered Land Act Chapter 194, I **Patricia Robateau Blackett**, Registrar of Lands, hereby serves notice that within one month from the date hereof, I intend to register the following parcels of land listed below for which application for first registration have been received.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registering of these parcels must get in touch with me before expiry date of this notice between Mondays to Fridays at the Land Registry, Belmopan.


Patricia Robateau Blackett (Mrs.)
Registrar of Lands

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202408543

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **SAN PEDRO Block No. 7** and being **Parcel No. 10405** Formerly **Block No. 3**, 2.92 Acres situate about 6 Miles North of San Pedro Village, Ambergris Caye, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 288 of 2003 dated 30th January, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 4 of 2003 Folios 1067-1076 in favor of **ALBERT TOWN DEVELOPMENT LIMITED**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202408766

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Block No. 16** and being **Parcel No. 267 & 270** Formerly **Entry No. 20872**, 25.85 & 2 Acres respectively situate on the West side of the Belize-Corozal road, near Mile 13, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Gift No. 0599 of 2006 dated 9th March, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 8 of 2006 Folios 401-412 in favor of **MONIQUE CANDIDA CELIA HULSE**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202409327

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **SAN IGNACIO NORTH Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 2197** Formerly **Lot No. 2309**, 486.175 Square Meters Situate in San Ignacio Town Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No. 790 of 2006 dated 24th August, 2006 in favor of **CRUZ MAI**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202409390

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **BENQUE VIEJO DEL CARMEN Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 2800** Formerly **Lot No. 24**, 559.699 Square Yards situate North-East of Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1212 of 1991 dated 9th July, 1991 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 14 of 1991 Folios 479-482 in favor of **VICTOR ROSADO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202409395

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **BENQUE VIEJO DEL CARMEN Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 2801** Formerly **Lot No. 22**, 559.699 Square Yards situate North-East of Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1211 of 1991 dated 9th July, 1991 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 14 of 1991 Folios 475-478 in favor of **VICTOR ROSADO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202409419

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Block No. 16** and being **Parcel No. 2956** Formerly **Lot No. 11**, 555.712 Square Meters situate along the west side of Old Well Road, south of the Northern Highway, near mile 11, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Gift No. 388 of 2003 dated 10th February, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 5 of 2003 Folios 1281-1288 in favor of **KARINA MARITZA VILLANUEVA**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202409495

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **DANGRIGA SOUTH Block No. 31** and being **Parcel No. 2983** Formerly **Lot No. 15**, 624.631 Square Meters situate in Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3883 of 2000 dated 18th October, 2000 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 56 of 2000 Folios 287-287 in favor of **ANDRE KUYLEN and DESERINE KUYLEN (JOINTLY)**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202409496

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **DANGRIGA NORTH Block No. 31** and being **Parcel No. 654** Formerly **Lot No. 2798**, 664.004 Square Meters situate in the Wagera-le Area, Dangriga Extension, Stann Creek District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 0684 of 2007 dated 1st March, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 8 of 2007 Folios 1477-1486 in favor of **DESERINE KUYLEN and ROBIN KUYLEN (JOINTLY)**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202409498

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **DANGRIGA SOUTH Block No. 31** and being **Parcel No. 2984** Formerly **Lot No. 16**, 624.629 Square Meters situate in Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3884 of 2000 dated 18th October, 2000 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 56 of 2000 Folios 295-302 in favor of **ANDRE KUYLEN and DESERINE KUYLEN (JOINTLY)**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202410004

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **SAN IGNACIO NORTH Block No. 23** and being **Parcel No. 1415** Formerly **Lot No. 1543**, 561.078 Square Meters Situate North of the Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio Extension, Cayo District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No. 141 of 1990 dated 7th June, 1990 in favor of **ANTHONY WAGNER**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202410087

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **ALBERT/MESOP Block No. 45** and being **Parcel No. 2003** Formerly **Lot No. 55**, 558.843 Square Meters situate between Dickerson Street and the Caribbean Sea, Belize City, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Gift No. 814 of 1971 dated 10th November, 1971 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 1971 Folios 959-966 in favor of **ROSE JAMES**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202410467

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **DANGRIGA NORTH Block No. 31** and being **Parcel No. 901** Formerly **Plan No. 49**, 166.919 Square Meters situate on Citron Street, Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Vesting Assent No. 538 of 2003 dated 25th February, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 7 of 2003 Folios 1395-1402 in favor of **MYRTLE PASTOR GALLETT (DECEASED) AND JOAN PASTOR**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202410994

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Block No. 16** and being **Parcel No. 5341** Formerly **Entry No. 19425**, 13.17 Acres situate near 10 Miles on the Belize-Corozal Road, Belize District.


This parcel of land is subject of a Governor’s Fiat Grant No. 86 of 1951 dated 12th October, 1951 in favor of **THOMAS PRATT (DECEASED)**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-202216931

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **LADYVILLE/LORD’S BANK Block No. 16** and being **Parcel No. 6332** Formerly **Lot No. 7**, 2117.352 Square Meters situate in Ladyville, near 9 Miles on the Belize-Corozal Road, Belize District.

This parcel of land is subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. LTU-201501232 dated 20th July, 2015 and recorded in LTU-201501232 in favor of **CELIADIANA HENRY**.





Invitation for Bids

Belize Water Services Limited

Third Water Project
National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
BWSL/BIF-26-1868-01

1. The **Government of Belize** will be receiving financing from the **Caribbean Development Bank** toward the cost of the project **“Third Water Project”** and intends to apply the proceeds of this financing to payments under the Contract for **“Supply and Install Steel Enclosure Building for San Pedro Reverse Osmosis Plant”**.

2. **Belize Water Services Limited** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the:

“Supply and Install Steel Enclosure Building for San Pedro Reverse Osmosis Plant”

3. Bidding will be conducted through the **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** procedures specified in the Caribbean Development Bank’s *Policies* and is open to all eligible bidders.


4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain an e-copy of the bidding document by making a request to the address found at the bottom of this advertisement.

5. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **10:00 am, 26th July 2024**. Electronic bidding **shall not** be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders’ representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at **10:15 am on 26th July 2024**.

6. All bids to be accompanied by a Bid Security, as specified in the bidding document and must be delivered to the address below by **10:00 am local time on 26th July 2024**.

7. The address referred to above is:

Email: rce@bws.com.bz
Attention: Ms. Jahnina Reyes,
Procurement Specialist
Belize Water Services Limited
7 Central American Blvd.
Belize City
Belize



Invitation for Bids

Belize Water Services Limited

Third Water Project
International Competitive Bidding (ICB)
BWSL/BIF-26-1868-02

1. The **Government of Belize** will be receiving financing from the **Caribbean Development Bank** toward the cost of the project **“Third Water Project”** and intends to apply the proceeds of this financing to payments under the Contract for **“Supply of Genset and Associated Materials for San Pedro RO Plant”**.

2. **Belize Water Services Limited** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the:

“Supply of Genset and Associated Materials for San Pedro RO Plant”

3. Bidding will be conducted through the **International Competitive Bidding (ICB)** procedures specified in the Caribbean Development Bank’s *Policies* and is open to all eligible bidders.


4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain an e-copy of the bidding document by making a request to the address found at the bottom of this advertisement.

5. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **2:00 pm, 26th July 2024**. Electronic bidding **shall not** be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders’ representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at **2:15 pm on 26th July 2024**.

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

Names	Registration Section, Block & Parcel Nos.	Certificate Nos.
RAMONA ELIA PULIDO	23-104-935	Land Cert. No. LRS-202209148 dtd. 06/21/2022.
THE GARCIA FAMILY ESTATE	23-22-264	Land Cert. No. LRS-201410553 dtd. 08/21/2014
NATURAL ELEMENTS LTD.	36-61-1630	Land Cert. No. LRS-202312923 dtd. 10/03/2023
MIGUEL ALEJANDRO GARCIA	16-49-777	Land Cert. No. LRS-201805937 dtd. 07/11/2018
THEODORE BURROWES (Deceased)	11-101-564	Land Cert. No. LRS-201207170 dtd. 06/21/2012
MFLP-BELIZE, LTD	36-61-46(H6)	Land Cert. No. LRS-201213596 dtd. 11/14/2012
PETER RAYMOND DOUGAL SYLVIA MARION DOUGAL (Jointly)	1-7-1295	Land Cert. No. LRS-and 202215180 dtd. 10/26/2022
ROY LEE BURGESS	36-61-2907	Land Cert. No. LRS-202407004 dtd. 05/08/2024

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



Patricia Robateau Blackett (Mrs.)
Registrar of Lands

LTU-202301366

LAND TITLES UNIT
Ministry of Natural Resources
City of Belmopan

UNDER THE GENERAL REGISTRY ACT, CHAPTER 327 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE REVISED EDITION 2020

WHEREAS having made the necessary inquires and having read the statutory declaration filed in connection therewith, I have come to the conclusion that the duplicate of the **Transfer Certificate of Title** dated 6th day of July, 2007 and Registered in the **Land Titles Register, Volume 51, Folios 48**.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot Number 6, comprising 15.79 acres being a portion of an 1,800 acre block situated along the Hummingbird Highway, Deep Valley area, St. Herman’s Works, Cayo District and more particularly bounded and described as shown on a plan made by J.A. Keith, Licensed land Surveyor and registered as Entry 8326 Register No. 18.


In the name of:
ERNEST ROBERT POLANSKY III (DECEASED) of 10513 Dyess Road, College Station, Texas 77845-3014, U.S.A

AND
WILEY FORREST TACKITT of Unitedville, Cayo District, Belize

HAS BEEN IRREVOCABLY LOST OR DESTROYED BY MISADVENTURE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I intend, at the expiration of twenty-one days from the first appearance of this notice, to issue a new duplicate of the Registered **Transfer Certificate of Title** registered in the **Land Titles Register, Volume 51, Folios 48**.

ANY PERSON in whose custody the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE** may be or who may have any objection to such issue is hereby requested to inform me of the fact.



PATRICIA ROBATEAU BLACKETT (Mrs.)
Registrar of Lands

BY ORDER OF MORTGAGEE
NOTICE
OF INTENTION TO SELL

ATLANTIC BANK LIMITED, a company incorporated under the Laws of Belize with its registered office situate at Corner Freetown Road and Cleghorn Street in Belize City hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as Mortgagee under and by virtue of Charges and Deeds of Mortgage between those hereinafter named and the said Atlantic Bank Limited which said Charges and Deeds of Mortgage are registered at the Land Registry and the Land Titles Unit. The Bank will at the expiration of **two 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 ATLANTIC BANK LIMITED from whom full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Block 35 situate in the More Tomorrow Agricultural Layout, Cayo District, Belize comprising 50 acres, TOGETHER with all buildings and erection standing and being thereon, the freehold property of PIVOT LTD.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Block 36 situate in the More Tomorrow Agricultural Layout, Cayo District, Belize comprising 48.8 acres, TOGETHER with all buildings and erection standing and being thereon, the freehold property of PIVOT LTD.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Block 37 situate in the More Tomorrow Agricultural Layout, Cayo District, Belize comprising 55.7 acres, TOGETHER with all buildings and erection standing and being thereon, the freehold property of PIVOT LTD.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Block 38 situate in the More Tomorrow Agricultural Layout, Cayo District, Belize comprising 59.2 acres, TOGETHER with all buildings and erection standing and being thereon, the freehold property of PIVOT LTD.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Block 39 situate in the More Tomorrow Agricultural Layout, Cayo District, Belize comprising 49.9 acres, TOGETHER with all buildings and erection standing and being thereon, the freehold property of PIVOT LTD.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Block 40 situate in the More Tomorrow Agricultural Layout, Cayo District, Belize comprising 48.9 acres, TOGETHER with all buildings and erection standing and being thereon, the freehold property of PIVOT LTD.

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ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Block 42 situate in the More Tomorrow Agricultural Layout, Cayo District, Belize comprising 62.8 acres, TOGETHER with all buildings and erection standing and being thereon, the freehold property of PIVOT LTD.

Dated this July 12th, 2024.



OIRSA INVITES TO PARTICIPATE IN A
NATIONAL PUBLIC TENDER Ref. 01/2024
“THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LABORATORY
BUILDING FOR OIRSA IN BELMOPAN”
OIRSA BELIZE

The Terms of References along with the blank BOQ and Arquitectural design can be downloaded after completing the registration form in the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/gq6zDcHVRe?origin=lprLink>



Deadline to submit letter of interest, bill of quantities and price proposal, is no later than **8th August 2024** before 5 p.m. local time to be addressed to Ing. Fermin Blanco, Country Representative.

For clarifications email fblanco@oirsa.org or call telephone number +(501) 610-1463.

BELIZEPROPERTYAUCTIONS.COM
COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALE:
PROPERTIES

Belize City, Belize District; Belmopan Cayo District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties. Sales currently running until **30th September 2024**. Public Auction Sales will expire fortnightly within this period on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.

1. Parcel No. 707 Unity Street, Port Loyolaville, Belize City, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Port Loyolaville	45	707
Freehold property of Mr. Lloyd Ford Jr.		

2. Parcel No. 1314 Mamie Apple Street, Belmopan, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belmopan	20	1314
Freehold property of Ms. Jaseth Jackson.		

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1. PARCEL NO. 236 GOLDSON AVENUE, KING’S PARK, BELIZE CITY:



REGISTRATION SECTION BLOCK PARCEL
King’s Park 45 236
(Being an incomplete two storey concrete building and lot situate on Goldson Avenue, King’s Park, Belize City, held with freehold title.)

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**TENDER FOR SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE SERVICES
CENTRAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICE
GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE**

Tenders are invited from security companies to provide 24-hour Security and Surveillance Services for the Central Information Technology Office (CITO). The tender shall be for one (1) year commencing 1 October 2024 and ending 30 September 2025.

- 1. Language of Tender:** Tenders **shall** be in English. Any documents or additional information submitted as part of the tender that are in a language other than English shall be accompanied by a certified translation into English.
- 2. Services:** The successful tender will be expected to provide the following security and surveillance services:
 - a. General security and surveillance of the Belize National ICT Center compound (the “Premises”) including all buildings and fixtures erected therein by armed guards on a 24-hour basis seven days per week, including public and bank holidays.
 - b. General security and surveillance of the CITO Sub-Office in Belmopan using surveillance cameras, nightly patrols, and random verification checks of the generator, electrical room door, and main access doors commencing at 6 pm to 6 am seven days per week, including public and bank holidays. The daily log shall be maintained and kept on the Premises for review.
 - c. Allow only authorized persons and vehicles to enter the Premises as per CITO Standard Operation Procedures for Access Control and Working in Secure Areas (Details available upon request). The Security must maintain a log of all persons and/or vehicles entering and leaving the Premises and CITO Sub-Office.
 - d. The Security Company shall provide its personnel with equipment including a licensed firearm for the effective performance of their duties.
 - e. The Security Company or its agents shall not divulge to any person or persons any proprietary information that they may be privy to during the execution of their duties as per CITO’s Standard Operation Procedure for Information Classification (Details available upon request).
 - f. The Security Company shall comply with CITO’s Fire Safety Policy in case of an emergency fire evacuation. (Details available upon request).
 - g. In the event of an approaching tropical storm or hurricane, the security guard will be required to execute specific duties and arrangements according to CITO’s Disaster Recovery Plan (Details available upon request). Such arrangements will be communicated to the security firm in advance.
 - h. The Security Company shall comply with CITO’s Incident Management Procedures (Details available upon request).
 - i. The Security Guards are required to undertake training on the information security management systems implemented by CITO and in particular, the requirements relating to physical security of the premises.
 - j. Any other security-related task may be agreed upon by the Parties involved.
- 3. Costs:** Costs incurred in visiting the Premises, the CITO Sub-Office, and in preparing the tender are the sole responsibility of the tenderer.
- 4. Administrative Requirements:** All Tenders shall include the following additional documentation in their submissions:
 - a. Valid Certificate of Good Standing from:
 - i. Belize Tax Service
 - ii. Belize Companies Registry
 - iii. Belize Social Security Board
 - b. A valid copy of the entity’s Trade License reflecting the name of the entity bidding.
 - c. Provide evidence of valid firearm licenses for each guard assigned to the CITO service contract.
 - d. Provide references from three existing customers.
 - e. Provide evidence of at least five (5) similar jobs performed over the past three years.
 - f. Technical and Financial Offers are to be placed in separately sealed envelopes.
- 5. Evaluation Criteria:** All Tenders will be evaluated according to the following criteria:
 - a. Capacity to deliver services based on qualification and certification in the related field.
 - b. Specific experience in the security services sector (years in operation).
 - c. Past performance in similar jobs during the past three (3) years.
 - d. Integrity of the company as per Administrative Requirement 4 (a), (b), and (c).
 - e. Financial Offer.
- 6. Taxes:** The Financial Bids should be inclusive of General Sales Tax (GST).
- 7. Questions and Replies** Questions shall be type-written in English and shall be sent via email to the following address: securitytender2024@cito.gov.bz. The deadline for queries is 2 August 2024. Responses from the CITO will be type-written in English and will be emailed to the requester and may also be made available to other Tenderers subject to confidentiality.
- 8. Submission of Tenders:** Tenders are to be submitted in separate sealed envelopes labeled Technical Offer and Financial Offer. Both sealed envelopes should be placed in an outer sealed envelope labeled “TENDER FOR SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE CENTRAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICE (BELMOPAN)”.
- 9. Deadline for Submission:** The deadline for tender submissions is 16 August 2024, at 12:00 pm. Tenders must be delivered to the Central Information Technology Office in Belmopan.
- 10. The Opening of Tenders:** Tenders will be opened on 16 August 2024 at 1:00 pm. at the Central Information Technology Office. Bidders or their representatives are welcome to attend the tender opening session.
- 11. Evaluation of the Tender:** Tenders will be evaluated immediately after the opening of the tenders on 16 August 2024.
- 12. Only bids that satisfy the Administrative Requirements will have their Technical and Financial Offers evaluated against the Evaluation Criteria.
- 13. Additional information can be obtained from the Chief Information Officer, CITO, by telephone at 828-5169 or by email at ian.smith@cito.gov.bz.
- 14. The contract will not necessarily be awarded to the lowest tender.
- 15. Late tenders will be disqualified and returned to the tenderer unopened.



En *North Amerikkkan Blues*, escrito en 1971, traté de explicar lo que me había sucedido en Estados Unidos para cambiar mi perspectiva de la vida en el invierno de 1967.

Bendecido con una beca universitaria del Consulado de los Estados Unidos aquí en 1965, hice todo lo posible para mantenerme al margen del fermento sociopolítico estadounidense de la época. Para mí, los afroamericanos tienen una perspectiva diferente de la vida a la de los caribeños y a la de los negros, en general, de otras partes del mundo. Creo que los afroamericanos, por diversas razones, son estadounidenses antes que africanos (o negros).

Yo era el único estudiante de color en una fraternidad del Colegio

Dartmouth llamada Zeta Psi. Había un “hermano” blanco en la fraternidad a quien, como pude ver, no le gustaban los negros, pero en general las cosas estaban bastante bien en Zeta Psi.

Una noche, sin embargo, me desperté, después de haberme quedado dormido borracho en el suelo/la alfombra de Zeta, y oí a mis “hermanos” blancos criticar a unos estudiantes afroamericanos que se habían manifestado esa noche contra la visita a Dartmouth de George Wallace, el gobernador segregacionista de Alabama que estaba haciendo campaña para la nominación presidencial del Partido Demócrata en 1968.

Me di cuenta de que tenía que apoyar a mis hermanos afroamericanos que se habían manifestado contra Wallace, y

de ahí una cosa empezó a llevar a la otra. Así que terminé básicamente con perspectiva de la base en mi vida en lugar de convertirme en miembro de la burguesía negra.

Desde los 7 años, crecí en West Canal, frente a la casa familiar de la respetable familia Barrow, cuyo patriarca era Ebenezer Oliver Bunting (E. O. B.) Barrow, un funcionario de alto rango que fue abuelo de Dean, Denys, y Denise Barrow, quienes se han convertido en miembros multimillonarios de la oligarquía negra de Belize.

Pero la Zona Sur de la Ciudad de Belize era un lugar extraño hasta las décadas de 1970 y 1980, en el sentido de que la gente de la base vivía justo al lado de la burguesía negra. Entonces,

al lado de la casa de la familia Barrow vivía un hermano llamado Godwin Gordon, a quien llamábamos “Dino”. Su pareja de hecho era June Stanford, a quien yo había enseñado en el Colegio Técnico de Belize en 1968/69, y creo que era la familia de June la propietaria o la que alquilaba la casa donde Dino y June vivían arriba.

De todos modos, en la década de 1970, Dino solía llevarnos a mí y a un par de mis hermanos menores al espacio abierto en Newtown Barracks para jugar fútbol de “escoger bando”. Caminábamos desde el Puente Bolton hasta Newtown Barracks, que había sido, históricamente hablando, un lugar de recreación para los negros de la base.



Los beliceños que se opusieron al Honorable George Price y el PUP afirmaron que estaba “latinizando” el país y que ellos, liderados por el NIP, defendían los intereses de los beliceños negros. Pero cuando finalmente el Sr. Price fue expulsado en 1984, no fue el NIP el que reemplazó al PUP, sino una nueva entidad llamada UDP, que se había formado en 1973 como una fusión del PDM, el NIP y un llamado Partido Liberal.

Y una de las primeras cosas que hizo el UDP recién empoderado, bajo el liderazgo del Honorable Manuel Esquivel, vendió el espacio Newtown Barracks al grupo Ramada Hotel. Después de eso, el PUP, cuando regresó al poder en 1989, se apoderó del resto de los Barracks, que había sido un icónico espacio recreativo para la gente de la Zona Sur durante muchas, muchas décadas. El simbolismo involucrado aquí es sorprendente. Pero sólo unas pocas personas, como su servidor, hablan de esto.

Cualquiera sea el caso, durante unos cinco años he estado trabajando en un sitio llamado Lake Garden, justo al norte de Ladyville. Ha sido un viaje solitario y está claro que el barrio elitista sospecha de mis intenciones. Tengo suficientes enemigos para durar toda la vida, así que todo lo que he hecho es tratar de mantener los 7 acres lo más limpio que puedo.

Esta semana me encontré con un hermano en Ladyville que solía participar en nuestros juegos de “elegir bando” en Barracks. No había visto a este hermano de la base en varias décadas. Estábamos felices de vernos y el nombre de la primera persona que mencionó fue el de Dino, que había sido asesinado a tiros en Los Ángeles a principios de los años 1980. El hermano de la base y yo recordamos “Los mongoles”.

El sagrado Club Newtown Barracks se encontraba al otro lado de la calle (Princess Margaret Drive) del espacio Barracks, que incluía cricket, fútbol, atletismo, gimnasia, natación e incluso carreras de caballos. Creo que el famoso contratista de caoba llamado Ben Stuart había sido una parte importante de la construcción de la casa club de Newtown Barracks. Pero cuando el huracán Greta azotó en 1978, por muy leve que fuera, Ben Stuart



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Government of Belize

Belize Education Sector Reform Programme Phase II (BESRP II)
Consultancy Services -Procurement Specialist

Request for Expression of Interest

The *Government of Belize (GOB)* has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of the *Belize Education Sector Reform Programme Phase II* Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOB and upon approval by CDB and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOB shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing. More details on the Services are provided in the Terms of Reference.

An individual consultant will be selected under procedures, in accordance with the Bank’s Policy ‘Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB - Guidelines for the Selection and Engagement of Consultants (2011)’.

Consultants shall be eligible to participate if:

- (1) in the case of a body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organised in an eligible country, has its principal place of business in an eligible country and is more than 50 per cent beneficially owned by citizen(s) and/or *bona fide* resident(s) of eligible country(ies) or by a body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements.
- (2) in the case of unincorporated firms, the persons are citizens or *bona fide* residents of an eligible country; and
- (3) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of


bona fide resident of an eligible country.

Interested eligible consultants may obtain further information at the email addresses given below from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (local Belize time) Monday to Friday.

Your expression of interest accompanied by your curriculum vitae should be submitted by *Friday, July 26, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. (local Belize time)*, in writing to the address given below.

Address 1: For requesting documents and information:
Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology
3rd Floor Diamond Building,
1900 Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Belize
project.coordinator@moe.gov.bz and procurement.specialist@moe.gov.bz

Address 2: For submitting CV
Attention: *Mrs. Ingrid Acosta,*
Project Coordinator
3rd Floor Diamond Building,
1900 Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Belize
project.coordinator@moe.gov.bz and procurement.specialist@moe.gov.bz




Invitation for Bids

Belize Water Services Limited

Third Water Project
National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
BWSL/BIF-26-1868-03

- The **Government of Belize** will be receiving financing from the **Caribbean Development Bank** toward the cost of the project “Third Water Project” and intends to apply the proceeds of this financing to payments under the Contract for “**Installation of GenSet at San Pedro Reverse Osmosis Plant**”.
- Belize Water Services Limited** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the:
“Request for Bid for Installation of GenSet at San Pedro Reverse Osmosis Plant”
- Bidding will be conducted through the **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** procedures specified in the Caribbean Development Bank’s *Policies* and is open to all eligible bidders.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain an e-copy of the bidding document by making a request to the address found at the bottom of this advertisement.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **2:00 pm, 19th July 2024**. Electronic bidding **shall not** be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders’ representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at **2:15 pm on 19th July 2024**.
- All bids are to be accompanied by a Bid Security, as specified in the bidding document and must be delivered to the address below by **2:00 pm local time on 19th July 2024**.
- The address referred to above is:
Email: rce@bwsl.com.bz
Attention: Ms. Jahnina Reyes,
Procurement Specialist
Belize Water Services Limited
7 Central American Blvd.
Belize City
Belize

TENDER



REPLACEMENT OF HIGH-PRESSURE SODIUM STREETLIGHT TO LED – COUNTRYWIDE

Interested bidders are invited to a **virtual pre-bid meeting at 9:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday July 16, 2024**. The bidding Documents for the services required and the terms of reference and scope of work for the services will be discussed at this meeting.

Access to the link for the meeting can be obtained by sending an email to **bidboxrequest@bel.com.bz** using the email subject “**Expression of Interest BID #2024-2408 Replacement of HPS Streetlight to LED – Countrywide**” no later than **Wednesday July 10, 2024**.

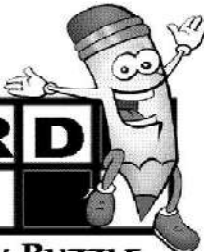
Bidders will be required to submit a proposal and fixed price quotation no later than **3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 31, 2024** via email.

Email address: **bidsubmittal@bel.com.bz**
Email subject: **BID #2024-2408 Replacement of HPS Streetlight to LED – Countrywide**

Proposals will be accepted by email only and should include the

For more information or queries, send email to bidboxrequest@bel.com.bz

Cost incurred for preparation of the tender document is the sole responsibility of the bidder. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

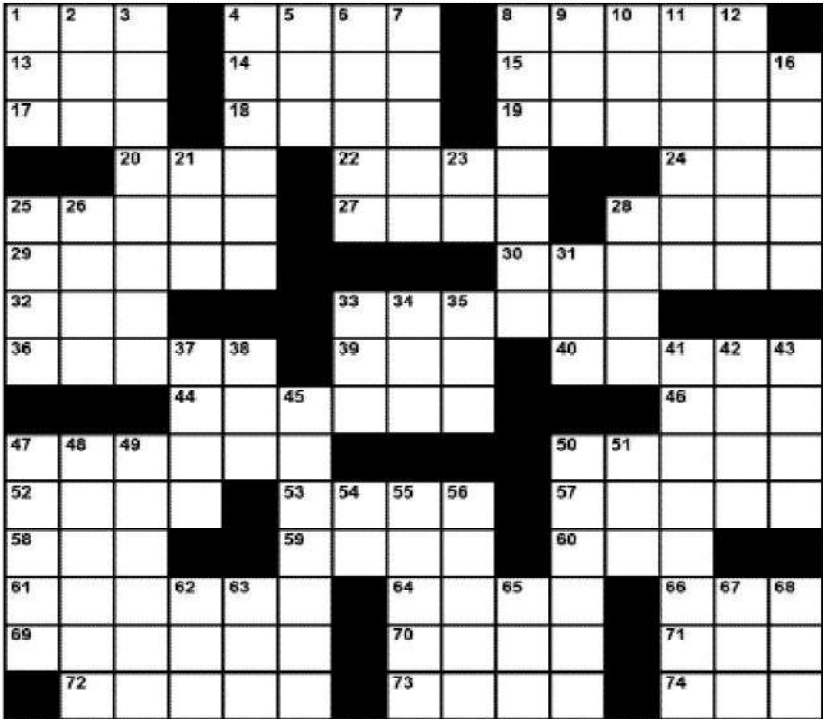


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PUZZLE

NEW PUZZLE

Daily Printable Puzzle - 07-11-2024



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- Broadway hit from 1996
- Big vein
- Son of Cain
- North or Stone
- Skater Midori
- Judicial decision
- Flowery scent
- Yes, informally
- Hearing related
- Lavishly
- Like mindedness
- Voting number
- Violinist's stroke
- Biblical preposition
- Fleming's spy
- River nymph
- Approx.
- 2-D measure
- Cineraria
- Less fresh
- Nordic rugs
- Catch a glimpse of
- AAA offering
- Barn topper
- Bran base
- Spanish avenue
- Camelot lady
- Last degree

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- Saudi Capital
- Andean tuber
- Carpenter, at times
- Crack a puzzle
- Dealer in domiciles
- Actor Carney
- An audio tape recording of sound
- Sci-fi writer Isaac
- Draw back
- Movie evaluator
- Brief photo
- Stylish
- Bridal wear
- Against, prefix
- Stead
- Actress Salonga
- Change the locks
- Adult elver
- Low islet
- Bushy do
- Grade of wine
- Actor Edward G.
- Forest ox
- In a vulgar way
- Shipping ban
- Mythic excursion
- Remove the cork
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- Israel's Moshe
- Fleur de ---
- Capt.'s heading
- Cuckoo
- Absorb, as costs
- Biblical ending

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 - 07-04-2024 - Answers

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Pomp and circumstance!

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

I read this letter to the editor by one Ray Meyers. I don't think I know the gentleman, but he wrote about the above piece of music that is used in graduation ceremonies in the Jewel. I agree with Mr. Meyers that we should have our own graduation themed music. It can be very hard to get rid of some of our colonial traditions, believe me I know. I'm still an Anglophile myself; I think it's one of the most beautiful countries in the world. I love English history, the pomp and circumstance of the medieval and renaissance kings and queen. I love their literature and their different traditions. I love all that while never forgetting that they were colonizers, slave traders, and that they raided the wealth of much of Africa and Asia, and brought us to the Caribbean as slaves to make them richer. So, no, I'm not giving them a pass; but this passive admiration is there.

When you are chattel, when your body and heart and soul is owned by someone else, and I'm not talking about a lover,

I'm talking about an owner, you tend to submit to them in order to stay alive. They make you feel that you couldn't survive without them, with all that conditioning they drill into your innocent mind. Malcom X had this riff about the house slave; he used the N word to describe them. If the master was sick, the slave would say, we sick. What a ting!

Mr. Meyers is correct that after 43 years of independence we still have not been able to figure out who we are, to assume our own identity. We have given up some of the Britishness in us, but we just traded it in for Uncle Sam's influence and traditions. For goodness sake, some of us celebrate the 4th of July and Thanksgiving as though they were part of our DNA! It is so embarrassing in so many ways!

But, as the publisher of this newspaper, and many others have lamented about before, over and over again, it all stems from our theocratic educational system! Government after government have ceded our right to know our history; they

have allowed the church to decide what is taught, and what is fraught, regarding our genesis and our exodus. The creole culture is disappearing at an alarming rate; the Mayas don't really know the sacrifices their ancestors went through in Yucatán! The slavery and the indentured and the abuse and the genocidal and religious wars that they had to withstand, and survive! As Sergeant Shultz would say in Hogan's heroes, "We know nothing!" I envy the Garinagu people; they suffered abuse and racism, but they know their history! Thus, their resilience and their stressing education as a means of survival and advancement!

But even their communities are losing their identities, being swept up in the clutches of our Big Brother. Hopkins, Barangu, Seine Bight, owned by the gringos! Placencia, San Pedro, Caye Caulker, Consejo, the Cayo District, losing their identities! Why? because we let others decide what we teach and what we learn! We didn't have that burning patriotism burnished into our hearts and

minds; we were denied the rights of citizenship in our own country, by being denied our history. To be thyself, you must first know thyself. We know nothing!

Glen

From the Publisher en Español

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estaba muerto y la casa club, muy dañada, por alguna razón o razones, nunca fue reparada. Aparentemente esto creó la apertura para Ramada en la conciencia de todos aquellos miembros negros del Gabinete del UDP que vendieron los Barracks en 1985 aproximadamente.

Recuerdo que en esos juegos de fútbol de "escoger bando" de los años 70, a veces aparecían superestrellas de MCC como el fallecido Rungu Glynn, pero también había participantes en los juegos que eran figuras del hampa, por así decirlo. Entonces, a veces nos decíamos, cuando faltaba un jugador normal: ¿dónde está fulano de tal? "Nueva York" sería la respuesta. Habría que leer entre líneas.

Fueron días divertidos. Si Greta es responsable de Ramada, entonces Greta fue peor de lo que jamás creímos. Sólo algo para pensar en Belize en 2024.

"While Passing Through" by Bev-E

Continued from Page 1

When *Amandala* asked Gutierrez about the title of her book, she explained that it's about healing.

"Healing. Healing. Healing. You can go to your lowest, but you can come back up. There is always come back up. There is always hope, no matter how low you are, and again loving yourself,"

As mentioned above, this is a revised edition of the original story that was released in 1998, removing the more graphic details of her experiences.

"This book has ways to deal with what happened. Back in those days I was just writing because I was angry; so, 26 years ago I wrote it and we did pretty well. I am surprised, because I want to read that old book, because everything was explicit, from the rape through Majestic Alley to everything; and I tell it step-by-step," Gutierrez said.

Through the original piece, she was featured on The 700 Club on CBN – Christian Broadcasting Network in the US – using that platform to share her experiences.

Two copies of the book were also given to the Leo Bradley Library, said Geridene Reneau, Senior Librarian. She mentioned that hosting book launches at the Library is being used as a catapult to promote the work of Belizean writers.

"We encourage authors to do their book launch at the library so that we promote the book and encourage others to come read the book, to promote the work of our Belizean artists. As Miss Bev spoke about today, there are stories that we don't know about, and these stories will help to enlighten and educate the younger population of our country," Reneau said.

While Passing Through was written under Gutierrez's pen name – Bev-E.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consulting Service for Institutional Strengthening of BELTRAIDE'S Investment Promotion Programs

Institution: Ministry of Economic Development
Country: Belize
Project: Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP)
Sector: Trade and Investment
Abstract: This project aims to promote Belize's foreign direct investment and trade performance.
Loan No.: 5582/OC-BL
Process ID: BL-L1040-P00009
Deadline: Monday, July 29, 2024; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received eight million US Dollars (US \$8M) in loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP). The Trade and Investment Facilitation Program is a response to the low investment flows and limited international trade competitiveness faced by Belize. The general objective of the program is to promote Belize's foreign direct investment and trade performance.

This consultancy is aligned to Component number 2 of the project, **Investment Promotion and Export Development - This component seeks to increase the positive spillovers of FDI in the local economy through the improvement of investment promotion programs and the development of a new suppliers' program to accelerate MSMEs internationalization.**

The objective of this consultancy is to develop investment promotion programs for prioritized sectors including the use of digital tools. To comply with this objective, specific objectives have been delimited to proposing efficient and innovative business and digital tools: a) institutional strengthening, b) optimization of the business model and processes to generate investments, c) investment promotion strategies (ISPs) and action plans, and d) investment promotion programs (IPPs) to promote and retain investment to Belize.

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment now invites eligible **consulting firms** ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

From the expressions of interest received, the Executing Agency will prepare a short list comprising not fewer than five (5) and not more than eight (8) eligible firms.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank](#) GN-2350-15 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the Consultant Policies.

Further information including copy of required template may be requested via email or phone during the hours of 8:00am – 4:00 pm.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form in English, using the required template to the email address tjoseph.ceu@med.gov.bz by **July 29, 2024, prior to 10:00am local Belize Time**. Subject must include - Institutional Strengthening of BELTRAIDE'S Investment Promotion Programs and **name of Consulting Firm**.

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Belize awarded BZD\$250 million by MCC

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The US-funded private corporation provides time-limited grants to address poverty and promote growth in countries considered financially challenged. The persistent high poverty rates and economic and climate vulnerabilities in Belize put the country in a position to benefit from this funding, called “free money” by PM Briceño.

The two program areas, as mentioned, will address education and energy shortfalls in Belize. According to PM Briceño, 80 percent of the funds will be allocated to education, while the remaining 20% will be allocated to the energy sector.

Prime Minister Briceño shared that the compact program funding will be disbursed over a 5-year period.

Education

In the education sector, the government seeks to increase the number of post-primary graduates. The project will include the establishment of an education quality assurance system to assess and improve the quality of management and teaching within the classroom.

Besides this, other project goals include capacity building for education leadership and teachers; provision of teaching and learning resources, and increased support for primary school graduates to enroll in and complete secondary education programs.

To enhance and build the capacity of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training institutions across the country, a national agency will be established.

Energy

The objective of the energy program under this MCC compact is to lower the cost of energy and reduce reliance on power from Mexico’s Comision Federal de Electricidad (CFE).

Recent power outages across the country have raised concerns and questions about Belize’s energy security. The government will support BEL and PUC to modernize the grid.

Establishment of implementing agency

As part of the grant, the government

established the Millennium Challenge Account Belize Authority to serve as the implementing agency on behalf of the Government of Belize.

They are expected to sign the compact agreement in early September 2024. All of the funds associated with this grant will be directed through that authority.

PM Briceño said that, besides GoB, representatives relevant to the projects will also be included on the board of directors. This will include a representative from the Belize National Teachers Union, the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry, civil society organizations, and a non-voting member representative from academia. There is no seat on the board for a member of the Opposition.

Opposition on MCC grant

For his part, the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Moses “Shyne” Barrow said that what was to be a moment in bipartisan agreement was used as an opportunity for political grandstanding by the Prime Minister.

He outlined that while the Opposition is in support of the MCC grant program and thanked the United States for the donation, he is concerned that they have no seat on the board laid out by PM Briceño in his speech.

He described the Opposition as a primary stakeholder and explained the importance of including them in the decision-making body.

Minister of Education, Hon. Francis Fonseca pointed out instead, that he believes that it is not necessary to have an Opposition member on the board.

Hon. Patrick Faber, area representative for the Collet Division, said during his comments that the United States has a clearly stated agenda to maintain its position as the world superpower, and this contribution, like other forms of aid, is a part of a larger plan to maintain that superpower status.

The Millennium Challenge Belize Account Authority Bill was passed by the Lower House and now goes to the Senate. Also, read for a third time was the National Security Council Bill.

Appeals of Mason et al dismissed by Court of Appeal

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affirmed.

On June 19, 2017, they were charged with Pastor Lucas’ murder which occurred on July 15, 2016, at Mason’s farm, located between Miles 30 and 31 on the George Price Highway.

Lucas’ decapitated head was found by police in a bucket in the pan of Mason’s pickup truck that was parked at Sancho’s Bar in Belmopan. The police were investigating a robbery when they stumbled upon Lucas’ decapitated head.

All of the appellants were seen coming out of the vehicle.



Further investigation by the police led to the discovery of pieces of burnt bones in a pit at Mason’s farm. The police also retrieved telephone records and digital video recordings.

The Crown, represented by the Director of Public Prosecutions, Cheryl

Lynn Vidal, called 30 witnesses to prove its case. The case for the Crown was based substantially on circumstantial evidence. The category of evidence included direct evidence leading up to the death of Pastor Lucas, electronic evidence, telephone records, video recordings from a surveillance camera, photographs and forensic evidence.

The telephone records showed that the phone calls and text messages were mainly between Lucas and Mason, and that on the day of the murder Mason invited Lucas to come to his house at Intelco Hill in Belmopan for some money.

Lucas’ went with two other men in a vehicle to Mason’s house and upon their arrival they were blindfolded, bound and gagged and they were taken to Mason’s farm. The two men who were with Lucas were released, and only Lucas was kept a prisoner by Mason.



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BCC and Peak Outsourcing sign MOU

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different social projects, we want to be a part of those; so, the initiatives that the Belize City Council has in place, we are going to be partnering with them to see how best we can lend resources and collaborate to make the events a little bit bigger; and they have to be community-based,” Picart further mentioned.

The Mayor of Belize City, Bernard Wagner, told the media that it is an opportunity for new graduates to have a job after graduating from their respective institutions.

“We have been the sort of entity that wants to drive and contribute to reducing unemployment in our city. We have done it, as you see it, through being your boss’s initiative, contributing to having people run their businesses. But at the same time, some people want to enter and seek a career, and what better place than

Peak Outsourcing? They have demonstrated that they are here for the long haul from the fact that they can establish a corporate center in the city. That says a lot about how you take this business and see yourself as a part of the fabric of Belize City employment. So, we wanted to ensure that we contribute to youths coming out of high school, and universities every year,” he said.

“It’s about a career, and you can find a career within the BPO sector. There’s nothing wrong with being employed in the BPO sector. It is something good; it is a career. Once you feel excited, that is all that matters,” he said.

Picart noted that many of the persons employed at Peak Outsourcing are from high-risk areas such as Lake Independence and Port Loyola, and that the company could possibly employ another 400 agents by the end of the year.

Dr. Mario Estradabran, the pathologist, testified that he could not tell the cause of death because he did not have Lucas’ body to examine. He said he examined Lucas’ head which was found with duct tape on his eyes, nose and mouth, and he could not tell if Lucas was alive when his head was severed from his body.

Mason and Keiron Fernandez gave unsworn statements denying that they had anything to do with the murder. Mason called one witness to testify on his behalf. Keiron Fernandez did not call

any witness. The other appellants chose to remain silent.

The Court of Appeal dismissed all of their grounds of appeal.

Castillo and the Fernandez brothers were represented by attorney Aaron Tillett. Vanegas was represented by attorney Norman Rodriguez, while Mason was represented by Senior Counsel Hubert Elrington.

The appeals were heard on March 21. All four, except for Mason, appealed their convictions and sentences. Mason only appealed his conviction.

PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks

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the Tour is decided in the hills and the time-trial. There will be 2 rest days on the next 2 Mondays. Tadej Pogacar, the Giro de Italia champion & the defending champion, is the very best in the time trial & in the hills. He is one of the very best all-around cyclists the Tour de France has ever seen. Eddy Merckx is still the best ever all-time because he won 34 stages, including in the hills & sprinting stages. Next week, more stats.



Minnesota Twins will make the playoffs

Baseball results & predictions

In baseball action, one of the greats, Willie Mays passed away at age 86. He used to play for the New York Giants in the early 60's. He played in 26 All-Star games & he also has 12 Golden Gloves at centerfield. He is the best ever to play that position. In baseball results, the

Chicago Cubs are struggling very badly. They are at the last place in the Central Division. They beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 9 runs to 2. The Milwaukee Brewers are still leaders of the division. The St. Louis Cardinals are in the second spot. In the West in the National League, Mookie Betts & the Los Angeles Dodgers will win that division very easily. There are 65 games & more left. The Atlanta Braves, the New York Mets alongside the San Diego Padres are playing very well. In the American League, the New York Yankees, the Seattle Mariners, the Cleveland Guardians and the Tampa Bay Rays are all rolling. The Houston Astros & the Boston Red Sox are struggling. Next week, more stats.



Willie Mays

The Sleepwalking Defense

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function has determined that frontal and parietal lobes are profoundly deactivated during sleepwalking episodes while motor areas remain active. (As a result)... sophisticated, cognitive functions such as planning, memory, or social skills should be very limited or absent. Thus, by closely examining the sleepwalker's actions and behaviors, the expert can determine whether witnessed or inferred behavior should or could be possible during an alleged sleepwalking episode, or more likely occurred during wakefulness, alcohol intoxication, or another state of consciousness. If the alleged sleepwalker demonstrates cognitive behaviors possible only during wakefulness, then sleepwalking can be ruled out ..."

Some psychiatrists and psychologists in the U.S., the U.K. and Canada have expressed great concern that the sleepwalking defense could become a get-out-of-jail-free-card no matter the crime. This might be particularly an issue for countries like Belize that lack professional sleep labs and that are without psychiatrists who are board certified in sleep disorders. It's not difficult to find a paid expert to assert that sleepwalking is a "possibility" in a criminal case, thus supporting the "reasonable doubt" that defense attorneys rely on.

The American Psychological Association (APA) has repeatedly registered great concerns about the sleepwalking defense: "How is the court to distinguish between the bona fide sleepwalker who involuntarily committed an act that is otherwise criminal, and the individual who voluntarily committed a criminal act and is now using the sleepwalking defense to avoid the legal consequences of his actions? How is a judge to determine who is a sleep expert and what is reliable sleep science?"

The latter is of great concern. Who

is a reliable expert on sleepwalking? As the APA has noted, some who call themselves sleepwalking experts may pull from circumstantial or indirect evidence of sleepwalking and consider stress levels before the incident, prior sleep deprivation, even caffeine use. Other sleep experts might focus on descriptions of the defendant's behavior during a sleepwalking episode as being inconsistent with the current scientific knowledge of sleepwalking. Keep in mind that sleepwalking is a rare disorder, and yet one that some accused individuals attempt to mimic to elude responsibility for their crimes.

Jared Ranguy, the triple murderer, is my cousin by marriage. He murdered my kind-hearted Uncle Robert, who is my mother's brother; Robert's wife, my beloved Aunt Karen; and my beautiful cousin, Teena. Robert, Karen and I, along with Karen's wonderful sister, Marilyn, worked together for more than a decade in a nonprofit that provided free training for Belizean teachers, and free academic summer school programs for Belizean children. Jared helped out a few times, too. And yet, in the many years that our family worked together in these education programs, and during other visits and holidays, no one mentioned a sleepwalking disorder ever occurring in the family. Rising from a bed, walking through a home, and speaking gibberish if spoken to—all of the behavior is so strange, it's hard to imagine that it would never have been mentioned. In addition, Jared has no established medical history of such a disorder.

I commend Jared for pleading guilty to the crimes he committed. Now, I can only hope that the Jewel will not suffer from future claims of the sleepwalking defense. Perhaps with a good night's sleep, we will all see the potential harm it could cause.

(Joey Garcia is a Belize-born journalist.)

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Of

Dated the 10th July 2024

The Belize Bank Limited
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INVITATION TO BID

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Tender: For the National Expert to Conduct Situational
Analysis of Child Environmental Hazards in Belize

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment, seeks a suitable consult to bid for the consultancy of a National Expert to Conduct a Situational Analysis of Child Environmental Hazards in Belize. The consultancy pertains to an INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT specializing in consulting services and is for 40 days working days over a period of three (3) months.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

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3. Knowledge of regional chemicals and waste initiatives funded by the GEF will be an asset.
4. Familiarity with the existing regulatory infrastructure for environmental protection in Belize.
5. Experience/knowledge of the structural arrangements in the health and environment sector to deliver mandated programs and services. Fluency in written and spoken English.
6. Strong data analytical skills (proof of this area of data analytical knowledge must be provided).
7. Experience in facilitating workshops and/or training.

For Terms of Reference which details the main scope of work/tasks, minimum organizational requirements, required competencies, as well as instructions and conditions for proposal submissions, kindly request via email at projects@environment.gov.bz or download from the DOE website at: <https://doe.gov.bz/>

Deadline for Submission: Friday, July 26th, 2024, no later than 3:00 pm

