

Belize ends child marriage

Marriage Act amended – legal age raised from 16 to 18 years - at special sitting of House of Representatives



Hon. Dolores Balderamos Garcia

by William Ysaguirre

BELMOPAN, Tues. Nov. 12, 2024

Belize has raised the legal age for marriage from 16 years to 18 years, by an amendment to the Marriage Act which the House of Representatives passed with bipartisan support at a special sitting at the George Price Center in Belmopan on Tuesday morning, November 12.

The Youth Parliament had voted unanimously to raise the legal age for marriage to 18 in November 2023, and the National Committee for Families and Children, the National Women's Commission and the churches continued to advocate for the law to be changed at a public forum at the Princess Hotel in August of this year. They argued that raising the legal age would help to break the cycle of poverty,

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TS Sara will bring lots of rain

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 14, 2024

A tropical depression off the coast of Honduras turned into Tropical Storm Sara on Thursday, November 14, and is predicted to

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Ombudsman of Barbados visits Belize

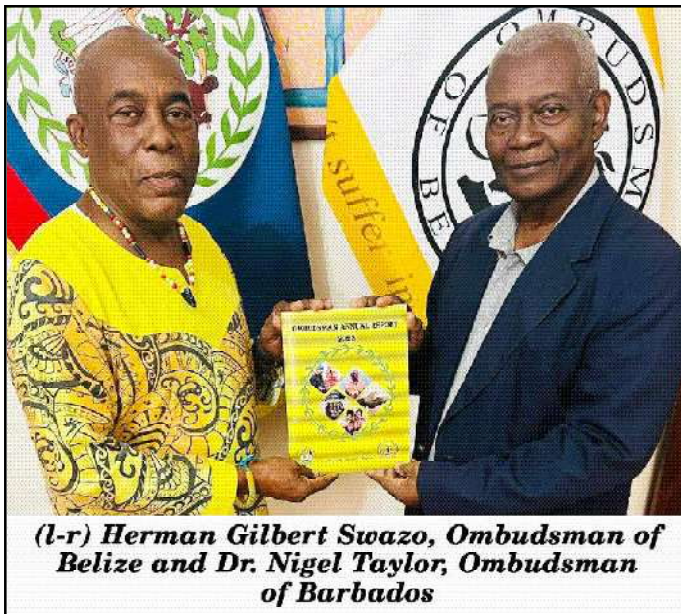
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The Ombudsman of Barbados, Dr. Nigel Taylor visited Belize on an official trip with his investigating officer, Dr. Michael Sabazan, to strengthen collaboration and enhance the impact of both offices in upholding justice and

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(l-r) Herman Gilbert Swazo, Ombudsman of Belize and Dr. Nigel Taylor, Ombudsman of Barbados

Consultant Dyon Elliott appointed National Bank's general manager

by William Ysaguirre

BELMOPAN, Thurs. Nov. 14, 2024

Independent financial consultant Dyon Elliott has been tipped to take over the helm as general manager at the National Bank of Belize.

Elliott has a certificate in public policy from the London School of Economics and has previously served as a financial consultant to the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

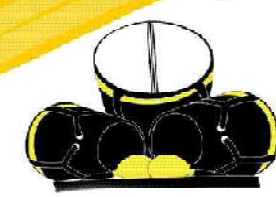
He has most recently been the head of Business Development, Marketing and Strategy at the National Bank.

Elliott began his own financial

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Dyon Elliott



Happy Garifuna Settlement day!

From the management and staff of Kremandala

"Afeduha waméi wagücha, afareinha waméi wanichigu – Celebrating our roots; sharing our culture!"

Nah evidence still not received

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 14, 2024

On Wednesday, November 13, former police officer, 40-year-old Elmer Nah, returned to the High Court in Belize City, where he is being tried for the infamous triple murder of Jon and David Ramnarace and Jon's wife, Vivian, that occurred in Belmopan on New Year's Eve (December 31) in 2022.

The victims had been reportedly socializing at Jon's and Vivian's home in the Maya Mopan area in Belmopan when a gunman believed to be Nah entered the couple's yard and fatally shot the siblings – Jon and David Ramnarace – and injured Jon's wife, Vivian, who died 15 days later due to a pulmonary embolism resulting from a blood clot, which led as well to heart failure.

Since the incident occurred, Nah has been charged with three counts of murder, one count of attempted murder, and one count of use of deadly means of harm.

Nah last appeared in court on Thursday, October 18, when his attorney, Senior Counsel Godfrey Smith, said he had received assistance from a forensic firm in Los Angeles, California, to review the crucial video footage of the shooting to prove that his client wasn't the shooter.

Nah made another court appearance on Wednesday, November 13, but virtually, before Justice Nigel Pilgrim, who noted that all parties were to file their applications by November 1.

However, the prosecution didn't meet the deadline, causing Smith to list several items that were requested for evidence, which included Nah's cellphone, a



Elmer Nah

flashlight, a headlight, an SD card, body cam footage, and video recordings from the night of the murder, which allegedly were to be provided by the US Embassy, after being sent for enhancement.

When questioned by Justice Pilgrim, the prosecutor indicated that the requested items are still being reviewed, which is causing delays.

"We have been trying to get a list of crucial matters, access to them, from the Crown, the state, and have not been successful in doing so," Smith told reporters. "He [Justice Pilgrim] was not impressed with the Crown's responses and explanations as to why the defense has not been so provided, and he set a further date," he added.

November 29 is the new deadline for the Crown to submit the requested items.

Nah is expected to return to court on December 16.

Orange Walk duo charged with murder

by Charles Gladden

SAN LAZARO VILLAGE, Orange Walk District, Thurs. Nov. 14, 2024

A duo from Orange Walk Town has been picked up by police, who believe they were the ones responsible for the death of 48-year-old Julio Carrillo, a resident of San Lazaro Village, Orange Walk District.

In Tuesday's edition of *Amandala*, it was reported that on Monday, November 11, Carrillo's lifeless body was found by two minors who had gone swimming on the outskirts of the village.

Carrillo's body displayed stab wound injuries and was already decomposing.

It was reported that the deceased was last seen by his family three days before the gruesome discovery, at



(l-r) Iran Moguel and Emanuel Carrillo, charged

which time he had mentioned to relatives that he was going to Orange Walk Town and said that he would return home that day, but he never did.

It was believed that Carrillo's killers were known to him, men he would hang out with and consume alcohol.

In previous reports, two persons were being sought by authorities, and tonight two men were captured and they have been charged jointly with the crime of murder, 47-year-old Iran Moguel, a farm worker, and 24-year-old Emanuel Carrillo, a cane farmer.

Man walks free after robbery charge

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 14, 2024

Tonight, one of three men believed to have carried out an armed robbery six years ago - at Premium Wines & Spirits located on Newtown Barracks, escaping with almost \$60,000 value in cash and personal items belonging to employees and the company - is a free man.

The case of the Crown for the DPP did not go down without a fight; however, the prosecutor's application for his fearful witness to not have to come to court to testify, was not allowed by the judge; and so, the DPP's office was forced to enter a nolle prosequi in the case of Everaldo Sambula, 24.

On September 7, 2018, Sambula and others were accused of committing the big heist; however, only Sambula was arrested and charged criminally.

This week, the case was called up for trial before a jury of nine - 5 men and 4 women, but before the case could be put to the jury of 9, the DPP made his application because of a fearful witness who did not wish to come to court.

When the judge, Justice Candace Nanton heard the application, which was done in camera and not before the jurors, she ruled against the Crown's application and ordered that the witness must appear in court.

In light of having a fearful witness who already expressed fear of testifying in court, the Crown, at 9:30 this morning, discontinued the case against Sambula,



Everaldo Sambula, freed

and he was free to go.

Sambula had been charged and indicted on five counts of robbery:

Count 1 was for robbing Noel Hyde of \$34,000 Belize currency and \$6,300.00 US currency, property of Premium Wines & Spirits; Count 2 was for the sum of \$6,400.00 robbed from Celeny Romero, property of Premium Wines & Spirits; Count 3 was for a black Motorola cellular phone value \$450 and \$120 in cash robbed from Noel Hyde; Count 4 for robbery was for robbing from Maria Price, a gold Samsung Galaxy S7 cellphone value \$1,900.00 and

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Paul Smith, Jr., freed of murder charge after nolle prosequi submission

by Roy Davis (freelance reporter)

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 13, 2024

Paul Smith, Jr., 20, who was charged with the murder of Tyreak Dwight August, 19, was freed of the charge when a nolle prosequi submission was entered, indicating that the Crown did not wish to proceed to trial.

The nolle prosequi was entered by Crown Counsel Shanell Fernandez due to insufficient evidence.

A nolle prosequi submission is not an acquittal. Smith could be rearrested and charged for August's murder if the Crown obtains more evidence that could be the basis for a conviction.

However, although Smith no longer has the murder charge hanging over his head, he is still an inmate of the Belize Central Prison because he is still facing firearm and ammunition charges for which trial is pending.

His attorney, Ronell Gonzalez, will be seeking bail for him from the High Court on Friday, November 15. Smith was on bail for the firearm and ammunition offences, but his bail was revoked when he was charged for other offences.

Before Smith left the courtroom, Justice Derick Sylvester gave him some advice. He told Smith that he, Smith, had been freed of the murder charge, and what he does with his life is solely dependent on himself, and that he has the power to make changes to his life at this point. He referred to the case of Leroy Smith, (no relation to Paul), who



Paul Smith, Jr.

was recently before him and who was shot and killed in a robbery attempt not long afterwards.

Gonzalez approved of Justice Sylvester's words of advice, and he noted that other jurists often give guidance to accused persons, notably Justice Antoinette Moore, especially to young ones who come before her.

Smith said he plans to enroll in the Belize Defence Force and become a role model for his younger sister.

August was shot and killed on the night of April 7, 2022, in the village of La Democracia, located at Mile 31 on the George Price Highway. The single bullet entered his right ear and exited through his left ear.

Smith was only 17 at the time.

CITCO opens William David Fonseca Parking Facility

A Modern, Smart, and Safe Parking Option

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Wed. Nov. 13, 2024

After months of renovating the NICH parking lot, the Belize City Council reopened the lot, which has been renamed the “William David Fonseca Parking Facility”, on Wednesday, November 13, in honor of the first elected mayor of Belize City.

The new name of the parking lot – which is located at the corner of Regent and Bishop Streets in downtown Belize City – honors the late Fonseca, who first served as mayor of Belize City under the People’s United Party (PUP) in 1992. David, as he was known to most people, served for two consecutive terms as the old capital’s first elected mayor. He passed away at his home in Belize City in 2015, one day before his



61st birthday.

“I want to thank you, Mayor, for

christening this area as the William David Fonseca Parking Facility. I want to thank you that his name will be joined with yours in memory of this situation here as we christen this place,” said Yolanda Fonseca, widow of Fonseca.

“It’s important to understand that had David still been with us, he wouldn’t have wanted all of this type of excitement, you know. He would have been one to say, ‘No, no, no, don’t name it after me; name it after somebody else.’ That was the type of individual that he was. But we have to acknowledge the work that he did, and

we have to acknowledge the work that other members of the Fonseca family did,” said Hon. Henry Charles Usher, area representative of Fort George.

The modern parking facility can hold a maximum of 34 cars and there are security cameras installed at every turn, giving drivers a sense of security when they leave their cars there.

“This new facility developed by your Belize City Council [symbolizes] where we are headed as a city and country. It forms part of the broader

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Our advertisers and readers are advised that there will be no online Tuesday issue of the newspaper next week due to the Garifuna Settlement Day holiday on November 19. There will only be the Friday issue, which will hit the street on Friday, November 22, 2024

Happy GARIFUNA SETTLEMENT DAY!

from the management and staff of Kremandala

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BEL predicts decline in power supply in 2025

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 14, 2024

In a 12-month notice letter, dated November 8, that was sent to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) projected a considerable decline in power generation in 2025.

The letter stressed that the expected peak electricity demand within the next twelve months will exceed available generation capacity, which will make it necessary to procure additional generation services beyond what will be available within the next year.

BEL thus requested that the PUC secure the approval of the Government of Belize as soon as possible, but otherwise no later than 15 November 2024, which is tomorrow, to declare an emergency concerning generation services in Belize, and thus authorize BEL to initiate the process for

emergency generation procurement.

Amandala attempted to seek comment from the PUC but our requests were declined. However, the Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. John Briceño, has said that there have been discussions about securing additional energy when it is needed.

“On declaring the energy [emergency], I have not spoken to the CEO, but we have had many discussions on this, and he has pointed out under the Act that we can declare an emergency to quickly get investors to sign up for energy [procurement]. He believes that if he does that, by the end of next year he could have 60 or 80 megawatts,” he said.

“We have discussed access to a ship that could bring 80 megawatts. So, for that eighty megawatts to come into Belize and provide energy when we need

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Integrating the teaching of the Garifuna language in schools

by Orlando Pulido

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Wed. Nov. 13, 2024

Efforts to integrate the teaching of the Garifuna language in Belizean schools continue. A Garifuna Settlement Day panel discussion was held at the University of Belize (UB) on November 12. Interspersed in the discussion was drumming done by Joshua Arana from Uarau Drumming.

The Garifuna language is part of the Arawakan group of languages and is well-developed, featuring unique nasalization. It is also capable of transmitting complex and analytical thought.

The panel discussion began with a statement by Dr. Vincent Palacio, president of the University of Belize, who remarked that “this language issue is one that is very profound to me.”

Some groundwork has already been laid to integrate the teaching of the Garifuna language in schools in southern Belize.

“So, we had an initial discussion with

the Minister of Education in May of 2023. We finalized the curriculum and the professional development plan, which we submitted to the Ministry [of Education] in August of 2023; from there the Ministry did their reviews and gave approval in February of 2024,” said Darius Avila, president of Battle of the Drums, whose cooperation with the National Garifuna Council has brought remarkable results.

Since then, nine schools in both the Stann Creek and Toledo districts have participated in the teaching of Garifuna language. But some challenges remain.

Avila stated, “It is very expensive to run such a program; so, as we speak, we are fundraising. The Battle of the Drums competition and show is part and parcel of our fundraising initiative; and some of the funds that we generate from that event we infuse into the Garifuna Language in Schools program.”

Sheena Zuniga, president of the National Garifuna Council (NGC), has stated that they are now cooperating with the Battle of the Drums to form the Garifuna Language Commission.



Dr. Vincent Palacio, President of the University of Belize (shown here second from left), enters the Conference Center at the University of Belize in Belmopan with the drummers on Tuesday

“We have our Garifuna language commissioners who are responsible to assist with the curriculum development to help us in training the teachers to get this onboard. This year we are doing our pilot project, so we are trying to see what the challenges are [and] how we can get suggestions how we can fix it,” she said.

Zuniga is encouraging the Garifuna community to participate in an effort “to preserve our Garifuna language [that] we are currently losing.”

Dr. Dylan Vernon, who is the Executive Director of the Belize Policy Research Institute at UB, believes that the incorporation of languages should be a national effort.

“I think that the basic message is that, if we are going to get the minority languages to be taught and preserved in Belize, we need to do it as part of state policy, national language policy; and that would set the stage for there to be

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A call to Garifuna Nation on Garifuna Settlement Day

The celebrating of our Garifuna Settlement Day in Belize alone has not brought economic and other political benefits to our Garifuna people, especially as it relates to our people’s living conditions, and human and land rights.



by: Wellington C Ramos

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Every year in the country of Belize, the Garifuna people, and their brothers and sisters from other countries who make up their nation from their motherland “Yurumein” (now known as Saint Vincent & The Grenadines) such as Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, the United States of America and elsewhere, look forward to celebrating the 19th of November celebrations which has been a national holiday in Belize since 1976.

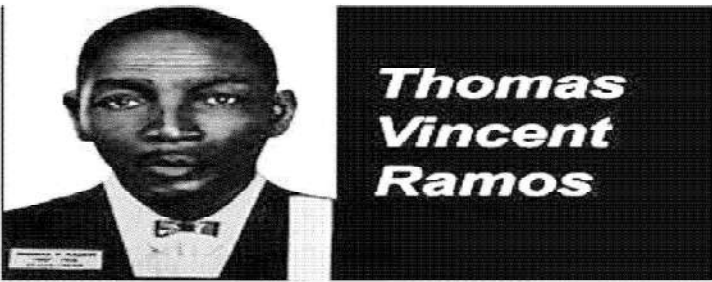
This day was founded by Thomas Vincent Ramos, a Garifuna nationalist and activist in the 1950’s, to commemorate the arrival of the Garifuna people to Belize in 1802. This year will make it 222 years since the Garifuna people first landed in Belize in the “Yabra” area of Belize City. After they landed there, they were given instructions by the then British Superintendent, Richard Bassett, that they could not settle there due to the treaty the British had signed with Spain in 1763.

In this treaty, the British were only granted permission to cut logwood and mahogany up to the Sibun River, and the establishment of settlements was prohibited. As a result, they then started to move southwards to the settlements of Gales Point Manatee, Mullins River and in the place we know as “Dangriga”

today, where they settled. In our Garifuna oral history, we are being told that some of our people made a decision to settle in Gales Point Manatee and Mullins River.

Thomas Vincent Ramos was born in Puerto Cortes, Honduras, on September 17 of 1887 and died in Dangriga, Belize on November 13, 1955. He came to Dangriga as a teenager to live when he was about eighteen years old.

A PROFILE OF THOMAS VINCENT RAMOS 09-17/1887-11/13/1955



FOUNDER OF CARIB INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY (CIS) CARIB DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (CDS) THE GARIFUNA SETTLEMENT DAY IN BELIZE AND THE GARIFUNA FLAG IN 1924



It was never mentioned what were the reason or reasons that Thomas Vincent Ramos may have decided to leave Honduras for Belize. However, a look at Honduras’ political history during the time that he left his country of birth, shows that there was political unrest taking place. This may have been the main reason why he left. Before his departure to Belize, some of his relatives and other Garifuna people had already left Honduras and gone to Nicaragua,

Guatemala and Belize for the same reason.

Below is an extract discovered on the Prabook website, about what was taking place in Honduras during this time:

“When Policarpo Bonilla (no relation to Manuel) became president in 1895, it was understood that his minister of war, General Terencio Sierra, would be the Liberal Party candidate in 1899, and

Manuel Bonilla, the vice president, in 1903. However, Policarpo and Manuel Bonilla quarreled, and Manuel Bonilla withdrew from the vice presidency. He subsequently became President Sierra’s minister of war. However, Sierra announced his support for Juan Angel Arias in the 1903 elections. Bonilla then resigned and founded a new coalition, the

Nationalists, composed of his following among the Liberals and practically all remaining Conservatives. Bonilla received 28,850 votes. Arias 25,118, and a third nominee 4,857.

“When president Sierra blocked Congress’ attempt to select a president from between the top two candidates, Bonilla and a group of supporters left the capital for Amapala, where the mayor administered the presidential oath to Manuel Bonilla. After several battles,

Sierra fled to El Salvador, and Bonilla was declared president-elect by Congress on May 5, 1903. When Bonilla balanced his cabinet with Liberals and Conservatives, however, he irritated members of both parties. He suspended the constitution and declared martial law in the first week of 1904. A constitutional convention in 1905 lengthened the presidential term from four to six years and installed him as president for the period 1907-1912.”

According to some Garifuna people from Honduras, Manuel Bonilla was liked by the Garifuna people because he was the president that gave them titles for their lands in Honduras in 1911. The Martial Law that was declared by Manuel Bonilla in 1904 was only one year before T. Vincent Ramos left. The stories that were given to me by the elders in Dangriga town about their martial law experiences in Honduras were frightening. They said that the Honduran soldiers would be on the streets with their guns loaded and people could not move freely in their villages, towns and cities.

I have a relative from Honduras who is lucky to be alive today because they shot at his mother during a period of martial law in Honduras while she was carrying him in her arms. T. Vincent Ramos arrived in Dangriga and became active in the Marcus Garvey Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) and African Communities League (ACL) which was formed on July 15, 1914. Marcus Garvey’s philosophy was the unification of all people of African descent with their mother continent, Africa.

During the time of Garvey’s movement, most countries in Africa were colonies of some European countries, mainly Portugal, France and

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Garinagu, celebrating their roots; sharing their culture

On May 18, 2001, UNICEF declared the Garifuna language, music and dance a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity, recognition that was fully deserved and that made the nation proud, across the length and breadth of the country. According to *Belize Glossima Research*, the celebration of Garifuna Settlement Day began in 1941 after Thomas V. Ramos, Catarino Benguche and Matias Avaloy “wrote to the Governor requesting a day to recognize the contribution of the Black Caribs”, and in 1943 “the holiday spread to Toledo and became a Public and Bank Holiday in the Southern Districts.” First as a trickle, Belizeans from the other districts traveled south to join the celebrations, and since 1977 when the day, November 19, was made a Public and Bank Holiday for the entire nation, there’s been an explosion of Garifuna culture countrywide in the month of November, up to Settlement Day.

The history of the Garinagu began with a shipwreck in the 1600s near the island of St. Vincent, with the survivors, Africans from the continent who were destined for the slave plantations in the Americas, escaping the chains and beginning a new life among the native Caribs on the island. The marriage of the Caribs and the Africans created the Black Caribs. *Belize Glossima Research* says that between 1974 and 1975 leaders of the group “advocated for Stann Creek Town to be renamed [Dangriga] and Black Caribs to be called Garifuna/Garinagu.”

The Garinagu ran afoul of the British in St. Vincent when they refused to give up their lands to European farmers who wanted to expand their sugarcane plantations. The militarily superior British eventually overcame the Garinagu, and after the Garinagu leader, Joseph Chatoyer fell in battle, his people were rounded up and taken to Balliceaux, an island off the coast of St. Vincent.

The story, “219 years after genocide attempt, Garinagu celebrate survival,”

published in the *Amandala* of April 16, 2016, notes: “another historic date which is commemorated among members of the wider Garifuna community—that of 12th April 1797... marks the exile by the British of over 2,000 Garinagu to Roatán, Honduras.” That report says, “Unlike the Garinagu’s arrival to Belizean shores, their arrival to what is now known as Honduras, was not as joyous, since those who had made it to that destination had seen almost half of their brothers and sisters perish from starvation and disease on the desolate island of Balliceaux ...”

Continuing with that 2016 story in the *Amandala*, E. Roy Cayetano, a Garifuna educator, historian, and former Deputy Chief Education Officer of Belize, said the British “were too civilized to just take a gun and kill the survivors, the Balliceaux survivors; so they exiled them.” Cayetano said, “between July 1796 and March 1797, 4,338 (some say, 5,000 and odd) Garinagu were imprisoned on Balliceaux, an island unfit for human habitation, and on March 11, 1797, 2,248 were boarded on 11 ships. The flagship was *HMS Experiment*, and the Garinagu were taken away ... and dumped on the island of Roatán to fend for themselves.”

Science teaches us that

diamonds are produced under extreme temperature and pressure, not in soft beds. Mainly because the Garinagu are black, they weren’t embraced on mainland Honduras, and when they started migrating northward to Belize, which would become the home of Garinagu on the west shore of the Caribbean, they landed in a country where they weren’t immediately accepted. History records that while the men were given jobs in Belize’s forest industry, the colonial rulers insisted that they be kept apart from the enslaved/recently freed African woodcutters.

The pain of losing their land in Yurumein (the Garifuna name for St. Vincent), the exile on barren Balliceaux, the banishment and starvation on Roatán and rejection in mainland Honduras, and separation from others in Belize, helped forge a remarkable people. Not by choice, by force the Garinagu recognized that if they would survive, their stance would have to be, “we against the world.” They won, and the world, especially Belize, did too. Like *the stone the builders refused*, our Garinagu brothers and sisters have become a pillar.

On November 19, we celebrate the numerous outstanding contributions of the Garinagu to our nation. In education, music, sports, dance, the arts, they have excelled. There are too many Garinagu heroes and heroines to name here, but Alejo Beni, who led many Garinagu to Belize to escape violence and other hardship in Honduras, and Thomas Vincent Ramos, who led the lobby that won national recognition for Garinagu contributions to the nation on November 19, stand tallest during the annual celebration.

Happy Garifuna Settlement Day, Belize! “Afeduha waméi wagücha, afareinha waméi wanichigu! – Celebrating our roots; sharing our culture.”

Krem Radio, since 1989

The United Black Association for Development (UBAD), a cultural group which later became a political party, since its birth in 1969 had included free radio in its platform, and when the party dissolved in 1974 the party’s newspaper, *Amandala*, continued championing the call for voices other than those of the ruling PUP to be heard on the airwaves. In the 1970s, only the government-controlled Radio Belize and the private radio station of the British Forces in Belize were licensed to operate in our country.

The ruling PUP maintained that Radio Belize was neutral, despite all its employees having to pass a PUP smell test before getting before a microphone, and the unceasing broadcasting by the station of the glorious achievements of the government ministers. The only time the opposition parties in the country — NIP, PDM, UBAD, Liberal Party, and the amalgamated UDP— were allowed to air the issues that concerned them was just prior to general elections, and only for a few minutes.

Disappointingly, the UDP, which had experienced the disadvantage of challenging a government that controlled the only local radio station, instead of magnanimously freeing the airwaves when it took the reins of government in 1984, in a decision that reeked of pettiness and ingratitude, effectively said it was “our turn” to take advantage of their good fortune at the polls. Throughout their term in office, 1984-1989, the UDP maintained the status quo of a single radio station for Belizeans, this time under their control.

The *Amandala*, in the editorial, “*Krem at 21*”, said “KREM Radio was the result of an act of political desperation on the part of the then Opposition People’s United Party (PUP) ... Having contributed substantially to the UDP general election victory in 1984, at *Amandala* we felt we were being given a bureaucratic runaround [over a radio license] ... In early 1989 we began making noise, and the PUP suddenly jumped on our bandwagon. They publicly promised to give ‘Radio Amandala’ a license if they were elected in the 1989 general elections. And so they were ...”

On this 35th anniversary of KREM Radio on November 17, the *Amandala* salutes all the contributors to free radio, and the station’s survival. Because of never kowtowing to the establishment, because of its insistence on speaking truth to power whenever it believes that “power” is abusive or on the wrong path, *KREM* has not been a favorite of the corporates. *KREM* could very easily have “rolled over”, sang for its supper, “cozied up” to the money. But, like its parent, the *Amandala*, *KREM* put the education and the good of the people first.

Happy Birthday, *KREM*!



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Two men killed in separate motorcycle accidents



(l-r) Eric Williams and Juan Carlos Castellano, deceased

by Charles Gladden

SAN PEDRO, Ambergris Caye, Wed. Nov. 13, 2024

The tragedy of motorcycle deaths continues, with the lives of two more men being lost within three days in separate motorcycle accidents

The first fatal accident took place early Sunday morning, November 10, in San Pedro Town where the deceased, 30-year-old Eric Williams, a carpenter from the DFC area, tragically lost his life.

According to police, Williams was riding his motorcycle on Crocodile Street at the entrance to the San Pedrito area around 1:00 a.m. on Sunday when he reportedly lost control of the bike, which hit a lamppost. He suffered major head injuries as a result of the collision and died shortly after.

According to Hilberto Romero, Regional Commander of the Belize Police Department Eastern Division, when police went to the scene they saw Williams lying on the ground next to his extensively damaged motorcycle. There was reportedly an open wound to his right elbow and blood oozing out of his left ear.

An unconscious Williams was then taken to the San Pedro Polyclinic, where he passed away less than an hour later.

The second motorcycle accident took place on Tuesday, November 12, in Orange Walk Town, and claimed the life

of 23-year-old Juan Carlos Castellanos of Trial Farm Village.

Police reports indicate that before 9:00 p.m., Castellanos was riding his motorcycle on Tate Street when he collided with the front right bumper of a Freightliner truck driven by 50-year-old Orlando Tzul. It is alleged that when Tzul attempted to

make a left turn onto Muñoz Lane, Castellanos hit the ride side of the truck.

The collision caused Castellanos to lose control of the bike and fall onto the pavement, and as a result he sustained head and body injuries.

Castellanos was taken to the Northern Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Tzul was detained and remains in custody, pending charges, as a police investigation continues.

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Notice is hereby given that **GLENDA L. VILLEDA** is applying for a Hotel Restaurant License Single Bar-Urban to be operated at Industrious Belize OPS PVT LTD T/A Shaka Caye Resort, ¼ Mile NE St. Georges's Caye, Little Frenchman Caye, Belize. under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE:
Notice is hereby given that **DAVID HAYLES** is applying for a Hotel License to be operated at Sleeping Giant Rainforest Lodge, Armenia Village, Cayo District, Belize. under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 2000.

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Los garífuna, celebrando sus raíces; compartiendo su cultura

El 18 de mayo de 2001, UNICEF declaró la lengua, la música y la danza garífuna como Obra Maestra del Patrimonio Oral e Inmaterial de la Humanidad, un reconocimiento que era totalmente merecido y que enorgullecía a la nación, a lo largo y ancho del país. Según *Belize Glessima Research*, la celebración del Día del Asentamiento Garífuna comenzó en 1941 después de que Thomas V. Ramos, Catarino Benguche y Matias Avaloy “escribieron al Gobernador solicitando un día para reconocer la contribución de los caribes negros”, y en 1943 “la festividad se extendió a Toledo y se convirtió en un día festivo público y bancario en los Distritos del Sur”. Al principio, los beliceños de otros distritos viajaban al sur para sumarse a las celebraciones y, desde 1977, cuando el 19 de noviembre se declaró feriado público y bancario para todo el país, se ha producido una explosión de la cultura garífuna en todo el país durante el mes de noviembre, hasta el Día del Asentamiento.

La historia de los garífunas comenzó con un naufragio en el siglo XVII cerca de la isla de San Vicente, y los supervivientes, africanos del continente que estaban destinados a las plantaciones de esclavos en las Américas, escaparon de las cadenas y comenzaron una nueva vida entre los caribes nativos de la isla. El matrimonio de los caribes y los africanos creó a los caribes negros. *Belize Glessima Research* afirma que entre 1974 y 1975, los líderes del grupo “abogaron por que el Municipio de Stann Creek se llamara [Dangriga] y que los caribes negros se llamaran garífuna/garinagu”.

Los garífunas se enemistaron con los británicos en San Vicente cuando se negaron a ceder sus tierras a los agricultores europeos que querían ampliar sus plantaciones de caña de azúcar. Los británicos, que eran militarmente superiores, acabaron venciendo a los garífunas y, tras la muerte en combate de su líder, Joseph Chatoyer, su pueblo fue acorralado y llevado a Balliceaux, una isla frente a la costa de San Vicente.

El artículo “219 años después del intento de genocidio, los garífunas celebran su supervivencia”, publicado en *Amandala* el 16 de abril de 2016, señala: “Otra fecha histórica que se conmemora entre los miembros de la comunidad garífuna en general, la del 12 de abril de 1797... marca el exilio por parte de los británicos de más de 2.000 garífunas a Roatán, Honduras”. Ese informe dice: “A diferencia de la llegada de los garífunas a las costas de Belize, su llegada a lo que ahora se conoce como Honduras no fue tan alegre, ya que los que habían llegado a ese destino habían visto a casi la mitad de sus hermanos y hermanas perecer de hambre y enfermedad en la desolada isla de Balliceaux...”

Continuando con esa nota de 2016 en *Amandala*, E. Roy Cayetano, un educador garífuna, historiador y exdirector adjunto de educación de Belize, dijo que los británicos “eran demasiado civilizados para simplemente tomar un arma y matar a los sobrevivientes, los sobrevivientes de Balliceaux; así que los exiliaron”. Cayetano dijo: “entre julio de 1796 y marzo de 1797, 4.338 (algunos dicen, 5.000 y algo) garífunas fueron encarcelados en Balliceaux, una isla no apta para la habitación humana, y el 11 de marzo de 1797, 2.248 fueron abordados en 11 barcos. El buque insignia era el *HMS Experiment*, y los garífunas fueron llevados... y arrojados a la isla de Roatán para que se las arreglaran por sí mismos”.

La ciencia nos enseña que los diamantes se producen bajo temperaturas y presiones extremas, no en lechos blandos. Principalmente porque los garífunas son negros, no fueron bien recibidos en el continente hondureño, y cuando

comenzaron a migrar hacia el norte, a Belize, que se convertiría en el hogar de los garífunas en la costa oeste del Caribe, desembarcaron en un país donde no fueron aceptados de inmediato. La historia registra que, si bien a los hombres se les dio trabajo en la industria forestal de Belize, los gobernantes coloniales insistieron en que se les mantuviera separados de los leñadores africanos esclavizados o recientemente liberados.

El dolor de perder su tierra en Yurumein (el nombre garífuna para San Vicente), el exilio en la estéril Balliceaux, el destierro y la hambruna en Roatán y el rechazo en la Honduras continental, y la separación de otros en Belize, ayudaron a forjar un pueblo extraordinario. No por elección, sino por la fuerza, los garífunas reconocieron que si querían sobrevivir, su postura tendría que ser “nosotros contra el mundo”. Ganaron, y el mundo, especialmente Belize, también. Al igual que *la piedra que los constructores rechazaron*, nuestros hermanos y hermanas garífunas se han convertido en un pilar.

El 19 de noviembre celebramos las numerosas contribuciones sobresalientes de los garífunas a nuestra nación. En la educación, la música, los deportes, la danza y las artes, han sobresalido. Hay demasiados héroes y heroínas garífunas para nombrarlos aquí, pero Alejo Beni, quien llevó a muchos garífunas a Belize a escapar de la violencia y otras dificultades en Honduras, y Thomas Vincent Ramos, quien encabezó el lobby que ganó reconocimiento nacional por las contribuciones garífunas a la nación el 19 de noviembre, se destacan durante la celebración anual.

¡Feliz Día del Asentamiento Garífuna, Belize! “Afeduhawaméiwagücha, afareinhawaméiwanichigu! – Celebrando nuestras raíces; compartiendo nuestra cultura”.

Radio Krem, desde 1989

La Asociación Negra Unida para el Desarrollo (UBAD en inglés), un grupo cultural que luego se convirtió en un partido político, desde su nacimiento en 1969 había incluido la radio libre en su plataforma, y cuando el partido se disolvió en 1974, el periódico del partido, *Amandala*, continuó defendiendo el llamado para que se escucharan voces distintas a las del gobernante PUP en las ondas. En la década de 1970, sólo Radio Belize, controlada por el gobierno, y la estación de radio privada de las Fuerzas Británicas en Belize tenían licencia para operar en nuestro país.

El partido gobernante PUP sostuvo que Radio Belize era neutral, a pesar de que todos sus empleados tenían que pasar una prueba de olfato PUP antes de ponerse delante de un micrófono, y la estación transmitía incesantemente los gloriosos logros de los ministros de gobierno. La única vez que se permitió a los partidos de la oposición en el país - NIP, PDM, UBAD, Partido Liberal y el UDP fusionado - emitir los temas que les preocupaban fue justo antes de las elecciones generales, y sólo durante unos minutos.

Lamentablemente, el UDP, que había experimentado la desventaja de desafiar a un gobierno que controlaba la única estación de radio local, en lugar de liberar magnánimamente las ondas cuando tomó las riendas del gobierno en 1984, en una decisión que olía a mezquindad e ingratitud, dijo en realidad que era “nuestro turno” de aprovechar su buena suerte en las urnas. Durante su mandato, de 1984 a 1989, el UDP mantuvo el status quo de una única estación de radio para los beliceños, esta vez bajo su control.

Amandala, en el editorial “*Krem at 21*”, dijo que “Radio KREM fue el resultado de un acto de desesperación política por parte del entonces opositor Partido Unido del Pueblo (PUP)... Habiendo contribuido sustancialmente a la victoria del UDP en las elecciones generales de 1984, en *Amandala* sentimos que nos estaban dando evasivas burocráticas [sobre una licencia de radio]... A principios de 1989 comenzamos a hacer ruido, y el PUP de repente se subió al carro. Prometieron públicamente darle una licencia a ‘Radio Amandala’ si eran elegidos en las elecciones generales de 1989. Y así fue...”

En este 35º aniversario de Radio KREM el 17 de noviembre, el *Amandala* saluda a todos los contribuyentes a la radio libre y a la supervivencia de la estación. Debido a que nunca se ha doblegado ante el establishment, debido a su insistencia en decir la verdad al poder cada vez que cree que el “poder” es abusivo o va por el camino equivocado, *KREM* no ha sido el favorito de las corporaciones. *KREM* podría fácilmente haber cedido, haber cantado para ganarse la vida, haber “hecho amigos” con el dinero. Pero, al igual que su empresa matriz, *Amandala*, *KREM* puso la educación y el bien del pueblo en primer lugar.

¡Feliz cumpleaños, *KREM*!

Sunday Review News Review Talk Show

On XTV & Krem Radio
Live-streaming on X Television Face Book Page

Host: YaYa Marin Coleman
Date: Sunday, November 17, 2024
Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon
Guest: Sistah Veronica Tun/
Fisherwoman from Dangriga and Sista
Jalima Gold 4th generation fisher from
Placencia Village



Sunday Review will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 17, 2024



Telemedia or Digi (or whatever its name is) ended up costing Belizean taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars about ten years ago. In the House of Representatives on Tuesday afternoon this week, the Collet area representative, Hon. Patrick Faber (UDP), who is so highly educated that I believe he is a candidate for a Ph.D., sought to do a historical sketch of the Belizean telecommunications saga, beginning in 1989 when the then UDP Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Manuel Esquivel, privatized the company then known as BTA (Belize Telecommunications Authority), which became BTL (Belize Telecommunications Limited.)

I think Hon. Faber made a mistake

when he said that Lord Michael Ashcroft had gotten control of telecommunications in Belize in 2003; and I feel that, while he did mention the Jeffrey Prosser debacle, Hon. Faber did not say a word about the Intelco adventure, which ended up with PUP Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Said Musa, and his Finance Minister, Hon. Ralph Fonseca, leaving the Intelco entrepreneur, Glenn Godfrey, high and dry around 2004 or so. Lord Ashcroft reigned supreme.

You know, when I was a youth/young man growing up in British Honduras/ Belize in the 1960s, it was often that my friends and I would lament situations in Belize which we would compare, unfavorably, with the superior operations that addressed similar situations in the

United States of America. There was no television in Belize then, but we were able to listen to American radio stations in the night, because the AM broadcast technology of that time had radio waves travelling all the way to Belize from huge American cities like St. Louis, Houston, and Little Rock (Arkansas). If you had a shortwave radio, you could listen to the U.S. Armed Forces radio station both night and day.

Our critical perspectives on Belizean situations were not fair to our leaders and authorities, because the U.S. was so much larger, richer, and more experienced than our little country. The U.S. declared independence in 1776; we Belizeans managed to become a self-governing British colony in 1964.

the deadly deal was done, how the betrayal was planned and executed.


There have been a few cases where important research and publication have been done by Godfrey Smith, such as when he wrote the authorized biography of the national hero, Rt. Hon. George Price, and by Mr. Lawrence Vernon, formerly Belize’s chief librarian, whose work is extensive and invaluable. In the matter of election history in post-1950 Belize, Lady Myrtle Palacio’s work is also worthy of praise.

But, the story of Belizean telecommunications has to be told from the time when telephones were a small and almost insignificant department under the jurisdiction of the Post Office. This was during the 1960s. I believe the independent BTA was established in the middle or late 1970s.


Since telecommunications ended up with Belizean taxpayers being battered and gouged, even though the transformation from Cable & Wireless to BTA was a tremendous achievement which featured the praiseworthy work of Belizean workers and executives, it is very sad, to my mind, that the story has not been told in bold and confirmed detail from beginning to now.

In America, there is collusion in critical areas of knowledge between universities and the industrial private sector. What happened in the case of telecommunications in Belize was that the Belizean masses were basically ignorant about the industry, and the elected politicians of Belize, both PUP and UDP, got away with murder. On both sides of the political spectrum, our politicians and their cronies have become multimillionaires because we, the people, were ignorant about the real. We should have been informed by our scholars along the way. And our scholars should have been focused and financed.

We “wuz” robbed, Belizeans.



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- **Caretaker (Full time)**
- **Cafeteria Cook**

- **Inventory/Sales Clerk**
- **Security Officer**

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- 3 – 5 years of experience in bulk cooking (400-500 capacity)
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- Aware of and abide by all Food Handling Regulations
- Open to flexible working hours
- Applicants must:
 - o Possess excellent communication and customer service skills
 - o Be organized and practice excellent time management
 - o 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:
 - o Possess excellent communication and customer service skills
 - o Be organized and practice excellent time management
 - o 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.

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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
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9 ¾ Miles Philip Goldson Highway
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Telemedia o Digi (o como sea que se llame) terminó costando a los contribuyentes beliceños cientos de millones de dólares hace unos diez años. En la Cámara de Representantes el martes por la tarde de esta semana, el representante del área de Collet, el Honorable Patrick Faber (UDP), que tiene un nivel educativo tan alto que creo que es candidato a un doctorado, intentó hacer un bosquejo histórico de la saga de telecomunicaciones de Belize, que comenzó en 1989 cuando el entonces Primer Ministro UDP, El Muy Honorable Manuel Esquivel, privatizó la compañía entonces conocida como BTA (Belize Telecommunications Authority), que se convirtió en BTL (Belize Telecommunications Limited.)

Creo que el Honorable Faber cometió un error cuando dijo que Lord Michael

Ashcroft había obtenido el control de las telecomunicaciones en Belize en 2003; y siento que, si bien mencionó la debacle de Jeffrey Prosser, el Honorable Faber no dijo una palabra sobre la aventura de Intelco, que terminó con el Primer Ministro PUP, el Muy Honorable Said Musa y su Ministro de Finanzas, el Honorable Ralph Fonseca, dejando al empresario de Intelco, Glenn Godfrey, abandonado a su suerte alrededor de 2004. Lord Ashcroft reinaba supremo.

Saben, cuando era un joven creciendo en Honduras Británica/Belize en los años 60, a menudo mis amigos y yo lamentábamos situaciones en Belize que comparábamos, desfavorablemente, con las operaciones superiores que abordaban situaciones similares en los

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

1 Full-time English Teacher

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

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Deadline for Application: November 22, 2024



Vacancies at Julian Cho
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1 Bursar – Fulltime

Qualification for Bursar

- a) Bachelor’s Degree in Business, however, an Associate Degree in Business may be considered.
- b) Prior experience as a bursar in the Belize Secondary school system

Relevant skills and Knowledge

- Knowledge of Belize High school financial regulations
- Skills in budget preparation and fiscal management.
- Knowledge of cashiering and cash management principles, systems, procedures, and standards.
- Knowledge of accounting and accounts receivable principles, methodology, and practices.
- Knowledge of customer service standards and procedures.
- Outstanding interpersonal and community relations skills and the ability to communicate and work effectively within a diverse community.
- Ability to plan, organize, implement, and administer complex recordkeeping systems and procedures.
- Knowledge of financial/business analysis techniques.

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
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- Two recent letters of recommendation

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Deadline for applications is Monday, December 2, 2024.



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: icths.secretary2@yahoo.com
principaljctech@gmail.com

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

Deadline for applications is Monday, November 18, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lodgement of an EIA Report and Public Consultation
For
Little Channel Caye

For the construction of a Residential Home Project within
Channel Caye, Pelican Range, South Water Caye Marine Reserve,
Stann Creek District

The general public is hereby informed that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report has been submitted to the Department of the Environment (DOE) for the construction of a residential home, located within Channel Caye, Pelican Range, South Water Caye Marine Reserve, Stann Creek District. While the EIA report is a technical document, it contains an executive summary that provides an overview of the project and its potential environmental impacts. The EIA report will be reviewed by the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC) before a final decision is taken by the DOE.

The general public is also informed that the EIA report is available for public review, free of charge, from November 6th to December 9th, 2024 (Monday-Friday) during normal working hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) at the following locations:

1. Hopkins Community Library,
2. Placencia Community Centre,
3. Seine Bight Community Centre and
4. The DOE’s office at 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan.

The EIA report is also available on the DOE’s website at the link: https://doe.gov.bz/?post_type=wpdmpo&p=13837&preview=true. The public is invited to submit their comments in writing on or before December 9th, 2024, to the DOE Office in Belmopan or email: envirodept@environment.gov.bz; eiaunit@environment.gov.bz, and through the following link: <https://forms.gle/3RtD99e22HprBW7a6>.

Kindly be informed that a hybrid (in-person and virtual) public consultation for the EIA report will be held on December 2nd, 2024 commencing at 6:00 p.m. The in-person consultation will be held at the Placencia Community Centre, Stann Creek District, and an online link will be provided near to the date on the DOE website and Facebook Page for those who will participate virtually. The consultation will also be streamed live via the Government of Belize Press Office Facebook Page.

The General Public is invited to attend in person or participate online, to make comments, ask questions, seek clarification, and/or provide input with regard to this proposed project.

Miss Tracy went to the people; Brother Shyne and Brother Pehreh went to court

by Colin Hyde

Readers of this column know that I noh partial to people—politicians and the wealthy especially—who run to court with matters that should be laid before the public. Immediately after the results of that convention showed that Tracy was their girl, the honorable thing for the other crowd would have been to hand over the keys to BelChina. If these people lived in the other motherland—British, my people—they couldn’t show dehn face.

The spurned BelChina crowd had the option of countering with their own convention. I don’t know the innards of these parties. It’s possible they could have mustered a legitimate crowd. They

chose to run for succor in the slow-grinding mill of justice.

Is there a suggestion in the UDP that you can’t change a horse if you see it is running off the track? If the leader of the party faced a credible rape charge, or some serious malfeasance, is the party bound to stick with him/her? What if someone goes bloody crazy, or starts doing the things Tracy’s BelChina charges them of?

Private land—the market price and how much you want it

I think by now we all accept that land in some areas comes with prices regular citizens can’t wrap their minds around.

Mr. Brackett said 6.2, the lucky owners said 9 plus million, and they settled at 6.9.

The value of land, anything, is what it is worth to the world, AND what it is worth to YOU. Government wanted that land, so it paid \$0.7 million above the value the Lands Commissioner set on it.

People who say the government could have gone eminent domain—well, they could have, but the only gain there would have been political. The government and Mr. Brackett would have received zero flak if they had kicked the can down the road. Working it through the courts, maybe in 2031 the owners would have gotten their pound of flesh plus the interest, from the new UDP government. Of course, it is believed that government really liked settling with

the lucky owners who got favor when they got the land in 2018 or so, and the Jackpot in 2024 beyond their wildest dreams.

Guys in support of criminalization of abortion need an artificial womb

I flat out don’t understand guys who insist on jailing women for abortion. Look, I am as much for the, ehm, repression of women as the next guy; indeed, they really have gone too far; but I can’t go so far as to dictate to them what they do with their bodies. That is not my right.

Unquestionably, carrying a child is a labor of love by a woman: more than half a year, 9 long months sacrificing her body and her time. And after delivering the child, she is committed at least until the child reaches adulthood. Before I go on, let me say, again, that I don’t endorse abortion. I support the right of any anti-abortionist to say that the woman who aborts will burn in hell forever. I put the brake on when they push laws to put her in jail.

It happens sometimes that a woman wants no part of the process. How can anti-abortionists insist on a woman’s obligation if she conceives? Their argument is that it is murder.

Prior to modern medicine, the fusion of an egg and a sperm could not become a baby unless the owner of the womb in which the fusion took place agreed to be rented for 9 months. Now they are doing all kinds of things. But let us confine ourselves to unaided pregnancy.

Within the first three months, the first trimester, what is growing inside the womb does not resemble a child. Up to a month or two or three after conception, those of us on the outside looking in might consider it normal if the connection between the woman and what’s growing inside her is minimal. After this, the mass of cells becomes a fetus, and in the third trimester, 6 months onward, the fetus can survive outside of the mother’s womb. There has to be a serious debate about terminating a pregnancy in the later stages. But in those first three months, really, it should be entirely a matter for the woman’s heart. We pray she has a good one.

Anti-abortionists consider any interference with the process as abortion, and advocate for it to be classified as a crime.

Okay, it happens that there are women who don’t have this love for the potential growing inside them. I think we can forego the many explanations for her unhappiness, or hatred. I don’t know what goes on with the psychology of a woman who aborts. There are studies, and I expect some of them are well-researched and sincere.

The woman who decides to abort has a few options. The most natural is to stop eating. Farmers know that when their farm animals are carrying young ones, they have to ensure that they get the right nutrition, or the animals will absorb their young to feed their body. Nature knows who comes first. Nature

FREQUENCY AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

Life Ministries hereby informs the public that pursuant to the Telecommunications (Licensing Classification, Authorization, and Fee Structure) Regulations, 2002, as amended from time to time, that Life Ministries Church of Chan Pine Ridge Road, Orange Walk District has applied to the PUC for the use of an FM Broadcast Frequency to operate an FM Radio Station – Life Radio for sound broadcast to provide coverage throughout the Orange Walk District and surrounding areas.

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

BETHEL AME RETURNS TO BELIZE

November 14-18, 2024

A mission team, led by Rev. Mashod A. Evans, Sr. will travel from Michigan, Illinois, and Texas to Belize City for meaningful mission work. During their time they will work to beautify a home for women who are post-incarceration, spend time fellowshiping with children, provide basic medical assessments to the citizens of Belize City, via a health fair, and lift up the Lord through worship, word, and evangelism.

To learn more about the Bethel Belize Mission Trip, tune in to Moments of Inspiration Ministry by Virginia Echols on Sunday, November 10th at 8:00 am EST on Facebook and YouTube.

Rev. Mashod A. Evans, Sr.
Pastor & Trip Leader

Virginia Echols
Belize Liaison & Ministry Host



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.

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programmeforbelize@pfbelize.org

PRESS PREDICTIONS
The sports psychic speaks



Port Layola FC will be in the finals again
Local football playoff predictions
In the two PLB semifinal games, these are the predictions: Verdes FC will beat the San Pedro Pirates in Benque Viejo, 2-nil, after they drew 1 goal apiece on the island. Krisean Lopez and Desmond Wade will score the two goals for Verdes FC. Then in Belize City at the Marion Jones Sports Complex next week Sunday, my Port Layola FC, the defending champion, will advance to the finals with a 3 to 1 victory, after they beat Progreso FC, 4 goals to 2, in Orange Walk last Saturday night. Latrell Middleton converted a penalty, then missed one to go up 4 goals to 1. “Pepper” Harris converted a penalty in the 6th minute of the game. Sean Young scored 2 goals. Akeem Sutherland put the icing on the cake from far outside the 18-yard box. Port Layola FC will go to the big dance again to defend their title. Next week, more stats.



by Gilroy “Press” Cadogan



Tuff Enuff will crush the Police Team in 2 games
Inter-office basketball finals
In Inter-office basketball finals result, Tuff Enuff blew out the Police Team by some 17 points. Rico Black’s team has too many experienced players like Jamaal Kelly, Tyrone “Mission” Edwards, Douglas Valley and Keon Rowland, who top scored in almost all of the games. He will be the MVP for sure. Daniel Arzu and Allison Rivers are always box-and-one on them. This Friday for those gold rings, Tuff Enuff will blow out the Police by some 20 points and more. Coach Kendron Welch and Rico Black’s younger brother are doing a spectacular job for the undefeated champions. This will be Tuff Enuff’s 6th IBL championship for Rico Black. Police is the defending champion; they have a lot of support from top men of the Police Department - Mr. Glenford Caliz and Mr. Samuel Bonilla, both high men. Next week, the results.



Tyrone “Mission” Edwards



The Anthony Mahler Brown Bombers are the team to beat
Over-40 football tournament results
In the Over-40 football tournament results, Brown Bombers crushed the Survivors, 7 goals to nil. They are the team to beat. They have Vallan Symms, Orlan Lyons, Tyrone “T-Bone” Muschamp, Palo Musa, plus “Willito” in the goal; then Edon

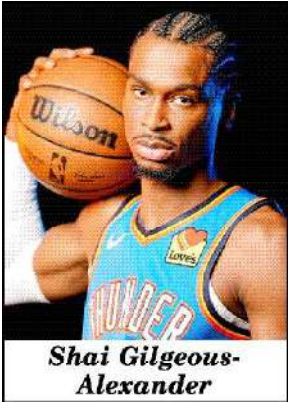
“Yellowman” Rowley, one of the top best midfielders of all time. Kulture Yabra then crushed Ebony Lake-I, 4-nil; Kevin Rowland had a hat trick. Caye Caulker lost to Brown Bombers, 2 goals to 1, in week 3 game action; Vallan Symms scored both goals for the Bombers. Sanjay Pitts scored for Caye Caulker, but Mark “Kello” did not play in that game. Plaza edged Kulture Yabra, 3 to 2. BDF crushed “Dubu” Survivors, 6-nil. There are 3 games every Sunday. Those fans love those games. Ebony Lake-I will play this weekend. Every week, a team has a rest Sunday. Next week, more stats.



Vallan Symms



The Cleveland Cavaliers are the only undefeated team left
NBA results and predictions
In NBA action, the Cleveland Cavaliers with Donovan Mitchell is the only undefeated team at the moment, because the Denver Nuggets edged the Oklahoma City Thunder some days ago. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander is their top point guard. Dallas Mavericks and Luka Doncic alongside Kyrie Erving and Klay Thompson will be one of the top 4 teams in the Western Conference. The Boston Celtics still have the best record in the East. Jason Tatum and Jalen Brown are the top duo in the NBA still yet. The Charlotte Hornets and LaMelo Ball are playing very well. Their organization has suspended Joel Embiid because of faking an injured knee. All of those teams have their specialized doctors. The Los Angeles Lakers have won 8 games and lost 5; LeBron James has 2 triple-doubles already. He will be turning 40 years young at the end of December. He still has 2 more seasons in him. His son went back down to the “G” League. Next week, more stats.
Find Press Boledo Predictions on Amandala Facebook page.



Shai Gilgeous-Alexander



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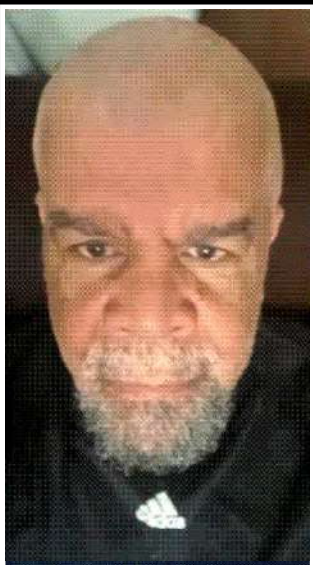
Human Resources Manager

The Human Resources Manager leads PACT’s Human Resources Department operationally and strategically, ensuring that human resources functions and services are clearly defined and fully aligned with organizational priorities. With a particular focus on Strategic and Workforce Planning; Employee Engagement, Relations, and Work-Life Quality; Capacity Development; Change Management; Policy Review, Development, and Implementation; Performance Management; Risk Management; Compliance; Compensation and Benefits; Talent Acquisition, Retention, and Management; Information Management; and Culture Building, the Human Resources Manager adeptly balances and integrates organizational and employee interests and needs for overall success.

- Requirements:**
- **Required:** Master’s Degree in Human Resources Management, Human Resources Development, Organizational Psychology, Organizational Leadership, or closely related field
 - **Asset:** Certification in one or more areas of Human Resources specialization; Professional Human Resources certification
 - **Required:** Minimum of five (5) years management experience, including at least one (1) year of Human Resources Management experience

The full job description is available at www.pactbelize.org. Packages must be submitted electronically and must include signed application letter, resume, certified copies of academic certificates, current police record (receipt can be submitted initially) and a list of two professional references (names and contact information only) no later than 5 PM Wednesday, November 22, 2024. Only complete packages will be processed. Packages should be addressed to:
Human Resources
info@pactbelize.org with copy to finmanager@pactbelize.org
Re: Human Resources Manager Vacancy

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PACT is not liable for any costs incurred by applicants in submission of their application.



Empathy!

Monday, November 11, 2024 at 10:53 PM

In Hilary Mantel's book *Wolf Hall* (there were 3 books in the series), documenting the life of Thomas Cromwell, adviser and confidant of Henry VIII, Cromwell told Harry Percy, Earl of Northumberland, that power comes from the trading houses in Europe, and not from Whitehall, seat of the English government. Apparently, the Earl thought that his position could help him overcome anything that was thrown at him because of his title. It is much deeper than all that, but I am not trying to give a history lesson; I'm just relating the way Cromwell put this peacock in his place! And, by the way, all the English kings back then depended on the lending houses of Europe, especially the Medicis, to finance their wars, and sometimes, their economy.

Nothing has changed in the last 500 years. Corporations and oligarchs still rule the world, everything and everywhere; and political decisions that are made, cater

towards their interests, for their benefit! We, the citizens of the world, are mere chess pieces in their quest for more and more profit! Politicians are indebted to them, and thus make laws to enable the rich, the billionaire class, to make more money. Empathy has no place in that world; it is all about greed, by any means necessary!

We, the people, look to government to help us make our lives better. To be able to live life with dignity, and to build a better future for our children and fellow citizens. We expect that our civil rights will be respected, that we won't be overtaxed nor over-regulated. That we will be free to worship and love in our own way, not dictated to by the state. We believe in our privacy, our self-determination, our choice to live the lives we think best for us. Keep on dreaming!

Empathy is more a concept these days, than the reality it should be. Greed does not allow for such foolishness, such lofty ideals. It is "kill or be killed", in their minds. The beatitudes do not exist for them; those are antiquated beliefs that have no place in their world. Only the strong survive; let those left behind fend for themselves. Sure, they will pretend that they care, throw a little something, something here and there, to quiet the dissatisfaction of the masses; but they don't give a f*** about us!

Trump won an election with the help of oligarchs like Musk; Kamala had oligarchs in her corner also, but not as powerful as Trump's. A few days after his election,

Trump was on the phone with Zelenskyy, president of Ukraine, and Musk was also on that call. Power, my friends, power to buy anything one wants. Unchecked and uncontrolled power! No place for silly things like empathy in their world!

I believe that without empathy we are lost. To not be able to feel each other's pain is tantamount to being soulless, in my opinion. I want us, in my advanced age, with death around the corner, to always be able to look out for each other. To be able to share pain or grief or happiness with our fellow beings. To not be selfish enough to believe that we can stand alone and be fulfilled!

Why should I care? I'm old and gray

and full of sleep, but I care. I grew up with a lot of love and care and empathy in my life. But that was before technology – AI, Facebook, X or Twitter and all the social media – overwhelmed us. Those advancements have dulled our empathetic senses. Have made us more isolated and cruel and judgmental and uncaring, in my opinion. Now it's all about me, me, me. Wat a ting!

Maybe we don't need Starlink in the Jewel! Maybe we should be content with the little oligarchs that already own us, and not become hostage to the really big and dangerous ones!

Keep a little love in your hearts, folks. Glen

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Belize City Harbor,
November 11th, 2024

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Reference Admiralty chart # 522 Belize City and Approaches

Please be advised that dredging operations will be conducted at the mouth of the Haulover Creek in Belize City, commencing November 11th, 2024, to February 2025.

Operations will be conducted within the marked channel and in the turning basin at the Fort Street Tourism Village.

Obstructions will be marked by blue buoys and pillars during the daytime along with flashing amber lights at night. Mariners should not attempt to navigate over the obstruction or near the dredge and its pipelines. Vessels should observe a minimum safe distance of 100 feet from working equipment.

Mariners must use extreme caution and navigate at a minimum safe operating speed while maneuvering in the area positioned:
17°29'01"N, 088°11'18"W
17°29'20"N, 088°10'54"W
17°29'31"N, 088°11'15"W

Any concerns should be addressed to Fort Street Tourism Village, Ms. Noriko Gamero at telephone 280-3788 or contact the Belize Port Authority at
Tel: 501- 222-5667
Fax: 501-222-5664
Email: bzportauth@btl.net

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/>

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Note 1: Candidates must note all work experience when completing the ERA application. Insufficient or incomplete information will result in an ineligible application.

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Vacancy number: Belmopan-2024-17
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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”

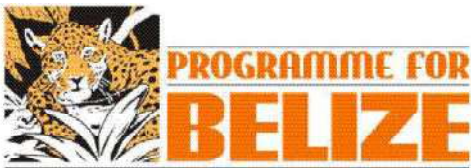
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BELIZE, A.D. 2024
(DIVORCE)

ACTION NO. 291 OF 2024

(DAWN MARIE JOSEPH PETITIONER
(A.k.a DAWN MARIE WILLIAMS
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(RUDOLPH JOSEPH R ESPONDENT

To: RUDOLPH JOSEPH

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Belize, Action No. 291 of 2024, by Dawn Marie Joseph, A.k.a Dawn Marie Williams of 12 Welch Street, Belize City, Belize, in which the Petitioner has applied for dissolution of her marriage and for any other Order the Honorable Court deems just.

And that it has been ordered that service of the Divorce Petition in the said action on you be effected by this advertisement. If you desire to defend the said action you must within twenty-eight (28) days from date of publication of this advertisement, inclusive of the day of such publication, enter an appearance at the office of the High Court of Belize. In default of such, the High Court may pronounce such order(s) in your absence.

Dated 8th day of November, 2024

Samira Musa Pott & Co.
Attorneys-at-Law for the Petitioner
Suite 308, Marina Towers
Newtown Barracks
Belize City, Belize

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BELIZE DIABETES ASSOCIATION – on World DIABETES DAY – NOVEMBER 14, 2024



Greetings from the Belize Diabetes Association. On November 14, the Belize Diabetes Association joins the world in commemorating World Diabetes Day.

The Theme for this Year’s World Diabetes Day is *Diabetes and Well-being*. Today diabetes continues to impact our physical, social and mental wellbeing. Today, more than ever, many of our families are dying from diabetes and/or from diabetes complications. Our loved ones are getting blind, having kidney failures, having lower limbs amputations... our loved ones are dying from heart attack, strokes and from depression as a result of diabetes.

We do not have to die from diabetes. If only we take a concerted effort to change our eating habits, to change our lifestyle and to take our medication as prescribed.

In 2023 according to the MOHW, on average, every day in that year, three persons were diagnosed with diabetes, in 2023 every other day someone died from Diabetes or from diabetes complications.

Belize, our country, cannot afford increases in health-related expenditures. Businesses cannot afford increase in medical insurance costs, there is little or no money for medical care and medical expenses.

We, at the Belize Diabetes Association commend the MOHW for its continuous efforts to create the enabling environment for our health & well-being. The recent launch of the updated National Breast-Feeding Policy and the Healthy Habits Healthy School initiatives are GREAT opportunities to enforce and to educate our parents and children about good nutrition to combat non-communicable diseases and hope that there is a change in next generation.

As a people, we all need to do our part. Our health and our wellbeing are our RESPONSIBILITY. This is NO LONGER an option; this is no longer A CALL TO ACTION but an OBLIGATION - the cost for inaction is unquantifiable, incalculable.

So, let us make intentional efforts to adopt healthy eating habits. Let us eat more vegetables, eat less carbohydrates, less starchy food, less sugary drinks.

Let us have more Wellness days at our offices, let us improve the quality of our lives; let us support our brothers and sisters living with diabetes to delay complications from diabetes.

We at the Belize Diabetes Association is committed to supporting people living with diabetes and to ensure that all persons living with diabetes have the necessary supplies and support to help in their diabetes management.

In closing, I call on the Ministry of Agriculture to hasten and make conscious efforts to prioritize healthy and affordable food cost for all of us.

And for all persons - let’s exercise, let’s adopt healthy eating and healthy lifestyle practices. Let’s not take diabetes for granted. Together, let’s work to prevent diabetes, let’s work to delay complications from diabetes and let’s work for a more resilient, healthier and prosperous Belize.

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	BLOCK	PARCEL
Corozal North/ Corozal District	1	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	BLOCK	PARCEL
Dangriga South/ Stann Creek District	31	820



Measuring 441.31 Square Meter(s), this property consists of two income generating buildings.
Building 1 is an elevated timber post and currently serves as a Pre-School. This building comprises of [558 sf.] of enclosed space with [76 sf.] of open veranda space.
Building 2 is a concrete building with galvanized roofing comprising some [726 sf.] of enclosed space, and currently serves as a day care. This building benefits from a large open space, kitchen and bathroom. Freehold Property of Laurel and Yadira Diego.
ON SITE Saturday December 7th, 2024 at 1:00pm



GraceKennedy (Belize) Ltd.
Job Vacancy

Warehouse, Distribution & Facilities
Manager

Key Outputs/Deliverables:

- The Warehouse, Distribution & Facilities Manager will be responsible for the overall supervision of the warehouse staff and safeguarding the company's inventory and assets.
- Responsible for the receiving of and dispatching of products in a manner consistent with company's procedures and financial objectives.
- Ensure the operational facilities, fleet and equipment are in good working condition to improve efficiencies, right-size inventory availability and support business growth.
- Proper management of inventory movement and stock expiration.
- Support demand planning and forecasting.
- Warehouse efficiencies through economies of scale.
- Business Case planning for Warehouse optimization.
- Maintain a safe and healthy work environment by ensuring all warehouse processes and procedures are being adhered to avoid pilferage and zero losses.
- Oversee and manage logistics for transporting products to customers and communicating with drivers to ensure efficient and safe deliveries of products.

Minimum Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in business administration, Management, or related discipline plus 2-4 years senior management experience, or
- Associate degree in business administration, Management plus at least 4 – 5 years experience in a similar position.
- Computer literate. Specific use and knowledge of Microsoft Excel, MS Word, PowerPoint, and Outlook.

Key Competencies:

- Team Orientation: Works collaboratively and is willing to share with others in the pursuit of common goals and objectives.
- Interpersonal Communication: Builds understanding through sensitivity to others and the use of appropriate communication strategies.
- Leadership, Planning and Organizing Skills
- Project Management Skills
- Ability to work under pressure.
- Time Management and ability to meet deadlines.
- Good analytical and critical thinking skills.
- High level of honesty, integrity, and trust.

Interested persons are invited to submit applications by
November 22, 2024 to email address alitza.martinez@gkco.com



**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.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank](#) GN-2350-15 and the Government of Belize policies and best practices and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications.

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

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

Claim No. 418 of 2024

BETWEEN

PARADISE PROPERTY ONE LTD.	FIRST CLAIMANT
PARADISE PROPERTY TWO LTD.	SECOND CLAIMANT
AND	
ESTATE OF RICARDO BORJA	FIRST DEFENDANT
JC BELIZE CONSULTING LTD.	SECOND DEFENDANT
NELLYE SUSANA AMADO	THIRD DEFENDANT
1820 CARIBBEAN HOLDINGS INC.	FOURTH DEFENDANT
IVONNE PEYREFITTE	FIFTH DEFENDANT

NOTICE

TO: NELLYE SUSANA AMADO, of Faber’s Road Extension, Belize City, Belize District, Belize.

TAKE NOTICE that a Fixed Claim Form and Affidavit in Support has been issued against you in High Court Claim No. 418 of 2024. Details of the contents of the claim are set out in the Fixed Claim Form and Affidavit in Support attached to it.

AND on the 30th of October 2024, the High Court of Judicature of Belize ordered that service of the Fixed Claim Form and Affidavit in Support be effected on you by two consecutive publications of this Notice.

AND you are required to file an Acknowledgment of Service within twenty-eight (28) days of the second publication of this Notice. The appropriate forms may be obtained from the General Registry situated at No. 1 Treasury Lane, Belize City, Belize District, Belize. Telephone numbers (501) 227-7377 and (501) 227-2053, facsimile (501) 227-0085 or from the Attorneys-at-Law whose name and address appears below.

TAKE NOTICE that in default of your so doing, the said Claimants may proceed therein, and the judgment will be granted without your presence.

DATED the 4th day of November 2024

BRADLEY ELLIS & CO., LLP
Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimants
28 A Regent Street
Belize City, Belize
Telephone: (501) 227-0818
Email: info@bradleyellis.co.bz

**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

Integrating the teaching of the Garifuna language in schools

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programs and plans and budgets for integrating languages more in our school system," he commented.

"What the ... Garifuna Language Commission is actually doing is a good

example of ... that on their own they have spearheaded the teaching of Garifuna language in primary schools," he further stated.

Dr. Alberita Enriquez, who is co-chair of the Garifuna



Members of the audience at the UB Conference Center



Representatives from various partners of development at the University of Belize on Tuesday, immediately after the holding of a Garifuna Settlement Day panel discussion

Language Commission, has stated that transmitting the Garifuna language involves much practical work.

"Like ... students first engage in answering questions ... then performing little songs ... the language comes through; they enjoy that. Singing and dancing, they can translate; they can be helped in translating the short poems that they know, and then afterward they can engage in drama, in the target language that they want to be taught," she said.

In a previous press release, the NGC wrote the following:

The National Garifuna Council (NGC) is proud to announce the theme for the 19th November Garifuna Celebrations: **"Afeduha waméi wagüicha, afareinha waméi wanichigu! - Celebrating our roots; sharing our culture,"** submitted by Biviana McDougall, a teacher from Gulisi Community Primary School.

The theme, selected by a committee from the Garifuna Language Commission, emphasizes the importance of honoring our cultural, familial, and historical origins. It highlights the value of acknowledging where we come from, and embracing the traditions and values that have shaped the Garifuna community. This theme reinforces the need for a strong connection to our roots as a foundation for a sense of belonging.

Moreover, the theme emphasizes the critical role of passing down knowledge, values, and experiences to future generations. It reminds us of the responsibility adults have as role models and educators, ensuring that Garifuna culture and identity continue to thrive through the younger generation.

The NGC congratulates Biviana McDougall on her inspiring contribution, and looks forward to celebrating under this meaningful theme, which will guide the Council's initiatives throughout the year.


The Gulisi Community Primary School in Dangriga is known for its efforts to preserve and promote the Garifuna language and culture. The school was established with the mission to provide education that includes the teaching of the Garifuna language, history and traditions. Members of the panel at UB on Tuesday expressed that students from Gulisi going further to high school have performed excellently in academia.

The Garifuna Settlement Day Panel Discussion held on Tuesday was a relevant exercise. The Garifuna language, along with Garifuna music and dance, was recognized by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization in 2001 as a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity.



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.)



AMANDALA

the newspaper with the greatest circulation in Belize!

Miss Tracy went to the people...

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Guys in support of criminalization of abortion need an artificial womb

will use the unborn to feed the mother.

Interestingly, the book of Leviticus, which provided a blueprint for the use of sexual organs, the foods we eat, and whom and how we worship, everything one needed to know for healthy living and good standing with the Almighty, didn't directly call out this sin. Surely, in all of wild Israel there was one renegade woman who needed to be corrected.

Daniel Darling, in the story in *Lifeway Voices*, "What Does The Bible Say About Abortion?", says the Bible repeatedly affirms the humanity of the unborn at the earliest stages. He lists the many times the prophets recognized the developing life, none doing so more beautifully than Jeremiah, whose words we meet in song: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you through and through. I chose you to be mine...". If you don't tremble inside when you sing or hear that line in song, you are a stone. Darling says that from all the references we can conclude that "it is a sin to kill innocent life." But the Old Testament, which is busy in prescribing penalties to keep us in line, never mentioned abortion.

Sadly, and incredibly, in the Old Testament we have instances where Jewish leaders got "divine" orders to slaughter innocents; clearly, every printed thought of the prophets did NOT come from the Father. Of course, the innocents who got the death penalty weren't Jewish.

The state absolutely oversteps when it makes abortion before 3 months, a crime. You/we can believe it's a sin if you/we want, but until the fusion becomes a fetus that can live outside of the mother's womb, unquestionably she has all rights over it. For men who don't like that, I am sure modern science can provide us with an artificial womb, so we can carry the baby.

Happy Garifuna Settlement Day

Like forever, every November it's on my list to meet the dawn on the beach in Hopkins to witness the reenactment of our Garinagu brothers' and sisters' arrival to Belize's shores.

God spare life, I guess November 19 will find me in my corner far from the coast, as usual. In the morning, I will listen to the mass to celebrate the arrival of the Garinagu ancestors and offer prayers for the continued good health and prosperity of their offspring.

My family here will cook hudut, and I expect it will be good, as always. Throughout the day, when I'm in my farthest corner, it is for certain that I will have a little libation, sacramental doses, while listening to Garifuna spirituals. I love songs that wrench my soul.

What a glorious occasion, the celebration of our ancestors. The happiest Garifuna Settlement Day to all my Garinagu friends on this special and sacred November 19. A happy Garifuna Settlement Day to all!



CENTRAL BANK
of BELIZE

NOTICE OF LIQUIDATION ORDER

In accordance with sections 68 and 69 of the Credit Unions Act, I hereby make an order directing that the following defunct credit unions be wound up and that Mr. Marlowe Neal be appointed as Liquidator. Most of these credit unions have been non-operational for several years.

	Registered Name	Registration Date	Last Operating Address
1	Belize River Valley Credit Union Limited	8 August 1996	Bermudian Landing Village, Belize District
2	Citrus Growers and Workers Credit Union Limited	30 March 1999	92 Breadfruit Street, Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District
3	Civil Service Credit Union Limited	31 December 1948	28 Dean Street, Belize City
4	Endeavour Credit Union Limited	20 March 1956	Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District
5	Good Fellows Credit Union Limited	31 December 1956	Sittee River Village, Stann Creek District
6	Hummingbird Hershey Credit Union Limited	28 October 1985	38 miles Hummingbird Highway, Stann Creek District
7	Mount Carmel Credit Union Limited	4 December 1958	4 Church Street, Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District
8	Municipal Employees Credit Union Limited	28 April 1961	Belize City Council, North Front St. Belize City
9	National Agro-Tech Credit Union Limited	28 November 1995	San Andres Exporting Processing Union, Corozal District
10	Police Credit Union Limit	12 January 1949	Cor. 88 Victoria & Yorke Streets, Belize City
11	Progressive Community Credit Union Limited	20 November 1996	41 Asuncion Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District
12	San Pedro Credit Union Limited	1 April 1949	Caribena Street, San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, Belize District
13	San Roman Credit Union Limited	20 September 1954	San Roman Village, Orange Walk District
14	St. Joseph Credit Union Limited	22 March 1949	Barranco Village, Toledo District
15	St. Anthony Credit Union Limited	31 March 1967	Rancho Dolores Village, Belize District
16	St. Peter Claver Credit Union Limited	22 March 1949	Church Street, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District
17	St. Thomas Credit Union Limited	1 December 1959	Double Head Cabbage Village, Belize District
18	Teachers Credit Union Limited	16 April 1951	Albert Street, Belize City
19	Wesley Credit Union Limited	31 December 1948	Corner Albert & Dean Streets, Belize City

Kareem Michael
Governor of the Central Bank/Registrar of Credit Unions

8 November 2024

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.

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-eqy>

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



THE ARNOLD
GROUP LTD

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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 freehold 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

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Email: info@arnoldenterprise.com
Terms - Cash 10% Deposit, Balance in 14 days



THE ARNOLD
GROUP LTD

(FIRST PUBLICATION)

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

CLAIM NO. 332 of 2024

BETWEEN:

(MUY-ONO MANAGEMENT LIMITED

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(MANUEL JANG

(CURTIS McHARDY

CLAIMANT

FIRST DEFENDANT

SECOND DEFENDANT

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED SECOND DEFENDANT

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Belize, Claim No. 332 of 2024 by **MUY-ONO MANAGEMENT LIMITED** of No. 54 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan City, Belize, in which the Claimant is seeking:

- The sum of **SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (BZ\$75,450.00)**, being special damages for the repair cost for the Claimant’s vehicle;
- Interest pursuant to section 175 and 176 of the Senior Court’s Act 2022 of the Laws of Belize;
- Costs in the sum of BZD \$3,232.50;
- Such further or other relief as the Court deems fit.

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

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

DATED the 15th day of November, 2024.

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

PER: ESTEVANA. PERERA

(FIRST PUBLICATION)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BELIZE A.D. 2024

CLAIM NO. 426 of 2024

BETWEEN:

(LAINMACULADA CREDIT

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(ORVIN DONALD JUAREZ

CLAIMANT

DEFENDANT

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Belize, Claim No. 426 of 2024 by **LAINMACULADA CREDIT UNION LTD.** of No. 5 Park Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District, Belize, in which the Claimant is seeking:

- The sum of **THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-THREE CENTS (BZ\$35,982.73)**, being collection for two loan facilities granted by the Claimant;
- Interest pursuant to section 175 and 176 of the Senior Court’s Act 2022 of the Laws of Belize;
- Costs in the sum of BZD \$3,232.50;
- Such further or other relief as the Court deems fit.

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

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

DATED the 15th day of November, 2024.

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

PER: ESTEVANA. PERERA



Belize Agricultural Health Authority

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

Veterinary Officer (2 positions)

Minimum qualification and skills:

- A Bachelor’s Degree in veterinary medicine and surgery;
- Registered veterinary surgeon in Belize (DVM);
- Computer literate particularly in Microsoft Suite, TADinfo, GIS. Knowledge of other related programs and software is an asset;
- Experience working in animal health in the agriculture industry.

Competencies:

- Strong professional work ethics and practices, honesty, and integrity;
- Strong public relations and inter-personal skills;
- Excellent written communication skills;
- Bilingual – fluent in spoken English and Spanish;
- Highly motivated team player who takes initiative;
- 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.


The Veterinary Officer also designs, implements, and manages health and surveillance programs, ensuring adherence to biosecurity protocols, and facilitating animal traceability efforts in collaboration with local, regional and international stakeholders. He/she also leads the development of emergency preparedness and response plans, participates in disease outbreak control, and ensures the effective implementation of disease control strategies in coordination with the technical team.

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

Stations of Duty: (1) Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District and (1) Jalacte, Toledo District

Interested persons may submit letter of application, résumé, proof of qualification, official transcript and two recent recommendation letters (within six months from application date) and a valid police record, no later than Friday, November 22, 2024 to:

Human Resource Director
Belize Agricultural Health Authority
P.O. Box 169, Cor. Hummingbird Hwy. & Forest Dr., Belmopan, Belize
Phone: 501-8220197, Fax: 501-8220271, e-mail: baha@btl.net, website: www.baha.org.bz



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:

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

Competencies:

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

The Quarantine Inspector is responsible for inspection and certification of regulated plant and animal commodities at official points of entry, in compliance with national and international regulations. Inspects plant and animal products, including live animals, to prevent the introduction and spread of pests, diseases, and invasive species.

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

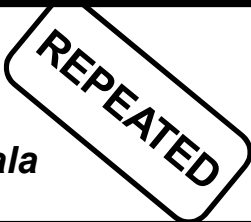
Stations of Duty: Belize Northern Border, Corozal District; this post is transferable.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

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In March of 1961, the colony of British Honduras held its first national election under a new Ministerial constitution. (British Honduras became self-governing in 1964.) The People’s United Party (PUP) won all 18 seats in the new House of Representatives. Ever since then, this country has practiced a form of parliamentary democracy which is bastardized, so to speak. For parliamentary democracy to be perfected, again so to speak, the persons in the Cabinet, or executive section of the democracy, must be fewer in number than the non-Cabinet members of the House of Representatives, who constitute what we call the legislature.

Even when the margin of the ruling party’s majority is very narrow, such as the PUP’s 16-14 majority in 1989 and the United Democratic Party’s (UDP) 16-13 majority in 1993, the Prime Ministers of Belize have always made sure that no alliance of the non-Cabinet area representatives can take place with the Opposition area representatives to outnumber the Cabinet, in order to reject any piece of legislation and send it back to Cabinet. In other words, there has never been a functional group of so-called backbenchers in the Belize House of Representatives. At the beginning of the 1998 PUP government, there was a reform

movement amongst influential and informed Belizeans which was pushing for an elected Senate. Strictly speaking, such an elected Senate was to have the power to reject a bill and send it back to the House. Such an elected Senate was never introduced into Belize, but at some point a Senate system was established wherein the ruling party appointed the majority of a Senate, but the Opposition party’s appointments could cast a majority vote with the support of the Senators appointed by the churches, the unions, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Non-Government Organizations (NGO’s). Personally, I have never paid a great

deal of attention to the shenanigans involving the discussions about the Senate initiative. I feel that I have been negligent on this score, and my excuse was that the important thing was always to embrace the righteous backbencher aspect of the parliamentary democracy system. So that, I had to do some consultation before writing this column, because I thought I had heard somewhere that the present Senate, comprised of 13 Belizeans, has in fact sent back a bill to the present House, not to the Cabinet. (The present Senate includes 6 PUP-appointed Senators, 3 UDP-appointed Senators, and Senators from the churches, the unions, the Chamber, and the NGO’s.)

The key thing is that our present Senate cannot send a financial bill back to the House. Now then, it is the case that government (political power) is all about money, or the power of taxation over the citizenry. If you can’t question the money, then you are more cosmetic than powerful. That is why the backbencher system would be more of a check upon the Cabinet. Or, at least, that is what I believe.

The parliamentary system we have in Belize came from the British, who developed it in the first half of the seventeenth century. In Great Britain, the parliament became so powerful that they beheaded a king in 1649. Kings and queens had ruled Britain for centuries, but today the king is only a figurehead. The power in Britain rests in the House of Commons and its Prime Minister, but the backbencher system is in place so that the Prime Minister and his Cabinet can be checked.

In Belize today, not only has there never been a backbencher system in place, but presently there is absolute chaos amongst the five elected Opposition area representatives. One UDP area rep has never attended a House meeting since being elected four years ago, and there are two UDP area reps who are quarrelling for leadership on a public stage. At this point, not only does Belize not possess the important backbencher system, but we also do not have a really functional Opposition.

The upshot of this situation is that Belize cannot be considered a parliamentary democracy. You may even say that it never was, a parliamentary democracy, that is, because there have never been backbenchers. But today, November 11, 2024, we do not have an organized, cohesive Opposition, so all we have is a lot of noise in the broadcast and social media.

This is not good. Somewhere, it is said, there are people who are supposed to be preparing a new constitution for Belize. Interesting, beloved, interesting.



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.: 5353/0C-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



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 resisters	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.



BACKGROUND: The Belize Trade and Investment Development Service (BELTRAIDE) is Belize's national investment and export promotion agency, with a focus on supporting Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and for providing industry-specific training. As an organization committed to diversity and inclusion, BELTRAIDE values the unique perspectives and contributions of all individuals. To enhance our operations and fulfil our mission, BELTRAIDE seeks to strengthen its team by procuring qualified individuals for the positions listed below.

OBJECTIVE: The selected candidates will join BELTRAIDE's team as key contributors to our mission of promoting trade, investment, industry driven training and the growth of MSMEs in Belize. They will provide expert guidance and support to our clients, fostering strong relationships and driving economic development.

POSTS:

- Manager, BelizeINVEST**
 - Education:** Master's degree in Business Administration, Management, International Business, Marketing, Finance, or related field. *Or bachelor's degree with 5 years working experience.*
 - Experience:** Minimum of 3 years of management, with experience in investment promotion, enterprise development, and business support services.
 - Language:** Fluency in a second language, preferably Spanish
 - Additional Skills:** Demonstrate leadership and strategic thinking with expertise in enterprise development, investment manager, and project execution – capable of leading teams, fostering innovation, implementing growth programs for SMEs/ larger enterprises, and attracting investment projects while building strong stakeholder relationships
- Investment Associate, BelizeINVEST (2)**
 - Education:** Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Management, International Business, Marketing, Finance, or related field.
 - Experience:** Minimum of 2 years experience in investment promotion, enterprise development, and business support services.
 - Language:** Fluency in a second language, preferably Spanish
 - Additional Skills:** Proven experience in conducting market research, managing investor relations, and leading successful negotiations to drive investment opportunities and foster strong business partnerships.

BENEFITS: BELTRAIDE offers a competitive benefits package to its employees, which vary based on the job role and level. Specific entitlements will be confirmed upon offer.

Applicants can submit an Expression of Interest in letter format and Curriculum Vitae by email addressed to Mr. Ishmael Quiroz, Executive Director of BELTRAIDE at executive.director@beltraide.bz and copied to Ms. Racquel Banner at hr@beltraide.bz

Please be sure to include the relevant job title in the subject line of your email or application. **The deadline for receipt of submissions is 5:00 PM on December 2, 2024.** We look forward to your applications and appreciate your interest in joining BELTRAIDE's mission to promote trade and investment in Belize.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Lodgement of an EIA Report and Public Consultation
For
Sarteneja-South Winds Limited

For a proposed Subdivision and Tourism Development, Sarteneja
Village, Corozal District

The general public is hereby informed that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report has been submitted to the Department of Environment (DOE) for a proposed subdivision and tourism development project located near Sarteneja Village, Corozal District, by Sarteneja- South Winds Limited. While the EIA report is a technical document, it contains an executive summary which provides an overview of the project and its potential environmental impacts. The EIA report will be reviewed by the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC) before a final decision is taken by the DOE.

The general public is also informed that the EIA report is available for public review, free of charge, from October 31st to December 12th, 2024 (Monday-Friday) during normal working hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) at the following locations:

- Sarteneja Village at the Public Library,
- At Chunox Village at the house of the Chairman, and
- The DOE's office at 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan.

The EIA report is also available on the DOE's website at link: https://doe.gov.bz/?post_type=wpdmpro&p=13821&preview=true. The public is invited to submit their comments in writing on or before 12th December 2024, to the DOE Office in Belmopan or email: envirodept@environment.gov.bz; ciaunit@environment.gov.bz, and link: <https://forms.gle/vf1rDypeEVdtYZL6>.

Kindly be informed that a hybrid (in-person and virtual) public consultation for the EIA report will be held on December 5th, 2024, commencing at 6:30 pm. The in-person consultation will be held at the Sarteneja Pre-School, Corozal District and an online link will be provided near to the date for those who will participate virtually. The consultation will also be streamed live via the Government of Belize Press Office Facebook Page.

The General Public is invited to attend in person or participate online, to make comments, ask questions, seek clarification, and/or provide input with regard to this proposed project.

THIRD INVITATION TO BID FOR
NISSAN XTRAIL

Taiwan Technical Mission, Belmopan, Cayo

The Taiwan Technical Mission ICDF hereby invites the submission of bids for a Nissan Xtrail 2011 Classic, Automatic, White Wagon, 2.5 engine size with a total mileage of 126669 km. The asking bid price is \$7,000 BZ (not inclusive of tax and duty fees).

A bidding letter by interested buyers is to be delivered to the Taiwan Technical Mission office or emailed to taiwanicdf.belize@gmail.com before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday November 21st, 2024. Late bids will not be accepted. The bid will be held at the Taiwan Technical Mission office located on 1904 Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Cayo District on Friday, November 22nd at 2:00 p.m. For further details on the bidding process for the Nissan Xtrail Wagon please contact the Taiwan Technical Mission via telephone number 822-1882 or email taiwanicdf.belize@gmail.com.



23rd SEPTEMBER 2024

REGARDING	REGISTRATION SECTION:	SAN IGNACIO NORTH
	BLOCK:	23
	PARCELS NO:	889, 890, 891
	LEGAL OWNERS NAME:	OSCAR RAMON MANZANERO

Formal Notice is hereby publicly broadcast, served by legal process, and communicated and given to HERITAGE BANK LIMITED, and AUCTIONERS KEVIN A. CASTILLO AND CHRISTIANA R. CASTILLO, and REGISTRAR OF LANDS MS. PATRICIA ROBATEAU, that, any purported charges held by the said Bank and filed at the Lands Registry regarding the above Land Parcels is DEFECTIVE and cannot be relied on. NOTE carefully that any future dealings with this matter are STATUTE BARRED.

Important: It has come to the attention of the legal proprietor of the above referenced three (3) Land Parcels, Oscar Ramon Manzanero with Absolute Title, Freehold, Private Land, that the abovementioned parcels are being advertised for sale and/or auction by AUCTIONEERS KEVIN A. CASTILLO AND CHRISTIANA R. CASTILLO, and by said Heritage Bank Limited. See attached Heritage Bank and Auctioneers Public Notice of Sale for **Block 23, Parcels 889, 890, 891, San Ignacio North** owned only by Manzanero.

Accordingly, Hereon and All Be Advised, and take legal notice, that any offer of sale, purported sale and/or auction of these properties is NOT BONA FIDE, given the above Legal RAMIFICATIONS. This property sale is not authorized by the property owner or legally sanctioned otherwise. Any offer of sale, purported sale and/or alleged auction of these properties, and any alleged purchase and/or transfer of these properties and registration as result of same is deemed both illegal and injurious to said proprietor and claims for legal remedies plus monetary damages shall be filed for same.

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

CLAIM NO. 496 of 2024

BETWEEN:

(BOWEN & BOWEN LIMITED **CLAIMANT**
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TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced against you in the High Court of Belize, Claim No. 496 of 2024 by **BOWEN & BOWEN LIMITED** of No. 1 King Street, Belize City, Belize, in which the Claimant is seeking:

1. The sum of **ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (BZ\$152,456.25)**, being damages and cost of repairs for the Claimant's vehicle;
2. Interest pursuant to section 175 and 176 of the Senior Court's Act 2022 of the Laws of Belize;
3. Costs in the sum of BZD \$5,132.50;
4. Such further or other relief as the Court deems fit.

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

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DATED the 15th day of November, 2024.

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

PER: ESTEVAN A. PERERA



**POSITION: COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION
AND OUTREACH OFFICER**

Application are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill (1) position of **Communications, Education and Outreach Officer** for the Legislature at the National Assembly.

The National Assembly is the Legislature or Parliament of Belize. It consists of two Houses, that is, the Senate (Upper House) and the House of Representatives (Lower House). The thirty-one (31) Members of the House of Representatives are elected in a general election under the provisions of the Representation of the People Act. Meanwhile, the thirteen (13) Members of the Senate are nominated and appointed by the Governor General of Belize, in accordance with the Constitution of Belize.

The National Assembly Staff (Conditions of Service) Regulations, 2003, define how staff of the National Assembly are governed.

Basic Purpose of Position:

The objective of this post is to provide support to the Clerk in overseeing the external and internal communications of the National Assembly of Belize and in strategizing and promoting its work.

The Communications, Education and Outreach Officer (CEO) is expected to be a dynamic self-starter, working in a fast paced and varied job, and contributing to various aspects of steering and managing the internal and external communications and messaging direction of the National Assembly (NA). The CEO will report directly to the Clerk.

1. Essential Duties and Responsibilities

1. Formulate and roll out the National Assembly's Communications, Education and Outreach Strategy and Plan to broaden awareness of the NA's work and brand identity across key stakeholder audiences and to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of internal and external communications processes;
2. Allow the Presiding Officers, Parliamentarians, and staff of the NA to cultivate and enhance meaningful relationships with targeted, high-level external audiences, including the media, public officials and key influencers and stakeholders;
3. Drafting and production of media releases, brochures, media kits and other product and resource materials, including supervision of their distribution;
4. Ensure or enhance the quality, consistency and appropriateness of internal and external communication materials, activities, processes and messages;
5. Overseeing, or executing as needed, the development of electronic communications, including the NA's website, newsletter or any other electronic communications;
6. Curate content and increasing audience engagement on the NA's website and social media platforms;
7. Exercise judgment to prioritize media opportunities, and prepare talking points, speeches, presentations, and other supporting material as needed;
8. Serve as lead point person on media interactions that help promote and/or impact the NA and actively cultivate and manage press relationships to ensure coverage of issues of strategic importance to the NA, as well as the NA's programmes, special events, public announcements, and other projects;
9. Manage relationships with any communications -related vendors or consultants;
10. Promote a culture of high performance and continuous improvement that values learning and a commitment to quality;
11. Mentor and develop staff using a supportive and collaborative approach on a consistent basis;
12. Identify opportunities to strengthen the capacity of the staff of the NA and parliamentarians through appropriate advocacy and communication training, access to information, supplies and equipment and through knowledge sharing;
13. Assessing the effectiveness of communications strategies and activities through appropriate surveys and feedback mechanisms; Prepare documentation of experiences and lessons learned as a means of continued knowledge creation.

2. The Candidate should possess the following qualifications and skills:

Skills and Experience Required:

Skills: Proficient knowledge and skills in the use of social media and other communication tools; excellent verbal, written and presentation skills, excellent organisational, scheduling and planning skills, ability to manage different priorities and meet deadlines; awareness of current affairs and a passion for finding out new information; creativity and initiative; must be self-confident and social - ability to network effectively; team player; attention to detail; stamina, energy and drive; ability to work under pressure; achievement-orientated and results-driven; enthusiasm for the working in governance, parliamentary and political spaces; fluency and competency in the English language.

Years of Experience in Related Field: Minimum of three (3) years' experience in any "communications" orientated organisation, in areas of journalism, advertising, marketing or fundraising. Must demonstrate good communication, writing, and analytical skills; time management skills and ability to network and work as part of a team; ability to multitask and maintain confidentiality, honesty and, possess integrity, experience in managing and executing across several communications platforms; and computer literate-working knowledge of word processing, PowerPoint, Excel, Adobe Creative Suite or other software that can deliver on the National Assembly's vision and mission.

Aptitude: Very good learning abilities, good judgement skills and be able to pay attention to fine details. Must work and communicate closely with the Clerk. Have good public relations skills and professionalism; and be a team player. Mostly, the applicant must be a person of integrity and good standing.

Academic Qualification:

Minimum an Associate's Degree in Public Relations, Marketing, Communication, Journalism with a minimum of three (3) years' experience in any "communications" orientated organisation, in areas of journalism, advertising, marketing or fundraising.

3. Salary:

Equivalent to Government's Payscale 12 of \$22,557 x 1,014 - \$41,823 per annum.

Deadline for applications

Interested persons who are in possession of the required qualification and experience and have the aptitude for the post of this nature are requested to submit a complete application package which must include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of relevant qualifications, a copy of a recent Police record to **The Clerk, National Assembly, Price Centre Road, Belmopan**, no later than **22nd November, 2024**.



From Marie Therese Belisle Nweke

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 7:26/AM



David Hundeyin on X:

History has it that in the early 1990s, after the breakup of the Soviet Union,

at the time when war between NATO and North Korea was looking like a real possibility, North Korean supreme leader Kim Il-Sung called his top generals together for a meeting to discuss strategy for a war against the USA.

After hours discussing the nuts and bolts of prosecuting this war, Kim asked everyone in the room a question that they did not know how to answer. He asked, “What if we lose? What will we do if we lose?”

The generals didn’t want to answer this question, because to do so, which would be to acknowledge the possibility

of losing, might be interpreted as disloyalty or even treason. At the same time, “We cannot possibly lose” was not a useful answer, and Kim certainly wasn’t looking for delusional optimism in his military commanders.

Kim’s son, Kim Jong-Il, who was present at the meeting, was the only person who spoke up. His answer was simple: “If we lose, I will make sure to destroy the world. What good is a world without North Korea?” And this was the answer that satisfied Kim Snr. and became part of the foundational ethos of the Kim dynasty and North Korea to

this day.

Regardless of whatever moral issue one might have with North Korea planning to basically destroy the world in a giant tantrum if a hypothetical war does not go its way, I have always found something deeply compelling and somewhat admirable about North Korea seeing itself as the centre of the world.

If the inhabitants of that patch of cold, rocky land that is poor in natural resources and seemingly condemned by geography to eternal poverty and

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (Individual Consultants)

Belize
Resilient Rural Belize Programme

Assignment title: Recruitment of a *Procurement Associate for the RRB*

Reference no. (as per procurement plan): *RRB.CS.83*

The Government of Belize through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of Resilient Rural Belize Programme (RRB) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the recruitment of consulting services provided by an individual consultant as part of the post of Procurement Associate.

The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD’s approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD’s rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with Resilient Rural Belize Programme.

The consulting services (“the services”) include:

- Assist with the development of accurate bidding documents for procurement activities for goods, works and services as per IFAD guidelines and procedures.
- Assist with the timely publication of advertisement for procurement activities and the issuing of bidding documents.
- Assist with scheduling Evaluation Committee meetings, booking of evaluators and preparing evaluation packages for Technical Evaluation Committee Members.
- Assist with obtaining signatures from Committee Members for Evaluation Reports for each activity.
- Assist with timely compiling and filing of documents for each procurement activity in both physical and electronic formats. Assist with organization and maintenance of physical records for each activity through accurate minuting of procurement upstream and downstream physical files.
- Assist with updating of electronic files of each activity on the OPEN platform.
- Prepare and submit, in a timely manner, precise minutes of pre-bid and negotiation meetings with bidders and potential contractors.
- Assist with obtaining signatures for contracts from all relevant parties.
- Maintain an effective system to keep records/documentation (payment requests, invoices, reports, acceptance certificates, payment vouchers) related to the financial management of all contracts in line with the RRB Contract management Plan (CMP).
- Assist with preparation and documentation of payment requests and supporting documents (payment certificates and acceptance certificates (provisional and final) for goods and works and services.
- Assist with the development and periodic updates of procurement plan.
- Assist in capturing and monitoring procurement data and identify progress towards the achievement of the procurement schedules.
- Participate in PMU team meetings in order to ensure timely implementation progress and a focus on procurement related activities.
- Undertake any other duties and responsibilities that may, from time to time, be reasonably requested by the procurement officer.

The duration of the assignment is for a period of one (1) year.

This request for expressions of interest (REOI) follows the general procurement notice that appeared on the IFAD website on August 17, 2023, on UNDB on August 17, 2023 and on Amandala and Belize Times newspapers on August 11, 2023 and August 18, 2023.

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment/Resilient Rural Belize Programme now invites eligible Individual consultants (“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 in the form of a curriculum vitae (CV). A consultant will be selected in accordance with the individual consultant selection (ICS) method set out in IFAD’s Project Procurement Handbook that can be accessed via the IFAD website at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. Interviews will be conducted as part of the selection process.

The shortlisting criteria is as follows:

Item	Criteria
A	Qualification
i	At least an Associate Degree in Management Studies, Finance, Procurement Management, Business, or other related field, from a recognized institution; OR A certificate of attendance of training course in basic procurement operations management or equivalent

Applicants interested in receiving the complete **Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)** document should send an e-mail (with subject: **Request for REOI CS.83 – Recruitment of a Procurement Associate for the RRB**) to the e-mail addresses below.

Any request for clarification on this REOI should be sent via e-mail to the address below no later than November 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (local time). The client will provide responses to all clarification requests by November 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. (local time).

Expressions of interest consisting of submission form (EOI-1) and curriculum vitae (CV) (EOI-2) must be delivered via email, in pdf format as a single document, to the address below, by **December 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. local time**. Consultants are reminded to sign EOI-1 (Submission Form) and EOI-2 (CV) **to ensure administrative compliance** of their submission.

Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Attn: Lemuel Palacio, Senior Procurement Officer
Resilient Rural Belize Programme
National Agriculture Showgrounds
Belmopan City, Cayo, Belize

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Development Finance Corporation (DFC) is requesting that the persons listed below kindly contact the corporation either via email to accountinquiry@dfcbelize.org or 822-6536 by November 30 2024.

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1	Albert Joseph Pascascio	Placencia Village, Stann Creek District	50	Isaac Mark Guerra	San Felipe Village, Orange Walk District
2	Albert Richard Robinson	29 Vernon Street, Belize City	51	Jeovanni Ramos	San Pedro Town, Belize District
3	Alexander Albert Castillo	Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek Dist.	52	Jesmina Ruby Cho	180 Ysaguirre Blvd, Belize District
4	Alma Maria Gabourel	35 Gibnut Street, Belize City	53	Jessica Lindaly Villanueva	21 West Street, Belize City
5	Amilcar Yovani Barrios	Forest Drive, Belmopan City	54	John Joseph Gideon	154 Independence Plaza, Belmpan City
6	Ana Gloria Cawich	41 Power Lane, Belmopan	55	Jorge Luis Romero	30 Saint Mary Street, San Martin Area
7	Anna Mae McKay	89 Gibnut Street, Belize City	56	Jose Haroldo Carballo	14 Freetown Road, Belize City
8	Anselm Valentine Jr. Gillett	Bryam Estate, Burrell Boom	57	Jose Quintanilla	Bella Vista Village, Toldeo District
9	Antonio Alberto Madrid	7 Mls, Belize City	58	Juanita F. Paulino	Hattievile/Boom Road, Belize District
10	Antonio Armando Gongora	Bradley's Bank, Cayo District	59	Karen E. Patten	No.27 Mex Avenue, Belize City
11	Armead Elizabeth Hernandez	Placencia Village, Stann Creek District	60	Karl Myvett	3 Queen Street, Belize City
12	Barbara Elizabeth Rubio	33 Mahogany Street, Indianville Area	61	Keisha Michel Smith	Sarawee Village, Stann Creek District
13	Bernard Michael Gomez Sr.	Santa Familia Street, Orange Walk Town	62	Keith Harris	124 Freetown Road, Belize City
14	Braulio R. Copo	17 Mahogany Street, Orange Walk Town	63	Kenisha Vyonne Cau	27 Fifth Street North, San Ignacio Town
15	Carl Smith	16 Caracol Street, Belmopan	64	Lazaro Chavez	3600 Cohune Walk, Belopman, Cayo District
16	Cecil E. Martinez	Hattievile Village, Belize District	65	Lillian Luciani Magana	No.2 A Progress Street, Orange Walk Town
17	Celia Hortencia Perdomo	Pescador Drive, San Pedro Town	66	Lincoln Samuel Kerr	21 Miles Western Highway, Belize City
18	Celida A. Scott	36 Magazine Road, Belize City	67	Luis Enrique Torres	No.4 St. Luke Street, Kings Park Area
19	Claudia Judith Escobar	9 Saint Paul Street, San Martin Area	68	Lupe Angelita Escobar	10 Tul Street, Maya Mopan Area, Belmopan
20	Darwin Anthony Gabourel	Belmopan, Cayo District	69	Maira Y. Retana Guillen	43 King'S Street, Belize City
21	Dave Roberts	Roberts Farm, San Felipe Area, Toledo	70	Manuel Enrique Carballo	22 Guadalupe Street, Orange Walk Town
22	David Franco	Big Falls Village, Toledo	71	Marilis Yacab	Lomas de Rodeo, Benque Viejo Del Carmen
23	Delbert Wayne Gamboa	5 Far West Street, Belize City	72	Maritza Derina Tzib	San Antonio Village, Santa Elena Town
24	Delisha Linel Morales	21 West Street, Belize City	73	Mark Hyde	27 Zaiden Street, Cayo District
25	Denmar Ayron Ventura	Hopkins Village, Stann Creek District	74	Marlena Leona Rhys	39 Canal Street, Dangriga Town
26	Derrick Alexander Boyd	Blue Hole Street, San Ignacio	75	Nelson Parks	8 Lord's Bank Village, Belize District
27	Desmond Gordon	Belize City, Belize	76	Pablo Bolon	San Antonio, Santa Elena Town
28	Douglas A. Smith	W. Ford Young Drive, San Ignacio Town	77	Paul McCulloch	Burrell Boom Village, Belize District
29	Dwain Alexander Lizama	Caribena Street, San Pedro Town	78	Peter Carter	4 Pelican Street, Belize City
30	Eddie Menzies	Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District	79	Peter Peters	Camp 27, Little Belize Community, Corozal
31	Edison N. Parks	Lord's Bank, Belize District	80	Ramji Patel	Collins Boulevard, San Ignacio
32	Egbert Anthony Vernon	21 Miles Western Highway, Belize City	81	Rene Requena	20 West Street, Belize City
33	Eldo Fidencio Gideon	Carmelita Village, Orange Walk District	82	Reymunda Suyapa Cacirez	9 St. Paul Street, San Martin Area, Cayo
34	Elsie Mae Daly	#5 Barrack Road, Belize City	83	Richard A. Cadle	2 1/2 Miles Western Highway, Belize City
35	Ermito Albertito Patt	Seastar Street, San Pedro Town	84	Roger B.B. Dinger	6 Newtown Barracks, Belize City
36	Eugene Anthony Phillips	51 Sixth Avenue, Belize City	85	Rondale Avon Bailey	10 Racoon Street, Belize City
37	Eugene Barrow	Bingo King Street, Fabers Road	86	Rosalio Bacab	San Juan Area, San Pedro Town, Belize
38	Felix Castillo	5755 Moguel Street, Belize City	87	Roy Rodriguez	San Pedro Town, Belize District
39	Francis Gibson	New Hope Village, Orange Walk District	88	Salvador Emilio Manzur	20 Asuncion Street, Orange Walk Town
40	Francisco Chan	49 Otro Benque Area, Orange Walk Town	89	Santiago Hernandez	7 Plum Street, Dangriga Town
41	Francisco Javier Sosa	Yo Creek Village, Orange Walk District	90	Saturnino Coba	Louisville Village, Corozal District
42	Frank Babb	San Pablo Village, Orange Walk District	91	Selwyn Gillett	Burrell Boom Village, Belize District
43	Gilberto Ramos	Burrell Boom Village, Belize District	92	Sonilda Joannei Novelo	14 Guadalupe Street, Orange Walk Town
44	Harrison H. Pascascio	269 Los Lagos, Ladyville, Belize District	93	Stanley A. Staine	4 Myvette Street, Belize City
45	Herman Blease	34 Lords Bank, Belize District	94	Sylvian Elsner Grey	26 5Th Street North, Corozal District
46	Heronimo Pop	Near School, Blue Creek, Toledo	95	Tessa Usher	350 Los Lagos, Belize District
47	Hubert Carlos Flowers	Blackman Eddy Village, Cayo District	96	Trinidad Chi	Santa Cruz Village, Stann Creek District
48	Hugh McSweaney	11 Kiskadee Street, Belmopan	97	Vashdi Sefrina Moguel	3601 Rasta Street, Belize City
49	Indra Castillo	2 Newton Barracks, Belize City			

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3	Alejandro Rafael Perez	Mile 2 1/2 Western Highway, Belize	52	Kevin Anthony Leslie	Lot 3502 Cohune Walk, Belmopan City, Cayo
4	Amada Agustina Castillo	1 A Cementery Street, Benque Viejo, Cayo	53	Kristian Merlyn White	Sarteneja Village, Corozal District
5	Andre Carrillo	No. 20 Bermuda Street, Belmopan	54	Kyra Molina	11 Bellavista Street, Belize City
6	Angel Pompilio Flores	Cowpen Village, Corozal District	55	Laura E. Leonardo	No. 1 Farmers Market, Belize City
7	Anna Marie Guy	Corner of North and West St., Belize City	56	Lavern Yvonne Swift	263 Los Lagos, Ladyville Village, Belize District
8	Arnaldo Pena	18 Regent Street West, Belize City	57	Linsdale D. Flores	1495 Rivas Estate, Dangriga Town
9	Aurelia Sanchez	6029 West Landivar, Belize City	58	Lissette Shaney Augustine	Coconut Drive, Santa Elena Town
10	Barney Owen Brown	17 Bellama Phase II, Belize City	59	Luisa Josephine Perdomo	1272 Suudial Avenue, Coral Grove, Belize City
11	Barrington Humes	4542 Vernon Street, Belize City	60	Maria Margarita Escalante	Crnr Yo Creek & San Estevan, Marcus Canul Area
12	Bernadette Ramos	Lot 94 Belizean American Area, Hattievill	61	Mark Anthony Usher	43 Flamboyant Street, Ladyville, Belize District
13	Beverly Herrera	144 East Collet Canal, Belize City	62	Mary Noreen Coleman	103 San Lorenzo Housing Site, San Lorenzo Road
14	Brian Ian Emmanuel	352 Belama Phase 2, Belize District	63	Matilda Patricia Flowers	Lot 90 East Windmill Area, Hattievill, Belize
15	Bryan Alexander Young	East San Martin Street, Trial Fram Village	64	Melissa Fiana Bradley	54 Yellow Tail Street, Ladyville Village
16	Calistro E. Gillett	112 Eastwind Mill, Hattievill, Belize District	65	Mirna Lopez	San Antonio Village, Cayo District
17	Carmencita Rosa Cruz	33 Nargusta Street, Belmopan,Cayo District	66	Nicole Gabb	3549 Grapefruit St., Cohune Walk Area, BMP
18	Carolyn Castillo	Prcl 3619/48A Dfc Hsg Site, San Pablo, SPO	67	Noreen Ingrid Williams	Hope Ville Area,, Punta Gorda, Toldedo, Belize
19	Celeste Stacy Ann Mohammed	# 5616 Lizarraga Avenue, Belzie City, Belize	68	Omar Silva	5987 Third Phase, Cohune Walk, Belmopan City
20	Chang Jie Li	Pcl 3291/G36 Dfc Hsg Site, San Pablo, SPO	69	Orlando Francisco Johnson	Camalote Village, Cayo District
21	Cleveland Alexander Gillett	San Juan Area, San Pedro Town, Belize	70	Otton F. Leiva	Palmar Road, Orange Walk District
22	Dean Alexander Yearwood	Cor Palmetto St. & Raintree Dr, OW	71	Ovilio Nelson Someta	Santa Maria Street, Santa Cruz Area, Santa Elena
23	Demar A. Ayuso	3350/G58 San Pablo Hsg Area, SPO	72	Paulino Alfaro Gonzalez	16 Michael Street, San Martin Area
24	Dion Jermaine Ciego	19 Palmetto Drive,, Lousiana Area	73	Phillipa Ann August	19 Earlies Street, Cohune Walk, Belmopan City
25	Elio Leohildo Avila	Cor.Liberty Avenue, Orange Walk	74	Ramon Cuellar	Princess Margaret Drive, Belize
26	Elizabeth Tania Reid	Santana Village, Belize District	75	Rosa Elena Aldana	1 Sapodilla Street, Belmopan City
27	Elsa Vasquez	36 George Price Avenue, Santa Elena	76	Rosa Maria Perez	Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District
28	Ernesto Requena	Hopeville Area, Punta Gorda Town	77	Ruben Leiva	East San Lorenzo Road, Orange Walk
29	Eugene Alvarez	4418 Zacaranda Street, Belize City	78	Rueben Nicholas Trujeque	377 Los Lagos, Ladyville Village, Belize District
30	Felipe Garcia	Paslow Falls, Bullet Tree Area, Cayo District	79	Ryan Austin Rodriguez	32 Tubroose Street, Dangriga Town
31	Felix Cruz	33 Nargusta Street, Belmopan. Cayo	80	Sharon Rose Lewis	8081 Gladden Street, Lake Independence Area
32	Francis Moguel	4 Corner 1St & Hopkins St., Belize City	81	Sherlin Melissa Massam	7 Altun Ha Street, Belmopan City
33	Francisco Can	Aguacate Village, Toledo District	82	Shirlet Ingrid Lord Williams	10 Courtney's Crescent, Belize City
34	Frank Orlan Williams	Santa Rosa Village, Dangriga Town	83	Simeon Teddy Noralez	1194 Rivas Estate, Dangriga Town
35	Franz Anthony Nicholas	89 Vernon Street, Williams Complex	84	Tania X. Amoa	51 Lottiewaight Street, Belize City
36	Frauz Friesen Rempel	Along the Iguana Creek Road, S, Cayo	85	Thomas Greenwood	1840 Chancellor Street, Belize City
37	Giovanni Heredia	68 B Cleghorn Street, Belize City	86	Thomas Santos Sedacy	Camalote Village, Cayo District
38	Gregory Sherman Patchett	Sitee River, Stann Creek District	87	Tifara Hyde Brown	5709 Lizarraga Avenue, Belize City
39	Hector Rene Sabido	53 San Lorenzo Housing Site, Orange Walk	88	Trankilino Leohildo Avila	Cor.Liberty Avenue & Unity St., Orange Walk
40	Herardo Isai Pineda	Camalote Village, Cayo	89	Valerio Ricardo Santos	San Jose Palmar Boundary, Orange Walk Town
41	Herbert William Goldson	1635 Spain Avenue, Buttonwood Bay, Belize	90	Veronica Kerr Cox	Lot 92 Belizean American Site, Hattievill
42	Hugo H. Panti	#45 George Street, Benque Viejo Town, Cayo	91	Wallace Ernest Jr. Peters	Independence Village, Stann Creek District
43	Ivan Zacarias Marin	28 Manta Ray Boulevard, Ladyville, Belize	92	Wanda Jean Leslie	3195 Ca Blvd, Belize City, Belize District
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45	Javier Tun	Sandhill Village, Belize District	94	Wilfredo Amaya	Cowpen Village, Stann Creek, Belize
46	Jersha Marie Grinage	2527 Trinity Boulevard, Belmopan, Cayo	95	Wilfredo Patt	Yo Creek Village, Orange Walk Town
47	Jorge Amilcar Martinez	Cowpen Village, Corozal District	96	William Everalld Ifield	Santa Lucia Street,Santa Cruz Area, Stann Creek
48	Jorge Hernandez	7 Miles Progreso Village, Corozal District	97	Xiomara Vanessa Rodriguez	60 Liberty Avenue, Orange Walk Town
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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
PROJECT, ROARING CREEK VILLAGE, CAYO DISTRICT**

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH), is committed to enhancing educational opportunities at Our Lady of Fatima R.C. Primary School in Roaring Creek Village, Cayo District. This initiative, known as “the Project,” aims to construct new classroom spaces, thereby improving access to quality education for the students.

Provided there are no delays, the Project is expected to commence in December 2024. The MIDH hereby invites interested contractors to be a part of this bidding process. The Project is being implemented by the MIDH, Project Execution Unit (PEU). A Project Engineer within the PEU will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities.

The Project intends to construct a two (2) story structure, which possesses a floor area of approximately 7,000 square feet. The structure shall be constructed of a reinforced concrete frame with masonry walls, reinforced concrete floor structures, and a cold-formed steel roof structure, which is clad with galvanized metal roofing. The structure shall accommodate seven (7) classroom spaces, restroom facilities for students and teachers, and access staircases between each floor level.

Consideration will be given to local contractors that possess qualified experience in building construction projects of a similar size and complexity.

Minimum Qualification Criteria:

- Provision of audited or unaudited financial statements for the years ending 2021, 2022, and 2023
- General Construction Experience: Five (5) years
- Specific Construction Experience: Complete, between January 1, 2014, and the bid submission deadline, less than or equal to four (4) contracts, each with a minimum value of BZ\$150,000.00, but with a total value of all contracts equal to or more than BZ\$600,000.00. The similarity of the contracts shall be based on new construction works for a structure that possesses greater than or equal to 3,000 square feet.
- Access to Line of Credit: BZ\$200,000.00 of which not more than BZ\$100,000.00 can be credit for materials.
- Average annual construction turnover for the years ending 2021, 2022, and 2023 of a minimum of BZ\$400,000.00 per year.
- Project manager who is an Association of Professional Engineers of Belize (APEB) registered Engineer with 5 years of construction management experience as a registered Engineer.

Effective **Monday, November 18, 2024**, Bidding Documents are available at a cost of **BZ\$250.00** from the address below.

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

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

All Bidding Documents shall reach the office of the Chief Engineer at the address below no later than **Monday, December 2, 2024**, at **10:00 a.m.** The Ministry shall not be bound to assign any reason for not post-qualifying any contractor and shall not accept responsibility for any cost incurred by the applicants.

A pre-bid meeting shall be conducted on **Monday, November 25, 2024**, at **10:00a.m.** at the MIDH PEU conference room, Belmopan Cayo District, followed by a site visit at the Project site.

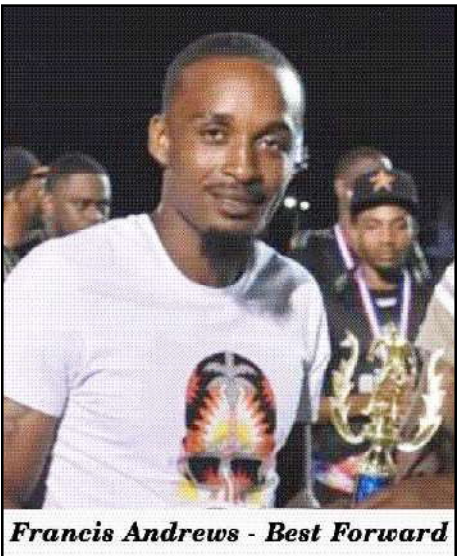
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Customs/Port wins BDFA Interoffice football championship



Eric Coria – MVP



Francis Andrews - Best Forward



Leon Jones – Best Defence



Oscar Torres – Best Midfielder



Customs/Port - BDFA Interoffice Football Champions 2024



Atlantic Bank - BDFA Interoffice Football Sub-Champions 2024

by William Ysaguirre

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Nov. 12, 2024

The joint Customs Department/Port Authority team won the Belize District Football Association (BDFA) Interoffice football championship, 1-0, in a sudden death penalty shoot-out against the Atlantic Bank team in the finals at the Marion Jones Sports Complex in Belize City last Thursday night, November 7.

Oscar Torres (10') and Keshawn Gordon gave the Atlantic Bank a 2-0 lead until Delroy "Thinman" Andrews narrowed the deficit after the break, and Kyle Valerio (65') equalized shortly before the end of regulation, sending the match into overtime.


No goals were scored in the overtime, sending the game into penalties, during which MVP goalkeeper Eric Coria stopped the bankers' first try. The bank's 3rd kicker also missed the goal completely, but Joseph Pandey, Kenrick Gordon and Keshawn Gordon

successfully converted their tries. Roy Smith, Kyle Valerio and Marshall Nuñez converted for Customs/Port, but their 2nd kicker sent the ball over the crossbar, and the Atlantic goalkeeper stopped Customs' 5th try, tying the score at 3-3 after 5 kicks each. In sudden death, MVP Eric Coria stopped the bank's 6th try, while Keemar Wagner converted for Customs to secure the championship win.

The National Sports Council/BTB won the consolation match for 3rd place, 1-0, over Alpha/C& Sons, when Francis Andrews scored the winning goal.

BDFA officials Stanley "Jordan" Reneau and Tyrone "T-Bone" Muschamp presented team trophies and individual medals to the champions, and 2nd and 3rd place winners in the awards ceremony after the final.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS: Best Defense - Leon Jones (National Sports Council); Best Midfield - Oscar Torres (Atlantic Bank); Best Forward - Francis Andrews (National Sports Council); Best Goalkeeper - Ashton Edwards (National Sports Council); Most Valuable Player - Eric Coria (Customs/Port).



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

Red Bank man charged with murder

by Charles Gladden

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 14, 2024

Armando Tyler Coc, a 21-year-old man from Red Bank Village, Stann Creek District, has been charged with murder in connection with the death of Wilmer Alexander Che, 29, a resident of the same village, whose body was found on Tuesday, October 29, at the village's dump site.

When Che was found, he was shirtless and was lying in a face-up position. Police observed multiple stab wounds to his body and a slash to his throat, which has led them to suspect that he was murdered somewhere else the night before and placed at the location.

According to Che's relatives, he was well-known in the community and was



Armando Tyler Coc, charged

not known for causing trouble. They said that he was a special needs individual, and he wandered around often.

From the Publisher en Español

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Estados Unidos de América. No había televisión en Belize en ese entonces, pero podíamos escuchar estaciones de radio estadounidenses por la noche, porque la tecnología de transmisión AM de esa época tenía ondas de radio que viajaban hasta Belize desde grandes ciudades estadounidenses como St. Louis, Houston y Little Rock (Arkansas). Si uno tenía una radio de onda corta, podía escuchar la estación de radio de las Fuerzas Armadas de los EE. UU. tanto de día como de noche.

Nuestras perspectivas críticas sobre las situaciones beliceñas no eran justas para nuestros líderes y autoridades, porque Estados Unidos era mucho grande, más rico y más experimentado que nuestro pequeño país. Estados Unidos declaró su independencia en 1776; nosotros, los beliceños, logramos convertirnos en una colonia británica autónoma en 1964.

En Estados Unidos, hay algunas instituciones muy ricas, llamadas fundaciones, como la Fundación Rockefeller y la Fundación Ford, que ponen a disposición de investigadores y escritores una financiación sustancial después de que presentan las solicitudes correspondientes para estudiar temas importantes y publicar sus hallazgos.

De modo que, si estuviéramos en Estados Unidos, habría habido literatura apropiada disponible para que los beliceños leyeran sobre la importantísima historia de los teléfonos y las telecomunicaciones en Belize.

El punto más importante que quiero destacar en este ensayo es que, según mis fuentes, Lord Ashcroft obtuvo el control de nuestras telecomunicaciones el último día de la administración del PUP, que perdió el poder el 30 de junio de 1993. El primer ministro Esquivel y su asesor principal, Net Vasquez, habían construido BTL en 1989 con una barandilla de protección contra los depredadores extranjeros, llamada "la acción de oro". La acción de oro, un mecanismo de control, se suponía que permanecería en manos de los beliceños para siempre jamás.

Creo que el Honorable Faber debería

investigar más a fondo y averiguar más sobre cómo y cuándo se llevó a cabo el acuerdo mortal, cómo se planeó y ejecutó la traición.

Ha habido algunos casos en los que Godfrey Smith ha realizado investigaciones y publicaciones importantes, como cuando escribió la biografía autorizada del héroe nacional, el Honorable George Price, y por el Sr. Lawrence Vernon, ex bibliotecario jefe de Belize, cuyo trabajo es extenso e invaluable. En lo que respecta a la historia electoral en Belize después de 1950, el trabajo de la Dama Myrtle Palacio también es digno de elogio.

Pero la historia de las telecomunicaciones de Belize debe contarse desde la época en que los teléfonos eran un departamento pequeño y casi insignificante bajo la jurisdicción de la Oficina de Correos. Esto fue durante la década de 1960. Creo que la BTA independiente se estableció a mediados o fines de la década de 1970.

Dado que las telecomunicaciones terminó con los contribuyentes beliceños siendo maltratados y estafados, a pesar de que la transformación de Cable & Wireless a BTA fue un logro tremendo que contó con el trabajo digno de elogio de los trabajadores y ejecutivos beliceños, es muy triste, en mi opinión, que la historia no se haya contado con detalle, con valentía y confirmación desde el principio hasta ahora.

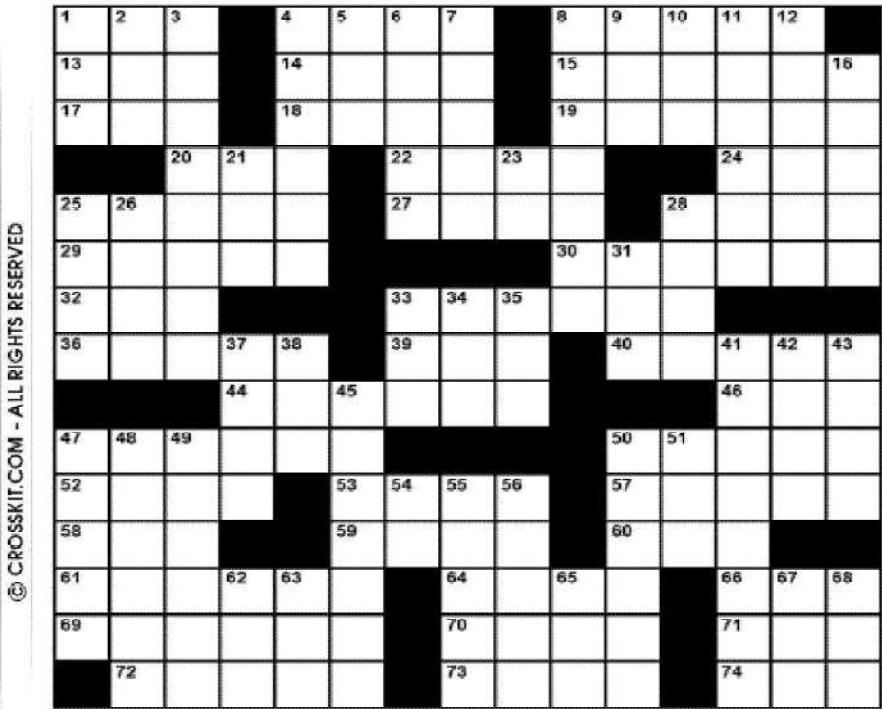
En Estados Unidos, hay colusión en áreas críticas del conocimiento entre las universidades y el sector privado industrial. Lo que sucedió en el caso de las telecomunicaciones en Belize fue que las masas beliceñas eran básicamente ignorantes sobre la industria, y los políticos electos de Belize, tanto PUP como UDP, se salieron con la suya. En ambos lados del espectro político, nuestros políticos y sus compinches se han convertido en multimillonarios porque nosotros, el pueblo, éramos ignorantes sobre la realidad. Deberíamos haber sido informados por nuestros académicos a lo largo del camino. Y nuestros académicos deberían haber sido enfocados y financiados.

Nos robaron, beliceños.



NEW PUZZLE

Daily Printable Puzzle - 11-14-2024



Across

- 1. Catchall abbr.
- 4. Epic
- 8. Type of Sanskrit literature
- 13. Ultimate principle of the universe
- 14. Anthony of the alleys
- 15. Asian snakes
- 17. Virus that causes AIDS
- 18. An Everly brother
- 19. Whee
- 20. Absorb, as costs
- 22. Cry like a cat
- 24. Aries animal
- 25. Nomadic tribe
- 27. Blabby bird
- 28. Attache, for one
- 29. Divvy out
- 30. Unlock again
- 32. Avoid the truth
- 33. Somewhere out there
- 36. Aquatic flower
- 39. Alley cat's scrap
- 40. Scottish water spirit
- 44. Crab
- 46. Angry state
- 47. Perlman's instrument
- 50. Violinist's stroke
- 52. Competently
- 53. Aspen apparatus
- 57. Care concerns
- 58. Blazed a trail
- 59. Hera's daughter
- 60. Act the human
- 61. Breathe out
- 64. Aquatic plant
- 66. According to
- 69. Oolong holder
- 70. Emulates Simon
- 71. Dress
- 72. Girl in a pool
- 73. Excessive promotion
- 74. Baa sayer

Down

- 1. Biblical ending
- 2. -chi ch'uan
- 3. Decorative bedspread
- 4. Trio plus quartet
- 5. Dismissing comment
- 6. Brothers of fairy tales
- 7. Actress Kirstie
- 8. Up
- 9. Altdorf's canton
- 10. Alehouse fixture
- 11. Irregular stone foundation
- 12. Army command
- 16. Spermatozoa
- 21. Big whoop
- 23. Atop
- 25. Emcee Monty
- 26. Musical medley
- 28. Apple heart
- 31. Cry over a mouse
- 33. Addressee
- 34. Monster of myth
- 35. Last degree
- 37. Frightful
- 38. Hindu Mr.
- 41. Set free
- 42. Elbow action
- 43. Ground hemlocks
- 45. Having lots to do
- 47. Man's manservant
- 48. Mountain boasts
- 49. Trite
- 50. Funny feeling
- 51. A pop
- 54. Exist
- 55. Faze
- 56. Pass along
- 62. Actor Vigoda
- 63. Computer network, abbr.
- 65. Rip off
- 67. Almost deflated
- 68. Aquarius, e.g.

Crossword answers for last edition

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

Daily Printable Crossword Puzzle - 11-07-2024 - Answers





SJC Wildcats win 5th NSSSA volleyball championship

by William Ysaguirre

BELIZE CITY, Tues. Nov. 12, 2024

The St. John's College Wildcats won their 5th consecutive National Secondary Schools Sports Association (NSSSA) volleyball championship, when the Belize High School of Agriculture hosted the Nationals at the Orange Walk Multipurpose Complex on Friday and Saturday, November 8-9.

The Wildcats dominated the Western regional champions, the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High School men, 3-0, in the championship final on Saturday evening. MVP Daniel Musa hammered 15 kills and served 2 aces, and Francis Thomas scored 8 hits to win the first set, 25-16.

Orion Butler scored 7 hits, a kill block and served an ace; Leonardo Riverol hammered 2 kills, 3 kill blocks and served an ace, and Amare Williams scored 2 hits and a kill block to win the 2nd set, 25-19.

Iban Vasquez led the Benque boys' counterattack, scoring 4 hits, a block and serving an ace; Nevin Gabourel scored 5 hits and 2 blocks, and Sajid Habet scored 6 hits. Selvin Mata scored a hit and 2 kill blocks. They also profited from the Wildcats' 6 service faults and 23 errors.

SJC's Nicholas Soberanis served an ace, and they profited from Mt. Carmel's 6 faults and 23 errors to take the 3rd set, 25-14.

The Northern regional champions, Muffles College Bobcats had to go the full 5 sets to prevail, 3-2, over the Southern champions, the Toledo Community College Scorpions in the consolation match for 3rd place on Saturday morning. TCC's Tyrus Pineda hammered 8 hits and 7 kill blocks, and Tyrique Timmons scored 13 hits and served an ace to win the first set, 25-18.

Albert Guy rallied the Bobcats' counterattack, hammering 12 kills and serving 2 aces, and Scott Sample scored 8 hits and 5 kill blocks to win the 2nd set, 25-20. Jarett Sanchez hammered 12 kills and 4 kill blocks; Jaeden Casanova scored 8 hits, and Bryce Lawrence scored a hit and 3 blocks, to win the 3rd set, 30-28.

TCC's Ejay Caliz hammered 10 kills, 2 blocks and served an ace; Lemar Baltazar scored 4 hits and 2 blocks, and Kyon Jones scored 4 hits and one block, to win the 4th set, 25-20. Kevaun Coe scored 5 hits, 1 block and served an ace, and they profited from the Bobcats' 13 faults and 41 errors.

Muffles' Kean Jones scored 3 hits, a kill block and served 2 aces, and they benefited from the Scorpions' 4 service faults and 43 errors, to win the 5th set, 15-10.

The Mt. Carmel boys advanced to the final by eliminating the Scorpions in a hard-fought duel that went the full 5 sets, 25-20, 20-25, 21-25, 33-31, and 15-12, in the opening match on Friday evening. The Wildcats qualified for the final by a 25-20, 25-18, 25-21 win over the Bobcats in Friday's nightcap.

The NSSSA president, Francis Pascual, and the NSSSA executive



SJC Wildcats - NSSSA 2024 Male Volleyball Champions



Daniel Musa - MVP



Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School - NSSSA 2024 Male Volleyball Sub-Champions

committee presented team trophies and individual medals to the champions, sub-champions and 3rd place winners in the awards ceremony after the finals. SJC's Daniel Musa won the Most Valuable Player award for a 2nd year.

Port Layola FC and Verdes FC win 1st leg of PLB semifinals

by William Ysaguirre

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 14, 2024

Defending champion Port Layola FC began the Premier League of Belize (PLB) 2024-2025 Opening Season football semifinals with a commanding 4-2 win over Progreso FC at the People's Stadium in Orange Walk Town on Saturday night, November 9; meanwhile, in the other semifinal, the regular season standings leader, Verdes FC struggled to a 1-1 draw with the San Pedro Pirates at the Ambergris Stadium.

Sean Young's brace (33' and 49') led Port's 4-2 win, with other goals by Latrell Middleton (32') from the penalty spot and Akeem "Bib" Sutherland (89'). Trimayne "Pepper" Harris' brace (6' penalty and 71') kept the Sugar City squad in the game.

Desmond Wade's spectacular 67th minute header salvaged a 1-1 draw for the Green Machine, after Aldin



Progreso FC comes to town this Sunday against Port Layola FC at the Marion Jones Stadium

Forman (27') had given the San Pedro Pirates a 1-0 lead at the Ambergris Stadium.

In a Week 10 back match last



Belize Baby Jaguars rank 8th in FIFA Forward UNCAF U-16 championships

by William Ysaguirre

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Tues. Nov. 12, 2024

Holy Ghost's Shanalee Smith, national primary schools football MVP, was the Jaguars' top goleadora, scoring 2 goals in the Baby Jaguars' otherwise lackluster participation in the FIFA Forward Under-16 championship organized by the Central American Football Union (UNCAF) in Managua, Nicaragua from November 6-12.

The Baby Jaguars debuted with a 2-1 loss to Nicaragua last Wednesday, November 6, despite Shanalee Smith's 67th minute equalizer. Marcelie Mar stole the ball from Nicaragua, and forwarded a pass to Betsy Perez, whose shot from inside the box was too much for the pinoleras' goalkeeper to hold. Shanalee recovered the rebound and blasted it into the net.

The Baby Jaguars also lost 3-0 to El Salvador on Friday evening and fell 1-0 to Panama on Sunday night.

Shanalee Smith (12') struck first for Belize in their 2-1 loss to Cuba in the ranking match for 7th place on Tuesday morning.



Belize National Female Under-16 Team – Belize Baby Jaguars

The champions, Costa Rica drilled Panama, 4-0, in the final.

Tuesday night, while El Salvador won, 3-1, over Honduras in the consolation match for 3rd place earlier in the evening, Nicaragua edged Guatemala, 3-2, in penalties to secure 5th place, after a 3-3 draw in regulation.



Shanalee Smith scores Belize Jaguars' first goal vs Nicaragua

Plaza United, Brown Bombers & BDF win in BDFA Over-40 football

by William Ysaguirre

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. Nov. 14, 2024

Plaza United FC, Brown Bombers and the Belize Defence Force Veterans all enjoyed big wins when the Belize District Football Association (BDFA) Over-40 tournament continued in its 3rd week at the Berger Field in Belize City on Sunday evening,

November 10.

In Game 1, Brown Bombers outlasted the Caye Caulker Veterans, 2-1, as Vallan Symns' brace (37' and 42') secured the win, after Sanja Pitts, Sr. (40') had equalized, 1-1, for the island squad.

In Game 2, the BDF Veterans marched over the Survivors, 7-0, led by Evaristo Cal's hat trick (8', 18' and 59'). Other goals came from Victor Nuñez

(6'), Fidel Vernon (13') and Kent Nuñez (45'). Bert Palma (35') did not help Survivors' cause when he sent the ball into his own net.

In Game 3, Plaza United upset Kulture Yabra, 3-1, with goals by Michael Hendricks (11'), Ariani Swazo (25') and Julio Swazo (43'). Only Murray Menzies scored

a consolation goal for Yabra, who were down 2 men when star goleador Kevin Rowland was sent off with a red card in the first half, and goalkeeper Elias Hercules was ejected for fouling a player outside the goal area in the 2nd half.

Upcoming weekend games at Berger Field:

Saturday, November 16

Kulture Yabra vs BDF Veterans FC
Survivors vs Caye Caulker Veterans
Brown Bombers vs Ebony Lake

Sunday, November 17

BDF Veterans FC vs Ebony Lake
Plaza United vs Brown Bombers
Kulture Yabra vs Survivors



Plaza United Over-40



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Belize ends child marriage

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of babies having babies, prevent children from becoming parents before they had the knowledge, abilities and resources to properly raise a family.

As Minister of Human Development, Families and Indigenous Peoples Affairs, Hon. Dolores Balderamos Garcia put it, early marriage for teenagers “prematurely exposes them to health risks of early childbirth or unwanted pregnancies and related complications, and it increases their risk of contracting sexually transmitted infections including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). It also increases a child’s vulnerability to domestic violence, ... perpetuating the cycle of poverty.

“Moving to the adulthood age for marriage is a good thing to do, because marriage is a contract ... No disrespect to any church leader whatsoever, but I have said that you’re married, not because you went to church, but because you signed a binding contract which I believe only adults should be able to do. So, I put it to this House this afternoon, that ending child marriages and early unions will have a positive multiplier effect on promoting all our strategies for gender equity and equality in Belize. I believe that the strong consensus in favour of raising the legal marriage age to 18 years is a good thing, ... and I urge others to do the same.”



John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize

Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Investment, Civil Aviation, and Immigration, presented nine other Bills for their second readings on Tuesday. These included:

The Government of Belize and Social Security Board (SSB) Settlement Deed Bill 2024, for an Act to facilitate the implementation of the terms of deed of settlement between the government and SSB to settle and to set-off certain debt obligations between them, which remain outstanding after the government’s 2009 and 2011 compulsory acquisition and reacquisition of Sunshine Holdings Ltd., as well as the shares owned by Sunshine Holdings Ltd. in Belize Telecommunications Ltd. for the BTL Employees Trust; and other matters related to these issues.

A Bill to amend the Financial Services Commission Act, Act No. 8 of 2023, was also read, to provide for the Chairperson of the Appeal Panel to be the Chief Justice, a Judge of the High Court or an Attorney-at-Law with the qualifications of a judge of the High Court; and to

provide for related issues.

A Bill to amend the Securities Industry Act, Act No. 46 of 2021 was presented a second time; to provide for appeals of decisions of the Commission to be made to the Appeal Panel under the Financial Services Commission Act, and to consider all other related issues.

The Bill to amend the Income and Business Tax Act, Chapter 55 of the Laws of Belize 2020 was also read, to exempt certain employed individuals from being taxed on their income. This change also removes income tax deduction anomalies, as it removes the tax on interest income on time deposits. It also applies double tax treaty relief provisions to all treaty nations, not just for Commonwealth nations, to encourage pensioners from the United Kingdom to come live in Belize. It also regularizes the withholding of tax on gross contract payments, and offers incentives for the private sector to support sports and educational development in Belize by changing the wording of the law to make it easier to understand.

A Bill was also presented to amend the Tax Administration and Procedure Act, Chapter 51 of the Laws of Belize 2020, to improve tax administration and enhance tax compliance; to enable electronic tax invoicing; to make clarifying amendments, and to take into account any related issues.

A Bill to amend the General Sales Tax Act, Chapter 63 of the Laws of Belize, to enable electronic tax invoicing and to change the wording of the law to make it more understandable.

A Bill to amend the Business Names Act, Chapter 247 of the Laws of Belize 2020 was introduced to make a Certificate of Registration valid for one year, and other issues related to this change.

The Designated Processing Areas Act was amended to accommodate the continued development of the Global Digital Services Sector, so as to offer

incentives and additional support to the Aquaculture industry, to establish a Special Border Entertainment Zone, and to consider other related issues.

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Education, Culture, Science, and Technology, Hon. Francis Fonseca introduced a Bill to amend the National Institute of Culture and History (NICH) Act to strengthen NICH’s power to protect and preserve resources in nature and cultural reserves. It also standardizes the definition of “Minister” throughout the Act; penalizes offences more strictly, and considers other related issues.



Valerie Woods, Speaker of the House

Speaker of the House, Hon. Valerie Woods had some sobering personal news, that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer. She informed the House that as time goes on her illness might impact the performance of her duties as she seeks treatment.

Prime Minister Briceño introduced the first reading of the Social Security (Amendment) Bill 2024 to amend the Act to allow for the retroactive appointment of a General Manager of the Authority and a Chair of the National Health Insurance Committee, and other related matters.

He also proposed the National Health Insurance (Validation) Bill for an Act to validate the acts, decisions or omissions



Hon. Henry Usher

related to how the National Health Insurance scheme is implemented and associated issues.

Minister Fonseca introduced a Bill to amend the Senior Courts Act, to provide for notices and documents required to be served in relation to appeals from inferior courts to be served by public advertisement, and other related issues.

Minister of Public Service, Constitutional and Political Reform, and Religious Affairs, Hon. Henry Charles Usher introduced a Bill to amend the People’s Constitution Commission Act, to retroactively extend the Commissioners’ terms of appointment and that of the Commission, and other related issues.

Minister of Blue Economy and Disaster Risk Management, Hon. Andre Perez proposed an amendment to the Disaster Preparedness and Response Act, to expand the definition of disaster emergency to include Orders made under the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act in relation to quarantine pests and notifiable pests of potential or substantial national economic and other related matters. A Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act, was also introduced to exempt certain instruments from stamp duty; to make clarifying amendments; and to provide for related issues.

CITCO opens William David Fonseca Parking Facility

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urban planning strategy that the Belize City Council has tirelessly worked to advance,” said His Worship, Bernard Wagner, Mayor of Belize City. “By developing facilities like these, we are breathing new life into this area, and creating an environment that fosters

economic growth and urban renewal ... This is one of many initiatives the council is undertaking to ensure that Belize City remains at the forefront of modernization,” he added.

Additionally, the parking space will alleviate one of the difficulties that Belize City faces, which is the lack of availability of adequate parking space.

“As we all know, downtown parking can be difficult, whether you’re trying to visit a business, attend an event, or simply run errands. With the growing number of businesses and visitors, having a reliable parking solution is essential. This parking lot will provide a safe, convenient place for people to park, so that they can enjoy everything Belize City has to offer, without the stress of having to find any space on Regent Street,” said Usher.

Mayor Wagner highlighted that the council has identified 40 abandoned lots throughout the city, and is planning to acquire them from the Ministry of Natural Resources with the hopes of renovating and utilizing them.

“We did an exercise where we

identified 40 abandoned lots in the city, and we sent that to the ministry to have them see how they could acquire those abandoned lots, to turn them from just being nuisance to society and turn them into productive spaces. If we can turn abandoned lots all across the city into smart parking facilities, community parks, community playgrounds, and community student hubs ... this is the sort of rejuvenation we need in our city,” he said.

The following are the fees that will be charged for use of the parking spaces: 75 cents for 15 minutes, \$1.50 for 30 minutes, \$3.00 for an hour. Use of the lot will be free on the weekends.

Mayor Wagner noted that the Belize City Council spent close to 400,000 dollars to carry out the renovation and is expecting to see a return within two and a half years.

Consultant Dyon Elliott appointed

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consulting firm, New Point Consulting in 2016, and diversified into public relations and marketing with Balance Point Media and Communications Ltd. that same year. He began publishing an online magazine PolicyScape360.com in 2020. Elliott champions the economic empowerment of the underprivileged and has declared a public avowal of poverty alleviation, with respect for and protection of human rights.



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Man walks free after robbery charge

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a gold chain with a Topaz pendant value \$400; while Count 5 was for robbing from Guillermo Fuentes, a black and white Samsung cellphone value \$500.00. The heist was carefully executed, because Premium Wines & Spirits in Belize City was designed where their customers usually have to be buzzed in to enter, and that's when the men waited until a customer was entering and then rushed in after her.

One of them, who was armed with a gun, pointed it in her face, she said, and stole from her a Samsung Galaxy S7 worth \$1,900 and a gold chain worth \$400.

At the same time, one of the other robbers was robbing two customers. He also stole another cellphone worth \$500 from the business's deliveryman.

One of the three robbers then went to the counter and demanded money from the cashier. When the cashier refused, the robber slammed her iPhone 6S, valued at \$700, on the counter. Frightened, she then handed over \$7,219 in different denominations.

The men also stole a backpack that contained daily deposits and personnel payroll amounting to \$34,000 in different denominations, \$1,166.25 in checks, and \$6,300US. The thieves then locked everyone who was in the business in an office in the store, and escaped with their loot, which had a total value of \$57,785.25. This morning, Justice Nanton, before releasing the jurors of their duty, explained to them that the Crown discontinued the case against Sambula after some issues had been addressed in their absence.

On January 8, 2020, Sambula was indicted on five counts of robbery.

He was initially arraigned on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, on robbery charges, and was denied bail and later granted bail through the High Court.

In the matter at the High Court, Sambula was represented by attorney Leeroy Banner.

The two other men who police believe had been a part of the robbery were never captured or charged in connection with the robbery.

A call to Garifuna Nation on Garifuna Settlement Day

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Great Britain. They were fighting for their independence from these countries. Meanwhile, there were also territorial disputes taking place among the Europeans on their own continent. World War I began 13 days after Marcus Garvey launched his association on July 28, 1914, and ended in November of 1918.

Thomas Vincent Ramos then decided to use the knowledge he gained from UNIA to advocate for Garifuna nationalism. This was at a time when most of our people were afraid to challenge the British Crown for dismantling our nation-state by the name of "Yurumein," now known as Saint Vincent and The Grenadines, in 1796.

Then, they unlawfully removed our people as prisoners of war to the island of Balliceaux, where we were imprisoned, tortured, killed, and some of our people were buried there. Our people who survived that genocide were then removed from this island and were forcefully taken to the island of Roatan, where they landed on April 12, 1797. Garifuna people subsequently migrated to Nicaragua, Guatemala, Belize and the United States as a fragmented nation of people.

Thomas Vincent Ramos requested that we be granted a day to come together as one, so that we could realize that we are a nation of people who must be proud of ourselves for fighting for our nation, "Yurumein," against European colonialism and human rights violations,

and reassert our nationhood no matter where we live.

The 19th of November celebration is not only about dancing, drinking and having fun. Just look at the number of times that we have been dancing, drinking and having fun. Yet, our social, political and economic situation has remained the same, and, in the view of some of our people like myself, has gotten worse. It is now the time for us to re-examine the state of our living as a people and our Garifuna Nation that is fragmented in the diaspora countries.

"We were living in our independent nation, 'Yurumein,' where we were self-sufficient and then brought to colonies that were controlled by the same Europeans whom we fought against and were defeated in wars in our homeland, Saint Vincent & The Grenadines. This is not progress, but an unfortunate regression that we must overcome to become free people once again." All of our Garifuna people see themselves as a part of one nation of people, no matter which country they currently reside in.

"GARINAGU WAGIYA WAGEMEME LIDAABA"

I now call on every Garifuna person, to become active in the Garifuna Nation so that you can be like your ancestors who were willing to put their lives on the line for their land rights, autonomy, independence and economic sustenance to rid ourselves of neocolonial perpetual dependency.

Port Layola FC and Verdes FC win 1st leg of PLB semifinals



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Thursday night, November 7, Wagiya SC dropped Bandits Sports, 3-1, to climb up to 5th place in the final regular season standings, pushing the Bandits into the cellar. Lucky for the Bandits, there is yet no relegation system in place. (See the updated Week 10 regular season standings below.) Shaking the net for Wagiya were Clay Flores (37'), Arlen Mendoza (57') and Levi Pixabaj (78'); while Humberto Valenzuela (45') avoided the shutout for Bandits.

Premier League of Belize 2024-25 Opening Season								
Final Standings at Week 10, Thurs. Nov. 7, 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
Progreso FC	10	5	3	2	13	11	2	18
San Pedro Pirates	10	4	4	2	15	12	3	16
Wagiya SC	10	1	1	8	12	32	-20	4
Bandits Sports	10	1	1	8	5	26	-21	4

Upcoming semifinals 2nd leg schedule:
Saturday night, November 16
Verdes FC vs San Pedro Pirates at Marshalleck Stadium.
Sunday afternoon, November 17
Port Layola FC vs Progreso FC at Marion Jones Stadium.

Check this!

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irrelevance can see themselves not only as a key part of the world, but as *centrally important* to it, then why do the inhabitants of the planet's most fought-over continent, bursting from Cairo to Cape with every sort of desirable resource known to man, struggle to see themselves as main characters in the world?

Between themselves, Kim Il-Sung, Kim Jong-Il, and Kim Jong-Un turned a barely-hospitable corner of East Asian into an impregnable, nuclear-armed fortress that absolutely nobody dares to take levities with. Unlike Africa, they have no huge amounts of gold, bauxite, oil, coltan, diamonds, copper, arable land, or sunlight.

In a world where independence and sovereignty are only guaranteed by nuclear bombs and ballistic missiles, they built those things out of Kimchi, rough potatoes, and sheer willpower. Nobody particularly *wants* North Korean territory — its most valuable geographical asset is its border with China — yet it sees itself as not just a key player on the global stage, but the world's *main character*.

Meanwhile in Africa—the continent that supplies *everything* to the world and also controls the 2 most important shipping lanes in global trade (Gulf of Aden & Suez Canal) — nobody here seems to believe that they are part of the world, let alone among its main characters. The president of its most populous country is a CIA asset, and that country's citizens are not especially bothered by this. It does not fund its own continental union (only 16% of the AU's

annual budget comes from Africa).

It has no continental defence strategy. It plans to integrate its 54 economies by 2063, when most people reading this will be long dead. It can't even implement its own open-skies agreement, so it is cheaper to fly to Europe and Asia than to fly within Africa. It has no real priorities, and it is never in a hurry to get anything done.

If Kim Il-Sung had African generals at that meeting in 1991 and he asked them the same question Kim Jong-Il answered, their answer would probably have been something like, "We'll propose terms of surrender with a soft landing for ourselves and our families."


Africans deep down haven't recovered from the psychological effects of multi-century slavery and colonization, and as such, appear truly incapable of perceiving themselves as the main characters — even in their own stories ...

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** David Hundeyin is a young Nigerian journalist, known for his well-investigated scoops. He has unmasked Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Nigeria's current president, as a CIA asset, and brought to light his fraudulent US certificates, and his activities in the US as a drug baron when he had lived there. Hundeyin no longer lives in Nigeria, and has sought refuge in Ghana, where he resides in a safe house. He is a scourge to both Nigerian and US operatives, and at least one recent attempt was made on his life.*

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TS Sara will bring lots of rain

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bring lots of rain when it makes landfall on the coast of Belize a few days from now.

As of 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, TS Sara was moving west at 14 miles per hour with maximum sustained winds of 35 miles per hour, and it was located 391 miles east by south of Belize City, which would theoretically allow for potential landfall within 27 hours.

“However, the forecast is for the system to slow down, so that 14 miles

per hour speed is not expected to be maintained. The forecast is for it to stall north of Honduras for at least 24 to 36 hours, and begin moving to the northwest into our area,” said Ronald Gordon, Chief Meteorologist at the National Meteorological Service of Belize.

The system has the potential to make landfall in Belize, and even possibly to strengthen into a hurricane before landfall. Nonetheless, Gordon said that the system is likely to weaken as it moves closer to the coast of Honduras within 24 hours.

He cautioned, however, that the forecast may not be completely accurate.

“No forecast can be exact, and hence, again, that’s why, of course, you have this uncertainty cone indicating that the depression is moving towards us, but there is a possibility it can go in either direction. However, the most likely scenario from this probability distribution is that it will move to the center, where the highest probability is. As it moves farther away from the center, the probability decreases. So, there is a good chance that Belize will be impacted by a tropical storm sometime on Sunday, late Sunday, and possibly Monday morning. Timing is also variable, because no one can predict exactly when ... these models, again, are not perfect,” Gordon said.

Gordon acknowledged that the storm could strengthen into a hurricane if it moves away from land,

but that such a scenario is unlikely.

“If it remains offshore, then it should be a bit stronger. So, there is still some variance within that intensity forecast. The forecast is for it to come ashore as a 50-mile helper or storm. And that’s down from yesterday when they had it at 70. So, it’s trending downward because that means that more of the models show it is beginning overland in Honduras,” he highlighted.

“The extreme worst-case scenario, outside the forecast, is perhaps a category one hurricane. We are not seeing that, but that’s the extreme worst. Currently, it’s at 50 miles per hour. So that’s what we’re expecting. In the best case, we can [see it go] further over Honduras, and come across as a [tropical] depression and be a rainfall producer,” Gordon said.

It is predicted that TS Sara will bring 10 inches of rainfall or more.

Ombudsman of Barbados visits Belize

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accountability.

During Dr. Taylor's visit, one of the main focuses was a shared commitment of both Belize and Barbados to establish a National Human Rights Institute (NHRI), that aligns with the international Paris Principles, which will reflect both countries' dedication to fulfilling their international obligations.

“So, the visit is to look at what successes, what strategies we are implementing to establish our National Human Rights Institute, and to see how best they can utilize what best practices we have learned so far, so that they do not necessarily have to reinvent the wheel,” shared Hon. Major (Ret’d) H. Gilbert Swaso, Ombudsman of Belize.

“Moving forward [with] this together, we can better strategize and say what you think of this idea. Share ideas, so that then, when we establish our National Human Rights Institute ... because it will also have to be in consultation with the general public, we’ll also have to have a continued consultation with all the relevant stakeholders who are at this moment dealing with any human rights issues, so that then, when the legal framework, when the organization is framed, that it’s buy-in from everyone; and this is

exactly what is it that we want to achieve,” he added.

Dr. Taylor and Hon. Major Swaso exchanged best practices, innovative strategies and solutions to address common challenges in their mandates. Dr. Taylor observed developments within Belize and the steps made by the Office of the Ombudsman of Belize.


Also, a special presentation was done by Hon. Major Swazo indicating the roadmap to establishing Belize's NHRI, offering insights into the strategic steps that Belize is taking to enhance human rights protections at the national level.

"You guys have a working formula," said Dr. Taylor. "The other thing too is, we are hoping to engender the support of other Caribbean countries to understand that ... because technically, if persons are going to complain for human rights and the violation of civil liberties, you have to have systems in place to deal with it," he continued.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Belize's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade brought both parties together, recognizing the importance of regional cooperation and the Ombudsman's vital role in safeguarding the human rights and welfare of the citizens.

Dr. Taylor and Dr. Sabazan were welcomed on Monday, November 11.

BEL predicts decline in power supply in 2025

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it in April, we need to be able to sign a contract with them. To do it you need to sign an emergency. All things equal, there may be or may not be a shortage in April, or May. We are doing everything in place possible to avoid that,” he said.

In previous years, 2019, 2023, and early 2024, the country experienced significant load shedding due to the failure to install new generation capacity on the grid, which was amplified by the impacts of extended droughts and heatwaves in Belize and southern Mexico (which drove up demand for electricity, while simultaneously curtailing supply from both local hydroelectric power plants and CFE, Mexico).

The load shedding was more prevalent from April to June when various parts of the country

experienced daily outages of 5 hours on average. BEL additionally noted that around 28 MW of new generation capacity will be added to the grid in 2024. However, it will run on diesel, with fuel costs between \$0.50 and \$0.60 per kWh. Moreover, the generation services available to meet demand may be further constrained if energy imports from Mexico become more limited or more expensive with the introduction of Tren Maya in the Yucatan Peninsula and the delays with Mexican generation projects.

At the moment, BEL's supplier of energy is Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE), and it is predicted that challenges will continue throughout the warmer months of 2025 as CFE supply to Belize will decline from the 55MW contracted amount, instead averaging 22MW, 7MW, 8MW, and 34MW during May through August 2025, respectively.

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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 Carrillo (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)
	Claudett Maheia (second)		John DeLong (second)
2005	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)
	Shalini Zabaneh (second)	2021	NO RACE (DUE TO COVID)
2008	Neo German Camacho Villegas (first)	2022	Brandon Cattouse (first)
	Edward 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