SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, November 8, 2012:

Good investigative work on the part of officers attached to the Crimes Investigations Branch at the San Ignacio police station has resulted in the recovery of several stolen items and the arrest and incarceration of a man who pled guilty as charged.

Police investigation this week resulted in the recovery of several reported stolen items in two recent separate burglary cases.

The first incident, Garath Gentle, Belizean, security manager, of #11 Swamy Housing Area, San Ignacio, reported on Tuesday, October, 23, 2012 that his house was burglarized. The stolen items included a black LG brand DVD player valued at $150, a CCD brand camera valued at $375, a white Eclipse brand camera valued at $275, a black Quartz brand wrist watch valued at $250, a silver and gold Invicta brand wrist watch valued at $400, assorted power cords valued at $25, a black Belkin power supply valued at $120 and a power wrist bar valued at $30, all for the total value of $1,625.00.

The investigation led, thirteen days later, on November 5, to a neighbor’s house located a mere two blocks away, where most of the reported stolen items were recovered all of which were positively identified by the complaint as being his property. The search also led to the discovery of an empty magazine for a 380 caliber pistol.

Inside the house at the time was the homeowner and prime suspect, Cruz Castillo.

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, November 1, 2012:

Two boys from Cristo Rey Village, Cayo, could very well spend Christmas and New Years in jail on remand on an aggravated burglary charge.

Gary Tullock, 66, retired US National, residing at Hill Bank Farm in Cristo Rey Village reported to San Ignacio police that at about 7:30 pm on Friday, October 26, 2012, two armed, masked male persons entered his house, through a back door, held him up and demanded money.

The victim alleges that one of the male assailants was armed with a
Awaiting Instructions From The DPP For Fifty Cents

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, November 8, 2012:
San Ignacio police is tonight holding onto the notorious Mark Anthony “Fifty Cents” Conorque, the third individual wanted in connection with the October 12 attempt murder of Assistant Superintendent of Police, Amin “Sheriff” August, which occurred in the policeman home village, Esperanza, Cayo.

The police reports that Fifty Cents was arrested earlier this week by Orange Walk police on a robbery and firearm charge. He was allegedly taken to court in that northern municipality and was remanded to prison.

Prior to be sent to prison however, Fifty Cents was transported for Orange Walk Town directly to San Ignacio where the police is said to be currently awaiting instructions for the office of the Director of Public

Two Burglaries - Cruz Castillo Jailed

The Empy Cash Pan And The Torched Safe Recovered In The Swamy Housing Area Of San Ignacio Town

Castillo, in the company of his wife Khandie Castillo Young. They were both detained and transported to the police station in San Ignacio.

While the Castillo’s were in detention, a second report was received by the police. In the second reported incident, Edwardo Waight, accountant at Ka’ana Boutique Resort, located between miles 69 and 70 on the George Price Highway between San Ignacio and Benque Viejo Town, reported that the accounts office at the resort was burglarized.

In a statement to the police, Waight informed that the incident occurred over the weekend between Saturday, October 27 and Monday, October 29, 2012.

Police visited the scene and found the Head Manager’s office in a ransacked state with papers flung everywhere and with all the drawers from the manager’s desk pulled out. The investigation revealed that entry was gained through a bathroom window leaving remnants of the window on the floor inside the office.

The missing items included two metal safes valued at a combined $600. One of the safes is alleged to have contained approximately $7,000 dollars in cash along with two signed blank cheques while the other is said to have contained over 50 cheques made out to various vendors. Having cornered the cat with items reported stolen from Gentle’s house, Cruz Castillo was pressed on the Ka’ana report. With the wife also in custody, Cruz eventually volunteered to shed light on the Ka’ana incident.

He led the police to a forest area near his house where the two metal safes were found in the bushes. One safe was found with signs of having been busted open while the other showed signs of having been torched open with remnants of burnt paper still inside. Both safes were transported to the San Ignacio police station where they were positively identified by Waight as being the ones that was once bolted to the wall inside his office at Ka’ana Boutique Resort.

The investigation consequently led to the arrest of Cruz Castillo, 24, Belizean laborer and the wife Khandie Young Castillo, 20, Belizean housewife, on joint firearm charges for the empty magazine and two counts of handling stolen goods.

The Castillo’s appeared in San Ignacio’s magistrate court on Thursday, November 8, where charges were read to them by substitute magistrate Dale Cayetano. Cruz pled guilty to all charges. After accepting the facts of the case as presented by prosecutor George Gomez, magistrate Cayetano proceed to sentence him to a concurrent five years imprisonment on the firearm charge and 6 months each for the two handling stolen goods charges for a total of five years imprisonment. All charges were withdrawn against the wife.
Ministry Of Health
Monthly Report

Belize Host Twelfth PANCAP AGM

Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin presented brief remarks where he highlighted the present situation of HIV and AIDS in Belize and the progress that has been made by the Government of Belize and its various partners. Minister Marin also underscored the importance of sustainability of the partnership and commitment to “Forge new paths” among its members.

The keynote address was delivered by the UN Assistant Secretary, Ms. Elizabeth Thompson. She emphasized in her opening speech that HIV and AIDS must be addressed and put on the forefront if poverty is to be eradicated.

Other presenters included the Minister of Health of Jamaica, Hon. Dr. Fenton Ferguson, Chief Executive Officer, Office of the Prime Minister, Ms. Audrey Wallace and the Director of PANCAP Coordinating Unit, Juliette Bynoe-Sutherland.

A key highlight of the official opening was the conferment of three PANCAP Awards for outstanding contributions to the region’s response to the HIV and AIDS epidemic.

The awards went to Hon. Dr Leslie Ramsammy and Dr Sir Prince Ramsey who both received Awards of Excellence, while Dr Amalia del Riego, a national of Dominica received the Award of Recognition.

PANCAP is a regional partnership established by CARICOM Heads of Government in 2001 to respond to the HIV and AIDS epidemic in the Caribbean. The AGM also provides an annual forum for information sharing and networking among partners.

NDACC Highlights Drug Week In Dangriga

The National Drug Abuse and Control Council (NDACC) in partnership with the Dangriga Town Council planned a week of events to observe Drug Week from 22-25 October, 2012.

NDACC visited with various primary and secondary schools in Dangriga town where they conducted educational sessions on the harmful effects of drug abuse.

The highlight of the week was a poster competition and a walkathon. Delilah Academy came out victorious in the poster competition taking away all top three prizes with their depiction of a Drug Free Community through colorful artwork. The walkathon included the participation of Primary and High Schools that ended at the BTL Princess Park with a rally that featured dynamic speakers from NDACC, the Mental Health Unit and representatives of the Town Council of Dangriga.

NDACC and the Ministry of Health held Drug Week activities in other parts of the country last month. They were held as part of the continuous commitment to highlight the dangers of drug abuse under the theme, “Achieving a Healthy well-being for Children and Adolescents, Staying Drug Free.”

The keynote address was delivered by the Deputy Director of Health Services, Dr. Marjorie Parks. She congratulated the Mental Health Program in their accomplishments over the past year and she also encouraged the invited guests and the media to continue to promote an open discussion on mental health so as to reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with it.

It is estimated that by 2020, depression will be the second leading cause of world disability and by 2030 it is expected to be the largest contributor to disease burden. The Ministry of Health encourages persons who may be suffering from Depression to seek help at our health centers. Depression, if untreated, can lead to danger to self and others, and also potentially, suicide.

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World Mental Health Day 2012

The Ministry of Health celebrated World Mental Health Day under the theme, “Depression: A Global Crisis” on October 10th with an official ceremony at the BTL Park in Belize City.

During the short ceremony, opening remarks were done by Dr. Claudina Cayetano, Psychiatrist of the Mental Health Program and contributing remarks by Dr. Gerardo De Cosmos of PAHO Belize.

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Support The Kontiki Neighborhood Association
Attend The Family Fun Day This Sunday

BY Vilma Stewart
President KNWA
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo,
Monday, November 5, 2012:

Like other parts of the community, the Kontiki Area of San Ignacio Town has had its share of crime the most prevalent of which is burglary. The community has been organizing itself to tackle the crime situation in their neighborhood. For this purpose the community has formed the “Kontiki Neighbourhood Watch Association”.

In order to strengthen its efforts and at the same time to bring the community together, the Association will be holding a fundraising “Family Fun Fest” on Sunday, November 11, in the area near Marco Marin’s residence across from Ainslie Leslie’s house in the Kontiki Area.

The general public is invited to attend the event and to support this noble and worthwhile cause. There will be lots of family games as well as food and drinks.

BELIZE CITY, Wednesday, November 7, 2012:

The Crime Control Council met today in Belize City and, after intense discussion, has given its concurrence with the Minister of National Security’s decision to declare ‘special areas’ in accordance with Section 12(1) of the Crime Control and Criminal Justice Act. The meeting was attended by all members of the Crime Control Council as listed or appointed under Section 25(1) of the Act, except for a Justice of the Supreme Court and a Representative from the Ministry of Human Development. Members present included the Chairman of the Crime Control Council, a representative of the Opposition, the CEO from the Ministry of National Security, the Commissioner of Police, The Director of Public Prosecution (DPP), The Chief Magistrate, representatives from the Solicitor General’s Office, The Council of Churches, the Bar Association, the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), the Belize Tourism Industry Association (BTIA) and the Women’s Issues Network of Belize (WIN Belize).

The first set of special ‘special areas’ to be declared by the Minister of National Security will soon be published in the Belize Gazette, as required by the Law. This order will now afford the residents of these particular areas, in conjunction with law enforcement agencies, to take back control of their communities from the hands of the criminal elements. It is hoped that this will also help to strengthen the overall partnership and cooperation between the public and the law enforcement agencies as we continue working together towards restoring safety and security throughout our communities.
Haiti Appeals For International Help After Storm

The Haitian government has renewed calls for international emergency aid to help the country deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

There are fears of food shortages after the hurricane, which hit on 24 October, damaged many crops in southern Haiti. Aid workers and officials are also on alert for an increase in cholera cases in the wake of widespread flooding.

More than 50 people were killed in Haiti, which is still struggling to recover from the 2010 earthquake.

Thousands of people are still living in makeshift shelters more than two years on from the devastating quake. The office of Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe made the renewed appeal for help on Sunday.

7.4 Earthquake Rocks Guatemala

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There is concern that unsanitary conditions could led to an increase in cholera cases. More than 7,500 people have died in the cholera epidemic in Haiti since late 2010. Hundreds of new cases are still being registered every week.

Cuba clean-up

Although Hurricane Sandy just clipped Haiti on its way northwards, its heavy rains and strong winds destroyed more than 70% of crops in the south of the country.

Jamaica also saw damage to agriculture and infrastructure. Food insecurity, particularly in this part of Haiti, was already a major concern. In Cuba, where 11 people died and there was extensive damage to crops, a huge clean-up is continuing. Hundreds of electricians are working to restore power in the east of the country.

Cuban President Raul Castro, who has been visiting the region, has described the country's second city, Santiago, as looking like a bomb site. Aid has arrived from Russia, Venezuela and Bolivia, with more due from Ecuador.

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President Barack Obama has been re-elected to a second term, defeating Republican challenger Mitt Romney. America’s first black president secured more than the 270 votes in the electoral college needed to win.

In his victory speech before supporters in Chicago, Mr. Obama said he would talk to Mr. Romney about “where we can work together to move this country forward”.

Mr Obama prevailed despite lingering dissatisfaction with the economy and a hard-fought challenge by Mr. Romney.

His Democrats also retained their majority in the Senate, which they have held since 2007.

The Republicans kept control of the House of Representatives, which analysts say will likely result in more of the gridlock that characterised Mr Obama’s first term, with the House and the president at loggerheads on most legislation.

In his address, the president challenged his opponents, asking them to work with him.

With only Florida’s 29 electoral votes still undecided, Mr Obama won 303 electoral votes to Mr Romney’s 206.

The popular vote, which is symbolically and politically important but not decisive in the race, remains very close.

One nation’ speech
President Obama congratulated Mitt Romney and Republican vice-presidential candidate Paul Ryan on their hard-fought campaign.

“We have picked ourselves up, we have fought our way back and we know in our hearts that for the United States of America the best is yet to come," he said.

Mr Obama said he was returning to the White House "more determined, and more inspired than ever about the work there is to do, and the future that lies ahead”.

He pledged to work with Republican leaders in Congress to reduce the government’s budget deficit, fix the tax code and reform the immigration system.

“We are an American family and we rise and fall together as one nation," he said.

In Boston, where his campaign was based, Mr Romney congratulated the president and said he and Mr Ryan had “left everything on the field” and had given their all in the campaign.

Referring to the struggling economy, Mr Romney said now was not the time for “partisan bickering and political posturing”, and that Republicans and Democrats must “put people before politics”.

“I so wish that I had been able to fulfill your hopes to lead the country in a different direction but the nation chose another leader and so I join with you to earnestly pray for [Mr Obama] and for this great nation," he said.

Under the US constitution, each state is given a number of electoral votes in rough proportion to its population. The candidate who wins 270 electoral votes - by prevailing in the mostly winner-takes-all state contests - becomes president.

On Tuesday, the president held the White House by assembling solid Democratic states and a number of important swing states such as Colorado, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, Virginia and Wisconsin. His narrow victory in Ohio, a critical Mid-Western swing state, sealed the victory.

Puerto Rico Wants To Become The 51st State Of The US

Voters in Puerto Rico have supported a non-binding referendum to become a full US state.

The measure will require approval from the US Congress, but President Barack Obama has said he will respect the vote.

The island is currently a US territory, which uses the dollar and whose citizens travel on US passports.

But it does not return senators to the US Congress and is represented in Washington by a non-voting delegate.

Almost 80% of the island’s electorate took part in the referendum, the fourth in the past 45 years.

With almost all the votes counted, almost 54% voted to change the island’s relationship with the US.

In reply to a second question on what future they favoured, nearly two-thirds wanted full statehood.

If Congress grants its approval, Puerto Ricans would have the right to vote in all US elections, but would also have to pay federal taxes, something at present they are excused from.

The island came under US control in 1898 when Spain lost the island at the end of the Spanish-American war.

Ties were strengthened in 1917 when Puerto Ricans became US citizens and were allowed to serve in the military.

No other option
There are now almost a million more Puerto Ricans in the US than on the island.

Supreme Court judge Sonia Sotomayor, singer Jennifer Lopez and the former jazz musician Tito Puente are all of Puerto Rican descent, though all three were born in New York.

Ties between the island and the mainland are strong and many on the island considered it inevitable that a full union be requested.

A young voter in the capital San Juan, Jerome Lefebre, said: “Puerto Rico has to be a state. There is no other option. "We're doing okay, but we could do better. We would receive more benefits, a lot more financial help." But that opinion was rejected by Ramon Lopez de Azua: "Puerto Rico's problems is not its political status; "I think that the United States is the best country in the world, but I am Puerto Rican first." The island has been hit hard by the current recession - it has debts of $68bn (£42bn) and unemployment is more than 13%.

President Barack Obama, who visited the island last year, has said he will respect the will of Puerto Ricans if there is a clear majority.

Any change would require approval by the US Congress, but no territory has ever been denied a petition for admission to the States.

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Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

ARIES: March 22 to April 20
What are you afraid of? Is it to contact other people? It’s as if an invisible rope were holding you back from getting close to people, or worse, pulling you back. What’s this about? You are going through a period that is closely linked to your past. A failed relationship still haunts you and casts its shadow on the current one. Get rid of the skeletons in your closet! Lucky numbers: 16, 39, 56.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 20
It is very possible that you will want to take a step back this week in order to take a closer look at your relationships. Your address book is full of names. Your phone rings off the hook. You receive tons of texts and emails every day. Yet isn’t it funny that you feel alone? It’s time to get rid of the superficial relationships and concentrate on those that really mean something to you. Lucky numbers: 10, 33, 71.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21
If you feel you have been looking to the past lately, it’s in order to liberate yourself from it. You may feel like revisiting your childhood or rekindling certain relationships with old friends. But the planets are making you a bit too romantic, and losing sight of what is real. Gemini, you have a tendency to live with your head in the sand. You may have difficulty seeing reality. You may sometimes have a hard time understanding where you are going. This week you may be feeling overwhelmed and at a loss. Lucky numbers: 09, 60, 77.

CANCER: June 22 to July 23
Sometimes your relationships are like magnets. When you want to get close, the other person tries to get away from you. When you take a step back, he or she runs back into your life. Human nature is complex. Right now you are probably taking a step back, although you haven’t given up completely. This rest will give you time to think about which side of you is the most magnetic. Lucky numbers: 29, 43, 86.

LEO: July 24 to August 21
You are entering a period of doubt, especially about your love life. You like your relationships and feelings to be clear. You may think a lot about your relationships over the next few days. Are you sure you have chosen the right person? Are his or her feelings sincere? Could you live without this person? The next two months will bring you the answers. Don’t forget, no one is perfect. Lucky numbers: 12, 37, 95.

VIRGO: August 22 to September 21
For a month you may have had problems communicating with the people close to you. This is nothing to worry about, yet it might make you feel off balance. This is a great week to settle conflicts from the last month or make your feelings clear to other people. Don’t be afraid to play “truth or dare.” Honesty is the best policy. Dare them to be honest with you. Lucky numbers: 09, 60, 77.

LIBRA: September 22 to October 23
You have a tendency to live your life vicariously through your partner. This week you may come to the realization that this isn’t healthy for you. You may realize that you give more of yourself than you get back, draining you of energy. In fact, you are almost completely out. Be selfish this week. You need to do something for you, for once, and it’s about time! Lucky numbers: 48, 61, 83.

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21
Scorpio, you see new horizons. It’s possible that the changes you have been going through lately aren’t completely finished. You may even have a hard time keeping yourself from running away from it all. Your rebirth will only be complete after you clearly define your desires. Use this week to think about what you want. Things aren’t completely clear. Lucky numbers: 19, 45, 67.

SAGITTARIUS: November 22 to December 21
Sagittarius, you hide your emotional needs from others. You need to be able to trust someone in order to share your feeling. They have to guess at your deepest secrets. You could save a lot of time in your love life if you just tell your partner what you want out of your relationship or even what you’d like to change about it. Your partner is listening. Lucky numbers: 05, 53, 74.

CAPRICORN: December 22 to January 20
This week you may want to change some of the moral and social values that get in the way of relationships. After surmounting these kinds of obstacles yourself, and watching others struggle with them, you have decided that it is time to do away with them once and for all. Just be careful to respect the private lives of the people close to you. Not everyone is as open-minded as you are! Lucky numbers: 41, 65, 96.

AQUARIUS: January 21 to February 19
Aquarius, the people around you sometimes have a hard time understanding where you are going. You are living in an imaginary world that has little to do with reality. If you decide to stay home and lie around the house, you will have no problems. If you have to go to work, be clear as possible with others. If you don’t, your proposals could fall on deaf ears. Lucky numbers: 14, 50, 69.

PISCES: February 20 to March 21
You may have doubts over the next few days. Don’t make any important decisions about your future during this relatively unproductive period. If someone in your professional or personal life asks you to make more of a commitment, you may be tempted to put on the brakes without really knowing why. Wait a while before answering this kind of question. Lucky numbers: 17, 34, 51.

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The Accused,
Martin Velasquez, 38
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo,
Thursday, November 1, 2012:
A tour guide from the village of Bullet Tree Falls, Cayo, was today remanded to the central prison in Hattieville as he stands accused of burglarizing a house, under his care, in his home village.
San Ignacio police reports that on Tuesday, October 30, 2012, Skip Billings, 60, retired US police officer presently residing on Bishop Desmond Street in San Ignacio town reported that at around 7:30 pm on the material day, when he visited the home of Connie Stafford, left in the care of Martin Velasquez, situated in Bullet Tree Falls he found that the house was burglarized.
Billings reported to police that the stolen items included a gold necklace and gold nugget both valued at $3,000 along with a Dewalt brand vacuum cleaner valued at $250.

The investigation led to the detention of the caretaker, Martin Velasquez, 38, Belizean tour guide residing in Bullet Tree Falls, who reportedly led the police to a pawn shop on Benque Viejo Road in San Ignacio where he allegedly pawned the chain and the nugget for $200. The pawnbroker reportedly handed over the gold nugget but was unable to do the same with the chain alleging that it had already been sold. While the police are not providing additional information, this allegation seems rather strange as pawned items are usually held for a few months before being sold and would only be sold when the person who pawned it could not pay for its recovery.

Velasquez was subsequently arrested and charged for theft. He was remanded to prison by magistrate Narda Morgan when he appeared in court on Thursday, November 1, 2012, and pled not guilty to the charge.

Prosecutor George Gomez objected to the granting of bail resulting in the accused being remanded to jail. The case was adjourned until Thursday, December 27, 2012.

VACANCY

Project Name: Integrated Water and Sanitation Programme for the Placencia Peninsula
Project No.: 2486/OC-BL
BL-L1015

Background
The Government of Belize and Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL), with the support of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB, the “Bank”) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) are implementing a sanitation project on the Placencia Peninsula.

The BWSL is the Executing Agency for the Project, through a Project Management Unit (PMU) headed by a Project Manager, supported by an Engineer/Procurement Specialist, two technical specialists, and an administrative assistant with financial management support from BWSL.

Additional information about the project may be obtained from the following website:

Project Information

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| Engineer/Procurement Specialist | Provide engineering and procurement services for the design and construction of a wastewater system in Placencia. | 1. Bachelor degree in civil engineering.  
|                               |                                                                            | 2. Registered as a professional engineer with a recognised body or extended experience.  
|                               |                                                                            | 3. At least five years experience providing technical and civil engineering services.  
|                               |                                                                            | 4. Fluency in written English                       |

I. Duties
The Engineer/Procurement Specialist (EPS) will be responsible for providing comprehensive engineering and procurement services to the Project. In order to carry out the responsibilities stipulated in these terms of reference. The EPS will be supported by two Technical Specialists who will be dedicated full-time to this project. The EPS shall assist with the preparation of the TOR for the Technical Specialists.

The Engineer/Procurement Specialist shall assist with the revision of engineering drawings and documents as may be required by the PMU. He or she will be required to do field visits of all works and activities to verify that the level of effort performed corresponds to that of the effort contracted.

The Engineer/Procurement Specialist will plan, prepare for and carry out all procurement activities for the PMU. He/She will attend and participate in all procurement training exercise and workshops which are made available during his or her contract period.

II. Terms of Reference
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III. Expression of Interest
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HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER,
Belize Water Services Limited
#7 Central American Boulevard
Belize City
Ref: Placencia Project Engineer/Procurement Specialist Vacancy
Or e-mail IWSPPP.PMU@bwsl.com.bz

IV. Remuneration
Salary will be negotiated and will be dependent on qualifications and experience. Salary will be paid twice per month.
The great Belizean writer and story teller, John Alexander Watler has done it again with his latest novel, The Bomba Codex.

In this, his latest masterpiece, Watler weaves an intriguing plot and in so doing he holds the reader’s attention as he connects the pieces of the puzzle spanning the jungle of central Belize to the metropolitan streets and high life in America returning to offshore destinations in Belize where it all comes to a head.

His accounts of the events seem real as Watler merges the characters and their activities with the illegal trading in drugs and Mayan artifacts spanning locations known to the Belizean reader. The writer’s skill makes this reader frequently stop and wonder: “Is this a real life experience of the writer?”

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The Bomba Codex should be a “must read” in all secondary schools in Belize serving as motivation for Belizean students as evidence of the heights to which one of our very own can reach in the world of writing. The 432 page book is published by VIA VISION Publishing, Chicago, Illinois, USA, in conjunction with Developmental Editor Karl E. Villanueva.

Ask for The Bomba Codex at your favorite book store.
**Coming Soon - Santiago Castillo Store**

**SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Friday, November 9, 2012:**
A new “superstore”, in the true sense of the word, is coming soon to the west.

The building, being the home of the latest addition to the Santiago Castillo chain, is rapidly nearing completion on Eve Street in Santa Elena Town. While we are yet to interview the mastermind behind this latest accomplishment, Hon. Santino Castillo, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, we venture to predict, by its well known reputation, that the store is bringing new hope to the people of San Ignacio, Santa Elena and surrounding communities.

For sure there is expected to be a widening of choices in the variety of merchandise that will be made available to consumers, and if the company continues to spread its “Bottom Dollar” philosophy, consumers can expect better prices. This development should force existing retailers to adjust prices downwards or lose business to this giant in the wholesale and retail business.

As works on the compound and the building continues, the community is anxiously awaiting the opening of the doors of this new franchise in the food and general merchandise business.

**PM Dean Barrow In Honduras**

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Wednesday, November 7, 2012: Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. Dean Barrow arrived today in Tegucigalpa accompanied by his wife, Kim Simpliss Barrow and an accompanying delegation in order to hold talks about various bilateral topics and sign three agreements in the areas of tourism, health and cooperation.

Prime Minister Barrow was received at the Hernán Acosta Mejía Air Base, by the Presidential Designate Victor Hugo Barnicia and the Vice Chancellor Mireya Aguero de Corrales, where he addressed the press to express a few words of thanks for the reception; “Its a great pleasure to be in Honduras in order to forge and further strengthen our friendship, ties that have traditionally existed between our two countries. In Belize we have Honduran residents and we gladly welcome them to our country.”

The Belizean Ambassador to Honduras, Alfredo Martinez, said that “Its a historic visit reciprocal to the visit made by President Porfirio Lobo Sosa in August of 2012, to talk about a range of bilateral topics which are of relevance to the neighbouring countries since they share a maritime border, discuss SICA topics, especially the Security Strategy for Central America, the problems being faced by Honduras and Belize by the drug trade, exchange of topics in the areas of tourism, security, cooperation, health and education.”

For her part Vice Chancellor Mireya Aguero de Corrales pointed out that the visit will revitalize the relations between both countries since it will allow for a wide agenda of migration topics, the transfer of Honduran inmates in Belizean prisons back to Honduras, and the migration of manual labour. Eventually Prime Minister Barrow will be taken to the Presidential Residence where he will be received by President Porfirio Lobo Sosa and Chancellor Arturo Corrales, followed immediately by a forum, in which delegations from both countries will participate.

A working luncheon took place today and agreements on cooperation, tourism and health were signed. A Joint Declaration and a Press Conference followed.

**RESTAURANT LEASE OPPORTUNITY**

The San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town Council is now accepting applications for a Restaurant Lease in the Cayo Welcome Center Anchor Building. The lease space is comprised of 800 interior SF and + 500 SF of covered deck.

**All applications should include the following:**
- A brief business plan with concept and theme for Restaurant
- Summarized Marketing Plan
- Hours and Schedule of Operations (all days of the week are required)
- Financial commitment to all Furniture Fixtures & Equipment (interior space is shell only)
- Staff Plan and CV of all key personnel if in place
- Food Handling License and accreditations etc for key personnel, if in place
- Legal documentation of company or registered business
- Bank Reference

**All applications should be submitted to the San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town Council no later than 2pm, November 12th, 2012.**

The Belizean delegation is made up of Foreign Affairs Minister, Hon. Wilfred Elrington; his Chief Executive Officer, Alexis Rosado; Minister of Tourism and Culture, Hon. Manuel Heredia; Chief Executive Officer in the Office of the Prime Minister, Audrey Wallace; Belize’s Ambassador to Honduras Alfredo Martinez; Counsellor-Minister (Embassy of Belize in Guatemala), Margaret Juan and the Honorary Consul in Honduras, Richard Vinelli.

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Health Tips For Cold And Flu Season

10 natural ways to ease the common cold

By R. Morgan Griffin
Reviewed By Louise Chang, MD

Unfortunately, there is very little you can do to fight the common cold. We have no way to attack the virus itself. When we get a cold, all we can really do is make ourselves a little more comfortable. These tips won’t cure the common cold. But they might make you or a loved one feel just a little better while you recover.

**Cold Remedy 1: Have Some Soup or Tea**

Chicken soup and tea are traditional common cold remedies that have some good sense behind them. Why?

“When you swallow a hot drink, some of the heat will get transferred from the esophagus to the windpipe,” says Norman Edelman, MD, chief medical officer at the American Lung Association. “That heat can help loosen up the mucus and make it easier to cough out.” Since the heat is what matters, what you drink doesn’t matter all that much. “Some people like chicken soup when they have a cold,” he says. “My grandmother liked hot water with lemon, and some go with hot tea. But they probably all have the same effect.”

“There’s absolutely no evidence that anybody really needs to go through life drinking eight glasses of water a day,” says Edelman. But when you’re sick, he says, you should make a special effort to stay hydrated. Why?

Getting enough fluid will help keep the mucus thinner and less sticky. Edelman also points out that when you have cold symptoms, you are losing moisture — every time you sneeze or have cold symptoms, you are losing moisture — every time you sneeze or have cold symptoms, you are losing moisture. Using a vaporizer or humidifier for cold symptoms does require some commitment on your part.

“You have to keep it clean and change the moisture regularly,” Edelman says. “Mold and bacteria grow very readily in those things.” If you’re not up to the grave responsibility of humidifier cleaning, you can also moisturize your nasal passages directly — just use a saline spray. It will also help thin out the mucus.

**Cold Remedy 4: Breathe in Some Steam**

Sitting in the bathroom and running a hot shower can help. The warm moisture can get into the airways and loosen up mucus. Applying a warm compress over your nose and mouth might achieve the same effect.

**Cold Remedy 5: Soothe Your Nose**

With a bad cold often comes a sore throat, try gargling with salt water. It will also help thin out the mucus.

**Cold Remedy 6: Gargle**

If one of your cold symptoms is a sore throat, try gargling with salt water. A salt water gargle can help relieve your pain and that uncomfortable scratchy throat feeling — for a little while at least.

**Cold Remedy 7: Get Some Rest**

A lot of people have trouble slowing down when they get sick. They feel self-indulgent if they opt out of work and spend the day lying on the couch watching movies while under a blanket. But really, it’s what you ought to do.

“When you have a really bad cold that’s causing a fever and making you feel really crummy, rest is really important,” says Edelman. “It will help you heal.”

With a more run-of-the-mill cold that causes minor cold symptoms, rest is less of a medical necessity, Edelman says. But you’re still perfectly justified in taking it easy.

“In that case, the most important reason to stay home from work is to prevent you from spreading the cold to your co-workers,” he says. “That’s a nice thing to do.”

**Cold Remedy 8: Get Some Help**

If you are usually the one running the household, now is the time to give yourself a break and call in some favors. Ask a friend to bring over dinner. See if your spouse can pack the kids’ lunch boxes for a few days. When you are sick with cold symptoms, trying to do everything you normally do will just run you ragged — and that could just prolong your illness.

**Cold Remedy 9: Consider Medicine**

Again, no medicine will speed your recovery from a cold. But some over-the-counter drugs, like decongestants, could ease your cold symptoms a bit and make you more comfortable, Edelman says.

Painkillers like acetaminophen, aspirin, and ibuprofen can help with fever and body aches. Always follow the dosing instructions on the label. Avoid taking medicines for symptoms you don’t have. Look at the label on the bottle to match your symptoms to the medicine that makes sense for you. If your kids are suffering a cold, over-the-counter medicines can help relieve the symptoms. Remember to read and follow the labels carefully. Make sure to give your child no more than the recommended dose. And make sure not to use more than one cold and flu medicine with the same ingredient. If your child is under 4, do not use cold medicine. You should talk to your doctor to find out how best to relieve symptoms. Never give medicines with aspirin to children due to the risk of Reye’s syndrome.

**Cold Remedy 10: Ask Your Doctor About Supplements**

Cold supplements are another option for adults, but the evidence that supplements like vitamin C, echinacea, or zinc is mixed at best, Edelman says. If you want to try one, talk to your doctor first — and make sure it won’t interact with any medicines that you take.

**Cold Symptoms: Protecting Others**

The best way to fight the common cold is to prevent it. When you are sick with cold symptoms, you should think to think a little about the comfort of the people around you. That means protecting them from your germs. When you have a cold, wash your hands regularly. Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. If you’ve got young kids, piling used tissues on the floor by the living room couch isn’t a good idea. If you do have to go to work — or in public — despite your cold symptoms, try to protect other people. Bring along some hand sanitizer and apply it regularly.

“Frankly, I think we’d all be a lot healthier if we just had a little more courtesy about cold prevention,” Edelman tells WebMD.

As for you, it might be too late. You might already be sneezing, teary-eyed, headachy, drippy mess. The good news is that the common cold usually lasts just about a week. The best you can do is collapse on the sofa, make yourself as comfortable as you can, and wait it out.
BELIZE CITY, Tuesday, November 6, 2012:

Belize Water Services Limited (BWS) has been made aware of the company’s name having been used to commit fraud at a business in Spanish Lookout over the weekend. This fraud was carried out by someone executing a two-digit vehicle number.

The Believe Water Services asks all business owners to ensure that they have the correct contact details for its customers. BWS has been made aware of the following anti-fraud features. These include the following:

1) A hologram, which is a 3 dimension metallic image, fused on the paper;
2) A true watermark, which is a unique security image embedded into the paper which can be viewed by holding the cheque up to light; and
3) A marked heat sensitive spot which changes colour when touched.

Belize Water Services again advises the business community to be on the alert of such fraudulent activity.

VACANCY TECHNICAL SPECIALIST

Project Name: Integrated Water and Sanitation Programme for the Placencia Peninsula
Loan Contract No.: 2486-OC-BL
Project No.: BL-L.1015

I. Background

The Government of Belize and Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL), with the support of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB, the “Bank”) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) are implementing a sanitation project on the Placencia Peninsula.

BWSL is the Executing Agency for the Project, through a Project Management Unit (PMU) headed by a Project Manager, supported by an Engineer/Procurement Specialist, two technical specialists, and an administrative assistant with financial management support from BWSL.

II. Project Information

Additional information about the project may be obtained from the following website:

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<td>Technical Specialists</td>
<td>Provide technical services for the PMU and monitor the design and construction of a wastewater system in Placencia.</td>
<td>1. Bachelor degree in environmental studies, chemical or civil engineering with 2 years supervising project. OR 2. Associate Degree in environmental studies, chemical or civil engineering with 8 years supervising project. 3. Excellent Computer skills. 4. Fluency in written English.</td>
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I. Duties

The TS will be responsible for providing environmental services to the Project. The TS shall assist the PMU with onsite inspection of the works conducted by the consultant, verifying field data. He or she will be required to do field visits of all works and activities to verify that the level of effort performed corresponds to that of the effort contracted.

At the end of the consulting firm’s service, he/she shall continue the data collection using the equipment provide, catalog and file the data.

She/he will attend and participate in all training exercise and workshops which are made available during his or her contract period. He/she shall apply training skills and continue all data collection after the consultancy services contracts are completed.

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BELMOPAN, Cayo, Wednesday, November 7, 2012:

The “local Baptist Church in your area” as it is referred to by Dr. Bob Roberts, has not yet recovered from the mid August, Pastor Norman Willacey, underage sex scandal, when up comes another allegation of sexual impropriety against another pastor from another local Baptist Church.

The report coming out of Belmopan police informs that shortly before noon on Monday, November 5, an 11 year girl, accompanied by her mother, visited the police station and reported that Julio Cesar Garcia, pastor of the Frank’s Eddy Baptist Church is alleged to have had sexual contact with the child, not once but twice.

It is alleged that the first reported encounter occurred a week before, at around 4:00 pm, on, of all days, a Sunday, October 28 and, of all places, inside the very church where the congregation worships.

The report goes even further, that four days after the first encounter, it is alleged that on Thursday, November 1, the pastor again had another sexual encounter with the same child this time however at his house.

The police reports that a medical examination revealed that the child was indeed carnally known. The report led to the arrest and charging of the accused, Julio Cesar Garcia, 46, Honduran pastor residing in Frank’s Eddy Village, on two counts of unlawful carnal knowledge. The accused has since been remanded to prison.

The Accused
Julio Cesar Garcia, 46

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THE SCHEDULE

One duplex house situate on land being lot no: 186, Fresh Pond Development area, Belize District, being the intended property of John Bodden.

One two-storey house situate on land being lot no 1213, Sainsbury Area, Dangriga, Stann Creek District being the intended property of Lurleen Caliz.

One two-storey house situate on land being lots no 13 and 14 in block number 504 in the area formerly known as Carib Reserve Area, Dangriga, Stann Creek District being the intended property of Leona Enriquez.

One bungalow house situate on land being lot no 328, Fresh Pond Development area, Belize District being the intended property of Sylvestre Romero.
Future Entrepreneurs To Display Marketing Skills At Marketing Expo

The University of Belize has partnered with the Youth Business Trust Belize (YBTB), the Belize Chamber of Commerce and other established organizations for this year’s event.

“The exhibits will showcase the acquired training skills and competencies of the emerging entrepreneurs/students in marketing techniques, strategies and entrepreneurial skills that would boost business development and generate revenue for business enterprises,” said Dean of the Faculty of Management and Social Sciences, Dr. Vincent Palacio. “At UB, we provide entrepreneurial training to the future entrepreneurs to meet the developmental needs of Belize.”

The Exposition is recognized by private and public sector institutions including the Belizean private and public sector institutions.

From Front Page

Cristo Rey Boys Jailed

Selvin Garcia, 18, Belizean laborer and the 17 year old male minor reportedly began to sing like a bird and in the process, implicating Garcia.

Armed with this new information, the police initiated began to turn up the pressure on Garcia who eventually began to “cooperate” resulting in the recording of a confession statement from him. He reportedly told the police that armed with his father’s shotgun, he and the minor went to his boss’s house, entered by way of a back door, with intention to rob his boss.

Selvin Garcia, 18, Belizean laborer and the 17 year old male minor, both from Cristo Rey Village, Cayo, were arrested and charged for aggravated burglary.

They appeared in the San Ignacio Town courtroom of Magistrate Narda Morgan on Thursday, November 1, 2012, where the joint aggravated burglary charge was read to them. They pled not guilty to the charge and were remanded to prison. The case was adjourned to Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

From Front Page

“Steel Bob” Remanded

The glass louvers from a side window of the house. Aguilar reported that the stolen items included a black HP brand laptop computer valued at $500, a gold chain valued at $150, three gold earrings valued at $300, one gold anklet valued at $100, two pairs of gold earrings valued at $100 and a jar containing $300 in various coins all for a total value of $1,140.

The victim told the police that shortly after the incident a male person known as “Steel Bob” was identified as one of the two male persons seen running from her house.

Based on the allegation, and with none of the reported items recovered, Jarod “Steel Bob” Lamb, 25, Belizean laborer of Ontario Village, Cayo, was detained on, Saturday November 3, 2012. He was escorted to the police station in San Ignacio where he was formally arrested and charged for burglary.

The accused appeared in San Ignacio’s magistrate court on Thursday, November 8, where the charge was read to him by substitute magistrate Dale Cayetano. Lamb pled not guilty to the charge. Citing the prevalence of the crime, magistrate Cayetano concurred with the prosecutor’s objection to the granting of bail resulting in the accused being remanded to prison.

The case was adjourned until Thursday, January 3, 2013. If he is unable secure bail by way of the Supreme Court, Lamb will be spending both Christmas and the first days of the New Year behind bars.
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