



San Ignacio and Benque Police Attend Media Workshop



“Role Playing” - Camera Rolling - Corporal #148 Norman Coye (R) interviewing Constable # 1080 Wilbert Myvette (L)

CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT TRAINING, San Ignacio Town, Cayo, Tuesday, June 14, 2011:

A media relations workshop was held today for policemen attached to the San Ignacio police station and the Benque Viejo sub-formation.

Approximately 30 officers from both formations were in attendance for the one day workshop held 9:00 am and 3:00 pm at the Center for Employment in San Ignacio Town.

The workshop, sponsored by the Ministry of Police and Public Safety, was facilitated by the Ministry’s Public Relations Officer, **Raphael Martinez**.

Martinez informed that the workshop is a countrywide undertaking which began in Belmopan last week moving to San Ignacio this week.

The series continues in Orange Walk Town early next month after which it moves to Dangriga Town and later to Punta Gorda Town with the final stop in Corozal Town.



Constable # 1011 Jermaine Neal (L) with both hands on the microphone interviewing Constable #1121 Ciriaco Medina (R)

The workshop includes topics such as:

- a) Knowing the media,
- b) Tips when dealing with the media,
- c) the legal perspective and
- d) Interviewing skills including a practical **“role playing”** component.

The objective of the workshop is to provide Police Officers

with information enabling them to efficiently and effectively engage the media in information sharing regarding matters that affect the public.

We trust that those in attendance were able to grasp a true understanding in the role of the media in society and in so doing refrain from placing road blocks in the path as the media endeavors to fulfill its obligation to the community it serves.



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Hotel Of The Year - Chaa Creek Does It Again!!!



BELIZE CITY, Wednesday, June 8, 2011:

The 11th National Annual Tourism Awards ceremony, hosted by the Belize Tourism Board was held today to recognize and honor organizations and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the tourism industry.

Superseded only by Placencia with three of the eight awards, and tied with San Pedro Town for two awards each, **The Lodge at Chaa Creek**, Cayo, captured the prestigious **"Hotel of the Year"** Award for the second time in the 11-year history of the program. The Lodge at Chaa Creek was named the first **"Hotel of the Year"** when the program began in 2000.

While prestigious awards are nothing new to the Lodge at Chaa Creek, especially after having received no less than ten awards and recognitions in



Living Proof That Success Comes Through Hardwork, Honesty and Dedication - Mick and Lucy Fleming - Owners - The Lodge At Chaa Creek, Cayo

2010 and numerous national and international awards over the years, congratulations are therefore certainly in order for **Mick and Lucy Fleming** and indeed the entire staff of the

Lodge At Chaa Creek on the attainment of this their most recent prestigious and coveted award.

The next award this year for the Cayo District went to **Table**

Rock Jungle Lodge recognized as the **"Small Hotel of the Year"**. On hand to receive the well deserved award were Allan and his wife Coleen Spring.



Allan and Coleen Spring Table Rock Jungle Lodge Small Hotel of the Year

(Photo Courtesy The San Pedro Sun)

The other six awards were deservedly presented as follows: 1) **"Frontline Person of the Year"** - Althea Schable of Chabil Mar Villas, Placencia; 2) **"Tour Guide of the Year"** - Enes Ramirez, Belize Diving Adventures, San Pedro; 3) **"Restaurant of the Year"** - Maya Beach Hotel Bistro, Placencia; 4) **"Tour Operator of the Year"** - Avadon Divers, Placencia; 5) **"Minister's Award"** - Romel Gomez Sr. - San Pedro; and 6) **"Lifetime Achievement"** - Placida Leonor Requena Guerrero, Punta Gorda Town.



Public Notice



Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

The Public Utilities Commission (*hereinafter referred to as "the Commission"*) served Notice on June 15, 2011, to the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) that the Commission proposes to cancel the Licence granted to BEL by the Commission on May 1, 2000.

The Commission proposes to cancel the said Licence effective July 15, 2011, according to Condition 1(b) of **"PART III: TERMS AS TO REVOCATION"** of the Licence, for the refusal/failure of BEL to pay annual licence fees for calendar years 2009 and 2010 as prescribed by Condition 22 of the Licence.

Issued by the Public Utilities Commission on Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

Calling For Maximum Penalties On Those Who Destroy Public Property

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Friday June 10, 2011:

It is often said that when we cross the border into Chetumal, Mexico, we dare not throw garbage on the streets for fear of possible sanctions. However, as soon as we cross into Belize it is like we enter into one large dumping ground as we litter at will.

While the San Ignacio/Santa Elena Town Council, continues to sacrifice its limited financial resources to improve our social environment, there are still some among us who go about destroying the very little we have. A case in point is the broken light fixture inside the Macal River Park being the second of sixteen such fixtures in the park that have thus far been destroyed.

This incident begs the



The light fixture in the Macal River Park destroyed by vandals

following questions: *Where is our civic pride? How is it that we can conduct ourselves in a*

civil manner in a foreign land and display such level of disrespect in our own?

We take this opportunity to call on the police to not take lightly the destruction of public property and for magistrates to impose the maximum penalty upon any person convicted of such irresponsible action as maybe only in so doing will a sense of social consciousness be



The first light destroyed with only the base remaining the remnants long gone



One of the other 14 lights still standing in the park

instilled upon those who insist on destroying the very little we have.

National Institute for Culture And History Assistant Coordinator- House of Culture

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the post of **ASSISTANT COORDINATOR - San Ignacio / Santa Elena HOUSE OF CULTURE** with the Museum of Belize / Houses of Culture, National Institute of Culture and History

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- Ability and willingness to work flexible hours, weekends and holidays.

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- Assist with developing cultural community activities for the San Ignacio/Santa Elena House of Culture
- Assist with outgoing and incoming correspondence to officials, schools, and other organizations, do press release and other public relations activities to connect with various media.
- Assist with administrative work, answering phone calls, assist with purchasing items needed for office.
- Prepare monthly visitors report as well as statistics.
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Interested persons should send letter of application, along with resume and two (2) recent references, to:

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Bringing Value Home

Rotary Scholar Excels In High School

BY: Cynthia Reece

Henry Alexander Guerrero became a Rotary Scholar when he was 13 years old, in 2007. He earned a four year scholarship that year from the Rotary Club of San Ignacio, funded through Rotary's **Rafael Cal Memorial Scholarship program**.

Today Henry is a high school graduate, finishing 3rd in his class with a 3.93 Grade Point Average at Sacred Heart College. He is planning to continue his studies at Sacred Heart Junior College.

The Rotary Club is very proud of Henry's achievements and celebrated with him at the Club's breakfast meeting on Wednesday, June 15 during which he was presented with a certificate, a gift and a standing ovation.

With five brothers, one sister, a mother with asthma and a father as a construction worker, Henry's chances for moving on to high school weren't good. However, as he stated in his application for the Rotary scholarship, he was a *"very responsible, studious boy."* He understood that furthering his education would be the best path for him and his family.



**Introducing Rotary Scholar
Henry Alexander Guerrero**

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Andre Lopez, Belize's Rotary District Governor Elect said, during the breakfast meeting on

Wednesday *"When I first met Henry four years ago he was a shy boy with a limp hand*

shake. Today he is a tall, confident fine looking young man with a broad smile and a strong hand shake."

Henry's early success in high school put him on the cover of the 2009 Rotary Uniendo Belize brochure.

Andre Lopez reflected, *"It is still my opinion that the Rafael Cal Memorial Scholarship is one of the finest projects our Club has ever undertaken."*

The Rotary Club of San Ignacio currently supports 20 students with funding for four years of high school in Cayo. The scholarships are based on academics and need.

Funds are raised by the Club, locally and internationally. The Club's overriding service commitment is to *"Educating Our Youth,"* and works on many projects around the area to further that goal.

Henry's last sentence in his biography when he applied for the scholarship was, *"I promise I will make the best of this chance I have."* What a goal and what an accomplishment. His success makes us proud in Cayo.

For more information on the Rotary Club of San Ignacio, see the Club's website at <http://www.rotarysanignacio.org/>.

More Good News From The Rotary Club FREE Orthopedic Clinic

BY: John Acott:

The Rotary Club Of Belmopan, in collaboration with the Illinois Rotary District 6510 and WPP, announces its annual Orthopedic

Clinic, for the Belize Children's Program, with Orthopedic Surgeon from St. Louis, Missouri, **Dr. Coles L'Hommedieu**.

The general public is hereby advised to take note of the following Clinic dates and times:

Monday, June 27, 2011

Santa Elena – La Loma Luz Hospital
9:00am Follow-up Patients
10:00am – New Patients

Monday, June 27, 2011

Belmopan – Dr. Raju's Clinic
#22 Temash Street
4:00pm - Follow-up Patients
5:00pm – New Patients

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

Dangriga – Southern Regional Hospital
9:00am – Follow-up Patients
10am – New Patients

Wednesday, June 29, 2011

Belize City – Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital
9:00am – Follow-up Patients
10:30am – New Patients

Thursday, June 30, 2011

Orange Walk – Northern Regional Hospital
9:00am – Follow-up Patients
10:30am – New Patients

The free clinics are for children up to age of 18 who are in need of orthopedic care - suffering from neck, spine, shoulder, arm, elbow, hand, hip, leg, knee, foot, and other type of bone problems and

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Your Weekly Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



ARIES:
March 22 to April 20

The coming week may not be such a smooth ride. There may be glitches related to travelling abroad. Keep your eyes and mind open this week for lucrative opportunities for personal and professional advancement. A spiritual outlook will help you deal with issues more effectively. **Lucky numbers: 32, 67, 91.**



TAURUS:
April 21 to May 21

There could be good news in the form of compensation for damages occurred earlier. You may have to go through some paperwork though. In your professional life, resource-related issues crop up. You are advised to have some stand-by or alternative plans of action ready in case things go awry. **Lucky numbers: 10, 43, 75.**



GEMINI:
May 22 to June 21

You are likely to be facing some mental upheavals. You will also need to weed out all dramatic elements if you try to analyze and resolve your issues as they will keep you from looking at things objectively. This is not the week to trust others with sensitive information or important personal tasks. **Lucky numbers: 24, 56, 89.**



CANCER:
June 22 to July 23

This will be an excellent week for you. Your powers of perception and decision-making become sharp and you could use this to make rapid strides in all you do. Relatives and close friends will help you progress tangibly. You must refrain from engaging in self-doubt. **Lucky numbers: 36, 45, 97.**



LEO:
July 24 to August 21

This could be a tough time for you emotionally. There will be issues related to children that bother you. There will be some problems, possibly financial, your friends will bail you out if necessary. This is not a lasting phase, so don't allow it to bog you down. **Lucky numbers: 14, 60, 84.**



VIRGO:
August 22 to September 21

It has been rough for the past several months. This phase is soon coming to an end as a new source of income into the household is on the horizon. The health condition of a loved one is slowly improving. You can now relax your mind. Shed the stress of the past months. Life ahead is looking good for you. **Lucky numbers: 49, 54, 69.**



LIBRA:
September 22 to October 23

This will be a wonderful week for you. There will be one or two persons who will try to bring you down. Pay heed to them as they are crying into the wind. The vast majority of persons know that you are genuine in what you do. Keep your head high as the majority is on your side and in your corner. **Lucky numbers: 48, 84, 93.**



SCORPIO:
October 24 to November 21

This is the time when you will be able to know who are your true friends and who aren't. It will give you an opportunity to rethink some of those you had as friends. It would be better for you to avoid taking on any new financial obligation especially as it pertains to loans. **Lucky numbers: 16, 44, 79.**



SAGITTARIUS:
November 22 to December 21

There will be lots of events happening in your personal life. New relationships could be forged. The eligible ones could also meet someone suitable and plan for a life together. You will be excited, but be sure to put across facts as they are. **Lucky numbers: 49, 51, 99.**



CAPRICORN:
December 22 to January 20

You will need to be watchful in this phase as emotional outburst is likely. You could be stressed and touchy and the slightest reason could have you wrecking it all. There could be irritants at work, but do think twice before reacting. **Lucky numbers: 25, 64, 93.**



AQUARIUS:
January 21 to February 19

There might be an addition to the family. It could be also be that you need to take on renovation and repair works around the house, but you will have the situation firmly under your belt. Don't be disheartened if your noble intent is met with resistance. **Lucky numbers: 28, 50, 62.**



PISCES:
February 20 to March 21

This is a good phase where you find all the signs for taking on a brave, stronger approach towards life. You will have the opportunity to expand your horizons. It could even be in collaboration with people you have built contacts over the years. You will be gunning to establish yourself as a person with great courage and potential. **Lucky numbers: 06, 47, 88.**

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Belizeans, Stand Up And Say NO To The Homosexual Agenda

Homosexual advocate **Caleb Orozco** and UNIBAM (*the homosexual advocacy group he spearhead in Belize*) have filed a lawsuit against the Attorney General and by extension the Government of Belize in an attempt to change and remove that specific provision of the Criminal Code, Chapter 101 of Laws of Belize which makes homosexuality a criminal act.

This homosexual advocacy group is seeking to use the Constitution of Belize against Section 53 of the Criminal Code. The group is basing its argument on “*privacy*” and “*human dignity*” as well as “*privacy of the home*”.

By way of the lawsuit, the homosexual advocacy group is agitating for the striking out of the words “*or any person*” from Section 53 of the Criminal Code which presently makes it criminal offence for anyone to

have “*sex against the order of nature with an animal or any person.*”

The ultimate GOAL is to decriminalize Sodomy and Unnatural Sex Laws in Belize for the purposes of legalizing SAME SEX MARRIAGE in Belize.

The advocacy is being disguised as a simple technical adjustment of the law. Bottom line however is that this provision of the Criminal Code is effectively blocking this group’s goal of making homosexuality, and by extension **SAME SEX MARRIAGE, legal in Belize. THIS IS THE END GOAL THAT THIS GROUP IS PUSHING FOR!!!**

CHURCH LEADERS ARE OPPOSED TO THIS GROUP’S AGENDA

Church leaders have applied to join in the mission against the homosexual advocacy group

and are joining as “*an interested party*”.

The Catholic, Anglican, Methodist and Evangelical Church Leaders are united in the fight against this homosexual agenda and in so doing have joined with the Attorney General’s Ministry.

Church Leaders have hired a strong and senior legal team comprising eminent attorneys both nationally and internationally. Ultimately however the confidence of the Church, in overcoming this obstacle, is deeply rooted in the Almighty.

The homosexual advocacy group is seeking the removal of all “*discrimination*” against homosexuals

It has been established that this is an imported agenda – an international agenda – brought in from beyond our national borders.

Discrimination means speak-

ing out against homosexual behavior – publishing articles about homosexual behavior – in effect anything they feel to be discriminatory about the behavior.

In a nutshell – We are witnessing a VERY small minority (a handful of homosexuals advocates) pushing an agenda which is OVERWHELMINGLY REJECTED BY THE VAST MAJORITY of Belizeans.

Our Churches are united under one banner – the vast majority of Belizeans must now stand up against the homosexual agenda or else this little group will slip this one past us.

ACTION BELIZE will do all it can to not let them put this one past us for the sake of all of us and generations of Belizeans yet unborn – Come join with us – It’s your business too.

Please email us at belizeaction@gmail.com to receive updates as we mobilize against this, the current agenda of this homosexual group.

“The (British) prime minister should not run scared of Ashcroft but should force him either to suspend this legal action or to step down.”



Michael Ashcroft, 65

UK GUARDIAN Newspaper, London, England:

A bank with close links to **Lord Ashcroft** will be accused in a British courtroom of keeping \$10m destined for social housing in a poor central American country, in a legal battle that could embarrass David Cameron’s government.

The Conservative party donor and newly appointed government defence adviser has been described as the guiding hand behind Belize Bank, which has fought a four-year legal battle with the Belize government to claim money allegedly earmarked for homeless people.

The bank will on 29 June ask the Privy Council to overturn previous rulings in a dispute over a loan guarantee signed by a previous premier (*sic - Prime Minister*). Ashcroft owned or controlled the bank’s holding company in 2007 when the dispute began.

The case raises fresh questions over his influence in the central American democracy, weeks after Cameron’s decision to give him a job as an adviser to the Ministry of Defence.

Ashcroft last year eventually bowed to anger over his tax position and agreed to relinquish his non-domiciled status after allegations that the House of Lords and the British public had been misled.

Lois Barrow-Young, (*sic - Young Barrow*) the barrister representing a pressure group of Belize organisations, is due to appear before the council’s judges to argue the money belongs to the state. She accused Ashcroft of being the guiding hand behind the bank’s dispute with the government.

“*There is no doubt that he is a*

controlling hand behind the bank. We will continue to argue the money belongs to the Belizean people,” she told the Guardian.

Chris Bryant, the former Labour foreign office minister, said it was a disgrace that Cameron has appointed Ashcroft as an adviser. “*The prime minister should not run scared of Ashcroft but should force him either to suspend this legal action or to step down.*”

Two appeals by Belize Bank are scheduled to be heard by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on 29 June and a week later on 6 July. The committee sits in Westminster, and is the final court of appeal for Belize, a Commonwealth member and former British colony. Belize courts ruled the bank failed in its attempt to validate a \$17bn (*sic - \$17mn*) loan supposedly guaranteed in 2007 by the previous government for financing a hospital. The judges found the money was not correctly authorised because payments of more than \$5m require ratification by the national assembly; no vote was taken in relation to the Belize Bank loan.

Around \$10m at the centre of the dispute was a gift from Hugo Chávez’s Venezuela in 2008 to Belize, where the Tory donor’s multimillion-pound business em-

pire is based. It was routed, via London, to the Belize Bank. The bank has previously argued it is entitled to keep the Venezuelan money as repayment towards the \$17m debt guaranteed by former prime minister Said Musa. In 1998, Musa appointed Ashcroft as Belize’s UN ambassador.

Lawyers for the current Belize government have argued in court that Musa acted without authorisation from his national assembly. They said the Venezuelan money was meant to pay for housing for low-income families, and successfully argued before the Belize courts that the money belonged to the government.

As part of their case, they are expected to claim that Chávez’s administration issued a statement saying that the \$10m was for “*the construction of homes with the purpose of improving the quality of life of the Belizean people*”.

Lawyers for Belize Bank are expected to argue that the appointment of lay members to an appeal board in Belize created a possibility of bias, and that the guarantee signed by Musa should stand.

Ashcroft, 65, spent part of his childhood in Belize. According to his autobiography, his business interests began in 1987 when he bought the Belize operation of the

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Making A First Great Impression

The annual graduation season is here and so as hundreds of young Belizeans venture into the job market, after completing their High School, Junior College or University studies, we thought that it would be appropriate to publish the following article:

It takes just a quick glance, maybe three seconds, for someone to evaluate you when you meet for the first time. In this short time, the other person forms an opinion about you based on your appearance, your body language, your demeanor, your mannerisms, and how you are dressed.

With every new encounter, you are evaluated and yet another person's impression of you is formed. These first impression can be nearly impossible to reverse or undo, making those first encounters extremely important, for they set the tone for all the relationships that follows.

So, whether they are in your career or social life, it's important to know how to create a good first impression. This article provides some useful tips to help you do this.

Be on Time

Someone you are meeting for the first time is not interested in your **"good excuse"** for running late. Plan to arrive a few minutes early. And allow flexibility for possible delays in traffic or taking a wrong turn. Arriving early is much better than arriving late, hands down, and is the first step in creating a great first impression.

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Royal Bank of Canada for \$1 and renamed it Belize Bank.

On 5 May this year, Ashcroft resigned from the board of BCB Holdings, the controlling company of Belize Bank, after holding a position on the board for 13 years. His post was taken over by his son Andrew. His website has a page dedicated to BCB Holdings where a photo of Belize Bank is displayed. In 2007, Ashcroft controlled or owned around 78% of the holding company. This figure had dropped to 74.7% two years later, according to its website.

On 24 May, it was announced by

Be Yourself, Be at Ease

If you are feeling uncomfortable and on edge, this can make the other person ill at ease and that's a sure way to create the wrong impression. If you are calm and confident, so the other person will feel more at ease, and so have a solid foundation for making that first impression a good one.

Present Yourself Appropriately

Of course physical appearance matters. The person you are meeting for the first time does not know you and your appearance is usually the first clue he or she has to go on.

But it certainly does not mean you need to look like a model to create a strong and positive first impression. (***Unless you are interviewing with your local model agency, of course!***)

The key to a good impression is to present yourself appropriately.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, and so the **"picture"** you first present says much about you to the person you are meeting. Is your appearance saying the right things to help create the right first impression?

Start with the way you dress. What is the appropriate dress for the meeting or occasion? In a business setting, what is the appropriate business attire? Suit, blazer, casual? And ask yourself what the person you'll be meeting is likely to wear – if your contact is in advertising or the music industry, a pinstripe business suit may not strike the right note!

Cameron that Ashcroft had been appointed to a key government advisory post despite objections from **Nick Clegg**. The former Tory deputy chairman will lead a review of the UK's military bases in Cyprus.

Ashcroft has been the Conservative party's most generous donor over the last 20 years with gifts of more than £12m.

A spokesman for Ashcroft declined to comment on allegations that he was influencing the bank, on his ownership of the bank or on the upcoming case. Solicitors for Belize Bank, Allen & Overy, also declined to comment.

For business and social meetings, appropriate dress also varies between countries and cultures, so it's something that you should pay particular attention to when in an unfamiliar setting or country. Make sure you know the traditions and norms.

And what about your grooming? Clean and tidy appearance is appropriate for most business and social occasions. A good haircut or shave. Clean and tidy clothes. Neat and tidy make up. Make sure your grooming is appropriate and helps make you feel **"the part"**.

Appropriate dressing and grooming help make a good first impression and also help you feel **"the part"**, and so feel more calm and confident. Add all of this up and you are well on your way to creating a good first impression.

A Word about Individuality

The good news is you can usually create a good impression without total conformity or losing your individuality. Yes, to make a good first impression you do need to **"fit in"** to some degree. But it all goes back to being appropriate for the situation. If in a business setting, wear appropriate business attire. If at a formal evening social event, wear appropriate evening attire. And express your individuality appropriately within that context.

A Winning Smile!

"Smile and the world smiles too." So there's nothing like a smile to create a good first impression. A warm and confident smile will put both you and the other person at ease. So smiling is a winner when it comes to great first impressions. But don't go overboard with this – people who take this too far can seem insincere and smarmy, or can be seen to be **"light-weights"**.

Be Open and Confident

When it comes to making the first impression, body language as well as appearance speaks much louder than words.

Use your body language to project appropriate confidence and self-assurance. Stand tall, smile (***of course***), make eye

contact, greet with a firm handshake. All of this will help you project confidence and encourage both you and the other person to feel better at ease.

Almost everyone gets a little nervous when meeting someone for the first time, which can lead to nervous habits or sweaty palms. By being aware of your nervous habits, you can try to keep them in check. And controlling a nervous jitter or a nervous laugh will give you confidence and help the other person feel at ease. Again, see our section on **relaxation techniques** for help with this.

Small Talk Goes A Long Way.

Conversations are based on verbal give and take. It may help you to prepare questions you have for the person you are meeting for the first time beforehand. Or, take a few minutes to learn something about the person you meet for the first time before you get together. For instance, does he play golf? Does she work with a local charitable foundation?

Is there anything that you know of that you have in common with the person you are meeting? If so, this can be a great way to open the conversation and to keep it flowing.

Be Positive

Your attitude shows through in everything you do. Project a positive attitude, even in the face of criticism or in the case of nervousness. Strive to learn from your meeting and to contribute appropriately, maintaining an upbeat manner and a smile.

Be Courteous And Attentive

It goes without saying that good manners and polite, attentive and courteous behavior help make a good first impression. In fact, anything less can ruin the one chance you have at making that first impression. So be on your best behavior!

One modern manner worth mentioning is **"turn off your mobile phone"**. What first impression will you create if you are already speaking to someone other than the person you are meeting for the first time? Your new acquaintance deserves 100% of your attention. Anything less and you'll create a less than good first impression.

Copa Cayo Oeste 2011 * Hon. Erwin Contreras

Las emociones de la Copa Cayo Oeste 2011 de futbol, continuaron este pasado fin de semana, en el Marshaleck Stadium de Benque Viejo del Carmen.

El jueves 9 se adelanto un juego por motivo de las graduaciones de las escuelas secundarias, Irka de San José Succotz empato a dos goles con Real Benqueño. Los goles por los de Succotz fueron de **Gilly Can** y **Misael Chan**, mientras que por Real Benqueño anotaron **David Cruz** y **Abdiel Urical**.

El sábado 11 la jornada arranco con Benque Fire vs Succotz 011, que sostuvieron un encuentro muy cerrado y parejo, pero al final Benque Fire se adjudico la victoria por marcador de 3goles a 2, a pesar que si Succotz 011 hubiera tenido 15 minutos mas de juego lo empataba. Los 3 goles de los benqueños fueron anotados por **Jonathan de la Rosa**, mientras que por Succotz 011 anotaron **Ricky Chan** y **Gerson López**.

Para el segundo encuentro Revolutions FC, se despacho con la cuchara grande y goleo a un Calla Creek, que no pudo con el embate de los delanteros de los revolucionarios, anotaron **Humberto Requena** con 2 dianas, **Rady Puc**, **Ian Salazar** y **Jorge Zaldívar** todos con un tanto, poniendo el marcador final de 5 goles a cero.

Para el día domingo los estudiantes de Mount Carmel High, saltaron a la cancha en busca de la victoria, pero Arenal FC tenia otros planes y prácticamente los reprobaron al son de 4 goles a cero, los tantos fueron anotados por **Hugo**



Flamengo FC

Santos con 2 goles, **Danny Ramos** y **Rudy Cruz** con un gol cada uno.

En el otro encuentro Arenal Jrs y Benque United empataron sin goles a pesar de que fue un buen partido, pero cerraron con un 0 a 0; para el último encuentro Los Veteranos de Reggae Boyz dieron uno de sus mejores partidos, logrando un excelente resultado al vencer por marcador de 2 goles a cero, a uno de los favoritos Deportivo Santa Cruz, el encuentro fue parejo y con gran emoción, pero Reggae Boyz aprovecho las oportunidades y fueron la diferencia, los goles fueron de **Albert "Yiyo" Eiley** y **Bernell Valdez**.

Los encuentros para esta jornada inician el sábado 18 a las 4pm, con el encuentro entre Revolutions y Deportivo Santa Cruz, a las 6pm.- Benque Fire vs Mount Carmel High y a las 8pm el clásico de Succotz entre Irka vs Succotz 011.

Para el día domingo 12, se enfrentan a las 2:30pm Arenal FC y Real Benqueño, mientras que a las 4:30pm Arenal Jrs. enfrenta a Flamengo FC, el

ultimo encuentro dominical es entre Succotz Fc vs Reggae Boyz Veteranos.

En el "GRUPO A" las posiciones quedaron de la siguiente manera: Arenal FC 10 puntos, Border Team 9 puntos, Real Benqueño 7 puntos, Irka 7

puntos, Benque Fire 6 puntos, Falcons FC 4 puntos, Mount Carmel High y Succotz 011 con un punto.

En el "GRUPO B" las posiciones quedaron de la siguiente manera: Revolutions FC 12 puntos, Reggae Boyz 9 puntos, Flamengo FC 7 puntos, Deportivo Santa Cruz 6 puntos, Calla Creek FC 3 puntos, Succotz FC, Benque United y Arenal Jrs con 1 punto cada uno. Con estos encuentros, se arrancan los partidos de la segunda ronda de este torneo, por lo que se espera que se definan las llaves de clasificación en sus respectivos grupos. La entrada en el Estadio Marshaleck es completamente gratis, te invitan el **Hon. Erwin Contreras**, el comité de la **Copa Cayo Oeste** y **STAR Newspaper**.

Human Rights Through Your Eyes



Students viewing the photo exhibition

BELMOPAN, Belize, 14 June 2011:

On June 13th and 14th, Belizean students visited the photo exhibition "**Human Rights through your Eyes**" at the Institute of Mexico in Belize.

Children from 4th and 5th forms from Hummingbird School and Queen St. Baptist School visited this exhibition dedicated to the Rights of the Child. During the presentation the students interacted and discussed on their fundamental rights, including rights to adequate food, shelter, clean water, formal education, primary health care, leisure and recreation, cultural activities and information about their rights. They also received brochures provided by the UNICEF Belize Country Office with information regarding this topic.

The exhibition was part of the

event "**A Day for the Rights of the Child**", organized by the Mexican Embassy in collaboration with specialists from the Human Rights Commission of the Mexican state of Quintana Roo late May. The event included various activities in Corozal District and Belize City. It was organised with the aim to raise awareness on human rights, especially of vulnerable groups such as children.

The exhibition includes 26 photographs to encourage the promotion of values and the dissemination of the culture of human rights.

The works showcased in this exhibition are the award winning photos in the 2010 Human Rights through Your Eyes' contest, sponsored by the Quintana Roo Human Rights Commission.



Border Team

Belizeans Are Departing While Guatemalans & Salvadorans Are Arriving

By: Wellington C. Ramos



A Garifuna friend of mine recently emailed me an article titled **“Without Firing Shot, Espanol Captures Belize”** published in the New York Times on November 19, 1992 and written by one **Howard French**. When I read the article I felt offended as a Belizean citizen because I know that my ancestors fled Honduras after some of them were massacred in the village of Aguan in the 1800’s. Since then many Garifuna people continue to look at Belize as the land of freedom where any person who is fleeing the repressive regimes of Central America can live with their family without military personnel violating their basic human rights. The Garifuna people living in Honduras and Guatemala can give account of all the human rights

violation that has been committed against them even up to today. If one was to compare the accomplishments of the Garifuna people in Belize in all areas, compared to that of those living in Honduras and Guatemala there is no comparison as accomplishments in Belize is way better than in Honduras and Guatemala combined. Not only the Garifuna people have experienced gross violations of their human rights but also the indigenous Maya people who have been living in this region centuries before the Spanish came to the New World. Belizeans have experienced and will continue to witness a mass migration of native Maya Indians and other ethnic groups leaving Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and other parts of Latin America coming to Belize to seek refuge. Today the last census has revealed that the ethnic makeup of Belize has changed from a majority African Belizean population to a country where there are more Mestizo Belizeans. Stories given by these people indicate a series of atrocities that have taken place in their respective countries by the military against

their people. The United Nations have cited grave human rights violations that have been committed against the Mayas, Aztecs, Garifuna, Mestizos and other indigenous ethnic groups living in Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador and other Central American countries. In Belize the three main black ethnic groups are the Garifuna, the Creoles and the East Indians. These ethnic groups are now the minority and they do not have a good working relationship among themselves. During British slavery, the Creole people were the closest ethnic group to the British slave masters. The British had them believe that they were their children and all the other ethnic groups were inferior to them. Under slavery some of the African slaves women bore children for these slave masters and became part of their family. They even gave them their last names to make them feel like it was one big family. For many years the Creoles, and especially those who resided in the city of Belize, always felt superior to the other Belizeans living outside of the City. This is the main cause of the ethnic tensions that exist in Belize today. After Belize attained political independent on September 21, 1981, Belizeans were searching for their identity as a nation with one people. Today, almost 30 years later, they are still struggling to forge an identity. Until that is achieved, Belizean’s nationalism will never be accomplished. Most of the people who are leaving Belize are African Belizeans. They are leaving to join their families in the United States of America to further their education, seek better economic opportunities and to avoid political reprisals for being a member of one of the major political parties in Belize. While Belizeans are leaving their country, the Mayas, the Mestizos, the Chinese and other ethnic groups are replacing them. Some of these people see Belize as a heaven compared to the country of their birth. Most of them will not return to their homeland. From Belize their preferred other destination is the United States of America. While they are establishing themselves in Belize, many Belizeans are establishing themselves in the United States of

America. Many Belizeans living in the United States of America would like to return to Belize but the economic situation is so bad that most Belizeans living in the United States will not risk returning to Belize. There are several families in Belize who survive on remittances - the funds their relatives send to them from the United States of America. For Belizean Africans to stop migrating to the United States they have got to improve their economic living conditions at home. The truth is that for people to migrate the economic opportunities, human rights violation, family re-union and freedom has always played a role to influence their decision. Belizeans will not be able to stop the mass migration to Belize but our government must ensure that Belizeans be given everything that our country has to give as opposed to the people who are coming in from these different countries. If the government fails to act in the best interest of the Belizeans who live abroad and possess Dual Citzenships, then the future of African Belizeans will be doomed in Belize. African Belizeans in the United States of America make up a significant number of people and they posses the financial, human, educational, and other resources that Belize need to become and industrial nation in the 22nd century. If the Belize government fail in giving them the incentives, they will just sever all ties with Belize and consider the United States their home forever. Those who are opposed to giving Belizean Americans more benefits as Belizeans in Article-7 of the Constitution, are working in favor of those people who want to see African Belizeans live and remain second class citizens in Belize forever. This is why the Diaspora Initiative Program is badly needed in all areas to make preparations for Belizeans who are returning home after their retirement in the United States.

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STAR HUMOR

Here Are 8 Ways How Fights Got Started

#1: One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a graveyard spot as a Christmas gift...

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift.

When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

And that's how the fight started.....

#2: I took my wife to a restaurant where the waiter, for some reason, took my order first.

"I'll have the rump steak, rare, please." I said.

He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?"

"Nah, she can order for herself."

And that's when the fight started.....

#3: My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table.

I asked her, "Do you know him?"

"Yes", she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since."

"My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

And then the fight started...

#4: My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels.

She asked, "What's on TV?"

I said, "Dust."

And then the fight started...

#5: When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first. Always something more important to me.

Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point.

When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors.

I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house.

I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush.

I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

#6: My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary.

She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 200 in about 3 seconds."

I bought her a bathroom scale. And that's really how the fight started.....

#7: Last Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked up the boat to the van and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour.

The wind was blowing 50 miles per hour, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. I cuddled up to my wife's back; and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible."

My loving wife of 8 years replied, "And, can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?"

And that's how the fight actually started Your Honor...

And #8: I rear ended a car this morning...the start of a REALLY bad day!

The driver got out of the other car, and I instantly notice that he was a DWARF!!

He looked up at me and said "I am NOT Happy!"

So I said, "Well, which one ARE you then?"

He flew into my face and that's how the fight started Judge....

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Thanks to all the supportive parents, sponsors, coaches, referees and the Red Cross.

We must also inform that donations collected at the gate was greatly appreciated as, with it, we were able pay the referees, Red Cross personn and other field expenses.

See you soon again,
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Readers Write



Hats Off To Mr. Wellington Ramos

Dear Editor;

I just had to sit down and commend **Mr. Wellington Ramos** for the excellent job he has done in writing his well articulated articles in your community newspaper. I am a Belizean American living in the beautiful city of Inglewood, California.

I wanted to commend Mr. Ramos because most of his articles are right on the money which relates to important issues affecting the Belizean people. I read your newspaper every week and find it most interesting. It keeps me apprise of what is going on in my community back home.

I must say I couldn't agree with him more. He is a very intelligent and knowledgeable man who pays attention to his government and their doings and is trying to keep the people in tuned with what is going on

with their government.

Hats off to Mr. Wellington Ramos and I hope that this current article regarding BNFA (*Belize National Football Association*) will be submitted to the Minister of Sports. I think it is important that our country put together a competitive football team to represent us in these football tournaments.

I've been watching the Gold Cup CONCACAF Tournament that is being aired currently, and was disappointed once again that Belize is unable to participate.

Other countries such as Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, are in no better economic situation that us and yet they are able to have representation in these tournaments.

It would make me proud and I'm sure other Belizeans to see our country compete in an

international level, and just imagine how positively it would

affect the Belizean youths.
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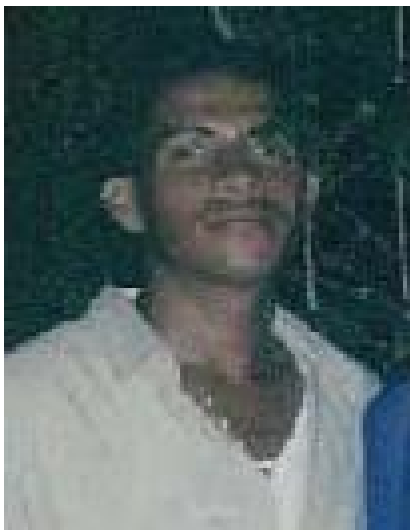
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who departed this life seven sad year ago on June 28, 2004.

Although it has been seven years since you are gone, your memory still lingers on.
Not a single day goes by without us thinking of you.
We all miss you terribly.

Rest in Peace Rodney until we meet again.

In Loving Memory

of **Marlon Alfredo Archila Rivera**



who departed this life one sad year ago on June 13, 2011.

It seems like only yesterday you were here but it has been a year since you are gone

Memories of you still bring tears to our eyes.
We long to feel your warmth, to hear your voice or just to have you here with us. Quietly we're remembering you in the silence of our heart, each thought of you we treasure.

Sadly missed by Mother: Elvira Rivera, Grandma: Eluvina Rivera; Brothers: Eric and Luis Rivera; Sisters: Annie, Debby, Tracy and Peggy Rivera. Several Nieces, Nephews, extended family and many friends. We Miss You Marlon!!!

Police Intercept Contraband Cargo

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total of 5,144 cans; 94 cases of Red Bull energy drink with each case also containing 24 individual cans for a total of 2,256 cans of the product; 52 sacks (25 kg each) of Sunny brand powdered milk and 42 bails of assorted chips.

The five detainees were identified as **Francisco David Corado Soto**, 21; **Juan Francisco Esquivel Garcia**, 23; **Melvin Yeovani Ramirez Pinelo**, 22; and his younger brother **Orlando Filberto Ramirez Pinelo**, 21, all Guatemalan laborers, residing in Barrio Suchitan, Melchor, Peten, Guatemala along with **Darwin Ottoniel Guerrero**, 22, Belizean laborer, of a Prickle Yellow Street address in the Santiago Juan Layout Area of San Ignacio Town.

Given that the cargo is suspected to be contraband merchandise, the investigation was promptly handed over to Customs Officials attached to the Western Border Station in Benque Viejo Town.

The suspected contraband merchandise and the two trucks were later transferred to the Customs compound where they

remain impounded.

The investigation reportedly revealed that the contraband cargo, in the Hino truck, driven by **Francisco David Corado Soto**, was brought into Belize via an illegal crossing in Arenal Village along the porous western border. Upon entering into Belize, the three Guatemalan laborers were contacted by telephone and, with legal temporary immigration passes, crossed into Belize through the western border station. They reportedly met the truck in Arenal village for the ride to San Ignacio and eventually to the Santiago Juan Layout Area, near the residence of **Darwin Ottoniel Guerrero**, where he was waiting with the empty International truck to receive the cargo. The mobile patrol arrived while the transfer was in progress.

A sixth person, identified as, **Guillermo Manolo Castillo**, 28, naturalized Belizean/ Guatemalan of a Perez Street address in Santa Elena Town, Cayo, reportedly cited by the detainees as *"El Jefe"* (the boss), was later detained.

The detainees will be jointly charged for *"Reckless Possession of Uncustomed Goods"* to

the tune of \$187,245 being three time highest street value of the merchandise, as prescribed by law.

When they appear in court, this Friday morning, the Prosecution is expected to object to bail for the Guatemalans on grounds of the high flight risk they present while *"El Jefe"* should be freed on bail.

As we were going to press

this Friday morning, the latest information reaching us is that, when the six accused men were returned to the San Ignacio police station on Thursday evening, after being detained for several hours in the custody of Customs at the Western Border Station, **Darwin Ottoniel Guerrero**, was released by the police without charge on instructions from Customs.



The yellow and white Hino cargo truck with SI/SE license plates A-00135



The red and white International cargo truck with SI/SE license plates A-00246



The Monster and Red Bull Energy Drink

Burglar Caught Stuck In School Window

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half of the body inside the building.

Upon approaching, it was noted that the man was actually stuck between two blades of the white aluminum louver window. He was pulled out and was identified as **Pedro Bermudez** aka *"Manuel Rodriguez"*, 47, Belizean laborer residing in the Hillview area of Santa Elena Town.

Despite being caught in the

act of committing the crime, Bermudez pled not guilty to the single burglary charge when he appeared before **Magistrate Dale Cayetano** later that same Monday morning.

The prosecutor's objection to bail, on the grounds that the accused is on bail for a similar charge, was upheld by the magistrate. Bermudez was consequently remanded to prison until the next hearing on Tuesday, July 26, 2011.

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