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## FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT IN GEORGEVILLE, CAYO

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, November 11, 2010:**

The body of an 8 year old boy, victim of a road traffic accident, lies inside the morgue at the San Ignacio Community hospital as it awaits the legally required post mortem examination.

At around 6:45 pm on Wednesday, November 10, San Ignacio police rushed out to the village of Georgeville in response to a reported traffic accident.

Upon arrival at the scene, between miles 59 and 60 on the Western Highway in front of



**Kean Vasquez, 8**

**SUNRISE: July 29, 2002**

**SUNSET: November 10, 2010**

the football field, police encountered the overturned

fully licensed and insured red Isuzu Rodeo bearing license plates CY C-28249, on the right side of the road when traveling from the direction of Belmopan to San Ignacio Town. The vehicle was found with the front driver's side and hood dented, the windshield, driver's door glass and extreme rear



**The red Isuzu Rodeo at the Police Sub-Station in Georgeville**

glass on the driver's shattered .

On the spot investigation revealed that about half an hour earlier, at around 6:15 pm, the vehicle, driven by **Myra Samos**, 34, Belizean Public Officer/ First Class Clerk attached to the National Emergency Management Headquarters in the City of Belmopan and residing on 18<sup>th</sup> Street in San Ignacio Town, was returning home after the day's work when upon reaching that area between miles 59 and 60 in the village of Georgeville on the Western Highway, a male child reportedly ran across the highway directly in front of the vehicle she was driving.

Samos told the police that while maneuvering the vehicle in an attempt to avoid hitting the child, she lost control and that after colliding with the child the vehicle flipped over.

Upon hearing the impact of the collision, relatives and friends rushed to the scene. The injured child was placed inside a relative's

## US Church Mission To Belize In Cayo

**ST. ANDREW'S ANGLICAN SCHOOL, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District, Wednesday, November 10, 2010:**

A group of one dozen missionaries from the United States of America are wrapping up their one week mission to Belize.

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# Five Male Friends - One Gun - One Takes The Rap

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, November 11, 2010:**

Five male friends on a hunting expedition with a borrowed shotgun were arrested and charged for keeping a firearm without a gun license.

Acting upon information received police visited Plett's farm, situated in the Green Hills area in the Mennonite community of Spanish Lookout at around 2:30 pm on Wednesday, November 10 where they intercepted a red Ford Ranger pickup truck with five occupants on board. A search inside the cab of the vehicle led to the discovery of a 16 gauge, Russian made shotgun with serial number 07053976 for which none of the five occupants could provide the requested gun license.

All five persons were detained and escorted to the police station in San Ignacio where they were all identified as Belizean laborers, three of them residing



**Elmer Guerra, 32**

in the San Martin Community located on the outskirts of the City of Belmopan while the fourth individual resides in Maya Mopan also on the outskirts of the City of Belmopan and the fifth residing in Los Tambos village, nearest to the area where they were intercepted.

The three residing in San Martin included the driver of the vehicle **Elmer Guerra, 32; Wilmer Herrera, 27** and **Eden Quiroz, 26**. The fourth and fifth occupants were identified as **Jose Flores, 31** and **Saul De La Rosa, 23** residing in Maya Mopan and Los Tambos, respectively.

Investigations revealed that the shotgun is owned by Oscar Barrera, a Belizean Pastor residing in the Salvapan community near the City of Belmopan and that it was on loan to the driver of the vehicle, Elmer Guerra, by the pastor's wife since the pastor is reportedly out of the country.

All five defendants, jointly charged with the offence of keeping a firearm without a gun license, appeared in court this Thursday morning where the driver, Elmer Guerra, pled guilty to the charge. He also agreed with the facts of the case presented by the prosecutor. Guerra was consequently sentenced to two years in jail. The joint charge against the other four was not immediately withdrawn as the prosecution informed that advice from the Director of Public

Prosecution will first be sought before making that determination.

Interestingly however, while they were said to be going on a hunting expedition, there was no charge for keeping unlicensed ammunition thereby suggesting that no ammunition was found in their possession.



**Wilmer Herrera, 27**



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# Briceño Arrested After 45 Days On The Run

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, November 11, 2010:**

After evading the long arms of the law for 45 days **Abelino “Papo” Briceno**, 35, Belizean labourer, wanted for attempt murder and robbery, was arrested on November 4, 2010 during an early morning police operation.

At around 5:00 a.m. on last Thursday, November 4, a team of policemen descended upon the house Briceno was occupying in the village of Georgeville where he was found.

A search of the house led to the discovery of a small transparent ziplock plastic bag containing 4 grams of marijuana found inside the top right drawer of a wooden closet inside his bedroom.

Briceno was wanted for the September 20, 2010 attack on **Leonardo Velasquez**, 44, Belizean labourer of a Trapiche address in Santa Elena Town.

In the incident, Velasquez was



### Abelino “Papo” Briceno, 35

attacked by two male persons one of whom hit him in the head with a stone and when he fell to the ground, they proceeded to rob him of the \$25 he had in the pocket of his

pants after which he was stabbed with a knife below the left armpit and dragged down the hill then dumped into the Macal River.

The injured and bleeding Velasquez remained floating in the water holding on to a shrub on the banks for about 8 hours, from around 8:30 p.m. until he was found by a pedestrian after 4:00 .a.m. the following morning.

Seven days after the incident, a 17 year old boy from



## Leonardo Velasquez, 44

San Ignacio was arrested and charged for the attempt murder and robbery of Velasquez. He was remanded to prison and brought back to court today where like Briceno he will be brought back to court on Friday, December 17, 2010.

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# Are You Satisfied With The Present State Of Your Culture?

*Some Garifuna are putting their self interest above the overall interest of the Garinagu people.*

By: Wellington C. Ramos



This year will make 213 years since the Garifuna people were forcefully removed by the British off their native land St. Vincent and scattered throughout other countries in the Caribbean with their final destination being Rotan Honduras where they landed on April 12, 1797.

The removal occurred after several years of resistance put up by my people to avoid the British from taking over our country but in the end our brave **King Chatoyer** was forced to surrender on March 11, 1797. It is also 187 years since my ancestors left the shores of Honduras to Belize after several of their relatives were massacred during the Honduran revolution-

ary war for independence.

Due to these experiences, the Garinagu people are now scattered throughout the Caribbean, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Belize and the United States. In Central America, Honduras have the largest Garifuna population with Belize in close second place.

Our people still maintain their culture despite all the difficult experiences they encountered in their past.

No matter where our people live, their main challenge is to maintain their culture among the other dominant cultures in the countries where they reside today. In St. Vincent our native homeland, most of our people have lost their culture due to decrees past by the British against them after the takeover.

In Nicaragua only a few Garinagu exist and the culture is dying. In Honduras and Guatemala, the Garinagu people still have their culture intact but continue to face political oppression and they are living in extreme poverty compared to the other citizens in their

countries. In Belize, the Garinagu people have made some significant strides in uplifting themselves in most areas compared to the other countries where they live in Central America and the Caribbean but poverty is becoming a problem.

The United States have proven to be fertile ground for the Garinagu people because they have always been an ethnic group that prides autonomy. Many of them are excelling in various professions in the private sector and with government. Some Garinagu people yearn for the day when their people can return to the good old days of being autonomous, industrious, independent, resilient and warriors.

Many Garifuna individuals today have indicated that they intend to lead the struggle on behalf of our people to accomplish this goal. Yet, they have not carved out a constructive and comprehensive plan to fulfill their promises. For those who believe in those individuals, I must warn them that more accomplishments have been made by the Garinagu culture collectively rather than individually.

The Garifuna individual place strong emphasis on family and culture. The role of their ancestors in the upkeep and preservation of their culture is a major component of their religious and cultural practices.

There will be several times in our lifetime, when the ancestors will empower members of our race to carry out meaningful activities on behalf of the preservation of the culture. If a Garifuna person is engaged in cultural activities that are geared only towards his or her own self-interest, our ancestors will not be pleased with those individuals.

I have now come to the conclusion, that too much of this is taking place in our society today in all the communities where Garinagu reside. My reason for this, is because these individuals have failed to implement any long term plan that will preserve the, language, religion, customs, traditions, arts, crafts and the other fundamental ingredients of our culture.

The 19<sup>th</sup> of November every year should be a moment and time for us to re-examine what we have done to preserve and build on our

culture throughout the entire year. If we cannot point to any significant gains for the year then we wasted the entire year. We continue to use this day for engaging in socializing and publicity stunts. Once the day is over, everybody goes back to their respective communities and boast about the good times they had.

If the Garifuna people were to set up a Trust Fund for the preservation of their culture and ask every Garifuna person in this world to just give \$10.00 each, it would generate millions of dollars that could help to build a Garifuna Village in every community in all societies Garifuna people reside world-wide. This will help to preserve the culture and provide employment for our people to eliminate poverty in these countries where they reside. After all, spending the money continually in this fashion, has proven that we are not making any significant gains over the years. The time has now come, for a different group of leaders with vision to take us into a new direction because there is a lack of visionary leadership in our communities today.

I am a Garifuna born and raised in the culture capital of Belize in a place called Dangriga Town. I have relatives in; Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Belize and the United States who I have shared these concerns with. Many of them agree with me that this issue has been brought up by several Garifuna individuals but nobody wants to address it. I just hope and pray that a majority of my people would take up this challenge so that we can begin a new journey.

We must consider bringing a case against the British Government for forcefully removing our people out of our native homeland St. Vincent and scattering us all over the Caribbean then dropping us off on the island of Rotan Honduras like rejected cargoes. This act on their part is inhumane and is in violation of International Law as is stated in the Human Rights Charter of the United Nations. We deserve due compensation for the damages caused to us, which are the main reasons why our people are today living in deplorable conditions in their respective countries.

I ask that for this year's celebration, we ask ourselves if we are satisfied with the state of our culture today before we start celebrating.

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# Santa Elena Youth Victim Of Stabbing Incident In San Pedro

**SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Tuesday, November 9, 2010:**

A funeral service was held this Tuesday evening for 24 year old Santa Elena resident, **Lionel Pinelo**, who was fatally stabbed on the island of San Pedro on Friday, November 5, 2010.

It is reported that Pinelo's life in Santa Elena was heading into some turbulent times and in an effort to change his lifestyle he relocated to San Pedro Town about 3 years ago where he worked as a furniture maker. Whilst working on the island he made regular trips to Santa Elena to visit his 5 and 7 year old children.

San Pedro police reports that at around 9:30 p.m. on Friday, November 5, Pinelo was engaged in an altercation with a group of men from the Boca Del Rio area of San Pedro Town. The altercation reportedly occurred in front of Compadres Bar after which Pinelo departed the area. However, about two hours late , Pinelo returned to the area on a golf cart accompanied by four other persons.

Whilst passing in front of the Compadres Bar they drove by a group of 3 men, standing outside the adjacent Rainbow Bar. One of the men reportedly stoned a bottle at the golf cart. Pinelo's friend who was driving the cart reversed it towards the group that stoned the bottle. All five of them got off the cart and advanced towards the three men who were quickly joined by four others. A verbal exchange



**The Victim,  
Lionel Pinelo, 24**

reportedly began between Pinelo and the group of seven resulting in one of them picking up a broken bottle and, holding it by the neck, the person inflicted a stab wound to Pinelo's left rib cage.

The injured Pinelo was rushed

to the Ambergis Hope Clinic where on the advice of the medical officer on duty he was rushed by boat to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City for emergency medical treatment. Despite the medical team's best effort Pinelo passed away shortly before 9:00 on Saturday, November 5, 2010.

Police investigation first led to the detention of five men and the formal arrest of one **Jason Reyes**, 21, a resident of the Boca Del Rio area of San Pedro Town, on the capital charge of murder.

The accused appeared in San Pedro's Magistrate Court on Tuesday, November 9, where the



**The Accused Murderer  
Jason Reyes, 21**

single murder charge was read to him by **Magistrate Patricia Arana** after which he was remanded to the Hattieville Central Prison with orders to be brought back to court on Wednesday, December 9, 2010.

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# China Introduces "One Dog Policy"

Shanghai officials have reportedly introduced a new 'one dog policy', mirroring the country's one child policy, in an attempt to free up living space.

A new draft dog law would limit each household to just one canine, citing Shanghai's population of 20 million people and limited living space, the official China Daily reported.

The government said tighter regulation was needed due to rampant barking, unscooped waste, and the growing risk of dog attacks, which affect the city's environment and

sanitation, the report said.

Under the policy, dog owners also must give their pets' puppies to eligible no-dog households or to government-approved adoption agencies before the puppies reach three months, the newspaper said. Dog ownership has grown alongside China's fast-expanding middle class with official estimates putting Shanghai's pet dog population at 800,000 – although only a quarter of that number are registered, the report said.

The draft law also called for the annual licence fee to be cut to 300 yuan (£28) from the

current range of 1,000 to 2,000 yuan. Critics have said high fees discourage people from registering and vaccinating dogs.

The report quoted one Shanghai dog-lover as saying officials should focus on educating citizens on how to raise pets responsibly – such as

having them neutered – instead of developing draconian measures.

*"The government should improve public knowledge about how to raise a dog and how to prevent them from attacking people ... instead of forcing us to raise one dog only,"* a resident surnamed Wang said.

## FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT IN GEORGEVILLE, CAYO

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Church located across the car and rushed to the Loma Luz Hospital where shortly after arrival the child, with severe head and body injuries, was pronounced dead by **Dr. Joel Laza**.

The driver of the vehicle, Myra Samos, with visible abrasions to the left hand (*possibly a fracture*) and complaining with pain over her body, was likewise rushed to the Loma Luz Hospital where she was admitted for treatment.

Samos has since been issued with a Notice of Intended Prosecutions (NIP) as a more in-depth investigation continues. The vehicle remains parked at the police substation in Georgeville.

The child was identified by the mother to the police as **Kean Vasquez**, 8, Belizean Standard 1 student attending St. Hilda's Anglican Primary School in Georgeville.

A close relative informed that Kean was a part of a group practicing for this Sunday's Harvest inside the Pentecostal

Church located across the highway from the scene of the accident. A few minutes before the incident that ended his life, Kean had just received his bible verse to memorize for the Harvest ceremony when he exited the church directly into the path of the oncoming vehicle.

Organizers of the Harvest Service are saying that the event has been postponed from this Sunday and that it might even be cancelled.

Instead of a harvest, relatives and friends are now preparing to lay little Kean Vasquez to rest. He is survived by his mother, **Rebecca Vasquez**; father, **Aaron Lucas**; brother, **Keelon** and sister, **Ebony**. He is also survived by his maternal grandmother and grandfather, **Carmela Caine** and **William "Bill" Jones**, respectively. He is also survived by his paternal grandmother, **Lorna Lucas** as well as by a host of aunts, uncles, cousins other relatives and many friends including those from the school he attended.



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## One of Two Suspected Drug Traffickers Escaped From Police

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, November 10, 2010:**

A Belizean laborer, from the San Martin area on the outskirts of the City of Belmopan was today charged for drug trafficking in San Ignacio's Magistrate Court.

Information reaching us indicate that at around 8:00 p.m. on November 8, a lone policeman was driving his personal vehicle en route to Santa Familia from San Ignacio when upon reaching near the Branch Community his attention was drawn to two suspicious persons riding ahead of him on two separate bicycles.

Upon approaching, one of them carrying a black knapsack sped off and took the bag off his back and threw it into nearby bushes after which he returned to the other one who pretended to be fixing his bicycle. The police stopped the vehicle and upon questioning them they identified themselves as **Jose Jiron**, 27, Belizean laborer from Teakettle Village and **Edwin Paula**, 26, Belizean laborer residing at #124 St. Mathew Street, San Martin, Belmopan.

The policeman called for backup from the officer stationed in Santa Familia who arrived shortly thereafter. In the presence of the two detainees the two policemen found the black knapsack containing two compressed tape wrapped parcels which when opened were both found to contain suspected marijuana. Additional backup was requested from the Quick Response Team arriving shortly thereafter in the police mobile. Both detainees were subsequently placed in the police vehicle for the ride to the San Ignacio police station. Upon slowing down at a pedestrian crossing at the entrance to the San Ignacio Juan Layout, Jose Jiron reportedly jumped out of the vehicle and escaped into the darkness. The team contin-



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**Jose Jiron**



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**Edwin Paula, 26**

ued en route to the San Ignacio police station where both parcels were weighed in the presence of the accused Edwin Paula. The first parcel tipped the scale at 907 grams and the other weighed in at 1360 grams all for a total of 2,267 grams. Paula was subsequently arrested and charged for drug trafficking while up to press time Jose Jiron remains at large.

Paula appeared in San Ignacio's Magistrate Court on Wednesday, November 10, where he pleaded not guilty to the drug trafficking charge. The case was adjourned until Tuesday, December 28, 2010. Before Paula could leave the dock **Magistrate Albert Hoare** recognized him as a individual whom he has dealt with before in Belmopan's Magistrate's Court and when the records were checked in Belmopan Jiron was found defaulting in the payment of a \$10,000 drug trafficking fine in that jurisdiction. Magistrate Hoare consequently ordered that he be remanded to prison until the outstanding \$7,753 is paid.



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**TAURUS:**  
April 21 to May 21

Flippancy and gimmickry have now been put aside and there is a genuine seriousness about you as you convey to all that you mean business. You set your claim to money, prestige and power. You will be desirous of displaying authority in all possible areas. **Lucky Numbers: 19, 36, 68.**



**GEMINI:**  
May 22 to June 21

Acts of charity will draw you and you do your part without any concern for what you gain out of it. What bothers you is your individual growth and you try to tackle that by increasing your efficiency at work and through academic pursuit. **Lucky Numbers: 24, 55, 78.**



**CANCER:**  
June 22 to  
July 23

Your personal equations will be good and you draw strength and satisfaction from them. Work will no less than hard physical labour. Be prepared. But your sign is more comfortable when relationships are in order. Rest can be dealt with. **Lucky Numbers: 06, 32, 74**



**LEO:**  
July 24 to  
August 21

It is a time when your name, fame and reputation in your field of work get a boost. You feel good and may even celebrate your success. Do acknowledge the people who you feel have helped you in your ascent. Be careful though and do not take upon other people's problems as your own. **Lucky Numbers: 50, 71, 96.**



**VIRGO:**  
August 22 to  
September 21

You are likely to take your own growth a little more seriously as you see a lot of good coming out of it for a number of people. You may push in a completely new direction also. Be brave and surge ahead without doubting yourself. It will do you good to keep views about other people's performance to yourself. **Lucky Numbers: 18, 39, 86.**



**LIBRA:**  
September 22 to  
October 23

The time for thinking and planning is over. It time for action. Risks will be there and so will the costs. Believe in your abilities and take on the challenges. Cursory caution should not be abandoned. Read documents carefully before signing them. **Lucky Numbers: 05, 44, 69.**



**SCORPIO:**  
October 24 to  
November 21

The results and outcomes you have been seeking now come to you. Some favourable deal may be struck. There are also indications of new business contacts getting established. You may explore new possibilities and may even consider exploring an unconventional career option. **Lucky Numbers: 20, 34, 77.**



**SAGITTARIUS:**  
November 22 to  
December 21

It is a time for one major wish fulfillment. It could be a project that you have worked on in the recent past. You may earn brownie points in your community through philanthropic acts. Individuals who feel emotionally unsteady should spare time for meditation. **Lucky Numbers: 27, 72, 89.**



**CAPRICORN:**  
December 22 to  
January 20

Too much to do and too little time may cause errors. Think, plan and act rationally. Work hard and work towards earning more but keep time for loved ones. Also, remember that

thinking out of the box is good but know when you are veering off track. **Lucky Numbers: 03, 47, 62.**



**AQUARIUS:**  
January 21 to  
February 19

It is a phase when you could be very introspective. You try to do well in all aspects but it may actually cause a burnout. One can never really please everybody so don't raise expectations of people. You may lay excessive emphasis on

values and it may not appeal to your superiors. **Lucky Numbers: 07, 64, 85.**



**PISCES:**  
February 20 to  
March 21

There will be better camaraderie at work. You come across like-minded people who share similar interests. Your performance is better and that in turn gives you more satisfaction. On the personal front, romance is in the air. **Lucky Numbers: 33, 48, 95.**

## LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MARGE & TOM GALLAGHER** are applying for the renewal of their **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **MOONRACER FARM LODGING & TOURS** located at Mile 9, Mountain Pine Ridge Road, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ROSALILIA CASTILLO** is applying for a **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the remainder of 2010 to operate **LAS PALOMAS** located on 18th Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **STEVEN & MIRIAM PLAYER** are applying for the renewal of their **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **COOMBE HARDING** located in the village of Cristo Rey in the Cayo District.

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# Social Security Board

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The Social Security Board, in its meeting of 2 November 2010, passed a resolution to approve the Investment Committee's recommendation to invest the sum of **\$50,000,000 (Fifty Million Dollars)** in the purchase of 10 million Ordinary Shares of Belize Telemedia Limited, at the price of \$5.00 per share. These shares were offered for sale by the Government of Belize on 15 October 2010.

The objectives of the investment are to grow the Fund by maximizing the total rate of return within prudent and acceptable levels of risk and liquidity, and to secure the economic well being of all contributors to the Fund.

Members of the public wishing to express any concern may send a copy of this notice along with your comments to:

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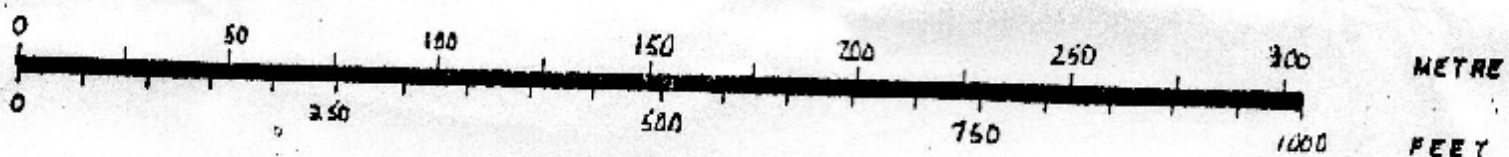
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## What Belizean Women Want

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George grabbed the book out of her hands and started

thumbing through the pages.

His wife was a little annoyed. "Hey, what do you think you're doing?"

George calmly replied, "I just wanted to see if they spelled my name right."

## A Drunk's Brilliant Idea

A drunk in a bar pukes all over his own shirt, which was brand new before he came in. "Damn," he says. "I puked on my shirt again. If the wife finds out, she's gonna kill me."

"Not to worry," says the bartender as he sticks a \$20 bill in the drunk's pocket. "Just tell her someone puked on you and

*gave you some cash to cover the cleaning bill."*

So the drunk goes home and tells his wife about the guy who puked on him. She reaches into his pocket and finds two twenties. "Why are there two twenties?" she asks.

The drunk replies, "Oh, yeah, he crapped in my pants, too."

## Inviting A Bachelor To Supper

"Honey," said Tom to his wife, "I invited a friend home for supper."

"What? Are you crazy? The house is a mess, I haven't been shopping, all the dishes are dirty, and I don't feel like

*cooking a fancy meal!"*

"I know all that," responded Tom.

"Then why did you invite a friend for supper?"

"Because the poor fool's thinking about getting married."

# Hablando Claro

Por: Alejandro Ríos

Las declaraciones de **Robert Hertular**, quien fuera acusado por las autoridades norteamericanas por tráfico de drogas, y que fuera extraditado en el año 2004 a una prisión federal de los Estados Unidos, para purgar una pena de 33 años de prisión, abrió una cloaca de escándalo en nuestro país, esto debido a que sus declaraciones han sido un detonante de una bomba anunciada.

Hertular fue acusado por la DEA de ingresar a los Estados Unidos mas de 6 toneladas de cocaína, con la ayuda del entonces grupo gubernamental, encabezado por el entonces ministro Ralph Fonseca.

El agente federal antidrogas de los Estados Unidos Raymond Kelly así como el agente federal encubierto Vince Willians, estuvieron realizando los contactos con Hertular, como supuestos narcotraficantes encubiertos para desarticular este grupo delictivo, lo que nunca imaginaron fue que al tender la trampa contra Hertular, aparecerían los nombres del entonces ministro de policía Ralph Fonseca, así como a complicidad del entonces Primer Ministro Said Muza y el comisionado de policía. Hertular fue sentenciado y las pruebas grabadas en las llamadas telefónicas, entre los agentes encubiertos y el narcotraficante,

incriminan a los más altos mandos del gobierno anterior. En su declaración Hertular afirmo a la DEA que desde 1987, es miembro de la "organización Fonseca" afirmando que es un grupo dedicado al narcotráfico y el lavado de dinero en los Estados Unidos y Europa, en su declaración a la corte se especifica la implicación de el entonces primer ministro Said Muza y también de una institución bancaria beliceña. Se abrió una puerta que nadie quería abrir, precisamente porque pone al descubierto al partido azul, con todas sus marañas negras y corruptibles, no hay que olvidar el caso de la esposa de Ralph Fonseca, detenida en el aeropuerto internacional de Miami, cuando poseía 1.5 millones de dólares americanos en efectivo, mismos que pretendía depositar en las Islas Caymán, además del escándalo desatado cuando perdió la vida el hijo de Ralph, debido que el joven estudiante le heredo a su padre una fortuna de millones de dólares ¿??. Pero si eso no fuera poco, hay que recordar el caso de Eligió Briceño padre del líder del PUP John Briceño, quien también fuera detenido por agentes antidrogas en la ciudad de Miami Florida, hay que recordar que Briceño fue ministro de energía y comunicaciones en el

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# Occupational Safety & Health Conference

**BELIZE CITY, Monday, November 9, 2010:**

The Social Security Board in partnership with the Ministry of Labour is holding its first annual national Occupational Safety and Health Conference during November 9 – 10, 2010 at the Belize Biltmore Plaza, Belize City.

Participants from the various local sectors are presenting on relevant Occupational Safety and Health topics at the conference. During the opening ceremony held this morning, **Mrs. Merlene Martinez**, Chief Executive Officer Social Security Board, highlighted the fact that Social Security is in a unique position as it relates to vital information available about the characteristics of employment injuries.

The conference is designed to bring much needed awareness to the relevant stakeholders. In her message, the CEO revealed that in the last 5 years, Social Security recorded 12,214 cases of employment injury, of

which 696 of them resulted in disabilities and 38 in deaths.

**Ms. Marian McNab**, CEO in the Ministry of Labor, presented an overview of the proposed Occupational Safety and Health Bill which will be submitted to Cabinet next week.

The overall objectives of the conference are:

1. To utilize existing best practices within Belizean industries to promote good Occupational Safety and Health practices in all workplaces.

2. To increase awareness of safety practices in the

workplace.

3. To sensitize the participants about the proposed OSH legislation.

4. To challenge participants to engage in at least one new OSH effort to improve the work environment.

5. To recognize employers who are currently making

efforts at good practices. The overarching objective is to protect employees and self employed persons from the debilitating physical, psychological and emotional effects of worksite injury and occupational diseases.

All the presentations will be available on the Social Security website, [www.socialsecurity.org.bz](http://www.socialsecurity.org.bz), after the conference.

## Hablando Claro

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Gobierno de George Price, pueden checar [www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171966866-2,00.html](http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171966866-2,00.html). O su caso publicado por el gobierno de los Estados Unidos en <http://vlex.com/vid/united-states-america-elijio-briceno-37147101> Lo cuestionable es ¿porque nunca supo la opinión publica? Porque los argumentos han sido que con este dinero se financiaban las campañas del partido azul, la verdad esta saliendo a la luz publica todo por un antecedente policiaco, si Robert Hertular recibió 33 años

de prisión en los Estados Unidos, es definitivo que se logro a base de investigación de años, como consta en el expediente policiaco y la declaración que inmiscuye a los Fonseca y Muza, pueden checar <http://caslaw.findlaw.com/us-2nd-circuit/1337785.html> Ahora que va a pasar con los acusados, habrá seguimiento, pero los Estados Unidos destaparon una cloaca, que va a ser difícil de cerrar, Pero será el tiempo...el implacable tiempo el que nos de la razón, o el privilegio de equivocarnos, solo el tiempo, usted que opina?

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# Recognizing Positive Male Role Models

**BY: Peace Corps Volunteer, Christa Barker**

In an effort to recognize positive male role-models and to promote International Men's Day (Nov 19th), Peace Corps Volunteers **Emily White** and **Christa Barker** met with youth members of the Cornerstone Youth Ambassadors Program (YAP) for a chance to discuss what a role-model is and to recognize the good men in our lives.

The group talked about how it's important to recognize and respect the men we know who are leading good lives. Much of



the time we focus on women and children and forget to appreciate the men who are leading good lives, supporting

their families and giving back to the community.

The youth shared stories about men they know and respect and then made posters which creatively expressed their ideas of a good role-model or their gratitude towards role-models they have - such as fathers, uncles, older brothers and teachers. The posters are available to view at the Cornerstone Foundations office located

in San Ignacio.

The website promoting this international day of recognition states that, *"International Men's Day began on November 19th 1999 in Trinidad and Tobago and was supported by the United Nations. The event received wide support from men's groups in USA, Europe, Africa, Asia and the Caribbean."*

*This is an excellent idea and would give some gender balance. Objectives of International Men's Day include a focus on men's and boy's health, improving gender relations, promoting gender equality and highlighting positive male role models. It is an occasion for me to celebrate their achievements and contributions, in particular for their contributions to community, family, marriage and child care."*

For more information you can visit the website: [www.internationalmensday.com](http://www.internationalmensday.com)

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# Robert Trausch & Doroteia Programs

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, November 11, 2010:**

In continuance of its annual humanitarian drive, **Robert Trausch** of Doroteia Pathways Foundation are back in town sharing materials and supplies.

The recepients include the Army Cadet Corp receiving a computer and uniforms.

Robert also donated a bicycle to be used by the Cadets as a raffle prize in helping raise money for the purchase of equipment and items needed by the cadets. An additional \$50.00 will be donated by Trausch to the cadet team selling the most raffle tickets.

In making the presentation Robert thanked the cadet supervisors who freely give their time in trying to make a positive difference in the lives



of so many young people.

He additionally thanked Bismillah Stores for selling the bicycle at a discounted price.

Apart from running o17 scholarships, Doroteia Pathways Foundation is also engaged in distribution of medical supplies and this years recepients include the Benque Medical Clinic,

Octavia Waight, Belize Zoo, Humane Society, Belmopan Hospital and the San Ignacio Hospital.

Doroteia extends special thanks to **Richard Tzul** and members of the Rotary Club of San Ignacio and the teachers from Benque Viejo for the help in unloading and distributing the

medical supplies equipment Doroteia Pathways Foundation donated to Belize.

Last but by no means least, Doroteia Pathways Foundation extends a special thank you to the Management and Staff of the San Ignacio Center of Employment Training for providing storage space.



**Robert Trausch of Doroteia Pathways Foundation**



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## Notice Vacancies - Village Councils

The general public is hereby notified that in accordance with Part 111, Section 7 of the Village Council Act, Chapter 88 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2003 the following Village Council has declared vacancies within its counsil as follows:

District	Village	Name	Position	Reason
Cayo	Duck Run 1	Johan Reimer Juan Gonzalez Adolfo Ruben Carillo Eddie Noel Escobar	Member Member Member Member	Resignation Resignation Resignation Resignation

By-election - Duck Run 1 Village

The general public is hereby notified that in accordance with Part 111, Section 9(2) of the Village Council Act, Chapter 88 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2003, by-election to fill the vacant posts of members in the **Duck Run 1 Village Council** is scheduled for Sunday December 5th, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center.





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# US Church Mission To Belize In Cayo

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the area.

Some members of the team took time out from working on the church to visit and distribute school supplies to Sacred Heart Primary School, Faith Nazarene Primary School and St. Andrew Anglican Primary School in San Ignacio as well as six other village schools in the community.

The Mission To Belize team is headed by **Dave Dietrich** and his wife **Terry** from Abiding Harvest Church in Oklahoma.

The other ten members all from the Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church in Pearland, Texas include **Steve** and **Elaine Welcome**, **David** and **Sharon Stoneham**, **Paul** and **Barbara Hamilton**, **Gene**



Principal Kathleen Staine (R) addressing the team and students

and **Liliana Degues**, **Joe Watkins** and **Diane Dreitzler**.

In a brief chat with the **STAR Newspaper** Elaine informed that while several companies in Pearland assisted with shipping costs and the containers, the supplies were all donated by Silver Creek

Elementary School in Pearland, Texas, USA.

Seven members of the team visited St. Andrew's Anglican School on Wednesday morning

where the entire student body of almost 400 children assembled on the school's square to welcome the team and to accept the gifts they brought. During the event each member of the team took the opportunity to individually introduce themselves to the assembled students and teachers.

In expressing the school's appreciation for the supplies **Principal Kathleen Staine** assured the team that the supplies would be put to good use and that she hopes that this will be the first of many other visits to the school. She wished them an enjoyable time in Belize and a safe return at the end of their Mission to Belize.



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Cayo	Armenia	Job Lopez	Member	Resignation

By-election - Armenia Creek Village

The general public is hereby notified that in accordance with Part 111, Section 9(2) of the Village Council Act, Chapter 88 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2003, by-election to fill the vacant posts of members in the **Armenia Village Council** is scheduled for Sunday December 5th, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center.



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