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SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, **Tuesday, June 15, 2010:**

Two male persons from San Ignacio Town were arrested, charged and remanded to jail while the manhunt continues for another one who pulled the trigger of the gun that fatally injured a Santa Elena man and seriously injured another.

It was exactly 3:15 on the morning of Sunday, June 13, 2010 when gunshots rang out in the center of San Ignacio Town on Burns Avenue, leaving in its wake two male persons on the ground with several gunshot wounds.

The victims were placed inside a police vehicle that was nearby. They were rushed to the community hospital in San Ignacio Town where they were identified as Marlon Alfredo Rivera Archilla, 26, Belizean labourer of #7 Carillo Puerto Avenue, Santa Elena and Dean Daniel Dougall, (brother of the Publisher of this newspaper) 41, Belizean labourer of a Mosquitoville address on the western outskirts of San Ignacio Town.

Marlon Alfredo Rivera

Archilla, also knows as "Sosa" and "Sponge Bob" was found with two gunshot wounds to the back. There was nothing the medical team on duty could do as he is believed to have died on the spot.

The other victim, Dean **Dougall**, sustained three gunshot wounds, one to the left temple, another to the left side of the neck and the other to the left side of the chest. The medical team headed by Dr. Rene Godoy and **Dr. Guillermo Rivas** began immediate emergency treatment after which he was rushed by ambulance to the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan.

The medical team in Belmopan which included Dr. Rene Godoy, who travelled from San Ignacio, worked for seven continuous hours performing two surgeries. First to be removed was the bullet from the head followed by the more serious procedure of removing the bullet from the neck.

Dean is currently recuperating at the Belmopan hospital as he prepares to undergo a third surgery to remove the bullet lodged in the left shoulder.

Reports reaching us indicate that Dean and his common-wife, Keisha Bahadur, along with her sister and a few other female friends were hanging out on Saturday night.

They first visited Perla's Bar inside the Princess Casino but only stayed a few minutes after which they went to the Sunset Karaoke Bar. The girls, one of whom is visiting from abroad



The Deceased, Marlon Alfredo Rivera Archilla, 26 **SUNRISE: June 20, 1983 SUNSET: June 13, 2010**

wanted to go someplace where they could dance and so the group left Sunset and headed to the Faya Wata Night Club. After being in the club for a few hours,



The Accused Murderer, Dionicio Salazar Jr. 28, also known as "Life"

Dean reportedly stepped outside to get some food and this was when he reportedly first sensed that something was not quite right. After getting the food he stepped back inside the club where he reportedly told the manager that he was sensing some problems. The manager reportedly promised to look into the matter. He and the group reportedly departed the club with the intention to board the usual taxi being one of the few who would take anyone to that remote area of town during dark hours.

Dean was leaning on a table near the Belmoral Hotel with a police vehicle parked in front of him as the police were waiting for the crowds to disperse after

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the closing of nightclubs in the area. Shortly thereafter Marlon Rivera arrived and they struck up a conversation while Dean waited for the usual taxi cab.

The sense of uneasiness returned as Dean again saw the two suspicious male persons in the town square across from each other incorporating him into a triangle form (one, identified as Adrian Arzu, was standing near Courts Store while the other, identified as Trevor Lamb, was standing in front of Tai San Store as Dean stood near the Belmoral Hotel across from the taxi stand).

A domestic disturbance between a taxi driver and two women erupted in the area. The Taxi man's car was seen moving across the square towards Courts Store with one of the women, later identified as his wife, hanging on the side of the car as it dragged her along on the street. The police vehicle sped up towards the location where the car was pulling the lady. No sooner had the police vehicle moved when Dean felt something to the back of his head, he slapped the object away and when he spun around, he came face to face with Dionicio Salazar Jr. also known as "Life". He was armed with a handgun. The slap sent Salazar backward and as Dean made one step forward in an effort to flee, Salazar opened fire at close range hitting him with the first three shots after which he turned the gun on Marlon who was likewise attempting to flee. He fired several shots at Marlon two of which caught him in the back. Marlon fell to the ground next to Dean. Realizing that Dean and Marlon were injured, Keisha began running towards the police vehicle that was dealing with the domestic disturbance up the street. As she ran towards the police, Salazar ran behind her with the gun clicking, fortunately for her by that time the gun was empty.

He diverted from chasing Keisha and threw the gun under a white car that was parked in front of Courts after which he ran up Hudson Street in front of the Blue Angeles Club and disappeared into the darkness. Adrian Arzu, who was standing



The Accused, Adrian Arzu, 32

in front of Courts Store retrieved the gun from under the car, walked over to Tai San Store where he linked up with **Trevor Lamb** and they walked down Wyatt Street in front of Eagles Landing towards the river where, at Lamb's repeated request, Arzu eventually handed over the gun. Arzu, accompanied by a female then returned while Lamb proceeded alone towards the banks of Macal River where he stashed the gun inside a garbage drum.

The crime scene was cordoned off for most of Sunday morning and police retrieved eight expended point three eighty casings from the scene.

Immediately after the incident police began rounding up persons who were in the area. Among the almost ten persons detained were **Adrian Arzu** and **Trevor Lamb**.

Whilst being questioned, Lamb initially told the police that he threw the gun in the water of the Macal River, in fact, he even took the police to the area where he said he threw the gun but several hours of diving was fruitless. Lamb was returned to the cell block and whilst communicating with Arzu, who was in another cell, he was overheard saying that he took the fools (police) for a dive. He began expressing concerns



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The Accused, Trevor Lamb, 19

however about the following day, Monday, being garbage day and that the drum would be emptied and that they would lose "the thing" forever. This was when the police got the first hint of the gun being in a garbage container somewhere.

Armed with this new information, a few hours after the unsuccessful dive, that same Sunday evening, Lamb was removed from the cell and was further questioned. It did not take much longer thereafter for Lamb to lead police to the garbage drum along the banks of the Macal River where the empty gun was seen among the garbage. The gun was retrieved and taken to the police station where it was identified as a point three eighty caliber Lorcin brand pistol with its serial number filed

On Monday, June 14, Adrian Arzu, 32, Belizean labourer of #45 Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio Town and Trevor Lamb, 19, of a 2nd Street address also in San Ignacio Town, were formally arrested and jointly charged for (1) Abetment to commit murder in connection with the shooting death of Marlon Rivera Archilla and (2) Abetment to commit attempt murder in connection with gunshot injuries sustained by Dean Dougall. Lamb was

additionally charged with keeping an unlicensed firearm.

Arzu and Lamb appeared in San Ignacio's Magistrate Court on Tuesday, June 15 where all charges were read to them by Magistrate Anna Rachel Montejo. No plea was taken and they were both remanded to central prison in Hattieville. They are scheduled to return to court on Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

The postmortem examination conducted on Marlon's body by Forensic Specialist, **Dr. Mario Estradabran**, at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City, on Monday, June 14, revealed that he died from heart failure due to gunshot wounds.



The Surviving Victim, Dean Daniel Dougall, 41

Police reports that one of the bullets was found lodged inside Marlon's brain. This is the shot believed to have caused his almost instant death. The other bullet was reportedly not found in the body.

A large gathering of relatives and friends attended the funeral of Marlon Alfredo Rivera Archilla on Wednesday, June 16. The service was held at the place where he lived on Carillo Puerto Avenue in Santa Elena Town, Cayo. He was laid to rest inside the Carmen Memorial Cemetery in Santa Elena, Cayo.

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Cowardly Matador Arrested For Fleeing Ring

By Fiona Govan in Madrid Published: 12:56PM BST 15 June 2010

A Mexican matador was arrested for breaching his contract after losing his nerve and running from the bullring.

Terrified *Christian Hernandez* dropped his red cape and ran from the charging bull during an event at the Plaza Mexico in Mexico City on Sunday.

The 22-year-old vaulted over the protective wall at the side of the ring as the crowd hooted and whistled in derision.

He was briefly persuaded back



El Matador, Christian Hernandez

into the bullring by organisers but gave up before coming face to face with half-ton beast and skulked from the ring a second time.

He was arrested after the bullfight following complaints by

organisers that he had breached his contract. He was later released after paying a fine.

The torero, who was badly gored in the leg during a bullfight several months ago, admitted that he had lost his nerve and would from bullfighting

now retire from bullfighting altogether.

"There are some things you must be aware of about yourself," he said. "I didn't have the ability, I didn't have the balls, this is not my thing."

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Local Naturalist Receives International Training

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Mr. Brion Young, a staff naturalist guide at The Lodge at Chaa Creek in Cayo, has recently returned to Belize after completing advanced training in the United States. The two-week course on "Interpretation and Visitor Services" was conducted by the United States Department of Interior's National Park Service and was facilitated at Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado. The course's theme centered on improvement of professional skills and techniques that are required to provide high quality visitor services and interpretative communications.

Mesa Verde National Park is internationally known for the well-preserved cliff dwellings of the ancient Anasazi people of North America. Archaeological records indicate that their civilization flourished during approximately the same time period as the ancient Maya of Belize. Mr. Young reported that he was, "extremely impressed with the professionalism of the park rangers," and that he, "learned a great deal about interpretive communications and working with large tour groups."

Mr. Young is the eighth member of Chaa Creek's naturalist guide staff that has completed this advanced course. Mike Green, manager of the Chaa Creek Natural History Centre stated that, "We have developed a very beneficial working relationship with the U.S. National Park Service and for the past eight years they have generously afforded us the opportunity to send one of our naturalists through their training course." He further stated that, "In order for Belize to compete within the world tourism market, it is imperative that the tourism services that are available in Belize meet and even exceed international standards."

St. Hilda's Anglican In Georgeville Village Gets New Computers

GEORGEVILLE VILLAGE, Cayo District, Wednesday, June 16th 2010.

Two computers and two printers were today presented to St. Hilda's Anglican Primary School by the **Hon. Rene Montero**, Area Representative and Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The computers complement a set of three others that the school already had.

In brief remarks during the handing over ceremony today Minister Montero said that the Government's Mission and Vision is to empower all students to be able to access all relevant information in this technologi-

cal/information age.

"Education is an excellent tool to fight crime and poverty", said Minister Montero. "When you are engaged in useful activities, you will not have time to think about getting into mischief", he told the students. Minister Montero advised the students to remain focused, to listen to their parents and their teachers and use their vibrant energy in a positive way.

Minister Montero also reminded the teachers and students that the three hundred dollars subsidy for first and second formers is available and encouraged them to apply for it and to put it to good use.

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From: All of us at the

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Mental Health Matters **Adoptation: Coping In The Face Of Change**

BY: Rob Wheeler

Each day we are faced with events that challenge our ability to cope. Some of these events may be small; perhaps you were looking forward to a nice beer with dinner and as you are getting ready to sit down to your meal, you find that you drank the last one on the weekend and forgot to stop at the store on the way home from work. Other events present a greater challenge: your boss tells you he needs to adjust your schedule so that you work later and now you have to figure out who will watch the children after school while you are working. Still other events can be catastrophic; these changes may include the loss of a job, a relationship, or the death of a close relative.

What each of these events has in common is that they put us in a position of *reacting* to change. Our ability to cope is determined by our reaction to the situation. According to the about.com

Psychology Dictionary, the term adaptation refers to "the ability to adjust to new information and experiences." It goes on to say, "Through adaptation, we are able to adopt new behaviors that allow us to cope with change."

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How important is that we "adopt new behaviors?" I've heard one definition of mental illness as doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. So, if we react in a certain way and it does not give us the outcome we want, one way to learn a better way to cope is to change our behavior. An example of this would be dealing with a coworker who complains incessantly about anything and everything. This not only annoys you but it also causes undue anxiety in the workplace and decreases your productivity. For weeks or months you might try to be a nice person and engage in conversation with this person and try to help them see

a more positive outlook. What you find is that the complaining continues – or worse – escalates. The coworker isn't really 1 ooking for a solution; they just want someone to listen to them complain and you, unintentionally, are reinforcing their behavior. The answer? You change your behavior. When the coworker starts their usual rant. turn away and say nothing. Do not engage with the coworker. Leave the workspace for a moment. If the complaining continues when you return, again turn away and say nothing. Eventually the behavior will stop because it is not being reinforced.

According to behavioral experts, Katharine and Randall Hansen of Quintessential Careers (quintcareers.com), among the most important skills and personal values that employers seek in hiring new employees are adaptability and flexibility. Employers want people who can adjust rapidly to a changing environment.

Coping strategies are not something we are born with. We gradually learn how to cope, first from our caregivers when we are small, then from our peers and others as we venture out into the world. Many of us find that we have a difficult time adjusting to changes that we are bound to face in our lives. What this means is that we have either learned poor coping techniques, or we just haven't accessed the right strategy yet as we rummage through our toolbox of behaviors that might work.

So where do we get these tools? As I said previously, adaptation is a learned behavior. No one is too old or set in their ways to learn new coping skills. One way to learn different ways of dealing with stress and change is by experimenting. If what you are doing to cope is not working, change what you are doing and try something else. If you continue to find yourself stuck and continuing to have difficulty with relationships and everyday changes, whether they be big or small, working with a counselor may be the answer. The experienced counselor is adept at identifying patterns in your behavior that may not seem

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The Jean Shaw Tourism Scholarship has been established in memory of the late Jean Ursilla Shaw, a renowned female tourism pioneer who played an integral part in the development of Belize's tourism industry in her lifetime. The Fund was established by the BTB in collaboration with its private sector counterparts to support the development of qualified Belizeans pursuing a career in tourism.

Application forms are available at the BTB Office on Regent Street or ONLINE at www.belizetourism.org.

Application Deadline: Friday, July 16, 2010

For more information, please contact: Mrs. Keesha Young-Flowers (Training Officer) Telephone: 227-2420 Ext. 259 E-mail: keesha@travelbelize.org

Music Artist Ras Indio Seeking National Support In the "Anti Violence Movement"

Thursday, June 17, 2010:

I am Ras Indio, Reggae Belizean/International Music Artist. I recently released my 4th album entitled "JAH BLESS US" which includes the #1 hit "DEM A FRAUD". This song was #1 on the KREM TV countdown for four weeks in a row courtesy of text requests from the general public.

This latest CD has also been distributed throughout parts of the USA & Canada; Seattle, Los Angeles, Northern California, New York and Vancouver British Colombia.

I've recently recorded a new song entitled "SILENCE the VIOLENCE", in regards to all the crime that has been going on within the last few months in our country.

I've already invested in the studio time to record and master this song and I have also begun to promote it on LOVE FM, More FM and KREM FM. Positive Vibes Radio agreed to make it their morning theme song upon hearing how positive



the song is.

Music truly does make a difference in people's lives. I see it personally everyday and this particular song is very powerful and perfect for these rough times. What we have noticed in the recent months is that songs on the radio alone don't stick with the people. The youth are so in tuned to television these days that SONGS must have a VIDEO in order for it to really get recognized. As in the case with my #1 hit, Dem A Fraud, it was on the radio for months but

when the video came out, everyone began singing along, word for word.

So our goal is to produce a video to this song as soon as possible and even have it used as a commercial for Crime Stoppers or any anti-violence organizations. We are looking to do whatever we can to promote this message to our Belizean people to help cease all the senseless VIOLENCE.

We have already connected with "Ads A Lot" who has agreed to help us shoot this video using their new equipment and they have also agreed to help us edit it. So we are now only

looking for some financial support to help assist us with this anti- violence theme song "Silence The Violence", so we can start spreading this message to the youth.

In return, I Ras Indio will promote your company as a proud sponsor of this "Anti Violence Movement".

We are seeking public participation to make this all manifest. Please join us in our efforts to make our Belize a better and safer place.

Looking forward to your positive response. Please contact David Obi (Ras Indio) at telephone 664-0077 or by e-mail at rasindio@gmail.com You can also visit the website at www.rasindiobelize.com

Mental Health Matters

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obvious to you. A counselor can help you make the needed adjustments to attitude or behavior that can help you get along better with life's struggles. So who is it that thrives in the face of adversity and change? The strongest person? The most intelligent? Not so. The one

who is most adaptable to change tends to be the one who thrives.

Rob Wheeler is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor from Washington State who will soon be opening a practice in Santa Elena at the Santa Elena Medical Clinic. He welcomes your correspondence mentalhealthmatters@yahoo.com.



Cayo Committee Of Los Angeles Donates One Thousand Dollars To Cornerstone

It's never too late to share good news and so this week we highlight a contribution of one thousand dollars from the Cayo Committee of Los Angeles to Cornerstone Foundation.

A cheque in the sum of five hundred US dollars was recently handed over to Cornerstone Foundation's General Manager, Mrs. Rita DeFour by Mrs. Erica Velasquez and Mr. John **Broaster** on behalf of the Cayo Committee of Los Angeles.

General Manager Rita Defour informed that the funds could never have come at a more opportune time and that it will go directly into assisting with the Foundation's daily feeding program on which many needy children and senior citizens depend.

The Cayo Committee of Los Angeles informed Cornerstone was selected for the donation because of the wonderful work the Foundation continues to do within the community it serves.

The Foundation is best known for its active participation in much needed humanitarian



(L-R) Mrs. Erica Velasquez and Mr. John Broaster from the Cayo Committee of Los Angeles along with Cornerstone Foundation's GM, Mrs. Rita DeFour

drives within the twin towns of San Ignacio and Santa Elena as well as in surrounding villages. Primary recipients of the Foundation's assistance include underprivileged children and the elderly.

Other recipients of assistance from the Cayo Committee of Los Angeles include Octavia Waight Center for Senior Citizens,

Sacred Heart RC Primary School in San Ignacio, St. Andrews Anglican Primary School also in San Ignacio and Santa Elena RC Primary School.

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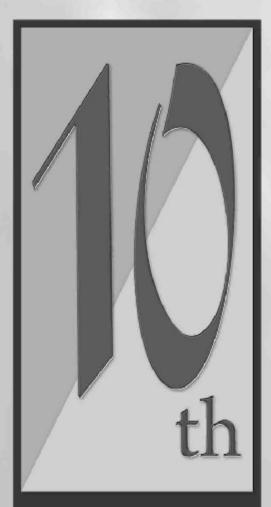
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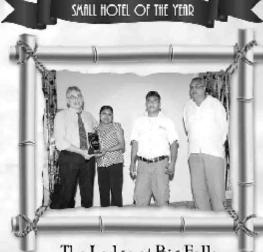
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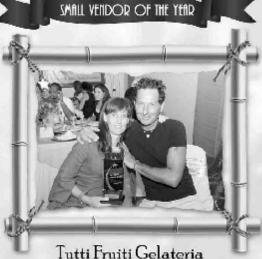


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The coming week sees you making all kinds of plans but arriving at decisions will be quite difficult. However, you will not be able to escape mixed feelings. Give yourself some time, rather than giving in to impatience. Lucky Numbers: 18, 33, 76.



The good news is that there could be significant monetary gains. The tricky part is that it is likely to happen only if you've made smart investments in the past. You will be concerned with increasing your savings. There will be quite a bit of expenditure to meet. Lucky Numbers: 05, 24, 87.

CANCER: June 22 to July 23

A busy week because you discover a lot of home-related work that needs to be addressed. You could be buying, redecorating and maybe indulging in a few luxuries for yourself. A blend of romance and work-filled days ensures a satisfactory time. Lucky Numbers: 03, 27, 49.

LEO: July 24 to August 21

A busy week lies ahead of you with lots of development in matters related to property and land. You may be looking for ways to make your money work better for you. Those who have retired recently may need to run around to get their money matters sorted out. Lucky Numbers: 31, 50, 83.

VIRGO: August 22 to September 21

This spells the start of a good phase for you. There are indications of success as well as admiration received at work. You could make handsome gains through the deals you strike within this month. There is harmony on the domestic

front. You find adequate time to relax with your loved ones. Lucky Numbers:25, 44, 96.

LIBRA: September 22 to October 23

You are likely to get past the phase where excessive thinking and anxiety have troubled your mind. You will arrive at an understanding that there is comfort to be found in doing things that you love to do and there is strength to be gained from the support and love of elders. Lucky Numbers: 09, 36, 73.



This could be a slightly tough time for you as there is anxiety, dilemma and disappointment in life. Your inner strife could lead to travel and help you seek out and enrich your mind. No matter how disappointed you feel, don't engage in maligning anyone. Lucky Numbers: 28, 41, 68.



Now here is a week where you'll need to strike a fine balance. You will receive honour and appreciation by people you work with. Also,

With nowhere else to go, a frail officult. Peas rolled off his one evening before supper, old man went to live with his spoon onto the floor. When he the father noticed his son

old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and five-year - old grandson.

The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred and his step faltered

The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating

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The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about my father," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor".

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner around the large table.

Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl.

When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone.

Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp scoldings when he dropped a fork or spilled food. The grandson watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor.

He asked the child sweetly, "What are you doing Son?"

Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a bowl each for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up." The child smiled and went back to work.

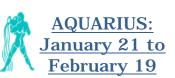
The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table.

For the remainder of his days Grandfather ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, Neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled. certain critical tasks will come your way that need to be handled well. You will have to deal with such issues objectively. Lucky Numbers:07, 65, 82.

CAPRICORN: December 22 to January 20

Hectic time in the coming week but that is what you enjoy the most. You may even travel for work. However, don't let fears drive you to opt for responsibilities. Take it on only if you think you'll enjoy it. Work out a schedule and stick to it so that your health does not suffer. Lucky Numbers: 55, 62, 86.



There's a bit of tough work ahead, so gear up. Just as you thought that some problem was about to come to a close, you find some more complexities hindering the solution. It may not stop at that as you could have some difficulty in interpersonal relationships too. Lucky Numbers: 26, 77, 91.



There are tough times in life but also times when you get rewarded if you face your problems courageously. You may experience a very positive shift within you as you get interested in some form of higher knowledge. Try not to fall prey to daydreaming. Lucky Numbers: 32, 74, 95.



STAR -

Simon Rides

Simon was lost and walking in the Chiquibul Forest Reserve for about 2 weeks.

One hot day, he comes to the camp of a Xatero. Tired and weak, he crawls up to the camp and collapses at the entrance.

The Xatero finds him and

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nourishes him back to health.

Feeling better, Simon asks the Xatero for directions to the nearest village.

On his way out of the camp, he sees this horse. He goes back inside and asks the Xatero, "Can I borrow your horse and I will leave it at the village so you can get it when you go there?"

"I will let you borrow the horse but make sure you leave it with Don Jose at Lola's Cantina", said the Xatero. "I must tell you some special things about this horse", continued the Xatero. "You have to say 'Thank God' to make it go and 'Amen' to make it stop."

Not paying much attention, Simon says, "Sure, ok."

So he gets on the horse and says, "Thank God" and the horse starts walking. Then he says, "Thank God, Thank God," and the horse starts trotting.

Feeling really brave, Simon say, "Thank God, Thank God, Thank God, Thank God, Thank God" and the horse just literally takes off.

Pretty soon he sees this cliff coming up and he's doing everything he can to make the horse stop. "Whoa, stop, hold on!!!!"

Simon leans back in the saddle

shouts "AMEN!!"

from the edge of the cliff. and says, "Thank God".

Finally he remembers and

The horse stops about 4 inches

Little Larry Spills The Beans

Email:starnewspaper@gmail.com

Little Larry attended a horse auction with his father.

Larry watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horse's legs and rump, and chest.

After a few minutes, Larry asked, "Dad, why are you

doing that?"

His father replied, "Because when I'm buying horses, I have to make sure that they are healthy and in good shape before I buy."

Larry, looking worried, said, "Dad, I think the mailman wants to buy Mom."

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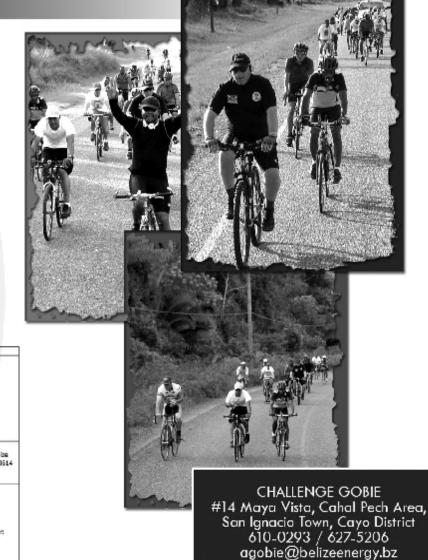
Two Years ago, Alan Gobie launched a charity to assist underprivileged Belizeans in need of medical assistance. The Challenge Gobie Committee was formed in 2007 and with the help of local and international supporters, the first Challenge Gobie Bike Ride was held on Sunday 20th January, 2008.

The 141-mile journey to BNE's Big Creek facility was only the start of a great initiative. The second annual Bike Ride was a little more daring and Gobie rode 250 miles (from Iguana Creek to Big Creek and back), almost 20 hours of ride time! And he will do the same this year for the third annual Bike Ride on June 26th and 27th, 2010.

Efforts so far have netted a little over BZ\$140,000. To date, Challenge Gobie has donated some BZ\$120,000 to Belizeans who were in need of medical assistance with special emphasis on patients suffering from ARF (Acute Renal Failure). Challenge Gobie also assisted in relief efforts after Tropical Storm Arthur devastated Southern Belize leaving hundreds homeless.

If you wish to be a sponsor of Challenge Gobie, kindly wire or deposit money to our account with details below. We thank you in advance for your kind support. Without your donation and pledge, this project would not be possible.

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New Resource Center For San Joaquin

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo District, Wednesday, June 16, 2010:

Over 500 students in the northern village of San Joaquin and surrounding communities in the Corozal District will benefit from a new resource centre, which will be officially inaugurated on Thursday morning, June 17th 2010.

The San Joaquin Resource Centre is a community-based project that was identified by the San Joaquin Roman Catholic School Parent Teachers Association, the School Management and the San Joaquin Women's Group. The project is the first of its kind and will provide immediate internet access, computer and literacy services to primary school, high school and sixth form students in San Joaquin Village and surrounding communities.

The centre is located at the San Joaquin Primary School. The project was implemented by the Social Investment Fund and financed by the Government of Belize through a loan from the Caribbean Development bank at



(L-R) Daniel Cano, Executive Director SIF, Marcely Tzul, Chairlady of San Joaquin, Franciso Magaña, Assistant Local Manager, Mrs Ana Herstig, Chairlady Center

a total cost of \$92,000. The community of San Joaquin contributed \$20,000 towards the project.

The scope of the project included the supply of 16 desk-top computers and accessories, one lap top, a printer, the installation of burglar bars, electrical works, AC units, computer tables, chairs, book shelves, teachers desks and a wide assortment of books and stationery.

The project is targeting poor

students who barely meet ends while attending primary and high school. It is also directed at rural students who commute daily to attend school in order to improve their education status as well as the economic status of their families.

The village of San Joaquin is located in the northern region of the country and is 5 miles south of Corozal Town. It is the home of over 2,500 inhabitants mostly of Mestizo descent. San Joaquin

Village got its name from its patron saint San Joaquin, in whose honor a fair is held annually.

Although San Joaquin is five miles away from Corozal Town no internet systems existed in the community prior to the implementation of the project. Students got up early in the morning and travelled daily by bus to attend high school in Corozal Town or at the Escuela Mexico, which is 8 miles from the the community. Most the time students had to return home late at night, and in many occasions, without doing their school assignment due to the lack of internet services.

During the official ceremony addresses will be delivered by Ms Marcely Tzul, Chairlady of San Joaquin, Mr Franciso Magaña, Assistant Local Manager, Mrs Ana Herstig, Chairlady of the San Joaquin Resource Centre and Mr Daniel Cano, Executive Director of the Social Investment Fund.

For further information please contact Mr Mike Hernandez Jr. J.P., Director of Public Relations of the Social Investment Fund at Tel: 822-0239 or via email at mike.hernandez@sifbelize.org



Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Belize Land Management Program III Loan Number: 2208/OC-BL IFB title and Number: 003-2009/2010



- 1. The Government of Belize through the **Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment**, has received a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank toward the cost of **the Land Management Program III**, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this **loan** to payments under the Contract for **Project Component # 3: Support for the Provision of Modern Land Management Services.**
- 2. The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, now invite sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Installation of both a Data and Telecommunications Network Infrastructure for its Cohune Walk Buildings. The delivery/construction period is approximately 1 month.
- **3.** Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the Inter-American Development Bank's *Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank*, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.
- 4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Policy Coordination Unit in the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, <u>pcpu.mnre@gmail.com</u> or <u>it manager@mnrei.gov.bz</u> and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 08:30 AM to 4:00 PM.
- 5. Qualification requirements include: the experience of the firm in works of a similar nature and size; qualifications and experience of key site management and technical personnel proposed, including a Networking Engineer with at least five (5) years of proven experience in the design, construction and operation of gigabit networks or equivalent in experience, who will provide quality assurance and valida tion of the designs, intermediate works and final work; major items of equipment proposed to carry out the Contract; total monetary value of works performed; reports on the financial standing of the Bidder; evidence of adequacy of working capital and information regarding any litigation. A margin of preference for national contractors/JVCAs shall be applied.
- **6.** A complete set of Bidding Documents, may be obtained free of charge by interested bidders on the submission of a written request to the address (1) below.
- 7. Bids must be delivered to the address (1) below at or before **June 29th**, **2010 at 4:00 PM**. Electronic bidding shall not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically, on **July 1th**, **2010** in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at address (2) below **at 10:00 AM**.
- 8. All bids shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" and "Bid Validity Declaration".
- **9.** The addresses referred to above are:
 - (1) Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, 1st Floor Plaza Building, Market Square, Belmopan City, Belize C.A. and
 - (2) Conference Room of the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, Cohune Walk, Belmopan City, Belize C.A.

The Issue Of Crime And Unemployment Can **Determine The Future Of Governments** In Belize And The Caribbean Region

By: Wellington C. Ramos

I have always listened to many world leaders speaking about what they would like to accomplish for the citizens of their respective countries during their tenures in office.

I have very seldom heard any world leader committing themselves to provide full time employment to all their citizens. Yet, if the citizens of a country are unemployed they will not be in the position to provide for themselves and their families which will leave the burden on the government.

A caring government should always make full employment its top priority. Any government that does not have this issue on the top of its list is embarking on an impossible journey.

Maybe, if the government of Belize had this issue at the top of its agenda when they first came into office, crime would not be escalating in Belize at the rate it is today.

I have looked at several studies over the years and it is documented that there is a direct relationship between crime and employment. When a government fails to provide



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meaningful employment for its citizens, a majority of the criminals will use that reason as justification to commit crimes.

Knowing my Belizean people, most of them will say that when they were growing up, they grew up hard and did not have to commit crimes. Well, we grew up in different times and this new generation is a lot different from the people who grew up during our time. A majority of these young people are exposed to different things that we were not exposed to when we were growing up and the things that they are currently exposed to is what shape their thoughts and influence their actions.

As parents and guardians we have control of some things but we lack control over many other things.

The common cry in Belize is that this young generation is lazy and they do not want to do anything but beg, sell drugs and steal. There might be some truth to this but time and things have changed in our country as in all the other countries in the Caribbean and the rest of the

It is not the responsibility of the private sector to provide full employment to the citizens of a country. That burden lies on the national government by means of long term strategic planning in the form of providing incentives to private businesses to invest their funds in the economy where they can make profits for themselves and expand their businesses.

A person with investment capital will not spend that money until they have evaluated a government's incentive package. If they come to the conclusion that there is nothing there for them, they will just sit on the side and hold on to their money until the government comes out with a favorable package.

Most businesses are attracted to tax incentives, inducements and business loans. In Belize there were several of these incentives given, over the years, to political cronies who were not legitimate business people. The tax payers money went to waste resulting in a bankrupt Development Finance Corporation. Some of these individuals still owe Belizean tax payers substantial sums of money and they are not being pursued for the outstanding debts. That same money could have been given to a legitimate business owner who would have provided jobs to many citizens. Giving businesses reasonable tax incentives for hiring people is a wise thing to do. It goes without saying that any such incentive should be carefully measured and monitored as it deprives government of revenue.

The government of Belize came out with a comprehensive and impressive plan, dubbed "Restore Belize", to combat crime and it was impressive. If this is backed up by a similar plan to deal with unemployment, land reform and land acquisition, it signals a sure re-election victory for the current administration. Belizeans are tired of seeing foreigners come into their country and are facilitated with residential house lots and large tracks of land while Belizeans must wait for years and never hear back anything from the Lands Department. Furthermore, when they go to Belmopan there is no record that they ever applied for any lot or land while watching the

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BELIZE TOURISM BOARD

Belize showcased as Premier Wedding and Honeymoon Destination in Miami



The BTB showcased Belize as a hot destination for weddings and honeymoons at the Wedding Salon tradeshow in Miami this past weekend.

The Wedding Salon event featured a variety of companies where one can find anything from catering, beauty services, florists, gowns, venues, wedding planning, wedding travel, honeymoon destinations and much more. Attending the show were brides, wedding planners and press.



The BTB has recognized the steady growth in the weddings and honeymoon market in Belize and the potential to grow the interest for the destination. The weddings and honeymoon market is a 15 billion dollar industry and brides and families are always looking for special locations to mark that memorable occasion.

Brides had an opportunity to gather their Belize information and win a trip to Belize. Additionally, the BTB launched its revised wedding and honeymoon page that has mighty and important consumer information for those getting married in Belize. The new and improved weddings page will provide helpful facts and advise to this target market and will have the participation of the private sector who will be offering special packages.

The Wedding Salon organized several consumer events in the U.S. The BTB has participated in the California and Miami consumer show locations.

Representing the Belize Tourism Board were Marketing Officers Lorena Martinez and Gale Ozaeta.

Sport Diver Magazine in Belize

Freelance photojournalist Jad Davenport is scheduled to visit Belize on an assignment for both Sport Diver and Islands Magazine.

Sport Diver Magazine is the official magazine of the PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) Diving Society and with a circulation of 346,618 it is the highest-circulation Scuba Diving magazine covering diving destinations, equipment, training, and more.

Islands Magazine (circ. 204,989) showcases islands around the world with interesting articles and beautiful photography, focusing on warm weather locations it includes tourist information, destination profiles, island activities, and lifestyle features with an emphasis on capturing the essence of the culture, location and its population.

Davenport's visit to Belize will take him to San Pedro Ambergris Caye and Cayo Espanto for some world class diving and then to the Toledo District for some jungle adventures. His itinerary was developed by the Belize Tourism Board in collaboration with its Private Sector partners; Cayo Espanto, Cotton Tree Lodge, Ecologic Divers, Off the Wall Dive Center & Resort, Portofino Resort and Tropic Air.

While visiting the south of Belize Davenport will visit Lubaantun Archaeological Site and Port Honduras

Marine Reserve as well as take a tour of the Cacao Trail and Blue Creek Cave.





For more information on events taking place in Belize's tourism industry, please contact the Marketing Department, Belize Tourism Board at 227-2420, via email: btbb@btl.net or visit our website www.travelbelize.org .

The Warrior Chief Expands Into Film Making

HOPKINS BY THE SEA, Stann Creek District, Thursday, June 17, 2010:

Belize Liberator Productions (BLP) announces the release of trailers from two independent films that will be featured at the upcoming International Belize Film Festival in mid July.

The trailers are from the full length movie, "Chino's Story" and the short "Amina the Powerful".

"Chino's Story" is a documentary that follows Francis "Chino" Eiley, one of three men who were wrongfully convicted of a murder and sentenced to serve life imprisonment in 2002. Chino was freed in late 2009 when the Privy Council quashed the convictions of all three men. Chino began writing poetry in prison and published a book of poems earlier this year. The documentary traces Chino's evolution and highlights his poems put to music. The movie "Amina the Powerful" is a short movie that addresses men's sexist attitudes towards women. It features first time actors from Southern Belize.

BLP invites all media outlets to the Bliss Institute on Thursday 17th June 2010 at 2:00 pm to view and receive copies of trailers of these two new releases. The filmmakers, Michael L. Flores and Clifford "Ras Pin" Augustine, will be available at that time to answer questions and provide interviews. Contact: Michael L. Flores at telephone #665-8784 or by email at: liberator@btl.net

that transmits dengue. Not all mosquitoes transmit the dengue fever. The destruction of these containers will directly reduce the mosquito population and therefore minimizing the risk of being bitten by an infected mosquito.

Persons with fever, headache, retroorbital pain, pain of the joints, are advised to seek medical attention at their nearest health center. For additional details please contact: Dr. Ethan Gough Epidemiologist, Ministry of Health Tels: 501-822-2363 or 501-822-2326

Ministry Of Health Provides Dengue Update

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo, Wednesday, June 16, 2010:

The rainy season is approaching and it is that time when Belize expects an increase in the number of dengue cases throughout the country.

There is concern as to a repeat of the outbreak of dengue as what occurred last year, however, once preventive measures are in place and are effective the threat will be controllable.

Since January of this year there has been a total of 28 dengue cases confirmed by laboratory for the country. However, throughout the country a total of 240 persons consulted and were classified as suspect cases, a significant decrease compared to last year when for the same period

(January to June) 1,457 suspected cases were recorded. This year, of these suspect cases 60% correspond to Belize District. The Cayo district accounts for 25% of the suspected (clinical) cases this year. The other districts have just reported sporadic cases, ranging from two cases in Corozal to twenty cases in the Toledo district. In the month of April Belize district experienced an increase of suspect dengue cases but the weekly number has tapered off. Of all the suspected clinical cases that attend the public health facilities 70% get tested. It must also be noted that of the samples tested 16.5% are reported as positive for dengue.

The signs and symptoms of classical dengue are general and can easily be confused with other

viral processes.

Of much importance is the dengue occurrence of hemorrhagic fever that has occurred. Having suffered from dengue makes a person susceptible to experiencing the hemorrhagic type of dengue.

The public is being requested to make every effort to reduce the breeding sites around the homes. It must be emphasized that the reproduction of the mosquito responsible for the transmission of dengue is supported by small pools of water around the houses. These include flower pots, tires, cans and other containers that hold water. The mosquitoes would lay their eggs on these sites and thereby contribute to the multiplication of the aedes aegypti mosquito, which is the mosquito

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foreigners living in their new homes and forcefully taking lands to do their farming. There is enough land in Belize to give every Belizean citizen living in Belize, the United States and abroad a lot and a farm land so that they can own a part of their country and be proud citizens so what is causing this big delay.

The Ministers of Trade, Industry, Labour, Agriculture, Commerce and Foreign Investment must now get together and formulate a comprehensive package to tackle unemployment in Belize. I have not seen any statistics on Belize's unemployment rate but my guess is that it is over 25%. The recently published report on poverty was alarming especially since unemployment produces a major impact on most or the citizens' social and economic conditions.

If the government of Belize can get a commitment to establish about three large industrial factories in each district and offer lots and farm lands to a majority of the unemployed residents of Belize City to build a home and do farming elsewhere, the country of Belize would become a more prosperous nation. Belize City is too old and is suffering from serious urban decay and decline. I use to live in Belize City many years ago and it is a different city today. To live in a city just to say you live in a city where you feel unsafe and insecure is not worth it. The ordinary person is always looking for a peaceful, quiet and enjoyable environment the call home.

I still believe that our country can be a better place than what it is today but for that to happen, we need to get the Belizeans who are; nationalistic, committed, qualified and possess the ability to lead the nation's future developmental plan to make it happen. A large portion of Belize's valuable human resource resides in the United States and the sooner this asset is tapped into, the faster the national developmental challenge will be resolved. Before the United States of America became the world power it is today, the founding fathers sat down and planned it's pathway to world dominance. Who among us is going to be a part of that cadre of Belizeans to take on the task of charting Belize's pathway to prosperity?



Government Clarifies Tenure Of The Chief Justice Of Belize

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo, Wednesday June16, 2010:

The Government of Belize utterly rejects the assertion, contained in a resolution passed by members of the Belize Bar Association, that the tenure of the Chief Justice has been treated in an "unseemly manner" by the Government of Belize.

Section 98(2) of the Country's Constitution does allow the Chief Justice to continue in office for so long after attaining the age of retirement as may be necessary to enable him to deliver judgments and do any other thing in relation to proceedings that were commenced before him before he attained retirement age. That provision is, the Government of Belize makes clear, being honoured in the case of the current Chief Justice.

There have been three meetings, since February of this year, between the Prime Minister and the Chief Justice to discuss the retirement issue.

As a consequence there is

ATTEMPT MURDER AND MORE

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The home and graveyard services were conducted by Pastor Eliseo Salazar from the community Nazarene Church. In case you might have grasped the similarity between the surnames of the man who fatally injured Marlon and the officiating pastor, that's because Dionicio Salazar Jr. is the paternal nephew of the officiating pastor.

Dionicio Salazar Jr., also known as "Life" is facing a second murder charge.

In the first instance, it was during the evening hours on June 28, 2004 when **Rodney August**, the eldest son of Alberto August, STAR Publisher, was sitting on the banks of the Macal River in San Ignacio along with a female friend when this same man sneaked up from behind with a machete and chopped Rodney in the back, cutting him almost in half. The incident drew immediate public attention from the other side of the river resulting in Salazar fleeing the scene but not before threatening the girl with the machete.

He was arrested later that same

imprisonment.

The defense attorney, **Hubert** Elrington, appealed the conviction of the grounds that in her statement, the eye witness did not make a proper connection between the accused who she referred to as "Life" and the defendant, Dionicio Salazar, as she did not say if they were one and the same person.

came up in the January 2008 session of the Supreme Court before Justice Herbert Lord again with **Hubert Elrington** as the defense attorney. A jury was empanelled and the retrial began, during this time however, the eyewitness was incarcerated in

day and charged with murder. The case came up for hearing before Justice Adolph Lucas in the October 2006 session of the Supreme Court in Belize City where, after about two weeks of hearing, a jury of twelve unanimously found him guilty as charged. On December 8 (Rodney's 24th birthday) 2006, after listening to mitigation pleas, Justice Lucas proceed to sentence him to life

A retrial was ordered and it



agreement that after he reaches his retirement age on August 5th, 2010, the Chief Justice will continue in office until 30th September, 2010. This is precisely for him to completely finalize matters as envisaged by section 98(2) of the Constitution.

There is, then, no constitutional impasse that the Executive knows of. And the current administration of Belize will continue to follow the law in the matter of appointments to, and exits from, the office of the Chief Justice and all other Justices.



The Gun Among The Garbage In The Drum

Santa Elena, Peten, Guatemala. While efforts were made to have her attend the trial, the prosecuting attorney Cecil Ramirez was successful, in a trial within a trial, to have her statement from the 2006 hearing, admitted into evidence during the retrial.

After the prosecution and the defense made their final submissions, Justice Lord proceeded to dismiss the jury and **HE** returned a not guilty verdict against the accused freeing him of the charge and releasing him back into society.

The prosecuting attorney immediately gave notice for an appeal. The appeal was in process and police were looking for Salazar to serve him with the new warrant.

Emerging alive from last Sunday morning's vicious attack is nothing short of a miracle manifested through Dean and for this we thank that Almighty Being above.

Our deep, deepest sympathies go out to Marlon's family at the senseless lost of a love one. A healthy young man cut down in the very prime of his life just one week short of his 27th birthday on June 20, a grand day for which he actively preparing to share with family and friends in his usual fun loving way.

We pray for the eternal resting of the soul of Marlon Alfredo Rivera Archilla as we refrain from commenting on the justice system in the land of our birth.



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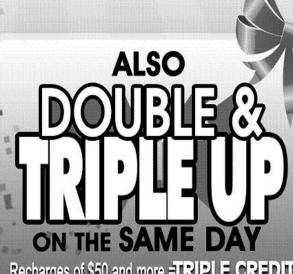
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