Making Waves in London

Prime Minister Barrow Concludes Official Visit

Prime Minister Hon. Dean Barrow has just concluded an official visit to London along with his wife, Mrs. Kim Simplis Barrow. It was, by all accounts, a very successful trip. Mrs Barrow, for her part, raised in a gala event over 200,000 Belize Dollars for the construction of a Pediatric Intensive Care Center Unit at the KHMH. The Prime Minister got the opportunity to meet with very influential personalities like such as Secretary of State Rt. Hon. William Hague and the Right Honorable Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Roger Gifford. He was honored by the City of London where he addressed a special audience of global financiers and businessmen discussing Belize trade and investment. Prime Minister Barrow had an audience with her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and His Royal Highness Prince Charles. The Prime Minister visited the Tate and Lyle/American Sugar Refinery, got the opportunity to see Belizean Sugar being delivered, and met with senior officials to coordinate Government of Belize and investor strategy with relation to the Sugar Industry. Throughout his visit, PM Barrow proved himself to be an impressive statesman, but where he made his greatest impact was his appearance on the media, namely BBC and Sky News. On Sky News the PM eloquently, insightfully and with great poise discussed a range of issues including the Ashcroft factor; Finance, Banking and Taxes; Foreign Relations; Mandela, Demographics and Race. His London visit has no doubt had its practical benefits, but in addition to that, the Prime Minister, by the way he handled himself on such a grand international stage, has given a great boost to Belizean national pride and patriotism. Respect, PM Barrow!

Prime Minister Dean Barrow appearing on Sky News in London

Patrick and Plus Lose First Round

An application filed by Talk Show Co-Host Patrick Andrews and Plus TV to strike out a defamation claim by Hon. John Saldivar against Andrews and Plus TV was heard before Justice Abel. Justice Abel dismissed the application in its entirety and ordered that Patrick Andrews and Plus TV pay costs. The Court ordered attorney’s costs in the sum of $500 to be paid by July 31, 2013. Basically, the court found that there was no merit to the application by Andrews and Plus TV to strike out Saldivar’s Claim. The substantive case is therefore on course to be heard.

Belmopan Area Rep Served as Acting PM for the Second Time

For the second time consecutively, Belmopan Representative, Hon. John Saldivar was chosen to hold over as Acting Prime Minister. Prime Minister Hon. Dean Barrow was on a week long official trip to London, while Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Gaspar Vega took a short two-day personal leave from Friday June 28 to Sunday June 30. It’s an important development because Saldivar is considered a possible contender for UDP Leadership when PM Barrow eventually retires. Again, it’s the second time he was chosen to serve as Acting PM. In Geometry, it’s well known you can’t draw a line with one point, but with two points, you certainly can.

Hon. John Saldivar, Belmopan Rep & National Security Minister

Sunday, July 7, 2013

Full Report on Public Service Awards and Luncheon

From the Heart of the Nation to the Soul of the People

Price: $1.00

Patrick Andrews, co-host of Plus TV’s Rise and Shine Show
We might need to apologize for editorializing two weeks consecutively about football, but we can’t say there’s anything occupying our mind as much these days.

Belize’s upcoming trip to the CONCACAF Gold Cup for the first time ever is a great occasion to amplify the national pride we as a people and a nation experienced almost six months ago when our football boys performed respectably well in the Copa Centro America, thereby qualifying for the next level of play.

This past weekend, we witnessed Brazil, a long established power-house in this hemisphere, humble the reigning World Cup Champions, Spain, in the finals of the Confederations Cup. In so doing, the Brazilians who were playing at home, set the stage for what their home fans are hoping will be a dominating performance at next year’s World Cup Playoffs which will also be played in Brazil. In so doing, the Brazilians also reminded the nations of ancient Europe who once colonized this part of the World that, in football and every other realm, new and superior empires have since emerged that must be respected accordingly.

The FIFA Confederations Cup is a tournament for which qualification is secured at the Gold Cup, so a good performance in the United States next week could advance Belize’s quest to reach the Confederations Cup in 2015. Our goal is, of course, to eventually reach the World Cup Playoffs; and if these aspirations are to be eventually fulfilled, we must start believing now that they are achievable.

We must, of course, also invest heavily in our boys and the organization behind them who, in our view are putting up the best effort we’ve seen in our lifetime. They’ve earned our support, not just a casual kind of support, but the full and unreserved backing of our People and the State; and we must, indeed, put our monies where our mouths are.

Let’s face it, there are many sports out there, but in the World, Football is King; and if we want to be great, we had better start believing, and behaving like we do.

Delroy Cuthkelvin
Chairman, Editorial Board

Let’s Start Believing!

The Finals Tied at One a Piece in Saldivar Basketball Classic 2013

The final series participants were set with the first seed, Police Housing Area, anxious to face off against second seed, Cohune Walk Area, to determine who would be crowned champion of the 2013 John Saldivar Basketball Classic.

The best of three series commenced last Tuesday with a showcase of Police Housing Area’s athleticism and offensive prowess, as the Police Housing Area took an eighteen to four lead on the second seeded Cohune Walk team. The outlook for the Cohune Walk team seemed gloomy as the run and gun style of the Police Housing Area team clearly out-shined the perimeter focused approach of the Cohune Walk team who seemed unwilling to sacrifice their bodies in order to attack the rim.

When the rains came, Cohune Walk, after cutting a huge lead in half were still 13 points down with 5:40 to go. To protect the players, officials postponed the conclusion of the game with clock frozen at 5:40.

Thursday came, and the tension grew. The final 5:40 of game one would be played and then game two would start after a short intermission. It could mean two wins in one night, and prestige for the victor. The final five minutes of game one proved that Police Housing Area had too big a lead for Cohune Walk to overcome, as Housing Area cruised to the finish with a double-digit win.

It’s common for fans to take for granted what sheer adrenaline can accomplish when a basketball player sees his season coming to an end. Game two was a 180 degrees turnaround. The perimeter shots that failed to find the bottom of the net in game one were now ripping at the cords as the Cohune Walk team jumped out to a lead that it held for the entire game. Each surge from the talented Police Housing Area was countered by Cohune Walk led by veteran Christian Rodriguez, who dedicated much of his offensive focus on the low block of the right side of the court. The simple strategy seemed to dumbfound Police Housing Area.

In the end, Police Housing Area took its first loss in the 2013 John Saldivar Classic, setting up an all or nothing confrontation in Game Three to be played Thursday 4th of July at the Hilltop Basketball Court in Belmopan City. One could hardly ask for a more exciting finish to the John Saldivar Basketball Classic 2013.
Ministry of Transport receives New Vehicles

On June 28, 2013, Hon. Rene Montero, Minister of Works and Transport received two new highway patrol vehicles from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development’s Road Safety Project.

The Government of Belize has received BZ$14,495,000 in loan financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of the Belize Road Safety Project and is contributing a further BZ$3,191,000.

According to data available from the Ministry of Health on Road Safety, Belize recorded a high number of road deaths in 2012, equivalent to approximately 19 traffic deaths per 100,000 inhabitants - Belize still maintains the highest fatality rate record amongst the Caribbean Development Bank member countries.

These highway patrol vehicles are key deliverables under the Project’s Enforcement Component which aims at improving traffic law enforcement along the George Price Highway Demonstration Corridor.

These patrol vehicles will be fully equipped with hand held Speed Radar Guns and portable alcohol testing equipment, in addition to emergency and incident management equipment, such as traffic cones, reflective triangles, high-visibility jackets, and base and hand-held radios.

In the near future a consultant will be engaged to deliver a training program in traffic law enforcement to 35 enforcement officers in the Department of Transport, the Police Department, and the municipalities.

The Ministry of Finance and Economic Development is officially receiving the two highway patrol vehicles from Belize Diesel and Equipment Company Limited and formally handing over the vehicles and keys to the Ministry of Works and Transport, the lead agency in this important and strategic initiative to promote greater adherence to, and compliance with, traffic laws; thus improving road user behavior.

The official launch of the Belize Road Safety Project took place on March 14, 2013 at the George Price Centre for Peace and Development, City of Belmopan, Belize.

New Brazilian Ambassador

On Wednesday Morning, July 3, 2013, Ambassador of Brazil to Belize, His Excellency Lucio Pires de Amorim, presented his credentials to the Governor General of Belize, His Excellency Sir Colville Young. Ambassador Pires de Amorim spoke of the two countries’ lack of knowledge of each other, explaining the need to “bridge the gap” since the nations share similarities in their histories. For his part, the Governor General extended a warm welcome to the Ambassador on behalf of the people of Belize; and expressed his gratitude to the Ambassador for his kind words of cooperation and friendship.

June Statistics Show Further Reduction in Major Crimes

The figures are still above acceptable levels, but Comparative Crime Statistics for June, 2013 show a continuing trend in the reduction of major crimes countrywide. There were 8 murders countrywide in June, 2013, as compared to 15 in June, 2012, a reduction of almost 50 percent. The overall tally for January to June, 2013 is 59 murders, compared to 75 for the same period in 2012. As we said before, the figures are still unacceptably high, but the downward trend is encouraging. Hopefully, it sustains.
Making Good News for a Change
Over 40 Young Men Graduate from Youth Cadet Corps

Much too often these days, when Belizean young men above the age of 13 make the news, it is in not so positive ways, such as violent criminal activity—robbing and shooting, or being shot and killed.

How pleasant and welcoming it was this past week when the news we received about 44 such Belizean young men was that they had in fact successfully completed their course of study and remedial training at the National Youth Cadet Service Corps and were graduating, many of them with honors!

Sadly, and we don’t know exactly why, the event received very little publicity in the mainstream media. Except for Love FM, represented by the ever positive and inspiring Brother Fem (Eufemio Cruz), we don’t remember seeing any reporter or cameraman from the many organizations that crowd the local media landscape in Belize; although, we must admit, we’re not sure whether they were notified or invited to the event.

The event was no doubt made their ceremonial march from within the sheltering walls of the National Youth Cadet Service Corps onto the thoroughfare of life in our Belizean communities beset by the temptations and pressures that have become associated with adolescence and youth these days.

Master of Ceremonies for the occasion was Raphael Martinez, veteran media personality and Police Press Officer. As usual, Raph (as he is fondly known) did an outstanding job, keeping the audience well-entertained even as he moved the program along at a brisk and efficient pace.

If we might be allowed a bit more commentary before getting back to substance and chronology of the program, we found it just as fitting and welcoming as the event itself, the

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fact that the occasion had afforded the Police Press Officer such a refreshing break from his daily routine of briefing the media on criminal activity which too often featured young men such as these, instead allowing him the opportunity to chair an event in which they were being awarded for their positive achievements in academics, practical training and discipline, the kind of remedial training, molding and inculcation that is, in effect, steering them away from a path that would more than likely lead to such criminal activity.

The official welcome was done by an able graduate, Le-
evawn Carpiso, and the opening address was delivered by Mr. Dwight Tillett, Chief Executive Officer in the Department of Youth and Sports.

In his address, Mr. Tillett, a retired High School Principal, Vice Principal and General Manager of Nazarene Schools who has over the years worked with young people in various capacities and through various institutions, remarked that the march on by the graduates was for him a particularly touching and emotive experience, as he couldn’t help contemplating what destructive paths these same youths could have been headed down were they not where they were today, having been immersed in the positive training and discipline they have undergone over the past year at the National Youth Cadet Service Corps. Mr. Tillett also outlined and recounted some of the significant milestones reached and crossed in equipping the Institution, both infrastructural and capacity-wise the Government to Education, and to the reformation and positive development of our youth.

Manager of the National Youth Cadet Service Corps, Mr. William Swan presented a full report on the program of academic studies, practical training, discipline, and all the related activities in which the youths were engaged during their time spent at the institution.

Guest Speaker for the occasion, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Hon. Herman Longsworth delivered the keynote address. The Minister congratulated the graduates and wished them the best as they celebrated their success at this particular juncture, and as they prepared themselves to face the challenges of life and to continue pursuing their goals, whether through work or further studies and training at higher levels of education. He commended

Hon. Herman Longsworth, Minister of State for Education, Youth and Sports delivered the Keynote Address at the Commencement Exercise

Leevawn Carpiso, Graduate Welcomed the Invited Guests

Francisco Rosales Youth Business Trust, Belize

Krystle Chipman Youth Business Trust, Belize

Luke Ramos, Manager of National 4 H Center, Belmopan

The Graduating Class of Intake seated during the ceremony

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Faith Lift

Is “A” for “Apples” or for “Abortion”?

By Zelda Hill

For most families around the world, the expectation of a new addition to the family, a baby, is a joyous experience and an opportunity for family-bonding; that’s the way God designed it to be. But as individuals and communities abandon their belief in a Creator and the Biblical declaration of the personhood and value of human life from the womb, the matter of whether an unborn child should live or die becomes a divisive issue. For many pregnant females who may become despondent and for various reasons find themselves torn between the desire to keep their unborn child and the fear of the future, abortion is being offered to them as a viable option.

Here in Belize, policies and laws are being devised to promote abortion as a safe option in our schools and to make it easier for our females, youths and even adolescents, to access legal abortions.

One of the priorities of the Revised Gender Policy 2013 is to integrate Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) as a national development activity. It commits Government to prioritizing the implementation of the SRH Policy (2002) and Strategic Action Plans and to “increase access to reproductive health commodities”. It states that the SRH Policy recognizes “adolescents’ right to SRH services” (adolescents are children between the ages of 10-19 who usually are still in primary and high school).

Another objective of the policy is to “safeguard the rights of women, men, girls and boys to SRH information, education and quality health services that are affordable and accessible to them. Not surprisingly then, the Policy states that the Government is committed to maintain the existing law on the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Criminal Code Chapter 101 of the Laws of Belize Revised Edition 2000, Section 112) [Gender Policy pp3-8].

The Sexual and Reproductive Health emphasis in the Gender Policy is a “red flag” since it has recently been exposed in Belize as a “smoke screen” for the indoctrination of foreign values and the re-socialization of our children. It is arguable whether SRH’s aim is to delay or encourage sexual activity among our children. It is planned that Adolescent SRH will offer contraceptives to young adolescents such as the pill, condoms, intra-uterine devices, emergency contraception also called Plan B (a contraceptive to be taken after sexual intercourse), abortion services and sex education - all without parental consent. SRH has now become a priority for our children through Health and Family Life Education (HFLE), which is already a part of our national school curriculum.

The Policy also states that because there have been challenges, especially caused by the teachers in Primary denominational schools who have indicated “their discomfort and lack of experience in discussing sexual and reproductive health issues with their students”, the Ministry of Education “plans to find a way forward to ensure that young people get the necessary information to make informed decisions”. It further claims that these denominational teachers “prefer to engage other agencies which they feel are better equipped to deliver this information” (pp 22-23).

This disclosure begs the questions: Which individuals and organization will be allowed to enter our Primary Schools to teach SRH to our children? Will our children be misled to believe that abortion can be as easy as learning their ABCs and be better for that person to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around the neck (Luke 17:2). And just in case some children, including adolescents, are even more convinced of our mandate...This war is against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:11-12); therefore, every individual must choose now to be a facilitator of evil or to become engaged in the war against it.”

“As legislation globally spreads the red carpet for anti-God and anti-family agendas, the blood of innocent lives disintegrates the moral fabric of the world’s nations. And just in case some expect the Church to surrender and recant, we become even more convinced of our mandate...This war is against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:11-12); therefore, every individual must choose now to be a facilitator of evil or to become engaged in the war against it.”

Faith Lift

From the Heart of the Nation
To the Soul of the People
A Healthy Partnership!

E U Project Boosts Maternal & Neo-Natal Healthcare

Belmopan, June 28, 2013

The Government of Belize has with the European Union and the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) have launched the “Strengthening of critical maternal and neo-natal services in Belize” project.

The project is co-financed by the European Union (4.2 M BZD); PAHO (220,000 BZD) and Ministry of Health (1.2 M BZD).

The project goal is to reduce stillbirth and neonatal mortality by one third and increase antenatal coverage to over 95% of the population.

Thanks to this intervention neonates will have access to better conditions during transfer from district hospitals to the national referral hospital in both public and private organizations providing ambulance services.

The improved vaccine storage facilities will ensure the lifetime of the cold chambers, offer better protection in case of natural disasters and reduce the risk of vaccine potency loss due to unsafe conditions of the building.

The Ministry of Health has taken steps through the Public Health Inspectorate to manage the outcome of the situation. Disciplinary action has been taken against persons responsible, and psychological support has been offered to all parties involved. They have accepted and the Ministry intends to do follow-up visits with them.

The Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan

Dr. Natalia Largaespada-Beer
Technical Advisor for Maternal and Child Health, Min. of Health

Ministry of Health Apologizes

Takes Steps to Prevent Repeat of Unfortunate Incident


The Ministry of Health deeply regrets the unfortunate series of events over this past weekend involving the delivery of a baby’s corpse to the wrong family at the Western Regional Hospital.

Following the outcome of an initial investigation, findings indicate that there was a procedural error by staff members of the hospital. The Ministry of Health expresses its sincerest apologies on behalf of the management and staff to the families involved, and to the public for this breach of confidence in our institution. The Ministry of Health has taken steps through the Public Health Inspectorate to manage the outcome of the situation. Disciplinary action has been taken against persons responsible, and psychological support has been offered to all parties involved. They have accepted and the Ministry intends to do follow-up visits with them.

The Ministry of Health reiterates that this isolated case is being addressed and has taken every necessary measure to ensure that there is not a repeat of this unfortunate incident.
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failure by some of the members of staff to meet and adhere to accepted and expected standards of excellence, and to in fully discharge their responsibilities at

Graduates stand at attention with their National and Institution Flags as the Belize Anthem is played

such a vital institution.

Also speaking at the ceremony was Luke Ramos, Manager of the Government’s long established Four-H Program, headquartered in Belmopan near the grounds of the National Agriculture and Trade Show.

Diplomas and a number of certificates, medals and trophies were awarded to the graduates, being presented mainly by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Hon. Herman Longsworth. Also on hand to issue certificates from Youth Business Trust were representatives of that institution which provided for the recruits valuable training in entrepreneurship.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Cadet/Graduate Malik Zuniga who did so quite eloquently and effectively, personifying the proficiency, discipline and confidence instilled in the cadets by the institution.

The National Youth Cadet Service Corps is a 14 year old institution which recruits young men between the ages of 13 and 17, some of whom are school dropouts at various levels, and many of whom have behavioral problems and are perceived to be at risk of being drafted into criminal activity.

The goal of the National Youth Cadet Service Corps is to provide the necessary intervention, remedial training,

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Graduates receiving Diplomas, presented by Minister of State Hon. Herman Longsworth

More Graduates receiving their Diplomas, presented by Minister of State for Education, Youth and Sports Hon. Herman Longsworth

Graduates receiving certificates for successful completion of Entrepreneurial Program conducted by the Youth Business Trust
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and character development to enable the students to return to the regular educational institutions to complete their studies and pursue their careers as constructive citizens.

At the National Youth Cadet Service Corps, the recruits undergo a full year of training at one of four levels, depending on their initial assessment and classification. There are two PSE (Primary School Examination) classes, a High School level class and a remedial class.

The cadets are all live-in recruits enlisted from around the country, and their routine involves academic and practical skills training, as well as military-style drills to instill discipline. Personnel from the Belize Defense Force are attached to the program on a full-time basis. On the weekends, they are all required to attend Church.

As a part of their training to become positive participants in the community, they participate, while at the institution, in community activities, such as the Tenth of September and Independence Day parades, the Love FM Parade, the Olympic Run and various sports tournaments, including the annual La Ruta Maya River Challenge, in which the institution competes in the Intramural Category.

Manager of the National Youth Cadet Service Corps, William Swan says the institution already provides valuable skills training in various fields, and will expand such training to various other fields as investments in the institution increase.

The work of the National Youth Cadet Service Corps deserves acknowledgment and support from the entire Belizean community, and the graduates of Recruit Intake #14 have earned our respect and recognition. In this spirit, we grant each of them special mention, as we reproduce, on the right, the full list of Graduates at the Commencement Ceremonies. Congratulations, Youth Men. The entire Nation is proud of you!

Graduates receiving certificates of distinction in specific disciplines

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby advised that the Third Quarterly Meeting of the Belmopan Trade Licensing Board for the year 2013 will be held at the Offices of the Belmopan City Council on Wednesday July 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

All applications must be submitted to the Belmopan City Council by Wednesday July 3, 2013. Any application received after this date will be subject to a Special Meeting fee of $150.00.

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Belmopan Trade Licensing Board

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Utilities Commission Act, Chapter 223 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity (Tariffs, Fees and Charges) Byelaws, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) hereby notifies the general public that it has made and issued the 2013 Annual Review Proceeding Final Decision (hereinafter referred to as “the Final Decision”) for the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL; the Licensee).

Summary of the Initial Decision:

a) The Commission approved a Mean Electricity Rate (MER) of $0.4865 per kilowatt-hour, representing a 0.43% reduction in the MER (previous MER is $0.4886 per kilowatt-hour).

b) The Commission approved various adjustments to Cost of Power, Regulated Asset Value (RAV) and other Regulated Values approved for the Full Tariff Period of July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2016.

c) The Commission approved the following Tariffs to be applied for the Annual Tariff Period (ATP) of July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014:

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Note: Due to the small reduction in the MER, the only Tariffs adjusted were those for the Social customer class.

d) The Commission approved no adjustments [other than those referred to in b) and c) above] to any other previously approved Regulated Values, Mean Electricity Rates, Tariffs, Charges and Fees in any relevant Final Decision made for the Full Tariff Period (FTP) of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2016.

Viewing of Final Decision:
The Final Decision may be viewed in its entirety at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission at 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, or from a link available on its Website at www.puc.bz, which is currently undergoing maintenance.

Issued by the Public Utilities Commission on June 24, 2013
Saluting the MVP of the NBA

Belmopan Students Shout Out Lebron James

Last Monday, June 24 a crowd of students from Primary schools in the Belmopan area gathered at the National Assembly to show their love and admiration for World renowned NBA Basketball superstar Lebron James of the Miami Heat, who has just led his team to victory in the NBA Finals, thereby securing his second consecutive NBA Championship title, and for the Miami Heat Team or more a college scholarship through basketball, of course. That’s what AAU basketball is all about; all the college coaches in the country are going he at this tournament. It’s one of the world’s largest tournaments. There were ninety-nine teams that participated in this tournament last year throughout the United States, and a few from Canada.

And right now there are no Belizeans that went to high school here that are now playing college basketball; there’s not one in the states. So my goal is to get at least one.”

It’s third NBA Championship.

The students were joined by Belmopan Area Representative Hon. John Saldivar, himself a basketball enthusiast who has done a lot for Sports.

The students were organized by Bernie Tarr, Basketball Technical Officer with the National Sports Council. Bernie is a US Citizen from Cleveland, Ohio, home of the Cleveland Cavaliers which was the club that Lebron James played for when he was first drafted into the NBA.

Here in Belize, Bernie Tarr has been instrumental in selecting young basketball players to attend the Annual King James Tournament in Ohio played in April.

Earlier this year, a contingent of 15 junior Belizean basketball players attended the tournament. Back then, Tarr explained what is the ultimate goal of the whole exercise: “The number one goal that we have is to get one of these players...”
Prime Minister Dean Barrow in London
Sunday, June 23, 2013 - Monday, July 1, 2013
Prime Minister Dean Barrow in London

Sunday, June 23, 2013 - Monday, July 1, 2013
“When Will Change Come?”
Remarks by Hon. Patrick Faber at PSE Award Ceremony
(Bliss Centre for the Performing Arts, Wednesday June 26, 2013)

Good Morning! I am so happy to be here this morning as we honor students who have excelled on this year’s Primary School Examination. I am happy too, that for the first time we will also be recognizing schools that have performed well and who have shown great improvement over the past five years (since 2009).

To begin with, we recognize students who have performed outstandingly on the national scale. These are the top 26 students. We normally recognize the top 25, but this year, because there were several ties, we are recognizing the top 26. The total points scored among these top 26 ranged from 78 to 391 out of 400 points. These are really outstanding scores.

Let us all congratulate these students for their really exceptional performance! Join me in a resounding round of applause for them. It is true that many, if not all, of these students may have natural ability that allowed them to excel. That notwithstanding, I am sure that these students, their parents or guardians and their teachers will tell you that such performance did not come without effort.

How many hours, days, weeks and months of preparation did they put in to achieve these outcomes? You see, there are two kinds of ‘smart’ - there is the smartness which you naturally have, and there is the smartness which comes from hard work and effort. And let me tell you that natural smartness is not a guarantee of success. Often, you need also to have the smartness that comes from hard work. Indeed, there teachers they will confirm that their outstanding performance was to a large extent about being smart in setting goals and working tirelessly to achieve them. They will tell you that you need to set goals for yourself because, as you know, if you don’t know where you are going, you may just end up there - nowhere.

But they will also tell you that goals are not enough. As the saying goes: A goal without a plan is but a wish! Goals need to be backed up by plans and plans need to be backed up by hard work to implement them.

So, I ask you to continue to be the examples that you are by continuing to set goals, to plan how you are going to accomplish them, and to work hard to effect your plan to accomplish your goals. You have shown that you can do this through your outstanding performance on the PSE, and I am sure in other areas of your life. Keep it up! Keep it up! Let no one or nothing side track you! Let no one tell you that you cannot achieve your goals; you know you can once you plan and work hard for them.

Furthermore, young ladies and gentlemen, encourage and help your peers to do the same; each one, teach one, as they say. As you move onto the next stage of your educational career, I want to encourage you to think not just of academic or educational goals. Rather, as you go onto high school, it is very important for you to begin to set career and life goals. Let your career and life goals determine what your educational goals are. After all, an education is not just for its own sake, it is also for your full personal development and for your contribution to the development of your country.

In setting your career goals, it is important to think not just of what you would like to do, but also of what your natural talents and interests are. Too often we are diverted away from our natural talents and interests by peer pressure, social perceptions and, yes, even pressure from adults; yes, even par-
North is Best in June - West is Best in 2013

Minister of National Security Presents Police Awards

For the Third consecutive month, the Northern Zone and the Orange Formation of the Police Department have registered the greatest reduction in major crimes, as confirmed by the comparative crime statistics for the month of June.

Minister of National Security, Hon. John Saldivar has presented a Cheque for $1,000 and a Certificate of Recognition to Senior Superintendent Joseph Myvette, head of the Northern Zone and Officer Commanding the Orange Walk Formation; the $1000 Cheque being for the best performance by the Northern Zone and the Certificate of Recognition for the best performance by the Orange Formation.

The Minister also announced that the Western Zone has recorded the best overall performance throughout the first half of 2013 (January to June) and is therefore receiving from the Ministry a new vehicle (Mahindra Pickup Truck) in recognition of that performance and in order to further step up its efforts to reduce crime in that zone.

Senior Superintendent of Police Aaron Guzman was on hand to accept the congratulations from the Minister and Police Commissioner Allen Whylle.

Of note also is that June, 2013 saw a continuation of the downward trend in major crimes as the total number of murders in that month was 8, compared to the total for June, 2012 which was 15, representing a reduction of 47 percent.

The overall tally for January to June 2013 is 59 murders countrywide, as compared to 75 for the same period of 2012, representing a reduction of 21 percent.

The award presentations took place on Wednesday July 3, 2013, at the start of the Minister and the Commissioner’s monthly meeting with zone and branch commanders held at the National Police Training Academy in Belmopan.
Remarks by Hon. Patrick Faber at PSE Award Ceremony

(Bliss Centre for the Performing Arts, Wednesday June 26, 2013)

When Will Change Come?

Jose Torres, San Jose Succotz
B.C. Primary School, Cayo

Aaliyah Allen, Our Lady of
Guadalupe School, Belmopan

Nelson Esteban, St. Andrew’s
Anglican, Receiving Lap-Top

Vincent Hulse, St. Andrew’s
Anglican Receives Lap-Top

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these schools.

First, we want to give credit where credit is due and secondly we want to incen-
tivize, intrinsically or extrin-
sically, schools to improve. Therefore it is the intent that such recognition will motivate other schools to improve so that they too can be recognized; and secondly, for those who are not so intrinsically moti-
vized, the extrinsic motivation of parental and public pressure for them to improve will come to bear. In short, we are cre-
ating a Name and Praise List through this recognition, and the flip side of such a list is a Name and Shame List.

What we are doing is no accident. This is the beginning of what we plan to be Annu-
al School Report Cards (see our education sector strategy on our website) that will be published for parents and the public to see, so that schools who are performing well, not just on examinations but also on other indicators such as repet-
tition, dropout, etc, can be recognized and encouraged to continue doing well; and those who are not, can be encouraged to improve, whether through their own intrinsic motivation or the extrinsic motivation of parental and public pressure.

So, we are beginning with examination scores as one of the first elements of that Annu-
al School Report Card that will be produced by each school. Therefore, using the PSE scores we have come up with School Grade Point Average based on the number of A’s, B’s, C’s, D’s and E’s their students have earned on the PSE.

Using this we have come up with a scale that ranges from Zero to Four (0 - 4). The higher the school’s GPA, the better. We will be using this GPA to recognize the top 10 percent of schools, in various categories, nationally and at district level. We will also be using the GPA to recognize the most improved schools nationally and district level irrespective of category.

Let me quickly explain the reason for categorizing schools. For too long, we have used the PSE (Primary School Examination) to judge schools in a way that we think is unfair. For too long, we have concluded (especially in the media) that the school from which the top

performer comes or the school with the most top performers is the best school. That could be true, yes, but it is not necessarily a fair conclusion to draw.

You see, schools are not all alike. Their students come from different back-
grounds socially, culturally and economically. Furthermore, some schools are small multi-grade schools, while others are large subject teach-
ing schools; and, indeed, there are many other differences. As the old saying goes, it is like comparing apples and oranges. And so, we can’t compare them to each other and conclude that one is better than the other. We need to compare each school with other-

similar schools for a fairer comparison.

Therefore, that is why we have categorized schools into six categories:

1. Those who had 0 to 2 students sitting the PSE;
2. Those who had 25 to 49 students sitting the PSE;
3. Those who had 5 to 24 students sitting the PSE; and
4. Those who had 7 to 14 students sitting the PSE.

Through this kind of recognition and the Annual School Report Cards, we believe it is fair to all schools and of which this is a precursor, our intent, as I mentioned before, is to incen-
tivize schools to improve either intrinsically or extrin-
sically. Therefore, not unlike what I was praising the students for a while ago - about setting goals, having plans and putting hard work to achieve our goals. What we want the schools to do is examine how they are doing (not just on examinations, but on other as-
pects of school performance), to set goals and develop, and implement school improve-
ment plans.

Indeed, this has been the ba-

sis of our Quality Schools ini-
tiative - that schools ask: How are we doing? How do we know? And what are we go-
ing to do about it? That is, that they self-evaluate, set goals, and that they develop and implement school improve-
ment plans.

Two weeks ago, we held a press conference in which I, as one media house put it, told some “inconvenient truths”. At some points during that press conference, I prefaced my remarks with the words, “and I know I am going to get into trouble for saying this”. And I proceeded to utter my remarks. Well, ladies and gentlemen, it seems as though I was prophetic. I do not mean to make light of a very serious sit-
uation. Let me emphasize that this is not my intention at all. Rather, I wish to reiterate the main points of what I had to say during that press conference. I do this not to provoke further reaction from anyone. I do this...
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for the sake of clarity, so that the message is not lost.

Here are the main points that I tried to make:

1. Schools and their Managements and Proprietors need to take ownership for their performance and the quality of education they are providing. Schools need to self-evaluate and develop and implement school improvement plans. Managing authorities need to support their schools in this and where necessary to apply pressure for improvement.

2. Parents or guardians need to be involved in the education of their children. They need to examine how the school is doing; to support, and where necessary, to apply pressure, for the school to improve.

3. Teachers’ Unions need to promote and assist in professionalizing the teaching services through helping to uphold the highest standards in the profession as any professional organization should.

4. The Ministry of Education needs to analyze system performance nationally to inform decision making, and we need to provide support to and pressure on managing authorities, on schools, teachers and even parents to improve.

We in the Ministry of Education have had the mantra that Education is Everybody’s business. We truly believe this; and so it was in that vein that my remarks were meant. We are calling all to action. Yet, when we do take leadership in the exercise of our responsibility, the most resistance often comes from among the very groups with whom the Ministry has consistently consulted and sought input from. Indeed, it is as though we must ask permission each time we seek to exercise our responsibility.

“Education is Everybody’s Business!”
A Proud Tradition of Service

Public Officers Honoured for 25 Years of Dedication

It was a day of honor, satisfaction and recognition as the Public Service honored 69 of its dedicated officers who have served the Government and People of Belize for 25 long years, their service never broken for more than a year.

It was the Eight Annual Public Service Awards Ceremony and Luncheon held on Friday June 21 inside the Social Security Board Conference Facility in Punta Gorda Town, Toledo.

The event was held to coincide with the world-wide celebrated United Nations Public Service Day which officially was June 23, observed in Belize this year under the theme, “Belize Public Service: Facing the Challenges, Embracing the Changes, While Striving for Excellence and Professionalism.”

The theme itself was coined by a public servant, namely Mr. Fredrick Morter, employed at the Ministry of Works, and chosen from among many others submitted in a competition which has become a central feature of the annual observance of Public Service Day in Belize.

The event got underway around 11:00 AM, the formal part of it featuring a number of inspiring addresses and presentations. Following greetings from the Mayor of the Town, Mr. Anthony Fuentes, opening remarks were delivered by long-time public officer and current Chairman of the Public Services Commission Mr. Patrick ‘Pat’ Bernard.

Mrs. Freya Parham August, Chairperson for the Public Service Day National Committee, gave an overview of the Public Service Day & Awards.

There were remarks by the President of the Public Service Union, Mr. Marvin Blades; and Minister of the Public Service and Elections and Boundaries, Senator Hon. Charles Gibson gave the Minister’s congratulatory remarks.

In his congratulatory remarks, Hon. Gibson said:

“Twenty Five years ago, many Public Officers were just becoming acquainted with the institution known as the Public Service and beginning to understand your place and role in it.

Today, you are firmly established and should be able to confidently speak on the part you are playing in the delivery of service to our Country. Yours is an important responsibility, and one that is taking on even greater importance as our Country grapples with challenges of development issues.

As you look ahead to the years leading up to your retirement from the Public Service, which is not far away for many of you, I leave you with a challenge: I challenge you to make those remaining years the most productive of your career. Whatever you have contributed to date by the way of service, make the remaining years count more.

Much more is required and expected of our Public Officers today, especially officers like you, our honorees, who have accumulated vast experience over the years, and some of you who hold very important public offices.

I congratulate you once again and encourage you to put your theme into action by facing the challenges, embracing the changes, while striving for excellence and professionalism. Happy Public Service Day!”

Featured Speaker for the occasion was Miss Audrey Wallace, Chief Executive Officer in the Office of the Prime Minister.

In her address Miss Wallace remarked, “Today we are gathered to celebrate and honor those of you who not only responded to the call of public service as a professional, but who have dedicated your professional lives to serving the

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Government and People of Belize; and you have done so with a high level of excellence and professionalism. And so, I join everyone today to express my deepest congratulations and appreciation to all of you.

On days like these, I am filled with hope and encouragement for the future of the Public Service; and I feel proud to be part of the team. While it is a time of celebration, it is also a time for reflection and for looking forward.

In conclusion, I want to express my deep gratitude to those public officers across the Country who have demonstrated such a high level of dedication and professionalism throughout these challenging economic times. The changes we have already made, and those on the horizon are part of the continuous renewal and improvement of our institution.

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In today’s competitive world, ladies and gentlemen, a strong and high performing public service is critical to Belize’s success. We must be able to deliver the best advice to Ministers and implement our mandates with excellence.

To succeed, our Public Service must be one that is continuous-

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The List of Awardees

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Carla Alpuche
Javier Alpuche
Merlene Alvarez
Dennis Arnold
Valerie Arnold
Manuel August
Cordell Glenn Augustine
Benita Carmita Ayuso
Rosalva Blanco
Lennox Bradley
Theresa Bradley
Dorla Cattouse
James Thomas Cayetano
Cristino Chan
Hilberto Lucio Chan
Hilberta Fuentes
Beverly Hendy Gallego
Tirso Eugene Galvez
Emery Gill
Ellajean Louise Gillett
Sheryl Gillett
Lisa Yvette Griffith
Diane Patricia Hall
Noel Harvey
Rossana Herstig
Mario Howe
Fenton Alexander James, Sr.
Tom Johnston
Diana Locke
George William Lotiff
Dalia Manzanilla
Robert Mariano
Jose Marin

Martha Melendez
Felicia Mencias
Lilia Middleton
Marjorie Rebecca Moore
Phillipa Leonie Moore
Ivan Mark Morris
Candelaria Saldívar-Morter
Gareth Murillo
George Myvett
Humberto David Nabet
Verna Neal
Carolyn Obi
Michael Pitts
Azenette Ann Pook
Bernard William Reyes
Peter Clive Reyes
Stephen Rivers
Paul Karl Schmidt, Jr.
Miguel Angel Segura
Vioney Sheppard
Cardinal Smith
Lorraine Smith
Allorie Swift
Dario Oscar Tapia
Audrey Michelle Tench
Francis Thomas
Ricardo Rafael Thompson
Oscar Orlando Ulloa
Elvis Usher
Faye Usher
Allen Whylie
Anna Williams
Francisco Xiu
Alicia Young
Jacqueline Meighan

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and selfless contribution to the government and people of Belize first became a reality back in 2006, and has been observed ever since. The build-up to the Official Day itself, Public Service Day, also now features a Public Service Information Day which was held roughly a month ago in Belmopan and other central locations around the country which have a sizable public service workforce.

Every year the Public Service Award Ceremony and Luncheon moves to a different district. Last year the event was held in Dangriga. The venue for next year’s Award Ceremony has not yet been chosen. (Information for this article was provided by Ms. Ninfa Matus, Chairperson of the Public Service Day National Committee who currently serves in the Ministry of the Public Service as Compliance/Customer Service Officer, and was the coordinator of this year’s Award Ceremony and Luncheon.)
From north to south and east to west of Belize, the Social Investment Fund (S.I.F.) and the Caribbean Development Bank’s (C.D.B.) Basic Needs Trust Fund (B.N.T.F.) continue to implement projects aimed at addressing the basic needs of poor Belizeans. The Government of Belize also provides counterpart funding for projects implemented under the BNTF.

The BNTF Program is a regional grant program financed by the C.D.B. for poverty reduction infrastructure and livelihood enhancement services. The program has disbursed over $189 million U.S. dollars throughout the region. Ten countries, including Belize, benefit from the current, sixth cycle of funding known as BNTF6. In Belize, the BNTF6 is expected to be completed by the end of this year with 22 projects valued at $6.6 million dollars. The program continues to contribute to the national development of Belize through the provision of social infrastructure, including resource centres, schools, health clinics and access to water, sanitation, drainage and roads.

Since January of this year, S.I.F. completed 9 major projects valued at $4.6 million dollars under the BNTF while many other projects financed under the SIF 2 loan are nearing completion.

In the area of water and sanitation, water systems have been upgraded in Bella Vista in the Toledo District and Young Bank Village in the Cayo District. Under this sector, a new water tank and pump house is under construction in Santa Familia Village in the western part of Belize. Meanwhile water expansion is underway in St Mathews and Franks Eddy and Corozalito in the Cayo District. The water system for Corozalito, a small community in the outskirts of Succotz Village also in the Cayo District, should become operational in the coming weeks. The water supply is also being expanded in Chan Pine Ridge village in the Orange Walk District. The plan is to connect the village to BWLS’ main distribution network in Orange Walk Town.

In the area of Education, a new building was completed at St Edmund Cam- pion RC School in Teakettle village the Cayo District. Further south, the school was rehabilitated and expanded in Silk Grass Village in the Stann Creek District. In addition, a new building is currently under construction at All Saints Primary school in Belize City, and a new eight class room building is nearing completion at the Orange Walk Technical High School in the northern part of the country.

In the area of Economic Infrastructure, the third phase of a $3.0 million drainage project in Trial Farm Village was completed. This project has brought an enormous peace of mind to the residents of Trial Farm since prior to the project they had to constantly evacuate their homes as a result of flooding during the rainy season. A similar project drainage project is also underway in the Buttonwood Bay area of Belize City. Buttonwood Bay is a relatively new area located near the second roundabout in Belize City. The project area has a high demand for proper drainage since it is below sea level and is subject to flooding during the rainy or hurricane season.

In the area of Social Services, new multipurpose centres were completed in San Jose and Guinea Grass villages in the Orange Walk District while the residents of the Golden Haven Home of the Elderly in Hattieville Village now enjoy the comfort of their new home. A new mental health day care centre was also completed in Belize City.

In the area of skills training, 10 students of low income families are completing their education at the Youth Enhancement Services in Ladyville while other students are pursuing a vocational career in various vocational institutions throughout Belize.

As the BNTF 6 project steams full speed ahead towards completion, the BNTF 7 has already been launched. Under this program $12.5 million dollars will be available for projects in the areas of Education, Water and Sanitation and Road Access and drainage. This figure represents an increase of 74% in CDB funding under BNTF for Belize. This means more funds for the poor areas of the country, with the poorest areas receiving the most attention. Implementation of projects under BNTF7 will start by the end of this year. All these projects represent the Government’s and the Social Investment Fund’s strong commitment to alleviate poverty in Belize with the assistance of our development partners such as the Caribbean Development Bank.
Belize hosts regional meeting on Alcohol

Belize was host to the sub-regional meeting on Alcohol Policy for English speaking countries of the Caribbean held from 25th-27th June, 2013. The meeting was held to support the development of an Alcohol Policy for the Caribbean. Objectives were to present and discuss current progress made, challenges and opportunities for the development of an Alcohol Policy, to discuss ways to develop a policy that can be culturally adaptable in the Caribbean context, to integrate the policy in the National Non-communicable Disease policy and to discuss how to effectively implement the policy. Esner Vellos, Director of National Drug Abuse Control Council mentioned that the Belize draft policy will encompass many aspects including the Liquor Licensing Act and the incorporation of the Breathalyser into regular use. The overall objective, according to Mr. Vellos is to reduce the abuse of Alcohol in Belize. Belize and three other Caribbean countries currently have the framework of a Draft National Alcohol Policy.

Ministry of Health and European Union launch maternal and neonatal project

The Ministry of Health with the European Union (EU) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) was pleased to announce the launch of a maternal and neonatal service project that will benefit all mothers and infants utilizing maternal services in hospitals across the Belize. The project aims at improving the monitoring and evaluation of established prenatal and neonatal services including the provision of medical equipment, strengthening of infection control plans and the development of procedure manuals for prenatal care and neonatal care. Training will be provided by PAHO to improve biomedical technicians and emergency response team for at risk or ill neonates.

The Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin welcomes the partnership in this project because it will not only benefit mothers and newborns attending these services but also health professionals that provide care to mother and babies born or admitted to neonatal care units in hospitals.

Belize and Mexico discuss benefits in health

The Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin and CEO, Dr. Peter Allen met with officials from the Secretario de Salud de Quintana Roo, Mexico last month to negotiate access to oncology services and also to discuss the progress of other service oriented agreements.

Discussions included developing a Memorandum of Understanding to have Belizean Paediatric Cancer patients access medical specialist attention in Chetumal. Belizean women who require Mammograms would also be able to access services at Chetumal Diagnostic Center at the same price as Mexicans and it was agreed that the present program where pap smear slides are taken to Mexico for processing will continue.

Agreements also included co-operation and training opportunities for biomedics in Belize. Minister Marin and CEO, Dr. Allen visited with the patients admitted at both the Cancer unit and General Admission at Hospital General before returning to Belize.

HIV Testing Day

Statistics show that for the year 2012, there were 249 new HIV infections showing that more men than women are infected. The new situation, according to the HIV Coordinator, Dr. Marvin Manzanero, HIV Coordinator, highlights the need for strategic and targeted interventions to reduce the transmission of HIV and increase access to care and treatment.

Testing sites included the Scotiabank Parking Lot in Belize City and Belmopan, Orange Walk, San Ignacio and Dangriga also had testing booths in those towns. The total number of tests conducted was 1, 038 HIV Rapid Tests.

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Miley Garcia Softball Action in Roaring Creek Last Sunday

Moves to Belmopan This Coming Weekend

There was triple-header action this past weekend in the Ismael “Miley” Garcia Softball Tournament in the Cayo District.

On Sunday, June 30, the action moved to Roaring Creek on the doorsteps of the Capital City.

In Game One played on the Roaring Creek Softball Pitch, the Rebels of Ontario defeated the Capital City Emeralds of Belmopan by a score of 14 to 4 runs. Picking up the win as pitcher for the Rebels was Jean Gabourel, while the losing pitcher for Belmopan was Dana Mae King.

Game Two featured an even more convincing win for the Esperanza Wolverines, who defeated Las Flores Shooting Stars by a score of 14 runs to Nil. The winning Wolverines pitcher was Shareeni Soberanis; the losing pitcher for Las Flores Shooting Stars was Guadeloupe Chicas.

And finally, in Game Three, Camalote United managed a pretty narrow 2 runs to nil victory over the home team, Roaring Creek’s Grace Kennedy.

Winning Pitcher for Camalote United was Francine Salazar, while Leandra Guy recorded the loss as Pitcher for Roaring Creek. Narrow though it was, a loss is still a loss.

The Miley Garcia Tournament continues this coming Sunday, July 7 when the action moves to the Capital City of Belmopan at the Mae Gordon Sports Field. Game One will be played at 1:00 PM and will see Ontario Rebels going up against Camalote United. In Game Two, which is scheduled to kick off at 3:00 PM, the home team, Belmopan Capital City Emeralds will clash with the Esperanza Wolverines.

We hope to bring you the results of those matches in our next edition.

(Information provided by Jerjett Thompson)