

Livestock alert! NW Screw Worm at Belize's doorstep



New World Screw Worm Fly

by Marco Lopez

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 7, 2024

Yesterday, the Ministry of Agriculture hosted a vital information session alerting the country, and primarily cattle ranchers of the imminent threat of a New World Screw Worm outbreak in Belize. Earlier this year, the re-emergence of the pest – which had been eradicated from the region for 30 years - was detected in

Belize ramping up prevention strategy as New World Screw Worm detected 45 miles across the border

Panama. To date, cases have been identified in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Guatemala. No cases have been detected in Belize so far.

The Ministry of Agriculture, however, is not taking any chances, and is putting in place measures to prevent the spread of the pest in Belize should it come across our border. During yesterday's session, Minister of Agriculture, Jose Mai shared that cases have been found as close as 45 miles from the southern border of Belize – putting the livestock industry in the district of Toledo at risk.

Minister Mai shared that technical staff have been activated across the country to support the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA) in ramping up surveillance, monitoring of movement, treatment of animals, and

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Man jailed for injury to brother-in-law

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Tonight, sisters of a man in Hattieville accused of attempting to murder his brother-in-law during a family dispute, say no justice has been served, as their brother is innocent and was acting in self-defense.

Over the weekend, a report went viral of a family dispute where a man allegedly stabbed his sister's common-law-husband, because he allegedly tried to rape her. The sisters of the accused man, their 23-year-old brother Brett Brenton Mejia, aka "Pito", came to court today in support of him.

Mejia, a self-employed food vendor



Brett Brenton Mejia, remanded

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4 men, including police officer, arraigned for murder

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 6, 2024

Tonight, a group of four men, including a police officer, all of the Fabers Road area, are on remand at the Belize Central Prison for the Monday morning murder of taxi driver, Shawn Albert Ortiz Campbell.

The four men have been identified as Kyle Nobert Stephon Domingo, 35, a resident of #7766 Madam Liz Avenue; Gasman



(Top l-r) Kyle Domingo and Gasman Jones (Bottom l-r) Peter Perez, and Charles Brown

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MPUELE Energy Fair sparks innovation and awareness in Belmopan



(L-R) Hon. Michel Chebat, Minister of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics, and E-Governance; Dr. Vincent Palacio, President of the University of Belize

BELMOPAN, Thurs. Nov. 7, 2024

On November 7, 2024, the University of Belize campus in the capital city of Belmopan was buzzing with excitement as the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy,

Logistics, and E-Governance (MPUELE) hosted an Energy Fair under the CARICOM theme, "Invest in

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American firefighter is free!

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 7, 2024

Belizean-American Gilbert Lightburn, Jr., 41, a firefighter of Los Angeles, California, is a free man after spending close to 2 months behind bars at the Belize Central Prison due to charges that were brought against him for attempted murder (three counts) and deadly means of harm (four counts).

The charges stemmed from allegations that during an altercation with four Belizean men in front of Shisha 8 Lounge on Barrack Road, Belize City, on August 31, Lightburn reportedly inflicted injuries on three of the men. In Lightburn's defense, he said he had no intention of harming anyone, but was defending himself.

Lightburn had also claimed that the jewelry he was wearing that night was stolen from him. Those pieces of jewelry included a 14-karat Miami Cuban link chain valued at \$20,000, another 14-karat Miami Cuban link chain valued at \$30,000, and a 24-karat American Buffalo Indian Head coin in a 14-karat gold casing, worth \$7,500.



Gilbert Lightburn, Jr., freed

When Lightburn appeared in the Magistrate Court in Belize City on October 30, however, the complainants – Ian Abraham, Javon Abraham, Mark Usher, and Giovanni Abraham – informed the court that they did not want the matter to be pursued any further, and as a result Lightburn became a free man.

Ironically, according to sources, the charges were dropped after the complainants discovered that they were all relatives of Lightburn.

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Gilmore Jones, 28, a resident of #7589 Rio Bravo Crescent; Charles Alexander Brown, 47, an LIU worker of #7747 Madam Liz Avenue; and police officer, Constable Peter Jamal Jeremy Perez, 23, a resident of #7589 Rio Bravo Crescent, Fabers Road area.

On Monday, November 4, 2024 at about 5:30 a.m., police received reports of a fatal stabbing, and went to the KMH Accident & Emergency Section, where they saw a dark-complexioned man lying motionless on a bed, with an apparent stab wound to the left side of his chest.

The man was later identified to police by his common-law wife to be Shawn Albert Ortiz Campbell, 43, a Belizean taximan of #19 Fern Lane, Belize City.

A subsequent investigation by police revealed that on Monday, November 4, 2024, sometime around 3:00 a.m., while Campbell and Aston Lewis were leaving Stephen's Place after socializing, Campbell was stabbed by one of four men.

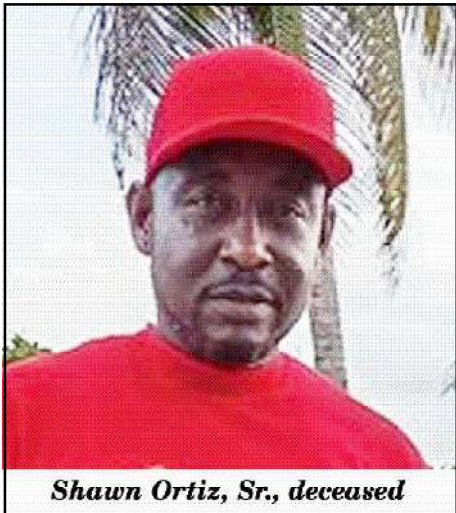
Campbell was rushed to the KMH for medical treatment, and was pronounced dead at 4:50 a.m.

Police later processed the murder scene, where a Scenes of Crime technician took pictures of a green Toyota Camry vehicle with license plate BCD-9380.

Police also recovered and viewed surveillance footage from Stephen's Place which showed the four male persons who attacked Campbell.

According to police, when PC Perez was asked whether he would allow them to interview him, he said no.

Police also said that Jones and Brown let the officers interview them, and Kyle Domingo was interviewed and gave a statement under caution to police on Tuesday night, November 5, 2024, at



Shawn Ortiz, Sr., deceased

about 9:00 p.m., less than a day after the murder.

The group of men appeared at around 10:00 this morning before a Magistrate in Court #7. Senior Counsel, Simeon Sampson is representing Perez, the police officer, and Jones. The other two men remain unrepresented.

The sitting Magistrate read all four men a charge of murder for the Monday, November 4, 2024, stabbing of Campbell, which occurred on Jaguar Avenue.

The sitting Magistrate explained to the group that no plea would be taken from them, and no bail could be offered, due to the indictable nature of the offense, and so they were all remanded to the Belize Central Prison until January 6, 2024.

Domingo asked the sitting Magistrate if he could get a copy of the facts of the case, and that's when the Magistrate ordered that each defendant be provided with a copy of the facts of the case, which they received immediately.

Before the men's arraignment concluded, Domingo was informed that the court record showed that he owed the court \$500 for a fine he had been ordered to pay after being convicted during the pandemic for an SOE charge

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of Mile 15 in Hattieville, appeared unrepresented before a Magistrate in Court #7 and was read charges for two criminal and indictable offenses of attempted murder and use of deadly means of harm upon Kenroy Lanza, 24, his brother-in-law.

In court, no plea was taken from Mejia due to the nature of the offenses. Under the Crime Control and Criminal Justice Act Section 16-2A, attempted murder and use of deadly means of harm are offenses where the Magistrate's hands are tied from granting bail; and so, Mejia was remanded to the Belize Central Prison until January 6, 2025.

Outside the court room we spoke with Mejia's 19-year-old sister, who is Lanza's common-law.

The 19-year-old told us that Lanza was drunk and he was abusing her and tried to rape her; and so she ran over to her mother's house which is 40 yards away to seek help; and her common-law, armed with a knife and a machete, followed her.

The teenager told us that Lanza attacked her and her mother, and in fear for their lives, she ran and got her brother.

Her brother, Brett Mejia, tried to disarm Lanza, and whilst he was trying to take away the machete and knife, he (Lanza) was "juk" accidentally with the knife.

Lanza is still hospitalized today, and Mejia is on remand at Belize Central Prison.

Mejia's sister said the police should never have charged her brother, as he acted in self-defense, and that it was Lanza, her common-law, who started the entire incident.

According to the 19-year-old, she will not be staying with Lanza after this incident. She said that she will raise her one-year-old son alone, and she wants justice for her brother.

The Mejia family told us that the police did not want to take their statement, and according to the 19-year-old, when she was trying to tell the police what had transpired, they told her that her story makes no sense.

The Mejia family retained the services of an attorney at noon today, after they watched their brother being escorted to the Belize Central Prison on remand.

The 19-year-old who was abused and nearly raped told us that the family will return to the police station to try and make their official report, and that she will be filing charges against Lanza.

The facts of the case which led police to arrest and charge Brett Mejia:

On Sunday, November 3, 2024, information was received that someone had been stabbed at around 9:00 p.m., and based on this information, Hattieville Police personnel responded to 15 Miles



Kenroy Lanza, victim

Old Hattieville area where, near the Mejia's residence, Police met a brown skinned male person bleeding and being escorted out to the roadside by his common-law wife, also a domestic of 15 Miles Old Hattieville.

Police say the man, who was later identified to them as Kenroy Lanza, was seen bleeding from the neck area, and police quickly assisted him into the Police Mobile and took him to meet the BERT Ambulance on the George Price Highway.

Police say their initial investigation revealed that sometime after 1:00 p.m., Lanza and his common-law wife had just come to Hattieville from the Lords Bank area in Ladyville, where they had spent the night, when sometime after 7:00 p.m., Lanza wanted to have sexual intercourse with his common-law wife, and she refused.

Lanza got upset and with a machete in hand chased his common-law wife into her mother's house. There, Brett Mejia intervened; and a fight started between Mejia and Lanza, and Lanza was injured to his body with an object.

According to the police report, Lanza then went to where his common-law wife was, and that's when she noticed he was bleeding and assisted him to walk to the roadside to get help.

Police said sometime after 10:00 p.m. Crime Scene technicians processed the scene of the stabbing incident; and according to police, they recorded a statement from Lanza's common-law wife and spoke to other persons in the area.

The following day, police said they spoke to two members of Mejia's family, and based on their statement given, a wanted poster was put out for Brett Brenton Mejia, who later handed himself in to police.

According to police on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, Brett Brenton Mejia, while in custody, gave police a video recorded interview and also gave a caution statement in the presence of a JP.

was in debt to the court for the sum of \$305 plus.

Each defendant in debt to the court was informed that while on remand they could serve a brief period in prison in lieu of payment of their fines, and they agreed to do so.

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of attending a restricted event which occurred on November 14, 2020.

Domingo appeared shocked over the conviction and outstanding fine, and told the court he thought that charge had been thrown out.

Charles Brown was also told that he

Cabinet approves Human Development name change

by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Thurs. Nov. 7, 2024

In the weekly Cabinet briefing, it was announced that the Women’s Department in the Ministry of Human Development, Families & Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs has been changed to the Family Support and Gender Affairs Department.

According to the government’s press release, the name change will be reflected in the Ministry’s guiding principles of equality and inclusion, as well as the strategic goals outlined in #PlanBelize.

Adele Catzim-Sanchez, CEO of the Ministry of Ministry of Human Development, Families & Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs, echoed similar thoughts on the change, as it extends what the ministry offers from serving solely women to including men.

“We have shifted from a women’s department to a family-friendly one,” she said.

Initially, the department under its previous name aided women against gender-based violence, helped through the grocery bag program, and helped women with disabilities. But the name change indicates that it will now also aid displaced persons, primarily men



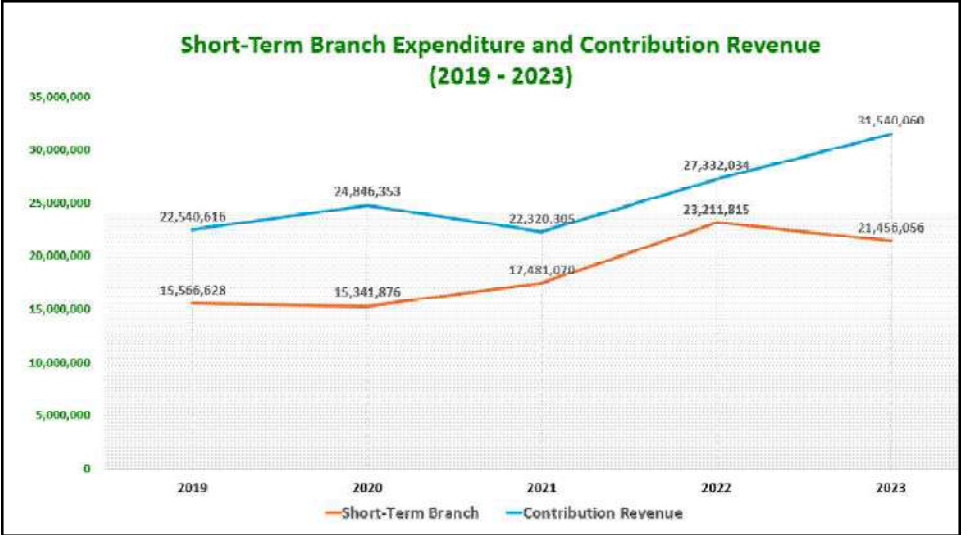
Adele Catzim Sanchez, CEO of the Ministry of Ministry of Human Development, Families & Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs

and boys.

CEO Catzim-Sanchez mentioned that a structure run by the ministry will be on Wood Street in Belize City to ensure that services are provided to displaced persons.

She noted that the Ministry is making the adjustments in the upcoming days, and presented its name change to the Cabinet on Tuesday, November 5.

SSB discusses contributions during media mixer



by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 7, 2024

The Social Security Board (SSB) held a media mixer on Thursday, November 7, in Belize City with discussions centered around contributions, sickness claims, and workplace accidents.

Social Security provides protection to individuals and households to ensure access to health care, and guarantee income security in case of sickness, maternity, employment injury, invalidity, unemployment, old age, or loss of a breadwinner.

It responds to the universal need for protection against life risks and social needs, and reduces poverty among vulnerable populations.

“Social Security provides social protection, and is based on solidarity. It is all of us pulling into the fund or contributing to the fund, and based on your contributions you might put a little less than somebody else, but at the end of the day you’re still able to access the same benefits that I would access versus what you would access if maybe you contributed a little bit less,” said Vanessa Velloso, Communications and Public Relations Manager at SSB.

Jerome Palma, Deputy CEO of SSB, illustrated figures from 2019 indicating that contribution revenue has exceeded its Short-term Branch Expenditure. The figures demonstrate that its contribution revenue increased from 22.5 million in 2019 to 24.4 million in 2020, then there was a dip in 2021 to 22.3 million and it skyrocketed to 31.5 million last year.

Meanwhile, the expenditure figures started with 15.5 million in 2019 with a slight decrease the following year. In 2021, it grew to 17.4 million, peaking in 2022 at 23.2 million, and decreased last

year to 21.4 million.

“When we look at it, immediately that is showing a picture of a healthy fund that is showing something sustainable,” said Palma.

“Every year we pay a lot of sickness benefit. That is what SSB does; that’s part of the contribution. Most of these are for persons who are working; they have to be off from the job,” he mentioned. “When we look at that information in sickness, it supports the contribution and the development of the entire country. It supports its sustainability and getting people back to work,” he added.

Palma noted that sickness claims rose to 63,741 in 2022, as the country opened up and persons were being infected by the COVID-19 virus. Also, in 2019, there was an outbreak of dengue and claims rose to 53,607; and in 2017, claims grew to 59,286, as there was an outbreak of conjunctivitis (pink eye).

“We recognize we’re a healthy workforce. There has to be a conversation in promoting wellness in the office space. If people are not feeling well, it may be better to be out of the office to reduce the spread. It’s a significant impact, and we see most of the claims coming from things like your common cold, and the flu season,” he expressed.

Palma spoke about injuries in the workplace, primarily in the agriculture sector, and said 2013 was the highest with 600 accidents happening.

“We encourage a healthy and safe workplace, because remember, it’s not only injuries. There are diseases that can be caused by asbestos and those kinds of things as well. You hear a lot about that in the United States, and so what happens? Payouts become much, much higher,” said Dr. Leroy Almendarez, CEO of SSB.

to rural communities and contributing to the nation’s foreign exchange earnings,” said Minister of State, Dr. Hon. Osmond

Martinez.

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UK confirms sugar quota policy

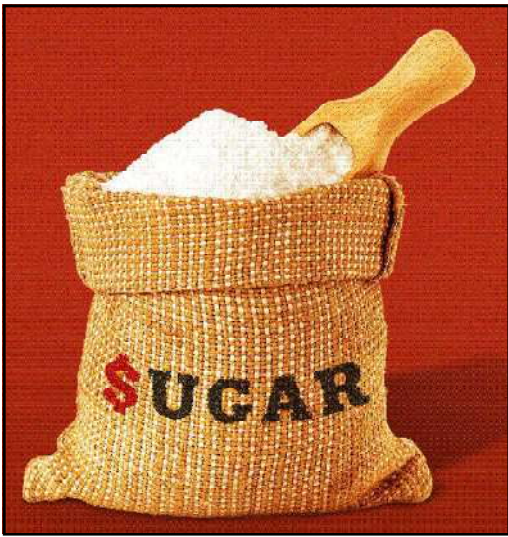
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In a positive development for Belize’ sugar industry, the United Kingdom (UK) has decided to maintain its current Autonomous Tariff Quota (ATQ) for raw cane sugar, so there will be no increase in access for other suppliers who are not part of the Organization of African, Caribbean, and Pacific States (OACPS).

The British High Commissioner announced the decision to preserve critical market access for Belize’s sugar exports in 2025, while also providing substantial benefits for the country’s sugar sector, especially Belize’s dedicated cane farmers.

The UK will continue to allow 260,000 tons of raw cane sugar to enter its market at a 0% tariff rate, and Belize’s sugar exports will retain duty-free, quota-free access under the CARIFORUM-UK Economic



Partnership Agreement (EPA).

“The UK’s commitment to preserving this vital access reaffirms the importance of Belize’s cane farmers, whose contributions support not only the economy but the livelihoods of thousands of Belizean families. This ensures that Belize remains competitive in one of its primary export markets, offering stability

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dispersing of sterile flies to stave off the serious and looming threat.

The livestock industry in Belize is worth \$100 million dollars according to Minister Mai, a significant jump from its worth 30 years ago, when the New World Screw Worm was first declared eradicated in Belize. At that time, it brought in about \$20 million dollars annually and supported several hundred families – today there are 6,000 persons in the livestock industry. The majority of these individuals are considered small and medium-scale cattle farmers – owning between 1 and 50 heads of cattle.

An outbreak of the pest can result in reduced domestic production, and impact exports to our neighboring countries.

A letter to the Mexican equivalent of BAHA – SENASICA – from a powerful association of Mexican cattle farmers – the Confederacion Nacional de Organizaciones Garnaderas – called for the “temporary closure of the border with Guatemala and Belize for bovine cattle and other susceptible species.”

Minister Mai shared that the ministry considered that demand “unjust.”

Belize and El Salvador are the only two countries that remain free of the pest at this time, making the demand from the 8,000-member-strong Mexican organization unfair, according to Mai.

“In the case of Belize, I find it to be somewhat unjust to make such a request to the government of Mexico, because we are worm free; our status is clean. However, I can understand their nervousness ... SENASICO, the animal and plant health authority in that country, is an institution that is based on science and technology; it’s based on scientific evidence,” Mai said.



New World Screw Worm

Regular inspection of animals is the first line of defense, said BAHA’s Technical Director, Dr. Roxanne Alvarez.

“You’re the first line of defense against it. You keep an eye on your animals or any wound that appears, even if it is a tick bite, even if it is an injection. If your dog has a beef worm, those wounds need to be treated,” she shared.

Fermin Blanco is the Country Representative of the Organismo Internacional Regional De Sanidad Agropecuaria (OIRSA).

During his remarks, he shared, “Curing wounds is essential, because the blood is the one that attracts the fly. If the fly comes in, it cannot find a wound, then it cannot survive; so, the best thing here that farmers can do is to implement measures now.”

Minister Mai shared that while he can understand the nervousness of SENASICO, at this critical juncture, as a member of OIRSA, like Belize, it tends to abide by the rules of trade, plant, and animal health set forth by the organization.

“OIRSA would have to step in and say, listen, you’re not abiding by the rules of engagement, so to speak, on this matter,” Minister Mai pointed out.

The full information session can be found on the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise’s Facebook page.

Letters to the editor

Garifuna and Slavery

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Dear Editor,

Even up to today, many Belizeans cannot countenance or simply refuse to accept the fact that our ancestors were never enslaved.

The plight of the Garifuna people was atrocious when they were in contact with the Europeans in St. Vincent. The Carib and Arawak who occupied these islands were considered fearless warriors by the slave masters, in particular the British.

These Africans were brought across the Atlantic Ocean with the intention of becoming slaves. Once the Africans and Caribs merged after the shipwreck, the British knew that they would have a major problem containing these people.

The treatment of the Garifuna people by the Europeans was worse than their enslaved counterparts. The reason was that our ancestors resisted slavery. This incredible mix of Africans, Caribs, and Arawaks fought off their oppressors with everything they had, including their lives. During this time, many of the runaway slaves or maroons from the

West Indies, as the region was referred to back then, who were lucky to escape the claws of their oppressors, made their way to St. Vincent for refuge.

The journey from St. Vincent to the coast of Central America was an attempt at genocide by the British; they intended to eliminate our culture from the face of the earth. Hence, we are considered to be an indigenous group in this region. If history serves us right, the Garinagu would then be the only people of African descent in the Western Hemisphere that were never enslaved. Only the indigenous people of this part of the world were never slaves. The Garifuna people also fall under that category.

There is no doubt that there will be those in high and low places who are working overtime to debunk this reality. History has always been a controversial and boring subject. It’s much easier to gravitate to all the superficial things in this world. But if you don’t know thyself and where you are from, how can you free your mind?

Respectfully,
J Alvarez

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Sustainable Energy – Accelerating the Energy Transition.” The event, aimed at promoting sustainable energy practices and innovations, drew a large number of both public and private industry professionals, local and international stakeholders, and students, all eager to learn about the latest advancements in energy technology.

The fair, the second of its kind, showcased a diverse array of exhibitors, including renewable energy companies, local innovators, government agencies, and the banking sector. Visitors had the opportunity to explore booth displays, and participate in informative discussions about the future of energy in Belize.

In his keynote address, Minister of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics, and E-Governance, Hon. Michel Chebat spoke about Belize’s unique potential, given its geographical location, to leverage and drive the energy transition agenda in the Caribbean and Central America. He continued by saying that, “The energy transition is not merely an investment shift, but a call for all sectors of society to consider their role in this transition to take decisive, bold actions towards a transformative journey that will shape the future of Belize and our region.”

The minister continued by emphasizing the government’s commitment to transitioning Belize towards sustainable energy sources. He spoke about the 2023-2040 National Energy Policy, which provides the roadmap towards renewable energy, underscoring the critical role

of investment and resource mobilization. “But policies alone are not enough,” said Chebat. “As a government, we are making investments that matter. Just recently, in partnership with the Saudi Fund for Development, Belize secured a historic \$77 million USD investment for a 60-megawatt utility-scale solar plant.” This project, according to Chebat, “will transform Belize’s energy landscape by expanding sustainable capacity, generating new jobs, and advancing us toward a low carbon future.”

During the fair’s opening ceremony, Minister Chebat also signed a memorandum of understanding between the Ministry of Energy and the University of Belize for the establishment of an Energy Center on UB’s campus.

In addition, Minister Chebat and IDB Country Manager Ms. Rocio Bolivar unveiled the “Least Cost Rural Electrification Plan,” a project developed in partnership between the Ministry of Energy and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) focusing on rural electrification. In his remarks on the rural electrification plan, CEO of the Ministry of Energy Jose Urbina said, “We are proud to have signed FPIC agreements with three southern villages. These milestones underscore our dedication to involving our communities in energy initiatives that directly impact their lives. By partnering with these communities, we are working toward a more inclusive energy transition that benefits all Belizeans and aligns with new energy access strategies.”



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Starry-eyed about *Starlink* – reason to be scared

Plus TV's owner, Louis Wade, and Vaughan Gill, the host of the morning show on the government's television station, *Vibes*, are among a number of private citizens/small business owners who have expressed their support for Starlink, a foreign-owned internet service provider whose application for a license to operate in Belize is presently before the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Starlink's website claims that its advanced, reliable high-speed internet system makes streaming, video calls, online gaming, and remote working possible even in the most remote locations. In this digital age that we are living in, Starlink's coverage has quite a number of Belizeans starry-eyed – apparently seeing only its advantages over existing companies.

CircleID, which describes itself as "the world's leading platform for Internet developments with more than 5,200 professional participants worldwide", lists the delivery of high-speed internet in rural areas, unlimited data with no throttling, and ease of use among the benefits of hooking up to *Starlink*. *CircleID* notes that the system has some drawbacks, among them the upfront cost of equipment, which it says is high; interrupted service during bad weather; high monthly subscription cost; occasional network congestion; and environmental concerns—space debris and impacts on astronomy from the company's large satellite constellation. Also, *CircleID* says that in respect to speed and monthly cost, *Starlink* is less competitive in urban areas where fiber or cable internet is available.

In our media world, *XTV*'s Mose Hyde has declared his opposition to *Starlink* getting a license to operate in Belize. In its October 31 report, *News5* said the nation's leading telecommunications company, Belize Telemedia Limited (BTL), registered its objection with the PUC, and so have the Belize Communications Workers Union, the Belize Business Bureau, the Association of Beneficiaries and Retired Public Officers, and the Social Security Board (SSB). *News5* said the Minister of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics & E-Governance, Michel Chebat stated in an email that "should approval be

considered, [that] Starlink's operations in Belize be facilitated through a local agent, ensuring alignment with local industry dynamics and subject to our national tax regime" to prevent an "unfair market advantage."

SSB CEO, Dr. Leroy Almendarez sees the potential for Starlink to threaten SSB's investment in BTL. In an interview reported on *Love FM*, Almendarez said that SSB owns 34% of BTL, and any cut in the company's market share would hurt the workers' fund. Almendarez noted that Belize's market isn't that large, that "we want greater efficiency within the market, but we want to ensure that there continues to be returns on our investment," because any failure on the part of BTL would force the SSB "to increase the rate of contribution" to supplement the fund.

The comments of the Public Utilities and E-Governance minister, Michel Chebat, coupled with the comments of the host of the government's early morning talk show, Vaughan Gill, suggest that the government is looking at Starlink favorably. One argument for government support of Starlink is that it would take the pressure off the government-owned BTL to invest funds to deliver internet to sparsely populated remote areas, an endeavor that would be very unprofitable for the company in the

short term. There are negatives that should concern government. Our leaders can't lean on the excuse of our being a young country if they are naïve about engaging with these giant companies. Our first prime minister warned about them. And not too long ago, a foreign "big cat" ran all over us after we sold the keys to BTL. We can read all about that in *with malice toward none*, the memoir of our third prime minister, Said Musa.

BTL isn't the only internet provider that is at risk of seeing its market share diminish. A release from BTL states that in the highly competitive market of providing internet service, there are "16 operators who have to share a mere population of 400 thousand." All of these companies have workers, and indubitably they'll have to trim staff or get out of the business if the internet giant, Starlink, gets a license.

It's a dicey call. If we were more nationalistic, and clearly, we have to be if we will survive as a nation, we could have the benefits of Starlink without harming existing companies, which would erode the lot of workers in our country. But that debate might be superfluous after Tuesday's presidential election, which was won by Donald Trump and the Republican Party.

As noted by the *Amandala* publisher in his column on Tuesday, Starlink is owned by Elon Musk, an ally of Mr. Trump, and were he to put "his case for investment in Belize to Mr. Trump, Belize would not be in a position to resist pressure from Trump's Washington." If it was only about dollars and cents, Belize with its 400,000 people might be too small a market for the multi-billionaire Musk to be calling in favors from the American president. But there are other considerations which alert people will be aware of, such as control/influence of media, were Starlink, a foreign company, to become our dominant internet provider.

There are a number of Belizeans who are starry-eyed about the prospects of Starlink in Belize, and particularly for Belizeans and businesses in remote areas, it would be of great benefit. But many objectors see carnage in the marketplace, severe hurt to workers, and a threat to our independence. Starlink might be too "costly" for our blood."

Anti-corporate activists and environmentalists quake after US elections

The Republicans were the big winners when the dust settled on elections in the US on Tuesday – claiming the presidency, control of the Senate, and quite likely the House of Representatives too. In the most famous democracy on the planet, at least for the next two years, one party will have free rein *fu du weh dehn* want, especially since Republicans also have control of the Supreme Court. The Republican platform included promises to contain the LGBT agenda; clamp down on immigration and deport individuals illegally in the US; severely curtail abortion rights; reduce subsidies for healthcare; slow down advances of the Black community toward reparations; and maintain the right of Americans to own guns of every make, from pistols to high-powered rifles.

The Republicans might have difficulty doing worse than what the Democrats did to contain Israel's brutal mission of vengeance in Gaza in response to the Hamas attack on Israel last year. The difference between the two parties in regard to Israel is that the majority of the rank-and-file Republicans believe that Israel can do no wrong, since Israel is, in their view, the chosen people of God; while the majority of rank-and-file Democrats believe Israel, especially the crowd presently living there, has no claims on God above anyone else, and should not be allowed to wage war with impunity.

With Trump and the Republicans in control, the US is open for business, with little restraints. The rival Democrats had vowed to increase taxes on the massively wealthy multi-millionaires and billionaires. That won't happen under the Republicans and Donald Trump. It's a rough day for the masses when aggressive people have an open field to take advantage of faults in human systems to amass, hoard, vast wealth, while the masses scramble like Lazarus for crumbs that fall off their tables.

Measures to fight climate change will be placed on the backburner, since the Republicans have rejected the science behind the dramatic increase of severe weather phenomena. It's a tragedy when leaders fail to connect coral bleaching with deforestation, decimation of the ozone, and environmental contamination with pesticides, chemical fertilizers, and chemicals used in industry and households.

Tuesday, November 5, was a good day for some, a bad day for others, and a particularly bad day for environmentalists and people who are not friends of the corporates.



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UEF hosts Belizean Garifuna Ourstories

by *Sistah YaYa Marin Coleman*

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 6, 2024

United Black Association for Development Educational Foundation (UEF) is hosting our 3rd annual Zoom Community Belizean Garifuna Ourstories. Starting on **Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.**, join us as we reason with **Breddah Jeremy "Jerry" Enriquez**. Breddah Jerry is a Garifuna educator, writer, father, and husband. The zoom ID is: **377 394 4338**, the passcode is: **461199**. XTV will broadcast this UEF Community initiative, and the next 3 scheduled Belizean Garifuna Ourstories on **November 16, 23, & 30, 2024**.

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Entusiasmados con Starlink: motivos para tener miedo

El propietario de *Plus TV*, Louis Wade, y Vaughan Gill, el presentador del programa matutino de la estación de televisión del gobierno, *Vibes*, se encuentran entre varios ciudadanos privados y propietarios de pequeñas empresas que han expresado su apoyo a Starlink, un proveedor de servicios de Internet de propiedad extranjera cuya solicitud de licencia para operar en Belize se encuentra actualmente ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos (PUC en inglés). El sitio web de Starlink afirma que su sistema de Internet avanzado y confiable de alta velocidad hace posible la transmisión, las video llamadas, los juegos en línea y el trabajo remoto incluso en las ubicaciones más remotas. En esta era digital en la que vivimos, la cobertura de Starlink tiene a un gran número de beliceños entusiasmados, aparentemente viendo solo sus ventajas sobre las empresas existentes.

CircleID, que se describe a sí misma como “la plataforma líder mundial para el desarrollo de Internet con más de 5.200 participantes profesionales en todo el mundo”, enumera entre los beneficios de conectarse a Starlink la entrega de Internet de alta velocidad en áreas rurales, datos ilimitados sin limitaciones y facilidad de uso. *CircleID* señala que el sistema tiene algunos inconvenientes, entre ellos el costo inicial del equipo, que dice es alto; servicio interrumpido durante el mal tiempo; alto costo de suscripción mensual; congestión ocasional de la red; y preocupaciones medioambientales (basura espacial e impactos en la astronomía de la gran constelación de satélites de la empresa). Además, *CircleID* dice que en lo que respecta a la velocidad y el costo mensual, Starlink es menos competitivo en áreas urbanas donde hay Internet por fibra o cable.

En nuestro mundo de los medios, Mose Hyde de *XTV* ha declarado su oposición a que Starlink obtenga una licencia para operar en Belize. En su informe del 31 de octubre, *News 5* dijo que la principal empresa de telecomunicaciones del país, Belize Telemedia Limited (BTL), registró su objeción ante la PUC, y también lo han hecho el Sindicato de Trabajadores de las Comunicaciones de Belize, la Agencia de Negocios de Belize, la Asociación de Beneficiarios y Funcionarios Públicos Jubilados y la Junta de Seguridad Social (SSB). *News 5* dijo que el Ministro de Servicios Públicos, Energía, Logística y Gobierno Electrónico, Michel Chebat, declaró en un correo electrónico que “en caso de que se considere la aprobación, [que] las operaciones de Starlink en Belize se faciliten a través de un agente local, asegurando la alineación con la dinámica de la industria local y sujetas a nuestro régimen fiscal nacional” para evitar una “injusta ventaja de mercado”.

El director ejecutivo de la SSB, el Dr. Leroy Almendarez, ve el potencial de que Starlink amenace la inversión de la SSB en BTL. En una entrevista publicada en *Love FM*, Almendarez dijo que SSB posee el 34% de BTL y que cualquier reducción en la participación de mercado de la empresa afectaría al fondo de los trabajadores. Almendarez señaló que el mercado de Belize no es tan grande, que “queremos una mayor eficiencia dentro del mercado, pero queremos asegurarnos de que siga habiendo retornos sobre nuestra inversión”, porque cualquier fracaso de BTL obligaría a la SSB “a aumentar la tasa de contribución” para complementar el fondo.

Los comentarios del ministro de Servicios Públicos y Gobierno Electrónico, Michel Chebat, junto con los comentarios del presentador del programa de entrevistas matutino del gobierno, Vaughan Gill, sugieren que el gobierno está viendo a Starlink con buenos ojos. Un argumento para el apoyo del gobierno a Starlink es que aliviaría la presión sobre BTL, propiedad del gobierno, para invertir fondos para llevar Internet a áreas remotas escasamente pobladas, una iniciativa que sería muy poco rentable para la empresa en el corto plazo. Hay aspectos negativos que deberían preocupar al gobierno. Nuestros líderes no pueden apoyarse en la excusa de que somos un país joven si son ingenuos a la hora de relacionarse con estas empresas gigantes. Nuestro primer primer ministro advirtió sobre ellas. Y no hace mucho tiempo, un “gran gato” extranjero nos atropelló después de que vendiéramos las llaves a BTL. Podemos leer todo sobre eso en *with malice toward none* [sin malicia hacia nadie], las memorias de nuestro tercer primer ministro, Said Musa.

BTL no es el único proveedor de Internet que corre el riesgo de ver disminuir su participación en el mercado. En un comunicado de BTL se afirma que en el mercado altamente competitivo de la prestación de servicios de Internet, hay “16 operadores que tienen que repartirse una población de apenas 400 mil personas”. Todas estas empresas tienen trabajadores y, sin duda, tendrán que recortar personal o salir del negocio si el gigante de Internet,

Starlink, obtiene una licencia.

Es una decisión arriesgada. Si fuéramos más nacionalistas (y, claramente, tenemos que serlo si queremos sobrevivir como nación), podríamos tener los beneficios de Starlink sin perjudicar a las empresas existentes, lo que erosionaría todos los trabajadores de nuestro país. Pero ese debate podría ser superfluo después de las elecciones presidenciales del martes, que ganaron Donald Trump y el Partido Republicano.

Como señaló el editor de *Amandala* en su columna del martes, Starlink es propiedad de Elon Musk, un aliado de Trump, y si él presentara “su caso para invertir en Belize a Trump, Belize no estaría en posición de resistir la presión del Washington de Trump”. Si solo se tratara de dólares y centavos, Belize, con sus 400.000 habitantes, podría ser un mercado demasiado pequeño para que el multimillonario Musk pidiera favores al presidente estadounidense. Pero hay otras consideraciones que la gente alerta debe tener en cuenta, como el control/la influencia de los medios de comunicación, si Starlink, una empresa extranjera, se convirtiera en nuestro proveedor dominante de Internet.

Hay varios beliceños que están ilusionados con las perspectivas de Starlink en Belize, y en particular para los beliceños y las empresas en áreas remotas, sería de gran beneficio. Pero muchos de los que se oponen ven una carnicería en el mercado, graves daños a los trabajadores y una amenaza a nuestra independencia. Starlink podría ser demasiado “costoso” para nuestra sangre.

Activistas anticorporativos y ambientalistas tiemblan tras las elecciones estadounidenses

Los republicanos fueron los grandes vencedores cuando se asentó el polvo de las elecciones en los EE.UU. el martes, reclamando la presidencia, el control del Senado y muy probablemente también de la Cámara de Representantes. En la democracia más famosa del planeta, al menos durante los próximos dos años, un partido tendrá vía libre para hacer lo que quiera, especialmente porque los republicanos también tienen el control de la Corte Suprema. La plataforma republicana incluyó promesas de contener la agenda LGBT; tomar medidas drásticas contra la inmigración y deportar a las personas que se encuentran ilegalmente en los EE.UU.; restringir severamente los derechos al aborto; reducir los subsidios para la atención médica; frenar los avances de la comunidad negra hacia las reparaciones; y mantener el derecho de los estadounidenses a poseer armas de todo tipo, desde pistolas hasta rifles de alta potencia.

Los republicanos podrían tener dificultades para hacer algo peor que lo que hicieron los demócratas para contener la brutal misión de venganza de Israel en Gaza en respuesta al ataque de Hamás contra Israel el año pasado. La diferencia entre los dos partidos con respecto a Israel es que la mayoría de los republicanos de base creen que Israel no puede hacer nada malo, ya que Israel es, en su opinión, el pueblo elegido de Dios; mientras que la mayoría de los demócratas de base creen que Israel, especialmente la multitud que vive actualmente allí, no tiene ningún derecho a reclamar a Dios por encima de nadie más, y no se le debe permitir librar una guerra con impunidad.

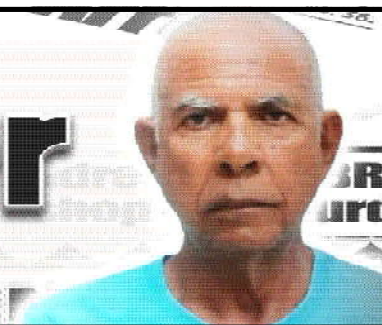
Con Trump y los republicanos al mando, Estados Unidos está abierto a los negocios, con pocas restricciones. Los rivales demócratas habían prometido aumentar los impuestos a los inmensamente ricos multimillonarios y billonarios. Eso no sucederá con los republicanos y Donald Trump. Es un día duro para las masas cuando la gente agresiva tiene campo libre para aprovechar las fallas de los sistemas humanos para amasar, acaparar, una enorme riqueza, mientras las masas se pelean como Lázaro por las migajas que caen de sus mesas.

Las medidas para combatir el cambio climático quedarán en segundo plano, ya que los republicanos han rechazado la ciencia que respalda el dramático aumento de los severos fenómenos meteorológicos. Es una tragedia que los líderes no relacionen el blanqueamiento de los corales con la deforestación, la destrucción del ozono y la contaminación ambiental con pesticidas, fertilizantes químicos y productos químicos utilizados en la industria y los hogares.

El martes 5 de noviembre fue un buen día para algunos, un mal día para otros y un día particularmente malo para los ambientalistas y las personas que no son amigas de las corporaciones.

From the Publisher

Evan X Hyde



The great Russian writer and historian, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (1918-2008), won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1970. He spent many years in Siberian prison (the Gulag archipelago) in communist Russia because of his outspoken views. Solzhenitsyn must have been a very brave man, but he must also have had a streak of arrogance. I suggest the arrogance streak, because Solzhenitsyn once said (or wrote): “A great writer is like a second government.” (Solzhenitsyn was charged with treason and deported by the Russian government in 1974.)

Personally, as a young man I intended to become a professional writer, but six months after this newspaper was founded, I was arrested and charged with seditious conspiracy because of a headline story I wrote. I was tried, along with the late Ismail Shabazz, in the Supreme Court of British Honduras, and we were acquitted in July of 1970.

The case was a sensational one, partly because the two young attorneys who defended us, *pro bono*, were considered sympathizers of the ruling People's United Party (PUP), which had made the arrest. Being considered a PUP

sympathizer was especially so, I think, in the case of Assad Shoman, who was already very friendly with the ruling PUP when the Shabazz/Hyde arrest was made. So that, the arrest and trial may have been viewed perhaps as a kind of split in the ruling party, which had been practically monolithic from the time the Rt. Hon. George Price had replaced Leigh Richardson as PUP leader in 1956.

The trial in question essentially diverted me in my supposed writing journey, and pushed me into politics, and a few years of controversy and confrontation not only with the PUP but also with the new Opposition party, the United Democratic Party (UDP), which emerged in September of 1973.

Writing and politics began to merge for me after 1977, so that one may say that I became a journalist instead of a writer. By 1981, I had begun to make a reasonable living as a journalist, so much so that I became involved with a radio station, KREM, in 1989, and then I made a major business move with semi-pro basketball (Raiders) in 1992. The basketball move failed because both major political parties here were very hostile to myself and the venture.

I'm trying to set the stage for the entry of my second son, Cordel, into party politics, with the PUP in 1994. By 1998, Cordel had become a PUP Cabinet Minister, which began to create problems for me as a journalist/writer.

In November of 2020, Cordel became Deputy Prime Minister of Belize, which is, of course, a high-ranking position. Personally, I am now in a kind of retirement, but I suppose it is possible to describe the newspaper, radio station, and television station which comprise the Kremandala businesses, as the source of opinions which are often at odds with initiatives of the ruling PUP Cabinet. Sometimes I feel that I am in a tricky spot.

Be that as it may, I turn to the issue of today, Wednesday, November 6, 2024. That issue has to do with the presidential election that took place yesterday in the United States which has resulted in an outright victory for Donald Trump, a man who had been promising mass deportations of immigrants if he was elected. The implications for Belize and Belizeans, both at home and in the diaspora, need to be studied by the Government of Belize, because the implications may be serious, and they may be sociologically and financially negative.

Belize is blessed with a plethora of media, both broadcast and social, but it appears to me that the bulk of Belize's media discourse may be viewed as frivolous. I hesitate to make opinion statements like the above, because I am a septuagenarian, and I must give maximum respect to the generations who are now in the trenches, so to speak. Still, the Trump victory demands examination and analysis in Belize.

Another aspect of the Trump victory, apart from the threatened deportations, is that it may have implications for our relationship with Guatemala, the no. 1 ally of the United States of America in our region, and Belize's neighbor in the west and in the south. Guatemala is a hostile neighbor to Belize, and has laid claim to Belize's territory for decades.

That claim has been submitted to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for arbitration, and supposedly will be settled on strictly legal bases. The historical reality is that the land we call Belize was settled by our ancestors when Guatemala did not even exist. Guatemala became a nation-state in 1821, when it achieved independence from Spain, which had been awarded the territory by the Pope of Rome in the Treaty of Tordesillas in 1494.

These historical facts are irrelevancies to Mr. Trump, if we are to judge from his public behaviour over the decades. But, as of Tuesday, Mr. Trump became once again the most powerful man on planet earth. He will have a say, even a defining say, in anything he wishes to address.

A key ally of Mr. Trump's, Elon Musk, just a couple weeks ago attempted to become a player in Belize's internet/telecommunications sector. Belize's initial reaction to Mr. Musk's attempted penetration was negative. If Mr. Musk, however, puts his case for investment in Belize to Mr. Trump, Belize would not be in a position to resist pressure from Trump's Washington.

I'm just saying, and this is only a humble newspaper column. But, I submit that it is not frivolous.

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From the Publisher

by Evan X
Hyde

El gran escritor e historiador ruso, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (1918-2008), ganó el Premio Nobel de Literatura en 1970. Pasó muchos años en una prisión siberiana (el archipiélago Gulag) en la Rusia comunista debido a sus opiniones francas. Solzhenitsyn debe haber sido un hombre muy valiente, pero también debe haber tenido una vena de arrogancia. Sugiero la vena de arrogancia, porque Solzhenitsyn una vez dijo (o escribió): “Un gran escritor es como un segundo gobierno”. (Solzhenitsyn fue acusado de traición y deportado por el gobierno ruso en 1974.)

Personalmente, cuando yo era joven tenía la intención de convertirme en un escritor profesional, pero seis meses después de la fundación de este periódico, me arrestaron y acusaron de conspiración sediciosa debido a un titular que escribí. Fui juzgado, junto con el finado Ismail Shabazz, en la Corte

Suprema de Honduras Británica, y fuimos absueltos en julio de 1970.

El caso fue sensacional, en parte porque los dos jóvenes abogados que nos defendieron, pro bono, eran considerados simpatizantes del entonces gobernante Partido Unido del Pueblo (PUP), que había efectuado el arresto. Ser considerado simpatizante del PUP fue especialmente así, creo, en el caso de Assad Shoman, que ya era muy amigo del gobernante PUP cuando se produjo el arresto de Shabazz y Hyde. De modo que el arresto y el juicio pueden haber sido vistos tal vez como una especie de división en el partido gobernante, que había sido prácticamente monolítico desde el momento en que el Muy Honorable George Price había reemplazado a Leigh Richardson como líder del PUP en 1956.



GEORGETOWN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
GEORGETOWN VILLAGE
STANN CREEK DISTRICT
Email: principal@gttech.edu.bz

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

1 Science Teacher – January – April 2025
1 Life Skills/ Entrepreneurship Teacher – Permanent

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

Interested persons are asked to submit Letter of Application, complete with Résumé, Transcripts, Valid Teacher’s License, Police Record, Medical Certificate and Two Letters of Recommendation.

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

Applicants are asked to submit applications by November 13, 2024 to the:

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



Vacancies at Julian Cho Technical High School

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

1 Belizean Studies Teacher - Permanent
1 Science/Spanish 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

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

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


Application packages must be addressed to:

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

ELECTRONIC PACKAGES CAN ALSO BE EMAILED TO: ictchs.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, November 18, 2024.



**APPLICATION FOR A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENCE NOTICE**

The Infinite Wireless & Networking of Spanish Lookout, Belize hereby informs the public that pursuant to the Telecommunications (Licensing Classification, Authorisation, and Fee Structure) Regulations, 2020, as amended from time to time, has applied to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for the GRANT of an Individual License to provide Internet Service in the entire country of Belize.

Interested parties are invited to submit comments or objections on this application within two (2) weeks of this publication. Comments or objections are to be emailed to telecom@puc.bz

Viewing of Application for the Telecommunications License:

Members of the public and all other interested parties may view the application along with associated information at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission or at the offices of Infinite Wireless & Networking at Center Road, Spanish Lookout, Cayo District, Belize.



MAY-JUNE 2025 CSEC AND CAPE EXAMINATIONS

The Local Registrar advises all interested persons of registration dates for the following examinations.

Registration Dates	CAPE Exams and Examination Dates
28 October to 29 November 2024	01 May 2025 - 13 June 2025
CSEC Exams and Examination Dates 01 May 2025 - 06 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accounting Units 1 & 2• Applied Mathematics Units 1 & 2• Biology Units 1 & 2• Caribbean Studies Unit 1• Chemistry Units 1 & 2• Communication Studies Unit 1• Computer Science Units 1 & 2• Digital Media Units 1 & 2• Economics Units 1 & 2• Entrepreneurship Units 1 & 2• Environmental Science Units 1 & 2• Financial Service Studies Units 1 & 2• Geography Units 1 & 2• Green Engineering Units 1 & 2• History Units 1 & 2• Information Technology Units 1 & 2• Integrated Mathematics Unit 1• Law Units 1 & 2• Literature in English Units 1 & 2• Logistics and Supply Chain Operations Units 1 & 2• Management of Business Units 1 & 2• Physics Units 1 & 2• Pure Mathematics Units 1 & 2• Sociology Units 1 & 2• Spanish Units 1 & 2• Tourism Units 1 & 2

Registration of candidates for CSEC and CAPE will be done via appointment only at the Examinations Office in Belize City. A valid photo ID is required during registration. (Social Security Card or Passport). The link to indicate the need for an appointment may be accessed via the Online Services section of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology's website, or below.

Scan here for appointments.



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It's true: white girls look better than black girls ...

by Colin Hyde

... in the movies. Years ago, a friend/mentor told me that people with white skin look better, ‘show up’ better, in the movies. That’s a true statement. Ah, from the peak, it fades to brown, you can stay around, until we reach black—stay da back. I’ve had it in my mind to throw my two cents on that tochiz color subject, and the door opened with this story by Morgan Murrell on *Buzz Feed*, “‘So Many’ People Have Said This To Halle Bailey, But She Doesn’t Know If It’s A Compliment Or An Insult.” Murrell said that while spending a day with her followers “the Grammy-nominated artist revealed that when some fans meet her in person, one of the first things they tell her is, ‘You’re so much prettier in person!’”

You know the moment I saw the name Halle, I said, oh, Halle Berry; I don’t see that much sexual intrigue in her. Okay, I think that is so because she looks like she could be a close relative. Thanks for looking twice; the girl is Bailey, and I Googled her, and movie or no movies, she is dynamite. I bet the compliment/insult emanated from the Caucasian element. Ms. Bailey is more African than Ms. Berry.

You know that in everything they do, the white “ancestor” comes together for the glory of the race. When they choose their starlets and stars for romantic movies, acting ability, bah—it is based first, second, third on their ideal of sexy and macho. I don’t know who chooses brown and black starlets and stars for the movies. But let’s get past that for now. The lighter skin shows up better in the movies. Real life is a different story.

Thoughts provoked by David and the BDF

I listened to FECTAB’s president, Brother David Almendarez, a private entrepreneur, when he called the *XTV* morning show last week to rail about government’s unfairness to small local cruise operators, and I also read the letter from the BDF soldier, a brother on the public payroll, about his need for a higher salary.

I’ve worked for others. I’ve had my own businesses. I know what it is like to be out of a job. I know what it is like to have your business crash. I never went abroad to university, so when I worked for others, I didn’t get top pay. I’ve never complained about my pay when in the employ of others. I believe that’s because my nature is to be on my own. My best times financially were when I worked for private companies. I never stayed with any too long. Those are all lengthy stories.

I didn’t hear any response to David’s charge that local tour operators consistently get a raw deal from government. There’s a tricky side to that story. Belizeans first, yes, but it must be factored in, that the foreign businesses are owned by people from countries that are our allies. And they employ many Belizeans. That’s likely why FECTAB’s cry, it seems to not get that much attention.

There were many responses, all supportive of the soldier’s call for a salary increase. It’s a struggle for most Belizeans in this modern world where many trappings are seen as essential. Ignoring the particulars of the soldier, which I don’t know, I think the salary discussion would be more realistic if we acknowledged that in our little Belize, households with a single source of income are far fewer than households that have two incomes.

This 6.9 story, it is best for Belize that we discuss it without the baggage that was piled on to create a cloud. In my world, only red and blue are allowed to shoot around curves. The rest of us must shoot straight. You know what should happen to baggage. Dump it!

This sewer pond story, that argument that patients will be breathing in foul air, is a complete dud. Stop repeating it. Even if it does give off a not so pleasant smell at times, the farthest point from the pond in these two parcels at minimum is a third of a mile away. The restaurant that depends on the smell of fry chikin and barbeque to call customers from a third of a mile away will only get traffic from people with particularly, ehm, big nose.

The mantra of people in the land business is location, location, location, and consistent with that is where this saga starts. Top personnel in the medical department realized that the UB compound wasn’t ideal. I don’t think they arrived at that conclusion so that the PUP could run a scam, but yes, the PUP could have seen the opportunity to, to do a little something. My opinion is that our public servants at Health were brilliant in their vision.

Other lands have been suggested as cheaper sites. But the location that was

chosen, for any other site to compete with it, that site would have had to be on the “right” side of the highway. That location that Mr. Brackett and Ministry of Health personnel decided on is directly connected to Belmopan (close to utilities too), and it is on the “right” side of the highway for patients, students, and staff bussing from Benque Viejo and Santa Familia in the west, and from Barranco and Crique Sarco in the south.

The champions for “what-was-stated-would-be-in-Belmopan-must-stay-in-Belmopan”, I must tell them they come over a little elitist. The hospital at the new proposed site is still accessible to Belmopanese, but it would have been a feather in their cap if it was placed closer to central BMP. Ah, it would have been a feather in UB’s cap too to have it placed on their compound.


There were calls, some of them from people who I feel should know better, that government could have used the right of eminent domain to acquire the property. That’s an option when government for the people needs a property and the private owner refuses to sell. Any forced acquisition of private property by government ends up in court, and anyone who cares to look will find out that we NEVER get the property at a cheaper price there.

There is the argument that if government had “stronged” the land, we could have gotten away with paying for it in its prime state. In its prime state the private owners had gotten the land from the City Council of Belmopan six years previously for a whopping \$6 million less than what we paid them for it. The story is that the land wasn’t subdivided, or was only in the process of being subdivided. The certainty is that the owners had gotten government approval to subdivide. Here we enter the province of the law. Government said it was bound to pay the subdivision price.


Returning to eminent domain, really, I don’t know how many times people have to go to court and lose before they get the sense. In the case of the 31 acres at Jalacte, the government quite disrespectfully, yes, utilized communal land without permission. What government used it for should have made everyone happy. Government upgraded a dirt road to a highway, and constructed a BAHA outpost so that BAHA could carry out its Medfly campaign for the good of the entire nation. You know what happens to the value of land when a highway replaces a dirt road. Cañeros in the north would die for that!

In capitalist countries, the court always, ALWAYS favors the private party. One of the main arguments against one of our governments reacquiring BTL, which was in the control of foreigners at the time, was the negative impact it would have on foreign investment. Every country is in the market for rich and famous investors; we don’t want to scare them away. In the Jalacte case, the court awarded \$6.3 million. It is noted that the lawyer for the “communal land owners” incredibly wanted more.

Ouch, I’m “way” out of space for another segment, a very juicy part: “my” “forensics” on how that brave Mr. Talbert arrived at his valuation. Day-deh, it has to be a to-be-continued.



LADYVILLE TECHNICAL
HIGH SCHOOL
VACANCIES



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

- Bursar (Full Time)
- Caretaker (Full time)
- Cafeteria Cook

- Inventory/Sales Clerk
- Security Officer

Bursar’s Qualifications:

- A minimum of an Associate Degree in Accounting or Business Administration with a strong background in accounting
- Knowledge of QuickBooks
- 3 – 5 years’ experience in accounting receivables and payables
- Applicant must:
 - Have excellent verbal and written communication skills
 - Be self-motivated and able to work with minimal supervision
 - Be efficient and have an eye for details

Caretaker’s requirements:

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

Cafeteria Cook’s requirements:

- 3 – 5 years of experience in bulk cooking (400-500 capacity)
- Baking Skills
- Experience in planning and preparing nutritious meals
- Aware of and abide by all Food Handling Regulations
- Open to flexible working hours
- Applicants must:
 - Possess excellent communication and customer service skills
 - Be organized and practice excellent time management
 - Be a team player

Inventory/Sales Clerk’s requirements:

- Inventory management experience
- Planning nutritious meals
- Aware of and abide by all Food Handling Regulations
- Open to flexible working hours
- Applicants must:
 - Possess excellent communication and customer service skills
 - Be organized and practice excellent time management
 - Be a team player

Security Officer Requirements:

- Clean Police Record
- Willing to work flexible working hours
- Security experience would be an asset

Bursar applicants should submit; letter of application, two letters of recommendation from past employer, certified copies of qualifications, Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, original Police Record.

Caretaker applicants should submit; letter of application, two letters of recommendation from past employer, certified copy of Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, original Police Record.

Cafeteria Cook & Inventory/Sales Clerk applicants should submit; letter of application, two letters of recommendation from past employer, certified copy of Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, original Police Record, Food Handlers Certificate.

Deadline for application is November 15, 2024.

Complete packages can be forwarded to:
Chair
Ladyville Technical High School
9 ¾ Miles Philip Goldson Highway
Ladyville, Belize District
Belize, C.A.

PRESS PREDICTIONS

The sports psychic speaks



Press Predictions 03-93-52
Boledo stats thru 8th to 15th Nov. 2024
In Boledo news, Christmas is just some 46 days away. Numbers will be drawn only 38 more times for the Christmas money. 40-64 & 71 are the only 3 numbers that are left since the new system. These are my lucky numbers: 93-03-52-16-88-77. These are my lucky Jackpot numbers: 7925-3951-

6802. These are my lucky Pick-3 numbers: 542-306-198-746-031. The Pick-3 has played a lot of high numbers lately. 73 played 7 times already; 56, 09 & 43 played 6 times each already. 07 played 5 times. There are 14 numbers that played 4 times each already. Keep your eyes open for 19 & 63, they love to play in November for the Garifuna Settlement Day Celebrations. Good Luck to all buyers! The ending 5 ball is very hot. 25 will be out before the Christmas Holidays. Remember to ready your Psalms: 72-91 & 115. Next week, more lucky numbers.



Verdes FC will be number 1
Local football playoffs and predictions
In local football playoff predictions, Verdes FC will beat San Pedro Pirates, 3-nil, in San Pedro. Krisean Lopez and J o r d y P o l a n c o alongside Desmond Wade will score the 3 g o a l s . Woodrow West is still the very best goalkeeper in the country. He will win the Best Goalkeeper of the year award, although he is not on the national team selection of Belize, plus he is 37 years young. But he has a very strong support. In the other semifinal match-up, the defending champions will crush Progresso FC of Orange Walk, 2-nil, in OW. Wayne Wade is their new head coach for Wilmer Garcia. Charles Tillett had to leave the San Pedro Pirates FC game with a slight injury. They drew, 2 goals apiece. Trimayne “Pepper” Harris & Mickey Palacio are 2 of their top strikers. Port Layola FC & Verdes FC will be in the finals again, for sure. Next week, more stats.



Woodrow West



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan

McKoy are 2 of the top players for the Kulture Team. Then Plaza won o v e r Survivors, Bernard “D u b u ” Thomas’ team, by default. In the opener, Kulture Yabra and Caye Caulker drew, 1 goal apiece. Kevin Rowland scored for Kulture Yabra. He has won the Most Goals every season for the last 3 to 4 seasons consistently. The League has a lot of young Over-40 years old players. The Brown Bombers will be the team to beat. They have Edon “Yellowman” Rowley, Orland Lyons, “Palo” Musa, and Vallan Symms - the best defensive player of the year in his time with Kulture Yabra. He won that award about 4 times. Then the first prize is a whopping \$3,000.00, sponsored by Hon. Anthony Mahler. Next week, more stats.



Steven “Gellies” Young

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

Position Name: Human Resources Assistant (U.S. Citizens - All Sources)

Vacancy number: Belmopan-2024-17

Closing date: November 24, 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.hms>

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/>

The U.S. Mission in Belmopan provides equal employment opportunity and fair and equitable treatment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation.

Note 1: 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.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTIES

BELIZE CHOICE AUCTIONS & REALTY

+501-677-1006

Bz.auctions.realty@gmail.com

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

COROZAL DISTRICT

REGISTRATION SECTION

Corozal North/ Corozal District

BLOCK

1

PARCEL

1087

Being a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom concrete bungalow building with a flat concrete roof. This property has a covered front entrance verandah approximately 10ft by 20ft and sits on a property measuring 555.559 S.Y. (0.115 Acre). Attached to the back (Southern) side of the building is a laundry and general utility shed measuring approximately 15ft by 22ft. and on the east side is a garage measuring approximately 9ft by 12ft. Freehold Property of Kamir and Cindy Reyes.

ON SITE Saturday November 30th 2024 at 11am.

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

REGISTRATION SECTION

Dangriga South/ Stann Creek District

BLOCK

31

PARCEL

820

Measuring 441.31 Square Meter(s), this property consists of two income generating buildings.

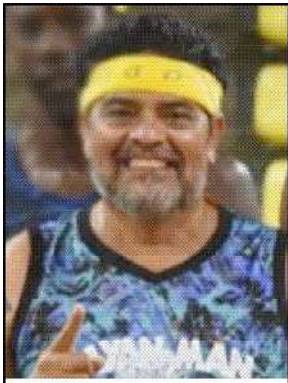
Building 1 is an elevated timber post and currently serves as a Pre-School. This building comprises of [558 sf.] of enclosed space with [76 sf.] of open veranda space.

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 December 7th, 2024 at 1:00pm



Tuff Enuff will be champions
Interoffice basketball finals predictions
In interoffice basketball finals action, Tuff Enuff will beat the defending champions, the Police team, by some 15 points and more, for sure. Coach Rico Black will win his 6 t h Interoffice basketball tournament. Allison Rivers and Daniel Arzu cannot stop Jamaal Kelly and Tyrone Edwards. They crushed the Airport Team by some 8 points. The Police team will not be deep enough to counter the offensive output of the Tuff Enuff point guards’ ability. Next week, more stats.



Coach Rico Black



Donovan Mitchell and the Cavaliers will be a force
NBA results; in the East, predictions
In NBA action, the OKC Thunder and the Cleveland Cavaliers are the only two undefeated teams left right now. The Los Angeles Lakers are playing very well at the moment; they have won 6 games already. Anthony Davis and LeBron James are 2 of the top five best duos in the league because their coach, JJ Redick, is running the o f f e n s e t h r o u g h Anthony Davis first, plus he has LeBron off the ball most of the time. In the East, t h e Cleveland Cavaliers and Donovan Mitchell will be the team to beat; they, alongside the Indiana Pacers who upset the Boston Celtics in Indiana by some 4 points. Pascal Siakam is one of the two best players for the Pacers right now. Next week, more stats.



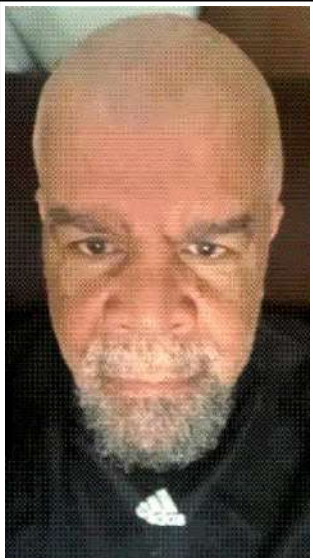
Donovan Mitchell



There are 7 teams in the Over-40 football tournament
Over-40 football results and predictions
In the Over-40 football action, there are 7 teams in the Over-40 football tournament right now. Kulture Yabra beat Ebony Lake-I, 4 goals to nil. Steven “Gellies” Young and Rudolph “Bolo”

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Stepping into the abyss!

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 1:51 AM

I want to apologize to all those who read my columns for my absolute misread of the American electorate! I want to apologize for my faith in the wisdom of their choice. I want to apologize for being cocky and so positive that the voters would do the right thing. Maybe they did, and maybe I'm totally naive to the realities of

the world we live in. What is important here is that I got it wrong. I don't understand the results. I scoffed at all those who predicted a Trump victory. I apologize to Rufus X, and all those who apparently knew what I didn't know.

I will not be bitter; apparently Trump knew what he was doing in the haphazard and inglorious manner in which he campaigned. Apparently, hate and division and chaos are what the voters prefer. Latino men were one of the reasons for his victory in the swing states, like Pennsylvania. No politician had derided and disrespected Hispanics more than Trump, but they flocked to him in droves, nevertheless! When all the results have been examined, it will show that he also received a majority of the women's votes. He also showed his disregard and disrespect for women in so many ways, and yet!

I won't use misogyny, by both men and

women, or racism, as an excuse for Kamala's loss. That would be too basic, although all that might also be true. She ran a flawless campaign, but the headwinds against incumbency were too strong for her candidacy to withstand the battering by this demagogue! He appealed to the basest instincts of the American people, and a majority of them agreed with him, and here we are!

And so, the world will change! Europe will be on its own; Gaza will become beachfront property for Israeli settlers; Ukraine will become a part of the new USSR; and the rest of the former Soviet republics will be naked, unprotected from the little dictator from the East. And the rest of the world will bend to the will of autocratic rule.

Trump won fair and square. It wasn't rigged, or stolen; it was a fair election. It was the will of the people to elect a convicted felon to become the most

powerful person in the world! He has no checks and balances to deter him from doing whatever he feels like—"unfettered by the sense of crime, to whom a conscience never wakes," to quote Tennyson.

We have stepped into the abyss!

Glen

The Aftermath!

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 1:58 PM

One of the reasons I hold the publisher of this newspaper in such high esteem, apart from the fact that he bucked the establishment and did things his way, is because he's beholden to no one! He struggled, and charted a new course after his days of rage and agitation, and built something anyone could be proud of. He persevered in spite of the obstacles politicians from both parties put in his way, and is answerable only to himself! This is not an homage to the publisher, but I'm using him as an example in light of what has just happened in the United States, and what will transpire in the days to come!

There is nothing worse for a leader, or for anyone in authority, than to be surrounded by yes men, sycophants who will enable the worst instincts of that leader. Donald Trump has shown us all that he will always have his way, in his personal life, in his business dealings, and now as a politician, and soon to be the 47th president! His campaign is the most striking example of how he will rule, and I mean rule – no checks and balances for him; and like the PUP, he has no one to stop him. He owns congress, the courts, the electorate, the business community! He has Putin- like autonomy, uber alles.

This election was fair, as all the others have been in recent times! He won resoundingly, an outright victory that I still can't believe. After all his many failures and utter disregard for conformity, a majority of the American electorate chose him to lead for the next 4 years. Knowing who he is, what he promised, the good and the bad (in messianic terms), every section of society voted for him, even those he holds in contempt. Wat a ting!

We can only hope that this man will overcome his narcissistic tendencies, his arrogance and need for revenge, and try to mend the broken heart of this nation. I personally believe that it is a pipe dream. Knowing him from past experiences tells us that he will continue to be petty and vindictive; but one can hope. He has no one, or nothing to constrain his ambitions, whatever those might be.

We can only hope that he will be magnanimous in victory and try to unite a deeply divided country, a broken world! I don't want to be too pessimistic before he's given a chance to show all those who put their trust in him that it is worth the risk they took. Most of his followers don't see it as a risk, but as an investment in their own selfish agendas. We all know that his followers are not all on the same page; they range from the extreme to the gullible, but we shall have to wait and see.

I am heartbroken by the results of this election, as are most of the people I



CENTRAL BANK
of BELIZE

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

LEGAL OFFICER

The Central Bank of Belize invites qualified individuals to join the Office of the Governor.



The Legal Officer will assist the Legal Counsel in managing the legal risks of the Central Bank of Belize. This role involves supporting the development, implementation, and maintenance of sound legal frameworks, ensuring compliance with relevant legislation, and providing legal guidance across the various departments within the organisation.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist with research and develop recommendations to advise the board and management on legal issues.
- Support the development of strategies to manage the Central Bank's legal risk exposure.
- Assist in revising legislative frameworks to address legal gaps due to evolving domestic and global conditions.
- Assist with reviewing reports related to supervision, compliance, and other relevant matters to ensure alignment with legal mandates.
- Assist in preparing and reviewing legal documents, including agreements and other documents necessary for the Central Bank's activities.
- Represent the Central Bank in various meetings and working groups on legal and regulatory issues.
- Prepare advice and support to the Legal Counsel on matters related to the operations of the Central Bank.
- Assist in preparing and monitoring the department's annual budget.
- Perform other duties related to the portfolio that may be assigned.

The Applicant should possess the following:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from an accredited educational institution. Experience in a legal role, preferably in a regulatory or financial institution, would be an asset.

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledge of the Central Bank Act and other legislations under which the Bank operates, and sound knowledge in preparation of contracts and other legal documents.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Analytical Ability, Communication, Customer Focus, Department, Digital Ability, Initiative, Interpersonal Relations, Organizational Ability, Problem Solving, Punctuality & Attendance, Quality Output, Decision Making, Strategic Management, Job Knowledge.

Submit the following documents by **Friday, 29 November 2024:**

- Central Bank Employment Application Form (available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Names of two (2) current references

Applications should be addressed to:

Manager, Human Resources Department
Central Bank of Belize
P.O Box 852 or Gabourel Lane, Belize City, BELIZE
Ref: Legal Officer- Office of the Governor
Email: hr@centralbank.org.bz or online at www.centralbank.org.bz
(All applications will be held in strict confidence.)

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the below-captioned Company has commenced dissolution on 28th day of October, 2024.

Name of the Company	Registration No.	Former IBC No.
DEL PLATA HOLDING INC.	000011954	92,772

The liquidator is **SEBASTIAN JORGE AZAR** of Aemtlerstrasse 86, Zurich, Switzerland., email: azar.sebastian.jorge@gmail.com, phone number: 00 31 6 24959490.

Any claims against the Company should be forwarded to the liquidator within Thirty (30) days from commencement of the dissolution.

PMA AGENTS LIMITED
Registered Agent

Re: “World reactions as Donald Trump wins US presidential election”

by Marie-Therese Belisle Nweke

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

The only worthwhile comment was that of the Russians. They KNOW their man Trump.

The rest of the world is still in cuckoo-land. As for the Chinese, their congratulatory comment was deliberately bland, because they traditionally operate with very, very long strategic goals.

If I were Taiwan, Ukraine or Iran, I would be extremely worried today. There’s no way Donald Trump will rescue Taiwan in line with the terms of the US treaty with it, should China invade and occupy what it describes as its “renegade province”. As for Ukraine, this is the end of the war, with Russia having a good slice of its territory, and the former Baltic states shivering in contemplation of who will be next in Vladimir Putin’s sights. And NATO cannot and will not help. In fact, Trump intends to cripple both NATO and the UN, to create a new Trumpian world order.

Iran has always been in Trump’s sights, and Benjamin Netanyahu will have the green light to destroy it, as well as continue his never-ending wars into Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Yemen, as well as totally cleaning out Gaza, and even the West Bank, of all Palestinians by mowing all of them down, as you mow a lawn.

I have not forgotten Belize. Its nemesis, Guatemala, has two powerful friends in America and Israel. Belize rests its entire hope on the ICJ, an arm of the UN, which has absolutely no power to enforce any of its judgements. Belize has failed to bestir itself by entering a formidable defense pact with a nation possessing a military that is much more powerful than Guatemala’s. Each time I think of this, I remember the Biblical parable of the wise and foolish virgins. I rest my case.

Well, there is this aphorism: “Homo proponit, sed Deus disponit” (Man proposes, but God disposes).
<https://aje.io/uez0pf>



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR INVESTMENT PROMOTION (IP) ASSOCIATE
(INDIVIDUAL)

Institution: Ministry of Finance
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-P00028
Deadline: November 18, 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 2 which seeks to increase the positive spillovers of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI hereinafter) in the local economy through the improvement of investment promotion programs and the development of a new suppliers’ program to accelerate SMEs internationalization, which will promote the growth of direct and indirect exports of the local firms in Belize.

The Ministry of Finance is now launching the process to fill a contractual position for a “Investment Promotion Associate” under the Project. The general objective of this consultancy is to contract the services of a professional as Investment Promotion Associate to support the execution of the Investment Promotion Program, under the BL-L1040.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the position of Investment Promotion Associate. Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained by emailing tjoseph.ccu@cpu.mof.gov.bz during the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Mon-Fri. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the Services.

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Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English, using the required template, via e-mail to tjoseph.ccu@cpu.mof.gov.bz and/or two (2) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating “Investment Promotion Associate (BL-L1040)”- name of consultant

The Deadline for submission is no later than Friday, November 18, 2024, by 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time) 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
Ministry of Finance
Sir Edney Cain Building
Tel: 501-822-4106
tjoseph.ccu@cpu.mof.gov.bz

Ref: Investment Promotion Associate (BL-L1040) - Your name

AMANDALA
Belizean
to the bone

#3304 Amandala Drive
(formerly Partridge St.),
Belize City.
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501-280-4703/
202-4477
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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES

Sarteneja Village, Progreso Village, Warree Bight, Corozal Town, Corozal District; Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District; Los Lagos, Lord’s Bank, Burrell Boom Road, Rendezvous Point, Turneffe Island, Belize District; Santa Elena, Belmopan, Cayo District; San Pedro Columbia Village, Toledo District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Development Finance Corporation, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties. **Sales currently running until 31st December 2024. Public Auction Sales will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.**

A: COROZAL DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 778/1 Sarteneja Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Sarteneja	3	778/1
The leasehold property of Mr. Andrew Mark Bowman.		

2. Parcel No. 129/1 Progreso Village, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Progreso	1	129/1
The leasehold property of Mr. Eleuterio Patt and Mr. Mainor Abner Patt surety for Mainor Abner Patt.		

3. Parcel No. 769/1 Warree Bight, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Warree Bight/ Freshwater Creek	3	769/1
The leasehold property of Mr. Johan Wall.		

4. Parcel No. 1033 F Street South, Corozal Town, Corozal District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal Central	1	1033
The freehold property of Mr. Benjamin Jose Antonio Acosta.		

B: ORANGE WALK DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 1013 Pucte Villas, Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ann Gabourel	4	1013
The freehold property of Ms. Nellie Felipa Briceno & Jairo Zadir Campos (Jointly) surety for Jairo Zadir Campos.		

2. Parcel No. 1639 Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ann Gabourel	4	1639
The freehold property of Mr. Luisito Salvador Cunil surety for Ms. Dayana Abigail De Paz & Luisito Salvador Cunil.		

C: BELIZE DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 188 Ridge Lagoon Estate, Burrell Boom Road, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/ Lord’s Bank	7	188
The freehold property of Mr. Pablo Enrique Vasquez.		

2. Parcel No. 7161 Los Lagos, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/ Lord’s Bank	16	7161
The freehold property of Ms. Michelle Elizabeth Trapp-Zuniga.		

3. Parcel No. 3466 Lord’s Bank Village, Belize District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ladyville/ Lord’s Bank	16	3466
The freehold property of Mr. Glenford Alvin Williams.		

4. 3.02 Acres along the Southeast point of Rendezvous Point, Turneffe Island, Belize District:



The freehold property of Mr. Narciso Jorge Flores surety for Messrs. Flores & Sons Enterprises Ltd.		
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D: CAYO DISTRICT:

1. Parcel No. 2958/1 Santa Elena, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Santa Elena/ Cayo	23	2958/1
The leasehold property of Mr. Martin Velasquez.		

2. Parcel No. 9706 New Era Development Area, Belmopan, Cayo District:



REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belmopan	20	9706
The freehold property of Ms. Jenna Karina M. Baide, Roberto Alvaro Bautista and Regina Mary Baide surety for Jenna Karina M. Baide & Roberto Alvaro Bautista.		

E: TOLEDO DISTRICT:

1. 1,665.280 Acres San Pedro Columbia Village, Toledo District:



The freehold property of Ms. Silvina Kib and Robert Chavarria.		
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TERMS: STRICTLY CASH

KEVIN A. CASTILLO

TELEPHONE 223-4488

Website: belizepropertyauctions.com

E-mail: kevinacas@yahoo.com

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

Financing from Messrs. Development Finance Corporation (D.F.C.) is available on a case-by-case basis.

VACANCY

Job Title: Business Manager

Location: Orange Walk, Belize

Job Summary: We are seeking a highly organized and proactive **Business Manager** to oversee and manage key operational aspects of our company. The successful candidate will be responsible for logistics, purchasing, human resource compliance (including social security and work permits), and ensuring compliance with all business-related permits and licenses. Additionally, this role includes overseeing payroll, billing, invoicing, and collections from customer accounts.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Logistics Management:** Oversee the company’s logistics operations to ensure timely and cost-effective procurement and delivery of goods and services.
- **Purchasing:** Manage vendor relationships, negotiate contracts, and ensure cost-effective procurement of materials and services.
- **Human Resource Compliance:** Ensure adherence to labor laws, manage social security, work permits, and handle employee-related documentation.
- **Compliance:** Ensure the business complies with all relevant permits and licenses, maintaining an up-to-date record of compliance.
- **Payroll Management:** Process employee payroll, ensuring accuracy and compliance with labor regulations.
- **Billing, Invoicing, and Collections:** Manage customer accounts, ensure timely invoicing, and oversee collections to maintain healthy cash flow.

Requirements:

- **Education:** Associate Degree in Business Administration, Finance, or a related field (Bachelor’s degree preferred).
- **Experience:** Minimum of two years of experience in a similar role.
- **Languages:** Bilingual (English and Spanish).
- Strong organizational, problem-solving, and communication skills.
- Familiarity with Belizean labor laws, social security requirements, and business permit processes.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office and financial management software.

How to Apply: Interested candidates are encouraged to submit their resume and cover letter to yolani.garmendia@logixsourcedirect.com by November 30, 2024

We look forward to welcoming a dynamic and detail-oriented individual to our team!



Solid Waste Management Authority

Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change



INVITATION TO BID

Ministry of Sustainable Development, & Climate Change on behalf of Belize Solid Waste Management Authority

1. The Government of Belize (or GOB) acting through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, & Climate Change on behalf of Belize Solid Waste Management Authority, now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the Services mentioned below in the table.

Contract No.	Name	Contract Period
11-2024/2025	Loading, Trucking, Barging and Other Heavy Equipment Services for the San Pedro, Ambergris Caye Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility	36 months

2. Procurement will be conducted through the Open Tendering Process in accordance with the provisions of the laws governing public procurement within Belize.
3. This invitation is open to all eligible Bidders as described in the Bidding Documents.
4. Qualification requirements are provided in Section II of the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders’ attention is drawn to the Instructions to Bidders in the Bidding Documents.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained by interested Bidders by way of email application to the email address below.
6. The Bidding Documents will be emailed to the Bidder at the email address specified in the email application.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below on Friday, November 15, 2024 or before Friday, November 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Electronic bid submission shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders’ representatives, who choose to attend in person at the address below on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 10:15 a.m. Interested public/civil society entities and NGOs can also attend the Bid opening.
8. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Securing Declaration as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.
9. The Government of Belize will declare a firm ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period, to be awarded a contract funded by the Government of Belize, if it at any time determines that the firm has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent, coercive, or collusive practices in competing for or in executing a contract.
10. Bidders are required to submit as part of the bid “the Statement of Ethical Conduct and Fraud and Corruption”. In case of misleading information or non-adherence to the Fraud and Corruption provisions of the Bidding Documents, the Bidder shall be pursued by the GOB.
11. The address referred to above for:
- (i) application for Bidding Documents, (ii) submission of Bids, and (iii) opening of Bids, is:

The address referred to above is:
Belize Solid Waste Management Authority
Attn: Mrs. Terese Arzu, Procurement Officer
3013 Bougainvillea Street, Orchid Garden Area City of Belmopan, Belize, C.A.
Tel: (501) 802 1527
PO Box 285

E-mail: ArzuTL@gobmail.gov.bz , procurement@solidwaste.gov.bz

Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change
3013 Bougainvillea Street
City of Belmopan, Belize, C. A. Tel: 828 -4864
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P.O. Box 285

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COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALES: PROPERTIES & VEHICLES

Seafront Resort Properties, Boca Chica, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye

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PARCELS 1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359 & 1797 BOCA CHICA, SAN PEDRO, AMBERGRIS CAYE, BELIZE DISTRICT:



REGISTRATION SECTION
San Pedro

BLOCK
7

PARCELS
1355, 1356, 1357,
1358, 1359 & 1797

(Being an incomplete Resort Development situate on the southern end of Ambergris Caye known as Boca Chica TOGETHER with 6 parcels of land above described the freehold properties of Messrs. Boca Chica Rosorts Limited.)

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TERMS: STRICTLY CASH
KEVIN A. CASTILLO
TELEPHONE: 223-448
Website: belizepropertyauctions.com
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Facebook: Belize Auctions

WIPO hosts Intellectual Property workshop

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Nov. 5, 2024

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) along with the Belize Intellectual Property Office (BELIPO) hosted a two-day national workshop on enforcement of intellectual property (IP) rights for members of the judiciary and law enforcement officials in Belize City on October 31 and November 1.

The workshop was intended to strengthen IP protections in Belize by providing in-depth training on enforcement strategies, legal frameworks, and cross-border cooperation. It also brought together experts and officials from Belize, the United States, and WIPO to deliver insights on IP enforcement, with sessions tailored for members of the judiciary, magistrates, prosecutors, police officers, and customs officials.



Attendees explored the international legal framework for IP rights, the judiciary’s role in IP enforcement, and inter-agency cooperation.

Intellectual property is defined as any idea or design or content that has distinct characteristics that were generated through a creative process by an individual or group, explained Kay King, Deputy Registrar at BELIPO. King noted that trademarks, copyrights, industrial designs, and patents are the primary types of intellectual property in Belize.

“When you create something unique [and] original, you would want protection, because you had invested time and energy in creating it. So, you would want some exclusive rights to it,” she said.

“The workshop was geared to more enforcement of trademarks and copyright. It includes musical artists because they are creators; they are owners of intellectual property. When you create a song, you own that song if it is original, and so you’re entitled to be protected; and if that song is being played [commercially], you’re supposed to get some royalties for it. This is why enforcement is important, because they help ensure you’re protected and paid for your work,” King added.

King noted that their efforts will continue in 2025 with a campaign to increase public awareness of the issues related to intellectual property.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given under Section 4(1) of the Standards (Preparation and Declaration) Regulations, 1997 that the Belize Bureau of Standards proposes to recommend to the Standards Advisory Council that the following draft standards be declared as compulsory Belize Standards:

- 1. the Belize Draft Specification for Carbon Dioxide
- 2. the Belize Draft Specification for Nitrous Oxide and
- 3. the Belize Draft Specification for Compressed Air

The above standards for nitrous oxide; carbon dioxide and compressed air specify the physical and chemical properties; toxicity; hazards; storage, safe handling practices; transportation; and applications of these gases whether in their gaseous, liquid, or solid state. The standards also contain requirements in relation to cylinders and cylinder filling systems; grading; and methods of sampling and analysis. These standards are intended for users, manufacturers and distributors of these gases.

Any comments on the draft standard should reach the **Director, Belize Bureau of Standards** at the below mentioned address no later than **31st December 2024** or at helpdesk@bbs.gov.bz. Copies or details of this standard are available from the office of the Belize Bureau of Standards located at Power Lane, P.O. Box 430, City of Belmopan or on the website at www.bbs.gov.bz.

The Aftermath!

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care about. But the deed has been done; we have to respect, not agree, with the decision of the masses. We have to understand that we will never be able to see things the same way in this country. We have to try and understand what just happened, and try to live our lives according to our convictions, while respecting the opinions of the other side! That in itself is divisive, talking about the other side. But that’s the world we live in, the world of us, and them!

In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron
Water like a stone
Snow had fallen
Snow on snow, snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter, long, long ago.
—Christina Rossetti

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VACANCY

The Social Security Board invites applications from suitably qualified persons to fill the role of **DATA SECURITY SPECIALIST** at its Information and Communication Technology Services Department, Belmopan Headquarter.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Bachelors Degree in Information Technology, database Management or other closely related academic discipline, with two (2) years' experience which includes:
 - a) Exposure to major Database Management Systems, primarily MS SQL Server 2012+.
 - b) Securing MS Dynamics GP 2015 and/or MS Dynamics 365 for Finance and Operations.
- 2. Specialized training in MS SQL Server 2012+ by formal education or Certification courses from Microsoft curriculum.

OR

- 1. Associate degree in Information Technology, Database Management or other closely related academic discipline, with three (3) years' experience which includes:
 - a) exposure to major Database Management Systems, primarily MS SQL Server 2012+.
 - b) Securing MS Dynamics GP 2015 and/or MS Dynamics 365 for Finance and Operations.
- 2. Specialized training in MS SQL Server 2012+ by formal education or certificate courses from Microsoft curriculum.

Visit our website at <https://socialsecurity.org.bz/careers/> to view further details and requirements on this position.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:
Complete application package containing application letter, resume, two (2) recent letters of recommendation, copy of academic credentials and current police record or receipt for record may be submitted via email only to:

Manager, HR Service Delivery, HR Services, SSB Headquarters at: bsantos@socialsecurity.org.bz
Copy emails to: General Manager, HR Services, SSB Headquarters, Belmopan at: cdakers@socialsecurity.org.bz

Email subject line: "Data Security Specialist"

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 3:00 pm; November 13th, 2024
(Incomplete application packages will not be considered)

VACANCY

Job Title: General Accountant

Location: Based in Orange Walk Town

Job Description: We are seeking a detail-oriented and reliable accountant to manage all aspects of financial operations. The ideal candidate will have strong bookkeeping skills, experience in preparing financial statements, and a solid understanding of tax compliance.

- Key Responsibilities:
- **Bookkeeping:** Recording daily transactions, managing accounts receivable/payable, account reconciliation, and maintaining detailed financial records. Maintain accurate financial records and bookkeeping
 - **Financial Reporting:** Prepare balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements. Prepare financial key performance indicators.
 - **Tax Compliance:** Understanding local and national tax regulations, filing returns, and managing payroll taxes. Ensure tax compliance and manage payroll taxes
 - **Budgeting and Forecasting:** Creating budgets, monitoring financial performance, and forecasting future cash flows. Create budgets and financial forecasts
 - **Cost Management:** Analyzing costs and advising on efficient spending. Analyze costs and advise on efficiency initiatives. Knowledge of cost accounting and accurate management of cost centers.

- Qualifications:
- Proficiency in accounting software (QuickBooks, Xero, etc.)
 - Knowledge of tax regulations and fundamental accounting principles
 - Associates degree in business or accounting. Bachelor’s degree a plus.
 - Bilingual: English and Spanish
 - Microsoft Office suite user knowledge.
 - Willing to travel as reasonably needed.

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STATUTORY NOTICE
TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of ANNACELIE LIZARRAGA A.K.A ANNA CELIE LIZARRAGA, deceased of #1 Dove Street, San Ignacio, Cayo District, Belize.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 36 of the *Administration of Estates Act*, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize that all creditors and other persons having any claims and demands upon or against the Estate of ANNACELIE LIZARRAGA A.K.A ANNA CELIE LIZARRAGA, deceased of #1 Dove Street, San Ignacio, Cayo District, Belize, who died on the 9th day of April, 2023 and in whose estate Grant of Probate has been granted to LIANIE LIZARRAGA of #67 George Price Highway, Red Creek, Cayo District, Belize, should lodge claims or demands with the said LIANIE LIZARRAGA c/o Balderamos Arthurs LLP, Charter House, Suite 6, 3 ½ Miles Philip Goldson Highway, P.O Box 486, Belize City, Belize on or before the expiration of three months from the first publication hereof AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that at the expiration of the said three months the said LIANIE LIZARRAGA shall proceed to distribute the assets of the said ANNACELIE LIZARRAGA A.K.A ANNA CELIE LIZARRAGA, deceased, amongst the beneficiaries entitled thereto, having regard only to claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice.

DATED this 5th day of November, 2024


BALDERAMOS ARTHURS LLP
Attorneys-at-Law for the Estate of
ANNACELIE LIZARRAGA A.K.A ANNA CELIE LIZARRAGA



INVITATION TO BID

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

Tender: Invitation to Bid – Procurement of One (1) Mule

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Forest Department’s “Integrated Management of Production Landscapes to Deliver Multiple Global Environmental Benefits” Project within the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change, invites suitable companies to submit their bid proposal for the supply and delivery of One (1) Mule.

- Few Required Specifications:
1. 2 door Mule
 2. Hard coat full windshield
 3. 4500 lb winch (installed)
 4. Six (6) months Warranty
 5. Latest Delivery Date – December 2024

For a complete Request for Quotation listing further specifications required as well as Submission Procedures, kindly request via email at procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz with CC to procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz and PA.gef6@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for submission: Nov 8th 2024, 3:00 P.M.



**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR
DATA ENTRY CLERK AND IT BUSINESS SUPPORT
SPECIALIST (INDIVIDUALS)**

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize (SPEM)
Abstract: This project increases the efficiency of public resources by strengthening public financial management.
Loan No.: 5353/OC-BL
Process ID: BL-L1038-P00070 and P00073
Type of Engagement: Individual Consultant
Deadline: **Friday, November 22nd, 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 – Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize (SPEM). Through the SPEM Project, the Procurement Unit in the Ministry of Finance will increase its human resources to assist in undertaking its mandate and daily operations. The Unit is responsible for achieving the best value for money by establishing modern standards, guidelines and procedures that promote economy, accountability, transparency, innovation and fairness in Public Procurement. One of the Unit’s activities to achieve its objective is to provide advice, information and public procurement statistics to the public and private sectors of the economy. This activity is only attainable with the proper analysis of different kinds of data. Thus, data gathering, filing, organization and recording is paramount to the mandate of the Unit. It is under this Project, that positions crucial to the work of the Procurement Unit under the Ministry of Finance will be filled, including this position of **Data Entry Clerk and IT Business Support Specialist**.

The main responsibility of the **Data Entry Clerk** is to support the Procurement Unit in the Ministry of Finance by inputting data, documentation, lists or any other information into a filing system and conduct periodic maintenance of stored data in the database. The individual will be required to have knowledge of record-keeping systems and procedures. The **IT Business Support Specialist** will be responsible for ensuring the seamless integration and effective management of newly procured IT systems within the Procurement Unit at the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance is now launching the process to fill contractual positions for the **Data Entry Clerk** and **IT Business Support Specialist**, within the Procurement Unit of the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the position of Data Entry Clerk and IT Business Support Specialist. Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained by emailing tjoseph.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz between 8:00 am-4:00 pm Mon-Friday. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the Services.

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Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English via e-mail to tjoseph.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz and/or three (3) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating the positions you are applying for and name of individual.

The Deadline for submission is no later than **Friday, November 22nd, 2024, by 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)** 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
Ministry of Finance
Sir Edney Cain Building, 2nd Floor
Belmopan City
Tel: 501-822-4104
Email: tjoseph.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz

Belize, Central America

Ref: **Data Entry Clerk or IT Business Support Specialist** - Your name

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1. the **Belize 1: Part 3:2024 (Revised) Specification for Labelling Part 3: Labelling of Prepackaged Foods**

The standard for prepackaged foods has been revised to align with current labelling trends and in an effort to prevent fraud and deception arising from misleading labelling, as well as to provide adequate information to the consumer or user of prepackaged foods. Changes include language requirements to recognize product labels in Spanish; addition of nutritional facts declaration as a core requirement; and emphasis on allergen labelling. It is intended that all manufacturers, importers, distributors and other entities engaged in the production and or trade of pre-packaged foods in Belize shall comply with the requirements of this standard. Furthermore, it is expected that this standard will assist Belizean producers in meeting the labelling requirements of regional and extra-regional markets.

Any comments on the draft standard should reach the **Director, Belize Bureau of Standards** at the below-mentioned address no later than **December 31st, 2024** or at helpdesk@bbs.gov.bz. Copies or details of this standard are available from the office of the Belize Bureau of Standards located at Power Lane, P.O. Box 430, City of Belmopan or on the website at www.bbs.gov.bz.



Public Notice

Issued: November 4, 2024

PUC Proposes to Grant Licence to BELCOGEN

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Utilities Commission Act, Chapter 223 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity Licensing and Consent Regulations, 2024, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (The "Commission") hereby notifies the general public that it intends to issue a **Licence** (The "Electricity Licence") **to Belize Cogeneration Energy Limited ("BELCOGEN")**.

Purpose of the proposed Electricity Licence:

To operate a co-generation power plant to generate, transmit and supply electricity under a licence to a particular person, as an independent power producer, to Belize Sugar Industries Limited and Belize Electricity Limited, utilizing rated site capacity of 27.5 Megawatts, subject to such Power Purchase Agreements to be approved by the Commission.

Reasons for Proposal to Grant the Electricity Licence:

- a) to continue to provide for in-country energy needs;
b) in alignment with the Belize National Energy Policy 2023 goals; and
c) the Applicant’s capability of meeting its generation obligations.

Representations and Objections:

Directly affected parties and local authorities may submit **written representations and/or objections** to the proposal to grant the Electricity Licence by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2024** to info@puc.bz, or hand deliver at our office located on the 2nd Floor of Marina Towers in Belize City.



Tender for Lawn, Garden, Landscape, & Indoor Plant Maintenance

Issued by: Central Bank of Belize
Date: 17 October 2024
Proposal Submission Deadline: 30 November 2024
Contact Person: Mr. Raul Avila, 223-6194 ext. 207

1. Introduction

The Central Bank of Belize invites proposals from qualified and experienced contractors for the provision of lawn maintenance, gardening, landscaping, and indoor plant maintenance services at Gabourel Lane, Belize City, Belize. The services are aimed at maintaining the outdoor and indoor greenery at a high standard to enhance the aesthetics and functionality of the property.

2. Scope of Work

The successful contractor will be responsible for providing the following services:

A. Lawn Maintenance

- Mowing and trimming of lawn areas.
- Edging along walkways, driveways, and flower beds.
- Weed control and removal.
- Fertilization of the lawn, as required.
- Aeration and dethatching of the lawn to improve soil health.
- Leaf removal and seasonal clean-up.

B. Gardening and Landscaping Services

- Maintenance of flower beds, shrubs, hedges, and trees.
- Pruning and trimming of plants and trees.
- Planting and transplanting of seasonal flowers, shrubs, and trees.
- Mulching and soil amendment as needed.
- Design and implementation of minor landscape enhancements.
- Pest and disease control for outdoor plants.

C. Indoor Plant Maintenance

- Regular watering, pruning, and general care of indoor plants.
- Replacement of dead or unhealthy plants.
- Repainting and/or replacement of plant pots
- Dusting and cleaning of plant leaves.
- Pest control and disease management.
- Installation of new plants upon request.

D. Irrigation System Management

- Regular inspection and maintenance of irrigation systems.
- Adjustment of watering schedules to suit seasonal needs.
- Repair or replacement of faulty components, as necessary.

3. Proposal Requirements

Interested bidders are requested to submit a detailed proposal that includes the following information:

1. **Company Profile** – A brief introduction to your company, including relevant experience in lawn maintenance, gardening, landscaping, and indoor plant care services.
2. **Experience and References** – A summary of similar projects completed, including references and contact details for verification.
3. **Scope of Services** – A clear description of the services to be provided, aligned with the scope mentioned in this CFP.
4. **Equipment and Resources** – A list of available equipment and other resources, i.e. gardening and landscaping tools,





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- chemicals, etc... to facilitate services mentioned in this CFP.
- 5. **Pricing Structure** – A detailed breakdown of costs, including pricing per service (e.g., lawn maintenance, indoor plant care) and any additional charges.
 - 6. **Staffing Plan** – Information about the contractor’s team, their qualifications, and the number of personnel assigned to the project.
 - 7. **Maintenance Schedule** – A proposed schedule for regular maintenance services (e.g., weekly mowing, monthly pruning, etc.).
 - 8. **Environmental Practices** – Information on eco-friendly products or practices you will use, if applicable.
 - 9. **Insurance and Licenses** – Proof of insurance coverage and any relevant licenses required for performing these services.
 - 10. **Contract Terms** – Proposed duration of the contract will be for one (1) year effective 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025; and include any terms or conditions specific to contractor’s proposal.
 - 11. **Additional Services** – Any other value-added services you can provide that may enhance the property’s landscaping and plant health.

4. Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 1. Experience and track record in providing similar services.
- 2. Ability to meet the scope of work outlined.
- 3. Competitive and transparent pricing.
- 4. Qualifications and expertise of the team.
- 5. Commitment to quality, reliability, and customer satisfaction.
- 6. Use of environmentally sustainable practices and products.
- 7. Positive feedback from previous clients.

5. Submission Instructions

Proposals should be submitted electronically via email to internal.audit@centrabank.org.bz or physically to the Chief Internal Auditor with the following address:

Chief Internal Auditor
Central Bank of Belize
Gabourel Lane,
Belize City
Belize

All submissions must be received by **Friday, 15 November 2024**. Late submissions will not be considered. A site visit may be scheduled with interested bidders. For any inquiries or clarifications regarding this CFP, please contact Mr. Raul Avila, Manager General Services at 501-223-6194 ext. 207 .

6. Contract Terms

The selected contractor will be awarded a contract for a period of one (1) year, with the option for renewal based on performance and mutual agreement. The contract will commence from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

7. Rights Reserved

The Central Bank of Belize reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informalities in the proposals, and to accept the proposal that is deemed to be in the best interest of the organization.

We look forward to receiving your proposal and thank you for your interest in working with The Central Bank of Belize.

RE: “Republicans pushed almost 400 ‘Education Intimidation’ bills in past two years”

by Marie-Therese Belisle Nweke

Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 7:32 AM
This is from being too libertarian to a dystopian reality. This helps to explain the widespread ignorance throughout America. Yet, some of us in Belize like to do “falla-foot-jumpie”, to the point of giving our children all these “made-up”, foolish-sounding Black American names, that have no meaning and no historical or religious significance. In America, these names actually distinguish ghetto blacks from everyone else in America. But do we know?

See the failing school system as aptly demonstrated in this piece. How can one ban students from reading George Orwell’s literary and political masterpiece, 1984? Actually, it is brilliant foreign students like Belize’s Evan X, who through the years gave and

continue to provide the status of “Ivy League” to schools like Dartmouth, Yale, Columbia, Harvard, Stanford, Chicago, MIT, Princeton, etc.
Some of them came with first degrees from abroad, attracted by the money, facilities and scope for research, did their post-grad work in these Ivy League colleges, and remained. They are the ones, like Kamala Harris’ father, Donald Harris, a Professor Emeritus in Economics at Stanford University. His first degree was from UCWI — then a college of the University of London. He went to Berkeley, made a name there, and eventually ended up at Stanford. His books on economics are standard fare for anyone studying the economics of developing countries. He was consultant to the Jamaican government and re-organized its economy. It is people like him that helped to put the shine on US

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Cuba assesses damage caused by Hurricane Rafael

It caused major damage, particularly in the provinces of Artemisa, Mayabeque, and Havana.



Photo: Houses destroyed by Hurricane Rafael, Cuba, Nov. 6, 2024. X/@l_proveyer

universities — just the top ones, as many of the others, particularly in some southern and smaller states, are merely glorified secondary schools.
<https://theintercept.com/2023/08/23/school-censorship-bills-pen-america/>

www.telesurenglish.net, Thurs. Nov. 7, 2024

On Wednesday night, Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel and the National Defense Council met to assess the damage caused by Rafael, a Category 3 hurricane that passed through the western part of the island, leaving significant impacts on homes, infrastructure, and crops.

The cyclone made landfall at 4:20 p.m. local time along the southern coast of the province of Artemisa and exited Cuban territory more than two hours later through the northern coast of Pinar del Río. Cuba’s Meteorological Institute (Insmet) measured winds of up to 115 miles per hour (185 kilometers per hour) and recorded intense rainfall of up to 7.87 inches (200 millimeters).

President Diaz-Canel confirmed that Hurricane Rafael caused major damage, particularly in the provinces of Artemisa, Mayabeque, and Havana.

Currently, Cuban authorities are working to restore the National Electric System, which was disconnected due to the strong winds caused by the cyclone.



GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE (GPN)

Government of Belize
Compact Development Grant Funding Agreement

Publication Date: October 31, 2024

The United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (“MCC”) and the Government of Belize (GOB) have entered into a Compact Development Grant Funding Agreement to support the development and facilitation of a Compact. The grant is in the amount of Ten Million U.S. Dollars (\$10,000,000) (“MCC Funding”). The Government, acting through the Compact Development Team (CDT) – Belize, and later through a Millennium Challenge Account (MCA – Belize), intends to apply part of the funds to payments for contracts for goods, works and services.

MCC’s funding is appropriated by the U.S. Congress and obligated to its programs up-front, with no incremental or partial funding. When a contract is signed with a Compact Development Team, money is already available for use, and, for most contracts, invoices are paid directly to Contractors/Consultants/Suppliers by the US Treasury.

The listed procurement will be funded under the Compact Development Funding Grant Agreement referenced above.

Procurements Planned for the period November 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025	
Estimated Total Value – USD 560,000	
Procurement of Consultant Services	
Architectural design	
Procurement of Goods and Non-Consultant Services	
IT Equipment / Audio Visual	
Furniture	
Website Design	
Logo Design	

All Contracts for goods, works and services financed under the program will be implemented according to the principles, rules and procedures set out in the MCC Accountable Entity (AE) Program Procurement Guidelines (AE-PPG), available at <https://www.mcc.gov/resources/doc/010124-ae-program-procurement-policy-guidelines/>.

These procurements are open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the MCC AE-PPG. Specific procurement notices for contracts to be tendered under the competitive bidding procedures and for consultant contracts will be announced, as they become available, on United Nations Development Business (UNDB): <http://www.devbusiness.com/>, Development Gateway Market (dgMarket): <http://www.dgmarket.com/>, in local newspapers, Ministry of Economic Development website: med.gov.bz and other media outlets as appropriate.

Interested eligible contractors and consultants who wish to be included on the mailing list to receive a copy of advertisements, or those requiring additional information, should contact:

The Interim Procurement Agent: Zenobia Maddy, Email: zenomaddy@gmail.com

With copy to BCDT’s Interim Procurement Director: Artemio Osorio, Email: aosorio.BCDT@med.gov.bz



can be heard
on the following
frequencies:
96.5FM in Belize City,
Punta Gorda Town,
Santa Elena, Cayo and
Carmelita Village
91.1FM in Ladyville
and Independence
101.1FM in
Dangriga Town
Camalote Village
and Caye Caulker

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BELIZE, A.D. 2024
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(PEGGY NICOLE ANDREWS DE JESUS SANTOS PETITIONER
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(RICARDO EMANUEL DE JESUS SANTOS RESPONDENT

TO: RICARDO EMANUEL DE JESUS SANTOS
San Pedro Town
Belize

TAKE NOTICE that the Divorce Petition dated the 12th day of August, 2024, endorsed with a notice to you to appear and answer the charges therein has been filed in the High Court of Belize by PEGGY NICOLE ANDREWS DE JESUS SANTOS of San Pedro Town, Belize District, Belize and that you are required within 28 days of the second publication hereof to enter an appearance at the office of the Registrar of the High Court in Belize City, Belize should you think fit so to do and thereafter to make answer to the charges in the said Petition and FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that in default of your so doing the Court will proceed to hear the said charges proved and pronounce judgment your absence notwithstanding.

This Petition and this Notice to Appear is by McKOY TORRES LLP of 30 Newtown Barracks, Upper Floor, Belize City, Belize, Attorneys-at-Law for the Petitioner PEGGY NICOLE ANDREWS DE JESUS SANTOS.

DATED the 31 day of October, 2024

REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT

NOTE: Any person entering an appearance must at the same time furnish an address for service within two miles of the High Court.

STATUTORY NOTICE
TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, 2000 that all creditors having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of CECILIA MEJIA FLORES, Deceased, of 467 East 43rd Place, Los Angeles, California 90011, United States of America, who died on the 3rd day of April, 1996 in whose estate Grant of Probate has been issued to Mrs. EVA LINO aka EVA LINO FLORES, Executrix, should lodge such claims or demands with the said EVA LINO aka EVA LINO FLORES in care of McKoy Torres LLP, Attorneys-at-Law of No. 27 Garbutt Creek Street, Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize, on or before the expiration of three months from the first publication hereof AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the expiration of the said three months the Executrix shall proceed to distribute the assets of the said CECILIA MEJIA FLORES, deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard to all the claims and demands of which particulars are lodged and the Executrix shall not be liable for the assets of the deceased or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands she shall not then have had notice.

Dated the 04 day of November, 2024.

McKOY TORRES LLP
ANDREA MCSWEANEY MCKOY (MRS.)
Attorneys-at-Law for
EVA LINO aka EVA LINO FLORES,
Executrix of the Estate of Cecilia Mejia Flores



Solid Waste Management
Authority
Ministry of Sustainable Development,
Climate Change

INVITATION TO BID

Ministry of Sustainable Development, & Climate Change on
behalf of Belize Solid Waste Management Authority

1. The Government of Belize (or GOB) acting through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, & Climate Change on behalf of Belize Solid Waste Management Authority, now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the Services mentioned below in the table.

Contract No.	Name	Contract Period
12-2024/2025	Loading, Trucking, Barging and Other Heavy Equipment Services for the Caye Caulker Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility	36 months

2. Procurement will be conducted through the Open Tendering Process in accordance with the provisions of the laws governing public procurement within Belize.
3. This invitation is open to all eligible Bidders as described in the Bidding Documents.
4. Qualification requirements are provided in Section II of the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders' attention is drawn to the Instructions to Bidders in the Bidding Documents.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained by interested Bidders by way of email application to the email address below.
6. The Bidding Documents will be emailed to the Bidder at the email address specified in the email application.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below on Friday, November 15, 2024 or before Friday, November 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Electronic bid submission shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives, who choose to attend in person at the address below on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 10:15 a.m. Interested public/civil society entities and NGOs can also attend the Bid opening.
8. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid-Securing Declaration as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.
9. The Government of Belize will declare a firm ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period, to be awarded a contract funded by the Government of Belize, if it at any time determines that the firm has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent, coercive, or collusive practices in competing for or in executing a contract.
10. Bidders are required to submit as part of the bid "the Statement of Ethical Conduct and Fraud and Corruption". In case of misleading information or non-adherence to the Fraud and Corruption provisions of the Bidding Documents, the Bidder shall be pursued by the GOB.
11. The address referred to above for:
- (i) application for Bidding Documents, (ii) submission of Bids, and (iii) opening of Bids, is:

The address referred to above is:
Belize Solid Waste Management Authority
Attn: Mrs. Terese Arzu, Procurement Officer
3013 Bougainvillea Street, Orchid Garden Area City of Belmopan,
Belize, C.A.
Tel: (501) 802 1527
PO Box 285

E-mail: ArzuTL@gobmail.gov.bz , procurement@solidwaste.gov.bz

Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change
3013 Bougainvillea Street
City of Belmopan, Belize, C. A. Tel: 828 -4864
Telefax: 802-1527
P.O. Box 285

1. **Senior Procurement Officer**
Belize Social Investment Fund
Building C
4253 Hummingbird Highway
Belmopan
BELIZE
Tel. (501) 822-0239;
Fax. (501) 822-0279
Email: submissions@sifbelize.org
cc: angeles.itzab@sifbelize.org
2. **Caribbean Development Bank**
Email: procurement@caribank.org
cc: omar.bispat@caribank.org



GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE
BELIZE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND
BNTF 10 PROJECT
INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of Eligible Sub-projects and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under this contract. Payment by CDB will be made only at the request of (GOBZ) 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 (GOBZ) shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Finance through the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF). BSIF has contracted Consultants who will assist the GOBZ with delivering the Project. The Consultants have prepared designs and contract documentation and will assist in tender administration and evaluation and supervise Project activities.

BSIF now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for **Infrastructure Works for the Stann Creek ITVET, Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, BNTF 10**

The works include, but are not limited to the following:

Roof rehabilitation of 5 five buildings at the Stann Creek ITVET compound of approximately 3,600 ft² – 6,2000 ft², the repair and seal of Concrete Roofs on three buildings (Administration Building, Culinary Arts Building and the Hospitality Management Building) including all finishes.

The works also includes the construction of a small bathroom on the ground floor of the Administration Building, the replacement of windows and doors for the aforementioned building. Plumbing, site works, and the upgrading of the electrical system for all five buildings. The construction of a mezzanine floor in the Mechanical Trades Workshop (only) with an area of approximately 1600 ft² which will house two (2) Classrooms.

The scope of works to the Mechanical Trades Workshop Building (classrooms) includes new walls, new ceiling, new doors, new windows, new floor finish, paint to all new works, new electrical services and air condition to both classrooms. The roof, walls doors, windows and shutters to both Workshops are to be serviced and those needing replacement to be replaced as indicated in activity schedule.

Firms whether bidding individually or in the form of a Joint Venture, shall:

- (a) be legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an Eligible Country;
- (b) be more than fifty (50) percent beneficially owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an Eligible Country, or by a body corporate or bodies meeting these requirements, as far as the ownership can be reasonably determined; and
- (c) shall have no arrangement and undertake not to make any arrangement whereby the majority of the financial benefits of the contract, i.e. more than fifty (50) percent of the value of the contract, will accrue or be paid to sub-contractors or sub-consultants that are not from an Eligible Country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB. Bidders are advised to review the detailed eligibility criteria detailed in Section 4 and conflict of interest provisions in Section 5 of the *Procurement Procedures for Projects Financed by CDB (January 2021)*, as published on CDB's website.

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

Qualification requirements include, inter alia:

- (a) an average annual turnover (defined as certified payments received for works in progress or completed) within the last five years of at least One Million Belize dollars (BZD \$1,000,000.00 mn);
- (b) a demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of one hundred thousand Belize dollars (BZD \$100,000.00); and
- (c) experience as prime contractor in the construction assignments of similar nature, scope and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last five (5) years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete).

Bidding Documents may be obtained by eligible bidders from the first address below for a non-refundable fee of BZD \$50.00. Requests may be made by written application including email. Written applications must be clearly marked: **"Request for Bidding Documents for the Infrastructure Works for the Stann Creek ITVET, Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, BNTF 10"**, along with the name, address and contact information of the bidder for which Bidding Documents are being requested. The method of payment will be by cash deposited to, or Bank transfer to the Social Investment Fund's bank account only. A request for the Social Investment Fund's banking details can be made at the address below. The Social Investment Fund is not accepting cash payment currently.

Submissions in sealed envelopes clearly marked **"Bid for the Infrastructure Works for the Stann Creek ITVET, Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, BNTF 10"**, must be received at the address below not later than **10:00 a.m. on 9th December 2024**. Bid opening will take place immediately after the deadline for submission at the address below in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of BZD \$5,000.00. Late bids will be rejected.

A Pre-bid meeting with interested eligible bidders will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Friday, November 15th 2024 at the Stann Creek ITVET, Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District, Belize** Bidders can participate in the meeting; whereby, queries will be addressed. Bidders are urged to attend.

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

1. **Address for Correspondence**

Contact: Angeles Itzab
Senior Procurement Officer
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3rd Floor, #1902 Constitution Drive
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Stephanie.rodriquez@sifbelize.org

**Statement on
the Israeli
legislation on
UNRWA**

info@pressoffice.gov.bz
BELMOPAN, November 5, 2024.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade has learnt with alarm of the notification on Monday, 4th November 2024, by the State of Israel to the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations that it withdraws its request issued to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in 1967. This comes one week after the Israeli legislature passed two bills to prohibit the country's authorities from having any contact with UNRWA and bar the agency from operating within Israel.

At the time, UN Secretary-General Guterres stressed that the effective ban would have "devastating consequences."

The heads of the UN agencies and organizations providing humanitarian support on the ground in Gaza have all spoken out against the Israeli ban on UNRWA.

The acting head of the UN aid coordination office called the decision "dangerous and outrageous", whilst UNRWA's head said that the bills will "increase the suffering of the Palestinians and are nothing less than collective punishment." The UN Human Rights Office declared that aid deliveries will "grind to a halt" without UNRWA, and the World Health Chief called the development "intolerable." UNICEF chief Catherine Russell declared that "this decision is dangerous; the lives and futures of Palestinian children are at stake," while James Elder, a UNICEF staffer in the region, denounced the decision, saying "a new way has been found to kill children."

UNRWA is irreplaceable. It is not just an aid agency. It provides education, healthcare, social services and protection for Palestinian refugees. In Gaza, starvation and deprivation of water and the destruction of health services have been used by the Israeli state to complement its bombing and shelling in its commission of genocide. Israel has ignored the binding orders of the International Court of Justice to stop the killing and allow humanitarian aid. UNRWA has so far been able to fill some of the people's needs, but its banning is certain to cause a substantial increase in the number of people dying and suffering from lack of food, water and health care. It is no less than a death warrant gratuitously and heartlessly inflicted on hundreds of thousands of children, women and the elderly by the Israeli state.

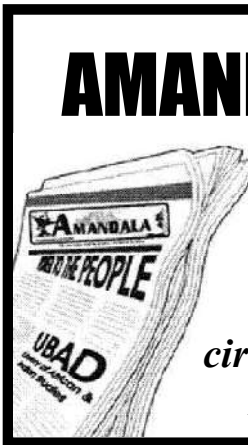
Belize firmly and unequivocally condemns this latest illegal action of the state of Israel and calls on the international community and all members of the United Nations to ensure that UNWRA is not dismantled, and that international humanitarian law is adhered to. There must at the very least be a total ban on the sale or transfer of arms to Israel, and means must be found to take life-saving aid to the Palestinian people. Israel can no longer simply be allowed to exterminate a people.

-Press Release -

How about that?! Belize on Kilimanjaro!



The Belizean flag has reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest mountain in Africa, thanks to the determination of 2 Belizean national Stacy Webber and Judie Zab. Webber’s journey to Kilimanjaro began with an invitation from her friend John, who was visiting South Water Caye. “The journey started with a cross-continental flight – the longest I’d ever taken,” she recalled. Upon arriving in Tanzania, Webber and her group first tackled Mount Meru, a 14,980–foot peak. “The climb was brutal. I’d never felt so physically challenged,” she admitted. Despite the difficulty, they reached the summit and proudly hoisted the Belizean flag. Following a brief rest, the team set their sights on Mount Kilimanjaro itself, which stands at a formidable 19,340 feet.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Develop an Agriculture Contingency Emergency Response Component
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-458576-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) is for a suitable qualified **CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP AN AGRICULTURE CONTINGENCY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMPONENT (CERC) FOR THE CRESAP PROJECT**. The Consultant is responsible to prepare: (i) a draft CERC Manual and a framework Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the agriculture sector under CRESAP; and (ii) a short discussion note on the feasibility of establishing an emergency fund or policy for farmers in Belize.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit a Consultant to Develop An Agriculture Contingency Emergency Response Component (CERC) For The CRESAP Project.

The consultancy is expected to be for (30) thirty working days over (2) two months commencing December 2024. The consultant will work with the World Bank team, CRESAP Procurement Specialist, SIF Admin and Finance Director, CRESAP Environmental and Social Specialist (ESS).

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to orlando.coc@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals (“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 (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)

Qualifications

- Professional with a Master’s degree in Environmental, Anthropology, Sociology, Applied Social Science, Agro-ecological sciences, Sustainable Development, Economics, or related disciplines to the assignment.

General Experience

- At least five (5) years of relevant professional experience in Social safeguards/Standards work, Environmental risk management work, including the development and implementation of Social safeguards/standards instruments, Environmental assessments and Management plans (Environmental Impact Assessments, Environmental and Social Impact Assessments, Environmental and Social Management Plans, etc.) Disaster Risk Management, Insurance schemes etc. that could significantly impact the success of this project.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **November 28th, 2024** at 17:00 hours Belize Time.

Belize Social Investment Fund
Attn: Orlando Coc, Procurement Assistant
P.O. Box 459, 4253 Hummingbird Highway, Building C, Belmopan City, Belize
Telephone +501-822-0239
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JICA donates recycling drums to schools



by Charles Gladden

BELMOPAN, Wed. Nov. 6, 2024
The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Japan Alumni Association of Belize (JAAB) hosted a

small handing-over ceremony on Wednesday, November 6, in Belmopan at which they donated several drums to the Belmopan City Council to support its Solid Waste Recycling Project.
“As we know, climate change is a major

concern in today’s day and age, and the steps that we take in our future are important and can have a significant impact on our livelihood,” said the Mayor of Belmopan, Pablo Cawich, during the ceremony.

The Belmopan City Council will distribute them to four schools: Orange Walk Technical High School, Excelsior High School, Our Lady of Guadalupe High School, and St. Ignace High School.
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BUILDING SUPERVISOR

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Reports to: Works Manager

BELIZE

Always 'bout The People



CITY

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The Belize City Council is seeking applicants to fill the post of **Building Supervisor**.

All interested persons must submit their application packages in a sealed envelope, addressed to the **Human Resources Manager**, no later than **Friday, November 15, 2024**.

- Application packages should include the following:
1. Completed Belize City Council Application Form
 2. Cover Letter
 3. Resume
 4. Copy of the applicant’s social security card
 5. A current police record
 6. A passport sized photo
 7. Two (2) letters of reference

- Core Duties :**
- Updates the Works Manager immediately when there is an issue on the premises
 - Provides a monthly report on the status and conditions of the units and the premises
 - Prepares requisitions for approval of any material and external services needed for the upkeep of the building/premises
 - Responsible for the security and accountability of material held in their possession
 - Must be available to assist tenants to address regarding needs relating to their booths or the building
 - Educates tenants about their roles and responsibilities in the building
 - Ensures that tenants secure their area before leaving at the close of the day
 - Ensures that tenants dispose of their garbage in the designated garbage area and that the surrounding area is always clean
 - Responds to tenant requests for repairs and keeps a journal of completed work
 - Addresses tenants ’complaints as it relates to issues regarding booths or the building

- Maintains Council’s section including elevator and backup generator
- Inspects vacant units and ensures that the units are clean and that necessary repairs are done before a new tenant moves in
- Responsible for performing any electrical, masonry, plumbing related issues regarding tenants’ booths or the building
- Prepare work schedules or project works to be carried out on a weekly basis and submit to the Works Manager and Assistant City Engineer

- Collaborate:**
- ♦ Assist other Council departments’ with performing any electrical, masonry, plumbing repairs issues as the need arise or in the event of emergencies

- Delegate:**
- ♦ Provides work oversight and guidance to the building maintenance team

- General:**
- ♦ Ensures that all Council protocols, procedures, and guidelines are always followed when carrying out assigned duties
 - ♦ Ensures that professionalism is always displayed when carrying out duties
 - ♦ Reports to work immediately in the event of an imminent disaster and as soon as possible after the city has suffered a disaster
 - ♦ Offers support and coverage to other team members during periods of absence
 - ♦ Performs any other duties assigned
 - ♦ Reports to the Works Manager and accountable to the Assistant City Engineer

- Required Education & Experience:**
- ♦ An Associate Degree in Business Administration, Real Estate, Property Management or a related field is required
 - ♦ At least 5 years’ work experience working as a part of a construction or maintenance team is required
 - ♦ Must be a licensed electrician
 - ♦ 2 to 3 years of electrical experience is required

From the Publisher en Español

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El juicio en cuestión esencialmente me desvió de mi supuesto camino como escritor y me empujó hacia la política, y a unos años de controversia y confrontación no solo con el PUP sino también con el nuevo partido de la oposición, el Partido Demócrata Unido (UDP en inglés), que surgió en septiembre de 1973.

La escritura y la política comenzaron a fusionarse para mí después de 1977, de modo que se puede decir que me convertí en periodista en lugar de escritor. En 1981, había comenzado a ganarme la vida razonablemente como periodista, tanto que me involucré con una estación de radio, KREM, en 1989, y luego hice un importante movimiento comercial con el baloncesto semiprofesional (Raiders) en 1992. El movimiento hacia el baloncesto fracasó porque los dos principales partidos políticos aquí fueron muy hostiles hacia mí y hacia la iniciativa.

Estoy tratando de preparar el terreno para la entrada de mi segundo hijo, Cordel, en la política partidaria, con el PUP en 1994. En 1998, Cordel se había convertido en Ministro del Gabinete del PUP, lo que empezó a crearme problemas como periodista/escritor.

En noviembre de 2020, Cordel se convirtió en Viceprimer Ministro de Belize, que es, por supuesto, un puesto de alto rango. Personalmente, ahora estoy en una especie de jubilación, pero supongo que es posible describir el periódico, la estación de radio y la estación de televisión que componen las empresas de Kremandala, como la fuente de opiniones que a menudo están en desacuerdo con las iniciativas del Gabinete del gobernante PUP. A veces siento que estoy en una situación complicada.

Sea como fuere, paso a la cuestión de hoy, miércoles 6 de noviembre de 2024. Esa cuestión tiene que ver con las elecciones presidenciales que tuvieron lugar ayer en los Estados Unidos y que han arrojado como resultado una victoria rotunda para Donald Trump, un hombre que había estado prometiendo deportaciones masivas de inmigrantes si era elegido. Las implicaciones para Belize y los beliceños, tanto en el país como en la diáspora, deben ser estudiadas por el Gobierno de Belize, porque las implicaciones pueden ser graves y pueden ser sociológica y financieramente

negativas. Belize tiene la suerte de contar con una gran cantidad de medios de comunicación, tanto televisivos como sociales, pero me parece que la mayor parte del discurso mediático de Belize puede considerarse frívolo. Dudo en hacer declaraciones de opinión como la anterior, porque soy un septuagenario y debo dar el máximo respeto a las generaciones que ahora están en las trincheras, por así decirlo. Aun así, la victoria de Trump exige examen y análisis en Belize.

Otro aspecto de la victoria de Trump, aparte de las deportaciones amenazadas, es que puede tener implicaciones para nuestra relación con Guatemala, el aliado número uno de los Estados Unidos de América en nuestra región, y vecino de Belize en el oeste y en el sur. Guatemala es un vecino hostil de Belize, y ha reclamado el territorio de Belize durante décadas.

El reclamo ha sido presentado ante la Corte Internacional de Justicia (CIJ) para arbitraje, y supuestamente se resolverá sobre bases estrictamente legales. La realidad histórica es que la tierra que llamamos Belize fue colonizada por nuestros antepasados cuando Guatemala ni siquiera existía. Guatemala se convirtió en un estado-nación en 1821, cuando logró la independencia de España, a la que el Papa de Roma le había otorgado el territorio en el Tratado de Tordesillas en 1494.

Estos hechos históricos son irrelevantes para el Sr. Trump, si hemos de juzgar por su comportamiento público a lo largo de las décadas. Pero, a partir del martes, el Sr. Trump se convirtió una vez más en el hombre más poderoso del planeta Tierra. Tendrá voz y voto, incluso voz y voto decisivo, en cualquier cosa que desee abordar.

Un aliado clave del Sr. Trump, Elon Musk, hace apenas un par de semanas intentó convertirse en un jugador en el sector de Internet y telecomunicaciones de Belize. La reacción inicial de Belize al intento de penetración del Sr. Musk fue negativa. Sin embargo, si Musk le plantea a Trump sus argumentos a favor de invertir en Belize, Belize no estaría en condiciones de resistir la presión del Washington de Trump.

Solo digo, y esta es solo una humilde columna de periódico, pero considero que no es frívola.

JICA donates recycling drums to schools

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School, San Martin Govt. Primary School, Garden City Primary School, and Kuxlin Ha Govt. Primary School.

"I believe if we start from the small ones at the primary level, they could teach their siblings how to separate garbage from the source, and we would take a little bit of embarrassment and participate," said Roberto Matus, a member of the JAAB.

The drums vary in color: blue for recyclable plastic, green for glass, and grey for tins or cans.

"So, if each student brings one bottle, and if you have 400 students, you could time up every two weeks the glass bottle as well as the cans. This can help the schools that have always wanted to fix those doorknobs that always want to get fixed, a little paint going on, or maybe help

hungry children," stated Matus.

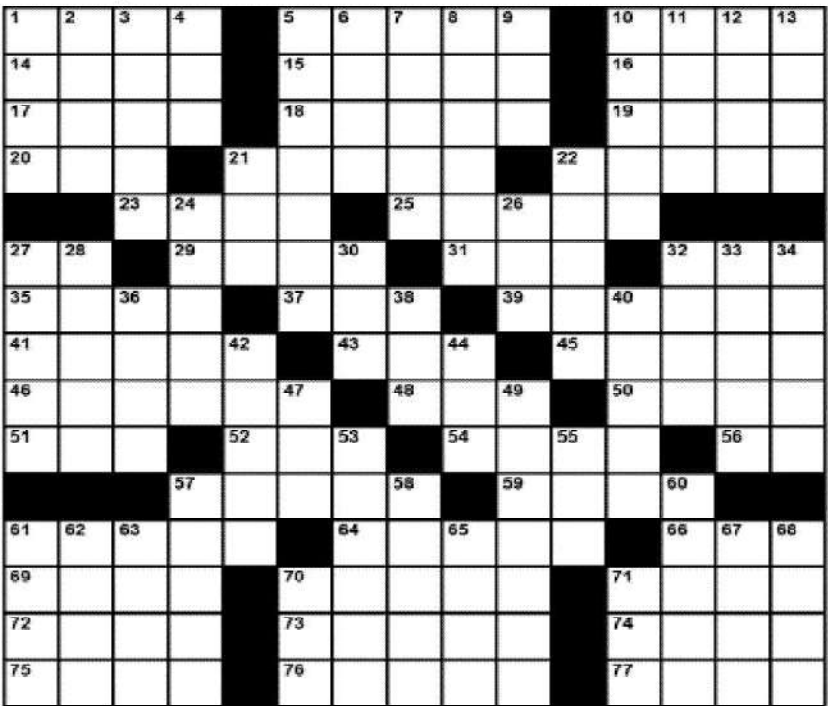
During JICA Resident Representative, Yoshikazu Tachihara's remarks, he highlighted the beauty of Belize's landscape, which he said he has grown to adore, but he noted that he has seen tons of garbage that have been tossed about recklessly.

"There is an abundance of beautiful nature, and every time I visit a mountain or river or the cayes, I get impressed with the beauty of nature in Belize. But sometimes, I notice garbage on the floor, and I worry about Belize's nature. The garbage will not be decomposed automatically, and do you know where they will go? Sometimes they remain on the floor, or sometimes they go to the river or sea and affects Belize's nature, and will affect your life long-term; and that's why waste management is important," he said.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEW PUZZLE

Daily Printable Puzzle - 11-07-2024



Across

- 1. Famous pig
- 5. Buy time
- 10. Mechanical repetition
- 14. Desolate, once
- 15. Speakers' platforms
- 16. Apartment
- 17. Camelot lady
- 18. Detox facility
- 19. Blabby bird
- 20. Barely visible
- 21. Densest gas
- 22. Crew leaders
- 23. Go with it
- 25. Do party work
- 27. Like
- 29. Hades
- 31. Basis of light
- 32. Bro's sibling
- 35. Creeping palm
- 37. Be in session
- 39. Only
- 41. Destined to diet
- 43. Historic time
- 45. Bad dog
- 46. Ball of fire
- 48. Yang partner
- 50. Tailor's case
- 51. Ancient times
- 52. Abbot or Collier
- 54. Farmer's home
- 56. A Kettle
- 57. Seraglio group
- 59. 90-degree heading
- 61. Muslim monk
- 64. Golfer's aid
- 66. Came down with
- 69. Littlest of the litter
- 70. Yiddish crook
- 71. Breezy
- 72. Ear related
- 73. Au revoir
- 74. Banjo locale
- 75. Closet pest
- 76. Bailey or Buck
- 77. Chinese gelatin

Down

- 1. Gusted
- 2. Excellent
- 3. Terse
- 4. Author's last word
- 5. Relaxes
- 6. Having digits
- 7. Kind of committee
- 8. Tropical climbers
- 9. A small dog, for short
- 10. Bit of gossip
- 11. Black gem
- 12. Antler end
- 13. Depot info
- 21. Baby fish
- 22. Limo user
- 24. Tibetan capital
- 26. Actor Selleck
- 27. Battery terminal
- 28. Woman soothsayer
- 30. Avoid the truth
- 32. Rectangular paving stone
- 33. Alimentary canal part
- 34. Damascus locale
- 36. Be up in the air
- 38. Give it a go
- 40. Cambodian cash
- 42. Imprison
- 44. Assistance
- 47. Belonging to us
- 49. Being required
- 53. Period of ten years
- 55. Deposit
- 57. Army stint
- 58. Extreme enthusiasm
- 60. Some or any finish
- 61. Gift tag word
- 62. Before mobile or mat
- 63. Grow together again
- 65. Antelope's playmate
- 67. 2-D measure
- 68. Batik artist
- 70. Break in continuity
- 71. Alias acronym

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 - 10-31-2024 - Answers





St. Catherine Academy wins 30x CSSSA volleyball championships

by William Ysaguirre

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 6, 2024
The St. Catherine Academy won their 30th consecutive Central Secondary Schools Sports Association (CSSSA) volleyball championship in the finals at the Swift Hall in Belize City on Saturday morning, November 2.

The SCA girls prevailed, 3-1, over their archrivals, the Belize High School (BHS) Rams, in the championship final. Central American U-19 gold medalist Akili Jones hammered 27 kills and served an ace to easily win the 1st set, 25-13. Amaya Lino hammered 9 kills, scored a kill block and served an ace, while team captain Emma Solano scored 10 hits and served 2 aces, and Sara Safa came off the bench to serve a final ace to win the 2nd set, 25-18.

Rhea Tsai rallied the BHS counterattack, scoring 2 hits, 8 kill blocks and serving 2 aces, while Hannah Auil hammered 6 kills. Abigail Sharp scored 5 hits, and Dasialynn Thurton served up 5 aces and scored 2 hits for BHS to win the 3rd set, 25-21.

BHS fought to take the game to a 5th set, as Carly Vaccaro served 3 aces and scored a hit. Brice Romero came off the bench to serve 4 aces, and Isabel Mungal scored a hit. SCA had 14 service faults and also conceded 22 more points by unforced errors.

However, SCA's Sofia Reshetina scored 2 hits and served an ace, Jaycee Usher had 2 kill blocks and served an ace, and liberos Zazil Marin and Demi Solano rotated onto the court to defend whenever SCA lost the serve. They also benefited from BHS' 11 service faults and 26 errors to win the 4th set, 25-20, and the match.

The Anglican Cathedral College (ACC) girls won the consolation match for 3rd place in a hard-fought duel with the Edward P. Yorke girls that went the

full five sets. Klee yah Garvin led the E.P. Yorke attack, with Sanya Chung, Kyana Requeña, Amber Ranguy and C'la Ranguy scoring hits on balls set by Jamaya Jones, and Briyah Bernardez and Rayna Stou came off the bench to win the first 2 sets, 25-22, 25-22.

But Kristi Mai and Felicia Bishop rallied the ACC counterattack, with Nikia Paulino, Jeslynn Castillo and Keyana Casimiro scoring hits on plays set by Deannie Wright to win the 3rd and 4th sets, 25-22, 25-11. And K'lyn Sinclair and Linel

Gomez joined the fray to help ACC win the match-clinching 5th set, 15-6.

SCA had qualified to the finals by eliminating the E.P. Yorke girls, 25-9, 25-8, in last Wednesday's semifinals; while the BHS girls advanced by eliminating the ACC girls, 25-10, 25-13, in the semifinals last Thursday. The SCA girls had entered the playoffs undefeated with 5 wins, having returned from their Bronze medal win at the CODICADER Games in El Salvador to trounce the Pallotti High girls, 25-17, 25-4, on Monday, October 21. They then crushed the ACC girls, 25-16, 25-4, for their 5th win on Thursday, October 24.

The BHS girls had entered the playoffs with 5 wins and one loss, having enjoyed their 5th win, 25-16, 25-13, over ACC on October 17.

The CSSSA executive committee presented team trophies and individual medals to the champions and sub-champions in the awards ceremony after the finals, and the 3rd place winners – the ACC girls received a

certificate plaque of participation.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS: Best Hitter – Akili Jones (SCA); Best Libero – Zazil Marin (SCA); Best Setter – Carly Vaccaro (BHS); Most Valuable Player – Akili Jones (SCA).

The SCA girls will represent the Central region at the upcoming National Secondary Schools Sports Association (NSSSA) volleyball championships to be hosted by the Belize High School of Agriculture at the Orange Walk Multipurpose Complex on Friday and Saturday, November 8-9. They will compete against the Northern regional champions – Orange Walk Technical High, the Western champions – Sacred Heart College, and the Southern champions, Toledo Community College. The format of the tournament has already been decided by a draw, by which Central meets North, and South plays the West in the semifinals on Friday afternoon. The winners advance to the finals, while the losers will play for third place on Saturday morning.



MVP & Best Hitter – Akili Jones (SCA)



Best Libero – Zazil Marin (SCA)



St. Catherine's Academy girls – 30x CSSSA Female Volleyball Champions 2024



Best Setter – Carly Vaccaro (BHS)



Belize High School girls – CSSSA Female Volleyball Sub-Champions 2024

Verdes FC leads PLB football into playoffs

by William Ysaguirre

BELMOPAN, Wed. Nov. 6, 2024

Verdes FC is leading the Premier League of Belize (PLB) standings at the end of regular season, and have qualified to the PLB 2024-2025 Opening Season semifinals,



Desmond Wade scored the game winner for Verdes FC



Cory Williams wins Caribbean Cycling championship, Derrick Chavarria wins 2nd in U-23 category



Team Belize (l to r) – Jyven Gonzalez, Derrick Chavarria, Cory Williams, Leon Leslie, Justin Williams

by William Ysaguirre

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Sun. Nov. 3, 2024
Belizean (BZE) cyclist Cory Williams won the Caribbean Cycling Championships’ Elite road race staged by the Guyana Cycling Federation around the Heroes Highway circuit in Georgetown, Guyana on Sunday,

November 3. Belizean (BZD) rider Derrick Chavarria won the Silver medal in the Under-23 category.
Cory won the sprint in 3:46:07 at the finish of the 94-mile Elite road race among a field of 47 riders from 19 nations affiliated to the Caribbean Cycling Union and the Pan American Cycling Confederation. Jesus Cespedes of the Dominican Republic (DR)



Belizean Cory Williams wins Caribbean Cycling Championship

took 2nd place in the same time, and Guyana’s (GUY) John Briton placed 3rd. Belizean rider Giovanni Lovell was among the 10 riders who did not finish the race. Williams had finished 3rd in the individual time trials 11:17.87, behind Bermuda’s Conor White and Kaden Hopkins.

Among the Under-23 riders, Derrick Chavarria also clocked 3:46:07 to finish 2nd behind Cuba’s (CUB) Randol Rodriguez who had the same time from a field of 26 riders. Cuba’s Ahmed Oliva rode in 3rd in 3:47:19. Belizeans Jyven Gonzalez and Leon Leslie were among the 13 riders who did not finish the race.

(AMANDALA Ed. Note: Cory placed 2nd in the most recent Krem New Year’s Day Cycling Classic on January 1st, 2024.)



Elite Road Race (l to r) 2nd Jesus Cespedes DR, 1st Cory Williams BZE, 3rd John Briton GUY



Under-23 (l to r) 2nd Derrick Chavarria BZE, 1st Randol Rodriguez CUB, 3rd Ahmed Oliva CUB

Verdes FC leads PLB football into playoffs

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following a 1-0 win over the defending champions, Port Layola FC, at the Football Federation of Belize Stadium in Belmopan on Sunday evening, November 3.

Desmond Wade’s 47th minute strike was enough to clinch the Green Machine’s 1-0 win, and usher Verdes into the playoffs as the No.1 seed.

At the Ambergris Stadium on Saturday night, the San Pedro Pirates settled for the 4th berth in the playoffs with 16 pts, after rookie Keydenshay Bowen’s brace (2’ and 71’) salvaged a 2-2 draw with Progresso FC. Kyle Budna (41’) and Trimayne “Pepper” Harris (43’) had given the Sugar City squad a 2-1 lead up to the half.

The Belmopan Bandits’ final match with Wagiya SC was rained out on Sunday, due to the wet condition of the pitch, and will be played on Thursday night, November 7; but the



Rookie Keydenshay Bowen struck twice for San Pedro Pirates

outcome will not affect the final standings for the playoffs, which are home-and-away series involving the

top 4 seeded teams. (See standings below.) Upcoming semifinals 1st leg schedule:

Premier League of Belize 2024-25 Opening Season								
Standings at Week 10, Sunday, November 6, 2024								
TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Verdes FC	10	8	0	2	26	5	21	24
Port Layola FC	10	6	1	3	22	7	15	19
Progresso FC	10	5	3	2	13	11	2	18
San Pedro Pirates	10	4	4	2	15	12	3	16
Bandits Sports*	9	1	1	7	4	23	-19	4
Wagiya SC*	9	0	1	8	9	31	-22	1

(Backmatch* - Bandits Sports vs Wagiya SC on Nov. 7th)

Saturday night, November 9
San Pedro Pirates FC vs Verdes FC at Ambergris Stadium.
Progresso FC vs Port Layola FC at People’s Stadium





SJC Wildcats win 5th CSSSA volleyball championship

by William Ysaguirre

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 6, 2024

The St. John’s College (SJC) Wildcats won their 5th consecutive Central Secondary Schools Sports Association (CSSSA) male volleyball championship in the finals at the Stars Gym in Belize City on Saturday evening, November 2.

The SJC boys dominated the Gwen Lizarraga High School boys, 3-0, in the championship final. MVP Daniel Musa and Francis Thomas led their attack, with Khayden Staine, Orion Butler and Nicholas Soberanis hammering kills on plays set by Leonardo Riverol, to take the 1st set, 25-16.

Damion Vernon, Juavann Morgan and Raymond Gentle rallied the Gwen Liz counterattack, scoring hits on balls set by Blair Cocom and Ajare August. Augustine Pitterson helped receive and keep the ball in play, and Shane Vernon joined the fray.

SJC’s Zachary Musa, Orel Guy and Jayden Harris came off the bench to help win the 2nd set, 25-14; and Salah Mousour and Eros Dawson took the court in the 3rd set to win, 25-17.

The Edward P. Yorke boys won the consolation match for 3rd place over the Nazarene High boys in a hard-fought duel that went the full five sets at the Swift Hall on Saturday afternoon. Amare Williams, Anuar Mcfoy, Jason Montez



Best Setter – Leonardo Riverol (SJC)



MVP & Best Hitter – Daniel Musa (SJC)

and Erick Sanchez led the Nazarene offensive, scoring hits on balls set by Rodrigo Flores and Dhirain Mukhi, to win the 1st set, 25-15. Cevan Augustine, Moses Durantes and Kevin Carcamo came off the bench to help Nazarene also take the 2nd set, 25-23.

Lemar Moss, Jamir Clothier and Jayden Frazer led the E.P. Yorke



SJC Wildcats – 5x CSSSA Male Volleyball Champions 2024



Best Libero – Josiah Canto (E.P. Yorke)



Gwen Lizarraga High School boys – CSSSA Male Volleyball Sub-Champions 2024

counterattack, scoring hits on plays set Rhyllie Dawson and Jerrison Lopez. Axel Leiva and Emeri Estrada came off the bench to help win the 3rd and 4th sets, 25-21, 25-18, tying the ball game at 2 sets each. Libero Josiah Canto then took the court on defense to help E.P. Yorke win the 5th set, 15-11.

The SJC Wildcats qualified to the finals undefeated by eliminating the Nazarene boys, 25-10, 25-17, in last Wednesday’s semifinals; while the Gwen Liz boys reached the finals by eliminating E.P. Yorke, 24-26, 25-21, 15-13, in the semifinals last Thursday. The Wildcats had returned from their Bronze medal win at the CODICADER Games in El Salvador to enjoy their 4th win, 25-9, 25-22, over Anglican Cathedral College on Monday, October 21. They dominated the Wesley College boys, 25-11, 25-10, for their 5th win on Thursday, October 24, and hammered the E.P. Yorke boys, 25-4, 25-8, for their 6th win last Monday, October 28.

The Gwen Liz boys entered the playoffs with 4 wins and 2 losses, having to go to extra points to prevail, 28-30, 25-11, 19-17, over A.C.C. for their 3rd win on October 17. They fell to the Belize High School Rams, who enjoyed their 3rd win, 19-25, 25-23, 15-13, on October 22. Gwen Liz enjoyed their 4th win, 25-20, 23-25, 15-10, over Nazarene High last Monday.

The CSSSA executive committee presented team trophies and individual medals to the champions and sub champions in the awards ceremony after the finals, and the 3rd place winners – the E.P. Yorke boys received a certificate plaque of participation.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS: Best Hitter – Daniel Musa (SJC); Best Libero – Josiah Canto (E.P. Yorke); Best Setter – Leonardo Riverol (SJC); MVP – Daniel Musa (SJC).

The SJC Wildcats have won 4 consecutive national championships since 2018, 2019, 2022 and 2023, as there were no tournaments during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-21. They will represent the Central region at the upcoming National Secondary Schools Sports Association (NSSSA) championships to be hosted by the Belize High School of Agriculture at the Orange Walk Multipurpose Complex on Friday and Saturday, November 8-9, where they will take on the Northern regional champions – Muffles College Bobcats, the Western champions – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High School, and the Southern champions - Toledo Community College. Central meets North in Friday’s first semifinal, and South plays the West in the other semifinal on Friday afternoon. The winners advance to the finals, while the losers will play for 3rd place on Saturday morning.

OWFA star striker Aiken Aguilar needs help

by William Ysaguirre

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Sun. Nov. 3, 2024

The Orange Walk Football Association’s (OWFA) Amateur 1st Division tournament is entering playoffs after 5 weeks of regular competition, but the defending champions, Mi Gente FC of Guinea Grass will be without their top goleador, Aiken Aguilar, who is aching with a broken leg from their last regular season match against San Jose FC at Louisiana Government School Field on Sunday evening, November 3.

Aiken had scored 4 goals in the previous 4 games, but was sidelined for the rest of the tournament, and perhaps the next 3 months, when he shattered his right fibula after a hard contact with a San Jose defender in the 8th minute of play. The game was halted and recorded as a forfeit by San Jose, and the 3-0 win was awarded to Mi Gente.



Aiken Aguilar



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New Year's Day 2025

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New Year's Day 2025!!

1991	Michael Lewis (first)	2010	Carlos Hernandez (first)
	Ernest Meighan (second)		Carlos Manuel Hernandez (second)
1992	Francisco Flores (first)	(Ladies)	Shalini Zabaneh (first)
	Fitzgerald Joseph (second)		Anthea Sutherland (second)
1993	Derrick Mahler (first)	2011	Marco Salas (first)
	Orlando Chavarria (second)		Juan Rojas (second)
1994	Douglas Lamb (first)	(Ladies)	Shalini Zabaneh (first)
	Ronald Sutherland (second)		Patricia Chavarria (second)
1995	Robert Mariano (first)	2012	Geovanni Choto (first)
	Gustavo Carillo (second)		Byron Pope (second)
1996	Nigel Matus (first)	(Ladies)	Kaya Cattouse (first)
	Ian Smith (second)		Shalini Zabaneh (second)
1997	Fred Usher (first)	2013	David Henderson (first)
	Michael Lewis (second)		Gregory Lovell (second)
1998	Francisco Flores (first)	(Ladies)	Shalini Zabaneh (first)
	James Frampton (second)		Patricia Chavarria (second)
1999	Ernest Meighan (first)	2014	Byron Pope (first)
	Skip Spangenburg (second)		Carlos Lopez (second)
2000	Ariel Rosado (first)	(Ladies)	Shalini Zabaneh (first)
	Quinton Hamilton (second)		Gabrielle Lovell (second)
2001	Miguel Perez (first)	2015	Hector Rangel (first)
	Shane Vasquez (second)		David Santos (second)
(Ladies)	Karen Rosito (first)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first)
2002	Amilita Knowles (second)		Kaya Cattouse (second)
	Barney Brown (first)	2016	Joel Adan Borland (first)
	Hugo Rostrain Monterosa (second)		Gregory Lovell (second)
(Ladies)	Ann Marie Bennett (first)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first)
2003	Douglas Lamb (first)		Kaya Cattouse (second)
	Frank Cannon (second)	2017	Ron Vasquez (first)
(Ladies)	Fiona Humes Gonzalez (first)		Brandon Cattouse (second)
2004	Marlon Castillo (first)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first)
	Mateo Cruz (second)		Kaya Cattouse (second)
(Ladies)	Fiona Humes-Gonzalez (first)	2018	Giovanni Lovell (first)
2005	Claudett Maheia (second)		John DeLong (second)
	Michael Lewis (first)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first)
	Shane Vasquez (second)		Kaya Cattouse (second)
(Ladies)	Marinette Flowers (first)	2019	John DeLong (first)
2006	Scottie Weiss (first)		Clayton Travis (second)
	Marlon Castillo (second)	(Ladies)	Kaya Cattouse (first)
(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first)		Nicole Gallego (second)
	Marinette Flowers (second)	2020	Oscar Quiroz, Jr. (first)
2007	Shane Vasquez (first)		Joslyn Chavarria, Jr. (second)
	Marlon Castillo (second)	(Ladies)	Alicia Thompson (first)
(Ladies)	Gina Lovell (first)		Nicole Gallego (second)
2008	Shalini Zabaneh (second)	2021	NO RACE (DUE TO COVID)
	Neo German Camacho Villegas (first)	2022	Brandon Cattouse (first)
	Reyes (second)		Derrick Chavarria (second)
(Ladies)	Shalini Zabaneh (first)	(Ladies)	Gabrielle Gabourel (first)
	Alicia Thompson (second)		Kaya Cattouse (second)
2009	Marlon Castillo (first)	2023	Derrick Chavarria (first)
	Gregory Lovell (second)		Jyven Gonzalez (second)
(Ladies)	Lori Harkey (first)	(Ladies)	Kaya Cattouse (first)
	Shalini Zabaneh (second)	2024	John Delong (first)
			Cory Williams (second)
		(Ladies)	Kaya Cattouse

PUBLIC AUCTION

BY ORDER of the Mortgagee/Chargee, Messrs. La Inmaculada Credit Union Ltd., Licensed and Certified Auctioneer Sheldon N.C Arnold will sell the following properties with reserve prices On Site and Online.

COROZAL DISTRICT PROPERTIES

DATE OF AUCTION: NOVEMBER 30TH, 2024 AT 9:30A.M.

LOCATION: LA INMACULADA CREDIT UNION LTD. OFFICE LOCATED AT 5 PARK STREET,
ORANGE WALK TOWN, ORANGE WALK DISTRICT.



Property Details: ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel 967/1, Block 1, situated in the Progreso Registration Section, Corozal District containing 2.245 Ha. and held under Lease Certificate together with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the leasehold property of Eustaquia Celsa Mesh.
Description: This parcel of land is an empty lot.



Property Details: ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No. 1107/1, Block 3, situated in the Sarteneja Registration Section, Corozal District containing 725.3 S.M. and held under Lease Certificate and being thereon, the leasehold property of Exequiel Ignacio Verde.
Description: This parcel of land is an empty lot and is located on the main road and one block before reaching the Village's airstrip. The Village's terminal and La Inmaculada School are nearby.



Property Details: ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No: 1144/1, Block 3, situated in the Sarteneja Registration Section, Corozal District containing 766.4 S.M. and held under Lease Certificate and being thereon, the leasehold property of Narcisa Victoria Verde surety for Neftali Yadib Verde.
Description: This parcel of land is an empty lot and is located in a newly developed area in the Sarteneja Village where the property is accessible by the road.

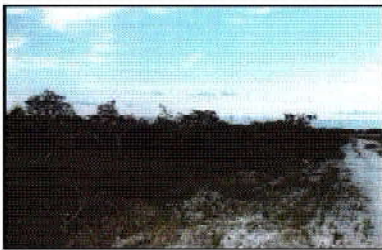
ORANGE WALK DISTRICT PROPERTIES

DATE OF AUCTION: NOVEMBER 30TH, 2024 AT 9:30A.M.

LOCATION: LA INMACULADA CREDIT UNION LTD. OFFICE LOCATED AT 5 PARK STREET,
ORANGE WALK TOWN, ORANGE WALK DISTRICT.



Property Details: ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No. 3642, Block 4, situated in the Orange Walk Town Registration Section, Orange Walk District containing 464.454 S.M. and held under a Land Certificate TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold property of Rodrigo Rodriguez surety for Carolice Rodriguez and Rodrigo Rodriguez.
Description: Contains 1 concrete bungalow structure with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, living and dining room areas. The northern highway is located a walking distance from the parcel of land making it very accessible.



Property Details: ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No. 1173, Block 4, situated in the Carmelita Registration Section, Orange Walk District containing 1042.9 S.M. and held under a Land Certificate and being thereon, the freehold property of Jose Antonio Lahera.
Description: This parcel of land is an empty lot in the outskirts of Carmelita Village, Orange Walk District near the Smart Tower.



Property Details: ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No. 816, Block 4, situated in the San Jose Palmar Registration Section, Orange Walk District containing 1.007 acres and held under a Land Certificate and being thereon, the freehold property of Pedro Eduardo Gonzalez surety for Susana Clarita Gonzalez.
Description: This parcel of land is an empty lot and is located in developing area.



Property Details: ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No. 733, Block 4, situated in the Trial Farm Registration Section, Orange Walk District containing 1227.67 S.M and held under Land Certificate TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the free-hold property of Jesus Pena surety for Negabi Francisco Pena
Description: Contains an incomplete two storey structure with Upper and Lower level having 1 Bedroom and 1 Bathroom, Kitchen, dining and living room as well.



Property Details: ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No. 1021, Block 1, situated in the San Estevan Registration Section, Orange Walk District containing 810.109 S.M and held under Land Certificate and being thereon, the freehold property of Antonia Cruz Sanchez surety for Alfonso Manuelito Padron.
Description: This parcel of land is an empty lot and is located in a recent expansion of the San Estevan Village.



BELIZE DISTRICT PROPERTIES

DATE OF AUCTION: NOVEMBER 30TH, 2024 AT 9:30A.M.

LOCATION: LA INMACULADA CREDIT UNION LTD. OFFICE LOCATED AT 5 PARK STREET,
ORANGE WALK TOWN, ORANGE WALK DISTRICT.



Property Details: ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No. 2949, Block 7, situated in the San Pedro Registration Section, Belize District containing 445.685 S.M. and held under a Land Certificate and being thereon, the freehold property of Leon Levi Anderson.
Description: This parcel of land is an empty lot that is elevated and located wherein either residential and commercial development is allowed.

ONLINE BIDDING AVAILABLE AT www.arnoldauctions.bz.com

BIDS ARE OPEN FROM NOVEMBER 08TH - NOVEMBER 29TH, 2024 UNTIL 3:00PM.

HIGHEST BIDDERS FROM ONLINE AUCTION WILL BE CONTACTED ON LIVE AUCTION DAY.

VIRTUAL AUCTION LINK : <https://meet.google.com/ekn-vuaf-eqy>

Sheldon N.C. Arnold
P.O. BOX 666, Belmopan
Cell # 624-5200 or 602-8308
Website: www.arnoldauctions.bz.com
Email: info@arnoldenterprise.com
Terms - Cash 10% Deposit, Balance in 14 days



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PUBLIC AUCTION

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BELIZE DISTRICT PROPERTIES
DATE OF AUCTION: NOVEMBER 30TH, 2024 AT 9:30A.M.
LOCATION: LA INMACULADA CREDIT UNION LTD. OFFICE LOCATED AT 5 PARK STREET, ORANGE WALK TOWN, ORANGE WALK DISTRICT.



Property Details: ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Parcel No.1618, Block 11 situated in the Belize Rural North II Registration Section, Belize District, containing 1156.188 square Meter(s) and held under Land Certificate TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold property of Wallace Raymond Meighan.
Description: This Parcel of land is an empty lot, located in the Sandhill Area, Belize District.

CAYO DISTRICT PROPERTY
DATE OF AUCTION: NOVEMBER 30TH, 2024 AT 9:30A.M.
LOCATION: LA INMACULADA CREDIT UNION LTD. OFFICE LOCATED AT 5 PARK STREET, ORANGE WALK TOWN, ORANGE WALK DISTRICT.



Property Details: ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot 184 situated in St. Mathew's Village, Cayo District containing 1,793.319 meters being under Deed of Conveyance as seen recorded on Plan No. 2146 at the Lands and Survey Department in Belmopan, TOGETHER with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the Deed of Conveyance of Miriam Janet Quevedo surety of Abner Jonathan Quevedo.
Description: This property has One (1) bungalow type structure with wooden exterior that is located in close proximity to schools and the major highway.

ONLINE BIDDING AVAILABLE AT www.arnoldauctionsby.com
BIDS ARE OPEN FROM NOVEMBER 08TH - NOVEMBER 29TH, 2024 UNTIL 3:00PM.
HIGHEST BIDDERS FROM ONLINE AUCTION WILL BE CONTACTED ON LIVE AUCTION DAY.
VIRTUAL AUCTION LINK : <https://meet.google.com/ekn-vuaf-egq>

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About the 2024 U.S. Elections

“As democracy is perfected, the office of the President represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day, the plain folks of the land will reach their heart’s desire at last, and the White House will be occupied by a downright fool and complete narcissistic moron.”



- H.L. Mencken
The Baltimore Evening Sun
July 26, 1920

Wednesday, November 6, 2024
A little over a century ago, these words represent the prediction of Henry Louis Mencken, the American journalist, writer, cultural critic and scholar of American English. Mencken also regarded representative democracy as a system of government in which inferior men and women dominated their superiors. While many would agree with both of his assessments as an accurate reading of our times, others would argue that this is yet to happen.

A cursory look at some of the figures regarding the recent election of Donald J. Trump to the US presidency, shows that America being a white majority nation had 71 percent voters who were white. This was up from 65 per cent in 2020. Black voters were 11 percent, which was down from 13 per cent; and Latinx voters were 12 per cent, which was a slight drop from 13 percent.

It is imperative that one must not lose sight of the fact that this was a highly significant election, which will radically change the face and fortunes of America, and impact on international relations in crucial ways. It was broadly encased in ignorance, bigotry, sexism and fanaticism, that were both religious and political. Anyone talking in normal election-speak about X or Y failing to focus on issues and agendas, and blaming electioneering strategies, is missing the point. Who wanted to hear? Who was even listening? Or, that Black, Latinx and Arab support for Trump was because his Democrat rival, Kamala Harris, had failed to give valid affirmative reasons for them to vote for her. Or, that this provided the reason why some remained at home. But did Trump himself give them any valid affirmative reasons?

It can be argued that the US, down the years, despite its pretensions, has never been a liberal society. Indeed, its illiberal norms encapsulated in the likes of Jim Crow laws, other rabid forms of discrimination and racial entitlement, bred people like Trump, who are overtly fascist, racist, sexist and intolerant of “the other”. It also created voters who have become impervious to typical political manifestoes, are contemptuous of liberal values, are unknowing or ignorant, and just wanted a rich white man, and not a Black woman who is a professional, to enter the White House in January 2025. These are voters who were fully prepared to support a man with 34 felony convictions to occupy the presidency of the greatest nation on earth; even though they know that an African American at a job interview, who shows up with only one felony conviction, is automatically disqualified.



REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

Supply and Delivery of Vehicle – Procurement Unit, Ministry of Finance

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize (SPEM)
Loan No.: 5353/OC-BL
Type of Engagement: Vehicle
Process ID: BL-L1038-P00092
Deadline: November 22, 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 – Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize. The Central Executing Unit, Ministry of Finance, an executing agency of the Borrower, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to perform the purchase of Goods (hereinafter called “Goods”): **Supply and Delivery of Vehicle.**

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible bidders to submit sealed quotation for the “Supply and Delivery of Vehicle” for the following:

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

Interested suppliers may obtain the complete Bidding Document and further information from khamilton.ceu@cpu.med.gov.bz between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

This Request for Bids (RFB) shall be governed by the Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15 and by the Government of Belize policies and best practices. The contract will be awarded to the Contractor determined to be substantially responsive to the RfB Documents and represents the lowest evaluated cost.

Suppliers should submit One (1) Original and Two (2) Copies in a seal envelope and delivered to the address below by **Friday, November 22nd, 2024, 10:00 am (Local Belize Time).** Electronic quotation is not permitted. **Late bids will be rejected.**

Karon Hamilton
Procurement Specialist Assistant
Ministry of Finance
2nd Flood, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan
Tel: 501-822-4106
khamilton.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz



VACANCY

#1 JOB TITLE: Accounts Clerk
REPORTS TO: Financial Controller
LIAISES DIRECTLY WITH: Executive Director
DUTY STATION: Belize City, Belize

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES
To support the Accounting Department at Programme for Belize in line with the organization’s mission. To be responsible for regular bookkeeping and accounting duties including data entry, transaction posting, accounts payable and purchase orders, prepare insurance payments, maintaining employees records and overall reconciliation of accounts.

Minimum Requirements
Knowledge and Experience in Accounting and complete knowledge of QuickBooks Enterprises. Associates degree with at least at least 3 years of working experience or Associates degree with additional relevant training and certification with 2 year of experience. For more details, please write to finance@pfbelize.org or call 227-5616 and ask for the financial controller.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IS November 22, 2024
APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE TWO RECENT LETTERS OF REFERENCE & VALID POLICE RECORD
SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:
programmeforbelize@pfbelize.org

URGENT NOTICE

TO: ANTONIA MARIVEL MURCIA

Somewhere in the country of Belize, or anyone knowing her whereabouts, please contact the Department of Human Services, 1st and 2nd Floors, 40 Regent Street, Belize City, Belize, or at telephone number 227-7451 or 227-2057, and ask for Ms. Georgia Oshon.



VACANCY

#1 JOB TITLE: Senior Accounts Clerk
REPORTS TO: Financial Controller
LIAISES DIRECTLY WITH: Executive Director
DUTY STATION: Belize City, Belize

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES
To support the Accounting Department at Programme for Belize in line with the organization’s mission. To be responsible for regular bookkeeping and accounting duties including data entry, transaction posting, payroll, monitoring of accounts receivables, complete and submit taxes reports, bank reconciliations, overall reconciliation of accounts and holdover the duties of the Financial Controller when required.

Minimum Requirements
Knowledge and Experience in Accounting and complete knowledge of QuickBooks Enterprises. Bachelor’s degree with at least at least 3 years of working experience or Bachelor’s degree with additional relevant training and certification with 2 year of experience. For more details, please write to finance@pfbelize.org or call 227-5616 and ask for the financial controller.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

Position Name: Economic Commercial Assistant
Vacancy number: Belmopan-2024-18
Closing date: November 24, 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.hms>



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/>

The U.S. Mission in Belmopan provides equal employment opportunity and fair and equitable treatment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation.

Note 1: 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.

BELIZEPROPERTYAUCTIONS.COM
COUNTRYWIDE PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: VEHICLE

Belize City, Belize 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 vehicle. Sale currently running until 31st December 2024. Public Auction Sale will expire fortnightly within this period on the date and time listed on the website until the vehicle is sold.

2013 Dodge Journey



Viewing available at No. 170 Beltex Avenue, Belama Phase 1, Belize City, Belize
“FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE”
TERMS: STRICTLY CASH
KEVIN A. CASTILLO • TELEPHONE 223-4488
Website: belizepropertyauctions.com
E-mail: kevinacas@yahoo.com
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PROJECT EXECUTION UNIT

1900 Constitution Drive, City of Belmopan Belize.

(501) 828-5147

www.moecst.gov.bz

Public Invitation

Belize
Loan Name – Skills for the Future Program
Loan Number - No. 5749/OC-BL

2.3.6 – Supply and Delivery of Equipment for Electronic Engineering and GIS Courses –
SFTF-G/RFQ/2.3.6/01/2024

The Government of Belize has received financing (hereinafter called funds) from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and intends to apply a portion of the funds to make eligible payments under the Contract for which this invitation is being issued.

The Government of Belize acting through the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MOECST) hereby invites sealed offers from eligible and qualified Suppliers to submit a quotation for the following items:

Item Number	Item Description	Quantity and physical unit	Place of Delivery
1	Various resistors	32	All items to be delivered to 1900 Constitution Drive, 3rd Floor, Diamond Building, Belmopan
2	Various Capacitors	32	
3	Push button switched (NC NO)	64	
4	LEDs package per student	32	
5	Various Diodes rectifier 4Amp 10 per student	32	
6	DB9 male and female 6 each	32	
7	Power supply Kit	38	
8	Radio kit FM/AM	34	
9	safety glasses	34	
10	Electronic screwdriver kit	18	
11	Generic screwdrivers kit	18	
12	Side cutting plyers.	18	
13	Needle nose plyers	18	
14	Wire strippers / crimper	18	
15	Hex wrenches	18	
16	Nut drivers	18	
17	Solder iron	18	
18	Clamps for soldering + magnifying glass	18	
19	Tweezers	18	
20	Anti-static strap	18	
21	Signal generator	18	
22	Variable DC power supply ~ 30V and ~5A, 5V 3A	18	
23	Two channel oscilloscopes	18	
24	Network Switch 4 port minimum	20	
25	Wi-Fi router	20	
26	Rubber mat for static	18	
27	Raspberry Pi breakout board and ribbon cable and wire leads power supply	18	
28	Raspberry Pi 4	18	
29	Raspberry Pi breakout board and ribbon cable and wire leads	18	
30	USB to RS232 adapter 2 per bench	24	
31	USB to RS422 adapter 2 per bench	24	
32	USB to RS485 adapter 2 per bench	24	
33	DIY power supply	26	
34	Keyboard mouse and HDMI cable to monitor	16	
35	CAD Printer standard size	2	
36	3D Printer	2	
37	Tool chest	2	
38	12V AGM battery (80Ah)	2	
39	Solar PV panel 300 Watts or greater	2	
40	Socket set	2	
41	EP Ever charge controller 1210AN	2	
42	Cordless drill and bits	2	
43	Crimper for RJ45	2	
44	7400 series of chips kit for whole class	2	
45	Heat Shrink Kit	2	

Item Number	Item Description	Quantity and physical unit	Place of Delivery
46	Heat Gun	2	All items to be delivered to 1900 Constitution Drive, 3rd Floor, Diamond Building, Belmopan
47	Solder roll	2	
48	Solder Remover	2	
49	CADD Paper	2	
50	3D Printer Spools	2	
51	CAT 5-7 cable box 1000 feet	2	
52	RJ 45 Connectors 100/bag	2	
53	100 feet reel of #18-gauge wire black	2	
54	100 feet reel of #18-gauge wire white	2	
55	100 feet reel of #18-gauge wire red	2	
56	100 feet reel of #18-gauge wire green	2	
57	Solder Fux 10 bottles	2	
58	VFD fractional horsepower 120 VAC input 230 VAC 3 Phase output	2	
59	Fuse holder + fuses	2	
60	Shaft Driven pump	2	
61	¼ horsepower 3 phase 230 Volt motor	2	
62	3 position double solenoid 12 VDC	2	
63	12 VDC portable air compressor	2	
64	Limit switch (4 of them)	2	
65	Pneumatic Cylinder 6 inch stroke	2	
66	Computers for Students	32	
67	Computers for Instructors	2	
68	Drone	2	
69	Drone Software	1	
70	GIS Software	1	

Suppliers may present their quotation including one or more items.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain a complete set of this Request for Quotations Documents and further information by submitting a request via electronic mail to the address given below from 9:00a.m to 5:00p.m.

This Request for Quotation (RFQ) shall be governed by the *Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15*.

The contract will be awarded the Quotation determined to be substantially responsive to the Shopping Documents and represents the lowest evaluated cost.

Your Quotation should be sealed in an envelope and addressed to and delivered at the address given below by **November 27, 2024 at 4:00 pm**

Attention: Ingrid Acosta, Senior Project Coordinator
Project Execution Unit, MOECST
Address: 1900 Constitution Drive
Floor/Room number: 3rd Floor, Diamond Building
City: Belmopan
Country: Belize
Electronic mail address: project.coordinator@moe.gov.bz and copied procurement.specialist@moe.gov.bz

Late quotations will be rejected and returned to the sender.

INTERNATIONAL

NEWS

by Zeke Miller, Michelle L. Price, Will Weissert and Jill Colvin
apnews.com
WASHINGTON (AP), November 6, 2024

Donald Trump was elected the 47th president of the United States on Wednesday, an extraordinary comeback for a former president who refused to accept defeat four years ago, sparked a violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, was convicted of felony charges and survived two assassination attempts.

With a win in Wisconsin, Trump cleared the 270 electoral votes needed to clinch the presidency.

The victory validates his bare-knuckles approach to politics. He attacked his Democratic rival, Kamala Harris, in deeply personal – often misogynistic and racist – terms as he pushed an apocalyptic picture of a country overrun by violent migrants. The

Trump wins the White House in a political comeback rooted in appeals to frustrated voters

coarse rhetoric, paired with an image of hypermasculinity, resonated with angry voters – particularly men – in a deeply polarized nation.

“I want to thank the American people for the extraordinary honor of being elected your 47th president and your 45th president,” Trump told throngs of cheering supporters in Florida even before his victory was confirmed.

In state after state, Trump outperformed what he did in the 2020 election while Harris failed to do as well as Joe Biden did in winning the presidency four years ago. Upon taking office again, Trump will work with a Senate that will now be in Republican hands, while control of the House hadn’t



been determined.

“We’ve been through so much together, and today you showed up in record numbers to deliver a victory,” Trump said. “This was something special and we’re going to pay you back,” he said.

The U.S. stock market, Elon

Musk’s Tesla, banks and bitcoin all stormed higher Wednesday, as investors looked favorably on a smooth election and Trump returning to the White House. In his second term, Trump has vowed to pursue an agenda centered on dramatically reshaping the federal government and pursuing retribution against his perceived enemies.

The results cap a historically tumultuous and competitive election season that included two assassination

attempts targeting Trump and a shift to a new Democratic nominee just a month before the party’s convention. Trump will inherit a range of challenges when he assumes office on Jan. 20, including heightened political polarization and

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Compliance Officer, Regulated Investment Company, Belize.

Job Description

A leading international investment firm currently looking to recruit a Compliance Officer. The role is suitable for a dynamic individual who tackles matters with a hands on approach, whilst boasting leadership qualities under the regulatory requirements of Belize FSC. The successful candidate will be a Compliance Officer of a Regulated Investment Company in Belize, who would also receive extensive training for the position.

Any professional qualification in finance, economics, legal or compliance along with work experience in corresponding industries will be considered a plus.

Compliance Officer

- **Type:** Permanent, Full time position
- **Hours:** 09:00 AM to 18:00 PM.
- **Salary:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- **Location:** 28 Regent Street, Belize City, Belize

Role Responsibilities

- Liaising with all relevant business and support areas within the Firm.
- Monitoring and development of AML/CFT Compliance Manuals, policies and procedures, whilst ensuring their accurate and effective implementation.
- Reviewing new regulations and advising on necessary actions to be taken, whilst liaising with Regulatory Authorities and ensuring that reporting obligations towards them are fulfilled.
- Monitoring the adequacy and effectiveness of the measures and procedures of the Firm.
- Drafting written reports to the Board making recommendations and indicating whether the appropriate remedial measures have been taken in the event of any deficiencies, at least annually.
- Working on related changes to the Firm’s documentation.
- Training and educating the staff of the Firm in respect with the compliance function according to the regulatory requirements.
- Communicating the relevant statutes of the internal procedures to each employee and notify them of any relevant changes therein that relates to his/her role and responsibilities in the Firm.
- Developing, designing and re-designing the appropriate procedures of the Firm, as to prevent and resolve potential conflicts of interest, ensuring that all the procedures regarding the Firm’s conflict of interest policy are in place, as well as establishing and maintaining Chinese Walls procedures between the various organizational units of the Firm. Regular checks will be performed to ensure the latter.

Role Qualifications

- A Professional qualification in Compliance or a related field would be considered a plus.
- A qualification in law, business or other related field would be considered a plus.
- Previous experience in the field of Compliance & AML would be considered a plus
- Fluent knowledge of the English Language (Written & Spoken)

28 Regent Street, Belize City, Belize

Executive Director, Regulated Investment Company, Belize.

Job Description

A leading international investment firm currently looking to recruit an Executive Director. The role is suitable for a dynamic individual who tackles matters with a hands on approach, whilst boasting leadership qualities under the regulatory requirements of Belize FSC. The successful candidate will run the day-to-day operations of the Company.

All applicants should have prior managerial/directorship experience within a regulated investment firm.

Executive Director

- **Type:** Permanent, Full time position
- **Hours:** 09:00 AM to 18:00 PM.
- **Salary:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- **Location:** 28 Regent Street, Belize City, Belize


Role Responsibilities

- Preceding experience in managerial/directorship role in a Regulated Investment Firm is essential.
- Day to day operations for managing the office.
- Responsibility for the correct implementation of the relevant laws and FSC regulations.
- Submission of all regulatory reports to the FSC.
- Monitoring of the Company’s capital adequacy and Risk Management function.
- Knowledge of FSC and compliance procedures in agreement with FSC regulations.
- Liaising with all relevant business and support areas within the Firm.
- Reviewing new regulations and advising on necessary actions to be taken, whilst liaising with Regulatory Authorities and ensuring that reporting obligations towards them are fulfilled.
- Monitoring the adequacy and effectiveness of the measures and procedures of the Firm.
- Communicating the relevant statutes of the internal procedures to each employee and notify them of any relevant changes therein that relates to his/her role and responsibilities in the Firm.
- Developing, designing and re-designing the appropriate procedures of the Firm, as to prevent and resolve potential conflicts of interest, ensuring that all the procedures regarding the Firm’s conflict of interest policy are in place, as well as establishing and maintaining Chinese Walls procedures between the various organizational units of the Firm. Regular checks will be performed to ensure the latter.

Role Qualifications

- Extensive knowledge of the forex industry, in various positions previously held.
- Solid experience with MT4 Trading Client Terminal & MT4 Manager.
- Proactive and natural decision maker.
- Fluent knowledge of the English Language (Written & Spoken)
- In-depth knowledge of log analysis, creation of security incident response plans and investigation.
- Previous relationships with liquidity providers will be considered a plus.
- Professional Qualification in Finance/Banking and/or Compliance will be considered a plus.
- A qualification in Investment Operations would be considered a plus.

28 Regent Street, Belize City, Belize



Belize Agricultural Health Authority

The Belize Agricultural Health Authority invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill the following position:

Quarantine Inspector

Minimum qualification and skills:

1. An Associate’s Degree in Applied Sciences (Agriculture) or Agricultural Science;
2. At least one (1) year work related experience;
3. Computer literate particularly in Microsoft Suite and knowledge of other related programs and software would be an asset.

Competencies:

1. Strong professional work ethics and practices, honesty, and integrity;
2. Strong public relations and inter-personal skills;
3. Excellent written communication skills;
4. Bilingual – fluent in spoken English and Spanish;
5. Highly motivated team player who takes initiative;
6. Valid class “A” driver’s license.


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Salary: BAHA Pay Scale 10: \$17,810.76 x 852.84 – \$34,014.72

Stations of Duty: Belize Northern Border, Corozal District; this post is transferable.

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Belize Agricultural Health Authority

The Belize Agricultural Health Authority invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill the following positions:

Veterinary Officer (2 positions)

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3. Computer literate particularly in Microsoft Suite, TADinfo, GIS. Knowledge of other related programs and software is an asset;
4. Experience working in animal health in the agriculture industry.

Competencies:

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3. Excellent written communication skills;
4. Bilingual – fluent in spoken English and Spanish;
5. Highly motivated team player who takes initiative;
6. Valid class “A” driver’s license.

The Veterinary Officer of the Animal Health Department will be responsible for the technical and administrative functions, overseeing and coordinating various programs related to animal health, including the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and control of diseases in wildlife species.

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Salary: BAHA Pay Scale 21: \$32,304 x 1,392 – \$58,752

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global crises that are testing America’s influence abroad.

His win against Harris, the first woman of color to lead a major party ticket, marks the second time he has defeated a female rival in a general election. Harris, the current vice president, rose to the top of the ticket after Biden exited the race amid alarm about his advanced age. Despite an initial surge of energy around her campaign, she struggled during a compressed timeline to convince disillusioned voters that she represented a break from an unpopular administration.

The vice president hasn’t appeared publicly since the race was called but was expected to speak late Wednesday.

Trump is the first former president to return to power since Grover Cleveland regained the White House in the 1892 election. He is the first person convicted of a felony to be elected president and, at 78, is the oldest person elected to the office. His vice president, 40-year-old Ohio Sen. JD Vance, will become the highest-ranking member of the millennial generation in the U.S. government.

There will be far fewer checks on Trump when he returns to the White House. He has plans to swiftly enact a sweeping agenda that would transform nearly every aspect of American government. His GOP critics in Congress have largely been defeated or retired. Federal courts are now filled with judges he appointed. The U.S. Supreme Court, which includes three Trump-appointed justices, issued a ruling this year affording presidents broad immunity from prosecution.

Trump’s language and behavior during the campaign sparked growing warnings from Democrats and some Republicans about shocks to democracy that his return to power would bring. He repeatedly praised strongman leaders, warned that he would deploy the military to target political opponents he labeled the “enemy from within,” threatened to take action against news organizations for unfavorable coverage and suggested suspending the Constitution.

Some who served in his White House, including Vice President Mike Pence and John Kelly, Trump’s longest-serving chief of staff, either declined to endorse him or issued dire public warnings about his return.

While Harris focused much of her initial message around themes of joy, Trump channeled a powerful sense of anger and resentment among voters.

He seized on frustrations over high prices and fears about crime and migrants who illegally entered the country on Biden’s watch. He also highlighted wars in the Middle East and Russia’s invasion of Ukraine to cast Democrats as presiding over – and encouraging – a world in chaos.

It was a formula Trump perfected in 2016, when he cast himself as the only person who could fix the country’s problems, often borrowing language from dictators.

“In 2016, I declared I am your voice. Today I add: I am your warrior. I am

your justice. And for those who have been wronged and betrayed, I am your retribution,” he said in March 2023.

This campaign often veered into the absurd, with Trump amplifying bizarre and disproven rumors that migrants were stealing and eating pet cats and dogs in an Ohio town. At one point, he kicked off a rally with a detailed story about the legendary golfer Arnold Palmer in which he praised his genitalia.

One defining moment came in July when a gunman opened fire at a Trump rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. A bullet grazed Trump’s ear and killed a supporter. His face streaked with blood, Trump stood and raised his fist in the air, shouting “Fight! Fight! Fight!” Weeks later, a second assassination attempt was thwarted after a Secret Service agent spotted the barrel of a gun poking through the greenery while Trump was playing golf.

Trump’s return to the White House seemed unlikely when he left Washington in early 2021 as a diminished figure whose lies about his defeat sparked a violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. He was so isolated then that few outside of his family bothered to attend the send-off he organized for himself at Andrews Air Force Base, complete with a 21-gun salute.

Democrats who controlled the U.S. House quickly impeached him for his role in the insurrection, making him the only president to be impeached twice. He was acquitted by the Senate, where many Republicans argued that he no longer posed a threat because he had left office.

But from his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, Trump – aided by some elected Republicans – worked to maintain his political relevance. Rep. Kevin McCarthy, the California Republican who then led his party in the U.S. House, visited Trump soon after he left office, essentially validating his continued role in the party.

As the 2022 midterm election approached, Trump used the power of his endorsement to assert himself as the unquestioned leader of the party. His preferred candidates almost always won their primaries, but some went on to defeat in elections that Republicans viewed as within their grasp. Those disappointing results were driven in part by a backlash to the Supreme Court ruling that revoked a woman’s constitutional right to an abortion, a decision aided by Trump-appointed justices. The midterm election prompted questions within the GOP about whether Trump should remain the party’s leader.

But if Trump’s future was in doubt, that changed in 2023 when he faced a wave of state and federal indictments for his role in the insurrection, his handling of classified information and election interference. He used the charges to portray himself as the victim of an overreaching government, an argument that resonated with a GOP base that was increasingly skeptical – if not outright hostile – to institutions and established power structures.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who

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As we continue to navigate the whys and whats of this election, somehow my mind wanders to America’s nuclear codes in the hands of Donald Trump. For the world today is a far more febrile and dangerous place than when he was in the White House from 2016 to 2020. As America’s president, Trump’s ability and power to launch nuclear weapons are unfettered, even if no emergency were to exist. This is also true, regardless if Trump’s cognitive capacity is severely affected, or he experiences a nervous breakdown. Should Donald Trump decide to launch nuclear weapons, he can only be prevented if his subordinates decide to disobey him, thus violating their oaths to follow his orders. Therefore, his unilateral authority to effect a launch is total. This is deeply, deeply troubling!

Thérèse Belisle-Nweke

OWFA star striker Aiken Aguilar needs help

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San Jose FC’s manager, David Samuel Novelo has publicly pledged that his team will do a dollar drive to raise funds to help Aiken during his recovery, and the Mi Gente club is making similar efforts. Anyone wishing to help would be highly appreciated, and your generous contribution may be deposited to Atlantic Bank account number: 211-431-217.

AMANDALA Sports wishes Aiken Aguilar a speedy recovery, and that he may soon return to the field of play.

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Galacticos FC vs Mi Gente FC
Progreso FC vs Yo Creek United.

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challenged Trump for the Republican nomination, lamented that the indictments “sucked out all the oxygen” from the GOP primary. Trump easily captured his party’s nomination without participating in a debate against DeSantis or other GOP candidates.

With Trump dominating the Republican contest, a New York jury

UK confirms sugar quota policy

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Minister of Foreign Trade, Hon. Francis Fonseca shared his thoughts with the media on the decision.

“It’s good news for Belize; it means that the status quo remains,” he noted. “Belize will continue to be able to export its sugar on the same existing terms and conditions, at least for another few years; I think it’s four years or so. So that was something we were concerned about, because there were moves in some corners to try and remove that favorable status and extend it to other countries; and so it’s important. We did a lot of work in that regard. We’re happy that the UK government and parliament have approved that process to continue,” he added.

In 2021, the UK implemented an ATQ on raw sugar for 260,000 tons per year to enter the country with an in-quota rate of 0%. However, a review of all UK ATQs was done and the UK government maintained the volume level of this ATQ at 260,000 tons and committed to review it before the end of 2024.

In 2023, an increase in sugar retail prices made the UK government consider whether there was a case to be made to increase the volume of the raw cane sugar ATQ for 2023 for the remainder of the 2023 calendar year.

found him guilty in May of 34 felony charges in a scheme to illegally influence the 2016 election through a hush money payment to a porn actor who said the two had sex. He faces sentencing this month, though his victory poses serious questions about whether he will ever face punishment.

He also has been found liable in two other New York civil cases: one for inflating his assets and another for sexually abusing advice columnist E. Jean Carroll in 1996.

Trump is subject to additional criminal charges in an election-interference case in Georgia that has become bogged down. On the federal level, he’s been indicted for his role in trying to overturn the results of the 2020 election and improperly handling classified material. When he becomes president, Trump could appoint an attorney general who would erase the federal charges.

As he prepares to return to the White

House, Trump has vowed to swiftly enact a radical agenda that would transform nearly every aspect of American government. That includes plans to launch the largest deportation effort in the nation’s history, to use the Justice Department to punish his enemies, to dramatically expand the use of tariffs and to again pursue a zero-sum approach to foreign policy that threatens to upend longstanding foreign alliances, including the NATO pact.

When he arrived in Washington 2017, Trump knew little about the levers of federal power. His agenda was stymied by Congress and the courts, as well as senior staff members who took it upon themselves to serve as guardrails.

This time, Trump has said he would surround himself with loyalists who will enact his agenda, no questions asked, and who will arrive with hundreds of draft executive orders, legislative proposals and in-depth policy papers in hand.

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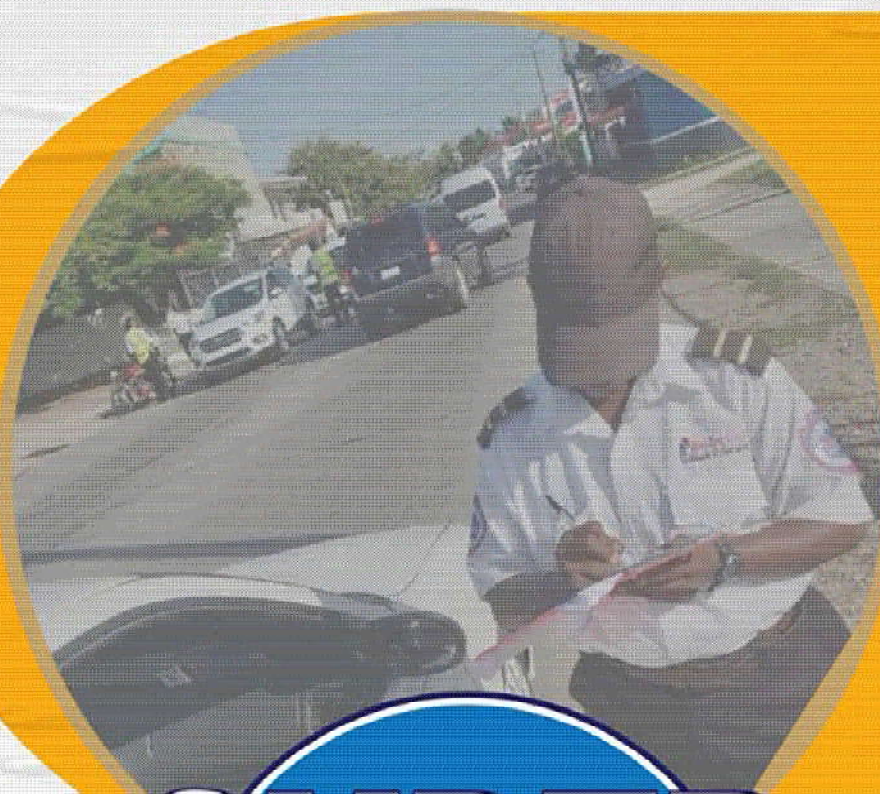
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