

Jealousy Results In Murder

BULLET TREE FALLS VILLAGE, Cayo, Thursday, December 1, 2011:

Funeral service was held today in Bullet Tree Falls Village for **Domiciano Quixchan**, 45, Belizean Taxi driver, the latest victim of murder in western Belize.

While the initial police press report on the incident informed that Quixchan and his passengers were victims of a robbery turned fatal, subsequent investigations revealed otherwise.

It was shortly after midday on Monday, 28 November when the first telephone report reached the



Domiciano Quixchan, 45

police station in San Ignacio. The report informed of the presence of the dead body of a male person on a feeder road in San Antonio Village, Cayo.

A team from the Crimes Investigation Branch was immediately dispatched to the location. The most appropriate route was to travel via Cristo Rey and then onto San Antonio. The police was taking this obvious route when, about a mile into the journey, they received information that the scene was nearer to the village of El Progresso than to San Antonio and so the police turned around on the Cristo Rey Road and headed up the Western Highway towards the village of Georgeville and onto the



Hernan Manzanero, 2, with cut wound to left side of the face

Mountain Pine Ridge Road. A few miles into the road, the police spotted a small grey pickup truck heading in the opposite direction towards Georgeville and in the front passenger seat was a male person holding a bloody cloth to the left side of the face. The obviously injured man, identified as Hernan **Manzanero**, told the police that he was along with the taxi driver when they were robbed on the Pine Ridge Road between El Progresso Village and the junction with the San Antonio road. He was instructed to visit the station in San Ignacio to file a report. The police then proceeded to the scene. They

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No Foul Play Suspected In Flowers' Death

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Wednesday, 30 November 2011:

The body of **Greg Mykel Alexander Flowers**, 17,
University of Belize student,
was laid to rest today following
10:00 a.m. funeral services in his
home town, Orange Walk.

While relatives are alleging otherwise, San Ignacio police informed that their intensive investigation revealed no evidence of foul play in the drowning death of the student which occurred at around 4:30 pm on Friday, 25 November in the Mopan River at its intersection with the Macal River forming the Belize Old River near Branch Mouth Community, Cayo.

The investigation revealed that the student, residing with an uncle in Esperanza village during weekdays while attending UB, normally travels to Orange Walk Town on Friday evenings after class, where he

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Greg Mykel Alexander Flowers, 17

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began checking the area between El Progresso Village and the junction into San Antonio as was indicated to them by the injured man but their search was fruitless. They were later directed to visit the post office in San Antonio Village where a person was waiting to direct them to the scene. The police were on their way to the post office when they met another person who took them directly to the scene.

The police first came upon the body of a male person, laying face upwards in the grass off the side of a feeder road. The face was bloody from several cut wounds and the throat was slashed. Police also found a bread knife with an eight inch curved blade, suspected to be the murder weapon, on the ground near the body. The police also found the victim's wallet containing his social security card, bank card and other documents in nearby bushes. The victim's blue Geo Prizm car, bearing Cayo Taxi license plates CY-D-3552, with the engine still running, was found on another feeder road about 400 feet from the body. The car was found with blood on all doors as well as on the hood and on the trunk.

Police began the investigation on the premise that the crime was committed by two unmasked male persons as was reported by Hernan Manzanero. This version did not hold for long however as the information quickly began to reveal otherwise.

As it now stands, the investigation revealed that Manzanero was harboring resentments against Quixchan whom he believed was sexually involved with his 17 year old common-law wife, and so at around 11:30 that Monday morning, Manzanero, accompanied by the 17 year old commonlaw wife with their 26 day old daughter, boarded Quixchan's taxi for a ride to El Progresso Village located at mile 7 on the Mountain Pine Ridge Road from its Georgeville junction with the Western Highway being the common-law wife's home village. The common-law wife with the infant in her arms sat in

the front passenger seat next to the driver while Manzanero took to the back seat of the car. Quixchan chose to take the route via San Antonio Village because, although a few miles longer, the road was in better condition than the Mountain Pine Ridge Road from Georgeville to El Progresso.

Upon exiting San Antonio Village heading towards the junction with the Mountain Pine Ridge Road, Quixchan was asked to divert into a feeder road and then into another feeder road when Manzanero, seated in the back seat, allegedly pulled out the knife and first raked it across Quixchan's throat. The first cut reportedly was superficial and so they both exited the car with the bleeding Quixchan running around the car trying to escape from Manzanero who was armed with the knife. They reportedly began to tackle resulting in Quixchan gaining possession of the knife which he used to slice Manzanero to the left side of the face. After injuring Manzanero, Quixchan reportedly threw down the knife and told him that he did not want any further problems. Quixchan turned around and began walking away from the scene leaving his car behind. Manzanero reportedly got up, picked up the knife and a stone and began pursuing the bleeding Quixchan. He reportedly struck Quixchan with the stone and as he fell to the ground Manzanero pounced upon him delivering the fatal cut wound to the throat.

Manzanero then fled the scene and caught up with the common-law wife carrying the infant. They visited the nearby home of a pastor in San Antonio Village and after relating the incident about being robbed by two unmasked male persons, they requested and received a ride from the pastor to the home of the common-law wife's parents in El Progresso Village. Upon arriving in El Progresso they boarded the girl's father's vehicle and were travelling to the hospital in San Ignacio when they met the police who instructed them to first visit the police station to make the report where Manzanero was issued with a





Domiciano Quixchan's car with blood on all doors as well as on the hood and on the trunk

pair of medico legal forms and escorted to the San Ignacio Community Hospital. The police escort was later instructed to hold Manzanero under guard as he was emerging as the prime suspect since no one in the area, saw anyone other than Manzanero and the commonlaw wife, with the infant, fleeing the scene.

The case began to crumble as the common-law wife was interviewed and offered a cautioned statement. Manzanero remained hospitalized under police guard for the two days. He was released on Wednesday, 30 November and was transported to the police station in San Ignacio where he was formally arrested and charged for the murder of Domiciano

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The post mortem examination on the body of Domiciano Quixchan was conducted at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday 30 November 2011 by **Dr. Mario Estredeban** who certified the cause of death as traumatic asphyxiation due to slash injury to the neck.

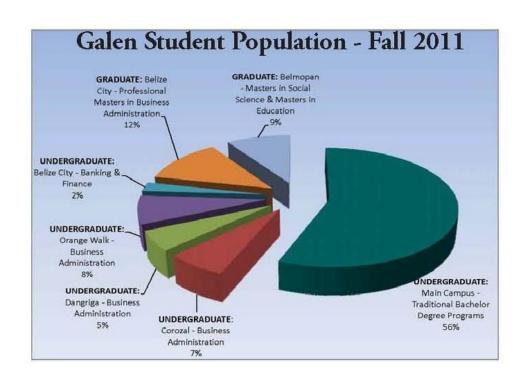
The accused, Hernan Manzanero, 21, Belizean farmer from Bullet Tree Falls Village, appeared before **Magistrate Linsbert Willis** in San Ignacio's magistrate court on Thursday, December 1 where the single murder charge was read to him after which he was remanded to Hattieville Central Prison until Tuesday, 28 Februaury 2012.

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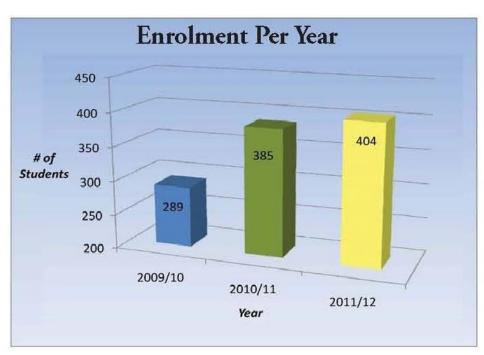
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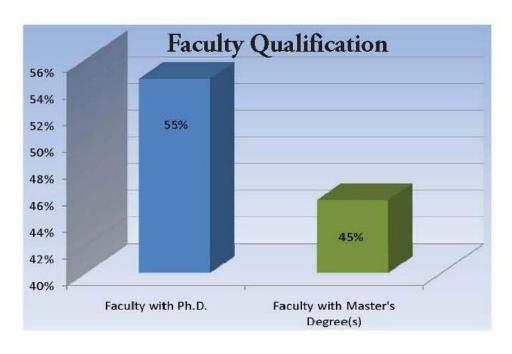
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The Garifuna People Should Establish An International Language And Arts Institute

By: Wellington C. Ramos wramos451@hotmail.com



Every year after the 19th of November celebrations is gone I sit back and think about what I can recommend as a Garifuna Belizean towards the preservation of my ethnicity and the practice of this rich culture. Since the amount of people who are speaking the language and creating the arts and crafts is declining, there is an urgent need for us to establish an International Language and Arts Institute. The main purpose of this association would be to assemble able and capable men and women together annually to formulate policies to ensure that the language is preserved and be taught in the schools of the following countries; Saint Vincent, Dominica, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Belize and the United States in the communities where the Garifuna people live. If the governments of these countries are against approving it, then we must find a way to teach the language ourselves because it is our responsibility to preserve it and not the government. This will include adding new words to the Garifuna language yearly and improving the dictionary and devising a standard curriculum for the language to be taught in schools.

Also, to gather the few Garifuna people who are still alive and honor them for their work over the years in contributing in the areas of; language, arts and crafts. The people who possess these talents are dying and most of our young people are either not interested in learning their trade or do not have the opportunity to learn them in the

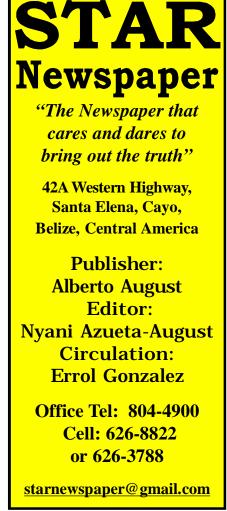
communities where they live because the opportunities are not made available to them. One of the criticism you hear a lot among older Garifuna people, is that the younger generation of Garifuna youths are not interested in learning or speaking the language. Our people should realize, that for a language to be learnt faster it must be spoken in the household where the children come from daily. Some of the parents do not want to admit, that they have failed in teaching their language because many of them did not make it their business to make the Garifuna language the predominant language to be spoken in their household while their children were growing up.

Today, in many Garifuna family homes in all the countries where they live, the languages that are spoken the most are; Spanish, English, American and Creole. In many Garifuna communities, the Garifuna people are the minority so for them to survive they have to speak the language of the majority of people and that they can do well and this is why most Garifuna people speak two or more languages. Some Garifuna speak other people's language better than they speak their own native language because more efforts are made to teach those languages in the schools they attend through immersion and they are being forced to learn those languages. Many of the schools these children attend, do not have any arts and crafts either that teach them about the arts and crafts of the Garifuna, Creole, Maya and other ethnic groups in Belize. In Dangriga we have Benjamin Nicholas, Austin Rodriguez and Pen Cayetano still trying.

The Ministry of Education in Belize should encourage the University of Belize to implement an Ethnic Studies Degree Program that will offer a Bachelors Degree. This program will offer courses about the; Garifuna, Creole, Maya, East Indians, Mennonites, Hispanics, British, Chinese and all the other ethnic groups that live in Belize. At the Elementary and Secondary level students will take a course in Multicultural Education to learn and appreciate all the various ethnic and cultural groups in our country. This will help to eradicate racism and build on our country's nationalism. This is the only way Belizeans will be able to learn about each other's culture and appreciate the positives in each other rather than to concentrate on the differences and the things they consider to be negatives based on assumptions and ignorance. Our country is in need of this program and I cannot understand why it is taking our government so long to implement it.

People do not become nationalistic through dreams, they must be taught. For them to learn this craft, the country must have programs in the schools to give them the tools to answer; Why they are proud to be Belizeans? Racism and segregation will prevail where nationalism is lacking. The United States is a good example of this where African Americans are always willing to put their lives on the line because of nationalism despite the way they are being treated in their country. Likewise, many Garifunas serve bravely in the Belize Police and Defense Forces up to this day. In the war between the countries of Honduras and El Salvador the Garifuna language was used effectively to communicate with the Honduran soldiers and the Salvadorians could not understand the language and this gave Honduras an edge in the war. Once we implement this institute, it should add another hundred years to the life of the Garifuna language. If the Ministry of Education implements the multicultural program in our schools, there will be a major difference in Belizean nationalism for generations to come. Let us preserve the cultures who have contributed to our nation's development to make Belize what it is today.







Your Weekly Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

ARIES: March 22 to April 20

Be persistent. There is a lot of sense in that old adage: if at first you don't succeed, try and try again! Giving up too soon is not going bring the positive changes you so desire in your life. Lucky numbers: 45, 72, 86.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21

Good things are happening to you all the time and good things will continue happening to you as long as you continue to maintain a positive mental attitude. Lucky numbers: 16, 21, 38.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21

An old friend or family member could voice their disappointment over the personal plans you are making but remember: you are responsible for your own happiness. Lucky numbers: 20, 52, 65.

<u>CANCER:</u> June 22 to July 23

If you're torn between two diverse choices, write down all the good points of each potential decision, then the bad? Weigh them up and it will be easier to make up your mind. Lucky numbers: 03, 57, 79.

LEO: July 24 to August 21

Things might not be going the way you want it this week. The power to change this in in your

hands. Get up and go for what you want no one else will do it for you. Lucky numbers: 07, 50, 63.

VIRGO: August 22 to September 21

Things might have been going downhill for you over the past several months. That period is soon coming to an end. Hold strong. Better times is on the horizon and will come just in time for the Christmas. Lucky numbers: 25, 36, 82.

LIBRA: September 22 to October 23

This is the time to go for it. Good things await you. Stop hanging behind feeling sorry for yourself. No more excuses get your foot through the door before it slams in your face! Lucky numbers; 18, 69, 96.





SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21

Perseverance has always been your strong point and no matter how many mountains you have to climb or hurdles you might face, your determination to keep going will stand you in good stead. Lucky numbers: 24, 66, 93.

SAGITTARIUS: November 22 to December 21

There is lot to be gained from adopting a share and share alike approach to both cash and material possessions. Your social life is about to soar to new heights. Lucky numbers: 49, 54, 88.

CAPRICORN: December 22 to January 20

Limit your ambitions to a fairly modest level and don't make too much of a fuss about presenting them to those who will have a say on whether or not your plans might go ahead. Lucky numbers: 32, 61, 95.

AQUARIUS: January 21 to February 19

You might be feeling worried about your health as you advance in age. There is nothing seriously wrong with you but always remember that regular exercise is good for the heart. Get going, it will add many more years to your life and happiness to the ones you love. Lucky numbers: 05, 33, 55.

PISCES: February 20 to March 21

Think about the choices available to you to improve your lifestyle and chances of success. Be assertive, take action and work on ways to make your own luck happen and happen it will. Lucky numbers: 27, 48, 99.

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The Presidential Visit

The President was visiting an elementary school last Friday. He entered one of the 4th grade classes. They were in the middle of a discussion related to words and their meanings.

The teacher asked the President if he would like to lead the class in the discussion of the word, "tragedy." The President agreed and asked the class for an example of a "tragedy."

One little boy stood up and said, "If my best friend is playing in the street and a car comes along and runs him over, that would be a tragedy."

"No" said the President, "that would be an accident."

A little girl raised her hand:
"If a school bus carrying 50
children drove off a cliff,
killing everyone, that would be
a tragedy."

"I'm afraid not" responded

the President. "That's what we would call a GREAT LOSS."

The room went silent. No other children volunteer. The President searched the room. "Isn't there someone here who can give me an example of a tragedy?"

Finally, way in the back of the room, little Johnny raised his hand. In a quiet voice he says, "If Air Force One, carrying you and the First Lady, was struck by a missile and blown up to pieces, that would be a tragedy."

"Correct" exclaimed the President, "that's right. And can you tell me WHY that would be a tragedy?"

"Well," said little Johnny said,
"by deduction, like you just
told us, it wouldn't be an
accident, and it sure as heck
wouldn't be a great loss."

Substitute Medicine

A pharmacist returns from his break and sees a man leaning against the wall, his face strained and nervous.

He asks his assistant: "What's wrong with that man over there?"

"He came in looking for cough medicine," she replies. "I couldn't find any, so I gave him a whole bottle of laxatives

and watched him drink it all up."

"Oh great!" steamed the pharmacist. "He is going to sue us now. You don't give laxatives to a person with a cough!"

"Well," said the clerk defensively, "It certainly cured him. Look at him. He's afraid to cough!"

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Henry Canton — **Report Card**

December 1st 2011

The Committee of Management again calls on the Board of Directors of CPBL and in particular the Banks Holdings Ltd (BHL) Barbados nominated Directors to oversee the affairs of the company and stop the reckless behavior of Henry Canton. CPBL at its December 17th 2010 Extradrdinary General Meeting terminated the services of Henry Canton and the BHL directors on the CPBL Board need to respect the decision of the company and stop their unwavering support for Henry Canton.

On Monday November 14th 2011 Henry Canton sent out a press release alleging that Belize Citrus Growers Association Investment Company Ltd (BCGAICL) directors appointed to the CPBL Board refused to sign financing documents for the company. That was untrue. As a matter of fact BCGAICL directors signaled that there was no need for a scheduled Wednesday November 7th 2011 directors' conference call and that the approval could be given via round robin. BCGAICL directors requested that the release be retracted but the BHL directors ignored this request.

On Tuesday November 22nd 2011 Dr. Canton issued a release saying that the signed documents were received and that he would forward same to the attorneys for CPBL and bank so CPBL could access the funds. However, on Monday, November 28th 2011 he was again in the media saying that CPBL received the documents on Wednesday and submitted the documents to the attorneys on Thursday. This not only contradicts his release on Tuesday November 22nd but is blatantly untrue. What he should have informed growers is that he sat on the documents from August 8, 2011 and did not share same with the Board until October 31st 2011 after letters from BCGAICL attorney to CPBL Chief Financial Officer and even then did not provide some relevant and pertinent information. The CGA as the parent entity finds the reckless behavior on the part of Henry Canton unacceptable and calls on the BHL directors to act.

The recent attack by Henry Canton against the CGA's CEO is unfounded and shows a desperate attempt to make this appear as a personal issue. For the record, Mr. Anderson does not send out press releases but it is the CGA that sends out press releases as approved by the Committee of Management. Unlike CPBL where Henry Canton does as he pleases the Office of the CEO of the CGA does not operate in that manner as the Committee of Management of the CGA provides the necessary oversight to ensure the proper governance over growers' business.

The CGA is a membership organization and the CGA as a corporate entity is responsible to keep its members and industry stakeholders informed as to what is happening at CPBL. Gone are the days of hiding information and betraying growers. The CGA takes this opportunity to remind Henry Canton of his report card at CPBL and recommendations, coming out of an independent review of CPBL and which Henry Canton would like to hide, are:

- [CPBL should] Agree on a timetable and process for an orderly leadership change at CPBL to a candidate acceptable to both shareholders
- The company cannot meet its debt obligations under the current financing arrangement. (Note: This is due to Henry Canton's mis-management, like spending over \$1 im on second hand equipment for Feed Mill, which after 3 years has not made a penny of profit.)
- Co-generation business after three years the cogeneration project remains underutilized and the Company continues to spend significant cash resources on this project. . . . Moreover there are technical problems that have yet to be resolved. (Note: Henry Canton spent \$8m on second hand equipment, which are still not functioning. Equipment that was designed to run on propane was rigged to run on BNE crude with no end of problems.)
- Citrus Price Formula CPBL's Management on the other hand maintains that the current position is inequitable and that efforts must be made to rectify problems surrounding the distribution of revenues. (Note: Canton betraying growers again by planning to pay them less for their fruits.)
- Capital Investment capital works projects have also encountered various operational problems which have contributed to the limited success witnessed thus far (Tank Farm is an exception). Broadly, these problems are:
 - o the lack of standardized and rigorous cost benefit analysis for proposed projects;
 - o poor "follow through" on finished projects particularly in relation to marketing and distribution;
 - \mathbf{o} the lack of qualified personnel to manage projects and provide technical support

(Note: Through his mismanagement, Henry Canton caused CPBL to squander \$25 million on poorly planned capital investments.)

• Canning Line — the purchase of the canning line in 2007 for US\$350,000 from BHL was financed by internally generated cash. Management believed there may be a market for canned juice sales in Trinidad. However, it appears management has too many projects at this time and other issues to deal with. As such, it is not the time to invest resources on developing a new product line and market. In addition, Tetra Pak and canned juices may share the same target markets. (Note: This is the biggest hoax. Henry Canton fooled citrus growers and the public into believing that BHL, with their marketing expertise in value-added juices, would have brought great benefits to growers and the industry. The opposite has occurred. After five years, the value-added operation (VMC) is performing very poorly. In 2009, lost \$491,237. In 2010, it doubled sales and nearly quadrupled losses to \$1,915,000!)

The CGA is the custodian of its membership's investment in CPBL. The Committee of Management will let growers know the truth about the reasons why CPBL has depleted its cash reserves and was not in a position to pay growers for their fruits being delivered. All growers should understand that to date, except for the Tank Farm for which growers allow CPBL to deduct for local cold storage expenses in the Price Formula, all the value added projects have been incurring losses for some of the reasons as described above.

Henry Canton, this is your report card with the complete unwavering support of the BHL directors on the CPBL Board. The CGA's Committee of Management will ensure that the membership, growers and all stakeholders are continuously updated on these issues as this industry is vital to the success of our national economy. The CGA is the parent entity and will continue its policy of full disclosure and accountability.

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Motor X - Attracting Large Crowds



PETER AUGUST RACE TRACK, Santa Elena, Cayo, Sunday 27 November 2011:

While Motor Cross racing is rapidly emerging into a popular sport in western Belize, we were invited this Sunday afternoon by **Agriculture and Fisheries Minister, Hon. Rene Montero** to report on today's event at the

Peter August Race Track in Santa Elena.

Quite a large gathering of fans and spectators were assembled to witness the event as 15 Belizeans, 14 Guatemalans and a Colombian rider competed in the 3rd Motor X Race. The riders competed in beginners, intermediate and professional

categories for trophies and cash prizes.

The event coordinator, **Tim Banman**, President of the Belize Motor X Association informed that the competition began in June 2010 and that the fan base as well the number of participants is increasing with every event proving therefore that the

sport will soon become a major attraction in Belize.

A press release from the association informed that after two months of practicing, Belizean riders dominated the show by capturing the majority of prizes as follows: In the 150cc (beginners) class, **Brian Dyck**

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from Blue Creek took 1st place, **Marlon Dueck** 2nd, and **Carl Froes** 3rd.

In the 250cc (intermediate) class, despite his best effort to keep the crown, defending champion Colombian **Yerson Ortis** gave it his best but his best was just not good enough for Belizean rider Gordon Dueck

who took 1^{st} , Ortis has to settle for 2^{nd} , and **Chris Reimer** came in 3^{rd} .

The highlight of the event was the 450cc (Professional) class in which the 1st place winner, **Abe Letkeman** rode his heart out and in the process leaving the Guatemalan professional **Agusto Delariva** behind in 2nd place and **Jimmy Braun**, who

experienced mechanical problems, not able to run his 450 bike, got on a 250 bike crossing the finish line in 3rd place.

The day proved to be an excellent one for Belizean as they emerged with seven out of the nine trophies.

Banman informed that the next race will be held in early January 2012, more than likely also at the Peter August Race

Track in Santa Elena which has undergone extensive civil works to prepare a decent track for the race.

The grand finale of the competition – The Fifth Race – is scheduled to be held at the National Agriculture and Trade Show grounds in Roaring Creek Village as a major feature in next year's program of events for the Trade Show.





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I quickly reached for my wallet and said to the boy. "Suppose we check again, just in case you do have enough money for the doll?"

'OK' he said, 'I hope I do have

enough.' I added some of my money to his with out him seeing and we started to count it. There was enough for the doll and even some spare money.

The little boy said: 'Thank you God for giving me enough money!'

Then he looked at me and added, 'I asked last night before I went to sleep for God to make sure I had enough money to buy this doll, so that mommy could give It to my sister. He heard me!" 'I also wanted to have enough money to buy a white rose for my mommy, but I didn't dare to ask God for too much. But He gave me enough to buy the doll and a white rose. My mommy

loves white roses.'

I finished my shopping in a totally different state from when I started. I couldn't get the little boy out of my mind. Then I remembered a local news paper article two days ago, which mentioned a drunk man in a truck, who hit a car occupied by a young woman and a little girl. The little girl died right away, and the mother was left in a critical state. The family had to decide whether to pull the plug on the life-sustaining machine, because the young woman would not be able to recover from the coma. Was this the family of the little boy?

Two days after this encounter with the little boy, I read in the news paper that the young

woman had passed away.. I couldn't stop myself as I bought a bunch of white roses and I went to the funeral home where the body of the young woman was exposed for people to see and make last wishes before her burial. She was there, in her coffin, holding a beautiful white rose in her hand with the photo of the little boy and the doll placed over her chest. I left the place, teary-eyed, feeling that my life had been changed for ever...

The love that the little boy had for his mother and his sister is still, to this day, hard to imagine. And in a fraction of a second, a drunk driver had taken all this away from him.

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The Lodge at Chaa Creek invites applications from suitably qualified, dedicated, and motivated Belizeans who have completed 6th Form studies and / or have three years working experience in the tourism industry in a marketing position.

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- \cdot Review magazines for advertising potential and leads for new promotional avenues.
- · Provide promotional materials for presenters at trade shows, send requested information to travel agents and keep an up-to-date library of Chaa Creek's photographs.

Skills desired:

- Computer literate with skills in Microsoft Word, Adobe Photoshop or PageMaker.
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Levi Figueroa Sentenced To Years In Jail Out On Two Hundred Dollars Bail

SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, Thursday, 1 December 2011:

Three weeks ago we reported on the two year sentence handed down to **Levi Figueroa**, 34, by Chief Magistrate **Ann Smith** when he pleaded guilty to a) negligent wounding, b)driving motor vehicle without due care and attention, c) failing to stop and render aid and d) failing to report an accident in connection with the 31 October traffic accident in the village of Georgeville.

In the incident **Orthon Armando Hyde**, 37, Belizean laborer, of a Dalia Street, San

Ignacio Town address was reportedly knocked off his red Lifan brand 125cc motorcycle as he was making his way to San Ignacio.

Nine days later Figueroa walked into the San Ignacio police station and handed in himself. He was detained, formally arrested and charged.

Figueroa was today, December 1 released on an unbelievable \$200 bail after successfully appealing the sentence of the chief magistrate and obtaining an injunction to stay the execution of the two year sentence.



Levi Figueroa, 34

He is therefore now free until and if the appeal ever again comes up for hearing

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(Prayer to be offered for three consecutive days; Faith in Holy Spsirit will cause him to respond to your request no matter how difficult the problem might be.)

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Hugo Chavez Hosts New Regional Summit Excluding The United States of America But Including Cuba

FRIDAY, 2 December 2011 Last updated at 12:58 GMT

Venezuelan President **Hugo Chavez** is hosting a summit of a new regional bloc that brings together 33 nations of Latin America and the Caribbean.

The general aim of the group, which does not include the US or Canada, is to foster regional ties.

Mr Chavez has described the bloc as a counter to US influence in the region.

The two-day summit is Mr Chavez's first big international event since he was treated for cancer and forced to postpone the original meeting in July.

The summit in the Venezuelan capital, Caracas, will be the inaugural gathering of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, known by its Spanish initials, *Celac*.

It will be a further addition to regional groupings that include the Organization of American States (OAS), Unasur, Mercosur, Alba and the Caribbean Community (Caricom).

Unlike the long-established

OAS, Celac does not include the US or Canada.

And unlike the OAS, it will include Cuba, which in 2009 rejected an invitation to rejoin the Washington-based body after a long exclusion.

Mr Chavez has described the summit, with some rhetorical flourish, as "the most important political event to have happened in our America in 100 years".

For the Venezuelan president, Celac forms part of his dream of realizing Latin American unity and also creating a counterweight to Washington.

But for other regional leaders, the aims are less grand though no less important, correspondents say.

These include examining the region's response to the global financial crisis, promoting economic development and discussing joint efforts to tackle drug-trafficking.

And Celac's birth does not herald the demise of the OAS, analysts say.

"[The OAS] has clearly defined purposes and principles to



President Chavez came to the Summit With A Special Gift For Argentina's President Christina Fernandez

guide it. Its procedures are in place. And it has a budget -

most of which comes from the US and Canada," Peter Hakim, president emeritus of the Inter-American Dialogue think tank, told the AFP news agency.

The inaugural summit was due six months ago but was postponed because Mr Chavez was recovering from surgery to remove a cancerous growth.

The talks on Friday and Saturday will be watched for indications of Mr Chavez's current health.

The Venezuelan president has said he is completely recovered after four rounds of chemotherapy.

He is expected to run in next October's presidential election for another six-year term.

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SHC does well on June CXC 2011 Sitting

The Board of Governors of Sacred Heart College congratulates the 39 graduates who received Certificates of Excellence at the CXC Awards Ceremony on November 23, and the 57 graduates who earned Certificates of Achievement during this year's examinations.

Certificates of Excellence are awarded to CXC candidates who earn six or more passes in General or Technical subjects including English A and Mathematics with grades of I and II. Certificates of Achievement are awarded to candidates who earn six or more passes in General or Technical Subjects including English A and Math with grades of I, II or III, or Basic Subjects with a grade 1.

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Waiting For Our Promised Cheese

Dear STAR,

There is a group calling themselves the People's Coalition of Cayo (PCC). They meet once a month at the police station in San Ignacio. During the last meeting it was brought to their attention that the active and vibrant Police of the Month program initiated by Superintendent Chester Williams had gone dead since Mr. Williams left Cayo.

The Coalition agreed to revive the program and six members immediately signed up to contribute \$100 each being the financial incentive awarded, along with a certificate, to the officer selected for each month. Well, the day immediately after last Wednesday night's meeting where the decision to revive the Officer of the month program was made, a bunch of us were named Officers of the Month to make up for all those months when the program was dormant in order to fill the vacant slots on the wall inside the

police station where framed photographs hang.

Guess what, today, almost a week later all Officers of the Month are still waiting for the promised little cheese. We are grown people and we do not appreciate anyone taking us for clowns. If they are unable to continue the staff morale boosting program initiated by Mr. Williams then my suggestion is for them to totally scarp it and repaint the wall inside the police station so as to totally erase the constant reminder of the incompetence of all concerned.

In the meantime though, we are still awaiting the promised little cheese.

Office for the Month of ????

Please do not publish my name

Ed Note:

We called to express this concern to Albert Moore, Chair of the Coalition. He could not initially recall the discussion on this matter but informed that he was just receiving the minutes of the meeting. When we indicated that it was a matter of concern he rudely stated that if the matter was of concern to us then we should pay the \$600. Imagine; this coming for the very same person who volunteered to donate the first

\$100. It's time for them to put their money where their mouth is. We repeat the words of the letter writer: Don't take our police officers for clowns. The photogrpahs of those selected has since been placed on the wall inside the San Ignacio Police Station as they continue to await the promosed financial



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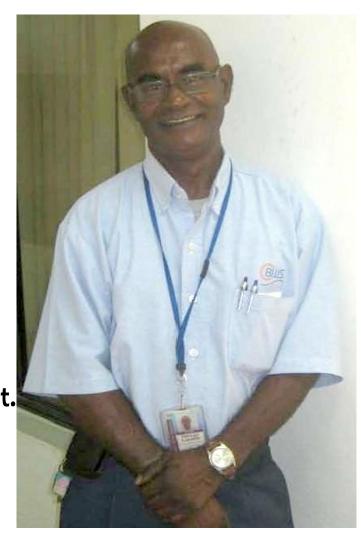
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Mr. Victor Cucul - Student President, Student Government Association (S.G.A.)

Mr. Victor A. Cucul is a proud 2009 graduate of Baptist School of Adult & Continuing Education (BSACE) in Belmopan City. At age 33, he has served in various organizations including the Belize Fire Department and the Belize Defense Force. He is the Winner of the 2006 National September Celebration Theme Competition and participant of La Ruta Maya Belize River Challenge 2010-2011. He is an activist and currently pursuing a Bachelor Degree in Anthropology with a Minor in Marketing at Galen University.

Dr. Ydahlia Metzgen - Faculty Representative

Dr. Ydahlia Metzgen has a Ph.D in Economics from Princeton University. She worked for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for almost 20 years where she was the highest ranking woman from the Caribbean and Central American region. Dr. Metzgen, born in Belize, served as Assistant Director in the IMF's Finance Department managing a US \$20 billion investment portfolio. She also worked at Merrill Lynch as Vice President of International Credit, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as Division Chief of Foreign Exchange at the Central Bank of Barbados as a Senior Economist. She also lectures at Galen University in the areas of Economics and Finance. Dr. Metzgen is co-owner and developer with husband, Mr. Chester W. Williams of Calico Jack's Village, El Progresso Belize's and Cayo longest, fastest and safest zip line.

Mr. Carlton L. McKoy - Alumni Representative

Mr. Carlton L. McKoy received his Bachelor's degree in Economics and Finance from Galen University, and the University of Indianapolis. He began work in 1990 at the Social Security Board of Belize where he has since built a career. He started out as an Inspector, after which he became an Administrative Assistant in Research and Contributions. During 2000-2003 he served as an Administrator in Finance, and from 2003-2005 he was an Administrator in Benefits/Registration. Mr. McKoy was promoted and currently serves as Senior Inspector. He has participated in training in various aspects of Social Security throughout Central America.

Mrs. Marian E. McNab - Public Sector

Ms. Marian E. McNab received a B.Sc. in Political Science from Mesa State College, Colorado, U.S.A., and an M.Sc. in Human Resource Management and Development from the University of Manchester, U.K. She has spent her career working in the Public Service of the Government of Belize. She has served as Permanent Secretary in the Ministries of the Public Service and Labour (1993–1998), Tourism, Information and Broadcasting (1998–1999), and the Attorney General (1999–2000). She has also served as Chief Executive Officer in the Ministries of the Public Service (2000–2003), Education, Youth and Sports (2003–2008), and is currently the CEO in the Ministry of Labour, Local Government and Rural Development.

Senator Godwin Hulse - Business Sector

Senator Godwin Hulse is an engineer by profession, and a successful businessman. He is an expert on quality rice production, sales and marketing. For over a decade, he has participated in governance and legislative affairs of Belize. He has been an advocate, activist, author, and co-author to many laws and amendments. He assisted in drafting legislation, including the Free Zone and the Belize Chamber of Commerce Acts. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry. In 1993 he was a Councilor on the Board of the BCCI, and in 2008, he served as its President. Mr. Hulse was appointed to the Senate of Belize by the BCCI, and the Belize Business Bureau, to represent the interests of the private sector.

Dr. Aaron P. Lewis - Academic Sector

Dr. Aaron P. Lewis received a Bachelor degree in Mathematics and Physics from South Carolina State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina (USA). His dissertation research was in the area of nuclear and low temperature physics. His career has focused on tertiary level education. He taught, and also conducted research assistantships at the University of South Carolina and at Syracuse University in the USA. In 2000, Dr. Lewis returned to Belize and joined the University of Belize, where he is an Assistant Professor. From 2002-2003 he served as Dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of Belize. From 2003-2007 he was the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology. Dr. Lewis has a number of research publications in physics.

Dr. Louis Zabaneh - Chairman

Dr. Louis Zabaneh earned his Ph.D in Economics from Clemson University in 1998. He has worked since then in various sectors in Belize, including agriculture, services and education. Dr. Zabaneh has served as Executive Chairman of Beltraide, consultant in the Ministry of Education, consultant with the InterAmerican Development Bank, Project Manager with the European Union Banana Support Program, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the University of Belize, C.E.O. at the Belize Social Security Board, C.E.O at Maya Island Air Regional and is presently Chairman and President at Galen University. He also lectures in the areas of Economics, Finance, Quantitative Methods and Sustainable Development.

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No Foul Play Suspected In Flowers' Death

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resides with his grandfather. On this occasion however, instead of following the routine, he accompanied three other male friends to the banks of the river.

They reportedly took off their shirts as they entered the water. They were in the water for a while when suddenly the deceased, not known to be a good swimmer, reportedly jumped into a deep part of the river. He immediately went under. Sensing that he was in trouble, his fellow students reportedly tried to assist but soom realized that they were endangering their lives and so they abandoned the effort as they began shouting for assistance. Some villagers rushed to the area and attempted a fruitless effort to assist. The search was suspended as darkness set in and the following day it continued but the effort was reportedly hampered due to the almost 30 feet depth of the river and the murky condition of the water in the area where the deceased went under.

Again after sunset on Saturday the search was suspended resuming on Sunday morning until the body eventually emerged to the surface on its own in almost the exact spot where it went under almost two days earlier. The deceased was found still clad only in the brown short pants he wore when he went under.

While it is alleged that the police took almost an hour to arrive on the scene after the body was placed on land, it is reported that a detective constable who lives in the area was around since early Sunday morning and that he remained in the area until the body was found and placed on the bank of the river. He reportedly relayed the information to the police. Being a weekend with Scenes of Crime personnel on standby duties and not readily available at the station, it took the police a while to assembled the team. Police informed however that they were on the scene within the hour.

The body was transported to the community hospital in San Ignacio where upon arrival, at around 3;00 pm, it was officially pronounced dead by **Dr. David Pacheco**, the medical officer on duty at the time.

The legally required post mortem examination was conducted between 11:00 am and 12:00 noon on Wednesday, 30 November, at the hospital in San Ignacio, by **Dr. Armando Betancourt** who certified the cause of death as asphyxia due to drowning.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that ANNA SUTTON is applying for the renewal of her MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2011 to operate CLUB VIETNAM located at Mount Hope, Unitedville in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that RAMON VARGAS is applying for the renewal of his MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate MUNCHIES located in the Hillview Area of Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **GILBERTO FERNANDEZ** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN GENERAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **INEZ FERNANDEZ GROCERY** located in on George Prive Avenue, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that CONCEPCION MIS is applying for the renewal of her RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate LAS VEGAS RESTAURANT located at #74 Church Street, Benque Viejo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **RENE WAIGHT** is applying for the renewal of his **NIGHT CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2012 to operate **SUNSET BAR** located in the Savannah Area of San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that EDWARD JENKINS is applying for the renewal of his RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2011 to operate PUERTO BRIANA V located in Succotz Village in the Cayo District.

Liquor License Notices

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that JOAN RITCHIE is applying for the renewal of her RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate J&K BAR & GRILL located on Joseph Andrews Drive, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that SHAO BIAO LI is applying for the renewal of his PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate ALLAN'S RESTAURANT located George Price Boulevard, Benque Viejo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws o Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that IRIS MAHMUD is applying for the renewal of her RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate LOG CAB INN located at Mile 68 on the Western Highway in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **XIAOYU LUO** is applying for the renewal of his **SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2012 to operate **MAXWELL SUPERSTORE** located in Bullet Tree Falls Village in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **DANIEL SILVA** is applying for the renewal of his **RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2012 to operate **CAHAL PECH VILLAGE RESORT** located in the Cahal Pech Area of San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that JAVIER SILVA is applying for the renewal of his PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate REHAB @ PIACHE located on Buena Vista Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that HECTOR MONTERO is applying for the renewal of his NIGHT CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate RUMORS RESTAURANT & BAR located at Mile 2 1/2 Benque Viejo Road in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor LicenseOrdinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that STEPHEN & MIRIAM PLAYER are applying for the renewal of their MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate COOMBE HARDING located in the village of Cristo Rey in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **WINDY HILL RESORT & TOURS CO. LTD.** is applying for the renewal of its **RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2012 to operate **WINDY HILL RESORT** located at Mile 68 on the Western Highway, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ROSITA FERNANDEZ** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2012 to operate **TRASH TOP** located in Esperanza Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that ELVIRA MULHOLLAND is applying for a SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate GINA'S located on George Price Avenue, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that YING YI LEI is applying for the renewal of his SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate LEI'S STORE located in Esperanza Village in the Cayo District.

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