

Sunday, January 31, 2016

Man Hit With A Gun Onboard Bus

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, January 27, 2016:

Unofficial reports surfaced yesterday that claiming a man was shot whilst on board a Westline Bus in Esperanza Village.

Some clarity was gained however when San Ignacio police reported that at around 2:30 p.m., they responded to the call of a shooting incident and saw leaning against a seat in the bus, in an unconscious state and had a small cut wound to the upper right side

of his head.

Thomas'wife, reportedly informed police that before leaving the bus terminal in San Ignacio, her husband had an altercation with a man when he went to buy water. She informed that Thomas then boarded the bus, and as far as she could tell the altercation went no further, that is, until the other man entered the bus through the back door when it came to a stop, walked toward Thomas and hit him in the head with the firearm.

It is reported that after hitting Thomas, the other man said, "talk sick now, talk sick now", then fled through the back door of the

Thomas was then transported to the San Ignacio Hospital.

San Ignacio Police inform that they currently have a Belize Defense Force (BDF) officer and a second person detained for questioning regarding the incident. Thomas is said to be in a stable condition.



Conrad Thomas

Nolbert "Nally" Guzman Passes

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, January 28, 2016:

We record the passing of Nolbert "Nyally" Guzman which occured on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in Belize City.

Nolberto, a resident of Santa Elena Town, was reported involved in an altercation at with another inmate at the Hattieville Prison, an altercation which ultimately resulted in Nolbert losing his life.

We extend heartfelt condolences to his mother Loraine and the rest of the family.

We at the **STAR** will always remember Nolberto as being extremely caring and helpful when we were in our time of need.



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Only Person of Interest In American Producer's Murder Is Long Gone

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, January 28, 2016:

Police continues investigating the violent murder of Anne Elizabeth McComb Swaney, news producer from Rockwell Chicago, Illinois. Unfortunately, they will have to do so without access to the only person they have identified so far as a person of interest.

24-year-old Guatemalan Victor Manuel Franco Menjivar, who was found in the general area where Swasey went missing was reportedly sentenced to serve a six month imprisonment sentence after he pleaded guilty to illegal entry into Belize. However, reliable information tells us that he's not in jail. Instead, he was released after he paid a fine of one thousand dollars plus five dollars cost of court fee. In default, he would have spent six months in jail but since he paid the fine, he was taken to the western border and released into Guatemala.

Officers of the Federal Bureau of



Anne Elizabeth McComb Swaney

Investigations are in Cayo to assist officers of the Belize Police Department in their investigation of Swaney's murder. Officers of the police department are not too happy with immigration authorities who released the Guatemalan national. However, immigration officers had no grounds to hold unto him after he paid the fine imposed by the court. Therefore, the only reported person of interest in the Swaney

murder is back home in Guatemala and there is no legitimate expectation of ever seeing him again in Belize.

Swasey was vacationing in Belize, staying at the Nabitunich Resort near San Jose Succotz Village in the Cayo District, when she was reported missing on Thursday, January 14. Her

lifeless body was found in the Mopan River one day later with clear signs of foul play. Officers reported that there were "injuries to the head and what appears to be bruise marks around the neck". A post mortem examination determined that the cause of death was asphyxia due to compression of the neck area, throttling (manual strangulation) and blunt force traumatic injuries to the head and neck region. Swaney was attacked and suffered an extremely violent death.

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New Schools To Be Built In San ignacio and Santa Elena

BELIZE CITY, Wednesday, January 27, 2016:

The Ministry of Education launched Phase 2 of the Belize Education Sector Reform Project on Wednesday, January 27, and key officials are now meeting with relevant stakeholders to review the implementation strategy of that reform project. The project has three main objectives: improving governance in the education sector with emphasis on improved student achievement; increasing access and equity at all levels of education and; enhancing quality and relevance throughout the education system.

A highlight of phase two is the execution of plans to increasing access to education across the country. The Government of Belize has entered into a loan agreement with the Caribbean Development Bank for the construction of 35 new school buildings across the country. The loan is for a total of US\$35 million and was approved by the House of Representatives on Wednesday, September 2, 2015. Hon. Patrick Faber, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, explained that the Ministry has looked at communities across the country where the population has grown significantly to determine necessary locations for new schools. There will be 22 new schools for early childhood education (preschools). These schools will be built in Valley of Peace, Buena Vista, Billy White, Duck Run, St. Margaret's, San Pablo (O.W.), San Jose (O.W.), Douglas, San Juan (O.W.), San Antonio (O.W.), Santa Cruz (O.W.), Trial Farm, Cowpen, Caye Caulker, Belmopan, Bella Vista, San Ignacio, Santa Elena, Independence, Pomona, Punta Gorda, San Pedro, Corozal Town and Dangriga. There will also be five new 8-classroom buildings for primary schools; including one in the Gungulung area of Lake Independence, and eight for secondary schools. In total, 5,300 extra spaces for students will becreated in 148 new classrooms.

In reaching the main objectives, Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Education, **David Leacock**, explained that with the focus on improving governance, there will be the implementation of accountability systems to strengthen leadership in schools and throughout the education sector. There will also be continued investment in human resource development as well as the strengthening of management and evaluation systems. The effort to improve governance has already seen



the passing of amendments to the Education and Training Act. Such amendments strengthen the accountability system of the education sector by transferring power from the executive to stakeholders as seen in the Teaching Services Commission.

In an effort to increase access

and equity there will be the implementation of a countrywide school mapping system and location plan. This will help the Ministry to identify areas of the country where schools need to be built and where others need to be amalgamated in an effort to maximize on government's resources. The \$300 high school

subsidy is one way in which government has already begun to invest in making education more accessible. In an effort to tackle the high rate of poverty in Stann Creek and Toledo, the Government has guaranteed the subsidy to all students upon graduation from primary school.

The Ministry will enhance quality and relevance throughout the education system by rationalizing and diversifying the secondary curriculum. There will be greater integration of technical and vocational courses in schools across the country. The project will also see the development of a national strategy for the integration of Information and Computer Technology in the education system. Leacock also stressed the importance of the development of national qualifications framework, which features multiple pathways to success rather than our traditional system, which focus solely on success in academics. Greater emphasis will be placed on strategies for the acquisition of a second language based on the diverse society that is Belize.

The Belize Education Sector Reform Project has been financed through a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank.



Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20

Ego can disrupt relations with colleagues and employees. Romantic encounters monopolize your time! Get involved in more creative output, you will win the admiration of your boss and colleagues. Lucky numbers: 14, 43, 65.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21

Your meticulous attention to detail pays off today. In romance, stop playing under-dog. Disorganisation or lack of information could frustrate you. Lucky numbers: 62, 85, 94.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21

Female associates/ colleagues/ authority figures could pose problems. Avoid compromising situations at work. Checking into a relaxation resort could give unexpected results! Your partner inspires you. Lucky numbers: 13, 22, 38.

CANCER June 21 to July 21

A trip abroad or even a foreign junket becomes possible. Passions escalate – so keep your cool and avoid angry outbursts. You may go back on a nostalgic trip or an old flame flickers back into your life. Lucky numbers: 02, 31, 52.

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

Be diplomatic when dealing with in-laws. Court decisions may not be favourable today. Home, domestic arrangements and family relationships bog you down, unless you are ready to make changes. Lucky numbers: 17, 27, 77.

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

Sudden romantic encounters could lead to serious repercussions. Try not to over-exert and compromise on your health. Stretch the truth, and you may get blamed for something you didn't do. Today is not the day to try to comer people by giving them ultimatums.Lucky numbers: 08, 46,

82.

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

Confrontations, not always hostile occur. A time to negotiate contracts. A fresh view of an old financial problem can help you sort out your financial tangles. Dramatic actions tonight can change your life.Lucky numbers: 34, 55, 87.

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

A sudden burst of energy could invoke unnecessary confrontations at work Partnerships will prosper and bring luck. Hassles with your boss are sure to erupt if you speak your mind. Be tolerant, but don't let any one take you for granted. Lucky numbers: 24, 57, 98.

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

Partnerships will prosper and bring luck Your self-confidence is in top gear as romance blooms today. Your love life has been slow, it is time to make a move and state your needs. Lucky numbers: 05, 36, 84.

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

Not a good time for investments. A younger sibling could cause worry. Love life perks up. The day could reveal important information about socalled friends. Get rid of what and who is no longer working in your life..Lucky numbers: 18, 48, 92.

AQUARIUS:

January 20 to February 18

Important faces are around today who can help you make the most of current situations. Capitalise on your love-life which seems to be on a high. A big shift in career plans likely. **Lucky** numbers: 07, 50, 81.

PISCES:

February 20 to March 21

Unexpected expenses could crop up. . A promotion or gain long overdue will materialize. Your relationships start to improve, so you should no longer feel anxious about being confronted by certain people. Lucky numbers: 06, 16, 25.



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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE



The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby serves NOTICE this day, January 26, 2016, that, in accordance with the Electricity (Tariffs, Fees and Charges) Byelaws (Statutory Instrument 145 of 2005, as amended by S.I. 116 of 2009), the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) made its submission for a Full Tariff Review Proceeding (FTRP) for the determination of Regulated Values, Mean Electricity Rate, Tariffs, Fees and Charges to be approved for the Full Tariff Period (FTP), which runs from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020.

Summary of Issues:

The submission by BEL includes proposals for the following:

- a) Total Investments over the FTP of some \$192.2 million;
- b) Total Operational Expenditure over the FTP of some \$134.2 million;
- c) Total Cost of Power purchased and generated over the FTP of some \$561.1 million;
- d) Total Electricity Sales over the FTP of some \$901.5 million;
- e) An increase in the Mean Electricity Rate from the current rate of \$0.3500 per kWHr to \$0.3900 per kWHr, along with associated increases in Tariffs for the various Customer Classes;
- f) Approval of other Regulated Values, Fees and Charges.

The Process:

- a) The PUC will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday February 9, 2016, at the Belize Biltmore Plaza in Belize City at 6:30 PM, at which the Licensee and interested parties may participate.
- b) Interested parties may submit written comments on the Licensee's submission by February 21, 2016.
- c) The PUC will issue an Initial Decision no earlier than February 22, 2016, and no later than March 7, 2016.
- d) BEL and interested parties who represent 10% of the annual amount of electricity supplied within the previous calendar year may submit written comments and objections on the Initial Decision within fifteen (15) days of its issuance.
- e) Where there is no objection, the PUC will deliver a Final Decision adopting its Initial Decision.
- f) Where there is objection, the PUC will appoint an Independent Expert to review the Initial Decision no earlier than sixteen (16) days and no later than thirty (30) days after the issuance of the Initial Decision.
- g) The Independent Expert will issue a written report within thirty (30) days of his appointment.
- h) The Licensee and interested parties who represent 10% of the annual amount of electricity supplied within the previous calendar year may submit written comments on the report within twenty (20) days of its issuance.
- i) Where the comments challenge the conclusions of the report, the PUC shall within fifteen (15) days afford the licensee and other interested parties an opportunity to be heard.
- j) The PUC will deliver a Final Decision no later than fifty (50) days of the issuance of the Independent Expert's report.

Comments:

- a) Comments in writing may be sent to the Public Utilities Commission, P.O. Box 300, 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City; or by email to info@puc.bz.
- b) Comments/information filed with the PUC on the Initial Decision shall be accompanied by a sworn affidavit on statements or information purported to be factual.
- c) BEL and interested parties may request confidential treatment for any commercially sensitive information submitted to the PUC in accordance with the Byelaws.

Delivery of Final Decision:

The PUC may deliver its Final Decision as early as March 9, 2016, or as late as July 10, 2016.

Notes:

- a) Throughout the FTRP, the PUC and BEL shall maintain an updated Schedule of Events which is to be made available to the public.
- b) The Schedules and Tariffs approved by the PUC shall become effective on July 1, 2016, regardless of the date on which the PUC's Final Decision is issued.

Public Access to Information:

Members of the public may obtain up-to-date information on the schedule of the FTRP at the offices of BEL and the PUC. BEL's Submission is available at BEL's headquarters, located at 2 1/2 Miles Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, and at its Branch Offices countrywide, and may also be viewed at the office of the Public Utilities Commission, 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City and at our website at *www.puc.bz*.

Liquor License Notices

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **CATHERINE AUGUST** is applying for a MALT & CIDER liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Cenaida's Belizean Food located on West Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **FIDELO MONTES** is applying for a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Camp 6 located in the Savannah Area, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **KEVIN REYES** is applying for a MALT & CIDER liquor license for the year 2016 to operate **K & J Pool** located in Esperanza Village, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, MAGALIAREVALO is applying for a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Magali Beer Parlour located in Bullet Tree Village, Cayo Disctrict

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, MARGUERITE BEVIS is applying for a **RESTAURANT** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Mountain Equestrian Trails located at Mile 8, Mountain Pine Ridge Road, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, MARTY THOINE applying for a MALT & CIDER liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Rawspa Lodge located in Bullet Tree Village, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **ROBERT/ROENI WENSENK** is applying for a **RESTAURANT** & **BAR** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Inn The Bush located Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **VIOLETA ITZA** is applying for a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Xunan Bar located on Church Street, Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, RICHARD DEASPONTE is applying for a PUBLICAN **SPECIAL** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Mahogany Hall **Resort** located in Bullet Tree Village, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **ALBERTHA WESTBY** is applying for a MALT & CIDER liquor license for the year 2016 to operate A & JBar located in Unitedville Village, Cayo Disctrict

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000. JOSEFA ISAIAS MORA is applying for a MALT & CIDER liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Comida Belicena & Latina located on George Price Highway, Santa Elena Town, Cayo District

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **ELEJIO COH** is applying for a **RESTAURANT** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate Table Rock located in Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, MICK FLEMMING is applying for a PUBLICAN **SPECIAL** liquor license for the year 2016 to operate **Guava Limb Cafe** located at 77 Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District



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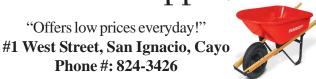
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Knitting Blonde

A highway patrolman pulled up alongside a speeding car on the freeway. As the officer peered through the driver's window, he was astounded to find that the blonde behind the wheel was

knitting.

The trooper cranked down his window and yelled to the driver, "Pull over!" at the top of his lungs. "No!" the blonde yelled back, "Scarf!"

Sweet Revenge

There once was an old couple who had been married for thirty years.

Every morning the old boy would wake up and give off an enormous fart, much to his long suffering wife's annoyance.

"You'll fart your guts out one of these days," she always complained.

After a particularly bad week the wife decided to have her revenge and got up early, placing some turkey giblets in the bed next to the old boy's arse.

While making breakfast downstairs she heard his usual morning fart reverberate through the floorboards followed by a scream.

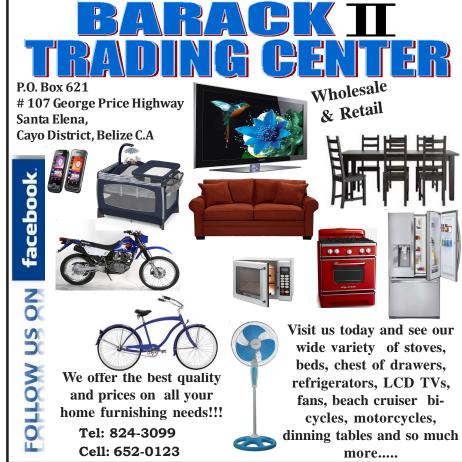
Twenty minutes later a rather shaken man came downstairs.

"You was right all along Missus," the old man says, "I finally did fart my guts out, but by the grace of God, and these two fingers, I managed to push 'em back in!"

My Horse Sheila

One night a man was was relaxing watching TV when out of the kitchen comes his wife with a pan --BOOF!-- "a who nayme Shiela?" asked the wife, "disya paypa eena yuh pocket wid di nayme Shiela pon it, who is she?". The man rubbing his headback said "me and Richie we bet pan, a wah duh yuh?!!". So the wife apologized, kissed his headback, and went back to her chores. Fifteen minutes later the wife storms out of the kitchen again --BOOF!! BAM!!-- "A WHA DUH YUH?!!" shouted the husband, and the wife shouts

back "YUH HORSE DEH PON DI PHONE!!".







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Consultancy: <u>Development of an Advanced Archaeology Tour Guide</u> <u>Training Manual for Belize</u>

BACKGROUND

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The Belize Tourism Board (BTB) is currently in the process of redesigning and updating its current Tour Guide Training Program. Advances in Belize's tourism sector has necessitated the development of areas of specializations such as Archaeology. These advances also require the introduction of continual training programs in this areas to ensure tour guides are well versed in the area of specialization. In this context, the Belize Tourism Board is seeking to contract the services of a Consultant to draft and publish, in conjunction with the BTB, an Advance Archaeology Tour Guide Manual to be used as the primary training text forspecialized training for tour guides.

OBJECTIVE

The development of an Advance Archaeology Tour Guide Training Manual which should encompass all archaeological sites within the country, relevant and current data, and any necessary information for an Advance Archaeology tour guide to possess.

QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

The prospective Consultant should possessthe following minimum qualifications –

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- 2. A Master's Degree in any of the following areas –
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- b. Archaeology,
- c. Cultural anthropology,
- d. Biological anthropology
- e. Sustainable Tourism Practices,
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- 3. Has been published at least once.
- 4. Intimate knowledge of relevant regional archaeological sites.
- 5. Participated in training in archaeological field and laboratory techniques.
- 6. A general understanding of the social, cultural and economic environment of Belize.

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Mrs. Shola Babb Belize Tourism Board Corner Regent and South Street P.O. Box 325 Belize City, Belize

Deadline for submission of applications is Friday February 19th, 2016 by 12:00 noon.

Please direct all queries to Mrs. Shola Babb at training@travelbelize.org

San Pedro Tiger Sharks And 2 Belize City Teams Are The Only Undefeated Teams In NEBL Season

BY: Karim Juan, Commissioner SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Sunday, January 24, 2016:

Smart Belize Hurricanes Dampened Western Ballaz Trip To The City

On Friday night, Smart Belize Hurricanes (2-0) hosted Winston Pratt and Cayo Western Ballaz (1-1) at the Belize Elementary School gym in Belize City for another showdown of two of the top teams in the league. The game was extremely intense with great fan turnout, as both sides were able to respond to their opponent's offensive output. The home team had a three-point lead going into the fourth quarter, but they were able to extend the lead and seal the 96-87 victory down the stretch. Smart Belize Hurricanes was led by Brian White who had a huge double-double, with 21 points and the game high 18 rebounds. Sharp shooter Jacob Leslie finished the night with 20 points, behind 4 three-pointers and Darwin "Puppy" Leslie tallied 18 points with 5 assists and 3 rebounds. Cayo Western Ballaz was led by Winston Pratt who had the game high with 29 points, 6 steals, 5 rebounds and 3 assists, including 4 three-point makes. Brandon Flowers had 18 points and

7 boards, while Elvis Usher scored 12 points to go with 5 assists and 4 steals and Jamal Harris scored 10 points and grabbed 9 rebounds. Smart Hurricanes dominated the paint, outscoring Cayo Western Ballaz 50-30, while also out-rebounding Ballaz 51-37. The game had 18 lead changes and 11 ties, while Smart Hurricanes also led in second chance points, 21-7, and also in fast-break points, 18-4.

New Franchise, Independence Thunderbolts, Held Their Own Against Belize City No Limit, Falling Short by Only One Point

Belize City No Limit (2-0) traveled down south to take on Independence Thunderbolts (0-2) at the Independence High School Auditorium on Saturday night. What many anticipated to be an easy game for the visiting squad, turned out to be a dog fight at the Independence High School auditorium, as the home game gave an impressive showing, falling short 74-73. Belize City No Limit was led by last year's leading scorer, Gregory "Chippy" Rudon who tallied 19 points, 7 assists, 5 steals and 3 rebounds. Earl "Bolo" Johnson finished the night with 15 points and 6 boards, while Lennox Bowman

scored 12 points to go with 4 assists, 4 rebounds and 3 steals and Brandon Rogers sank 10 points in the win. Independence Thunderbolts' leading scorer was Hyram Augustine who had the game high 23 points, off the bench, to go with 7 caroms and 6 steals. Alroy Foreman tallied 14 points, 9 boards and 3 steals while Zane Burgess finished the game with a double-double of 12 points and the game high 16 rebounds. Belize City No Limit dominated the paint, outscoring Independence 48-32 while out-rebounding them 48-39. Belize City No Limit also had the edge on fast break points, 28-18, but Independence Thunderbolts' bench outscored Belize City No Limit 42-

Defending Champs Still Undefeated On The Island; Bandits Could Not Steal The Game

On Sunday afternoon, San Pedro Tiger Sharks (1-0) had their season debut out on the island at the San Pedro High School. The defending champions, San Pedro Tiger Sharks remained undefeated on their home court, as they handed Belmopan Bandits (0-2) their second consecutive loss of the season. Belmopan Bandits had a 56-48 lead with less than five minutes remaining, but were unable to close off the game, where San Pedro was more poised down the stretch, to grab the 61-60 victory. San Pedro Tiger Sharks was led by Ashton Edwards who scored 14 points to go with 4 rebounds. New comer, Gene Myvett, finished the game with a double-double, tallying 11 points, 10 rebounds and 4 steals, while their foreign player, Caleb Sutton, netted 10 points and grabbed 6 boards. American player, Nick Brown, had the game high for Belmopan Bandits with 21 points, while grabbing 7 rebounds and Rhetton Belisle finished with 13 points

and 3 boards. Geovanie Lennan tallied 11 points and 7 rebounds and Kurt "Chengo" Burgess finished with the game high 14 rebounds and 8 points. San Pedro Tiger Sharks scored 21 points off turnovers, compared to 7 for Belmopan Bandits. Belmopan Bandits outrebounded the defending champs, 56-48, but San Pedro outscored them in the paint, 30-24.

Upcoming Games

On Friday night, San Pedro Tiger Sharks will travel far west to take on their rivals, Cayo Western Ballaz, at the Sacred Heart College auditorium in San Ignacio Town at 9 p.m. This surely promises to be another showdown match of the season, as these two teams have met in the finals for the past two seasons. To add to the drama, Milton James moved from San Pedro and is now rolling with Ballaz this season. Also on Friday night, Belize City No Limit will travel up north to take on the Orange Walk Running Rebels at the Orange Walk Multi Purpose Complex at 9 p.m. Belize City No Limit will attempt to push their winning streak to three games, while Orange Walk will be playing their first game of the season. On Saturday night, Belmopan Bandits will host Dangriga Warriors at the UB gymnasium in Belmopan at 8 p.m. Both teams will be trying to record their first win of the season. The last game of the weekend will see Smart Belize Hurricanes hosting Independence Thunderbolts at the Belize Elementary School gym in Belize City on Saturday night, at 9 p.m. Smart Belize Hurricanes will try to remain undefeated in this season, while Independence Thunderbolts will make their third try to secure their first victory in their young franchise history. All games can be followed live on our website at nebl.sportingpulse.net, with real time box scores while the game is being played. The website also has all game scores, box scores, players and teams' statistics, along with standings for the season.





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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consultancy: Revision and Development of an Advanced Marine Tour Guide <u>Training Manual for Belize</u>

BACKGROUND

The National Sustainable Tourism Master Plan implemented October 2012 was designed to be the blue print for the sustainable development of Belize's Tourism Industry to 2030. The Sustainability and Quality Assurance Macro Program in the NSTMP is comprised of programs directed at raising the quality standards of the tourism service offering in order to reach international market demand standards and assure sustainable development of tourism economic resources.

The Belize Tourism Board (BTB) is currently in the process of redesigning and updating its current Tour Guide Training Program. Advances in Belize's tourism sector has necessitated the development of areas of specializations such as Marine. These advances also require the introduction of continual training programs in this areas to ensure tour guides are well versed in the area of specialization. In this context, the Belize Tourism Board is seeking to contract the services of a Consultant to draft and publish, in conjunction with the BTB, an Advance Marine Tour Guide Manual to be used as the primary training text for specialized training for tour guides.

OBJECTIVE

The assessment of the existing Advance marine tour guide training manual identifying the gaps and needs of the current manual against regional and international manuals, and the further development of the manual to ensure that it encompasses all relevant and current data, necessary for an advance marine guide.

QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

The prospective Consultant should possess the following minimum qualifications –

- 1. At minimum ten years marine related experience.
- 2. A Master's degree in any of the following areas
 - a. Biology,
 - b. Chemistry,
 - c. Ecology,
 - d. Tourism Development,
 - e. Sustainable Tourism Practices,
 - f. Teaching.
- 3. Has been published at least once.
- 4. Intimate knowledge and understanding of relevant regional and international marine activities, policies and legislations.
- 5. A general understanding of the social, cultural and economic environment of Belize.

The detailed Terms of Reference can be requested from:

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Deadline for submission of applications is Friday February 19th, 2016 by 12:00 noon.

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