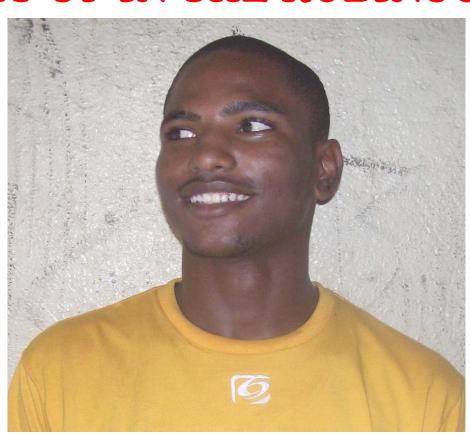
HENRY BAPTIST AND ROLANDO CASTILLO CAUGHT UP IN THE ROBINSON WEB

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, October 9, 2008:

San Ignacio Police are on high alert today as an escaped prisoner is back in custody but not after allegedly stealing a gun and suspected of attempting to rob a bank, all within the single day while he was at large.

The trail began when a person, who gave his name to the police as Oscar Robinson, was arrested on Saturday, October 8, on charges of obtaining property by deception, after he visited a popular San Ignacio restaurant, posing as an official from Youth for the Future, and was given over \$1,000.00 in alcoholic beverages on behalf of the organization.

Police investigations revealed that the individual was an imposter. He was detained and placed inside a cell along with two other detainees from Santa Elena one of whom was Henry Baptist, who was arrested on Friday,



Michael Robinson, 18

October 7 on Mariana Gonzalez Street in Santa Elena.

The Police Quick Response Team

reportedly surprised Baptist and 2 other persons standing in front of a

Armed Guatemalan - Planting Corn On National Park Land

District, Thursday, October 9, 2008: A Guatemalan farmer was today remanded to prison for a month after he was found with a gun and bullets in a cornfield inside a national park on Belizean territory.

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo

Police reports that it was shortly after 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, October 7, when a police, military and forestry team, accompanied by a member of the NGO environmental group, Friends of Conservation, were on jungle patrol inside the Chiquibul Forest Reserve



Juan De Los Santos Ramon, 28

and National Park, they came upon a male Hispanic person standing in

a cornfield with a rifle in his hand. In keeping with standard

operating procedures, the exact location was logged as grid 6854/4795 being approximately 1kilometer from the Belize/Guatemala border line, inside Belizean territory.

The person complied with the order to drop the gun. It was found to be a .22 caliber rifle with one round of ammunition in the barrel. A search of the individual also led to the discovery of an additional 14 live rounds of ammunition for the rifle inside the front left pocket of his pants.

The individual was detained and



Henry Baptist, 29



Rolando Castillo 46

identified as Juan De Los Santos Ramon, 28, farmer from Melchor De Mencos, Guatemala.

He was transported to the San Ignacio Police station where he was formally arrested and charged for keeping firearm and ammunition without a license.

Forestry officials also proceeded with charging him for the offences of illegally entering a national park and illegally clearing land for cultivation inside a national park.

The accused appeared in court on Wednesday, October 8, where he

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A Defeat More Devastating Than The February 7, 2008 General Election

The result of last Sunday's United Democratic Party (UDP) convention in Belize City is a clear indication that incumbent **Mayor Zenida Moya** is the undisputed choice of Belize City voters.

While some might argue that the path leading to Mayor Moya's victory was a troubled one, and that at it exposed deep rooted rifts within the UDP, it would be worthwhile to view the events in context with prevailing conditions and circumstances.

For all intents and purposes, the People's United Party (PUP) remains on life support, after the devastating defeat it suffered at the polls eight months ago, on February 7, 2008.

The PUP therefore poses no real threat to candidates seeking election to municipal bodies on the UDP ticket.

While we are only 5 months away from the scheduled March 4, 2009 municipal elections, the PUP is yet to announce the single name of any of their candidates that will be contesting any of the 67 seats countrywide.

The UDP convention in Belize City this past Sunday brought out a record breaking 7,000 voters. It was like an actual election as the candidates realized that a victory at the convention was tantamount to a seat on the next city council and so they rightfully expended maximum effort at attaining victory.

As the PUP continue to scramble for individuals who are willing to be taken like sacrificial lambs to the slaughter, it is unlikely that they will have any need for a convention, and if ever there should be one, it will serve as an embarrassing event as, the UDP has now set a standard for conventions, a standard which the lame duck PUP will NEVER be able to come even close to as there is no way that they will ever be able to attract half that amount of voters to any of their convention.

Surprisingly, while the March 4, 2009 round of municipal elections will serve as a litmus test for PUP leader John Briceño, there is no visible activity taking place within the party in the few months leading up to municipal elections.

This lack of activity somehow tends to confirm that those with an eye at taking over from Briceño are hoping and praying and maybe even plotting for this to be a PUP defeat even more devastating than the February 7, 2008 general elections.



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Benque Viejo Town - Serious About Tackling Crime

BY: Miguel A. Segura, Senior Superintendent of Police, with responsibility for community policing,

BELMOPAN, National Police Headquarters, Wednesday, October 8, 2008:

On Saturday, October 4, 2008, between the hours of 4:00pm and 6:30pm a neighborhood watch zone meeting was held at Sydney Nunez Park in Zone 4 in Benque Viejo Town.

Master of ceremonies for the ocassion was **Mr. Santiago Collado** and the invocation was delivered by **Mr. David Ruiz.**

Mr. Samuel Bruce who is in-charge of Zone 4 gave an overview of the zone while simultaneously urging those present of the need to join forces with the police to reduce crime and make Benque Viejo a much safer place to live.

Mr. Bruce informed that he has subdivided Zone 4 into four blocks with a lieutenant - Mr. Felipe Flores, Mr. Miguel Guerra, Mr. Frank Torres and Mr. France Westby, overseeing activities in each of the four blocks.

The three invited guest speakers were **Mr. Luis Dardon** - Guatemalan Consul resident in Benque Viejo Town; **Mr. Armando** Chulin and **Mr. David Ruiz**.

Consul Dardon applauded the efforts of the Police Department in this community approach to tackling crime including the successful Police Youth Cadet Corp. He said "the foundation of a country is the youth; and so, we should focus on *them.*" He also appealed for more sporting facilities in Benque which wil serve to keep the youth busy and engaged in positive things. He concluded that the police and the residents of Benque Viejo Town are heading in the right direction and that Belize could serve as a model for Central America and the world.

Mr. Chulin in his address referred to article 33 of the Rights of the Children which provides for the rights of children to live in an environment free from drugs, crime and violence. He emphasized that families and the police need to unite and work together for a safer community. He ended by reiterating that making Benque Viejo a safer community cannot succeed



Officer Commanding Benque Viejo Police Formation, Superintendent Dezerie Phillips addressing the gathering

unless there is unity amongst the police and the community. He gave assurance of his full support towards this endeavor.

The next speaker, Mr. David Ruiz emphasized the involvement of the church, residents, students as well as the local authorities including Area Representatives working together for a safer community. He urged everyone to continue build despite the destructive forces around and urged for unity of all adults, adolescents and children with the police.

In her address the Officer Commanding Benque Viejo Police Formation, Superintendent Dezerie Phillips, informed of the many positive changes that has taken place since she took over command of the formation two months ago. She likewise informed that she is expending tremendous efforts at addressing the negative perception of the police in the community. She assured the gathering that she is prepared work with the people in order to make that change. She informed that in an effort at better policing, she has divided the community into 5 zones and is in the process of identifying active and committed community leaders to take on the lead role in the prevention of crime in each zone.

Supt. Phillips urged the citizens of Benque Viejo to be familiar with their respective zones so that when they call for assistance the specific area will be easily identified thereby providing for a much quicker response by the police. She took the opportunity to introduced the officers assigned to Lisbey, PC Gilbert Martinez, PC Josue Mckoy, PC Rhaburn Kukul and PC David Ortega. She expressed optimistism that the neighborhood watch program will soon be launched in other zones.

The event concluded with Mr.

Zone 4 as follows:- Cpl. Jose

The event concluded with Mr. Collado entertainint the gathering with music and his rendition of an anti-crime song.

There was piñata for the children as well as food, drinks and a raffle. Over 300 persons were in attendance.

This community initiative is the product of the Commissioner of

Police and Formation Commanders countrywide insistence on getting similar undertaking started in their area thereby getting the community involved in crime prevention efforts.

Similar events in other police formations countrywide will soon be launched and publicized.

If one examines the basic policing functions – **prevention**, **response**, **enforcement**, **crime solving**, **referral and public education**, one cannot help but conclude that the support and co-operation of the public/community is vital and indeed essential.

In none of its functions can the police be successful or effective without the involvement and active participation of the community.

For the last several decades law enforcement has been struggling to find a new strategy that will help gain and maintain the public trust, confidence and support for its various activities. It appears that finally the focus on a community driven approach to policing is gaining worldwide acceptance over the traditional model of policing. The Belize Police Department is cognizant of this and is working towards this end.

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'Post Turtle'

While discussing the future of their party as they head into next year's municipal elections, the 75 year old rancher from Orange Walk stood up and said to the gathering.

"The leadership of our party is a 'Post Turtle'".

Not being familiar with the term, the Party Chairman asked "What's a 'post turtle'?.

The old rancher said, "When you're driving down a farm road you come across a fence post with a turtle balanced on top, that's a

'post turtle'''.

The old rancher saw the puzzled look on the Chairman's face so he continued to explain.

" It has four components:

1)You know they didn't get up there by themselves.

2) They don't belong up there.

3) They don't know what to do while they're up there and

4) You just wonder what kind of dummy put them up there to begin with".

Beware Of The Scam

Over the last two months I became the victim of a clever scam while out shopping.

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them a tip, they say "No" and instead ask you for a ride to the other "Three Flags". You agree and they get in the back-seat.

On the way, they start undressing. Then one of them climbs over into the front seat and starts crawling all over you, while the other one steals your wallet. I had my wallet stolen November 4th, 9th, 10th, twice on the 15th, 17th, 20th, & 24th 29th. Also December 1st, 4th, twice on the 8th, 16th, 23rd, 26th, 30th, three times last Saturday and very likely again this upcoming weekend.

So tell your friends to be careful.

P.S. "Three Flags" has wallets on sale for only 2.99 each.

Dressing For The Occasion

Long ago, when sailing ships ruled the waves, a captain and his crew were in danger of being boarded by a pirate ship.

As the crew became frantic, the captain bellowed to his First Mate, "Bring me my red shirt!"

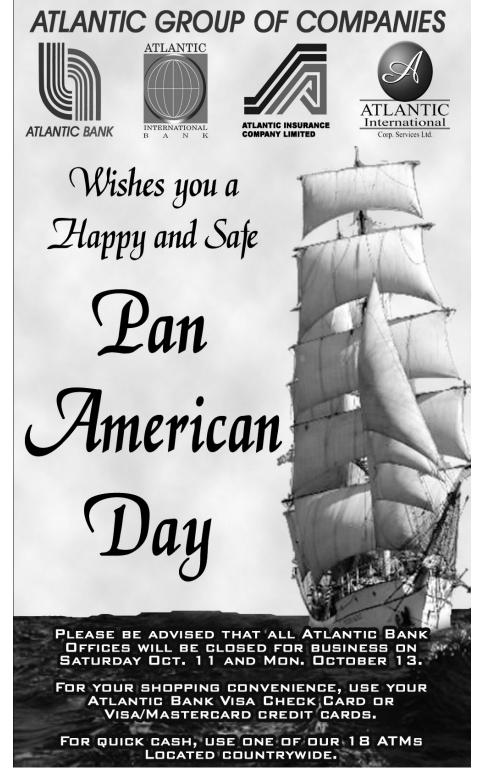
The First Mate quickly retrieved the captain's red shirt, which the captain put on and led the crew to battle the pirate boarding party.

Although some casualties occurred among the crew, the pirates were defeated.

Later that day, the lookout screamed that there was another pirate vessels heading towards their ship. The crew cowered in fear, but the captain, calm as ever bellowed, "Bring me my red shirt!" And once again the Captain led his crew to victory ,although this time more casualties occurred.

Weary from the battles, the men sat around on deck that night recounting the day's occurrences when a sailor looked to the Captain and asked, "Sir, why did you call for your red shirt before the battle?"

The Captain, giving the sailor a look that only a captain can give, announced "If I am wounded in battle, the red shirt does not show the wound and thus, you men will



continue to fight unafraid."

The men sat in silence marveling at the courage of their Captain.

As dawn came the next morning, the lookout screamed that there were pirate ships, 10 of them, all with boarding parties on their way. The men became silent and looked to their Captain, for his usual command.

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Captain, calm as ever, bellowed, "Bring me my brown pants!"

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Belize Electric Company Ltd. A FORTIS COMPANY

BY: Stephen L. Usher Vice President, Operations Belize Electric Company Limited

CHALILLO HYDRO FACILITY, Cayo District, Wednesday, October 8, 2008:

The Belize Electric Company Limited (BECOL) submits the information below in response to a letter written by **Patricia E. Celenza** and published in the September 28, 2008 edition of the Belize City based Amandala and Reporter newspapers.

Celenza's letter is not factual as it relates to BECOL's environmental performance and the statements made by the Chief Justice.

Celenza fails to disclose that before the Chalillo Dam was completed in 2005, downstream communities, such as San Ignacio and Cristo Rey, experienced regular flooding. Water would cover the wooden bridge between San Ignacio and Santa Elena Towns at least five times during the rainy season.

Since Chalillo was completed in 2005, these communities have not experienced any major flooding. In fact, as a direct result of the Chalillo Dam being in place, these communities escaped major floods in 2006, 2007 and 2008. The Meteorological Office can confirm that had Chalillo not been in place, flood waters in these years, would have been as high as the newly constructed vegetable market in San Ignacio.

The flood control features of the Chalillo Dam were installed by BECOL at a cost well over \$1 million dollars and BECOL gets no financial benefit from this.

Celenza also fails to recognize the fact that Chalillo has also helped to keep the cost of electricity as low as possible during these times of high oil prices. In July 2008, electricity from Mexico was double the cost of power from BECOL, while electricity generated with oil was more than three times as expensive as hydroelectricity.

Celenza lists emergency



Celenza's Letter - Not Factual

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BECOL's hydro facility at Chalillo

preparedness, mercury, water quality and public information as four critical issues. These are issues that BECOL has been dealing with in a responsible manner and in fact, the case brought by BELPO against DOE disclosed that the delays in dealing with some of these issues were due to circumstances beyond BECOL's control.

BECOL has had an Emergency Preparedness Plan in place before the dam went into service. The Environmental Compliance Plan requires that the plan be tested. This test needs to be coordinated by the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO).

NEMO has done significant work on the testing of the plan and will continue to do so.

Prior to the construction of the Chalillo Dam, BECOL discovered that the mercury levels of the water in the Macal River were already elevated to the point that limits should be placed on the consumption of certain fish.

BECOL advised the public and the Ministry of Health (MOH) of its findings and has worked closely with Ministry of Health to educate the public on this issue.

BECOL also advised the Ministry of Health and the public that mercury levels would rise during the first few years after construction before returning to pre-construction levels. The mercury levels are being monitored and reported to the DOE and results so far have been in line with expectations.

Water quality is a concern to everyone. That is why, even prior to the construction of Chalillo, BECOL tested the water in the Macal River at several locations on a monthly basis. Since construction, the number of test sites has been increased, as well as the sampling frequency. The results of these tests are provided to the Departments of Health and Environment on a regular basis and show that the water quality in the river is already returning to pre-construction levels.

Celenza also fails to mention that BECOL has had numerous public meetings on Chalillo. In response to continued requests by persons opposed to the dam, Chief Justice Abdulai Conteh ruled that BECOL was to hold an information session in San Ignacio. It should however be noted that BECOL had conducted a detailed presentation at a well attended Public Hearing in San Ignacio in January 2003. Subsequent attempts to hold public information sessions were very poorly attended indicating either low interest, or perhaps the fact that the public feels informed to the point that they do not think it necessary to attend any more public information sessions. Nonetheless, BECOL respects the decision of the court and will continue to hold public information sessions for the San Ignacio area.

Celenza states that "CJ Conteh stated that the developer (BECOL) had not complied with the provisions of the Chalillo Dam Environmental Compliance Plan (ECP), nor had DOE done its job in enforcing these provisions." The Chief Justice Abdulai Conteh did not make any such statement. This can easily be verified by reviewing the Court Judgement.

It was revealed in the courts that the Environmental Compliance Plan has over 200 commitments. BELPO could only find 4 of those 200 commitments where BECOL was not in 100% compliance, and those were due to circumstances beyond the Company's control.

BELPO's objective was to use these four issues to get the Courts to stop the third Hydro Project (Vaca) from continuing.

The Court did not find theses instances of non-compliance to be serious enough to order an injunction against the Vaca project.

BECOL is also one of the few companies in Belize that meets the International ISO14001 Environmental Standard.

BECOL remains committed to fulfilling its commitments under the Environmental Compliance Plan and in so doing ensure the wellbeing of the communities it serves.

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1908 - 2008: Nazarene Church Celebrates 100 Years

BY: Josue McKov

MACAL RIVER PARK, San Ignacio Town, Cayo, Sunday, October 5, 2008:

The Nazarene Evangelical Mission in Belize is this week celebrating its centennial anniversary in Belize (1908-2008).

Over 1,000 members from the Western Zone, comprising congregations in the municipalities of San Ignacio, Santa Elena, Benque as well as from the villages of San Jose Succotz and Esperanza, converged on the Macal River Park to participate in the ceremony marking this milestone in the history of the church.

The six hour event which began at 9:30 a.m., included presentations by religious leaders heading the 5 churches in the Western Zone as follows: Pastor Werner Cano -Benque Viejo Town; Pastor Leigh Flowers - Esperanza Village; Pastor Onesimo Pott - San Ignacio; Pastor Sergio Aguilar - Santa Elena



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WESTERN PASTORS (L-R):- Pastor Werner Cano - Benque Viejo Town: Pastor Leigh Flowers - Esperanza Village; Pastor Onesimo Pott - San Ignacio; Pastor Sergio Aguilar - Santa Elena Town and Pastor Emilio Reyes - San Jose Succotz Village.

Town and Pastor Emilio Reyes -San Jose Succotz Village.

In his 2008 assembly presentation, District Superintendent John Tzib,

reported a total of 42 organized churches and 19 missions in Belize for a total of 2,152 full membership and 382 associate members.



A pioneer in the Church: Mrs. Rosalia "Challia" Salazar flanked by District Superintendent John Tzib (R) and his wife Mrs. Anita Tzib (L)

During today's event, Mrs. Rosalia Salazar, 85, was recognized as one of the oldest serving members of the Nazarene Evangelical Mission. *Miss Challia*, as she is affectionately known, has been a faithful member of the church for over 62 years. She served the first 13 years in Flores Peten, Guatemala and the remaining 49 years in Santa Elena Town, Cayo. She was a founding member of the Nazarene Church on Carillo Puerto Avenue, Santa Elena, Cayo.

The first Nazarene primary school founded in Belize was in Benque Viejo Town in the year 1946, this ushered in the establishment of other primary schools in Belize City and Corozal.

With a staff of over 80 members serving over 2,000 students, the Nazarene mission in Belize is currently operating 7 primary schools dispersed across the country in Benque Viejo Town, San Jose Succotz Village, San Ignacio Town, Roaring Creek Village, Corozal Town, Sarteneja Village and Belize City.

In 1964, the Nazarene High School in Belize City opened its doors to a total of 31 students. Forty four years later, the High School has an enrollment of 335 students.

At the beginning of the new school year, in August 2008, a second High School was brought on stream, this latest one in the western village of San Jose Succotz, Cayo.

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A Summary Of Belize's Health Information System

BY: Dra Maria Goncalves Ag. Deputy Regional Health Manager, San Ignacio Hospital

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, October 8, 2008:

It gives me great pleasure to provide you with a summary of Belize's Health Information System as provided by **Mr. Ian Smith.**

Mr. Ian Smith is a Belizean with a degree in Engineer Information System from Jacksonville Florida, USA.

He has been employed with the Ministry of Health for over 4 years. He also worked at the Karl Huesner Memorial Hospital (KHMH) in the creation of network systems and other software applications.

Two weeks ago Mr. Smith returned from a conference in the USA where he presented Belize's Health Information System.

Belize is one of six countries in the world applying this emerging technology in the health sector.

Mr. Smith enjoys what he does and performs his duties with a passion. He works along with **Mr. Roberto Guerra** from Benque Viejo town.

Mr. Guerra is a Systems Analyst also in the Ministry of Health. He earned his degree in Mexico.

Another member of the team is **Mr. Gabriel Bol**, a Software Developer with a degree from the University of Belize.

The fourth member of the team is **Mr. Inez Sanchez,** a Computer Technician with a degree also from the University of Belize.

This team makes Belize very proud and places our flag up high.

In providing the summary, Mr. Smith informs that The Belize Health Information System (hereinafter BHIS) is the world's first nationalized

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Electronic Health Record system (hereinafter EHR).

The BHIS is a dynamic and comprehensive tool that will assist the Ministry of Health in providing the best health care services in the quickest, most affordable and efficient manner.

The development of this new computer system will inevitably produce better health services that ultimately lead to a healthier population.

Doctors and nurses will be able to quickly and efficiently analyze current data and managers will be able to make important strategic decisions based on the information that will be readily available via the BHIS.

Below is a list of the major modules of the BHIS.

1. Electronic Health Record (EHR)

The EHR holds data related to: unique patient identification, contact information, medical status and health sector encounters. Each patient will have a single EHR accessible at any Ministery Of Health facility countrywide.

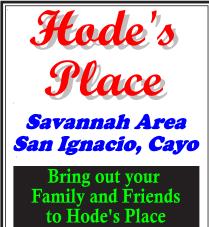
2. Admission and Discharge and Transfer modules

The Admission and Discharge and Transfer modules will record EHR data for several Encounter types: Accident and Emergency, Outpatient, Inpatient, Maternal Child Health (MCH) and Vector Control.

The information recorded for each visit to a health facility will include items such as: a uniquely identified patient, complaints, diagnoses, procedures, tests and results as well as actions taken at time of discharge, referral or transfer.

3. <u>Clinician Order Entry</u> Module

Clinician Order Entry (hereinafter COE) will be used to order



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Pharmacists will automatically receive notification of prescriptions to dispense thereby streamlining the flow of their work

Lab technicians or radiologists will enter test results into the BHIS allowing clinicians to view test results at their BHIS terminal.

4. Laboratory Module

This module of the BHIS will be used by lab technicians for the management of lab tests being ordered and lab results returned to prescribing physicians.

5. <u>Supply Chain</u> <u>Management Module</u>

The Supply Chain Management functions of the BHIS will be a highly detailed inventory management system. The stock counts will be tracked at various stores throughout the health sector.

At any moment the stock level of a pharmaceutical or medical supply can be determined for a particular store, facility, and region or across the nation.

This information will assist a central supplies office to appropriately allocate, re-allocate or purchase stocks.

6. Public Health Module

Maternal and Child Health (hereinafter MCH) encounters will connect a mother and her child's EHR.

Pre and ante-natal encounters will be connected to the mother's EHR.

Post-natal, vaccination and surveillance encounters will be connected to the child's EHR.

The full record of the gestation, delivery and early childhood care and development will be easily available for review.

Some Vector Control records will be connected to an EHR such as a fever case test result indicating an infection.

Vector Control activities that are not related to an individual such as prevention or abatement program activities will be described by location and activity.

Public Heath Inspections (PHI) records will be connected to an entity such as a: facility, company or ship. Reporting of PHI activities which can be aggregated by inspector, region, entity or outcome will surely be desirable.

7. Human Resources Module

The Human Resources module of the BHIS will perform functions such as:

- · Recruitment of Public Service Officers
- · Selection processes
- · Hiring processes
- · Leave entitlements
- · Performance management
- · Training and development

8. HIV/AIDS Module

The HIV/AIDS module will include the pre and post consoling modules,

and case studies on medication and patient.

9. <u>SQL-Ledger – Accounting</u> Module

This module or program is the proposed accounting software for the Ministry of Health.

This software adheres to GAAP and should be able to integrate into the KHMH and regional hospitals.

10. Reports

The BHIS will have an extensive list of selectable reports to help the MOH make inform decisions for better management and delivery of health care services.

11. <u>Replication and</u> <u>Synchronization Modules</u>

The BHIS is capable of replicating health data, in real time, thus allowing for country wide dissemination of health data and information.

The module is the brain of the software as it also serves as a way to automatically install software updates to all BHIS node servers.

Benefits of the system include better tracking and monitoring of infectious diseases such as SARS and Bird-Flu, rapid identification of patients in the event of the release of unsafe medicines, country-wide prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV and better care for diabetics.

Data standardization and the automated aggregation of national data provide powerful analytical options for epidemiology, planning and policy and others.

The tight integration of clinical and logistical functions allows drug lot recalls to be effectively managed.

Belize raised its international profile on September 15, 2008 as a leader in health information system development with the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Government of Belize and the Health Metrics Network (HMN), a Geneva-based partnership hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO).

With the signing of the agreement, Belize is set to become the first country in the Americas to receive priority support from HMN, enabling access to new technical and financial resources that will help the country align its system with the best global standards on country health information.

HMN is a leading global partnership that facilitates better health information at country, regional and global levels. It is funded by organizations such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID and the UK's Department for International Development. HMN is presently engaged in over 65 countries.

Belize's exemplary health information system was developed with the support of organizations such as the Inter-American Development Bank, Pan American Health Organization and Accesstec Inc.

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PC Lawrence Jones - Officer of the Month Belize Bank Donates Two Computers to Police

BELIZE CITY, Thursday, October 9, 2008:

The Police held an award ceremony at the Racoon Street Compound, today to honor the police officer of the month and issue certificates of commendations for outstanding members and civilian staff.

The Award of Officer for the Month of September was presented to **Police Constable #213 Lawrence Jones**, who along with fifteen other officers received certificates and prizes.

In addressing those present, **Sr. Supt. David Henderson** and **Acting Commissioner Allen Whylie,** commended the officers for exemplary service in the execution of their duties.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Her Lordship Mayor Zenaida Moya.



Mayor Zenaida Moya presetnting prize to PC #213 Lawrence Jones

In her address Mayor Moya commended the department and officers for the valiant effort in the fight against crime.

Mayor Moya told the gathering that she is in constant dialogue with the Upper Command at Eastern Division for a coordinated response through closer collaboration with the council to maintain public order and the safety of the citizenry.

The event was also highlighted by the donation of two computers, courtesy of the Belize Bank, to the Scenes of Crime Unit. Belize Bank's Senior Marketing Director Ms.Misty Micheal made the presentation on behalf of the Belize Bank.

The vote of thanks was delivered by **Assistant Supterintendent of Police Simeon Alvarez**. He thanked all those who made it possible for the event to be a success.

Senior Superintendent of Police Robert Mariano informed that similar events will be held monthly in an effort to boost morale and to motivate officers who continue to do good work.



Belize Bank's Senior Marketing Director Ms. Misty Micheal (Center) handing over computers to the police

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Cambodian Couple Cut Home In Half

An estranged couple in Cambodia has sawed their house in half to avoid the country's convoluted divorce process.

Moeun Rim and his wife, Nhanh, who have been married nearly 40 years, split the building last week following an argument, local officials said.

Mr. Rim has removed his share of the property and the couple has also divided their land into four parts; two for their children, and two for them.

Divorce cases in Cambodia can be costly and may take a long time to

The house - or one half of the house - is located in Prey Veng province, about 90km (56 miles) from the capital, Phnom Penh.



Mr. Rim's half of the house has been moved to an undisclosed location

The couple fell out after Mr. Rim accused his wife of neglecting him

whilst he was ill.

"We tried to persuade them to

think clearly before they did this because they had been married for nearly 40 years," local chief Vorng Morn told the Phnom Penh Post newspaper.

"But they did not listen," he said. A local lawyer told the newspaper that dividing a property was legal if both parties had agreed to it - but that it did not meant the pair was legally divorced.

"If in the future they have any disagreements, the provincial chief will not be responsible, as there had not been a judgment from the court," Prak Phin said.

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Mexico Unveils Emergency Spending

Mexican President Felipe Calderon has announced plans for \$4.3bn (£2.5bn) in emergency spending on infrastructure to help Mexico amid world financial woes.

In a televised address, Mr. Calderon warned that Mexico faced a fall in exports, investment and remittances as a result of the US economic slowdown.

Mexico and Brazil, Latin America's

biggest economies, have also acted to prop up their falling currencies.

Their central banks auctioned dollars from their reserves on Wednesday.

It was the first time in five years that Brazil had taken such a step and came after a slump in the real's value.

The Mexican central bank moved to auction off \$2.5bn after the peso fell to a record low of 14 against the



Mexican President, Felipe Calderon's plan boots spending on roads, schools and houses

Speaking later, President Calderon insisted that Mexico's banks were solid despite the global economic cri-

But it was clear that the slowdown in the US and elsewhere would have repercussions in Mexico, including a decline in demand for Mexican exports, less investment and fewer tourists, he said.

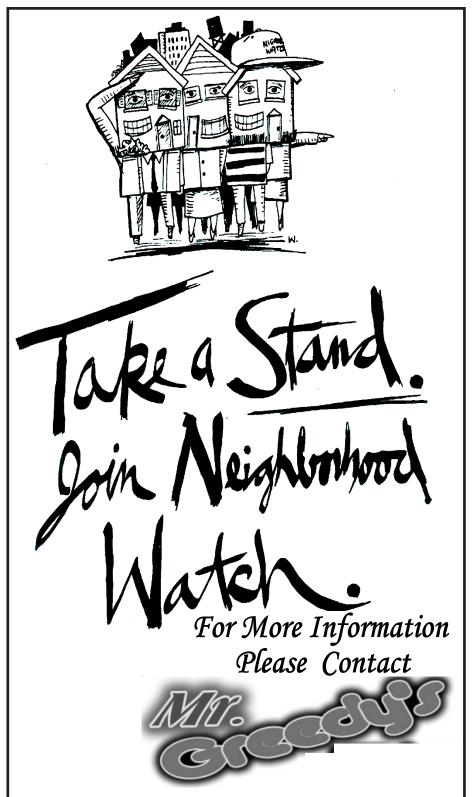
"At the same time, many migrants who send money from the US to their families, either now have no job or are afraid of losing it, which suggests there will be less in remittances sent to Mexico," Mr. Calderon said.

The spending plan, which needs to be approved by the Mexican Congress, was "not a financial rescue but will focus on strengthening the motors of our economy," he said.

The emergency spending proposals include:

- · stepping up public spending, especially on infrastructure including roads, schools, houses and prisons
- · the construction of a new oil refinery
- · a programme of help for small and medium-sized businesses

Mexico's economy, long dependent on the US, had dealt relatively well with the global credit crunch but the fall in the peso has signaled that the country is now facing a difficult time, analysts say.





Our "Unjust" Justice System

STAR -

Dear Editor;

Thank you for allowing me to express my sincere disappointment with our justice system.

My name is **Abner Valladares**, a proud Belizean whose name does not appear in any criminal record.

I am a productive, tax-paying, law-abiding individual who has been a victim of our 'unjust' system. Maybe it is not the system that has failed me, I more think it's the people who we have entrusted with our system; the same people whose pay comes from the hard earned tax dollars that the average individual like me has to pay so that they can have a job.

Yes, I am talking about court officials and especially you the policemen - you that regularly abuse the authority of your uniforms and the high profile positions that you hold. Please excuse the generalization here – you see, most of you are the same – though *many* are completely different, law-abiding citizens just like me who try to be as fair as possible and that to a certain extent, have also simply fell victims to the 'nice' British based legal system that we operate in.

How have you failed me? The same way you have failed many other people—that is by not allowing us our fundamental rights of freedom of speech and access to justice.

Showing up to work neatly tucked and on time is not all – please get this into those bright brains of yours.

Listening to people, helping them to lead right and legal lives, and allowing them just trials should more be part of your job descriptions.

What is this that a so called 'individual' (oh how I would have loved to publish your name here) can just step into your office, wrongly accuse someone and easily get away with it—and make money from it??

How is it that three court summons can be issued but yet up to this date I have not received at least one??

How is it that the officers issuing court summons are not required to take signatures of the person who received said summons? – Or was I told this just to cut me short?

Mr. 'individual' and those of you who are familiar with my case will know exactly what I am talking about. And how is it that the magistrate hearing the case refused to ensure that yes I was properly summoned to court before she passed her verdict; or why is it that my case files was missing when I demanded that it be shown to me?

Your Honor, while right by law, it is an injustice to charge someone simply because he did not show up for court hearings as summoned by you on three separate occasions. But how was I to show up if the court summons never reached me? Policeman too lazy to deliver it, or he mistakenly gave it to the tamales lady that had just sold me my dinner? Probably he was paid by Mr. 'individual' to purposely not deliver them properly?

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I pleaded to be heard almost a year ago when this case was heard behind my back on three separate occasions and I am crying again for justice today after just coming out from the "piss house" where I was held a prisoner for over four hours over this same case.

While I understand the police were simply following a higher order, I must say that our policemen are poorly trained to deal with people – especially non-criminal individuals like myself.

Mr. Commissioner, or Mr. Police PR officer, you are free to defend them here if you like – they should be ashamed to fit their big bellies every

day into our uniforms (uniforms definitely not the same size as those they wore when freshly out from the training academy).

I honestly hope that it is within my right of freedom of speech that I am able to openly express my personal opinion and disappointment that I have developed for our local police after my most recent experiences.

No apologies for having landed heavily on anyone here. I must give credit though to the officer who at least offered me a rice & beans today (so nice of you officer), but which I had to refuse as I saw my accepting it as a sign of acceptance that I was a criminal deserving to be where I was. To be honest with you, at one point I did feel like a criminal – it felt really good but bloodcurdling at the same time.

It is my hope that the above personal experience has caught the attention of those officials with the power to prevent our justice system from being misused and mismanaged and that they may step up to the plate and do their jobs – which we the tax payers are paying for.

It is also my intention to reach out to those who know and ask them to please share information about where one can turn to when found in a situation where one feels that the justice system is failing us. When we feel that we are not being heard or that the people we are talking to are simply not the most suitable. And please, leave out the lawyers and numerous attorneys from this one as poor people like me cannot afford to pay \$10,000.00 to be taken out from a \$500.00 hot spot.

The criminals and those who can afford expensive lawyers or simply payoff the policemen – who are ready to accept even the lowest offer, are perfectly happy with our legal system – so legal that it is so easy to turn it into quick bucks. Leave them there, their judgment will come – All power to God!!

Signed, Abner Valladares Cayo District.



Your Horoscope, Lucky Day & Number



Someone you're fond of could bring an element of luck to your door. Even if you're busy welcome visitors with a genuine smile. Look into Feng Shui to enhance your luck potentials. Fortunate on: Friday. Lucky Number:



If you're looking for a new job or trying to find new ways to make money you could be blessed with a stroke or two of luck now. Being ultra-polite to others could be the key to your god fortune. Lucky day: Monday. Lucky Number: 1



If you are reviewing a plan or project that involves some skill as well as luck, the first half of the week will bring an enlightening revelation. You will whiz throughyour commitments with unexpected ease.

Fortunate on: Thursday. Lucky Number: 18



CANCER

June 22 - July 22

The week won't be without a sprinkling of good luck. In fact it will be hard to decide whether it has been your own super efficient efforts or a touch of good fortune that makes results appear more spectacular than usual. Expect luck on: Saturday. Lucky Number: 13



LEO July 23 - August 23

Wait a day before taking any action that might commit time, energy or money towards something you are already having second thoughts about. If you have the impulse to get some exercise, this is an impulse you should act on immediately! Good fortune forecast on: Tuesday. Lucky Number:



Do something to burn off all your nervous energy or you could direct it into some form of careless venture which would normally be alien to your nature. You have problems with impulse control this week. Good day for luck: Wednesday. Lucky Number:









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You could be quite lucky now; people you meet or talk to on the telephone will put some interesting opportunities your way. Keep alert for the chance to sell yourself. You won't get anywhere expecting others to read your mind. Lucky day: Sunday. Lucky Number: 2



SCORPIO Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The chance to demonstrate a special skill will come now. Someone is struggling with work you can do with your eyes closed. They will be glad of your assistance. Good fortune forecast on: Saturday. Lucky Number: 23



It might seem as if this is one of your luckiest weeks; you have the energy and willpower to do almost anything you put your mind to. You just need the freedom to let your imagination loose. Expect luck on: Monday. Lucky Number: 11



If you are given the time to consider things carefully and really think about it you will come up with all sorts of ways to bring improvements into your immediate surroundings. Good day for luck: Wednesday. Lucky Number: 20



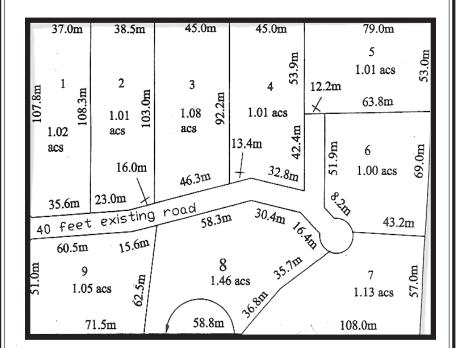
It's surprising what you can do when you put your mind to it. You're feeling mentally bright, physically on top of the world and emotionally, incredibly calm. Travel is lucky for you. Lucky day: Saturday. Lucky Number: 26



PISCES Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

If you must sort out a joint financial matter you'll have better luck at the start of the week in bringing it to a quick conclusion. Put your charisma to work if you feel someone is being awkward. Fortunate: Monday, Lucky Number 15

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San Ignacio/ Santa Elena UDP Convention - November 23, 2008

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, October 9, 2008:

United Democratic Party Chairman, and Secretary General, today traveled to San Ignacio to meet with candidates contesting the upcoming party convention.

The meeting was held between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m at the San Ignacio constituency office of Cayo North Area Representative Hon. Salvador Fernandez.

Candidates unanimously agreed for the convention to be held on Sunday, November 23 at the Cultural Center in San Ignacio.

The voting will run for 8 hours with

the polls opening at 9:00 a.m. and closing at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Singh and Secretary General Bailey took the opportunity to explain the 16 points rules governing the convention all of which were unanimously agreed upon and accepted.

The candidates then each signed a pledge form thereby committing to abide by the code of conduct before, during and after the convention.

While the mayoral seat will not be contested, as incumbent Mayor John August will be endorsed as the party's mayoral candidate for the March 4, 2009 municipal election, there could

be as much as 18 names on the convention ballot. The actual convention ballot is expected to be finalized by the end of next week when sample ballots will be issued signaling the official commencement of the campaign.

Also present at the meeting were Cayo Northeast Area Representative and Minister of State in the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, Hon. Elvin Penner and Cayo North Area Representative, Hon. Salvador Fernandez.

The candidates agreed to have others meetings to work out the details of the convention as the time draws nearer.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that MICHAEL PARHAM of Santa Elena Town is applying for **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate MIKE'S SPORTS BAR located in on 23rd Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.



and charged for illegal possession of the gun and the 30 rounds of ammunition. He was transferred to the San Ignacio police station where, apart for the original charge of obtaining property by deception, he will be additionally charged for escape, damage to government property and committing a mischievous act by giving the police a name other than his legal name.

Investigations revealed his real name to be Michael Robinson, 18, residing at #14 Mex Avenue in Belize City. Despite his rather young age, he is said to be no stranger to Belize City Police.

HENRY BAPTIST AND ROLANDO CASTILLO CAUGHT UP IN THE ROBINSON WEB

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yard. The police allege that they saw Baptist throw something in the yard. When the article was retrieved, it was found to be a .38 revolver. They also allegedly found one live round of ammunition for the gun inside his pants pocket. Henry Baptist was subsequently arrested and charged for possession of the unlicensed gun and the bullet.

Also inside the cell was **Rolando** Castillo who was detained on charges of obtaining services by deception. It is alleged that on the night of Saturday, October 8, Castillo entered a San Ignacio Nightclub where he allegedly consumed over a hundred dollars in alcoholic beverages and was unable to pay the bill. He was subsequently arrested and placed inside the cell along with Baptist and

When police visited the cell



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October 6, they found it empty. An inspection revealed that all three prisoners had escaped by removing a board from the ceiling and pushing the zinc roofing apart.

A few hours later the same Monday, Henry Baptist turned himself back in to the police. He was consequently arrested and charged for escape and for \$180.00 worth of damage to government property for damages caused to the ceiling and the roof of the holding cell. He was taken to court that same Monday on the gun charge and was remanded to prison for a month. He is scheduled to return to court on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

Up to press time this Friday morning the other escapee, Rolando Castillo, is still at large.

After escaping from San Ignacio Police holding cell on Monday morning, police suspect that Oscar Robinson headed to Placencia Village where he might have stolen a 9mm pistol and 30 rounds of ammunition from inside the vehicle of the Village Chairman, Brian Yearwood.

In a report to the police Chairman Yearwood informed that he parked his unlocked vehicle for a short time in front of the Turtle Inn Restaurant and when he returned, he immediately noted that his licensed 9 mm Sig Sauer pistol with a loaded magazine was missing from inside the vehicle. He also noted that a box containing 16 bullets for the gun was also missing for under the driver's seat.

It was shortly after 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 8, as Special Constable Samson Gillett was in the area of the Magistrate Court in Belmopan when he was alerted of a red Toyota Corolla car, with its engine running, parked behind the First Caribbean Bank. Whilst investigating the matter, Gillett saw a male person knocking on the door of the bank. He immediately recognized the individual to be the escapee,

Oscar Robinson, whom he had arrested four days earlier. He identified himself as a policeman and proceeded to detain him. Gillett c onducted a search of the detainee and found him in possession of a 9mm pistol with a loaded magazine containing 14 rounds of ammunition and an additional 16 round of 9mm bullets inside the left front pocket of his pants. He was escorted to the nearby Belmopan Police station where a further search led to the discovery of three local credit cards, one which is in the name of a senior public officer residing in Belmopan.

The gun was positively identified to be the property of Placencia Village Chairman, Brian Yearwood. Robinson was consequently arrested

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plead not guilty of all charges.

Although we were unable to ascertain if he has Locus Standi (authority to personally address the court), Guatemalan Resident Consul in Benque, Luis Dardon, in addressing the court, sought to have the matter dismissed on the grounds that the incident took place inside the adjacency zone and not on Belizean soil proper.

Notwithstanding Dardon's intervention, Magistrate Kathlene Lewis proceeded to remand the accused to prison for a month until the next court hearing on Thursday November 6, 2008.

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