The announcement first came in a brief Press Release on Monday June 10, which read, “The Ministry of Finance announces that the Management Services Agreement between the Government of Belize and Belize International Services Limited, to manage the International Business Companies Registry (IBC) and the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) comes to an end, today, 10 June 2013. Accordingly, the Government of Belize will assume control of the two Registries with effect from tomorrow, 11 June 2013.” The release promised that the Prime Minister would give a full briefing on the matter on Wednesday, June 12; and he did.

At his Press Conference, the Prime Minister recounted that a master agreement was first signed on June 11, 1993, only days before the June 30th snap elections called by then Prime Minister George Price; a ten year agreement with Belize International Services Limited which managed IMMARBE and the IBC Registry with the option to renew for another ten years. When that ten years was about to expire in 2003, the Government’s legal Counsel, Mr. Gian Ghandi, advised in writing to BISL that because of a fundamental change of circumstances, they could no longer exercise the option to renew for another ten years. PM Barrow explained that Ghandi’s letter was written after he had advised Ralph Fonseca and said Musa of the legal position that he took. But Musa, he said, turned right around and told BISL it could ignore Ghandi’s letter and simply continue to operate the agreement, and that the Government of the day would in effect treat BISL’s exercise of the option to renew as valid. And so, things continued as normal until March of 2005. On March 24, 2005, PM Barrow said, it turns out that a secret agreement was signed between BISL and the then Prime Minister, Said Musa, and the then Attorney General, Francis Fonseca, who is now the Leader of the Opposition PUP. That agreement, he said, retroactively formalized the 2003 extension, and effectively lengthened the life of the agreement beyond the 10 year extension up to 11th of June 2020 for a consideration of $1.5 million.

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From the Desk of the Chairman

“The More Things Change…”

In our edition of last week, in an article titled, “The Case of the Crawl Caye Project – A Lesson in Transparency, Thoroughness and Thoughtfulness”, we had just reiterated the stark difference between the Government of Prime Minister Dean Barrow and the administration that preceded it, led by former Prime Minister Said Musa. As far as can be established, the matter was never brought to Cabinet nor the National Assembly, he said.

How on earth could the then Prime Minister and the then Attorney General have purported to extend their agreement by way of counter signing a letter without disclosing to cabinet, without getting any permission from the National Assembly, without going to the Contractor General, without putting it out to tender. How on earth could that have been done, and why was it kept secret, except that the principals knew what they were doing was absolutely wrong?”

Hence, the position of PM Barrow and his Government is that because the agreement was a secret document, it is invalid, and must be ignored.

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Said Musa and Francis Fonseca
Chile Donates Computers
Belmopan’s Our Lady of Guadeloupe Benefits

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through a donation from the Embassy of Chile, presented Six (6) laptop computers to Our Lady of Guadeloupe High School in Belmopan, on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 12:00pm.

The Government of Chile is donating computers to one high school in every CARICOM country as a symbol of its commitment to assisting CARICOM countries in education. The Chilean Government has always provided support to Belize through the provision of specialized training courses for officials in areas such as diplomacy, cooperation and language training, and provides scholarships for higher studies.

His Excellency Renato Sepulveda Nedel, the Ambassador of Chile, with residence in San Salvador was on hand to present the Laptops on behalf of the Chilean Government. Receiving them on behalf of Our Lady of Guadeloupe High School was the institution’s Principal, Mrs. Barrette Belisle.

Also present at the ceremony was Chile’s Honorary Consul in Belize, H.E. Mr. Joe Mena; H.E. Nestor Mendez, Belize’s Ambassador in Washington DC, USA; and H.E. Said Badi Guerra, Ambassador with responsibility for Protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Belmopan.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on behalf of the Government and People of Belize has extended its gratitude to the Chilean Government for this donation which the Ministry says will greatly enhance the education of our students and contribute to their education and contribute to their positive development as young people in our Country.

Support Our National Football Selection:

FFB Official Telethon, Saturday June 15, 2013, MCC Tennis Court, Newtown Barracks, Belize City
Exciting Softball in Cayo District

Ismael ‘Miley’ Garcia Competition in Progress

In the Cayo District, there’s an exciting Softball Competition that is in progress, and, as of this week, we’re bringing you regular updates on it. The Competition is sponsored by UDP Cayo South Caretaker, Ismael ‘Miley’ Garcia.

This past weekend, Camalote United, Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy and Esperanza Wolverines were all victorious in games played at the Joan Garbutt Stadium in Esperanza, on Sunday afternoon to be exact.

The first game featured Camalote’s star pitcher, Francine Salazar, who earned a 15-0 shutout victory over the Las Flores Shooting Stars in three innings, as the mercy rule was applied. She struck out 6 batters in the process. In that game, the Las Flores Shooting Stars committed 5 errors and stranded 2 runners on base.

The Las Flores Shooting Stars pitcher was Guadalupe Chicas, all 15 Camalote runs scored in the First Inning. In the Second Inning, Shadine, Tamira, Francine and Shandy Casey came home, to push the score to 9-0. And, in the the day, Roaring Creek Grace Kennedy defeated Belmopan’s Capital City Emeralds 12-0 also in 3 Innings that ended in accordance with the mercy rule.

Roaring Creek’s Leyandra Guy struck out 6 batters and only allowed 2 hits. Belmopan left 3 runners on base.

The Emeralds’ Pitcher, Dana May King was relieved by Paulett Flowers, but that didn’t help as Roaring Creek Team got a total of 9 hits in the Three Innings.

They were also allowed three walks. In the First Inning, Tanya Davis, Shadalee Ho and Greta Davis scored. In the Second Inning, Tanya Davis, Myralee Ho, Shadalee Ho and Lisanandra Guy came home.

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Faith Lift

Speaking Truth Even When We’d Rather Not

By Zelda Hill

Belizeans, in general, were once thought to have been a non-confrontational, compliant and cowardly species. That notion has been overruled as individuals and groups all over Belize are openly demanding better quality of life, good governance of our wealth, equity of access and answers from our stewards. Those who prefer to accept their plight or to not “rock the boat” may do so out of fear or hopelessness, or perhaps the matter that would cause them to break their composure has not yet raised its head.

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Seeing that presently, truth seems to anger many and has become synonymous to speaking hatred, many prefer to be silent. Those who willfully oppose God’s truth may also seem intimidating, but knowing that God Himself upholds His truth should encourage us to partner with Him in its defense. We must realize that the very ones who intensely oppose truth are the ones who need it the most and therefore, should speak it.

Ninevah was a large city with tens of thousands of citizens bound for hell. As a matter of fact, Jonah was convinced that they deserved God’s punishment because of their wickedness and hatred of Jonah’s people, the Israelites. So he ran away in another direction until God manipulated the forces of nature to let his boat be propelled by love for his fellowmen and by the desire to remove the deception that comes from the Father of lies, Satan himself (John 8:44).

God is the author of truth and all truth is His truth. If we believe in Him, we must be convinced that He will never deceive anyone into thinking that they are who they were not created to be. Fear and the sense of hopelessness in whether we can be convincing enough to turn people away from falsehood, are real human issues that may discourage us from declaring truth, even though we are commissioned by God to do so.

The prophet Jonah of the Old Testament, personally commissioned by God, was also hesitant to speak God’s truth to the Ninevites, although Jonah realizes that He loves everyone, including sinners and His desire is for all to come to repentance. We may also feel that those who deny God’s truth and consider us as enemies are deserving of the judgment of God. Or we may stay out of harms way and so avoid confrontation or contamination and allow others to remain ignorant of truth and the knowledge of the love of God. But to avoid those who are in need of God’s love and mercy, is to forget that we were also deserving of God’s judgement until someone was used by God to convince us of our need. We would prefer not to wait for God’s discipline to force us out of hiding. God has his methods of single-handedly convincing others to accept His truth, as in the experience of Saul on the Damascus road (Acts 9:1-9), but He prefers to use us as instruments.

Truth will be uncomfortable for those that we are trying to save but they will soon come to the realization that it is better to be hurt with truth than to be comforted with a lie. Although we knew from the Scriptures that our faith and endurance would be tested, even more so as the end of the world draws near, we probably never imagined that our generation would have witnessed to this blatant attack on truth in our corner of the globe. In our country, though our voices seem to be drowned by the barely audible demands of those who hate truth, we are still “free” to do so.

Ruthless times of persecution threateningly loom on the horizon, yet none of us has shed his blood in our defense of God’s truth, as our brothers and sisters have done in other parts of the world. But in spite of what we experience now and what lies ahead, we dare to speak, even when we’d rather not, for truth has never lost a battle and it never will.”
Call to Artists for the ‘National Song Competition 2013’

National Celebrations Commission in association with Atlantic International Bank invites musicians, performing artists and songwriters from every level to submit songs in each of the two categories, which include the Belize Song Competition and the Carnival Song Competition (juniors and seniors).

The Belize Song must be a dedication to Belize as a country, our way of life, our culture. The Belize Song should evoke a call to build community spirit and national pride, be one that inspires national unity and must be memorable with popular and emotional appeal. The Belize Song must seek to replicate a Belizean flavor in any musical genre that is Rhythm and Blues (R&B), Jazz, Alternative, Soca, Reggae, Dancehall or any other genre selected by the artist.

The Carnival Song must be of Belizean flavor and evoke our unbridled celebratory spirit at our time of National Celebrations, promote a free revelry, filled with the essence of Belizean culture and overall merriment of Carnival and our celebrations.

Entries will be judged on: Audience Appeal; Musical Arrangement; Vocal Quality; Lyrical Content and Stage Presence.

Rules and Regulations

*Contestants: must be nationals of Belize; and can enter the competition as a solo, duet or group act
*Topics: can focus on love of country and should instill patriotism and a sense of national pride
*Songs: must be original and never before entered into a competition in Belize

Each entry must include:

a. One (1) song only, five (5) minutes or less in duration.

b. Typed-written Lyric Sheet

For a detailed copy of the National Song Competition Rules & Regulations, kindly contact ica@nichbelize.org or visit the NICH Belize website at www.nichbelize.org

Deadline for submissions: July 5, 2013
Selection of (10) finalists for each category: July 12, 2013
Rehearsal of Songs: July 15 to August 8, 2013
Final Round of Competition: August 10, 2013
Professional production of top three (3) songs: August 16, 2013

Winners will receive:

Belize Song
Senior Category (18 & Older)
• 1st Place - $6,000.00, Trophy, Airline Ticket to a regional song competition or festival and video music production of your song
• 2nd Place - $3,000.00 and Trophy
• The other eight finalists will receive official recognition and a prize

Junior Category (17 & Younger)
• 1st Place - $1,500.00, Trophy, and video music production of your song
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Carnival Road March Song of the Year
• $1,000.00 and Trophy

To schedule an interview contact: Daedra Haylock--Ag Communications Officer at Tel. No 227- 2110 Extension 34.
### Elections and Boundaries Department

#### Results of Village Council Elections - June 9, 2013

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- **Date Received**: Details of the date the ballot papers were received.
- **Polled Votes**: The total number of votes polled in the election.
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- **Candidate Name**: The name of the candidate who ran for election.
- **Position**: The position they ran for.
- **Remarks**: Any additional information about the candidate's status or status of the election.
UB Graduation Coming UP
471 Brilliant Minds to Graduate this Weekend
June 13, 2013

Students who have successfully completed their course of study at the University of Belize will receive their diplomas at the Associate, Bachelor, Certificate and Diploma levels on Saturday June 15, at the University’s Seventeenth Commencement Exercises, Central Campus, Belmopan. The ceremony will commence at 10 a.m.

Of the total number of 471 graduates, 298 are females (63.3%) and 173 (36.7%) are males.

The largest number of graduates are from the Faculty of Management & Social Sciences (FMSS) totalling 153, followed by the Faculty of Education and Arts (FEA) with a total of 132, the Faculty of Science and Technology (FST) with 132, and the Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health & Social Work (FNAHSW) with a total of 53.

During the ceremony, several students will receive the official white, gold and purple honour chords of the University of Belize. The tri-color white honour chords recognise those graduating with Cum Laude; gold honour chords designate graduates with Magna Cum Laude (great honour); and purple honour chords are for graduates with Summa Cum Laude—the highest honour. The total number of honour graduates is 43. The President of the University of Belize, Dr. Cary Fraser, has extended congratulations to all graduates for their dedication, commitment and achievement.

He said, “the University continues to play a significant role in nation building by educating and empowering future leaders to become decision makers who can create opportunities for Belizeans and chart the way for future generations.”

Guest Speaker, Senator the Hon. Godwin Hulse, Minister of Labour, Local Government, Rural Development and National Emergency Management, will deliver the Feature Address.

Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, and Public Utilities Responds to Oceana

Audrey Matura Sheppard
Local Vice President of Oceana

The Ministry of Energy, Science and Technology and Public Utilities notes with regret a recent press release by Oceana in which it persists in putting its spin on the judgment delivered on April 16th, 2013 by Justice Legall concerning certain oil exploration contracts awarded by the previous government. In that judgment, His Lordship made certain declarations against the Ministry but not against the oil companies. Most importantly, the Judge specifically refused to quash the oil exploration contracts. The legal consequences that follow from what the Judge ordered as well as what he refused to order are purely a legal issue. For that reason, the Ministry has obtained and has acted upon legal advice from one of the nation’s most respected attorneys at law, which states in the clearest possible terms that the effect of the Judge’s refusal to quash or terminate the contracts is to leave them fully enforceable by the oil companies. That advice emphasized that no order or judgment was made against any oil company, none of which was even a party in the court case. This point was fully made by the Ministry in its written and oral arguments to the Honourable Chief Justice on its recent application to stay the effect of Justice Legall’s judgment. Consistent with the legal advice received, the Ministry is obliged to treat the contracts as binding and enforceable against the country of Belize by the oil companies. It would take the legal authority of a judgment of the Court, clearly expressed to be binding and enforceable against the oil companies, to quash or cancel the contracts. Only such a judgment can take away the contractual rights awarded to the oil companies. The Ministry repeats: there is no such judgment. For that reason, the Ministry, in issuing maps showing oil exploration areas held by the various oil companies, had no choice but to recognize the fact that Princess Petroleum Belize Limited and Providence Belize Energy Limited oil companies continue to hold these exploration areas given to them by contract.

The Ministry respects the right of Oceana and others to espouse their views on issues concerning oil exploration and production. However, it must reject as irresponsible the insistence on putting the spin on Justice Legall’s judgment that it takes away the contractual rights of the oil companies.

The Ministry refuses to be driven into the reckless course for which Oceana is pushing, which could expose Belize to such a claim.

The Ministry ends by pointing out that if Oceana honestly believed the spin it is putting on Justice Legall’s judgment, that it cancelled the rights of the oil companies under the contracts, Oceana would long ago have applied to the courts to stop the continuing exploration activities the oil companies, or to compel the Ministry to stop them, or to find the Government to be in contempt of court.

Doctor Colin Young, CEO in the Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology and Public Utilities

Jack Grynberg’s RSM Production Corporation, as a Google inquiry will show. The Ministry will take every care to avoid exposing Belize to such a claim. The Ministry ends by pointing out that if Oceana honestly believed the spin it is putting on Justice Legall’s judgment, that it cancelled the rights of the oil companies under the contracts, Oceana would long ago have applied to the courts to stop the continuing exploration activities the oil companies, or to compel the Ministry to stop them, or to find the Government to be in contempt of court.
Crawl Caye Off Limits

Cruise Tourism NOT Off the Table

We doubt many of you caught it, but last week in our story titled, "The Case of the Crawl Caye Project - a Lesson in Transparency. Thoughtfulness and Throughness," we mistakenly reproduced a photograph of Hunting Caye instead of Crawl Caye.

For that we sincerely apologize, although we will have to point out that the error on our part did not minimize in any way the principal point of our story, which is that the current government, unlike the one that preceded it, is an administration that thoughtfully and thoroughly considers pertinent issues and concerns before entering into agreements and undertakings that have far-reaching implications for the Nation and its People, and that it invariably conducts the entire process in a transparent manner.

And while we admittedly erred, we should be readily excused, we contend, for having mistakenly brought you that splendid aerial view of Hunting Caye, also in Southern Belize, which is no less precious an island than Crawl Caye.

Furthermore, in following up this week on the substance of the story, we get the opportunity to print for you, not one, but two photographs of the real Crawl Caye, hoping that in so doing, we make it up to you.

The Crawl Caye Project, of course, refers to a proposal by Norwegian Cruise Line to set up berthing facilities for cruise ships in Southern Belize. As we had noted, Prime Minister Dean Barrow had, from the start, indicated that any agreement to allow such a project would have to meet environmental approval, and that the Cabinet had set up an exploratory sub-committee to consider all aspects of the proposed project, and to determine the desirability, feasibility and practicability of it.

The Sub Committee is headed by Honorable Godwin Hulse who, as we also reported last week, had made himself available to the media for questioning on the matter even prior to meeting with key stakeholders in the tourism industry and representatives in relevant departments and agencies.

The most decisive meeting took place on Monday, June 3, and the following day, the sub-committee brought its information and considered determination and recommendation to Cabinet. Based on that, the Cabinet made the decision to turn down the proposal and issued a press release stating the following:

"Cabinet accepted the recommendation from a Technical Team working with Cabinet’s Sub-committee, examining Norwegian Cruise Line's proposal for a Cruise Terminal, that Crawl Caye in the Southern Waters cannot be developed as a cruise terminal because of numerous environmental considerations. However, in an effort to stimulate employment and open up other economic benefits for Belizeans in the South, Cabinet did support Norwegian Cruise Line's request to search for an alternative site in Southern waters. Any new site and project proposal will be presented to the current Cabinet Sub-committee chaired by Minister Godwin Hulse."

In his interviews with Channel Seven News that evening, Hon. Godwin Hulse commented, “As I said the last time we spoke that the committee would meet and we did meet. There was a presentation by our technical side in response to the upgraded presentation made by NCL. They concluded that even that presentation was outside the parameters required to give the green light for a development for Crawl Caye. So Crawl Caye is off the table and we’ve informed NCL accordingly. That does not mean that we are not continuing to dialogue with the people. We must understand that this is a huge investment. NCL is a reputable company; it’s a world-class cruise company, and any investment proposal to our country that could enhance jobs, enhance growth and create a better way for people, we can’t say that the decision is a blanket prohibition. We will look at any proposal on a case by case basis. I don’t know how there was ever a thought that if a project takes place in the South that it would divert traffic from Belize City; that cannot be a concern because we made clear to NCL, even at the start of the discussion, that if the project were ever to see the light of day, the site would be limited to hosting calls only from ships from NCL; no other line would be able to go there; so there was never any question of a conflict between the interests of the Belize City people and the people in the South.”

It’s not a question that Belize is in a position to say to any investor, “Ok, bye-bye, that doesn’t work.” We have to sit down with them and formulate what possibly could be a win-win situation. There’s a lot of talk in the South about Cruise Tourism, but there is no denial of Cruise Tourism, so let’s find something that works.”

The Prime Minister further elaborated, “NCL, I believe, is interested in looking at other possibilities in the South of Belize so I stress that we’ve not said a blanket ‘No’ to any potential development for Cruise Tourism in the South at all, but certainly it cannot, in terms of all the constraints, in terms of all the considerations articulated to us by the technical people, it cannot, will not work on Crawl Caye.

We do not accept that there can be any blanket prohibition on the development of Cruise Tourism in Southern Belize. I said last time that with respect to Crawl Caye, the tour guide community in Placencia is strongly in support, and we believe that you can find any number of players in the Tourism Industry that would support some kind of cruise project in Southern Belize. So we will not say that the decision is a blanket prohibition. We will look at any proposal on a case by case basis. I don’t know how there was ever a thought that if a project takes place in the South that it would divert traffic from Belize City; that cannot be a concern because we made clear to NCL, even at the start of the discussion, that if the project were ever to see the light of day, the site would be limited to hosting calls only from ships from NCL; no other line would be able to go there; so there was never any question of a conflict between the interests of the Belize City people and the people in the South.”
Doctors of the U.S. Military Air Force – New Horizons 2013 and Midwives from Project HOPE also of the U.S. held a two day training session in Advance Life Support In Obstetrics last month in Dangriga Town. The training had the participation of 29 specialists in Gynecology and Obstetrics from the Northern, Western and Southern Regions as well as Medical Officers, Nurses Midwives and Front Line workers in Obstetrics.

At the opening of the training, an overview presentation was done on the Maternal and Child Health Program. Training on specific subject areas included Post Partum Hemorrhage, Interruption of Delivery, Assisted Delivery – Use of a Vacuum, Monitoring of Labour and Interpretation of Monitoring graph, Maternal Resuscitation and Emergency C-section.

Communication techniques between doctors and nurses in times of an emergency was part of the training where alarm codes and courtesies were highlighted. The training also had a practical section where the trainees worked with mannequins and flow charts.

Certificates were distributed to all participants at the completion of the training.

**Advice on Smoke From Bush Fires**

The Ministry of Health advises the General Public that due to recent sustained bush fires around the country there is a risk for vulnerable individuals of over exposure to smoke. The smoke associated with these bush fires has the potential to irritate eyes and cause breathing problems. Individuals with chronic lung conditions and asthma are advised to avoid areas with intense smoke. Use a mask or wet rags if you cannot avoid the smoke.

Persons with chronic lung conditions in general and asthma in particular are advised to have medication on hand and are also reminded to go to the nearest health facility for respiratory support if needed. Special attention must be given to the elderly and very young.

**MOH Partners with Peace Corps**

The Ministry of Health will partner with Peace Corp Belize to conduct a workshop on Maternal, Newborn and Child health (MCH) including sessions on non-communicable disease (NCDs) to be held later this month. The main purpose of the workshop will be to ensure technical sessions on MCH and NCDs, to provide agency and country specifics on the work that Peace Corp will do within communities in Belize alongside HECOPAB Community health workers and also to assist Peace Corps Belize to adapt and integrate the language and technical content for Pre-Service training.

A Letter of intent was signed earlier this month in Dangriga Town for respiratory support if the nearest health facility is too far. Special attention was given to the elderly and very young.

**Matron Roberts Polyclinic held successful Annual Health Fair**

Matron Roberts Polyclinic II, in collaboration with the Health Education and Community Participation Bureau (HECOPAB), Central Health Region, and others partners in health organized its Annual Health Fair and Wellness Activities at the Matron Roberts Polyclinic II grounds on May 24th, 2013 under the theme: “Brush and Floss Every Day to Keep Cavities Away.”

According to Senior Dental Health Surgeon, Dr. Raphael Samos, the objectives of the workshop were to review the action plan of the Department and to discuss future activities.

**Dentist rewarded at Annual Dental Workshop**

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Drill & Discipline

Course Completed at National Police Training Academy

Graduation ceremonies were held this past Friday, June 7, for close to Twenty Police Officers who completed a two-week squad drill course conducted at the Police Training Academy in Belmopan. The course was for non-commissioned officers, corporals and sergeants who are attached to the various formations and sub-formations around the country; and its purpose was to have the participating Police Officers sharpen up their drill-skills, something which keynote speaker at the Ceremony, Acting Director of Training, Senior Superintendent Chester Williams reminded them is an integral part of their discipline as members of one of the nation’s leading security forces.

Williams noted that everywhere in World, disciplined forces must engage in such drills, which though they vary in specifics from country to country, have the same basic objective, mainly that of instilling discipline in the individuals who are part of a uniformed and coordinated team that operates as a single unit in executing its functions.

Also present for the graduation ceremony was Deputy Commissioner of Police Elodio Aragon who, along with Senior Su-

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Superintendent Williams, present-
ed certificates to all the officers
that completed the course. Mas-
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ant of the National Police Train-
ing Academy, Superintendent
Linden Flowers. Other senior
officers present for the ceremo-
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al Crimes Investigation Branch,
Assistant Commissioner of Po-
lice Russell Blackett and Deputy
Commandant of the Police Train-
ing Academy, A Richard Rosado.

The course was conduct-
ed under the direct command
of veteran Drill-Instructor at the
National Police Training Acad-
emy, Inspector Daniel Cacho.

The squad drill course is
only one of a number of courses
conducted as part of the renewed
and expanded Training Plan for
2013, aimed at equipping officers
with the essential skills and dis-
cipline to execute their jobs in an
intelligent and effective manner.

Another two-week train-
ing course got underway this
week, starting Monday June
10, 2013, this one a refresher
course for re-enlisted officers.

And, of course, later
this week, new recruits of In-
take 89 will be sitting their exam for enrollment in training
and enlistment into the
Belize Police Department.
One Week to Go: UDP Extends Lead in Village Council Elections

This past week, the UDP again scored overwhelming victories nationwide in the Village Council Elections, which are nearing completion. In Corozal, the UDP swept all 7 seats in Libertad, Caledonia and Paraiso, and won five seats including the chairmanship, in Patchakan, leaving the PUP with only 2 councillors. In Orange Walk, Deputy Prime Minister and Orange Walk North Area Representative, Hon. Gaspar Vega won the last two of the villages in his constituency, San Jose and San Luis, completing a 9 out of 9 sweep over his PUP opponents. The UDP also won August Pine Ridge in Orange South.

In Cayo Central, Hon. Rene Montero is also 8 out of 8 to date, with only one village to go. This past week, he took San Antonio, where the UDP slated was unchallenged. In the Cayo District, the UDP also won Succotz in the constituency of its Second Deputy Party Leader, Hon. Erwin Contreras (Cayo West); and Armenia in Cayo South, where Ismael ‘Miley’ Garcia is the Party’s Caretaker.

Finally, in the Belize District, Rural North’s Edmund Castro and the UDP won Sandhill, and in Lord’s Bank the UDP slate was installed without a contest.

The last set of village council elections will be held this coming Sunday, June 16, 2013.

VACANCY

A vacancy exists for the post of Senior Computer Technician in the Information & Communication Systems Department of Belize Electricity Limited.

Duties:
- Assist in the planning, designing, installation and connectivity of computer and network systems to ensure the stable operation of the BEL’s IT assets. This includes, but is not limited to, developing, configuring, maintaining, supporting and optimizing all new and existing network hardware, software, and communication links.

The Senior Computer Technician will work closely with the System Technicians and Network Administrator to ensure continued stability and integrity of BEL’s voice, data, video and wireless network services. The Senior Computer Technician will participate in the monitoring, reporting, maintenance, support and optimization of all network hardware, software and communication links and will also analyze and resolve hardware and software problems in a timely and accurate fashion, and provide end user training where required.

Qualifications: Education/Experience/Skills required of the Position
- Associate Degree or technical diploma in the field of computer science and/or 5 years equivalent work experience
- Certifications in Networking + and CCNA
- 3 years’ experience installing and configuring enterprise-wide LANs, WANs, WLANs, VPNs, etc.
- Working technical knowledge of networking and PC operating systems
- Hands-on experience troubleshooting hardware such as PCs, routers, bridges, switches, hubs, modems and network interface cards
- Working knowledge of current protocols and standards
- Experience installing network cabling and patching telephony systems
- Strong interpersonal, written, and oral communication skills
- Able to conduct research into networking issues and products as required
- Ability to prioritise and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment
- Highly self-motivated and directed
- Keen attention to detail
- Proven analytical and problem-solving abilities
- Excellent customer service orientation
- Experience working in a team-oriented, collaborative environment

Salary: In accordance with the Company’s Grade Structure.

Send completed application form, résumé and two (2) recent letters of reference to:

Manager
Human Resources Department
Belize Electricity Limited
2½ Miles Phillip Goldson Highway
Belize City, Belize

Deadline: June 28, 2013
Spurs Denied - Miami Wins Game 2
Balanced start, LeBron James’ explosive finish of San Antonio Spurs evens NBA Finals for Miami Heat

By JOSEPH GOODMAN
The Miami Herald

The other guys evened the series. For much of Sunday’s pivotal Game 2 of the NBA Finals, LeBron James was in a postseason trance unlike anything he has experienced since the 2011 Finals.

He finally snapped out of it, but by that time it didn’t really matter. Mario Chalmers, Mike Miller and Ray Allen had already put the game away.

In perhaps the biggest game of his professional career, Chalmers led all scorers with 19 points in the Heat’s 103-84 victory against the San Antonio Spurs at American Airlines Arena.

Tied 1-1, the best-of-7 series now shifts to Texas for three consecutive games before returning to Miami for Game 6 and Game 7, if necessary.

The way this series is going, winning Game 2 was a survival game, Wade said. “All we’re going to think about is the next game because that’s enough on our plate.”

The Heat had been embarrassed in Game 3, suffering a 36-point loss that put it in danger of falling behind 3-1 in the series. In that game, Wade was 1 for 12 from the floor, and scored a total of 50 points.

The victory assured Miami of at least one more home game, regardless of the outcome of Game 5 here on Sunday.

“We understood this game was a survival game,” Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said. “All we’re going to think about is the next game because that’s enough on our plate.”

The Heat had been embarrassed in Game 3, suffering a 36-point loss that put it in danger of falling behind 3-1 in the series. James assured anyone who would listen that he would play better and that everything was riding on his broad shoulders. Since he has already won a title, it wasn’t exactly a legacy-saving moment but rather another example of the league MVP responding to a challenge, even if it was self-imposed.

On Thursday, James scored 33 points on 15-for-25 shooting with 11 rebounds while eclipsing 20 points for the first time in the series. In his previous three games, he had scored a total of 50 points.

“Before I came into the game I was confident,” James said. “I was playing as hard as I could until the tank was empty. I was keeping my foot on the gas.”

James was dominant on both ends, but in many ways the night belonged to Wade, the two-time champion who had been limited due to chronic knee problems. Wade looked to be the picture of health on Thursday, with a lively, athletic, throwback performance: 32 points, six rebounds, four assists and six steals.

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# Elections and Boundaries Department

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Major Works in the Capital

Following two rounds of eliminations countrywide, 12 finalists participated in the exciting grand finale of the 2013 Coca-Cola National Spelling. The competition, which began in February with the participation of 271 primary schools, culminated on June 7 at the UB Sports and Recreation Center in Belmopan.

A tie for the first and second place spots emerged at the end of the first eliminating reserve list round; the contest rules then allowed for the spell-off for third place to proceed, and it was "fyl-fot" and "nappe." She received a $1,500 educational prize from Bowen & Bowen Ltd., parent company of Coca-Cola in Belize, and a tuition and book grant for one year from the Ministry of Education.

It was then back to the spell-off for the top two slots. These went to, for first place, national champion Eriean Jang of Sacred Heart R.C in Stann Creek, with her winning word "baldachin." Second place was captured by Britney Rosalez of Caledonia R.C, who fell with the word "schuss" after getting "phalanx" correct. Both first and second place winners received fully loaded Laptop computers from Bowen & Bowen Ltd., who also awarded a computer and printer to the winning school.

The Ministry provided a four-year tuition and book grant to Eriean Jang for her first place win, while Britney Rosalez received a two-year tuition and book grant. Caledonia R.C also captured first place in the onsite banner competition, winning five cases of Coca-Cola products for the school, as well as a trophy and certificate.

For the 19th consecutive year, Bowen & Bowen Ltd., parent company of Coca-Cola in Belize, and the Ministry of Education hosted this educational competition. CEO and President of Bowen & Bowen Ltd., Michael Bowen, said in his welcome remarks that the stepped up level of the competition is a reflection of the expertise at the Ministry, with a key strategy of top spellers being their ability to incorporate knowledge of word origins into word attack skills. The 2013 theme for the Coca-Cola National Spelling Bee was “Keep Smiling and Spelling Belize.”
Belmopan Kids and Youth Cup 2013
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Playoff Results for Weekend - June 1 & 2

Saturday 01/06/2013
Isidoro Beaton Stadium
Championship Result
Belmopan City Council Kids Cup 2013
2:00 pm Manchester United - San Martin = 00 vs
Manchester City - Armenia = 01
Hector Garcia - 28 min

4:00 pm Real Madrid - Mountain View = 00 vs
Barcelona - Site 7 = 00

Belmopan City Council Kids cup 2013
Manchester City - Armenia Secure 3rd Place

Sunday 02/06/2013 -
Isidoro Beaton stadium
Championship Result
Belmopan City Council Youth Cup 2013

**2:00 pm Celtic - Las Flores = 01 vs
Manchester United - San Martin = 06
Jairo Lopez
Jorge Hidalgo 2 min
Jamal Tejeda 20, 44 & 60 mins
Brian Castellanos 55 & 70 mins

4:00 pm Barcelona - Site7 vs Valencia - YWAM Roaring Creek
Noah Moro 25 min
Eddy Valencia 40 min

** Belmopan City Council Youth cup 2013
Manchester United - San Martin Secure 3rd Place

Sunday 08/06/2013
Isidoro Beaton Stadium

Belmopan City Council Kids All-star Games

Belmopan City Council Youth All-star
Championship Match
Belmopan City Council Kids and Youth Cup 2013
2:00 pm Barcelona - Site7 vs Real Madrid - Mountain View
Kids Cup 2013
4:00 pm Valencia - YWAM Roaring Creek vs Barcelona - Site7
Youth Cup 2013

Followed by Entertainment, ceremony and Individual awards

(Information and Photos Provided by Peter Alvarez
Chairman, Belmopan Football League)

Brian Castellanos, Jamal Tejeda & Jorge Hidalgo Manchester United - San Martin Youth Cup

Jairo Lopez
Celtic - Las Flores Youth Cup

Noah Moro
Barcelona - Site 7 - Youth Cup

Hector Garcia, Manchester City Armenia - Kids Cup

Eddy Valencia of Valencia
YWAM - Roaring Creek
Elections and Boundaries Commission  
**Belize, 3rd June 2013**

**DISSOLUTION OF VILLAGE COUNCILS**

WHEREAS, Section 10 (1) of the Village Councils Act Chapter 88 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000-2003, provides that the Elections and Boundaries Commission shall, at least seven days before any general election of members of the council becomes due under the provisions of this Act or any regulations made thereunder, dissolve that council, by Order published in the Gazette and on the radio;

AND WHEREAS, the general election of members of the Village Councils set out in the Schedule hereto becomes due on **the 16th June, 2013**;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the aforesaid section 10 (1) of the Village Councils Act, the Elections and Boundaries Commission hereby dissolves the Village Councils set out in the Schedule hereto with effect from **9th June 2013**.

As from the said **9th June 2013**, the following provisions shall apply in accordance with Section 11 of the said Act:-

(a) All the powers, duties and liabilities of the outgoing Council shall, until the constitution of a new Council, be exercised, performed and discharged by the persons who held the posts of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Council immediately before the dissolution; and

(b) All property belonging to or vested in or in the occupation of the Council shall, during the period aforesaid, vest in and be in the occupation, control and management of the persons indicated in paragraph (a) above.

DATED this 3rd June 2013

SIGNED: (BERNARD Q. PITTS)
CHAIRMAN

ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

**SCHEDULE**

VILLAGE COUNCILS DISSOLVED WITH EFFECT FROM 9th June 2013

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ELECTIONS & BOUNDARIES DEPARTMENT

Public Notice

The Elections and Boundaries Commission, in accordance with Part II, Sections 6 and Part VI, Section 35 of the Village Councils Act, Chapter 88 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2003, hereby release the official schedule for Village/Community Council Elections 2013

In all villages nomination opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 10:00 a.m.

No asterisks denote Poll closes at 1:00 p.m. * Denote Poll closes at 3:00 p.m. ** Denote Poll closes at 5:00 p.m

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The Grand Finale!
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Saturday 08/06/2013 - Isidoro Beaton Stadium
Belmopan City Council Kids and Youth Cup

All-Star Games
Belmopan City Council Kids All-stars = 04
vs Orange Walks Kids All-stars = 00
Tahj Reid - 7 min
Dalton Moreira - 17 min
Darrel Matute - 30 min
Tyzae Carr - 33 min

Belmopan City Council Youth All-stars = 04 vs Orange Walk Youth All-stars = 00
Noah Moro 28 min
Jairo Lopez 33 & 63 mins
Tarique Humes 69 min

Belmopan Football League want to extend their thanks to La Immaculada R.C. School and Mr. Carlos Umana for accepting our invitation to participate in this year all-star games for the Belmopan City Council Kids and Youth Cup

Sunday 09/06/2013  Isidoro Beaton Stadium
Belmopan City Council Kids and Youth Cup 2013

Championship Match
Barcelona - Site 7 = 02 vs Real Madrid - Mountain View 01 => Kids Cup 2013
Penalty shootout
Ainsleigh Perez - missed
Steven Gentle - score
Jalen Budna - missed
Wilfredo Galvez - missed
Jovaunn Ramos - missed
*Jahlin Pelayo - missed
*Devin Nunez- score
Tahj Reid - missed
Kendale Nunez - missed
Jaheim Requena - missed
Ahmaud Sanchez - score
Antonio Montoya - missed
*Collin Gentle - missed
*Kelvin Gordon - missed

Belmopan City Council Kids Cup Champions 2013
(Individual Awards)
Barcelona -site7 - Back to back Champion 2013
Devin Nunez  Best goal Keeper Barcelona-Site7
Real Madrid -Mountain view - Sub Champion 2013
Tyzae Carr Most Goals Barcelona-Site7
The Grand Finale!
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Manchester City - Armenia 3rd Place 2013
Ainsleigh Perez MVP  Barcelona-Site7
Valencia - YWAM Roaring Creek - 00  vs  Barcelona - Site7 - 01
Youth Cup 2013
Roji Solorzano 29 min

Belmopan City Council Youth Cup Champions 2013
(Individual Awards)
Barcelona-site7 - Champion 2013
Cesar Gonzalez Best Goal Valencia -YWAM Roaring Creek
Valencia-YWAM Roaring Creek - Sub-Champion 2013
Naim Wilson  Most Goal Valencia - YWAM Roaring Creek
Manchester United -San Martin - 3rd place 2013
Roji Solorzano MVP Barcelona -Site7

The Belmopan Football League Executive would like to take this opportunity to
take this opportunity to express their sincere gratitude to the 24 dedicated coaches, parents, players and the
many fans of this year's Belmopan City Council kids and youth cup 2013.
Your participation have made this year’s tournament a successful one and
we would also want to extend special thanks to our Mayor Mr. Simeon Lopez,
Councillor  Mr. Amilcar Umana, Ms Tricia Pelayo, The Belmopan City Council,
The Belmopan Red Cross and the various media houses for the continued support
they have shown for the sport we love. Your continued support is
integral for the continued success of this endeavor.

Thanks
Peter Alvarez
Chairman
Belmopan Football League
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