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## Fatal Traffic Accident In Bullet Tree Village

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, July 31, 2013:**

Another fatal traffic accident. Another western taxi driver dies.

It was shortly before 8:00 pm on Wednesday, July 31, when San Ignacio police were summoned to the emergency ward at the Community Hospital in San Ignacio where they were shown the officially pronounced dead body of a male hispanic person.

The police investigation revealed that about half an hour earlier, a male witness reported hearing a crashing noise in the area of the bridge at the

entrance to the Bullet Tree Falls Village.

The witness informed that upon checking into the source of the crashing noise, he came upon an extensively damaged, overturned blue four door Toyota Corolla car with its four wheels in the air near the bridge and with a male Hispanic person trapped behind the steering wheel.

Assisted by two other villagers, the witness was able to remove the injured driver from the wreckage. The driver, with clearly visible head injuries, was rushed to the nearby hospital where he was identified as



**Adolfo Ventura, 48**

Adolfo Ventura, 48, taxi driver of Bullet Tree Village.

The subsequent investigation revealed that Ventura was driving his four door Toyota Corolla, with San Ignacio Town taxi license plates D-00429, from Bullet Tree towards San Ignacio Town when he reportedly lost control of the car, ran off the road into a ditch near the iron bridge at the entrance of the village and eventually overturned with all four wheels in the air.

Adolfo Ventura was pronounced dead on arrival at the San Ignacio Community hospital by the medical officer on duty, Dr. David Pacheco. The body was placed inside the morgue where it awaits the legally required postmortem examination.

## Contreras Accused Of Attempt Burglary

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, CAYO, Monday, July 29, 2013:**

Quick response from San Ignacio police has resulted in the arrest of a San Ignacio man who attempted to burglarize a house in San Ignacio.

Erik Santos reported to police that at around 7:45 pm on July 28, he secured his house located on Awe Street in San Ignacio and left to visit a relative in the nearby Santiago Juan Layout Area. Upon returning home he first noticed that his porch light was turned off subsequently noting that the lock on the main door was damaged. Further checks revealed that nothing was missing from inside the house. Notwithstanding however, the police investigation led to the arrest of Richard Contreras, 31, Belizean laborer, of a 17<sup>th</sup> Street, San Ignacio town address.

The accused appeared in the San Ignacio courtroom of Magistrate Narda Morgan on July 29, where pled not guilty to the attempt robbery charge. He was offered



**Richard Contreras, 31**

and met bail in the sum of \$2,500. He was ordered to return to court on Thursday, October 3, 2013.

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**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Saturday, July 27, 2013:**

Relatives and friends gathered today at 10:00 am at the Sacred Heart Church in San Ignacio Town to participate in the wedding ceremony of **Peter Perez** and **Toni Lisbey**.

The weather was perfect for the intimate ceremony, which was celebrated by father Moises of Sacred Heart Church.

The lovely bride was dressed in

a highlow dress decorated with Toni's favorite pink floral sarong, while the groom displayed an elegant black suit and the brides maids were dressed in lovely pink dresses.

A reception to celebrate the newly weds took place at the Codd's residence on Requena Street in Santa Elena Town, where congratulations and best wishes were imparted upon the newly wedded couple.

## Readers Write


### Press Release

**By Belize Action – Monday July 29th, 2013**

### Re: SPLC Report

Last week's report from Southern Poverty Law Center in the U.S. purported the involvement of certain

U.S. based groups alleged to be promoting hatred & violence in Belize by assisting efforts to protect Section 53 of the Criminal Code, the Belize Sodomy/Unnatural Act law. Although it was named **"Intelligence Report,"** it was full of **"unintelligent"**



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falsehoods & slanderous untruths in an attempt to vilify and paint as **"hate groups"** the Belizean efforts & leaders who have taken a strong stand for Family Values in Belize. The timing of the SPLC report was a weak attempt to distract from a month of Constitutional Marches across Belize that mobilized almost 10,000 Belizeans to stand for Constitutional values and opposed to the 2013 Gender Policy in its present form.

The report claims Pastor **Scott Stirm** was born someplace he was not, said things he did not, that **Louis Wade** heads an organization he does not, it attempts to associate Belizean efforts for Constitutional & Family Values with extreme Ugandan homosexual death penalties, it used African photos purporting to be Belizean hateful acts, and the list goes on. Of ultimate falsehood is the slanderous accusation that Belize Action has received major funding from US based groups such as ADF, C-FAM, or Extreme Prophetic. **BELIZE ACTION HAS NEVER ONCE RECEIVED ONE SHILLING OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THESE OR ANY OTHER FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS**, directly or indirectly, but rather is 100% Belizean funded from Belizeans who stand for strong family values and against the legitimizing of the homosexual agenda in Belize. ADF & C-FAM have provided legal assistance, advice, and strategy as they are assisting in cases all over the world in the homosexual global attack on morality & family values. Our attorneys are reviewing the slanderous report for legal action.

Interests of the Church in the May Supreme Court case were aggressively argued by BELIZEAN attorneys fighting for BELIZE! Interests of UNIBAM and Orozco were argued by two FOREIGN attorneys with FOREIGN backing, and their Belizean attorneys uttered not a WORD in court! We believe it's right

and fair for international groups supporting Family Values to support our effort with legal assistance, advice & strategy.

In conclusion, we have stated repeatedly that Belize Action and its many associate partners strongly condemn any & all acts of violence & hate propagated against any person for anything, as well as death penalty efforts for homosexual acts in other nations. But we will not sit idly by and allow our laws & Constitution to be hijacked using "human rights" that have been hijacked as well. **"We affirm that the Nation of Belize shall be founded upon principles which acknowledge the supremacy of God..."** and our affirmation of those values will continue to be ACTIVE.

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## REMAR Resident Remanded

**SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, Monday, July 29, 2013:**

A patient from the drug rehabilitation center, REMAR, in Bullet Tree Falls village has been remanded to the Hattieville prison on a theft charge. The charge stems from a report made by Miguel Angel Osorio, businessman of Benque Viejo Town, Cayo.

Osorio alleges that sometime during the night of Monday, July 8, 2013 his business place in the San Ignacio market was robbed of over two thousand dollars worth of merchandise listed as 15 music boxes, valued at \$520, 28 male and female watches, valued at \$1050 and other items valued at \$1,220 all for a total of \$2,790.

According to Osorio, his business place was left in tack the night before the incident and upon returning to open the following day he encountered his business in a ransacked state thus indicating that it was burglarized.

Police investigations into the matter led to the arrest of Fidel Villanueva, 37, Belizean laborer, from the drug rehabilitation center in Bullet Tree

Falls Village.

Villanueva appeared in the San Ignacio courtroom of Magistrate Narda Morgan where he pled not

guilty to the theft charge. At the request of the prosecution, bail was denied. The accused was remanded to prison and the case was adjourned to Thursday, September 5, 2013.

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## UB Celebrates 13 Years Of Contributing To National Development Of Belize

The University of Belize today celebrates its 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as the national tertiary institution for Belize and is proud to continue to serve Belize as a vehicle for training more students to develop a wide range of opportunities for Belizeans.

On August 1, 2000, the University of Belize (UB) was born from a merger of five institutions: the University College of Belize (UCB), the Belize Technical College (BTC), the Belize Teachers' Training College (BTTC), the Belize School of Nursing (BSN), and the Belize College of Agriculture (BCA). UCB, BTC and BTTC were under the supervision of the Ministry of Education (MOE); BSN was under the supervision of the Ministry of Health (MOH); and BCA was under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA).

Initially, UB offered programs from the location of the five former institutions; however, in 2004, the main campus was officially moved to Belmopan City. UB now offers programs from its main campus in Belmopan, from three locations on its Belize City campus, from its Central Farm campus, and from its southern

campus in Punta Gorda. UB also owns and manages two marine field stations at Calabash and Hunting Cayes.

The University has trained 7,658 graduates since its amalgamation. It has sought to meet national demand in the areas of accounting, tourism, paralegal, social work, nursing, and pharmacy as well as marketing, managerial, and entrepreneurial skills and competencies to meet the needs of the public and private sectors. They have also been provided with Information Technology skills and

competencies to adapt to new technologies that play an increasingly important role in Belize's develop-

ment and its educational system.

The University wishes to thank the people and Government of Belize for their confidence and will continue to serve as a catalyst for change by providing relevant, affordable and accessible educational and training programs that address national needs.

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## Amado Castillo Sr.



**Sunrise: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1934**

**Sunset: July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Amado Castillo Sr.** a retired Forest Officer fighting various medical complications was laid to rest on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at the Benque Viejo Cemetery. Born and raised in San Estevan, Orange Walk he lived most of his elder years in Santa Elena, Cayo. He was predeceased by his parents **Isabel** and **Amado Castillo** and his first wife **Eucebia Castillo**. He is survived by his 8 daughters: Rosario, Dalila, Elicia, Nelita, Carmelita, Xiomara, Krystal and Sarita. 7 sons: Rudy, Hilberto, Amado Jr., Angel, Luke, Mark and Madiel. Siblings: Pablo, Cesar, Joe, Petrona, Benedicta and Serafina. A host of nieces, nephews,

grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The Castillo Family would like to send a sincere thank you to everyone who assisted in any way possible throughout this time of bereavement. Special thanks to: **Dr Mike Martinez, Marco Antonio Neal (Cutty)**, The San Ignacio Hospital, Western Regional Hospital and Octavia Waight Center.

Daddy/grandpa, even though you've left our side, you'll always be in our hearts. You would always tell us to repeat after you, **"I am, I am...the king"**, but in reality dads/grandpa you were and will always be our king. We love you always.

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# Ministry of Health

Monthly Review

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## Oak Foundation donates \$2 Million for Pediatric Care Unit

The Ministry of Health was pleased to be a part of the announcement by Ms. **Kim Simplis Barrow**, Special Envoy for Women and Children on the generous donation of two million dollars from the Oak foundation towards the construction of the new Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital.

The Lifeline Foundation, founded by Mrs. Barrow was instrumental in the discussions that eventually led to the commitment of the funds. One million dollars will go towards the construction works while one million will go towards the purchase of equipment for the unit.

Dr. **Peter Allen**, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry



of Health was present at the announcement Press Conference. He mentioned that the donation is the largest that has been made to any organization in Belize. He thanked Mrs. Barrow and the Lifeline Foundation and he urged everyone involved to support the realization of this important unit for the neonates and children of Belize.

## Mental Health Annual Workshop

The eleventh Annual Mental Health Workshop was held from July 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> in Placencia Village under the theme, "Integrating Quality into Mental Health Care.

In a short opening ceremony to welcome the participants, Dr.



**Phillip Castillo** encouraged the nurses to elevate the conversation to improve what exist in Mental Health while, Matron Augustina Elijo ask the nurses to adhere to principles, ethics, scope of practice and standards at all times when carrying out the duty of nursing. Mental Health Program Nursing Administrator Eleanor Bennett welcomed and introduced Dr. **Wesley Quimbo**, Psychiatrist for Ministry of Health; he takes over from Dr. **Claudina Cayetano** who moved on to PAHO earlier this year.

Topics discussed during the three days workshop included Quality in Mental Health, Standards of treatment of Mental Disorders and developing a Quality Assurance Committee.

The workshop had a total participation of nineteen Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners and one Social Worker. Facilitators were Dr. Illouise Murillo Tucker from Mount Sinai Medical Center and Matron Augustina Elijo.

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## Technical Mission on Non-Communicable Diseases and Cancer

The Ministry of Health has been selected as one of the participants in a global project with the goal of "*Strengthening policy frameworks to reduce premature death toll from Non-Communicable Diseases.*"

As part of the project, a technical mission led by regional consultant, **Silvana Luciani**, Pan American Health Organization's Washington Office was in country from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, July to advance work in the area of national plans for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) including cancer.

### Vector Control gets pickup trucks to increase ULV Spraying of Mosquitoes

The Government of Belize recently purchased two 2013 Great Wall - Wingle 4 x 4 pickup trucks for the vector control program to assist with Ultra Low Volume (ULV) spraying in the Corozal and Toledo districts. The total cost of both vehicles was BZ \$78,800.00.

One of the trucks was handed over to the Northern Region and the second pick-up was sent down south to do work in the Toledo District.

The Ministry of Health has stepped up its surveillance and interventions to prevent dengue - from health education, mass larviciding, to ULV spraying.



Working group sessions were conducted on July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Biltmore Hotel in Belize City to discuss and formulate a plan forward on the national strategic and operational plans for NCDs and cancer. Participants included Ministry of Health staff, civil society organizations and the private sector.

### Suspected Bovine Rabies Case Notified

The Ministry of Health is hereby notifying the public that a suspected case of bovine rabies (rabies in cow) was reported on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2013 by Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA) in the New Road Area of the Toledo District. While there is no confirmed case as yet, the public is reminded that periodic cases are seen in the country alluding to active circulation of the rabies virus.

Officials of the Ministry of Health and BAHA will continue to monitor the situation and we encourage you to report any suspected case.

For more information visit the nearest health center or facility in your area.

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## Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

### ARIES:

**March 22 to April 20**

Sometimes it is better to be lucky than smart. Good fortune puts you in the right place at the right time. You may meet someone who makes a big difference to your career. Perhaps he or she turns you on to a good job prospect or introduces you to someone who ends up being a business partner. Your life may change if you're open to possibilities. **Lucky numbers: 17, 28, 39.**

### TAURUS:

**April 21 to May 21**

Be open to any invitations that come your way or any new people you meet. Change is in the air for you, Taurus, and you need only be receptive in order for it to come about. You may even meet someone at a social event who winds up being your partner for life. Explore all your interests and trust your intuition, for it will be a reliable guide. **Lucky numbers: 02, 35, 68.**

### GEMINI:

**May 22 to June 21**

This week you may wake up and realize that there is serious room for improvement, Gemini. If decorating isn't your strong suit, why not call in the professionals? In the meantime, there's a lot you can do by simply clearing away the clutter and reorganizing your bookcases in a more attractive way. Mingle some artwork and knickknacks among the books for a more interesting visual effect. **Lucky numbers: 04, 48, 81.**

### CANCER:

**June 22 to July 23**

You tend to keep to yourself, Cancer, but today you could be inspired to join a group activity. Perhaps some friends have invited you to come out for drinks. Or maybe a neighbor asked you to consider joining a neighborhood organization. Whatever the scenario, all signs indicate that any group activity you join will be worthwhile. You will do some good and likely make new friends, too. **Lucky numbers: 40, 62, 95.**

### LEO:

**July 24 to August 21**

Technology is highlighted for you today, Leo. It could be that you install a new phone or computer system, which will make life just a bit easier. Or perhaps you decide to take a course to learn to master a technical area that has been difficult for you to grasp. Whatever you do or learn today is bound to make you happier and more productive. **Lucky numbers: 10, 43, 87.**

### VIRGO:

**August 22 to September 21**

You're a social creature, Virgo, and today you can expect to attract a lot of attention. You're feeling good and looking even better - and don't think that people don't notice! Make it a point to get out and mingle with others. You're a talented, capable person in your own right, but you really shine when you're with others. This is especially true today. **Lucky numbers: 27, 60, 93.**

### LIBRA:

**September 22 to October 23**

You have a romantic soul, Libra. Today your thoughts are on love and romance. You may be thinking of that special someone in your life, grateful that you've found each other. Or you may wish you had someone important in your life and spend a good part of the day plotting how to find a mate. If you're serious about settling down, draw on all of your resources to make it happen. **Lucky numbers: 11, 25, 71.**

### SCORPIO:

**October 24 to November 21**

Something big could be occurring close to home today, Scorpio. It would be advisable to stay inside, if possible, or at least not stray too far. Traffic may be gridlocked and the sidewalks crowded with pedestrians anxious for a closer look. Use this self-imposed "house arrest" to do some neglected chores. Play music and have fun while you organize bookshelves and clear the clutter from your closets. **Lucky numbers: 19, 41, 74.**

### SAGITTARIUS:

**November 22 to December 21**

You have hidden talents that may be revealed to you today, Sagittarius. Perhaps collaboration with someone new has you doing things you never thought you could. Perhaps you discover a talent for writing, graphic design, or money management. You can't help but delight in this discovery, as it opens up a world of new possibilities. You don't need to take action now. Revel in your untapped potential. **Lucky numbers: 33, 69, 72.**

### CAPRICORN:

**December 22 to January 20**

You're a kind, caring individual, Capricorn. Today your concern for others may be so strong that you take steps to do something concrete to save, if not the world, at least a few

of the individuals in it. You may hear of a worthy cause that's about to fold for lack of volunteers. You could turn out to be just the savior they need. One person truly can make a difference. You can prove it today. **Lucky numbers: 37, 59, 92.**

### AQUARIUS:

**January 21 to February 19**

Today you may develop a deeper understanding of what's really important to you, Aquarius. You may be surprised by what you discover. The material means far less to you than the spiritual. It may have taken you a while to learn this, but now

there's no going back. Your possessions feel like dead weight. The mere thought of your family and friends fills your heart with love and light. **Lucky numbers: 07, 51, 84.**

### PISCES:

**February 20 to March 21**

Your life is likely to enlarge today, Pisces, either through a new group affiliation or people you meet. You may be invited to a party where a whole world of new and exciting events opens up to you. You may be reunited with a good friend from your past who can open all sorts of professional doors for you. Be receptive to anyone and everyone you meet. **Lucky numbers: 29, 56, 88.**

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# Call for probe into death of Jamaica 'cross-dresser'

Human Rights Watch has called for Jamaican police to conduct a "thorough, impartial and effective investigation" into the killing of a 17-year-old boy reportedly wearing women's clothing.

Dwayne Jones was attacked by a group at a party after they discovered he was male, according to local media.

Police said he was stabbed multiple times and shot once.

Activists say Jamaicans who do not conform to gender expectations face

mental and physical abuse.

In a statement released on Thursday, the New York-based HRW said Jamaican authorities needed to send an "unequivocal message that there will be zero tolerance for violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people".

Jones was found dead on 22 July near the northern city of Montego Bay.

Justice Minister Mark Golding has condemned the killing, saying police "must spare no effort" in finding the killers.

## Healthy Living Tips

### 1. Let it beet

It sounds bizarre, but beetroot could be a secret weapon against high blood pressure. The condition is a major cause of heart disease and stroke, but many people aren't aware they have it as it has no symptoms. Now, researchers from Barts and the London School of Medicine say drinking 500ml of beetroot juice could dramatically reduce blood pressure after just one hour. So drink up the pink stuff.

### 4. Embracing good health

Giving your partner a hug doesn't just warm the heart, it can protect it too. A study by the University of North Carolina in 2005 found that hugging your other half for 20 seconds could lower blood pressure and reduce levels of the stress hormone cortisol. High levels of cortisol have been linked to heart disease and other conditions such as diabetes.

### 8. Holding back the years

Add 14 years to your life by following four very easy principles; don't smoke, take regular exercise, drink sensibly and eat five portions of fruit and veg a day. These simple steps can have a huge impact on your life expectancy, say scientists from Cambridge University. If you only manage one thing, give up smoking as the study found this had the biggest impact on your health.



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We thank the people and resorts of the Cayo District for their support and patience while we completed this important improvement.We look forward to providing the people of San Ignacio and Benque Viejo improved passenger and cargo service, and a growing list of destinations.

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## New Schedule

### CURRENT SCHEDULE

FROM: SAN IGNACIO / BENQUEVIEJO


FLT	TO	LV	ARR	DAYS
980	BELIZE CITY INT'L	12:45PM	1:20PM	DAILY
980	BELIZE CITY MUNI	12:45PM	1:30PM	DAILY
940	SAN PEDRO	12:45PM	1:50PM	DAILY

### NEW SCHEDULE effective November 15

FROM: SAN IGNACIO / BENQUEVIEJO

FLT	TO	LV	ARR	DAYS
920	BELIZE CITY INT'L	7:00AM	7:20AM	DAILY
920	SAN PEDRO	7:00AM	7:50AM	DAILY
501	PLACENCIA	7:15AM	7:45AM	M,W,F
980	BELIZE CITY INT'L	12:45PM	1:20PM	DAILY
980	BELIZE CITY MUNI	12:45PM	1:30PM	DAILY
940	SAN PEDRO	12:45PM	1:50PM	DAILY
970	BELIZE CITY MUNI	3:45PM	4:25PM	DAILY
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# A Questionable Future For The Garifuna People In The South Of Belize



**By: Wellington C. Ramos**

In studying Belize's history when most Belizeans heard of the south the first thing that came to their minds were the Garifuna people. Why? Because when the British granted permission to the Garifuna people to reside in Dangriga Town in 1801 they were told not to go anywhere else but to remain in the south. At that time the Creoles were still slaves to the British and the Maya Indians were trying to survive the colonial policies of the British and the Spanish who were taking away their lands from them. The Maya Indians who lived in Belize, Guatemala and Mexico fought viciously against the Spanish and the British but did not have the military tools to overcome these two great giants that were competing for territories in the region. The British did not want the Garifuna and the Creole people to intermingle with each other because it would not be to their interest to have free black people with enslaved black people. This would have caused an alliance between the two groups to have slave resistance in the south and other parts of Belize.

The Gaifuna people knew of the Spanish and the British decades before the Creoles and the Mayas due the fact that the Spanish attempted to occupy the island of Saint Vincent in the 1500's but were defeated by the Carib Indians and the British conquered the Garifuna nation on March the 11<sup>th</sup>, 1797. This subsequently led to the force migration of the Garifuna people to the Rotan islands where they landed on April the 12<sup>th</sup>, 1797. At the time the Garifuna people landed in the Central American region, the British were competing with the Spanish for more territories. Hence the reason why they occupied the Bay Islands in Honduras, the Mosquito Coast in Nicaragua and the territory of British Honduras which is now Belize.

From the Bay Islands the British moved the Garifuna people to Nicaragua and Belize to perform labor and to fight their wars for them against the Spaniards if they were needed. Around this time the British only had permission to cut logwood and mahogany in Belize and still acknowledged Spain's right to the

territory of Belize. In a book written by Anthropologist **Nancy Gonzalez** namely; "The Ethnohistory of The Garifunas In Central America", she documented that there is evidence that the British had plans to use the Garifuna people as soldiers to fight for them in the Battle of Saint Georges Caye which took place on September of 1798. As time went by, the south was developing into towns and villages mainly inhabited by the Garifuna people in the towns of Punta Gorda and Dangriga. The villages of Barranco, Seine Beight and Hopkins later followed. The Mayas kept moving back and forth between Guatemala and Belize to avoid the Spanish atrocities that were being committed against them. The Mayas did not like or trust the Spanish and

the British because they were their common enemies. When Slavery was abolished in Belize the British had an Emancipation period in Belize.

The former slaves were now given the opportunity to own land, go to school, learn a trade and do other things to uplift themselves. However after years of being slaves to the British, this transformation from enslaved people to free people was not going to be easy. The physical, psychological and emotional effects of slavery can be more damaging over a period of time for future generations to come as has been documented by several experts. For a person to enslave other human beings like his or herself for generations and deprive them of their personal freedom and basic human rights this act is immoral,

unjustified and inhumane in the eyes of God. Yet, some of these very same people claim to be the most pure and humane individuals. This slavery resulted in a division between the Garifuna and the Creole people in Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Belize. There is evidence that some Creoles who think that they are Creoles are Garifuna because of the changing of people's names done by the British in Rotan and Nicaragua before they were brought to Belize. Some Garifuna people also voluntarily changed their names to English names because it was convenient for them to do so to be socially accepted in Belizean society.

Creole people started to move in the south after slavery was abolished in Belize and established new villages. In Stann Creek District the main villages were Sittee River, Mullins River and Gales Point villages. For many years these people stayed in

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their villages but as Dangriga Town started to become an urban center some families moved into the town. Other families preferred to move to Belize City and left many of their family members behind. For those who lived in Dangriga Town they still kept their distance from the Garifuna people and some Garifuna kept their distance from them as well. The Creoles did not know that when the Garifuna people were brought to Belize, it was the British that had the Garifuna people under a curfew and they were restricted from moving throughout the country to intermingle with other people. The British at the same time, was also telling the Creole people many negative things about the Garifuna people in their game of divide and conquer. In the Toledo District the main Creole village was Monkey River and many of the people who lived there were mixed with European blood.

Today the south has changed and the majority of people living there are Mayas and Mestizos. There is oil and other natural resources discovered and the Mayas and Mestizos from Guatemala and the other Districts in Belize are coming in faster than the growth rate of the Garifuna and Creole population. An area that was once predominantly Garifuna has changed and the Garifuna people are now the minority group. What is frightening is that the Garifuna villages of Barranco, Seine Beight,

Georgetown and Hopkins are surrounded by mostly Maya and Mestizo villages. They are also acquiring lands while the villages of

Seine Beight and Hopkins are land locked and there is not too much land in their vicinity to acquire. It is now time for the Garifuna people to come

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A cop stops a drunk wandering the streets at 4 in the morning. "Can you explain why you are out at this

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### Obedient Wife

A couple were sitting in the lawyers office working on their will. The lawyer tells them that they should discuss end of life issues how they want to be treated. The man turns to his wife and says, "Please promise me that if I am ever dependent

only on machines and bottled fluids to keep me alive, you will take action and put an end to it right away." So when they got home, his obedient wife went straight to the TV and unplugs it, then takes his beer and pours it down the drain

### Doing Whatever It Takes

A real estate agent bought a new sports car and had the engine revamped so that it would go even faster. I asked him why he needed a

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### My Wife's Expecting

A young soldier sought permission from his Commanding Officer to leave camp the following weekend. "You see," he explained, "my wife's expecting."

"Oh..." said the Officer, "I understand. Go ahead and tell your wife that I wish her luck."

The following week the same soldier was back again with the same explanation: "My wife's expecting."

The Officer looked surprised. "Still expecting?" he said, "Well, well,

my boy, you must be pretty bothered. Of course you can have the week-end off."

When the same soldier appeared again the third week, however, the Officer lost his temper. "Don't tell me your wife is still expecting!" he bellowed.

"Yes sir!" said the young soldier resolutely, "She's still expecting."

"What in heaven is she expecting?" cried the Officer.

"Me." said the soldier simply.

### Little Johnny

Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals.

One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the

photo of a wanted person.

"Yes," said the policeman. "The detectives want very badly to capture him."

Little Johnny asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

### Little Johnny

The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say your prayers before eating?"

"No sir," little Johnny replies, "I

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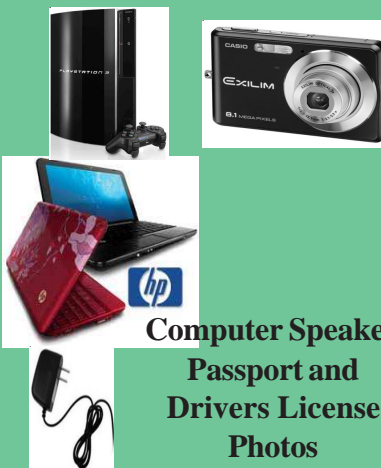


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do you feel?"

Slim said, "I feel just like a newborn baby."

"Really!? Like a newborn baby?"

"Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."

### When You Figured Out Your Getting Old

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... The one that's red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

### Next One

After a young couple brought their new baby home, the wife suggested her husband should try his hand changing diapers.

"I'm busy" he said, "I'll do the next one."

The next time came around and she asked again. The husband looked puzzled.

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## Tourism Public Sector Responds to BTIA on the Proposed Cruise Tourism Development Project in Southern Belize

**Belize City, Belize – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013:**

The Ministry of Tourism & Culture and the Belize Tourism Board wishes to respond to the ill-informed, irresponsible campaign launched by the Belize Tourism Industry Association on today's Love FM Morning Show against the proposed Cruise Tourism Investment Project in Southern Belize.

The Ministry of Tourism & Culture and the Belize Tourism Board would like to state the following facts:

- The National Sustainable Tourism Master Plan calls for the development of six tourism products, with cruise tourism being one of the six.
- That the National Sustainable Tourism Master Plan calls for the decentralization of cruise tourism in Belize in an effort to reduce overcrowding, provide better management of our tourism sites, enhance safety and security conditions for cruise visitors and increase local participation within this sub-sector.
- That the National Sustainable Tourism Master Plan recommends two approaches to achieving sustainable growth in the cruise sector: conventional cruise tourism and pocket cruises.
- That the National Sustainable

Tourism Master Plan establishes that the future economic viability of this sector rests on the ability of the country to provide an onshore cruise port.

- That this proposed cruise tourism development project in the South will represent an initial US \$50,000,000.00 investment in an island destination with a proper berthing facility.
- That this proposed project will guarantee a minimum of 130 calls per year in the first instance and generate 800-1000 direct jobs.
- That the cruise ship head tax of US\$7.00 will remain the same with a revenue sharing agreement between the relevant parties.
- That the current average cruise ship passenger expenditure is US\$73.00 per person per day and expenditure by the crew accounts for US\$103.00 per person per day.
- That the proposed development will have to abide by all applicable Laws and Regulations of Belize.
- That the proposed development will not be exempted from either General Sales Tax or Business Tax.
- That the proposed development will not receive any incentives over or above what is currently being offered

under the Fiscal Incentives Act.

- That a minimum of 75% of the labor force will be Belizean with only 25% of foreign labor within the first five years of the project. Thereafter, a 100% of the labor force is expected to be Belizean.
  - That the proposed development, and all its undertakings, will be subject to a positive outcome of the Amended Environmental Impact Assessment.
  - That no cruise ships currently scheduled to call in Belize City will be diverted to this proposed cruise tourism island destination.
  - That this proposed cruise tourism development project will in effect ensure the distribution of passengers in accordance with the pocket cruise model as outlined in the National Sustainable Tourism Master Plan.
- The Ministry of Tourism & Culture and the Belize Tourism Board wishes to underscore that the overnight sector continues to be the mainstay of our tourism industry and that cruise tourism is considered incremental business. We wish to further reiterate that the growth in the cruise tourism sector, has not, in any way, impaired the growth or performance of the overnight tourism sector.

We call on the BTIA to be respect-

ful of the many tourism stakeholders who currently earn an honest livelihood from the cruise tourism sector. We urge the BTIA to refrain from any further use of exploitative and derogative paraphernalia and campaign messages that are not consistent with its stated vision, mission and guiding principles. It is also important to note that the BTIA is the only National Tourism Association who has not formally endorsed the National Tourism Master Plan to date.

The Ministry of Tourism & Culture and the BTB will continue to actively engage key stakeholders in information sessions on this proposed cruise tourism development project.

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On Friday 26th July concluded the youth summer camp offered by Zone 4 Neighborhood Watch Group in Benque Viejo, hosted annually by the zone captain Samuel Bruce in the spacious multipurpose community park located on his property.

Zone 4 NHWG under the leadership of Mr. Bruce since 2008, has continued to be the community policing unit's model of success, bringing numerous community activities for the youth, and residents of zone 4 in Benque, promoting positive activities, educating the residents about helping to keep the crime level low in Benque. This year's summer camp focused on arts & crafts projects conducted inside the stone constructed community center, directed by; the veteran teacher, and zone quadrant leader Mrs. Isela Tesecum, with assistance from; **Marcia Rosas** (teacher), **Maria Olivera** (teacher), **Luis Lisbey** (Sports Instructor), **Anselmo Harris** (Sports Instructor), **Jasmin Vasquez** (Parent Assisting), **Mirla Firo** (Parent Assisting), **Thelma De La Fuente** (Parent Assisting), **Carmita Harris**, **Stephanie Contreras** (Teacher Assistant), **Zinnia Longworth** (Teacher Assistant), **Gene Bruce** (Teacher Assistant), **Sydellie Leslie** (Teacher Assistant), **Kenry Mai** (Teacher Assistant), **Norma Ventura** (Teacher Assistant), **Julia Ventura** (Teacher Assistant), **Juan Santos** (Teacher Assistant).

The children were expertly guided on how to make beautiful arts & crafts to take home, utilizing recycling techniques of plastic bottles & caps, papers etc..Helping to keep Benque clean! Each day juice & cold water and treats were given out.

Children that wished to participate



in sports coach Anselmo Harris was ready to assist with football and volleyball practices each day with plans to continue with zone teams for a mundilito competition.

Participating at this year graduation ceremony was: Officer Commanding Benque Viejo Sub-Formation Superintendent **Dinsdale Thompson**, and PC #140 **Joshua McKoy** commanding the community policing unit in Benque. Certificates were awarded to all the children that participated with prizes for the children having perfect attendance, also certificates of appreciation were given to all volunteers that assisted.

PC McKoy addressing the crowd in Spanish and English about the concepts of neighborhood watch, youth cadets, and other anti-crime education. PC McKoy complimenting zone 4 captain **Sam Bruce** and Quadrant leader Mrs Isela Tesecum on their fine work over the years, by keeping the program progressing with their hard work and dedication. PC McKoy with a surprise providing an impressive display by his police cadets of drill routines for the enjoy-

ment of the crowd.

O/C Superintendent **Dinsdale Thompson** congratulated the children and parents for their participation in the summer camp, and bestowed his appreciation to the Sam Bruce, Mrs Isela Tesecum, and all that assisted that made the event such a success.

This year's summer camp was the largest yet, with approximately 80 children per day, totally 400 for the week, plus police cadets, parents, teachers, and assistant's. Participants: **Harim Valdez**, **Aaron Valdez**, **Xena Rivero**, **Niran Sierra**, **Vivian Espat**, **Stephanie Espat**, **Jeffrey Morataya**, **Dimas Morataya**, **Jaden Waight**, **Shamir Kukul**, **Hamnerson Bush**, **Justin Bush**, **Julner Bush**, **Robert Heredia**, **Dervin Waight**, **Dian Harris**, **Deadra Mendez**, **Natalia Garcia**, **Angelly Bush**, **Gracey Bush**, **Sherlisse Waight**, **Kelsie Heredia**, **Nikita Marlin Michael**, **Darian Harris**, **Estuardo Sosa**, **Jose Bush**, **Kendrick Sierra**, **Jamir Velasquez**, **Giselle Velasquez**, **Elmer Ruiz**, **Julius Martinez**, **Arnel**

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# Anger in Chile over ruling on 2010 mine collapse

An investigation into the 2010 accident in Chile that left 33 miners trapped underground for more than two months has failed to find anyone responsible.

The case was closed after a prosecutor said there was not enough evidence to press charges against either the owners of the mine or regulators.

One of the miners said it was a "disgrace for justice" while a former minister called it "unbelievable".

The miners' rescue in a special capsule was followed live around the world.

"This is a disgrace to Chile's justice system," one of the survivors, Mario Sepulveda, told Associated Press news agency,

"It is impossible that in an accident of this magnitude no-one is held responsible. Today, I want to dig a deep hole and bury myself again, only this time, I don't want anybody to find me, he said.

One of Mr Sepulveda's colleagues said he got in touch with their lawyers as soon as he heard about the decision.

"[They] told us to be calm. We have another lawsuit, for negligence," Luis Urzua told AFP,

Former mining minister Laurence Golborne, who was in charge of the rescue operations, expressed disbelief at the decision.

He told Chilean radio Cooperativa that regulators had ordered the owners of the century-old mine to build an emergency exit, but they did not comply.

Mr Golborne said that if the measure had been implemented the miners "would not have spent 70 days trapped".

Senator Isabel Allende, daughter of the late President Salvador Allende, said the decision was "painful".

"It's hard to accept that the prosecution considers there is no-one responsible", Ms Allende told EFE.

But defence lawyer Catherine Lathrop praised the decision.

"We have always maintained that it was a regrettable accident. Just that, an accident, and neither was it possible to establish any responsibility of my clients in this case," she said.

The collapse of the San Jose mine, near the town of Copiapo, left the 33 miners completely isolated for two weeks at a depth of about 700m.

They shared emergency rations to survive until rescue workers built a small shaft which was used to send supplies to the group.

In 2012, on the second anniversary of the collapse, many of the miners attended the inauguration of a monument at the mine.



The miners say they have not been paid any reparation for their 70-day ordeal

Chilean billionaire Leonardo Farkas gave each of the miners a gift of \$10,000 (£6,600) after the rescue.

The miners hope that a lawsuit filed a year after the collapse accusing the National Service of Geology and Mining of having not inspected

working conditions and mine safety can bring each of them reparations of \$500,000 (£330,000).

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# US in worldwide travel alert on al-Qaeda threat

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In a statement, the department said the potential for an attack is particularly strong in the Middle East and North Africa.

The move comes shortly after the US announced the closure of embassies in the region on Sunday.

The alert expires on 31 August 2013, the department said. It recommended US citizens travelling abroad be vigilant.

"Current information suggests that al-Qa'ida and affiliated organizations continue to plan terrorist attacks both in the region and beyond, and that



they may focus efforts to conduct attacks in the period between now and the end of August," the statement said.

An unnamed senior US official told NBC the threat may be related to the

Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which ends next week.

Among the US embassies affected by the embassy closures are Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Algeria, Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh.

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## Healthy Living Tips

### A step in the right direction

Previously, experts thought taking 10,000 steps a day was enough to control your weight, but a world-wide study has just established that women up to the age of 40 and men up to 50 need 12,000 steps a day to help shift that middle jiggle. Invest in a pedometer to make sure you're hitting your target.

### Laughter is the best medicine

Become a glass-half-full person! Studies have found that those with a positive attitude suffer less from conditions such as heart disease. Find something to laugh at every day to give your feel-good hormones a boost.

Drink more water. Most of us actually don't drink enough water every day. Water is essential for our body to function – Do you know over 60% of our body is made up of water? Water is needed to carry out our body functions, remove waste and carry nutrients and oxygen around our body. Since we lose water every day through urine, bowel movements, perspiration and breathing, we need to replenish our water intake.

Furthermore, drinking more water alone actually aids in losing weight. A Health.com study carried out among overweight/obese people showed that water drinkers lose 4.5 more pounds than a control group. The researchers believe that it's because drinking more water helps fill your stomach, making you less hungry and less likely to overeat.

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# UN narcotics body warns Uruguay over marijuana bill

The International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) says it is concerned by the approval by Uruguayan MPs of a bill which would legalise marijuana.

The INCB says the law would **"be in complete contravention to the provisions of the international drug treaties to which Uruguay is party"**.

Under the new law, the state would assume control of growing and selling cannabis to registered users.

The bill still needs to be passed by Uruguay's senate before becoming law.

## 'Serious consequences'

The INCB is an independent body of experts established by the United Nations to monitor countries' compliance with international drug treaties. In a statement released just hours after the bill was passed in Uruguay's House of Representatives, the INCB said that such a law would be in **"complete contravention"** of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, which bans the sale of cannabis for non-medical use.

It says that, if adopted, it **"might have serious consequences for the health and welfare of the population and for the prevention of cannabis abuse among the youth"**.

The Uruguayan government argues that by bringing the sale of cannabis under state control, it will remove profits from drug dealers and divert users from harder drugs.

## Political tussle

The bill was approved by 50 of the 96 MPs present in the House of Representatives following a fierce 13-hour debate in the capital, Montevideo.

The supporters of the measure argued that the fight against drugs and drug trafficking had failed, and the country needed "new alternatives".

**"The regulation is not to promote consumption; consumption already exists,"** said Sebastian Sabini of the governing centre-left Frente Amplio (Broad Front) coalition, which has a majority of one in the lower house.

Marijuana use has reportedly doubled in Uruguay over the past years. An estimated 22 tonnes of marijuana are being sold in the country annually, according to Uruguay's National Drugs Committee.

But Gerardo Amarilla of the opposition National Party said the government was **"playing with fire"** given the health risks he said were linked to marijuana use.

The bill will now go to the Senate,



## Supporters of the bill are hoping for a quick approval by the Senate

where it is expected to be voted on in October. As the left-wing government has a majority in the Senate, the bill is likely to be approved and could become law before the end of the year.

However, opposition politicians have said that even if the law makes it through the senate, they will launch a petition to have it overturned.

A survey carried out before the vote by polling organisation Cifra suggested 63% of Uruguayans opposed the bill.

## Papal opposition

The INCB said it was interested in "maintaining a dialogue with the Government of Uruguay on this issue".

It also expressed its regret that the government **"refused to receive an**

**INCB mission before the draft law was submitted to Parliament for deliberation"**.

The vote comes amid fierce debate about drug legalisation in Latin America.

A group of former presidents and influential social figures, including Brazil's Fernando Henrique Cardoso, Mexico's Ernesto Zedillo and Colombian ex-leader Cesar Gaviria, have called for marijuana to be legalised and regulated.

But only last week, Pope Francis criticised drug legalisation plans during a visit to Brazil.

Speaking at the inauguration of a clinic for drug addicts in Rio de Janeiro, he said it was **"necessary to tackle the problems which are at**

the root of drug abuse, promoting more justice, educating the youth with the values that live in society, standing by those who face hardship and giving them hope for the future".

## Inspirational Life Quotes

*"Just know, when you truly want success, you'll never give up on it. No matter how bad the situation may get."* - Unknown

*"Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else."* - Les Brown

*"I don't regret the things I've done, I regret the things I didn't do when I had the chance."* - Unknown

*"Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."* - Joshua J. Marine

*"It's hard to wait around for something you know might never happen; but it's harder to give up when you know it's everything you want."* - Unknown

*"One of the most important keys to Success is having the discipline to do what you know you should do, even when you don't feel like doing it."* - Unknown

*"Go where you are celebrated - not tolerated."* - Unknown

# BENQUE VIEJO YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

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Norma Ventura (Teacher Assistant), Julia Ventura (Teacher Assistant), Juan Santos (Teacher Assistant).

Mrs Isela Tesecum, as mistress of ceremonies expressed her thanks to the zone captain Samuel Bruce for his commitment and vision to coordinate, and spearhead the events for zone 4 neighborhood watch program, also Ms Isela expressing her pleasure in the Benque police Superintendent Thompson & PC McKoy for their participation in this year's event. In closing Ms. Isela invited all the children and parents back for next year's expanding summer programs at zone 4 neighborhood watch activities.

In closing: Mrs Tesecum announced that lunch would be served to them; a total of 135 plates of chicken, rice & beans with macaroni salad were served, prepared by Criselda Diaz, and Lorena Sanchez.

Sam Bruce captain: Thanks all the faithful sponsors and volunteers that help make these events possible in Benque Viejo, without their assistance, and willingness to work together for success, it simply could not



## Graduation day PC Mckoy addressing the children

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