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UDP Launches Team San Pedro



There was a warm reception for the UDP team

The United Democratic Party officially launched the candidates that will represent the party in the upcoming Municipal Elections on Saturday, January 23 on the island of San Pedro. With the support of the Party Leader, Hon. Dr. Shyne Barrow and UDP powerhouses on the island: Manuel Junior Heredia, Elsa Paz, Daniel Guerrero as

well as the Deputy Party Leader, Hon. Hugo Patt and Hon. Tracy Pantón, the party was reanimated on the island.

Representing the UDP is Wilfredo Alamilla who has taken up the challenge to be the next mayor of San Pedro. Alongside him are councilor candidates, Yakarelis Hernandez, Abner Diaz, Byron Duarte, Ana Lilia



UDP slate

Rodriguez, Gabriel Zetina and Gian Rivero.

Despite attempts by the PUP who tried to create problems at the endorsement by sending their supporters wearing t-shirts of the opponent and going to the extent of turning off the lights in the stadium while the event

was ongoing, the reception was nonetheless heartwarming.

There were rousing addresses by all party officials who assured those in attendance that the UDP will return to the helm of the municipality to once again usher in better services to the islanders.

Holy Redeemer Student Tests Positive For Meningitis



Holy Redeemer School
144 North Front Street
Belize City, Belize
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January 31, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,
The administration was informed this morning that a student of Infant 1 Nicasio tested positive for Meningitis.

The student was present at school on Monday, January 29, 2024 (morning session). Therefore, the class of Infant 1 Nicasio was asked to remain at home today as a means of precaution. You are advised to monitor your child closely and seek medical care if your child begins to exhibit the following symptoms:

- > intensive headache
- > nausea and vomiting
- > stiff neck
- > rash
- > diarrhea
- > fever

At school, we ensure that all health protocols are followed by all students and teachers. The restrooms and the classrooms are properly sanitized every day.

Let us continue to follow all the public health and school protocols to keep ourselves and our families safe.

Respectfully,

Ms. Leticia Waight
Principal

Letter from Holy Redeemer School

Parents, teachers and the administration of Holy Redeemer Primary School in Belize City are on high alert after the school reported that one of the children

attending the institution tested positive for meningitis.

In a note to parents, the lower division principal writes in a letter dated January 31,

that, "The administration was informed this morning that a student of Infant 1 Nicasio tested positive for Meningitis." The letter continues, "The student was present at school on Monday, January 29, 2024 (morning session). Therefore the class of Infant 1 Nicasio was asked to remain at home today as a means of precaution."

While the school says that the child tested positive for Meningitis, a release from the Ministry of Health states otherwise. It says that it is investigating a potential case of meningitis. A late release on Wednesday, January 31 states that "The Ministry of Health & Wellness, through its surveillance system, was alerted to a potential case of meningitis in a six-year-old resident of Belize City. Preliminary laboratory results suggest that it is not bacterial meningitis, and that the child is currently in good health.

In response, the ministry is carrying out an investigation, conducting further tests and implementing recommended measures in schools and among individuals who had contact with the child. The Central Health Region team is leading the implementation of the preventive measures."

Meningitis is a bacterial or viral infection that causes swelling of the protective membrane of the

brain and spinal cord it can cause death. On December 8, 9-year-old Jayce Brown a student of United Evergreen Primary School in Belmopan died from the disease after being admitted to hospital for 3 days.

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Another Briceno Drug Plane Scandal?



The Gulfstream plane with its cargo back in February 2020

Another Briceno is caught up in scandal for Belize's involvement in alleged narcotics trafficking. This time it is the Prime Minister of Belize who is under the microscope for the sale of a plane that was approved and ended up back under the control of drug cartels.

The plane is a Gulfstream G2 Jet that was seized by Belizean authorities in February of 2020 and shot down over Venezuelan airspace on January 25, 2024. Belizeans are very familiar with the aircraft because it was captured near the Coastal Highway with over 70 bales of cocaine, the largest bust in Belize's history. The plane was pretty much intact and flight ready.

Shortly after being elected the government, the Briceno administration moved to sell planes that were seized by law enforcement during the Barrow administration. This move raised eyebrows locally and internationally because of the likelihood that the very cartels would orchestrate a way to regain control of the valuable aircraft. Despite criticisms, Briceno approved the sales.

What makes the sale even more suspicious is that it never went to open auction. And

according to credible sources, at least one interested buyer was offering more than what the planes were sold for. Three planes were sold to a Mexican from the Conzumel area. The Gulfstream G2 Jet that is now making news left Belize only eleven (11) days before it was shot down by Venezuelan authorities.

According to Venezuelan officials, the unauthorized flight originated from Mexico and is believed to have been transporting drugs and other illicit cargo.

The United Democratic Party is now calling for a Commission of Inquiry into the sale of the planes. In a release the party states, "This matter requires urgent and serious attention as the country's very reputation is at stake. Our international allies, who had already objected to the sale of confiscated narco planes by this administration are now concerned that high ranking officials in government were instrumental in the return of a seized aircraft to the cartel.

"A Commission of Inquiry must be convened to answer important questions of national security concern. Why did government opted to sell the aircraft rather than add it to our military's air wing? What



The plane was destroyed 11 days after leaving Belize

was the process used to sell the aircraft? Who were the interested buyers? What were the offers for the plane? Who purchased the aircraft? What background search

was conducted on interested buyers and source of funds?"


Prime Minister Briceno has not comment on the issue as yet, a full week later.



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The email subject should include the bid number located on the respective bid form.

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Woman was Stabbed to Death



Margaret Cleland

Police are no closer to solving the murder of 30-year-old Margaret Cleland whose body was found on the side of a road in the village of willows bank on Tuesday, January 19. They had originally detained Cleland's husband but he has since been released without charges. As the investigations proceed however, police have concluded that Cleland had died as a result of being stabbed multiple times. A post mortem result confirmed that

she had bled to death.

Cleland's common-law husband had reported to police that he had arrived at home on the day of the murder to find blood in various locations in and out of the house. He told police that he had found his toddler son in a pool of water in the yard. Nearby there were various places where blood could be seen. He elicited the help of neighbors and later found his wife on the side of the road not far from her home.

Baby Chokes To Death On Pill



Shawn Armstrong III

A routine administration of a de-worming pill to a toddler caused the baby's death. Health and police authorities are investigating the circumstances under which 1 year old Shawn Armstrong III died after being given a pill. The child's father, Shawn Armstrong II, told media outlets that on Friday, January 22 he helped his girlfriend, Sarina Welcome, to give a de-worming pill to his son. He says that he held the baby while the mother crushed a piece of the pill and gave it to the toddler. Thereafter

he gave the baby some water and it was within seconds that the baby began to choke.

In the ensuing moments the baby could not breathe and the frantic parents sought help from neighbors. All efforts to help the baby at the young couple's Camalote home proved unsuccessful and this led to Armstrong to jump onto an old motorcycle he had in his yard and rushed the baby to the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan. While there were efforts to save the baby they were unsuccessful and he died.

The couple says that the baby was given the pill on the recommendation of a nurse at the Belmopan hospital, however they were not told how to administer the medication. The child had been take to the hospital where he was given to injections, presumably vaccines, since the baby had not been taken to a health clinic for some time. There is now an ongoing investigation to determine the baby's cause of death.

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FORT GEORGE HOTEL & SPA OPENS IN BELIZE CITY
Bringing A New Hospitality Experience to Fort George



BELIZE CITY, Belize (January 31, 2024) – [Fort George Hotel & Spa](https://www.fortgeorgebelize.com), located in the Fort George neighborhood, opens its doors to welcome guests. The hotel, formerly the Radisson Fort George Hotel & Marina, brings a new, contemporary hospitality experience to Belize City.

The reimagined Fort George Hotel & Spa is proud to offer a holistic approach to hospitality that revolves around sophisticated design, elevated culinary offerings, and inspiring wellness. Hotel enhancements include expansive accommodations, a destination restaurant featuring favorite local pastries, signature K'IN Spa, branded fitness center and plunge pool.

“The Fort George Hotel & Spa has a long history dating back to 1953. While our name is changing and we have a fresh new feel, we remain steadfastly committed to being a positive partner in the community,” notes Edison Trapp, General Manager of Fort George Hotel & Spa. “We look forward to working with local artisans and farmer friends to showcase the best of Belize City to international travelers, and eagerly look forward to welcoming our community members in to experience the new hotel and culinary offerings.”

The Treehouse, a full-service restaurant, bar and lounge, serves dishes and drinks that blend bold international flavors and local tastes, tapping fresh, organic Belizean ingredients. Local favorite pastries, including the standout Fry Jacks, remain on the breakfast menu. The restaurant’s new creative tapas lunch and dinner menus feature healthy options such as fresh-caught seafood and all-natural juices and smoothies named after local hot spots like Blue Hole and Caye Caulker. The Treehouse serves breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6:30am to 11:00pm daily.

Three distinctive private dining spaces are available at The Treehouse for social gatherings, weddings and meetings, including an intimate, glass-enclosed private dining room for 12 guests, main dining room with seating for 20, and indoor lounge where towering trees create an ambiance reminiscent of a whimsical treehouse seating 30 guests. The popular Turkey Dinner Special will be available as an offering on the catering menu.

A haven for relaxation and rejuvenation, K'IN Spa is designed to elevate body, mind, and spirit, with head-to-toe spa experiences including facials, body polishes, wraps, massages and nail services, as well as a health-focused snack and drink menu tailored to meet wellness needs. Signature treatments inspired by the surrounding locale include the Seaside Symphony Facial, featuring a high-potency marine mask, and the Revitalizing Sea and Sun Recovery Body Wrap.

The hotel features 34 new Courtyard Deluxe Rooms and Suites with a contemporary design concept utilizing natural woods and a light color palette throughout. Furnishings and in-room amenities are designed for comfort and convenience. A highlight to these rooms are the spacious Penthouse Suites featuring a full kitchen and living room with views of the Caribbean Sea.

The opening marks the first step in the redevelopment of this historic hotel, with more enhancements to be unveiled later this year. The hotel experience will continue to expand following a complete refurbishment of the original hotel with the addition of 110 rooms, slated to open in phases through next winter.

About Fort George Hotel & Spa

Fort George Hotel & Spa brings a new, contemporary hospitality experience to Belize City. The fresh design concept features 34 newly built, well-appointed guestrooms and suites with natural woods and a light color palette inspired by the surrounding Caribbean Sea. Amenities include a branded fitness center, plunge pool, The Treehouse restaurant, bar and lounge, and K'IN Spa. Located less than a 30-minute drive from the airport, the hotel’s waterfront location is optimal to explore Belize City. Guests can visit downtown attractions including a local artisan market, tour ancient Mayan ruins such as Altun Ha or book a diving tour of the Belize Barrier Reef, the largest in the Western Hemisphere.

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Spiteful PUP Chairman Denies Permission For Traditional Fair



Chan Pine Ridge Fair has been going on for decades

Teresita Torres, the main organizer of one of the oldest and largest agriculture and cultural events in the northern part of the country, the Chan Pine Ridge Agriculture and Culture Fair, is complaining that she is being denied permission to hold the event.

Torres reached out to the Guardian Newspaper to say that she wrote the chairman of the village, Cornelio Torres on January 11 to invite him to a meeting called by the villagers who wanted to inquire about the fair’s status. According to Torres, the chairman snubbed the meeting and she subsequently wrote him again to say that the villagers were intent on proceeding with the fair and simply asked him for permission. One day later on the 14th of January, Torres was met with a cold ‘NO’.

In a letter from Cornelio Torres to Teresita Torres, the Chairman states, “The council has taken into account several factors that influence our decision, including pre-scheduled maintenance work of the village’s public spaces, concerns regarding the safety and welfare of our community, and other logistical issues that are currently beyond our capacity to address in time for the proposed dates.

We understand the importance of the 9th March Fiesta to our village and certainly do not wish to diminish its significance. However, it is incumbent upon us as village leaders to make decisions to prioritize the community’s long-term interests and well being...”

For Teresita, the reply is a slap in the face especially because the council was notified almost two months in advance

about the plans to hold the fair. Additionally, she says she cannot understand how the chairman can use the excuse that maintenance work was being used especially because the fiesta’s committee has undertaken to clean the field before and after the fair is held.

The entire situation appears to be one where the denial to hold the fair is motivated simply because it was not the chairman’s idea. Simply put, the PUP is blocking an age old traditional event out of spitefulness.

Based on record, Teresita Torres tells the Guardian that there is evidence the fair has been going on since 1944 and possibly even before then.



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30th January 2024

PRESS RELEASE

NOMINATION DAY – WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY 2024

The Elections and Boundaries Department hereby notifies the general public and persons who wish to contest the upcoming Municipal Election that Nomination Day has been set for WEDNESDAY, 21st February 2024 between the hours of 10:00a.m. and 4:00p.m.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Elections and Boundaries Central Office, situated at the Old Land’s Building, Market Square, Belmopan City or any of the Elections and Boundaries registration offices countrywide. Forms can also be downloaded from the department’s website at www.elections.gov.bz.

Further information may be obtained from the Elections and Boundaries Department in Belmopan City at telephone number 822-0525 or at any of the Elections and Boundaries registration offices countrywide.

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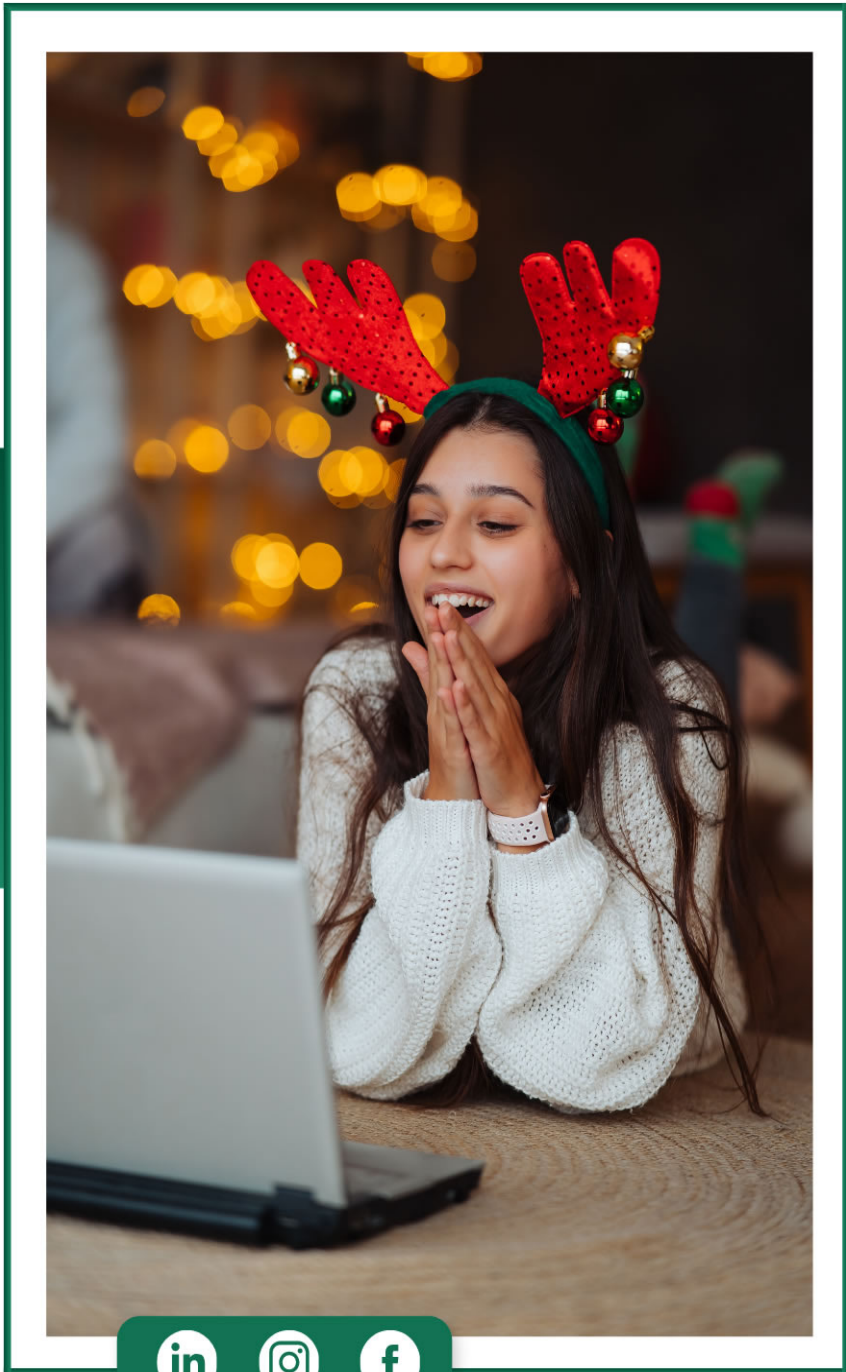
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UDP Chairman Tells Senate To Follow Standing Orders



Senate has no Minister to represent Government

UDP Party Chairman, and lead Senator Hon. Michael Peyrefitte has written to the president of Senate to once again highlight that the Government cannot proceed with meetings of the Senate without having a minister represent the Government's positions.

Hon. Peyrefitte explained to the media during a virtual meeting that when Eamon Courtenay resigned as a minister of Government, the PUP administration was left without ministerial representation in the Senate. With that, Peyrefitte contends that it is impossible to move certain bills through the Senate. Government Business, Public Business and Money Business need to be presented by

a minister stated Peyrefitte.

There is a Senate meeting scheduled for February 8 and Hon. Peyrefitte says he will bring it up publicly during the meeting. In nothing is done to remedy the situation, Hon. Peyrefitte says that the UDP reserves its rights. While there are criticisms that in the past leaders of Government Business in the Senate have not been ministers, Peyrefitte says that bad precedent does not make good law. "We are here now and certain things cannot move without a Minister," stated Peyrefitte. As for the state where the Government finds itself in, Hon. Peyrefitte says that it was as a result of hasty decisions by the Government that left us where we are.

Vegetables More Expensive Than Ever!

Based on figures released by the Statistical Institute of Belize, the price of fruits and vegetables are at their most expensive. According to the institute, there has been an across the board increase by double figures in the cost of every single fruit and vegetable which they track the price for. Among the highest prices are limes which went up in price by 31.2% over last years price. Green corn has gone up by a massive 39.4% while sweet potatoes saw an increase of 42.3%. The price of cassava has gone up by a huge 55.3% while plantains hit a 68.3% increase over the same period last year.

The price of cheese, natural milk and evaporated milk are not lagging behind with increases of 17.7%, 21.5% and 33% respectively

With these kinds of increases, where cheese now sells at \$15.38 per pound it is a wonder what exactly comprises the diet of Belizeans these days. And of course, there is nothing being done to address the situation. The Government had announced that there would be more monitoring for price gouging but that was just a flash in the pan with not very much respite being given to the Belizean consumers.

Pup Bridge- Politics Puts Lives at Risk



Pedestrian guard rails have not yet been installed on bridge

In a strategic political move leading up to the March 6th municipal elections, the People's Unity Party (PUP) has unveiled plans to open the incomplete \$30 million Haulover Bridge on February 1, 2024. The bridge replacement project was initiated by the previous United Democratic Party (UDP) administration but construction did not begin until late in 2021. The construction faced delays as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Originally slated for completion in December of the previous year, the ongoing project is now a scaled-down version of the UDP's original design, which was more elaborate, aesthetically pleasing, and as such would have cost more. The bridge won't be fully completed and operational until mid-March, missing the

opportunity for the PUP to capitalize on its completion in the upcoming elections.

A release from the Ministry acknowledges that the project is not entirely complete, citing the necessity of the temporary opening to finalize the tie-in of the new alignment to the Philip Goldson Highway and facilitate upgrades to underground public utility infrastructure. However, there are concerns about the practicality of opening the bridge before completing these essential works. It doesn't make sense because opening up the bridge ahead of the completion of the above-mentioned works won't aid in their completion; instead, it will slow down progress, putting both users and the construction team at risk of injury and in conflict with each other.

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Your Horoscope

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 19

It's time to take care of business -- both professionally and romantically. You might be quite intrigued with someone who has a certain status you're after. There's the possibility that they're in your industry, though they could simply be someone you look up to. Either way, the power and reputation that this person has will probably be extra attractive to you. At least consider making an attempt to get closer. If you don't, you'll never know whether they're interested in you or not. Coupled Rams are also business-focused this week. You and your sweetheart might be seriously considering a professional venture together. Weigh the risks carefully, and if all is well, go for it!

Taurus Apr 20 – May 20

You've done so much to curate feelings of hope, optimism, and growth potential in your love life. In fact, you might be feeling totally revolutionized in love -- and rightly so! Assertive Mars is now in your 9th House of Beliefs and, this Monday, will make a gorgeous trine to Uranus, the planet of liberation that's also currently in your sign. No matter where you currently are in matters of the heart, you can understand this important truism: "When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change." It's a brave new world for you in life and love. You're ready for anything!

Gemini May 21 – Jun 20

There are almost no downsides to being in love this week -- so if you're partnered up, you'll want to fully embrace all of the advantages that come your way. One bonus might be that your partner raises your joint financial status somehow. They could share incredible news about money that you'll both want to celebrate. If there's a joint investment you've made together, you're likely to see that it has paid off quite nicely. Sweet! Presently single? Maybe you'll find yourself crushing on your accountant, a financial advisor, or someone you meet who works in the financial industry. Explore the connection that looks most promising.

Cancer Jun 21 – Jul 22

Your love life gets a five-star rating this week, so be sure to enjoy every moment of the blessings! Venus is in your partnership sector and is in perfect trine to Jupiter. Although this aspect peaked on Sunday, you'll be able to enjoy the vibes all week to some extent. Your partner might do something so wonderful for you that they end up basically making one of your dreams come true. If you're single, there might be an unexpected change of direction you take in your social life that opens up brand-new doors of possibility for your love situation. Be ready for anything!

Leo Jul 23 – Aug 22

Someone you work with or who works for you is potentially

invested in more than just your success -- perhaps they're steadily falling for you. This may or may not be a connection you pursue, but still, it can leave you feeling extremely flattered. Even if this person isn't overtly flirting with you, they could have a way of making you smile. You might find yourself going out of your way to impress them. If you're single, you might take a chance and ask your work crush out on a proper date. Already taken? You should be able to recognize the flirtation but won't cross any lines.

Virgo Aug 23 – Sep 22

You're likely feeling frisky this week -- you're definitely on the prowl. Luckily, all of your desires are practically bound to be met. Venus and Mars are both in your romance sector, so the possibilities for love are endless. Venus will be continuing the energy of its Sunday trine to Jupiter, while on Monday, Mars is trine Uranus. Both of these planets are in your 9th House of Expansion. The more you're willing to grow as a person, intellectually or spiritually, the more you'll see rewards in your love life. Single? You might find yourself pursuing a mentor figure. Taken? You and your sweetheart could decide to pursue an impulsive adventure together.

Libra Sep 23 – Oct 22

Your domestic life could contribute to your romantic blessings this week, one way or another. Be aware that a relative can help you take a deep dive into your own heart, acting as a facilitator for you to do some digging that should finally allow you to heal from any past heartache or feelings of betrayal. You'll be renewed -- not only in spirit, but also when it comes to your faith in love. For those who are already paired off, you and your significant other can make a major move this week together real-estate-wise. You might move in together or purchase a home. Wow!

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 21

Expect a spectacular week in love! Venus is slowly moving away from a perfect trine to lucky Jupiter, with Jupiter still in your partnership sector, while Mars is gearing up to trine Uranus in your partnership sector on Monday. This energy combined will have you making a major growth spurt with your partner, both intellectually speaking as well as relationally. You might agree that it's time to get out of your relationship rut and do something exciting together. This should make your love even stronger! If single, you could find yourself unexpectedly meeting someone as you attend a neighborhood meeting. Someone sexy may move nearby -- go ahead and introduce yourself!

Sagittarius Nov 22 – Dec 21

Sometimes, even everyday life can be exhilaratingly romantic

-- and sometimes life is just plain exhilarating! You might start a love affair with a colleague, and if this happens, it's sure to stir up excitement. Perhaps you sensed tension, but neither of you had the guts to make a move. The planets are heightening any desire to throw caution to the wind and go for it, risks and all! It might not last forever, but it will be memorable. If you're in a relationship already, you and your sweetheart might be in the mood to get organized together. Putting everything in its place could be more fun than you'd have thought.

Capricorn Dec 22 – Jan 19

You might be the most fortunate sign in the entire zodiac when it comes to love and romantic happenings this week. That's because Jupiter, the planet of expansion and blessings, is still moving through your true love sector, magnifying all the positive potential of this area for you. Throughout the week, Venus in your sign will slowly ease away from her perfect trine to Jupiter (which was exact on Sunday). This is sure to leave you with a smile and invite romantic events. You could easily meet someone new if single -- and if you're taken, your sweetheart might indulge you with an extravagant gift or declaration of affection. Lucky you!

Aquarius Jan 20 – Feb 18

You might be hiding something

about your love life from members of your family -- even if it isn't something you'd usually do. Thankfully, this decision will probably work out well for the moment. It's possible that you just met someone, and because you want to get to know them without the input of other people, you're keeping the new connection discreet. Another possibility is that you are in a relationship, and you and your sweetheart are celebrating a major blessing such as a new pregnancy or decision to marry. Specifics aside, you're allowed to keep things private for a little longer so you can enjoy the moment together. Congratulations!

Pisces Feb 19 – Mar 20

Romance is yours for the taking! Single? If you've been toying with the idea of hiring a personal matchmaker to help you find love, you might have more luck than you realize. Do your research and make sure you find someone in your area who has a major network of singles to draw from before you hand over your money, of course. You should also personally vet this person -- are they attending plenty of singles events on your behalf or even hosting their own? That's a good sign! If you're in a relationship, then you and your sweetheart can ambitiously pursue a shared dream this week. You'll make great progress.

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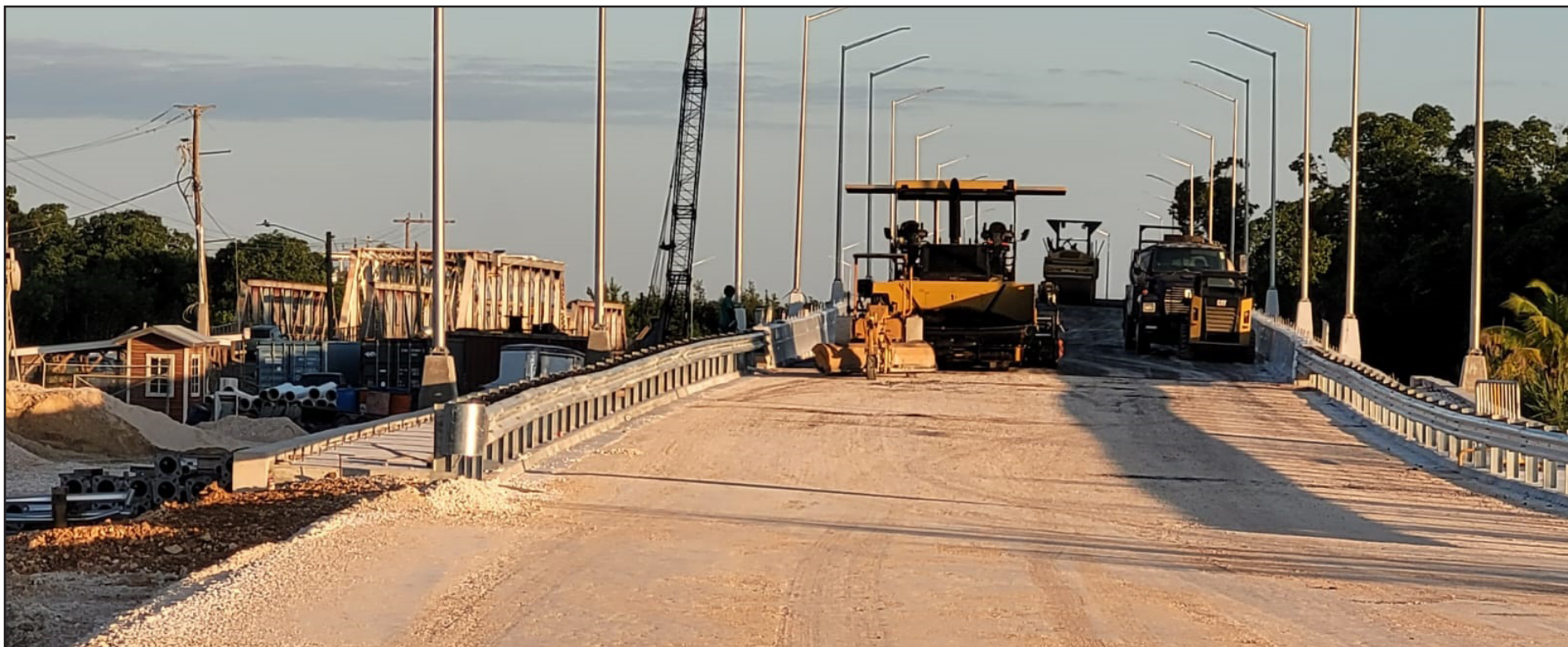
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Hotmix being placed on approach to New Haulover Bridge

Liquor License Notice

Notice is hereby given under the intoxicating **Liquor License Ordinance** Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023, that **Emrita Martine** is applying for a **Publican Special** for the year 2024 to be operated at **"Black Orchid"** located at Bullet Tree Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given under the intoxicating **Liquor License Ordinance** Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023, that **Sucely Bogaert** is applying for a **Restaurant License** for the year 2024 to be operated at **"Mike's Place"** located at 7 miles in El Progreso, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given under the intoxicating **Liquor License Ordinance** Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023, that **Eddie Samayoa & Didiana Garcia** are applying for a **Restaurant License** for the year 2024 to be operated at **"Logan's Bar & Grill"** located at Duck Run One Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given under the intoxicating **Liquor License Ordinance** Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023, that **Nandina Rodriguez** is applying for a **Restaurant License** for the year 2024 to be operated at **"D Orquidea Restaurant"** located on the Benque Viejo Road, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given under the intoxicating **Liquor License Ordinance** Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023, that **Annica Thurton** is applying for a **Shop License** for the year 2024 to be operated at **"Adwani's Creations"** located in Georgeville Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given under the intoxicating **Liquor License Ordinance** Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023, that **Wenkang Yu** is applying for a **Shop License** for the year 2024 to be operated at **"K's Store"** located on George Price Avenue, Santa Elena Townk, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given under the intoxicating **Liquor License Ordinance** Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023, that **Sergio Chuc** is applying for a **Shop License** for the year 2024 to be operated at **"Chuc's Service Station"** located on the Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given under the intoxicating **Liquor License Ordinance** Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023, that **Belize Brewing Company Ltd** is applying for a **Convenience Store License** for the year 2024 to be operated at **"Naybaz Store"** located in Bullet Tree Village, Cayo District.

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As far back as October of 2017 the United Democratic Party Government announced and got approval from the House of Representatives for financing for the construction of a new bridge to replace the existing Haulover Bridge. At the time Hon. Dean Barrow announced that the Government had secured a 12 million U.S. dollar loan from the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID). The loan was to bear an interest rate of 2.5% per annum over a period of 20 years with 5 years grace period.

As fate would have it the construction on the bridge did not commence until the middle of January, 2022. The space of time between the securing of the loan and the implementation was as a result of many factors including the length of time it took to design the bridge, and ultimately the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic which slowed down, delayed and

postponed the implementation of a number of infrastructural projects across the country. Nonetheless, with financing already secured all that was needed was for the contractors to be identified and work in earnest commenced in 2022.

Fast forward two years later and the UDP Haulover bridge, albeit significantly scaled down by the PUP Government, is nearing completion. This week, after the contractor responsible for the construction of the bridge itself, M&M Engineering, gave the go ahead, the paving of the approaches to the bridge commenced. This is being done by Teichrob and Sons construction company and features hot-mix paving which will ensure longevity of service.

The bridge is the longest spanning in the country and will replace one of the oldest existing bridges in the country.

NOTICE

LEETEK TECHNOLOGY CORP.
("the Company")

Notice is hereby given that the Company has been dissolved and struck off the Belize Companies & Corporate Affairs Registry with effect from **January 31st, 2024.**

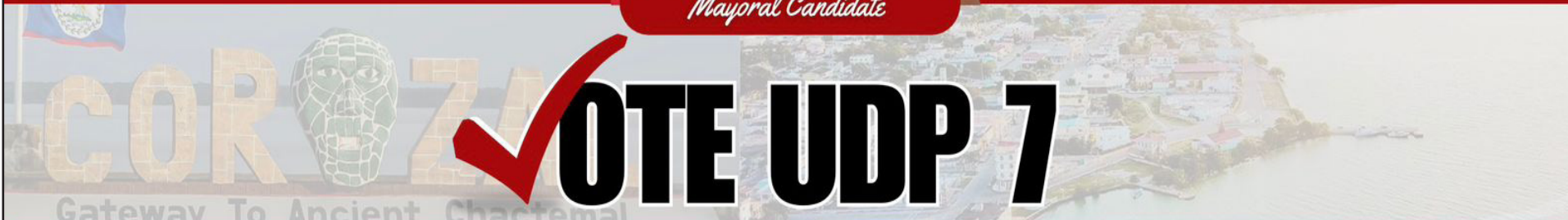
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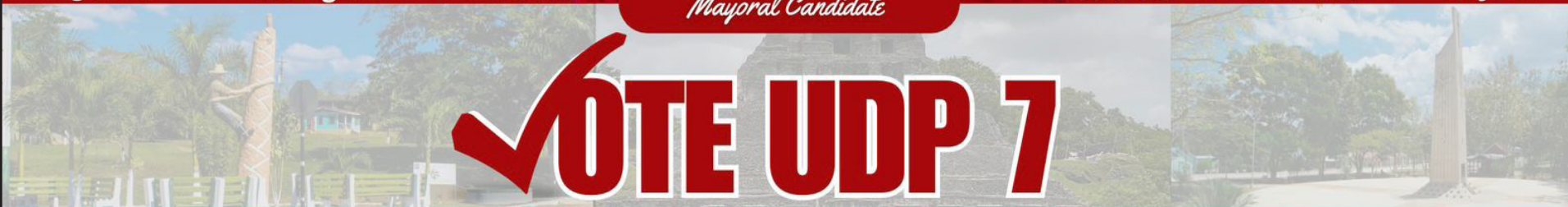
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