

Contract Signed For Cayo Archeological Investments



Signing of the Contract- (L-R) Tourism Director, Ms. Seleni Matus, NICH President, Ms Diane Haylock, Mr. Joaquin Quinonero, Managing Director of Incatema Consulting and Ms. Christy Mastry, STP Operations Manager

Belize City, Monday, July 25, 2011:

The Cayo District is rich in tourist attractions, and in particular offers a diversity of Maya temples and underground Maya ceremonial centers.

Three of the most popular archaeological sites, Xunantunich, Cahal Pech and Actun Tunichil Mukmal (ATM)

will benefit from funding under the Sustainable Tourism Program (STP), undergoing significant improvements and enhancements to the facilities.

The most pressing need is for replacement of the old hand cranked ferry at Xunantunich, with a larger but equally iconic model.

Additional enhancements

The San Ignacio Municipal Streets And Drainage Project Continues



SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, July 28, 2011:

The first phase of the San Ignacio Municipal Streets and Drainage Project has been completed with the hot mix paving of the center square on Burns Avenue.

Mayor John August informed that the second and third phases will soon begin which will encompass similar civil works on Hudson Street, around the Town Hall, Columbus Park and the upper portion of Burns Avenue in front of Atlantic and Scotia Banks as well as the upper portion of Burns Avenue up to Venus Hotel and around

the Savannah area including upgrading of the Coronation Park.

The mayor additionally informed that, with weather permitting, the project should be completed well before the end of this year.

“Upon completion of the project” said Mayor August, “the center of San Ignacio Town will emerge with a completely new face lift which will also include the upgrading of the drainage system and the construction of covered sidewalks along both sides of Burns Avenue and Hudson Street.”



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include expanded bathroom facilities and a new visitor center at Xunantunich, and visitor center renovations, trail upgrade and expansion of the bathrooms at Cahal Pech. A planned entrance and arrival area with much needed bathroom and changing facilities are in the works for ATM cave.

Today a contract for \$Bz 119,720 was signed with winning firm Incatema Consulting SA Ltd. who are working in conjunction with a well established local architect and engineer, and a team of tourism management and heritage interpretation professionals.

The firm will complete

Guilty Robber Fined \$700 And Released

Continued From Front Page
Gilbarado Castillo pled guilty as charged. He was fined \$700 to be paid by October 31, 2011, in default 6 months imprisonment after which he walked out of court and back onto the streets of San Ignacio.

It was not that easy however for the other two accused, Khader Habet and his girlfriend Jessica Lamb, who both pled

architectural designs and interpretation plans for the sites in preparation for the over \$Bz 800, 000 investment in works to begin early next year.

The planned upgrades to the facilities are timely, with the launch of “Belize 2012. A New Beginning”.

Funding for the US\$15million Sustainable Tourism Program is provided by the Government of Belize through an IDB loan, and from the Belize Tourism Board. For more information about the program please contact the Project Co-ordinating Unit at info@sustainabletourismbz.org or visit the STP website at www.sustainabletourismbz.org

not guilty to the charge, they were remanded to prison and ordered to return to court in 90 days, on Tuesday, October 25.

Since this arrest last Wednesday night, there has been no reported robbery at any Chinese business place within the community, an occurrence which was happening with troubling frequency over the past several months.

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Mexico Jails US-Born Teenager For Drug Murders

MEXICO CITY, Wednesday, July 27, 2011:

A Mexican judge has sentenced a US-born teenager to three years in prison for four murders, which he said he carried out on the orders of a drug gang.

Edgar Jimenez Lugo, 14 at the time of the killings, said he was under the influence of drugs and threatened by gang leaders, according to officials.

The sentence was the maximum allowed for a juvenile in the state of Morelos, where he was tried.

Jimenez was born in California, but has spent most of his life in Mexico.

The juvenile court in Morelos found the teenager guilty of killing four people, whose mutilated bodies were found hanging from a bridge in Cuernavaca in 2010.

A court spokesman said Jimenez's three-year sentence was effective from 2 January 2010. He will be kept in a juvenile facility.

Jimenez, nicknamed El Ponchis, was arrested by the Mexican army last December. He was trying to catch a plane from Cuernavaca with two of his sisters to get back to San Diego, where his Mexican mother lives.



Jimenez was arrested last December while trying to catch a plane to the US

Officials say the boy confessed to working for the South Pacific drug cartel in

Morelos state.

He told them he had been abducted and given drugs, and

then ordered to carry out the killings.

At the time of his arrest, the Reforma newspaper quoted Edgar Jimenez as saying: **"I felt bad doing it. I was forced to do it. They said they would kill me if I didn't do it. I only beheaded them, but never hung [their bodies] from bridges, never."**

Hanging bodies from bridges at busy intersections is a practice among Mexican cartels as a way to intimidate rivals.

Some 40,000 people have died in drug-related violence since **President Felipe Calderon** began deploying troops to fight the cartels in late 2006

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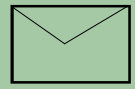
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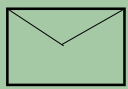
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Readers Write



Let Us Get Together And Fight Before It Is Really Too Late

Dear Editor,

The article "**What Form Will Reparation Take?**" was not an easy article to find as it was tucked in at the top of page two of the Sunday July 17 edition.

What the article said was important, but "**contributed**" does not help the message. A name to the author is needed before many people will "**get up off ourselves and do things for ourselves**", to quote the last paragraph.

People still need a leader and not feel that they are sticking their necks out alone. Perhaps the contributor could have said "**come on lets have a rally and show George and Candy that we support what they have done so far and will support them in the future . Lets follow them to the next court appearance (that had been scheduled for a couple of weeks ago but put off at BECOL's request to a later date).**"

Yes, what form will reparation take? This will need really strong support to get any sort of reparation, -- see how long it took and how much work was involved to get Becol and Fortis to put up flood warning signs and install an apology of a siren system.

They have even said recently that they paid for the mercury tests as though that is some big deal. That is what they were MEANT to do as a regular feature, not as something they were chased through the court to do.

All over the world, people are suffering from the effects of dams or the threatened effects and yet still they are built, ruining communities in a search for instant solutions to problems or in get-rich- quick schemes.

Let us get together and fight before it is really too late.

Sally and Leonardo Caretella
Esperanza village

Reduce Crime - Reduce Repeat Offenders - Renationalize The Prison

Dear Editor,

The crime situation is out of hand and while, among other things, there is an increasing number of Belizeans blaming a failed prison system not providing the needed deterrent for criminals not to want to return behind prison walls.

The current prison system is not serving to assist in the national crime reduction strategy. It is failing miserably.

I fully support the Prime Minister and his cabinet in the bold undertaking to return our assets and national patrimony into the hands of the Belizean people where they rightfully belong.

If the government is serious about addressing the crime situation, it must seriously consider renationalizing the prison.

It has been proven that rehabilitation in the form of

providing the means for convicts to attend church while behind bars, does not work.

Incarcerated criminal are known to hide behind the Bible when in prison mostly to garner reduction in jail sentences as they falsely give the impression that they are reformed, rehabilitated and ready to return to the society beyond prison walls, but almost immediately after crossing the prison gate line into freedom, do they return to their same evil ways of the past.

I say, the next move must be to re-nationalize the prison and it must be done with the same proposed muscular amendment to the Constitution thereby placing it outside the reaches of those aiding and abetting in the unpatriotic effort of riching their cronies at the expense of the masses.

Rudy Medina

100% In Support Of This Amendment

Dear Editor,

I am of the opinion that the Belize Constitution 9th Amendment bill should include all of our ports and harbours, oil, gas, gold and natural resources.

Whenever I think about the way Commerce Bight pier in Dangriga Town was given away by the last PUP government to a PUP crony, thereby denying access to the people of Dangriga Town, without any revenues coming in to the people.

When I think of that pier just sitting there without any economic activity to provide jobs to my people, I get sick in my stomach.

How much longer must our people wait before the UDP government solve this problem? We need to do anything to accumulate revenues to improve our people's living conditions.

I am 100% in support of this amendment.

Wellington C. Ramos

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Your Health Corner

Pulmonary Tuberculosis - TB

Pulmonary tuberculosis (TB) is a contagious bacterial infection that involves the lungs, but may spread to other organs.

Causes, incidence, and risk factors

Pulmonary tuberculosis (TB) is caused by the bacteria *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (*M. tuberculosis*).

You can get TB by breathing in air droplets from a cough or sneeze of an infected person. This is called primary TB. Most people will recover from primary TB infection without further evidence of the disease. The infection may stay asleep or inactive (*dormant*) for years. However, in some people it can reactivate.

Most people who develop symptoms of a TB infection first became infected in the past. However, in some cases, the disease may become active within weeks after the primary infection.

The following people are at higher risk for active TB:

- Elderly
- Infants
- People with weakened

immune systems, for example due to AIDS, chemotherapy, diabetes, or certain medications Your risk of contracting TB increases if you:

- Are in frequent contact with people who have TB
- Have poor nutrition
- Live in crowded or unsanitary living conditions

The following factors may increase the rate of TB infection in a population:

- Increase in HIV infections
- Increase in number of homeless people (*poor environment and nutrition*)
- The appearance of drug-resistant strains of TB

The primary stage of TB usually doesn't cause symptoms. When symptoms of pulmonary TB occur, they may include:

- Cough (*usually cough up mucus*)
- Coughing up blood
- Excessive sweating, especially at night
- Fatigue
- Fever
- Unintentional weight loss

Other symptoms that may occur

with this disease:

- Breathing difficulty
- Chest pain
- Wheezing

Signs and tests Examination may show:

- Clubbing of the fingers or toes (*in people with advanced disease*)
- Enlarged or tender lymph nodes in the neck or other areas
- Fluid around a lung (*pleural effusion*)
- Unusual breath sounds (*crackles*)

Tests may include:

- Biopsy of the affected tissue (rare)
- Bronchoscopy
- Chest CT scan
- Chest x-ray
- Interferon-gamma blood test such as the QFT-Gold test to test for TB infection
- Sputum examination and cultures
- Thoracentesis
- Tuberculin skin test

Treatment

The goal of treatment is to cure the infection with drugs that fight the TB bacteria.

Treatment of active pulmonary TB will always involve a combination of many drugs (*usually four*). All of the drugs are continued until lab tests show which medicines work best.

The most commonly used drugs include:

- Isoniazid
- Rifampin
- Pyrazinamide
- Ethambutol

Other drugs that may be used to treat TB include:

- Amikacin
- Ethionamide
- Moxifloxacin
- Para-aminosalicylic acid
- Streptomycin

You may need to take many different pills at different times of the day for 6 months or longer.

It is very important that you take the pills the way your health care provider instructed.

When people do not take their TB medications as recommended, the infection becomes much more difficult to treat.

The TB bacteria may become resistant to treatment, and sometimes, the drugs no longer help treat the infection.

When there is a concern that a patient may not take all the medication as directed, a health care provider may need to watch

the person take the prescribed drugs. This is called directly observed therapy. In this case, drugs may be given 2 or 3 times per week, as prescribed by a doctor.

You may need to be admitted to a hospital for 2-4 weeks to avoid spreading the disease to others until you are no longer contagious.

Support Groups

You can ease the stress of illness by joining a support group where members share common experiences and problems.

Expectations (prognosis)

Symptoms often improve in 2 - 3 weeks. A chest x-ray will not show this improvement until later.

The outlook is excellent if pulmonary TB is diagnosed early and treatment is begun quickly.

Complications

Pulmonary TB can cause permanent lung damage if not treated early.

Medicines used to treat TB may cause side effects, including liver problems. Other side effects include:

- Changes in vision
- Orange- or brown-colored tears and urine
- Rash

A vision test may be done before treatment so your doctor can monitor any changes in your eyes' health over time.

Prevention

TB is a preventable disease, even in those who have been exposed to an infected person. Skin testing (*PPD*) for TB is used in high risk populations or in people who may have been exposed to TB, such as health care workers.

A positive skin test indicates TB exposure and an inactive infection. Discuss preventive therapy with your doctor. People who have been exposed to TB should be skin tested immediately and have a follow-up test at a later date, if the first test is negative.

Prompt treatment is extremely important in controlling the spread of TB from those who have active TB disease to those who have never been infected with TB.

Some countries with a high incidence of TB give people a BCG vaccination to prevent TB. People who have had BCG may still be skin tested for TB.

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Your Weekly Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



ARIES:
March 22 to
April 20

Look on difficulties you come up against now as learning opportunities. With the right attitude, you will overcome many problems and this will be another step towards success. **Lucky numbers: 07, 58, 85.**



TAURUS:
April 21 to
May 21

It takes a lot of hard work to remain positive and hopeful especially when you encounter difficult problems. Keep at it and you will find a way to resolve these issues. **Lucky numbers: 22, 40, 67.**



GEMINI:
May 22 to
June 21

Results you are seeing now reflect the decisions and choices you made in the past. The fact that you put a lot of thought into these will mean you couldn't be happier with the consequences. The effort was well worth it. **Lucky numbers: 10, 25, 78.**



CANCER:
June 22 to
July 23

If you aren't sure about skills you will soon be called on to use in your career, you might practice at home. That way you won't feel so nervous when you need to put some recently acquired knowledge into practice. **Lucky numbers: 18, 73, 92.**



LEO:
July 24 to
August 21

There is a way to succeed but it won't be easy to find it. Be prepared to consider different options and you might find yourself going for the one you wouldn't normally choose! **Lucky numbers: 36, 66, 94.**



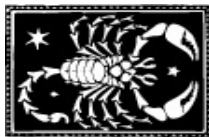
VIRGO:
August 22 to
September 21

Good choices and practical methods will bring many fine accomplishments. You might wish a loved one would be more assertive but you can't make their decisions for them. **Lucky numbers: 29, 45, 56.**



LIBRA:
September 22
to October 23

Your initial attempts at a new activity or pastime exceed your expectations. This boosts your confidence, you will get more encouragement from those who share this interest and you could become an expert! **Lucky numbers: 28, 47, 89.**



SCORPIO:
October 24 to
November 21

There are more ways than one to learn a difficult task and if it seems like one method isn't working, try another. It may also be that you have chosen the wrong mentor. Seek advice from someone who thinks like you. **Lucky numbers: 05, 33, 90.**



SAGITTARIUS:
November 22 to
December 21

It might seem as if life is a complex maze these days and you're struggling to find the centre. Every time you think you've found a solution to problems another one appears! **Lucky numbers: 11, 37, 70.**



CAPRICORN:
December 22
to January 20

Are you ready to venture into the unknown? Whether it is new experiences, travel or committing to a long term transaction, try to find the courage to go ahead or you will always be thinking 'if only.' **Lucky numbers: 14, 69, 83.**



AQUARIUS:
January 21 to
February 19

Try to avoid negative thinking people. Over time their attitude will affect your thinking. You need to mix with those who know how to keep you cheerful and hopeful. **Lucky numbers: 19, 49, 98.**



PISCES:
February 20
to March 21

A spontaneous decision could take you to a place you feel you are meant to be. It isn't by accident that you arrive here. It will be your intuition that leads you to the right places. Keep an open mind and heart in all you do. **Lucky numbers: 16, 27, 95.**

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STAR HUMOR

In Need Of Assistance

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Before the bartender could recover from the surprise, the man began weeping.

"I'm sorry," he said. "I'm really sorry. I keep doing that to bartenders. I can't tell you how embarrassing it is, to have a compulsion like this."

Far from being angry, the bartender was sympathetic. Before long, he was suggesting that the man see an analyst about his problem.

"I happen to have the name of a *Psychoanalyst*," the bartender said. "My Brother and my wife have both been treated by him, and they say he's as good as they get."

The man wrote down the name of the doctor, thanked the bar- tender, and left.

The bartender smiled, knowing he'd done a good deed for a fellow human being.

Six months later, the man was back. "*Did you do what I suggested?*" the bartender asked, serving the glass of rum and coke

"I certainly did," the man said. "I've been seeing the *Psychoanalyst* twice a week." He took a sip of the drink. Then he threw the remainder into the bartender's face.

The flustered bartender wiped his face with a towel. "*The doctor doesn't seem to be doing you any good.*" He sputtered.

"On the contrary," the man claimed, "he's done me world of good."

"But you threw the drink in my face again!" The bartender exclaimed.

"Yes." The man replied. "*But it doesn't embarrass me anymore!*"

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Life Long Learners



BY: Deborah Reneau,
Vice Principal, Santa Elena
RC School

SANTA ELENA TOWN,
Cayo, Friday, July 29, 2011:

It has been exactly one year ago since the teachers at Santa Elena RC Primary School (SEPS) started a new venture of becoming Life Long Learners.

SEPS partnered with NaRCIE in the person of **Mrs. Abigail Wade** from the Cayo District Education Center along with **Dr. Jennifer Morrow** of Independent Day School in Tampa Florida, **Dr. Bill Hopkins** of SUNY, Cortland Belize and the **Belize Natural Energy Trust (a partnership between the Government of Belize and the Belize Natural Energy Limited)**, in a Teacher Leadership pilot project.

The aim is to provide continuous professional development, focusing on teacher efficacy and providing opportunities for immediate engagement and hands-on experience and evaluation. This was all done on location so as to afford that continued support, instruction and ongoing assessment.

During the past year, we have been trained in Brain Based Instruction, Multiple Intelligences and Cooperative Learning models.

The strategies and techniques learned have allowed us to ensure that ALL learners are engaged, therefore providing an **'Inclusive'** environment.

This program incorporates all the amenities of the **"Quality Child Friendly Schools"** Initiative as well it has provided the much needed on-going training for teachers. Through this program we have been able to keep up with current international trends. Most of us have definitely honed our teaching skills and have built our teacher efficacy.

For many teachers at SEPS, this program has been a blessing to us and is like a dream come true. Being a teacher of 18 years, I have never learned so much from a program than I have from the Teacher Leadership Program at SEPS.

Mrs. Abigail Wade and Dr. Morrow believed in us and gave of their personal time pro bono to ensure that we got the training we would need to make sure that All students at SEPS would have a teacher of the year.

The road was bumpy as with all good things in life. Funding for the project was challenging. We did not deter from our goals but pressed on even in the face of adversity and transition.

Through the efforts of our partners we were able to get some assistance for Mr. Manuel Medina, SEPS principal, to attend training in Tampa Florida in February of this year.

Three teachers accompanied him, sacrificing their families and finances in the hope of seeing first hand what a quality school should look like and to prove for themselves that the strategies can work in any classroom any part of the world, in particular Belize.

This was a turning point for the program because the teachers were so rejuvenated and enthused by what they saw.

They were overwhelmed by the practicality of the strategies in particular **Dr. Kagan's Structures for Cooperative Learning**.

The three teachers namely, **Mrs. Clarivel Cocom, Mrs. Andrea Guerra** and **Ms. Jonelle O'Brien** conducted in-service sessions with us, captivating our interest and propelling us forward to our next goal which was to send more teachers for training at the Kagan Summer Academy in Orlando Florida.

A group of us were determined that we will reach the Summer Academy, even though we each



Attending the Summer Academy Training:
Andrea Guerra, Evangelina Uck,
Deborah Reneau (center), Gloria Jones,
Marie Fernandez and Abigail Wade (far right)

needed to raise a minimum of BZ\$4,000 to attend five days of workshop.

Things are very hard in Belize economically as well as all over the world. We did not know at the time how we would get that money but we were convinced that we will invest in our learning.

The group of 15 teachers soon dwindled to six of us. We had bake sales, food sales and clothes sales to assist us in defraying the cost. It was becoming very frustrating because we were not seeing the finances, yet, but we were determined that we will get the training.

We wrote many letters to numerous organizations but got the same reply that they would like to but cannot at the moment. I was thinking, so many other organizations and agencies get funding without a problem yet we had such difficulty to attract funding to improve our skills to educated the future leaders of our nation But we did not give up!

The group of us decided to go visit some businesses and guess what, we were able to get some funds.

We are grateful and thankful to the different businesses namely: **Shell's Gas Station, Flames Auto World Rental and Sales, Cahal Pech Village, Bismillah Stores, Hodes Place, CC's Gas Station, Codd's Drug Store, Indita Maya Gift Shop, Western Home Supplies Joseph Mahmud, Delias Store and Idelmar.**

We did not make the amount we had wanted but were grateful for what we got. We were on our way!

Once we reached Orlando we walked approximately two miles to the workshop everyday but did not feel the distance because

we were always engaged in what had happened the previous day in our sessions.

By the end of the second day the workshop had already surpassed my expectations and I was yearning for more information. The ideas were so practical, I cannot wait to share with my colleagues and other teachers.

Dr. Spencer Kagan and his team calls it the Instructional Revolution, **"A Paradigm Shift"**. I will call it the highway that can take us to the stars.

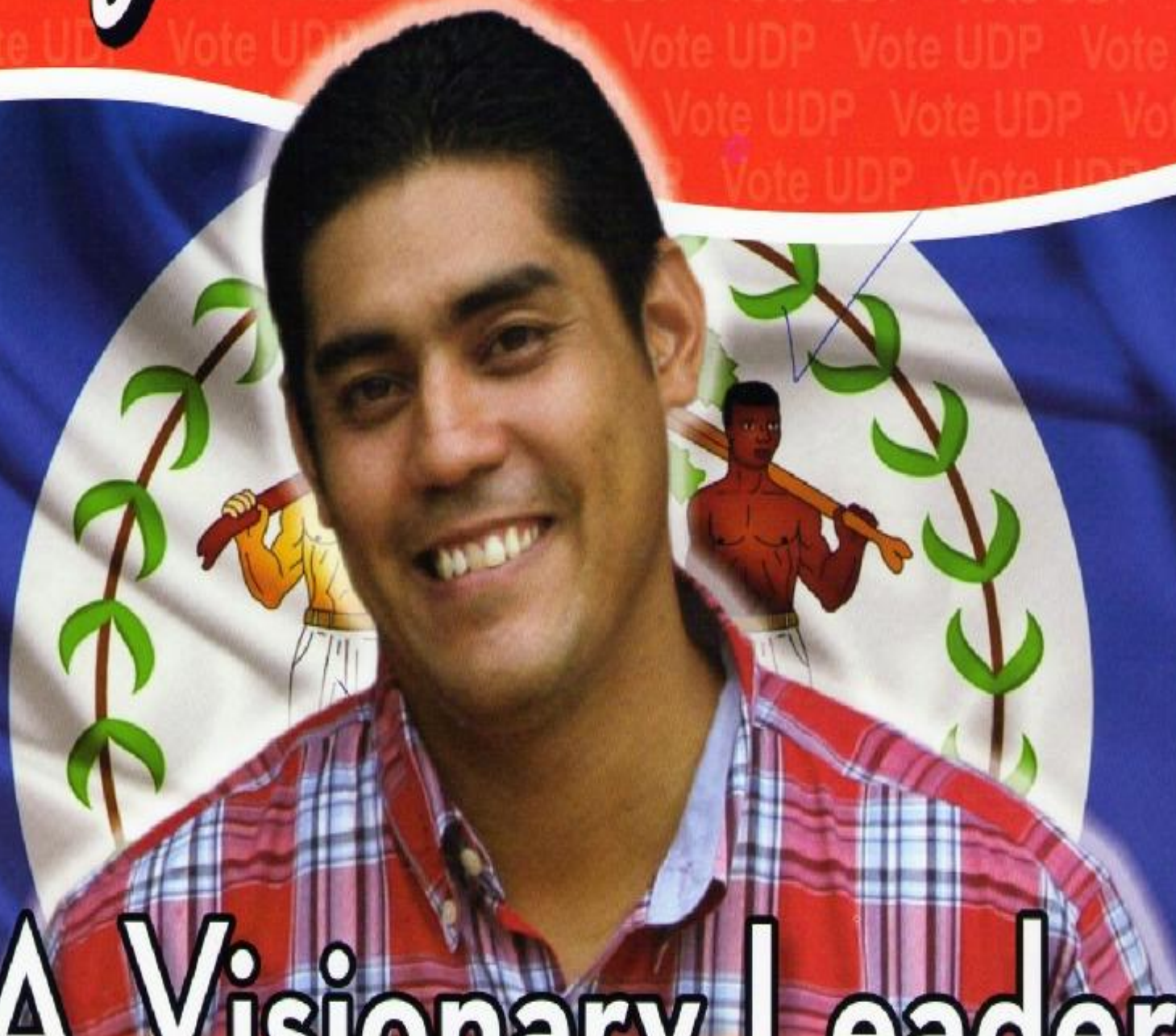
Dr. Kagan's Structures do not require more work of a teacher, only structured activities that will keep any child engaged. It's All About Engagement and the M.O.R.E. Approach.

Thanks to the people that believed in us – **Mrs. Abigail Wade, Dr. Jennifer Morrow, Dr. Joyce Swarzman** of Independent Day School, **BNE Trust, Mrs. Shirlene Minge (Nominee for Presidential Award in Idaho)** for giving of her time to have a workshop with us, **Mrs. Nayani and Alberto August** for including our articles in their newspaper and last but certainly not least **the students and parents of SEPS**.

We are hopeful that many more teachers would be able to attend these workshops. Marie Fernandez, Gloria Jones and Deborah Reneau took one week of Cooperative Learning, Andrea Guerra and Evangelina Uck took one week of Multiple Intelligences and Differentiated Instruction and Abigail Wade took Corporate Meetings and Instructional Coaching.

This year at SEPS we hope to refine what we have learned and try to perfect our teaching. This year we will make sure that -It's All About Kids!

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The Time For Political Games Is Over!!!



BY: Wellington C. Ramos

As elections draw nearer, it's time for US President Barack Obama to stop appeasing the Republican Party and begin rallying American citizens against them.

When **Barak Obama** became President of the United States three years ago our economy was in shambles and close to the Great Depression of the 1930's.

This was due to the eight years of George Bush's presidency squandering the \$127 billion dollars surplus he inherited from his predecessor **President Bill Clinton**.

The surplus was squandered on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and a huge tax cut for the rich.

This \$127 billion was more than enough to provide jobs for our unemployed citizens and provide them with the health care coverage they so desperately needed.

The Republicans under the leadership of their President, had no intentions of providing any of these two important things to our people.

No American citizen in his or her sane mind, believe that President Obama and his Democratic controlled congress was capable of solving our economic problems in two years much less four.

It will take about twelve to sixteen years to clear up the mess that **George Bush** left this country. **(My Fellow Belizeans, Does this sound familiar?)**

The President and his Democratic party was faced with the challenge of maintaining the cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, while restructuring



our economic policies to revitalize our domestic economy which was in a mild depression.

Members of the Republican party are using every legislative tool they had to become obstructionist in order to make these reform efforts fail. Even though the Democrats had a majority in the House of Representatives, many of the new members that were elected along with President Obama were Conservative Democrats the same as Republican Lite.

They opposed many of the reforms the chore members of the Democratic party were advancing. In the Senate there were also a few Conservative Democrats who were against some of the reform agendas despite the fact that the Democrats had the sixty votes to avoid a filibuster. The Republican party pretended as if they legitimately wanted reforms to take place. Yet, deep down in their hearts and minds, they were doing everything in their power to make this president fail. They went ahead and formed the Tea Party as a radical wing of their party to demonstrate their hatred for the president. There is no difference between the Tea Party and the Republican Party and all actions of this party are being planned and orchestrated by the Republican party.

For years now the Republican

Party has been advocating huge tax cuts for big businesses with the false hope that these businesses will take these incentives to expand their businesses and provide more jobs to our citizens. This experiment was tried by President Ronald Reagan and it resulted in these businesses benefiting from the tax breaks without providing any jobs at home but taking their businesses overseas in search of cheap labor. Since the 1980's, many of our businesses have left our country in search of cheap labor leaving many of our citizens without jobs. Not only are the jobs going overseas but the goods are being allowed to come back into our country with minimal import taxation to bring back lost revenues to our federal budget.

Our government can no longer afford to have our citizens be given the tax incentives to grow their businesses with our tax payers money and then take the jobs overseas to benefit themselves and the countries abroad. I cannot see how the Republicans can balance a budget, cut taxes, increase defense spending and provide employment to most of our citizens. It has never happened in the past and it will not happen in the future.

Congress passed a bill under the Trouble Asset Relief Program (TARP) that was signed in good faith by this president to give the financial institutions a total of 700 billion dollars to recover financially. The purpose of this money was for these financial institutions to provide money to businesses so that they in return can grow their businesses to employ more Americans.

Some of these financial institutions claimed that they needed the money badly to stay in business and avoid going bankrupt. Since receiving this money, many of these institutions have refused to make these funds available to businesses and the general public

so that they can invest and revitalize our failing economy. Instead, they have bought other failing financial institutions with this money and have repaid back the loans they borrowed from the federal government in record time. This was not the reason why congress gave them our Taxpayer's money. Many of our citizens are still waiting for them to release this money to help boost our failing economy.

President Barack Obama is too nice for these groups of individuals and it is now time for him to utilize the powers of the executive office to show them who is the President of the United States. The last President to come to office in a similar situation was one of our greatest Democratic **President Franklin Delano Roosevelt**. He knew that the Republican congress was not going to cooperate with him so he signed several Executive Orders to create the changes and new bold initiatives he wanted to implement. He was so determined to make things happen, that he threatened to expand the Supreme Court to get the judiciary branch on his side in the interest of our nation and people.

Like President Obama, many thought that he was a socialist but he paid them no attention and went ahead with his programs. In then end he prevailed and he was able to revitalize the American economy and prepare our country for World War-2 to face and defeat Japan and Germany.

The Republicans are happy because they took back control of the House of Representatives. Now they are doing everything to make President Obama a one term president and this is why they want him to agree to a one year deal. I hope that he is now convinced that all these months of negotiations with the Republicans was a fruitless exercise. Nothing is going to change with them because they are stuck in their old ways. These people want everybody to change while they remain the same. They are only concerned in regaining power while advancing the interest of the wealthy over the middle class and poor working Americans. We the people must now march to Washington D.C. and demand that the Republicans lift the Debt Ceiling to avoid an economic catastrophe in our country or get out of the city and take the problems back to their homes where they came from. Millions of Americans are unemployed today and the focus should be getting these people jobs to feed their families. The time for political games is over and our people have had enough of it.

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Getting Your Child Ready For School

BY: Fiona Walker, Principal Director of Julia Gabriel Centre for Learning and Chiltern House.

The transition from preschool into Primary school is one of the biggest changes a child will face in his or her educational journey.

There are many factors which will determine how successful this transition is.

You need to be well aware of these factors so you can support your child and ensure this move to 'big school' is one that is faced with excitement and anticipation rather than fear and apprehension.

Confidence

Confidence is defined as a belief or trust in your own abilities and judgment.

Children begin to develop confidence from a very early age.

Early positive experiences provide the foundation on which self-confidence is built. If your child has a strong belief in their own ability and appear confident when faced with new situations they are very likely to take the transition to Primary school in their stride.

For children with less confidence they will need more reassurance during the first few weeks as they settle in.

Independence

Being able to dress independently, pack and unpack a school bag and follow routines and instruction without numerous prompts is vital in school.

It is often children who struggle to function independently that face far greater challenges in Primary school. A mistake some parents make is focusing solely on



Mother Peeping Through the Window - Does This Sighting Not Look Familiar

academic development but not on the social skills of independence and confidence.

Temperament: Children have different temperaments, in other words, their natural style of interacting or reacting to people, places and things. Understanding your child's temperament, which can vary greatly from yours, is important for you to be able to help your child settle into his or her new school. For children who are very slow to open up and express themselves in new situations, it is important for you to reassure them that it is okay to ask for help or directions. For children who get overly stimulated by many new sensory experiences, a quiet time to unwind after school is very important.

Learning Style: Once children enter Primary school you can expect an increase in homework so be prepared for some brain strain as you try to remember your algebra and the capitals of far flung countries. By understanding your child's learning style you will be able to make the time spent on work at home a time you will treasure as opposed to dread. Your child will most likely fall into one of the these three categories:

* Auditory learners remember by talking out loud, like to have things explained orally and may have trouble with written instructions. Auditory learners may talk to themselves when learning something new.

* Visual learners easily remember visual details and prefer to see what they are learning. They prefer to write down instructions and may have trouble following lectures.

* Kinesthetic or tactile learners prefer activities that

allow them to do what they are learning about. Tactile learners like to touch things in order to learn about them and like to move around when talking or listening.

Role Models

If your child has an older sibling or close cousins and friends who already attend Primary school, it means that your child is not stepping into the great unknown. Generally younger children look up to older relatives and friends and look forward to being able to do what they do. Going to the same school as an older sibling is a very proud moment for many children.

Developing positive self-esteem and confidence in your child is not something that can be done overnight and neither is gaining an insight into your child's temperament and learning style. Laying the foundations for developing

secure, confident children takes time and begins in the very first year of life.

With only a few days to go before the new school year starts, there are a number of ways you can use this time to further prepare your child.

* Routine: Get your child into the new routine of bedtime and getting up early a good few days before school starts. A good night's sleep and nutritious breakfast is vital for success in school.

* Be prepared: Involve your child in buying the necessary school supplies, this can create a sense of excitement.

* Talk it through: Spend a lot of time talking to your child about the new school, and what will be different; for example, buying food from the canteen or supplies from the bookshop. Also give them advice on what to do if they are unsure. Talk about your experiences at school and all your happy memories. Give them time to think and ask questions.

Remember to be positive, should you show anxiety it will certainly spread to your child. It is natural that as parents you are anxious that they make a success of the new environment, settle in well, make friends and enjoy going to school each day. That is a normal part of parenting, but it is also our job to focus on the positive. Talk about what a big boy or girl they are now, how much they will enjoy the school and focus on all that will be exciting and new.

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Ex-Minister Of Agriculture Faces Arrest

COLOMBIA, Wednesday, July 27, 2011:

A judge in Colombia has ordered the arrest of a former agriculture minister suspected of diverting farm subsidies intended for peasant farmers to rich landowners.

Andres Felipe Arias, a minister in the government of former **President Alvaro Uribe**, will be held at a jail in the capital Bogota while his case proceeds.

Mr Arias denies the charges. He faces up to six years in jail if convicted.

Mr Arias, 38, once seen as a possible successor to Mr Uribe, is one of the most senior officials from the Uribe era to face arrest.

But last week, the Colombian



Colombia's Ex Minister of Agriculture, Andres Felipe Arias

Attorney General's office disqualified him from public office for 16 years because of what it deemed were irregularities in the subsidy scheme.

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Vigilante Justice Served Upon Roy Cumberbatch

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accompany him to a more illuminated area of the village.

The mother agreed to the request but when her son was taking longer than usual to return she went looking for him and this was when, in a dark area, she found them in a compromising position with Cumberbatch's pants around his ankles.

The boy told the mother that Cumberbatch began touching him on his penis and that Cumberbatch pulled down his pants, bent over backwards in front of him and requested for the boy to have sex with him. He said that when he refused to do so, Cumberbatch reportedly grabbed him by the

arm and began forcing the boy upon himself and this was when the mother appeared on the scene and upon seeing what was taking place, the mother began shouting for help.

Villagers reportedly responded with sticks and machetes. They chased and eventually caught up with Cumberbatch and administered a terrible beating on him after which they bound his hands and feet backwards, called the police and left him on the ground until the police arrived.

The child was examined at the San Ignacio Community Hospital where the medical officer on duty, **Dr. Fidel Cuellar**, reported no injuries to his private parts.

Cumberbatch was also treated at the San Ignacio Hospital for injuries to his face, head and



The injured accused on the ground after the beating

other parts of the body which he received at the hands of the villagers. He was later released into police custody.

He spent the weekend in police custody and was taken to San Ignacio's magistrate court on Monday, July 25, where he pled not guilty to the charge.

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