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Editorial

The Village Is Not Doing Anything To Raise The Child

It is worrisome to wake up to the news of the brutal death of a sixteen year old boy.

It is even more worrisome to be told that, at the time of his death, the boy is believed to have been drunk as a consequence of purchasing and consuming alcoholic beverages in at least three bars.

By all indications, the police seems content with having arrested 4 persons for the murder and this appears to be the extent of the investigation.

In our humble opinion, the investigation should not only end with the arrest of those suspected to have murdered the boy, but it should also extend to those responsible for the obvious violation of Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize which, at Section 44 (1) of Intoxication Liquor Licensing Act, Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, reads *"No license holder shall sell or deliver or allow any description of liquor to any person under the age of eighteen years."*

If we are serious about taking measures to correct the ills in our society, then investigations should go all the way and not only half way. By all indications, this is not a case where the boy was sneaking a beer here and there, he had money in his pocket, he was bar hopping ultimately reaching to the point where he passed out and fell asleep resting his head on a table

inside a bar room.

There are competent investigators in the Police Department, hence there is no need for us to spoon feed them. Notwithstanding however the boy was accompanied by at least five persons as he hopped from bar to bar. Is there any interest in tapping into this resource thereby extending the investigation to the point of instituting action against those liquor establishments that were apparently more interested in drawing the cash out of this boy's pocket than in upholding the law of the land?

The excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages renders a strong, grown man helpless and feeble, the effects on a child is therefore even greater.

Unless we get serious, the village is not doing anything to raise the child.

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Attempt Murder: Zaiden Charged, Garnett Still At Large

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Ignacio Police encountered a male person undergoing medical treatment inside the emergency ward. The victim was identified as **Justin Gongora**, 21, Belizean Surveyor of a Maya Vista Street address in San Ignacio.

He was observed with a stab wound to the right side of the chest and a large cut wound to the lower right side of his belly with his intestines exposed.

In a statement to the police, Gongora informed them that he was walking with his brother towards the Eagle's Landing Restaurant from the Faya Wata Nightclub when they were attacked by two persons whom

he identified as **Gabino Garnett Jr.** and **Mike Zaiden**. In a statement to the police Gongora informed that the injuries were inflicted by Garnett and that Zaiden punched him in the face after which they fled the scene.

Police investigations led to the arrest of **Miguel Zaiden**, 38, Belizean laborer of #122 George Prince Avenue, Santa Elena while Garnett remains outside the reach of the long arms of the law.

Zaiden appeared before Magistrate **Kathlene Lewis** on Wednesday where the charge of attempted murder was read to him. The matter was adjourned until Thursday, July 16, 2009.



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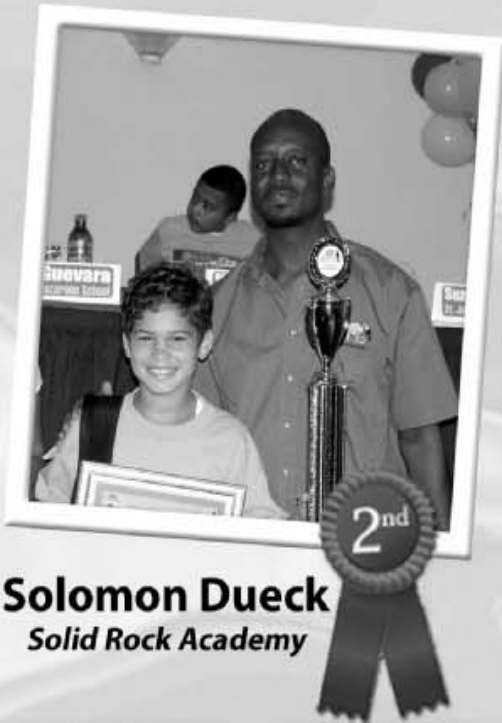
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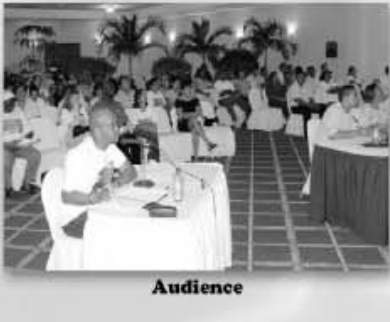
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Inaugural ceremonies were held today for the refurbished and upgraded airstrip in Dangriga Town.

The airstrip now boasts the latest technique in hot mix surface, efficient lightning, and modern safety features.

In his inauguration speech, Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Culture, **Hon. Manuel Heredia** said that one of the main priorities of the present Government is to ensure the proper maintenance and upgrade of local aerodromes.

Minister Heredia added, *"It is a privilege to be up here to place the final stone on a challenging but needed journey. However, this journey is only a small stepping-stone towards the goal of the Government of Belize to ensure that the development of the necessary infrastructure is in place to allow Belizeans, and foreigners to enjoy the convenience of local air travel, and also, to ensure that the economic benefits of air travel and tourism are*



enjoyed by our Belizean people."

The airstrip was renovated and refurbished at a cost of four hundred and fifty

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in Belize.

The investors are scheduled to arrive June 7th, 2009 and depart June 11th, 2009. They originate from various fishing operations in Taiwan including, but is not limited to, Cultivation Fishery Department, Fishery Production Cooperative, and Eco-Fish Farms.

While in Belize, the delegation will be introduced to

the current status and potential investment opportunities in the sector via a series of discussion and field visits.

For additional information with regards to the Taiwanese trade mission, please contact BELTRAIDE.

For further information please contact:

Belize Trade and Investment Development Service (BELTRAIDE)

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U.S. Embassy Will Be Closed On July 3

US EMBASSY, BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo, Thursday, June 4, 2009:

Please note that on Thursday, July 2, the Consular Section of the U. S. Embassy in Belmopan will be open only for previously scheduled VISA services.

The Embassy will be closed on Friday, July 3, in celebration of

Independence Day.

There will be no routine American Citizen Services provided on either day.

For emergencies involving the death, incarceration, or hospitalization of American citizens on these days, please contact the U.S. Embassy in Belmopan at 610-5030.

You may also contact the Embassy Consular Section via e-mail for non-emergencies at consulbelize@state.gov.

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Public Utilities Commission (PUC)



Notice:

The Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) hereby serves Notice this day, June 1, 2009, to all Interested Parties, including the Belize Water Services Limited (BWS) and the general public, that BWS has made an application to the Commission for adjustments to the existing tariffs.

BWS submitted its “Application for Adjustment to Tariffs” based on “Notified Items” pursuant to Section 37A of the Water and Sewerage (Tariffs) Byelaws, which states: *“In the case of notified items, where upon application by a licensee it has been proved by the said licensee to the satisfaction of the PUC that adjustments to Tariffs are necessary, the PUC may without conducting Full Tariff review proceedings or Annual Review proceedings approve adjustments to Tariffs.”*

Definition of Notified Items as contained in the Byelaws: *“Notified Items” means unavoidable costs incurred by a licensee proved to the satisfaction of the PUC and are costs due to factors outside of a licensee’s control being one or a combination of bad debt costs, electricity rate costs, interest costs or inflation.”*

To this end, the Commission is inviting all Interested Parties to make comments and representations with respect to the application by BWS before a Decision on the application is issued by the Commission.

BWS Application:

BWS has applied for a tariff increase of eight percent (8%) based solely on the Notified Item of Inflation, which it claims has risen by a compounded 15.6% from 2005 to 2008, based on annual inflation rates over the period of 3.7%, 4.2%, 2.3% and 4.6%, as reported by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), with the rate for 2008 being a “provisional” figure.

BWS cites that no tariff adjustment for Inflation has been effected for the company since 2005, and that the increasing cost (due to inflation) of goods and services it must access has reduced available cash, putting it in a position where it is unable to fund adequate maintenance, unable to invest in service expansion, unable to provide the regulated rate of return to shareholders and unable to hold adequate cash to expedite recovery from a major disaster, and *“where it cannot generate enough revenue from operations to meet its investment obligations”*.

BWS submitted the following comparative table to demonstrate its financial position and justify its application:

BWS Actual Revenue and Costs compared to PUC approved 2004 - 2009 Business Plan (Figures in BZ\$'000)						
	Year: 2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Total
BWS Actual						
Revenue	25,909	27,322	27,448	28,866	29,651	139,196
Costs	24,899	25,403	25,585	27,173	27,274	130,334
Profit	1,010	1,919	1,863	1,693	2,377	8,862
PUC FFBP						
Revenue	27,177	28,883	30,986	32,274	33,613	152,933
Costs	24,201	24,375	24,571	24,330	24,469	121,946
Profit	2,976	4,508	6,415	7,944	9,144	30,987

Definition of Interested Party:

Definition of Interested Party as contained in the Byelaws: *“interested party” means any person, customer or entity having an interest or concern in the outcome of an application or proceeding before the PUC”*.

Comments:

The deadline for comments and representations to be received from Interested Parties is Friday, June 12, 2009.

Public Hearing:

The intended date for a public hearing, if one is required, is Wednesday June 17, 2009.

Submission of Comments/Representations:

Comments may be made:

- a) in writing and delivered to the PUC at: Public Utilities Commission
41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City
P. O. Box 300
- b) by email to the PUC at: info@puc.bz

Intended date to issue Decision on the BWS application:

The Commission intends to issue its decision on Monday June 15, 2009 if no public hearing is required; or on Friday, June 19, 2009, if a public hearing is required.

The entire BWS submission may be viewed by interested persons at the office of the Public Utilities Commission, or on the Commission’s website, www.puc.bz

Chavez Launches \$15 Mobile Phone

BY: Rory Carroll

CARACAS, Venezuela, SA
Wednesday, May 13, 2009:

Chavez launches \$15 mobile phone with a name to make his mother blush. The Venezuelan President predicts that the Vergatario will be a bestseller worldwide.

It is perhaps the world's cheapest mobile phone. It is the latest offering from Hugo Chavez's socialist revolution. And its name is derived from a slang word for penis. Behold the Vergatorio.

Venezuela's president launched the handset on his TV show with a Mother's Day call to his mum and predicted it would conquer all rivals. *"This telephone will be the biggest seller not only in Venezuela but the world,"* he said. *"Whoever doesn't have a Vergatario is nothing,"* he joked.

Priced just \$15 (nearly £10), the phone has a camera, WAP internet access, FM radio and MP3 and MP4 players for music and videos. And it has that name.

Why the president chose it remains unclear, but he enunciates each syllable with a grin. Some laugh, others are affronted.

Verga is slang for penis and vergatario is a newly minted word which signifies excellent

but retains connotations from its root.

The word verga, and variations of it, are associated with Venezuela's second city, Maracaibo. Residents are famous for swearing and using Spanish verbal constructions uncommon in the rest of Venezuela.

"It's gross. I can't believe they named it something so vulgar," said Leonor Diaz, 52, a cleaner. Others however consider the name playful and harmless.

The newspaper El Universal issued readers a challenge. **"Say Vergatario in front of a mirror. Pronounce this obscenity syllable by syllable, slowly, and note the expression on your face."**

Chavez, a decade in power, is a shrewd communicator who often uses salty expressions to mark himself out as a man of the people. He called George Bush a "pendejo", a term derived from pubic hair which can be translated as asshole or jerk.

A government subsidy which cut the retail price to a quarter of the manufacturing cost is likely to make the Vergatario an immediate hit. There is a waiting list for the first 10,000 units expected to be released this week.

Production this year has been set at 600,000, rising to 2m in 2011,



when the government hopes to export the model to the Caribbean and then further afield.

Parts are imported from China and assembled in a factory in western Venezuela run by a new company, Vetelca, 85% owned by the Venezuelan state and 15% by the Chinese company ZTE. The government, facing a

financial crunch and labour unrest over tumbling oil revenues, said the investment would boost the country's **"technological independence"**. Chavez turned a segment of his weekly TV show into a promotion. **"Has your Vergatario arrived?"** he asked his mother. **"This is the first call I've made with my Vergatario."**



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The documents can be collected from the **Chief Executive Officer's Secretary – Ministry of Health, East Block, Belmopan City on Monday June 8th through Friday June 19th, 2009.**

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They looked at the third man and he said, "That's nothing, I have my wife so under control

that the other day I had her crawling towards me on her hands and knees."

The other men were very impressed and asked him how he had managed to pull off that one.

The man replied, "Well, I dashed under the bed and she came crawling towards me while shouting, 'Come out and fight like a man!'"

Passing The Ball

The huge college football player figured he'd try out for the football team.

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"Watch this," said the player as he proceeded to run smack into a telephone pole, shattering it to splinters.

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Schools countrywide are invited to participate; each school must submit ONLY two entries, ONE FROM EACH CATEGORY no later than Monday, June 15th 2009.

For more information please contact:

Lorraine Herrera, Public Awareness Officer – Belize Tourism Board
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Trinidad & Tobago Educators On Study Tour In Belize

BELMOPAN, Wednesday, June 3, 2009:

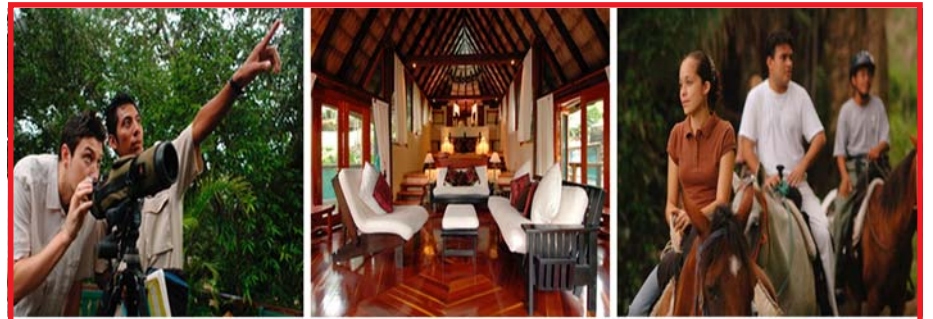
The Ministry of Education and the Caribbean Centre of Excellence for Teacher Training (Belize) are proud to welcome a group of educators from Trinidad and Tobago on a study tour to the C-CETT schools in Belize.

The group of reading specialists, primary school

principals and other teacher educators are being led by the centre's Project Coordinator, **Mr. Delroy Alleyne.**

The main purpose of this study tour is for the group to witness firsthand the excellent work being done by C-CETT teachers and students in six primary schools in the Belize District: Burrell Boom Methodist,

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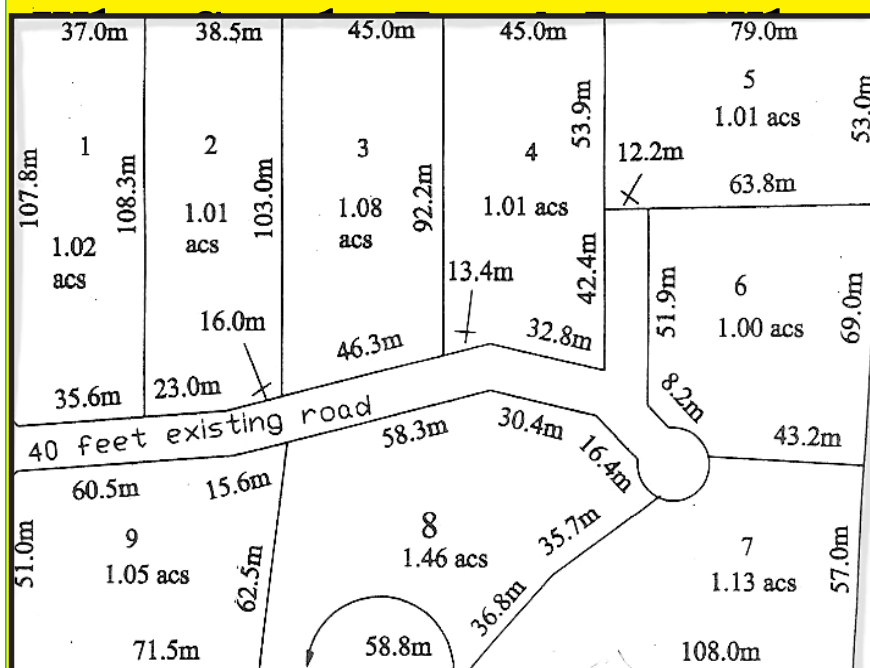
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Salvation Army, Central Christian, All Saints Anglican, Guadalupe R.C. and St. Luke Methodist.

Since October 2003, these schools have been involved in a Caribbean-wide literacy program which aims to improve the teaching of reading and thereby assist students to improve their mastery of the fundamentals of reading.

The Caribbean Centre of Excellence for Teacher Training's principal emphasis is on fostering innovation, improving quality, and promoting excellence in the teaching of reading and in reading achievement.

The Belizean C-CETT teachers and students have excelled in this regional initiative, especially in the area of classroom transformation. Thus, the team from Trinidad and Tobago is here to learn and witness the efforts of our teachers that have proved successful.

The group of educators from Trinidad and Tobago, along with the C-CETT principals and teachers will be hosted by Belize's Minister of Education, **Hon. Patrick Faber**, at a welcome dinner on June 1st, 2009 at the Smoky Mermaid

Restaurant.

Other activities during the week will be visits to C-CETT schools and other cultural sites. Of major interest will be the presentation of **Mr. Leroy Green**, Belizean poet and author, at Guadalupe R.C. school on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 where the teachers and students, as well as the Trinidadian Study Tour group will get a chance to appreciate Belizean folklore and

literature.

C-CETT's inception was in October 2003 when it began as a pilot project supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). This support from USAID will be completed in September, 2009. The Ministry of Education has committed to its sustainability and has expanded to impact some of the schools in the southern areas of the country.

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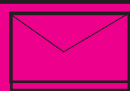
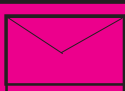
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*Readers Write*

A Citizen's Concerns

Dear Editor,

Is there anybody anywhere who can do something about all those derelict and scrapped vehicles on Bullet Tree Road right here in San Ignacio Town.

I am calling our our Area Representative, the Mayor and Counsellors to visit the area especially at around 8:00 am on weekdays so that they may see for themselves how our children and even regular pedestrians must dangerously maneuver between these unsightly vehicles and passing traffic.

I pray that some corrective action be taken before it is too late as last week's death of little Jose Garcia Jr., by traffic accident on the streets of Belize City, is still fresh in our minds.

The other concern I want to bring up is the dangerous practice of village buses letting off primary students at the corner of Bullet Tree Road and Joseph Andrews Drive as we see these children dangerous rushing across that busy intersection on their way to Sacred Heart Primary School.

As a possible solution, I suggest that one of those many traffic Wardens, posted in downtown San Ignacio, be temporarily posted to this area between school hours and ensure that these buses let off passenger

Joseph Andrews drive where they can disembark with increased safety. After monitoring the situation for a few weeks, this Warden can return to the downtown area provided that bus operators understand that this dangerous intersection is not a passenger disembarkation point.

Some in authority might say that speed bumps were recently installed in the area to slow down traffic. This is true but there are still some wreckless drivers who do not respect these speed bumps. and

The third issue of concern is all that noise coming from Legend Nightclub.

People living in the area have been complaining about this matter for many years but their complaints have been falling of deaf ears.

The owners of this club should show some consideration for the neighbours, especially student who need to study and young children who must get a good night's rest if they are to develop physically and mentally. There is also all those hard working men and women living in the area who should get a good night's sleep if they must get up early to go to work.

Apart from the noise there is also the fighting and cursing that takes place in the bar. This is

setting a bad example for our children.

As a citizen of this community I am calling the attention of our local leaders be it the Area Representative, the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Councillors to please look into these matters.

We want to see you guys around, in the same way we saw

you walking the streets asking for our votes.

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Demi Bellini Is Belize's Top Performing PSE 2009 Student

BELMOPAN, Friday, June, 5, 2009:

The much anticipated results of the 2009 Primary School Examinations are now in.

The top performing student of the year is **Demi Bellini** hailing from Our Lady of

Guadalupe School in Belmopan. Demi scored an impressive 380 points from an overall maximum of 400 points to claim the top honors.

The results revealed that of the twenty six top performing students, the Belize Elementary

and Hummingbird Elementary Schools, Belize City, topped the list with 4 students each.

Second honors went to **Suraye Solis** from St. Ignatius RC School, Belize City, with a score of 378 points.

In third place was **Brigette**

Ruby a student from Louisiana Government School in Orange Walk Town with 376 points.

The Ministry of Education is in the process of organizing an official ceremony to publicly honor and present awards to this year's top PSE performers

Primary School Examination Results 2009 Top 26 Performing Students Countrywide

NO.	NAME	SCHOOL	TOTAL SCORE (400)
1.	DEMI BELLINI	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE RC SCHOOL, BELMOPAN CITY	380
2.	SURAYE SOLIS	ST IGNATIUS RC SCHOOL, BELIZE CITY	378
3.	BRIGETTE RUBY	LOUISIANA GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, ORANGE WALK TOWN	376
4.	DISHA THADHANI	ST PETER CLAVER RC SCHOOL, PUNTA GORDA TOWN	374
5.	ANGELES ITZAB	MARY HILL RC SCHOOL COROZAL TOWN	373
6.	RYAN SHEN	BELIZE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BELIZE CITY	370
7.	ZHANAE SUTHERLAND	HUMMINGBIRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BELIZE CITY	370
8.	SHAJAIRA COB	GARDEN CITY GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, BELMOPAN CITY	368
9.	JUSTYN CRAIG	BELIZE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BELIZE CITY	366
10.	KENDRA PANDY	ST ANDREWS ANGLICAN SCHOOL, SAN IGNACIO TOWN	366
11.	NADER CHARAF	ST JOSEPH RC SCHOOL, BELIZE CITY	366
12.	NAJAH FLOWERS	HUMMINGBIRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BELIZE CITY	365
13.	MARLEY CAMARA	SACRED HEART RC SCHOOL, SAN IGNACIO TOWN	365
14.	SELVIN CRUZ	ST MARTINS GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, BELMOPAN CITY	365
15.	KIMBERLY ESPAT	ST PAULS ANGLICAN SCHOOL, COROZAL TOWN	364
16.	PERRY DIAZ	HUMMINGBIRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BELIZE CITY	363
17.	KRYSTON MUNNINGS	HOLY REDEEMER RC SCHOOL, BELIZE CITY	362
18.	IAN CORREA	ST FRANCIS XAVIER RC SCHOOL COROZAL TOWN	362
19.	MICHELLE QUAN	BELIZE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BELIZE CITY	361
20.	ANGELICA SHAMAH	HUMMINGBIRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BELIZE CITY	361
21.	RAZIEL ARAGON	LOUISIANA GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, ORANGE WALK TOWN	361
22.	TRINA PALACIO	ST IGNATIUS RC SCHOOL, BELIZE CITY	361
23.	RANDEEN CHIMILIO	UNITED EVERGREEN GOVERNMENT SCHOOL	361
24.	MARILIN GUERRA	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE RC SCHOOL, BELMOPAN CITY	361
25.	XIELA COYI	BELIZE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BELIZE CITY	360
26.	SHELLY CAL	ST MARTINS GOVERNMENT SCHOOL, BELMOPAN CITY	360

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Shajaira Cob	Garden City Bmp	368	Excellent
Kendra Pandy	St Andrews Anglican	366	Excellent
Selvin Cruz	St Martins Gov	365	Excellent
Marley Camara	Sacred Heart RC	365	Excellent
Randeen Chimilio	United Evergreen	361	Excellent
Marilin Guerra	Guadalupe RC	361	Excellent
Shelly Cal	St Martins Gov	360	Excellent
Karen Munnings	United Evergreen	359	Excellent
Kristy Hulse	Guadalupe RC	358	Excellent
Seleni Guerra	St Andrews Ang	358	Excellent

An All Time Classic Answer

An illegal immigrant in Polk County. Florida who was pulled over in a routine traffic stop ended up *'executing'* the Deputy who stopped him.

The Deputy was shot eight times, including once behind his right ear at close range. Another Deputy was wounded

and a police dog killed. A state wide manhunt ensued.

The murderer was found hiding in a wooded area with his gun. After he shot at them, SWAT team officers open fired and hit the guy 68 times.

Now here's the kicker:

Naturally, the liberal media went nuts and asked why they shot the poor undocumented immigrant 68 times.

In responding to the question, **Sheriff Grady Judd** told the Orlando Sentinel newspaer: **'Because that's all the ammunition we had.'**

Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

AIRIES

March 21- April 20

Think before accepting extra commitments or you could bite off more than you can chew. You're always eager for new starts; it's best to finish what has already been begun. **Expect luck on Saturday. Lucky Numbers: 1, 27, 93.**



Lucky Numbers: 31, 54, 88.

LEO

July 23 - August 23

A friend's moral support and practical assistance could help you cope with the extra load that is thrust on you now. Many hands make light work. **Good fortune forecast on Saturday. Lucky Numbers: 28, 76, 91.**



TAURUS

April 21 - May 21

Your sudden interest in new activities take people by surprise. Even you are amazed by your enthusiasm and creativity. Spend some time on your own thinking things over. **Fortunate on Thursday. Lucky Numbers: 20, 67, 83.**



GEMINI

May 22 - June 21

It's time to go public with a serious decision. Until you do, it will feel as if you haven't really made up your mind. Once others know what you're planning, it will feel more like a reality. **Good day for luck Monday. Lucky Numbers: 25, 48, 73.**



CANCER

June 22 - July 22

New opportunities are headed your way, but they'll pass you by unless you are willing to take a financial risk of some sort. **Lucky day is Wednesday.**



VIRGO

August 24 - September 22

Listen to your gut instincts. Take a behind the scenes role if it's offered to you. You can learn more by watching than doing. **Fortunate on Tuesday. Lucky Numbers: 14, 23, 47.**



LIBRA

September 23 - October 23

A meeting with a foreigner could transform your life, offering you an opportunity to advance your interests. A surprise communication indicates change for the better. **Expect luck on Friday. Lucky Numbers: 16, 62, 75.**



SCORPIO

October 24 - November 22

Your partner, or the object of your affection, if you are single, is sending mixed signals; it's best not to go any further with a relationship until you sort things out. **Lucky day: Sunday. Lucky Numbers:**



SAGITTARIUS

November 23 - December 21

All of a sudden you have options where there were once obstacles; seize the opportunities that are being presented before they vanish. **Good fortune forecast on Wednesday. Lucky Numbers: 6, 37, 85.**



CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 20

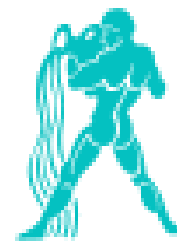
A hurdle is overcome because someone encourages you to be more versatile and creative. The next time you're faced with a discouraging situation seek out the positives, no matter how slight. **Lucky on Thursday. Lucky Numbers: 24, 52, 97.**



AQUARIUS

January 21 - February 18

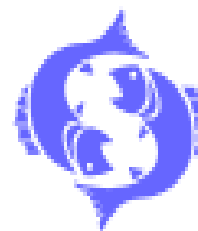
Working on behalf of someone who is less fortunate is most empowering. You enjoy many more blessings than you realize. **Fortunate on Monday. Lucky Numbers: 3, 17, 42.**



PISCES

February 19 - March 20

Be prepared to put more time and effort into dealing with your domestic life. Do any tasks set thoroughly and it won't have to be repeated. **Lucky day: Friday. Lucky Numbers: 8, 12, 45.**



Student Narrowly Escapes The Hangman's Noose

CANBERRA, Australia, Wednesday, June 3, 2009: (Reuters) -

A student who fell with a noose around his neck during a mock class hanging that was arranged by teachers has enraged Australian authorities.

The high school student fell from a table while fellow students, under the supervision of a teacher, were photographing a staged hanging as part of an English class project.

"It beggars belief that such an incident could take place," Queensland state Education Minister **Geoff Wilson** told local radio on Wednesday.

"I'm a parent. The last thing I've ever wanted any of my children to do is put a rope around their neck," Wilson said.



Students and teachers rushed to the boy and cut the rope when he fell, Education Queensland Assistant Director-General **Lyn McKenzie** said, although local newspapers said the boy turned blue before he was freed.

The student was allowed to go home with his mother after being examined by paramedics, while authorities launched an investigation into how the incident occurred.

(Reporting by Rob Taylor; Editing by Miral Fahmy)

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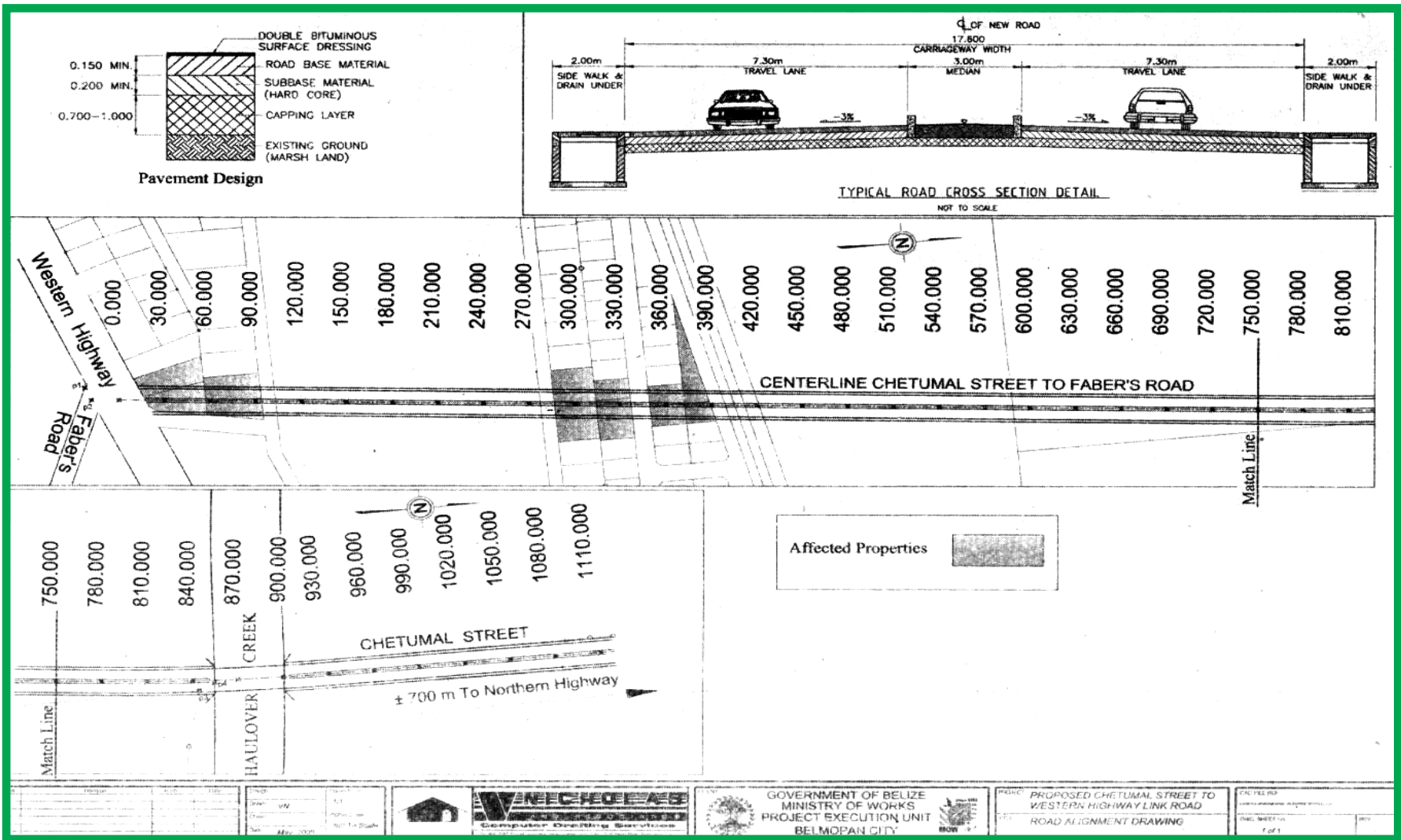
The Government of Belize has applied for a Loan from the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) for the Southside Poverty Alleviation project to be implemented on the south side of Belize City.

The General Public is hereby informed that the Ministry of Works on behalf of the Belize City Council is proposing to open the undeveloped lands hereby known as the Shaw Estate, Bradley Estate and other lands, located in Southside Belize City for the purpose of future road and bridge construction linking Faber’s Road (Western Highway) with Chetumal Street (Northern Highway).

The Ministry advises owners of properties within this vicinity as shown in the map below to register any concern at the following address.

The Project Execution Unit
Ministry of Works
Power Lane
Belmopan
Cayo, BELIZE

Ph: 822-0562



Tong's Justice Rapidly Becoming The Town's Justice

By: Ancientson

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN,
Wednesday, 3 June, 2009:**

We heard this week of Saturday night's shooting death of **Richard Flores**, 19, as he and an accomplice attempted to rob Tong's Supermarket on Baymen Avenue in Belize City.

The would-be robber was shot dead by the Chinese proprietor of the store.

We have heard the familiar saying that, **"Justice Delayed Is Justice Denied"**.

The now deceased, young boy, Richard Flores, was charged with several counts of attempt murder for having thrown a grenade into a crowd of innocent bystanders, as they line the streets to watch the annual September Carnival Parade. This cowardly act could have resulted in unmatched mass casualties.

Flores was arrested and taken before the courts but justice for this would-be mass murderer was delayed. However, eight months later this boy's life abruptly ended. He was cut down. His life was taken during a foul attempt at a robbery.

The question must therefore be asked **"Was justice delivered swiftly?"** In this instance, Justice was delivered not by the courts, but by a jury of his own actions.

It is indeed a sad day for Belize, when the acts of justice or what justice stands for has to be exacted by the consequential hand of society itself.

We are now faced with an unpredictable up turn in the facades of justice in which our worst fears, our worst nightmares have been realized, being the birth of vigilantism to solve the issue of rampant, escalating, violent crimes.

It is heart wrenching when we hear the news of a businessman, in the act of protecting his own life and his property, has resulted in him taking a life. We hear the silent whispers in the corners of society like: **"well done"**, **"it is about time"**, **"another robber to the grave"**, and we celebrate with a silent, but tempered satisfaction that this person no longer roams our streets.

To think that an individual who carried the intent of harming

innocent people walked free in our society only to commit further crimes. He was eventually and ironically judged by an indiscriminate bullet that served only to protect the lives which he sought to take is far cry from poetic justice.

Belize has always been, like most democratic countries, a **"Nation of laws"**; however we rely on the system of things to maintain the laws of the land and create the necessary order.

The courts in our country are vested with the power and authority to try offenders and convict them where possible and eventually send them away to prison.

Had justice been swift and not delayed, then certainly Mr. Tong would not have carried the burden of living the nightmare of having done the job that a proper justice system should

have done but failed to do.

We are creating a most unsatisfying precedent among ourselves, a precedent which states, that if the courts cannot resolve the dispute, then we shall take matters into our hands and resolve it on our own.

So what now, Does Mr. Tong receive the honor of a hero, the sympathy of a victim or is he named as a paradox that cements the loop holes within our legal system?

Do we tip our hats to him or do we condemn the system that has made him an unexpected champion of the people's right and liberties?

God only knows how Mr. Tong sleeps at night with the strain that such a dreadful incident has had on his family, his conscience and his life.

Yes, Mr. Tong's justice has become the justice that the Town

now seeks to exact in order to remedy the failures of our system.

We are now creating a maddening acceptance of disbelief in our legal system and strong belief in the exacting of personal and vindictive revenge in the form of one's own idea of justice.

If left unanswered or unchecked our society of laws shall depreciate into a society of lawlessness, as the scales of justice is tipped with revenge on one side and death on the other. There is no reason for us to pay the price of freedom by causing death or punishment. That responsibility is reserved for the hands of the gatekeepers and caretakers of the law itself. No one else should carry that burden for the state, but as of recent, if this is the **modus operandi**, then so shall it be – and then law shall be no more.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)



BELIZE

Emergency Road Rehabilitation Program in response to the Flooding Events caused by *Tropical Depression NO. 16*

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Loan No. *2131/OC-BL*

Project No. *EU12250-2*

Contract/Bid No. *RFP -002-09*

The Government of Belize has received financing from *the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*, and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments under the project ***Emergency Road Rehabilitation program in response to the Flooding Events caused by Tropical Depression NO. 16***, for a study to determine the causes of the flooding event and to propose global specific interventions to reduce the Belizean road network vulnerability to future flooding events.

The Ministry of Works, as Executing Agency on behalf of the Government of Belize, now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information establishing that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.) Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: ***Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank*** (current edition) and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Expression of interest must be delivered via direct mail or e-mail at the address indicated below by 4:00 PM on 19th June, 2009.

Ministry of Works
Attn: Wilfredo Guerrero
Power Lane
Belmopan, Belize
Tel: (501) 822-2139 ext. 16

Fax: (501) 822-2298
E-mail: irfeutd16@yahoo.com

A BLOODY WEEKEND IN TOWN

Continued From Front Page

The case has been placed on a seven weeks adjournment with the next hearing set for Thursday, July 23, 2009.

Our investigations revealed that on Saturday, May 30, the deceased, **Selvin Carlos Garcia**, along with a friend also from Santa Familia village, were drinking in Santa Elena Town when they were attacked by a group of boys at a bar on Carillo Puerto Avenue, Santa Elena. The friend, Arscenio Cano, emerged from the attack with an injury to the face. At around 7:30 that Saturday night they visited the San Ignacio police and reported the attack.

Realizing the drunken state in which they were in, the police transported Garcia and Cano to the river crossing near Branch Mouth and watched as they crossed the rope bridge.

They reportedly continued drinking at a bar in the village and when the bar closed at around 11:30 pm, the deceased along with three brothers boarded a taxi that had gone to the crossing to drop off a passenger and proceeded to San Ignacio Town stopping off at the Cocanatz Pit Pan Bar in the area of the bus terminal in San Ignacio Town.

When it became clear that the deceased could no longer sponsor the drinks, the three brothers reportedly departed leaving the deceased in the company of a male, San Ignacio Town resident.

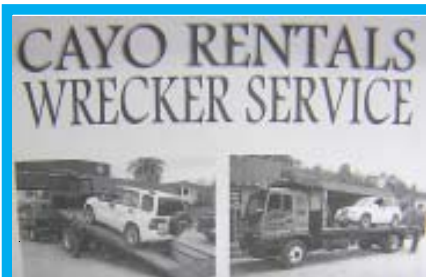
Having apparently had too much to drink, the deceased rested his head on a table inside the bar and fell asleep. At about 1:30 am he was shaken from a deep slumber and ordered to leave the bar. He staggered out of the bar with the San Ignacio friend following behind. While they were walking away from the bar they reportedly came upon a group of persons outside and one of them ordered the San Ignacio friend to remove the red warm cap he was wearing. Some harsh words were exchanged and the San Ignacio friend was punched in the face. He reportedly fell to the ground, sprang to his feet and ran off. The group then reportedly turned their attention to deceased

and attacked him. When the commotion subsided, the victim was left on the ground bleeding.

San Ignacio police reports rushing to the scene where, in front of the recently opened Alliance Bank, they came upon a male person on the ground bleeding from injuries to the body. The injured person was rushed to the emergency room at the San Ignacio Town Hospital where he was being treated for a stab wound to the right side of the abdomen and another to the left side of the chest. He did not survive the injuries and is reported to have passed away about 30 minutes after he was admitted.

The deceased was subsequently identified as Selvin Carlos Garcia, 16, Belizean laborer from Santa Familia Village, Cayo. The body was transported to the morgue at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital on Monday, June 1, where the post mortem examination, conducted by Forensic Specialist, **Dr. Mario Estradabran**, certified the cause of death as *“exsanguinations – internal and external bleeding due to stab wounds to chest and abdomen.”* For the purpose of the post mortem examination, the father, **Marcel Carlos Garcia**, identified the deceased as his eldest son.

The deceased was laid to rest on Tuesday, June 2, in his home village, Santa Familia.



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Limited to the Awards

The scholarship award is limited to Bachelor's Degree Programs only and is applicable for a maximum of three (3) consecutive academic years of study so far as students remain in good standing for the duration of the program. Only in exceptional cases will the Ministry of Education consider Post Graduate Programs.

Coverage of the Awards

The scholarship covers tuition (including Economic Cost), allowances for room and board, books and incidental expenses. The quantum of such allowances will be based on recommendations obtained by the Ministry of Education from the respective Universities. Airfare and matriculation cost will NOT be covered under the scholarship award.

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a citizen of Belize
2. Applicant must gain acceptance into the respective Faculty of the University at which he/she proposes to attend.
3. Applicant's course of studies must be from among the following national priorities, which are not listed in order of preference.
 - a. Agricultural Economics
 - b. Agricultural Marketing/Trade
 - c. Chemical/Civil Electrical/Mechanical Engineering
 - d. Human Resources Management
 - e. Curriculum Development and Planning
 - f. Economics
 - g. Geology
 - h. Early Childhood Education & Development
 - i. Special Education
 - j. Counseling (Primary, Secondary School)
 - k. Finance
 - l. Psychiatry
 - m. Labour and Employment Relations
 - n. Hospital Management
 - o. Physical Therapy
 - p. Speech Therapist
 - q. Public Administration

(Please note that Law and Medicine are not included in the list of National Priorities)

Other Conditions of the Scholarship Award

Each Scholarship recipient will be required to return to Belize whenever he/she successfully completes his/her course of study and to serve the Government of Belize (or with the permission of the Government of Belize, serve in the private sector in his profession or calling) for a period of four years commencing from the date of employment in Belize. Applicants will be required to sign a Bond Agreement with the Government of Belize in this respect.

The scholarship is normally for the duration of the program of studies and requires that the scholarship holder maintains passing grades at the University where he/she is enrolled.

Application Forms can be obtained for the District Education Centers or the Ministry of Education in Belmopan.

All completed Forms must be filled out in duplicate and reach the Ministry of Education in Belmopan no later than Friday, June 19th 2009.

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