



Editorial



Better Days Await Us

The contract for the first quarter of the multi-million dollar Santa Elena/San Ignacio Bypass Project was signed, sealed and delivered this past Thursday morning in the nation's capita, Belmopan.

If we are to keep Mr. John Woods, the contractor, to his public pronouncement, made during a post signing interview, we might very well be tempted to predict that the remainder of this year, and certainly the next, will be happy and brighter for residents of Santa Elena, San Ignacio and surrounding communities.

The Ministry of Works, in its recent press release tells us: ***"It is anticipated that the works will commence immediately"***. The winning contractor tells us that his company will be: ***"putting people to work.....it's very labour intensive, so we should be able to put lot of people in the area to work. That is gratifying"*** said the contractor ***"because the money, instead of going into fuel or equipment, goes into people's pocket so they can feed their kids and have a better life. So I think this will be a win win project."***

We trust that the contract's words were not resulting from the euphoria of having been awarded the first contract of probably others to come.

While we remain optimistic about the creation of much needed employment within the community, an optimism fortified by the realization that this multi-million dollar project will be implemented by an administration different from the one at the helm during the construction of the Mollejon and Chalillo dams. It was that era, still vivid in our minds, when the community witnessed droves of Chinese and Nepalese manual and unskilled laborers swarming into San Ignacio on Saturday mornings packing a particular bank on Burns Avenue to cash their pay-cheques and in the process, making off with monies that could have gone towards making life better for

us.

Oh how our collective hearts still ache as we remained jobless with a wife, children, sometimes parents and other relatives to provide for while foreigners were brought in to do jobs we could have done. We also still recall when the employment imbalance - the ***"in your face"*** insult - was getting all too frequent and obvious, for the comfort of those sitting in high places, someone in their wisdom began collecting checks from these foreign laborers and changing them in bulk thereby reducing the number of strange faces in line inside the bank and overflowing onto Burns Avenue.

Oh how we still recall, the horrible stories related by those who sought employment at Mollejon and at Chalillo. They said that the bosses would tell them how dangerous the job was and how many coffins they maintained in stock, on the site, ready to be used in the event that a worker should accidentally perish on the job. This scare tactic was obviously intended to instill fear in our minds and in a sense it actually worked because it effectively deter many from seeking employment. In the end however, both dams were constructed without a single fatality.

With all due respect to Mr. John Woods, we take this opportunity to inform that, with time on our side, we will be visiting the site frequently to see the faces there. And for heaven's sake never underestimate our ability to make the distinction between those who are us and those that are not us as we are very well acquainted with the people in our community. It would be remiss of us if we were to not advise those who will be getting a job when it starts, please put in a full day's work, a little more if required, for a full day's pay remembering always that hand wash hand and both hands wash face. A light is appearing at the end of the tunnel. Better days await us.



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Boy Accused Of Burglarizing A Policeman's House

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in San Ignacio and that upon returning at around 2:30 that same Friday morning, he observed that the house was burglarized and that his father's gold jewelry collection along with two thousand dollars in coins were missing. The complainant informed that the missing gold included five rings, two chains, two medals, two bracelets and three pieces of scraped chains, all for an estimated value of four thousand one hundred and seventy five dollars including the coins.

The unemployed, 15 year old, boy who is originally from Buena Vista Village, near Spanish Lookout, in the Cayo District, was later detained and escorted to the police station, where in the

presence of his sister, was interviewed. Subsequent to the interview, the boy reportedly led police to the neighboring apartment where he handed over three pieces of scrapped gold chains, four gold rings and a gold medal along with nine hundred fourteen dollars and fifty five cents in coins valued at one thousand eight hundred eighty nine dollars and fifty five cents. The jewelry was later identified by the virtual complainant as being his father's property.

The other two thousand two hundred eighty five dollars and forty five cents worth of jewelry and cash remains unrecovered.

The boy was subsequently arrested and charged for burglary and handling stolen goods. He

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Sacred Heart College Wins Again

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said that the effort goes a long way in strenghtening the family and friends bond of the students.

"The challenge encourages and develops better eating behaviors among the students." said Dr. Aird.. ***"These students are the future of our country. They will be future parents and by being exposed to proper nutrition they in-turn can make wise choices that can affect their health,"*** concluded Dr. Aird.

Sacred Heart College has won various prizes at Science Fairs throughout Belize. The school has since brought home trophies from national and regional nutrition competitions, proving they have what it takes to win big.

The winning streak in this particular competition started back in 2009, with the first ever

national and regional championship in that year. Since then Sacred Heart College has made it their number one goal to stay on top of the competition, capturing the top prizes consecutively in 2010 and 2011 and now poised to secure the national title later this year.

Dr. Aird is optimistic that the continued hard work and dedication will pay off as the team will once again emerge victorious in the national and regional competitions.

In other news out of Sacred Heart College, Dr. Aird informed of the Junior College's plan to begin offering majors in Biology and Chemistry. She said that these courses will be beneficial to the students graduating from the various local high schools who may want to further their studies in these fields.

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Businessman's House Burglarized Shotgun And Cartridges Stolen

Another shotgun, reported stolen, is believed to be in the hands of persons with no good intentions.

Frank Patrick Burns, 32, Belizean businessman residing on Monkey Falls Hill, Cristo Rey Village, Cayo, reported that sometime between 8:00 am and 12:00 noon on Friday, March 30, 2012 his Monkey Falls Hill residence was burglarized.

The only items reported missing, from a walk-in closet inside his bedroom were a pump action 12 gauge shotgun along with eight cartridges of similar caliber.

The police investigation

revealed no evidence of force entry into the house and it is believed that entry was gained by way of the bedroom door left open.

Police again reminds the public that being in possession of an unlicensed firearm is a very serious offence with immediate prison time on remand.

The public is asked to be on the lookout for Burn's stolen shotgun described as a Mossberg brand 12 gauge pump action gun bearing serial number MV56600K valued at \$950.

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Electricity Workers Union Stage Mid-day Demonstration

BELIZE CITY, Thursday, April 26, 2012:

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) issued a statement in the wake of today’s lunch break demonstration staged by about 30 members of the Belize Energy Workers Union (BEWU), in front of the company’s corporate headquarters at mile 1 on the Northern Highway in Belize City.

In the statement BEL advises that prior to this course of action, executives of the union made no request for a meeting to discuss any concerns of the union.

The statement further informs that management was therefore unaware of what triggered today’s public demonstration.

The release states that in a



Workers On The Picket Line During Their Lunch Break

letter to the union this morning, management issued an invitation to executives of the union inviting them to a meeting to discuss their concerns instead of their planned course of

action. Unfortunately, the President of the union refused to accept the letter citing that he would do so after the demonstration.

Since 2011, management has

also been inviting the executives of the union to commence long overdue union negotiations. The union has chosen not to come to the table, said BEL.

The release informs that BEL is disappointed at today’s course of action taken by the union and the management of BEL assure employees and the public that it remains committed to sharing its plans with staff while engaging in open dialogue and operating in an environment of trust and transparency.

Management says that it is ready and willing to dialogue with the union in order to resolve concerns in the interest of all stakeholders as the company works to keep the lights on, meet its financial obligations and take care of its people.

For its part, union president, **Marvin Mora**, informed the media that the protest was sparked by the termination of

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Belize Water Services Limited



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April Billing pro-rated for Old and New Tariffs

April 12, 2012

Belize Water Services Limited (BWS) informs customers that the new reduced Tariffs as approved by the PUC are effective April 1, 2012. However, bills issued in April are for consumption which spans March through to April. As a result, April bills will include two billing lines with the same bill date. The first line will be for the pro-rated March consumption using the old tariffs; the second line for the pro-rated April consumption using the new (lower) tariff rates.

A section of a bill is shown below. Please note that the reading date is April 8th (08 / 04 / 12) and the bill is for 30 days, therefore 22 days are for March consumption and 8 days are billed for April consumption.

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NB: Customers should note that due to increases in water usage because of the dry season and the Easter Holidays, their total April bill may be higher than the previous month’s bill.

For further information regarding this tariff reduction, visit the PUC’s website at www.puc.bz or the BWS website at www.bws.bz.

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For more information regarding this or nay other BWS Release, please contact

Mr. Haydon Brown at Tel: 222-4757 Ext. 317 or 234 or via e-mail at

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A Cutting Edge Educator Coming To Belize Soon

By: Deborah Reneau

Vice Principal

Santa Elena Primary School
SANTA ELENA, Cayo,
Thursday, April 26, 2012:

I am still in a state of euphoria when I reflect on the historic 2012 Cross Country Cycling Race.

What a memorable occasion, a son of the soil, an energetic young man from Santa Elena dazzled locals and foreigners alike with his impressive ride for the garland.

Teachers at Santa Elena RC Primary School were elated to share his story with their students and let them know that they too can be anything they want to be as long as they are willing to work toward their dream.

The children watched fervently as our guest, **Mr. Geovanni Choto** strolled onto our compound accompanied by his lovely wife and daughter.

A smile of innocence beckoned on his face as he was taken aback by the gratitude and love displayed toward him by the students of this school.

Mr. Choto and other gold winners as Olympic Winners developed what we called the, "*Olympic Mentality*" where the best keep getting better through practice, practice, and more practice.

M.O.R.E. (*Multiple Options for Results in Education*) contains seven major components with over 100 subcomponents, encompassing hundreds of skills, which guides the direction of professional development to create an environment that acknowledges the impact of brain-based instruction. This philosophy was developed **Dr. Joyce Swarzman** and her staff of Independent Day School-Corbett Campus in Tampa, FL, a National Blue Ribbon Award winning school.

One subcomponent of the M.O.R.E. Approach is the Olympic Mentality, where teachers are involved in weekly professional development sessions so as to be on the cutting edge of education.

Like Olympians, teachers understand that when there is a passion for something, practice and study become fulfilling and a natural part of what we choose to do.

The teachers at Santa Elena



Dr. Joyce Burick Swarzman

Primary School have been involved in a Teacher Leadership program since June of 2010 and have adopted the M.O.R.E. Approach at their school.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Joyce Burick Swarzman, creator of the M.O.R.E. Approach, will be visiting Belize

to conduct a two day workshop on May 4 and 5, 2012 at Belize Elementary School Gym in Belize City. She will share with educators her secret of running a successful school where both teachers and students are in a happy environment, where individuals learn from their mistakes and teachers are willing to "*Sharpen their Saw*" so as to ensure that every child gets a teacher of the year.

IDS-CC (Independent Day School: Corbett Campus) con-

tinues to emerge as a beacon for other schools throughout the world because of the leadership of its headmaster and other school leaders, and the continuous training and high levels of caring and proficiency of the teachers.

More information about Dr. Joyce's visit to Belize can be obtained by emailing Dr. Jennifer Morrow at drjenn02@gmail.com and Mrs. Abigail Wade at abbyjwade@gmail.com

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Dr. Joyce Swarzman is Headmaster of Independent Day School –Corbett Campus in Tampa, FL, a National Blue Ribbon Award winning school.

Dr. Swarzman also is a member of the ISC Board of Directors and at this Summit

IDS-CC has been recognized as the first Elementary & Middle School in the World to present a portfolio as a Global Learning Center. Joyce provides continuous training and consulting to schools in the ISC Spanish Hub. She was the former Director of the University of South Florida's National award winning Suncoast Area Teacher Training Program, and has trained more than 15, 000 teachers and education students in communication and teaching skills. The spirit for her school is an Olympic Mentality, along with the M.O.R.E. Approach: Multiple Options for Results in Education. Her school produced the book: *It's All About Kids: Every Child Deserves a "Teacher of the Year"* with Debbie Cohen.
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The **BELIZE Natural Energy Charitable Trust** is a public/private partnership between the **Government of Belize** and the **Belize Natural Energy Limited** that serves as a catalyst for people and communities to become the conscious architects of their own future. Established in February of 2008, the primary objective of the Trust is to contribute to the development of Belize through the support of educational and social environmental projects; capacity building programs; student loans and micro-enterprise credit and other investment initiatives.

The **BELIZE Natural Energy Charitable Trust** is seeking the services of a suitably qualified and competent person for the post of General Manager.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The General Manager reports to the Board of Trustees and, as the Chief Executive Officer, will be responsible for the administrative, operational and financial sustainability of the Trust.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The successful applicant must possess:

- A) the necessary qualifications, competence and experience to manage the administrative, operational and financial operations of the Trust
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- C) at least a Bachelor's Degree in either Business Administration/Financial Management with a proven track record in fund sourcing and fund management.
- D) the ability to develop strategies for fund sustainability
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- c) recent police record where the applicant has continuously resided over the last five years (with the option to be presented at the time of interview)
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CLOSING DATE & TIME:

The closing date and time for the receipt of applications is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16th, 2012.



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I Can't Hear You

An elderly gentleman with serious hearing problems goes to the doctor who fits him with hearing aids that allow him to hear at 100% for the first time in many years.

Hw goes back in a month for a checkup. The doctor says, "Your

hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

To which the gentleman replies, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

Not Going To Do It

Eight year old Jimmy was walking down the road one day when a car pulls over next to him.

"If you get in the car," the driver says, "I'll give you \$10 and a piece of candy."

Jimmy refuses and keeps on walking.

A few moments later, not to take no for an answer, the man driving the car pulls over again. "How about \$20 and two pieces of candy?"

Jimmy tells the man to leave

him alone and hw keeps on walking.

Still further down the road the man pulls over to the side of the road. "OK," he says, "this is my final offer. I'll give you \$50 and all the candy you can eat."

Jimmy stops, goes to the car and leans in. "Look," he says to the driver. "You bought this ugly mini van when everyone else got cool SUVs, but that does not mean I have to be seen riding in it, Dad!"

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Gun And Ammunition Charges Against Corporal Cajun Dismissed

DANGRIGA, Wednesday, April 25, 2012:

It was on November 13, 2010 when a drug plane, loaded with two thousand nine hundred twenty one kilos of suspected Columbian cocaine was found between miles 56 and 57 in the middle of the Southern Highway.

The discovery led to the arrest of several policemen and a customs boatman. Shortly thereafter news was received of the arrest of **Corporal Vidal Cajun**, not in connection with the drug bust, but rather for possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition.

Those almost 18 months of uncertainty finally ended today for Corporal Cajun when both charges were dismissed by **Magistrate Edd P. Usher** in Dangriga.

The prosecution alleged that Cajun was carrying a 9mm pistol with 10 live rounds of ammunition for which he did not hold a valid gun license.

At least six policemen testified against Cajun during the trial. His defense attorney, **Richard "Dickie" Bradley** however successful convinced the magistrate that his client was carrying a service firearm issued to him by the department and that while stationed in Corozal Town, Cajun routinely signed for the gun in the police register each time he was required to use it in the execution of his official



Corporal Vidal Cajun, 48

duties. His attorney also successfully proved that, with the police being fully aware, the gun legally remained in the corporal's possession on his transfer from Corozal to the Intermediate Southern Formation (ISF) located in Independence Village.

The defense attorney also successfully convinced the court that his client could not be convicted of the crimes since section 33 of the Firearms Act allows any member of the security forces to carry weapons and ammunition in the course of performing their official duties.

It was also presented in evidence that the charges against Cajun did not stem from a search by the police and that it was Cajun who personally handed in the gun and bullets to the police.

After hearing the evidence, Magistrate Edd P. Usher proceeded to dismiss both charges against Corporal Cajun.

Happy Labour Day

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Your Weekly Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

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March 22 to April 20

It's time to think long term about the things that are important to you. All options look equally good, however, so you must be careful to choose wisely from among them. It is the little things that give life meaning this week, the small accomplishments appreciated mostly by those close to you but unnoticed by the world at large.**Lucky numbers:17, 34, 57.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21

Step up to the plate, take control of the situation, get behind the wheel! This is your week. It's time to take the initiative and make good things happen in your life. You can do it! **Lucky numbers: 03, 42, 71**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21

Participating in a group activity or event will be the ticket toward accomplishing great things this week. Teamwork should be your watchword. New insights will help clear things up at home. **Lucky numbers:25, 64, 96.**

CANCER:

June 22 to July 23

Your tendency for careful planning and clear thinking come in handy this week. This is a time when tasks must be completed properly if they're to be done at all. **Lucky numbers:09, 45, 87**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

This week you are thinking of ways to get ahead in life. Fortunately, several very important doors are about to open to you. Remember, chance favors the prepared mind.This week will be a good time to take part in community event. Doing somthing this week for a financially disadvantaged family will bring great rewards. **Lucky numbers: 13, 49, 76**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

Things you have done one way for a long time are now going to require a new approach. You will need to be flexible, but in the end you'll appreciate the changes. Your boundless curiosity will

work to your advantage now. This week is for family. **Lucky numbers: 06, 39, 82.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

Your internal compass is the one you should be following now. You know where you want to go and your intuition will guide you there without detour. **Lucky numbers:23, 55, 69.**

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

You may not be immediately recognized for your contributions, but be patient, in time the truth will come out. This is a good week to relax with new friends and get to know each other better. **Lucky numbers: 19, 51, 93.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

You'll be going through some personal changes this week. Try to roll with the punches and see where you wind up. Who knows, you might find yourself liking the new you! **Lucky numbers:07, 29, 73.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

Seek out someone who will support you in times of hardship

and distress. Make every effort to understand those around you. Now is not a good time to be flying solo. You need to know you're surrounded by people who care.**Lucky numbers:15, 47, 61.**

AQUARIUS:

January 21 to February 19

There is no problem you cannot solve, or so it seems this week. A great deal of responsibility has been placed on your shoulders, but it's nothing you can't handle if you take things slowly. **Lucky numbers: 11, 24, 67.**

PISCES:

February 20 to March 21

You'll receive a great deal of attention from those around you this week. Go ahead and bask in the limelight for a change; you

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Peoples Coalition of Cayo Wants Gentle To Stay

PRESS RELEASE from the Peoples Coalition of Cayo: April 24, 2012, San Ignacio Town

Citizen Group calls for stay of effective Commanding Officer of San Ignacio Police Formation, **Superintendent Alvan Gentle**.

Last night, (**Monday, April 23**) an emergency joint meeting of the Peoples Coalition of Cayo (PCC), The Association of Justices of the Peace of San Ignacio and Santa Elena, the Neighborhood Watch Committees of San Ignacio and Santa Elena and surrounding Communities, Business People, and Members of the General Public, was held. The reason for this meeting was the immediate and untimely transfer of Superintendent Alvan Gentle who has been proving to be a very effective Commanding Officer.

Support for Superintendent Gentle is overwhelming and unanimous! With all seats taken, there was full representation from the residents of the community. Superintendent Gentle's policies of zero tolerance on crime and corruption, enforcement of



L-R PCC Chairman, Albert Moore, Inspector Reymundo Reyes

all the laws equally and equitably, his endorsement and implementation of the "*Broken Windows Theory*", mobilization of Community Policing and Neighborhood Watch Committees, and his direction and discipline of his officers are all felt to be the reason for the recent decrease in crime.

Over the last five years there have been six different Commanding Officers assigned

to the San Ignacio Police Formation. It is felt that this instability and inconsistency in the command of the San Ignacio Police has been a major contributing factor to the high crime the people of the area have suffered. Continuing the trend of instability, after just four months in his new position, Superintendent Gentle is being transferred. The Community asks WHY? The consensus is that Superintendent

Gentle's transfer is as a result of his intransigence to political meddling from politicians outside the police's ministry and chain of command.

Superintendent Gentle has just started to reverse the upward trend of crime in the area and has boosted morale among Police Officers of the San Ignacio Formation. The people want him to stay!

Where else in Belize do the police get this kind of community support?

The meeting ended with call for an immediate audience with **Right Honourable Prime Minister Dean Barrow!**



Supt. Alvan Gentle addressing the gathering before leaving the room

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**Mr. Ismael Requena,
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A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the four pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard.

As the farmer was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy. "Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

"Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer.

"I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?"

"Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called.

Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed



by four little balls of fur.

The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse.

Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward

manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up...

"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt.

The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers.

In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe.

Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully he handed it to the little boy.

"How much?" asked the little boy.

"No charge," answered the farmer, "There's no charge for love."

The world is full of people who need someone who understands.

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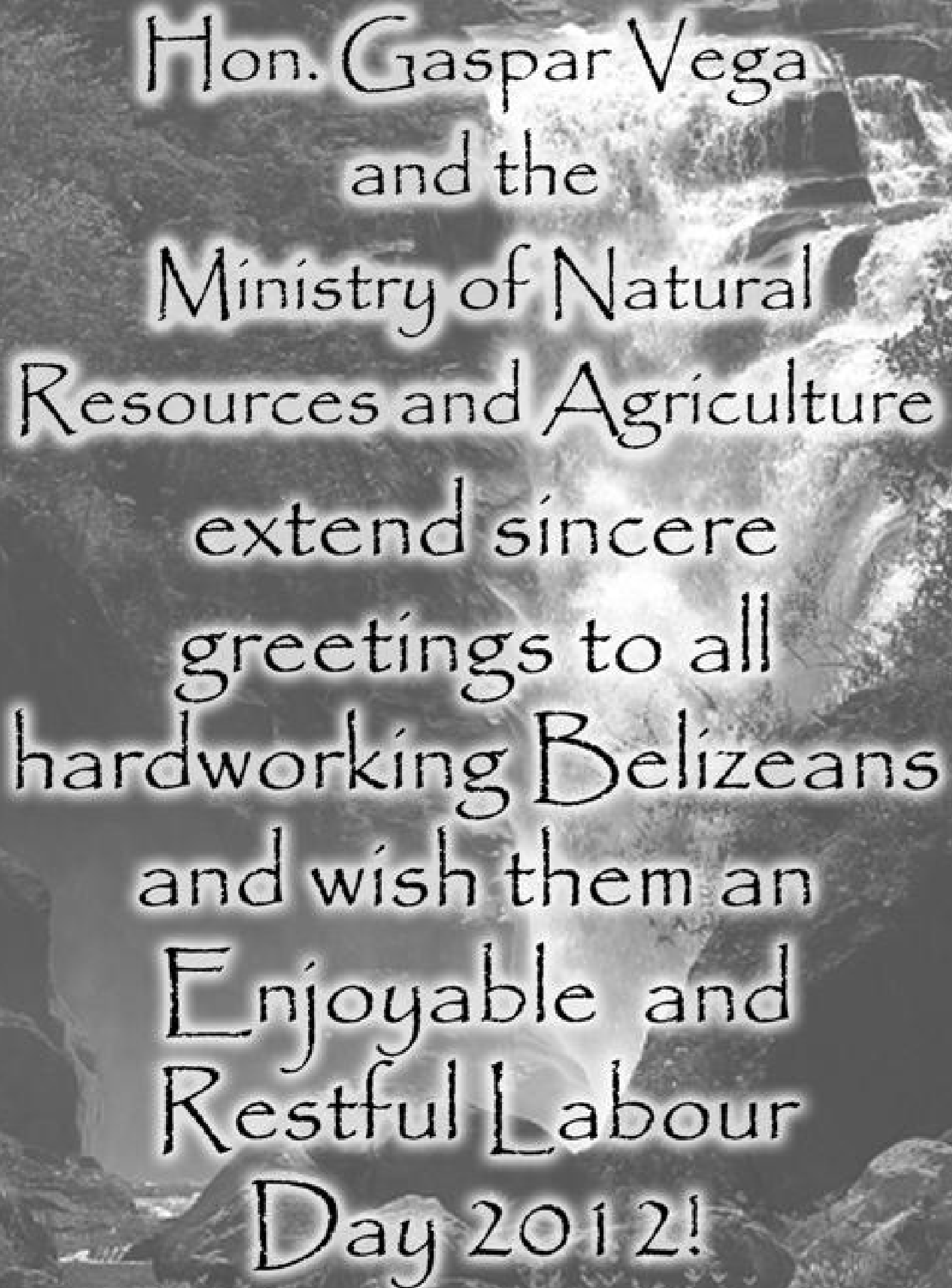
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Paved Road - No More Dust - Jobs Coming Soon

BELMOPAN, Thursday, April 26, 2012:

A modern roadway, a new bridge and most importantly, if the contractor makes good on his promise, many opportunities for employment will soon be coming to Santa Elena and San Ignacio.

The Ministry of Works headquarters on Power Lane in Belmopan was the 10 o'clock venue this Thursday morning for the official signing of Lot # 1 of the Santa Elena/San Ignacio Bypass project.

The winning bidder was CISCO Construction Limited. Signing on behalf of the Government of Belize was the Minister of Works and Transport **Hon. Rene Montero** and doing the honors for CISCO was the company's CEO **John Woods**.

The Fourth Road Project is funded by way of a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank which, according to the Ministry of Works, is divided into four Lots as follows:

Lot # 1: The upgrading of La Loma Luz Boulevard.



R- Minister of Works and Transport Hon. Rene Montero

Lot # 2: A spanking new bridge crossing the Macal River.

Lot # 3: The construction of a new high-embankment bypass.

Lot # 4: The rehabilitation of all of Joseph Andrews Drive all the way from Sacred Heart College to its junction with the Western Highway in San Ignacio.

Lot #1 entails the upgrading of the entire 1 mile span of La Loma Luz Boulevard from its junction with the Western Highway, in Santa Elena, right to the point where it ends in Trapiche being the point along the Santa Elena bank of the Macal River where the spanking new bridge will be

constructed.

The project also includes the construction of two large roundabouts the first will be constructed at the junction of La Loma Luz and the Western Highway in Santa Elena.

The second large roundabout, in the final phase of the project, will be constructed at the junction of Joseph Andrews Drive and the Western Highway in San Ignacio.

The Ministry of Works informs that construction is expected to commence immediately with Halcrow Group Limited providing engineering and supervision services in coordination with the Project Execution Unit of the Ministry of Works.

While the entire project will greatly improve the lives of those living along this particular corridor, the project is expected to provide positive national and international impact for the motoring public.

For those living on La Loma Luz Boulevard, completion of Lot #1 will result in a modern pave roadway of international standards thereby immediately addressing the current terrible condition of the boulevard and

instantly elimination the dusty condition that residents in the area have been suffering all these years. It will instantly increase the market value of their properties resulting in increased traffic and by extension more commercial activity in the area.

More importantly, it is anticipated that the project will create much needed jobs for residents provided that the



**CISCO's CEO
John Woods**

contractor imports only technical workers while engaging the local work force in other area of the project.

In an interview with the media, during the contract signing ceremony, it was interested to hear CISCO's CEO John Woods say: *"We are grateful to have won the contract...we are grateful to be involved in this - putting people to work. The big thing about this job is that it's very labour intensive, so we should be able to put lot of people in the area to work. That is gratifying because the money instead of going into fuel or equipment - goes into people's pocket so they can feed their kids and have a better life. So I think this will be a win win project."*

Electricity Workers Union Stage Mid-day Demonstration

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three employees which he alleges was done *"without following due process"*.

The union, according to Mora, is demanding that all apprentice linesmen, who have completed four years of service, *"be immediately made permanent even though they have not completed the entire linemen training given that they have already complied with their obligations as stipulated within the contract."*

The union is also asking for the immediate implementation of

its decision to change the union representative on the pension committee.

They are also demanding the retention of the employment of the two plant operators assigned to company's gas turbine generating unit located on the Western Highway given that the company, via a letter to the union dated April 20, expressed its intends to make both positions redundant.

And finally, the union is demanding the forthwith payment of the 25% bonus for 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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People's Coalition of Cayo Recognise Community Policemen

By: John Acott

San Ignacio, Thursday, April 26, 2012:

Very few citizens of our twin towns are aware of the behind-the-scenes work that is carried out by our understaffed police department.

Few citizens are aware of the time and effort put in by the police to educate our youngsters and involve the public into looking out for themselves.

I refer to the officers within the department who are responsible for the Community Policing Unit (CPU).

Breaking this down into the separate components of the CPU, we have:

Cpl. Emil Bradley who is overall in charge and is responsible for working with the People's Coalition of Cayo, and other groups; and for overseeing the Neighbourhood Watch programme, First Offender Programme, Special Constables, and the School Counselling Programme.

These are all important aspects of police work and, although they rarely get any recognition for a job well done, the following officers work daily within our community to educate our youngsters, encourage them to get involved with the Police Cadets and to encourage our citizens to form neighbourhood groups to keep an eye out for strangers lurking with intent to steal, within their particular area of town.

P.C. Ciriaco Medina is responsible for the formation and training of the Police Youth Cadet Corps; and for the logistics and maintaining records for the whole unit.

P.C. Jason Jones and **P.C. Roland Augustine** are responsible for the specific Neighbourhood Watch groups within the Twin-Towns; and for visiting on a daily basis, some of the primary and high schools in our community.

Another programme that is under the Community Policing umbrella, is the *"Du Di Rait Ting"* programme which recognises youths who are doing positive deeds in their communities and homes. The objectives of this project are to:

- a) Encourage children to stay in school to further their education.
- b) To build character and better behaviour among children at school.
- c) To monthly publically recognise nominees through national mediums.
- d) To build close relationships and partnerships between businesses, students, school administrations, families, communities, and the police.

The members of the People's Coalition of Cayo recognise the importance of the work carried out by the CPU and applaud the dedication of Cpl. Bradley and P.C.'s Jones, Medina, and Augustine in quietly going about their duties and making our community a safer place to live and raise children, for all of us.

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Former Police Commander Arrested

SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, Tuesday, April 24, 2012:

The arrest of an individual on the basis of a misdemeanor *“Insulting Words”* charge would not normally make the news, but it is somewhat different when the individual is a former police commander arrested by elements of the very same police formation he commanded prior to retirement.

San Ignacio police this week informs of the arrest of retired superintendent of police, **Gilroy**

Nicholas on the basis of a report made by municipal traffic warden **David Molina**.

In a statement to the police Molina informed that while on official duties for this year’s annual municipal fair, at around 7:30 on the night of Holy Saturday, April 7, he ordered a vehicle to stop in order to allow pedestrians to cross the street in front of the Victor Galvez Stadium where the fair was in full blast. Molina told the police that the vehicle halted as directed, the

pedestrians crossed the street after which the driver drove up and stopped the vehicle in front of him. He immediately identified the driver as **Gilroy Nicholas**, who, according to Molina, before speeding off, reportedly uttered the following words to him *“Bway you da wa f*%&#g jackass”*.

About a week later the accused, whilst at his place of business on the Bullet Tree Road in San Ignacio, was issued with a

summons for his appearance in court to answer to the charge.

The accused appeared in court on Tuesday, April 24 where the charge was read to him by a former police colleague, now attorney/magistrate, **Linsbert Willis**.

Nicholas pled not guilty to the charge and was released on a five hundred dollars signed self bail. The singular misdemeanor charge was adjourned for a full three months as Nicholas was ordered to return to court on Tuesday, July 24, 2012.

Boy Accused Of Burglarizing A Policeman’s House

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appeared in court, with his mother, on Wednesday, April 25 where he pled not guilty to both charges in the courtroom of Magistrate **Linsbert Willis**. The mother informed the court that her son is a problem child who she suspects is using drugs. This information prompted prosecutor George Gomez to object to the granting of bail on

the condition that while on remand the child be afforded professional assistance for the behavioral and drug problems. Magistrate Willis concurred with the prosecution’s request supported by the information provided by the mother.

The boy was consequently remanded to the youth hostel until Monday, May 28 , 2012 when he is due back in court.

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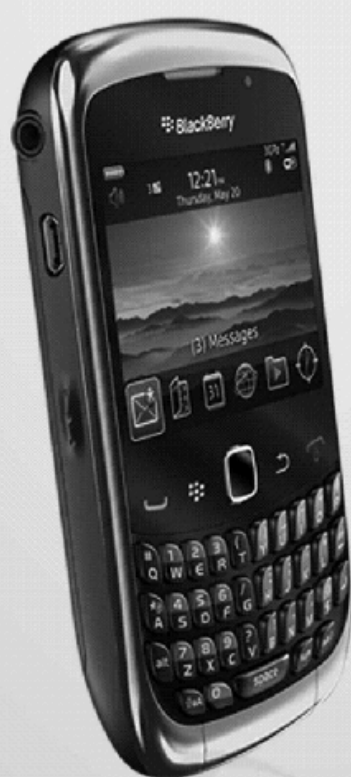
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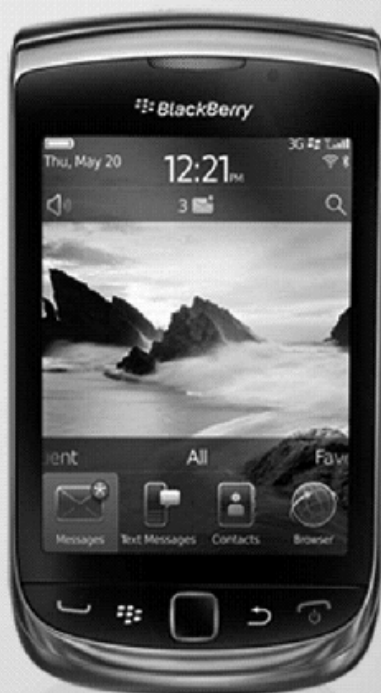
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