

Deputy Prime Minister delivers water systems !

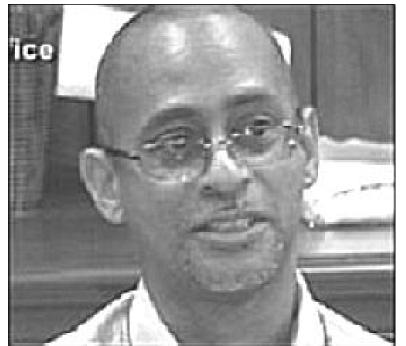
The Deputy Prime Mnister of Belize, Hon. Gasper Vega has been busy with the business of government in general but has not neglected his duty to his constituents who elected him. The promises he made to his people while on the campaign trail prior to the last General Elections are being realized physically by the residents of Orange Walk North.



Hon. Gaspar Vega

After ten years of the squandering of the public purse by the last PUP Administration no one would believe that the residents of huge communities like Douglas \Nuevo San Juan, San Luis and San Roman did not have portable water in their homes. This represents the ultimate truth and proves that the past administration simply did not care for the People of Belize. Continue on Pg 4

THE NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE Vs. THE WEATHER CHANNEL



Last month the country was face to face with a monstrous category 2 hurricane named Rina. This storm was immediately off our coastline moving in a westward direction and in a path that seeminly placed Rina in a direct collision course with our country Belize. Belizeans sought information about the progress of Hurricane Rina from all authoritative sources. At home locally the majority of us paid keen attention to the regular weather advisories issued by The National

GET WELL SOON!



Dennis Gonguez



Meteorological Service via N.E.M.O. (National Emergency Management

Organization) **Belizeans** and tourist were informed by the **Belizean Authorities** and had followed instructions the issued. Those who tuned in to the Weather Channel however were

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Wedding In **Sugar City**



See scenes on Pg 6

Editorial



THE BELIZEAN IMPRIMATUR

The Patrimony and Stewardship Working Group (P.S.W.G.)expresses its profound pride and congratulations to the Government and People of Belize on the restoration of the majority control of utilities into the hands of our Belizean People and Country for posterity.

These essential services including electricity, telephone and most critically water are representative of



GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE AT THE FOOT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

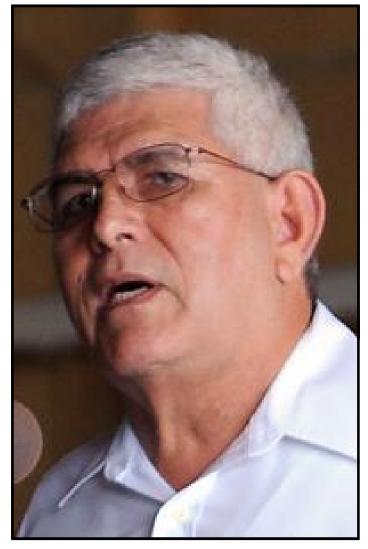
social utilities/amenities which are at the heart of the **Belizean imprimatur** and imperative. Control and regulation of these must be secured and maintained in public trust pursuant to the public trust doctrine in the public domain for our Belizean populace.

It is our patriotic mandate and responsibility to ensure that we steward our patrimony for our children and our children's children

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Carlos Perdomo Caribbean Shores Representative

Exit will not seek re-election !





Michael Singh Decided to support Chandra Nisbet Cansino

The Caribbean Shores member of the

House of Representative and Minister of Defense the Hon. Carlos Perdomo formally announced his withdrawal from elected politics on Wednesday November 2nd. during the Prime Minister quarterly Press Conference at the Biltmore Plaza.

The Hon. Carlos Perdomo made his decision for Medical Reasons as it has been



Entered the race briefly!

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Hon Carlos Perdomo

rumoured for months both the Minister and his wife have been ill. This left a vacum for the United Democratic Party in the Caribbean Shores Constituency which has to be filled prior to the next General Elections. Hon. Perdomo had also formally announced that he and his Divisional Committe were endorcing the candidacy of former C.E.O in the Ministry of Tourism; Michael Singh, in the convention to chose his successor set for December 4th.2011. A host of prospected candidates came forward Santiago Castillo Jr. (Santino) a long time resident and businessman of Caribbean Shores formally anounced his intent to challenge. Santino has the support of senior Continued on Page 3

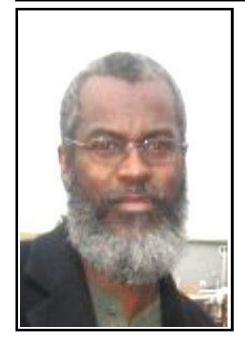
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Dr. Errol Elrington

"...I have to say that many of them - the elders of the Price family call on me to step forward..." Hon Francis Fonseca, Oct 20, 2011

It was some 60 years ago that another young man was told what he should do. Yup, George was sent by Robert to do the rich man's bidding! To look after the rich man's interests! George did NOT go into politics because of any personal dream to help his fellow Belizeans. NO!

THOUGHTS ACROSS THE MILES LEADERS LED BY SPECIAL INTERESTS

Robert ordered George into politics to look after the financial interests of the millionaire; and Robert also ordered Doyle to go with George to help. George found himself at many different crossroads: Cut financial ties with England and build new allegiances? Stay with the Commonwealth or migrate to Central A m e r i c a / Guatemala? Complete priesthood training or abandon seminary? UWI campus in Belize or deny us a campus? Meet with Granados or stay with Boyd? etc., etc., etc....In truth, his 60 years were full of unwise decisions that has eventually landed Belize squarely in the very difficult situation that we now find ourselves. Indeed it is none less than the duncy financial engineer Ralph that declared that the mess that the

country is in is because of the PUP. Now another Fundstaker is at the helm...only the voters can protect the Good Ship Belize! Please do NOT vote PUP George might have been easily led by Robert, but George did have some strengths of his own. His greatest was his ability to control the individual actions of the members of the criminal political organization - better known as the PUP. Under his 60 year dictatorship, much time and energy was expended to keep the Ali Baba Boys away from each others' throats - on his passing the hostilities have flared, as we knew would happen. Francis simply does not have the strength to control them; hence his 'reign' will be as pitiful as Johnny's. Mark knows that he does not have what it

takes....

Johnny's cry to bring back the millions should be instructive to ALL voters. For years when we warned of the Criminal Organization that had strayed into Politics; others made excuses. In fact the current drive towards sainthood for George is nothing more than a sinister effort by the supporters of the PUP to try to justify the now obvious error in their voting practices. In their perverted minds, they are hoping that if George is 'made' a saint by the People - then the fact that they voted blue, will not be so shameful!

The most important civic duty of a citizen is to vote and I would add, vote wisely! Belizeans have been cavalier in the way they treated the country. Belizeans

and

Cansino.

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Nisbet

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Hon Wilfred Elrington Hon Edmond Castro



Councilor Roger Espejo

Castillo Jr has his share of UDP heavy weights in his corner, Nisbet Cansino likewise has the endorsement of several high-ranking

While Santiago

members of the U.D.P. includ-



members of government starting off with the Hon.Michael Finnegan, Hon. Sedi Elrington, Hon. Edmond Castro and Councilor Roger Espejo who lost in a hotly contested Divisional Convention appoximately one year ago to the Hon. Carlos Perdomo.

Ann Marie Williams who has champion the cause of Women In Politics (WIP) has also foermally announced her candidacy with little hype when compared to the Castillo

ing First Lady Kim Barrow who was the first to come out publicly in support of her candidacy followed by Mike Singh then Carlos Perdomo,



his committee and others.

The convention, scheduled for Sunday, 4 December promises to be yet another showing of massive UDP support in Caribbean Shores.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

"Let us break bread together on our knees" is a song I use to sing regularly in Primary School at Holy Redeemer Primary School way back then. The words of the song are still blue-printed on my mind. "Let us break bread together on our

knees, let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun Oh Lord have

mercy on me..." This was the Belize I grew up knowing. Don't fool yourself into beginning to think that I was a saint, quite the opposite even today! Hell no! But at the least we always knew right from wrong and there was simply no confusion. Today in the so call "liberated Belize" there seems to be more confusion and new free-thinking justifications and reasoning that most of our youths are confused as to the difference between right and wrong. As a young nation we have successfully erased that humongous line between the two. The degree is astonishing that the gangs in Belize now

claims that the reason they are killing their own families (unbe known to them in this small

tightly knitted community called Belize) is because they don't have a job in order to feed their families and themselves. Well let's not imagine that we must play Pontius Pilate and erase ourselves from all guilt. The term Juvenile Delinquency is a direct reflection of Adult Irresponsibility and total neglect. No I am not happy with the fact that the Government of Belize has to spend millions on Food Baskets, Social Assistants and creating jobs for individuals who are criminally inclined. The reality though is that the government must! Although it may seem like putting a bandage on a gapping infectious wound, no one will argue that something must be done and

done now! The difference between then and now is that one unique values system embraced by the community which championed the cause of all being responsible for the rearing of a child. Lead by the knowledge that we are our brother's keeper and that ultimately we would have to answer to our creator God.

These are the values that have been replaced today in Belize by self enrichment, the hoard-

ing of personal assets and wealth, the trampling, using and sale of our very brothers and sisters in order to enjoy the lifestyles of what is portrayed as

Hollywood Style Success. Bob Marley song a song which went like this "Oh wee, Oh we Oh wee. See them fighting for power; 'cause they know not the hour..."

The hour is upon Belize and the choices are clear either we continue in the direction of the world or we go back to what is really Belizean; our traditional values.

Do not allow the outside interference to continue to curb our

values. We are Belizean, a people that fears and believes in God and his wrath. We must start somewhere to go back to the values which made Belize unique! The churches had organized in Orange Walk a rally on Saturday against UNIBAM We joined them!

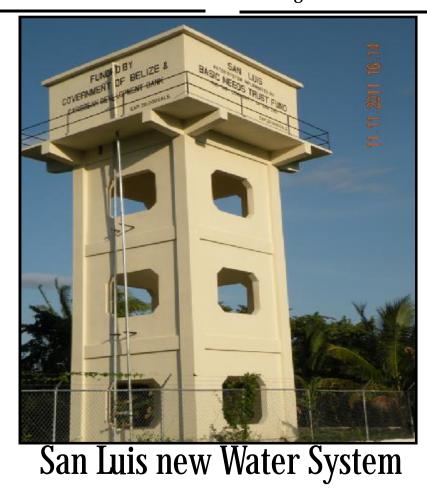
Churches March Against

<u>UNIBAM</u>

Saturday 12th November 2011 Orange Walk Town Central Park Members of various denominations in the country representing the church gathered at the Park in front of Town Hall to begin their march against the attempt of UNIBAMto change the law regarding homosexuality in Belize. Many ANII-UNIBAMISUPPORTERS led by Pastor Richard Smith of My Refuge Christian Radio paraded through the major streets of Orange Walk Town in a public and sober display of support for the church's position.

"God created them in his own image Male and Female, and he blessed them saying be fruitful and increased in number" SAY NO TO THE HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA was the banner under which this protest was organized. This protest against UNIBAMstarted in Belmopan and has since been held in Dangriga, Punta Gorda and Belize City. The group has now come to Orange Walk asking all of its residence to take a stand in not changing the Laws of Belize and "causing 97% of Belizeans to follow just 3%". This group plans to cover as much areas before December 5th in order to sensitize Belizean that UNIBAM Agenda is Anti-Christianity.

Deputy Prime Minister delivers water systems !



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Today, however; under the leadership of the Hon. Dean Barrow country-wide the poor, the underprivelage and the otherwised forgotten areas of the country has been recieving much needed attention. The Hon. Gaspar Vega takes his responsibility serious. And it is with that seriousness and commitment that he has delivered new Water Systems to Douglas\Nuevo San Juan, San Luis and San Roman.

Water is the source of life which must never be look at as a privilage. Water is a right and today as a result of strong leadership the people in the aforementioned villages have their RIGHI.

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San Roman new Water System



Douglas\Nuevo San Juan new Water System

(PHOTOS COURTESY OF RUBEN CAMPOS)

Deported back to belize to face charges!

BELIZE CITY, Monday, 14 November 2011:

Kevin Lee, the masseuse and self described Doctor who secretly videotaped hundreds of his clients, was deported to Belize from Los Angeles, California, USA to face charges on Friday.

Kevin Lee was being held in an Immigration and Nationality Service Detention Center in Los Angeles since his arrest in early Ocotber. Regular passengers on the midday American Airlines flight from



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to US Embassy Security Personnel on the tarmac who then handed him over to the Belize City CIB Investigators. Ironically while he secretedly videoed over 600 persons, Lee did not want to be captured on camera and so he pulled his windbreaker over his face to hide from public scrtuiny.

Kevin Lee was wisked off to the Queen Street

Police Station where he was formally arrested and charged. He appeared in court on Monday, 14 November where the single aggravated assault charge was read to him. He pleaded not guilty and, in requesting protection from the law for his life, which he told the court was in danger, he was remanded to the central prison in Hattieville.

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<u>The Hottest Events & Entertainment</u> Sugar City Wedding Scenes





Mr. and Mrs. Cruz Carbajal Congradulations from The Northern Star!



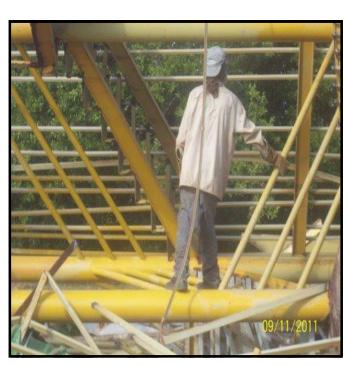
GUESTS HAVING FUN



Anxious moments !

The Mrage Inn hosted the reception

Sports If a picture is worth a thousand words? THESE 4 HERE ARE 4000 !



Marion Jones Stadium

Constuction continues...









Belize Vs St. Vincent

Last Fiday the Belize National Football Team went face to face once more with the St. Vincent and the Grenadines football team at the F.F.B. Stadium in Belmopan. The game ended in a draw with Belize's Deon McCauley scoring the equalizing goal. Deon McCauley is now the undisputed leader in most goals scored in the tournament. The hopes to qualify for the World Cup have been thrown away for the Belize Team and our team know they

are not moving on to the next round of competitions. However, Belize still have two more games to play and Deon McCauley has the opportunity to add more

goals and increase his "goal scored" lead. Make us proud!

Greole Proverbs

U di deh di gren lik chesnat kat

You are there grinning like a cheshire cat.

Meaning: You looking guilty of something.

Sorry fi marger dawg, marger dawg tun round bite yu.

If you're sorry for a meager dog, the meager dog will turn around and bite you!

Meaning: If you sympathize

with someone, or you give them a help, they do not appreciate the kindness, instead, they become your enemy.

Put two a deh enna wha bag a we wa si who wa come out fus. Put two of them in a bag and we will see who will come out first.

Meaning: Put two people with the same personality together to see who is more determined to get ahead.

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FACES & PLACES OF BELIZE Biscayne Village Unique Treasure Northern Highway



THE STAR'S PLACE OF THE WEEK

This one hundred percent Belizean owned and operated business is located on the highway side at Biscayne Village right outside the boundaries of Orange Walk District.

M: Medina better known as "Slim" is the owner and manager of Slim Grill. Slim is a master chef when it comes to traditional Belizean Dishes.

This location provides the perfect resting place for the habitual road-runners as the atmosphere is one that embraces nature while giving you the opportunity to reflect on the past with its unique antique decoration and ornaments.

Slim Grill is one of the only location in the country where you can see the traditional *Takeda* which is an outside kitchen used for the preparation of meals. On weekends there is always mouth-watering barbeque and of course my favorite natural coconut flavored local drinks and ice-cold beers.

SLIMGRILL





unique and comfortable



M: Medina inside the grill

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FOOD & NUTRITION

The traditional Takeda

which is an outside kitchen used for the preparation of meals. (IOCATED AT SLIMGRILI)



TAKEDA RECIPES Ny'am good Belizean Bittles

Recipe for Belizean Fish Serre with Mathilda <u>Foot</u>

Servings 8

Total Time: 45 minutes

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 35 minutes

Ingredients:

3lb White fish (snapper, grouper, jew fish, etc.)

3 Green plantains



3 ¹/₂ Cups coconut milk (preferably fresh)

3 Cups water **Method:**

uncut habanero pepper and green sliced plantains. Add garlic, onion and culandro. Add fish and drop duplins one at a time into pot. Cook for 15 minutes longer. Serve hot fish serre in soup bowl with white rice on the side. FACES & PLACES OF BELIZE PRIZE RULES!

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4 Green bananas

3 Gloves garlic

1 Full uncut habanero pepper

1 Leave culandro

1 Cassava

Handful of Okra

1 Coco

1/4 Teaspoon salt

1/2 Teaspoon black pepper

Cut fish into large serving pieces and season. Place cooking oil and brown slightly. Add onion and brown slightly on low heat. Wash and Prepare vegetables. Cut 2 plantains into large slices. Prepare the Mathilda Foot: Grate the rest of the plantains together with the bananas. Mix in coconut cream and salt to taste. Form into small firm duplins. In a large pot bring coconut milk and water to boil. Add whole



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EMBRACING OUR HISTORY St. George's Caye Presentation



On the 1st of June 212 years ago, people of diverse ethnic heritage, gathered at a meeting in Old Belize Town to decide the fate of what was then a fledgling settlement on the east coast of Central America. The meeting had been called in response to an impending invasion by a Spanish force that was preparing to invade the settlement by sea from the Yucatan. The intention of the meeting was for the settlers to decide whether to evacuate the settlement and leave for Jamaica, or to remain and face the wratof the Spanish Armada. Archi-

1 September 2009 Jaime J. Awe Ph.D.h

val documents confirm that by a majority of 14 votes our brave, but ill equipped, pioneers decided to stay and defend their settlement, and to fight what was then one of the most powerful countries of the 18th century.

A year, three months, and 10 days later, on the 10^{th} of September 1798, 14 Spanish ships advanced on St. George's Caye, Belize's first capital. With four sloops, two schooners and 7 guns flats that make shift defense force faced off with the Spanish. The one incontrovertible aftermath of this sometimes disputed battle is that the Spanish never again attempted to reclaim the settlement for their monarchs. And whether that battle lasted 2 hours, 2 days or 2 months is truly of no real historical consequence.

In contrast, the decision of our ancestors to decline the option of retreat to Jamaica, their decision to stay and defend the fledgling settlement, and their decision to fight for the right to establish their own homeland is of paramount and consequential historical significance to all of us who call Belize our home. It was that decision that has us speaking our own version of English rather than Spanish.

It was that decision that made this country a haven for refugees seeking freedom and protection from prosecution; it was that decision that bequeathed this land to us and it was that decision

that gave birth to the modern and ethnically diverse nation we call Belize. That decision was truly the most defining moment in the early history of our country.

These are historical facts that should never be erased by historical revisionism. As Golda Meir once said. "One cannot and must not try to erase the past merely because it does not fit the present". Bob Marley further reiterated this critical view when he reminded us that "In this great future you can't forget your past".

On behalf of the National Institute of Culture and History, I therefore thank you for joining us in the commemoration and recognition of the significant role that St. George's Caye played in the historical path that led to the making of modern Belize.

Thank you and long live Belize.

EMBRACING OUR HISTORY Francis Vernon launches a missle from Florida to Clinton Uth Luna in Belize! "PUTTHATIN YOUR PIPEAND SMOKEIT"

By Francis Vernon

Of all the asinine, stupid, ignorant, cockamamie and misleading trash spoken of by one Clinton Uh Luna in letters to the editor Amandala September 14, 2011 page 18; His constant jealousy and preoccupation with the Royal Creoles must cause him many restless nights of sleep, he seems to have something stuck in his craw and he needs to spit it out. This chip he carries around on his shoulder must be quite a burden as he is beginning to lose touch with reality. Talking to St. Peter for one and receiving emails through the cosmic internet. Blaming the academic educational system for his obvious short comings, the Royal Creoles have embraced the truth about the Battle for St. Georges Caye documented in both Spanish and English chronicles.

from Bacalar one returned, citing yellow fever in one account and lack of provisions for his crew in another, nothing could be further from the truth for there was more than enough provisions. Captain Ah Luna for whatever reason decided not to engage the enemy but chose to return to port. He never saw action in the battle for St. Georges Cave.

Now Mr. Clinton Uh Luna is there any reason that Captain Ah Luna in your mind turn yellow maybe because of the fever or something we are not aware of. This fictionalized Battle in your little mind neglects the preponderance of documented evidence from various sources staring you in the face. Let us travel back in time to a simpler time when Britannia ruled the waves. We in the shadow of that umbrella fought for over 187 years to seek out an existence in the swampy mosquito ridden mangrove shores, albeit the rewards were worth the effort but at times it did try men's souls. 1779 resonates with Spanish sacking and taking control of St. Georges Caye, carrying captives away, those who were lucky enough to escape up river or to the mosquito shore vowed revenge. The captives were taken in chains to Merida and then shipped to Cuba locked in a dungeon in Fingereque, some who were released returned home in 1784. They were soon joined by Baymen of blue fields Nicaragua, black river by a treaty with Spain to remove all English settlers to the nearest British settlement. Hatred seethed among these new arrivals for the Spaniards looking forward for any opportunity for revenge for the dislodgement from their settlement. As fate would have it once more the enemy reared his ugly head, rumors of impending war sent shivers through the spine of the settlement, stay and face the music or turn tail and run. Yellow fever and over kill was matched by a will to live, Fingereque or Yarborough was the battle cry, with cannons lashed to logwood rafts and the Merlin guns ablaze, and the fire could be seen from the housetops in (Belize) settlement. Once the

cannons were silenced and only grape shots were heard out of prudence Captain Moss call off the attack as a bruised and confused Spanish Fleet returned to anchorage behind Caye Chappel to bury their dead and plan a hasty retreat. To the cheers and jeers of a victorious settlement unified and strong, willing to fight again if necessary, laying claim to all from the Rio Hondo to the Sarastoon. Be it ever so humble there is no place like home. It was the defining moment in this nation's history, this land as a Maya that you so proudly call home, were it not for the fathers of these Royal Creoles, freemen of color, free black men, masters and some slaves united as one fought for our freedom, won this last and decisive battle to give you the very land your house is built on now. How ungrateful are you a refugee of the Caste War to question our Patrimony, our legacy, our sovereign state of this settlement called not Oz or Nirvana but Belize. If the Battle was a myth then we are mythological. If the Battle was real then we are fact and real.

1799 dispatches to Lord Balcarres from Lieutenant Barrow and Captain Moss detailing the events from the third through the eleventh of September 1798. Of the 32 vessels that set sail

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NEW C.E.O APPOINTED



CEOJOHN MENCIAS BELMOPAN, Cayo, Thursday, 3 November 2011:

The Office of the Prime Minister today announced the appointment of **Mr. John Mencias** as the new Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Public Utilities, Information, and Broadcasting.

John is eminently qualified for the job as he holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration with specialization in Management and Information Technology from Monash University in Australia.

He also holds a Bachelor's

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Degree in Computer and Electrical Engineering, with a specialization in Database Development, from the University of the West Indies, Trinidad.

John has held a number of senior management positions, spanning a period of 11 years, at the Belize Electricity Ltd (*BEL*) in the areas of project management and control, production planning and operations, management information systems, strategic planning and budgeting, purchasing and inventory management, public relations, customer services and customer billing.

During the last three years at BEL, he spearheaded the implementation of the company's first ever Enterprise Resource Planning system in conjunction with the re-engineering of BEL's key business processes, including billing, cashiering, accounts receivable management, work management, inventory control, purchasing and service request processing.

John has also lectured in the Production/Operations Manage-

ment course at the University College of Belize, a Marketing Management course at the University of the West Indies (UWI) and a Production/Operations Management course given under the EMBA Programme also being offered by the University of the West Indies.

CEO Mencias succeeds **Mrs. Rosalie Gentle** who has applied and was approved a two year secondment to the Caribbean Community Climate Change Center in Belmopan.

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International News **BOXING LEGEND JOE FRAZIER DIES AT AGE 67**

Joe Frazier had to throw his greatest punch to knock *''The* down Greatest."

A vicious left hook from Frazier put Muhammad Ali on the canvas in the 15th round in March 1971 when he became the first man to beat him in the Fight of the Century at Madison Square Garden.

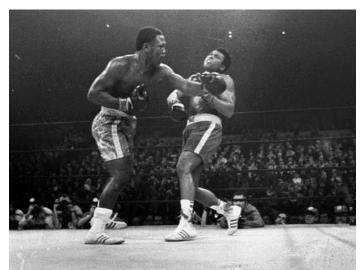
"That was the greatest thing that ever happened in my life," Frazier said.

It was his biggest night, one that would never come again.

The relentless, undersized heavyweight ruled the division as champion, then spent a lifetime trying to fight his way out of Ali's shadow.

Frazier, who died Monday night after a

of 67, will forever be associated with Ali.



brief battle with liver cancer at the age Joe Frazier is most remembered for his hatred-filled rivalry with Muhammed Ali

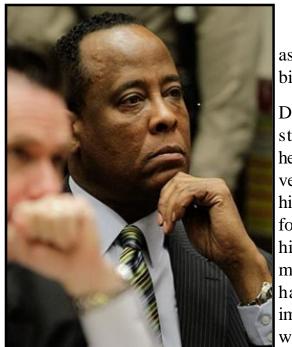
No one in boxing would ever dream of anointing Ali as The Greatest unless he, too, was linked to Smokin' Joe.

They fought three times, twice in the heart of New York City and once in the morning in a steamy arena in the Thrilla in Manila in the Philippines. They went 41 rounds together. Neither

gave an inch and both gave it their all.

In their last fight in Manila in 1975, they traded punches with a fevor that seemed unimaginable among heavyweights. Frazier gave almost as good as he got for 14 rounds, then had to be held back by trainer Eddie Futch as he tried to go out for the final round, unable to see.

"Closest thing to dying that I know of," Ali said afterward Philadelphia Associated Press



Jackson's Doctor Guilty of Manslaughter

as he rehearsed for his big comeback.

Dr. Conrad Murray sat stone-faced, his chin held high, as he heard the verdict that could send

London that he hoped would turn his career around after a slide prompted by childmolestation allegations and years of bizarre behavior.

A shriek broke the silence in

extreme insomnia.

Prosecutors portrayed the 58year-old Murray as an incompetent doctor who administered propofol - an extremely potent anesthetic normally used during surgery — in Jackson's bedroom without adequate safeguards and botched his care when things went wrong.

Dr. Conrad Murray Michael Jackson's doctor was convicted last Monday of involuntary manslaughter in the pop star's death for supplying an insomniaplagued Jackson with a powerful operating-room anesthetic to help him sleep

him to prison for up to four years and cost him his license to practice medicine. He was handcuffed and immediately led off to jail without bail to await sentencing Nov. 29. The verdict marked the latest

chapter in one of pop culture's most shocking tragedies — the 2009 drugoverdose death of the King of Pop at age 50 as he was about to mount a series of heavily promoted concerts in

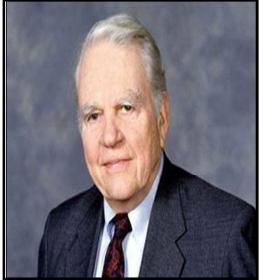
the packed courtroom when the jury's decision was read, and the crowd outside the courthouse erupted in cheers. Jubilant Jackson fans sang "Beat It" and held signs that read "Guilty" and "Killer." Drivers honked their horns.

The jury deliberated less than nine hours after a six-week trial that depicted Jackson as a tormented genius on the brink of what might have been his greatest triumph but for one impediment —

Murray, who did not testify, told police that he administered only a small dose on the day Jackson died. And his lawyers blamed Jackson for his own death, saying the singer gave himself an extra, lethal dose while Murray wasn't watching.

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Andrew Aitken Rooney 1919-2011

Andy Rooney, a Voice of '60 Minutes,' Dies at 92

Andy Rooney, whose prickly wit was long a mainstay of CBS News and whose homespun commentary on "60 Minutes," delivered every week from 1978 until 2011, made him a household name, died on Friday in New York City. He was 92 and lived in Manhattan, though he kept a family vacation home in Rensselaerville, N.Y., and the first home he ever purchased, in Rowayton, Conn.

CBS News said in a statement that Mr. Rooney died after complications following minor surgery.

In late September, CBS announced that <u>Mr. Rooney</u> would be making his last regular weekly appearance on "60 Minutes" on Oct. 2. After that, said Jeff Fager, the chairman of

CBS News and the program's executive producer, he would "always have the ability to speak his mind on '60 Minutes' when the urge hits him."

But a little more than three weeks after that appearance, CBS announced that Mr. Rooney had been hospitalized after developing *"serious complications"* from an unspecified operation.

It was "A Few Minutes with Andy Rooney," his weekly segment on "60 Minutes," that made him one of the most popular broadcast figures in the country. With his jowls, bushy eyebrows, deeply circled eyes and advancing years, he seemed every inch the homespun philosopher as he addressed mostly mundane subjects with varying degrees of befuddlement, vexation and sometimes pleasure.

Andrew Aitken Rooney was born on Jan. 14, 1919, in Albany, the son of Walter and Ellinor Rooney. His father was in the paper business. After his graduation from Albany Academy, he worked as a copy boy for The Knickerbocker News before attending Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., where he played left guard on the football team (even though he was only 5-foot-9 and 185 pounds) and worked for the weekly newspaper, The Colgate Maroon.

Mr. Rooney's wife of 62 years, Marguerite Howard, died in 2004. Mr. Rooney is survived by their four children, Ellen Rooney of London; Martha Fishel of Chevy Chase, Md.; Emily Rooney of Boston; and Brian Rooney of Los Angeles, along with five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. (exert from the The New York Times)

Thailand's black

flood waters

march on as

death toll

Skytrain station, the northernmost stop on Bangkok's elevated subway system. The road was still passable, and train service has not yet been affected, but the inundation illustrates how far flooding has progressed No deaths have been reported in Bangkok. The nearby province of Ayutthaya, which has been submerged for more than one month, has the highest toll with 90 reported dead.

On Sunday, Bangkok Gov. Sukhumbhand Paribatra ordered another wave of evacuations in several neighborhoods in the west and east. In all, evacuations have been ordered in nine of the capital's 50 districts up from eight a day earlier. Seven other districts are partially inundated and residents in parts of those have also been told to leave. predict the threat to the capital. Residents also have been frustrated by widely different assessments of the flooding situation from the prime minister, Bangkok's governor and the country's top water experts and officials. (exert from

surges past 500

The nationwide death toll from Thailand's worst floods in half a century climbed past 500 Sunday, as the polluted black water continued its march into Bangkok and authorities ordered a spate of new evacuations in the sprawling capital.

Floodwaters also poured over a road running underneath the city's Mo Chit into the city and how powerless the government is to stop it.

Relentless rainfall has pummeled vast swaths of Thailand since late July, swamping the country and killing 506 people, according to the latest government statistics. Most of those killed have drowned, while a handful of people have died from flood-related electrocutions.

Yingluck's government has come under fire for failing to

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Your Weekly Horoscope



October 23 - November 21 You need to let others pitch their ideas in glorious (or tedious) detail today otherwise, you're sure to miss out on the next big thing! You may not like the process, but you should like the results.



It would be cruel to disappoint it. Take a deep breath and get it over with. It makes you very attractive too, so that's always a plus. Temptation is calling your name. There is anxiety over the money situation.



December 22 - January 19

Try not to shake things up too much — but do shake things up! Make sure that you're not just going through the same old motions that got you here in the first place. Flexibility is key!



January 20 - February 18 What do you want most? Now is the time to go for it, especially if it requires convincing someone else you're right for it. Maybe it's love, maybe it's a gig, but you can present yourself perfectly now.



Changes are on the way are you ready for it? Things might get pretty weird late in

the day, but as long as you get ready for a bumpy ride, you should be able to handle it just fine.



March 21 - April 19 It's essential that you make big plans today — though you may find that others are doing the same. That can be great if you're all working together, but there's no way to guarantee that.



April 20 - May 20 Say no to outrageous behavior today — you need to toe the line, or even enforce whatever social rules are being broken. Your energy might not lead to fun, but it does lead to productivity.



May 21 - June 20

You need to pay close attention to the new information coming your way — your good energy could shift it into something much bigger and more interesting! You need to shake things up!



June 21 - July 22

You know that you need to stretch yourself more, so see if you can get your mind as limber as your body (or more so, if you've forsaken yoga lately). It's a good time to show off your flexibility.



You need to be careful and patient on a day like today — otherwise, you might find that you blow up or otherwise miss out on a great opportunity. Things are likely to pick up in a few days.



August 23 - September 22 Offer a word of constructive criticism today — but make sure it's actually constructive! Try to see things from other's point of view so you know how best to phrase it. Make it meaningful!



September 23 - October 22 You need to do whatever it takes to get to the bottom of this new social situation and fortunately, your mental energy is right on track to do just that! You find it easy to really get where people are coming from.

Poets & Poetry Social Justice An on-ag

An on-again off again invisible garment

Pretending to be

Jokes of the week

The police came to my front door last night holding a picture of my wife.

cloak

Opportunistically invoked

Social justice is not a

by Adalbert Tucker

when other garments are in tatters

and power is all that matters

social justice is not

an emperor's clothes

a one- size- fits- all overall visible only to the sycophant

the well connected and politically annointed

transparent

(Opportunistically invoked

When political fortunes are spent)

While the social values fragment

And our people disappear

Into tortured torment

Their hopes shattered and their dreams rent.

And their energies spent .. September 8 2010 They said, "Is this your wife, sir?"

Shocked, I answered, "Yes."

They said, "I'm afraid it looks like she's been hit by a bus."

I said, "I know, but she has a lovely personality."

Last night I was sitting on the sofa watching TV when I heard my wife's voice from the kitchen, "what you like for dinner my love, chicken, beef or lamb?"

I said, 'Thank you, I'll have chicken please'.

She replied, "You're having soup you fat bastard, I was talking to the cat!'

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IMF Executive Board Concludes 2011 Article IV Consultation with Belize

Public Information Notice (PIN) No. 11/131

October 31, 2011

Public Information Notices (PINs) form part of the IMF's efforts to promote transparency of the IMF's views and analysis of economic developments and policies. With the consent of the country (or countries) concerned, PINs are issued after Executive Board discussions of Article IV consultations with member countries, of its surveillance of developments at the regional level, of post-program monitoring, and of ex post assessments of member countries with longer-term program engagements. PINs are also issued after Executive Board discussions of general policy matters, unless otherwise decided by the Executive Board in a particular case.

On October 21, 2011, the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) concluded the Article IV consultation with Belize.¹

Background

Belize has weathered the financial crisis relatively well when compared with Caribbean Community peers. Output expanded by 2.7 percent in 2010 owing largely to activity in the electricity and wholesale and retail trade. Twelve-month inflation was nil in 2010, reflecting primarily continued weakness in domestic demand, and picked up slightly in the quarter ending in May driven by higher food and fuel prices. The external position strengthened, as a narrowing in the current account deficit (from 6.1 percent of GDP in 2009 to 3 percent in 2010) underpinned an increase in foreign reserves to 3.25 months of imports at end-2010, equivalent to 300 percent of 2011 external financing needs. Public debt rose to 83 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

In Fiscal Year 2010/11, the overall fiscal deficit widened by 0.3 percentage point of GDP to 1.5 percent of GDP, reflecting an increase in expenditure and weak grant disbursements. This outturn was; however, better than envisaged in the budget. Meanwhile, bank prudential indicators have remained weak, with high nonperforming loans (NPLs) and low provisioning. Bank liquidity remains ample. In July, the authorities participated in their first Financial Sector Assessment Program (FSAP). Despite a cut in reserve requirements, bank credit growth has slowed as fewer investment opportunities and high NPLs continue to constrain new lending. Improvements in social indicators have been protracted, despite the allocation of significant resources to social protection.

The macroeconomic outlook for 2011 remains moderately positive. Output growth is projected at 2.5 percent, reflecting a strong performance in the first quarter supported by an expansion in manufacturing and electricity sectors, and a modest recovery in stayover tourist arrivals. Higher food and fuel prices are expected to push inflation slightly upward. The external current account deficit is projected to remain at about 3 percent of GDP in the context of some improvement in the terms of trade. The reserve coverage would remain at around 3 months of imports by year-end.

Executive Board Assessment

Executive Directors commended the authorities for their macroeconomic management, which enabled Belize to weather the financial crisis relatively well. While the near-term outlook is positive, challenges arise from the uncertain global environment, vulnerabilities in the banking system, rising gross financing needs of the public sector, and the weak investment climate. The recent rise in poverty is also a cause for concern. Against this backdrop, Directors encouraged the authorities to strengthen the policy framework and advance the reform agenda.

Directors emphasized the need to further tighten the fiscal stance and rebuild macroeconomic buffers. A gradual increase in the primary surplus would keep financing needs manageable and place the public debt on a downward path. Directors cautioned that growing contingent liabilities could put an additional burden on public finances, requiring close monitoring over the medium term. Welcoming the authorities' intention to strengthen tax administration, Directors stressed the importance of improving overall tax collections, including a reduction in tax concessions. They also highlighted the need to

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contain the growth of the wage bill, and streamline capital spending in line with implementation capacity and grant disbursements.

Directors endorsed the authorities' emphasis on developing social programs aimed at reducing poverty. They underscored that these programs should be cost effective and better monitored and targeted. Directors agreed that safeguarding financial sector stability should be a high priority. They welcomed the authorities' plans to use the findings of the recent FSAP to guide their reform agenda and strengthen the financial sector. Noting the high level of non-performing loans, Directors stressed the importance of issuing revised loan classification and provisioning guidelines by year-end as planned, and of closely monitoring banks capital adequacy. They encouraged the authorities to follow through on recommendations to enhance the banks' supervisory capacity and reinforce the bank resolution and consolidated supervision frameworks. Directors also called for greater autonomy of the central bank. They welcomed the ongoing efforts to revamp the monetary policy framework.

Directors noted that the fixed exchange rate has provided an important anchor for macroeconomic policies. Given that rising gross external financing needs over the medium-term would increase vulnerability, they recommended building a higher level of foreign reserves as a buffer against shocks.

Directors emphasized the need to strengthen the macroeconomic framework and the business climate to tackle Belize's low productivity growth. They called for timely compensation to former owners of the nationalized entities, once the courts have reached a final verdict. Improving the long-term conditions for growth would also require the implementation of steady programs to enhance physical and financial infrastructure, promoting the formation of skilled labor, and reforming the tax system. Directors stressed the importance of close collaboration between the Fund and development partners in these **Belize: Selected Economic Indicators** areas.

	2007	2008	2009	Prel. 2010	Proj. 2011	Proj. 2012
(Annual percentage change, unless otherw	vise indicat	ed)				
National income and prices						
GDP at constant prices	1.2	3.8	0.0	2.7	2.5	2.8
Nominal GDP (US\$ millions)	1,277	1,359	1,349	1,401	1,474	1,552
Gross domestic investment 1/2/	17	27	22	18	19	19
Gross national savings 1/	12.9	17.7	15.7	15.0	15.9	14.6
Consumer prices (end of period)	4.1	4.4	-0.4	0.0	4.2	2.5
Real effective exchange rate (July for 2011)	-4.9	-0.6	4.5	-3.1	-5.6	?

Money and credit						
Credit to the private sector	13.9	11.6	4.8	-3.6	0.3	1.5
Money and quasi-money (M2)	15.0	14.0	5.8	-1.8	4.2	5.0
(In percent of GDP, unless otherwis	e indicated)					
Central government 3/						
Revenue and grants	28.2	28.7	27.0	27.4	28.6	27.4
Current expenditure	23.2	23.4	24.5	24.0	24.9	24.6
Capital expenditure and net lending	5.7	4.9	3.7	4.5	5.4	5.4
Primary balance	3.8	4.2	2.4	1.9	2.2	1.8
Overall balance	-0.7	0.4	-1.2	-1.5	-1.6	-2.5

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	2007	2008	2009	Prel. 2010	Proj. 2011	Proj. 2012
External sector						
External current account 4/	-4.1	-10.7	-6.2	-3.0	-3.1	-4.4
Overall balance of payments (US\$ millions)	22.9	57.9	47.3	4.6	3.8	16.1
Public and publicly guaranteed debt	86.3	79.7	82.1	83.3	80.4	78.1
Domestic debt	8.2	7.4	7.1	11.9	12.1	11.5
External debt	78.1	72.3	75.0	71.4	68.3	66.6
Gross international reserves (US\$ millions) 5/	108.5	166.4	213.7	218.0	221.8	235.2
In months of imports	1.6	2.1	3.3	3.2	2.9	2.9

Sources: Belize authorities; and IMF staff estimates and projections.

1/ In percent of GDP.

2/ Including inventory accumulation.

3/ Fiscal year ends in March. Budget projection for 2010

4/ Including official grants.

5/ For 2009, includes the share of Belize in the IMF Special and General SDR allocations in the equivalent of SDR 18 million (US\$28 million).

¹ Under Article IV of the IMF's Articles of Agreement, the IMF holds bilateral discussions with members, usually every year. A staff team visits the country, collects economic and financial information, and discusses with officials the country's economic developments and policies. On return to headquarters, the staff prepares a report, which forms the basis for discussion by the Executive Board. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Managing Director, as Chairman of the Board, summarizes the views of Executive Directors, and this summary is transmitted to the country's authorities. An explanation of any qualifiers used in summing up can be found here: http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/misc/qualifiers.htm.

CARIBBEAN CONNECTIONS

November 28th is Guyana's Election Day

Source: Demerara Waves

President Bharrat Jagdeo on Sunday named November 28,2011 as Guyana's election day.

The full text of the proclamation reads:

"President Bharrat Jagdeo has just issued a proclamation declaring Monday, November 28th 2011 as the date for the holding of General and Regional Elections in Guyana."

This means that Nomination Day will be 32 days before Election Day.

The Guyanese leader is expected to orally announce the election day at a Peoples Progressive Party Civic campaign rally in Kitty, Greater Georgetown.

GET WELL SOON! BELIZE'S FIRST LADY



Prime Minister Hon. Dean Barrow and Mrs. Kim Simpliss Barrow

Our beloved First Lady, Special Envoy for Women and Children, Founder and Director of Lifeline Foundation and Charity Trust Kim Simplis Barrow has been diagnose with stage three Breast Cancer and is presently preparing to undergo preoperative chemotherapy in the US.

The 39yrs. old wife of the Prime Minister of Belize and a mother of one child has clearly been one of the country most spirited, community oriented and socially active First Lady and Ambassador.

She was clinically diagnosed in early November and was told that she had the clinical appearance of stage 2 breast cancer. She left for Mami accompanied by her husband the Prime Mnister Hon. Dean Barrow on Sunday, November 6^{TH} . 2011.

On Monday 7th. November 2011 she

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should have been much more careful - but many were only too proud to boast that if George dressed up a broom they would vote for it - that is the real reason why Belize is in such a mess. We CANNOT bury the root cause; it won't go away that easily. Yes voters, we must severely blame ourselves. We must never again vote for any of the members of the Criminal Political Organization.

The POWER is always vested in the PEOPLE! That power is always only temporarily transferred to the representatives the SERVANTS OF THE PEOPLE; every last one of them, servants. It is the representatives of the PEOPLE who submit their leader for the post of PM. It is the representatives of the PEOPLE who offer the name of a candidate for Governor It General. is the representatives of the PEOPLE who appoint the Senators. It is the representatives of the PEOPLE who decided which names are to be offered for Judgeships. It is the representatives of the PEOPLE who decide between the Privy Council or

the CCJ. It is the representatives of the PEOPLE who write the Constitution and make Laws. It is WRONG to try to shackle the legislators and by extension the PEOPLE. Why would Belizeans side with a billionaire who punished us with highest telephone rates? I would think that they should have been encouraging him to leave his money for Belize - a fitting bequest! After all, he will take NONE with him, so the absolute greed is totally inexcusable. I am truly ashamed of the traitors that lined up behind him - all of them.

From the perspective of Belizeans, the logwood money, mahogany money, chicle money did not benefit Belizeans in any significant way. The PUP wanted a referendum. I would have given them one - the PEOPLES' permission to look at ALL the corrupt contracts, with a view to bring back the millions! and punish wrongdoers! Do not mistake this as a witchhunt. The SSB and DFC hearings have shown us that Commissions of Inquiry are effective at exposing corruption; the greatest risk:

crooks lying under oath. I would vest the mineral and oil wealth in the PEOPLE. Belizeans are screaming that they do NOT want to lose that as well. The resistance to drilling is because Belizeans do not see drilling as beneficial to them. If they were indeed the true owners the cry would be drill baby drill - but drill carefully, preserving our natural gifts! Belizeans want to develop the country and preserve the beauty at the same time - foreigners want to run with full pockets and they do not give a damn what harm they do. Imagine the possibilities when the millions are circulating within the country rather than running away to foreign banks! Collective ownership of the oil! The mainstream view and the public sentiment is crystal clear. I do not feel that Belizeans are happy that a Fundstaker is back in the driving seat of the PUP, this does not bode well for Belize nor Belizeans. If I were a PUP, I would push for a complete change; neither Old Guard nor New Guard. I would go with completely fresh blood, untainted; the formation of something totally new! Since I am everything BUT PUP, no one will listen

to me.....

went through a series of tests. The Mami doctors determined that it was Breast Cancer that is in an advanced case of stage 3 Breast Cancer. Our First Lady will need to undergo a mastectomy meaning the surgical removal of her left breast. She will receive six sessions of chemotherapy which will be three weeks apart,

The management and staff of The Northern Star extends our sincere Get Well Soon wishes and prays for our First Ladv of Belize.

FACES & PLACES OF BELIZE



THE BELIZEAN IMPRIMATUR

Editorial

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for generations upon generations to come.

Social Utilities are not mere commodities for exclusive market profitability and commercial enterprise and interest but must be safeguarded for the benefit of the people as true beneficiaries.

The repatriation by constitutional enshrinement the Belizean Imprimatur by the enactment of The Ninth Amendment to the Belize Constitution (our paramount supreme law) for the restoration of majority interest

and control in water, electricity and telecommunications is a reinstatement beyond the righting of the wrong which was visited on Belizeans when these were sold and alienated in the past. The B.T.L Golden Share, for example, which "represented as it were the patrimonial interest of the people and country of Belize in telecommunications", was wrongfully sold without respect or regard for our people and country's human and patrimonial rights and interests. We are now assured of an avoidance of future

alienation from our people of

the majority control of these vital utilities.

Water is not a mere utility, public good and amenity enhancing lifestyle, standard of living or even quality of life: it is an absolute necessity for life and as such the right to water is an extension linked or attenuated to our most fundamental human right which is the right to life itself, a fundamental right guaranteed and entrenched in our Belize Constitution.

Access to as well as the availability of electricity remains, along with others, an

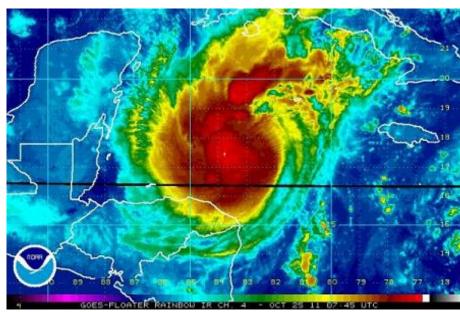
essential service in Belize. The rights of the people and country of Belize prevails in the passage of the Ninth Amendment which ensures majority control of our water, electricity and telecommunications. By the historic Parliamentary **vote** on Friday 21st October 2011, and ratification by the Senate on Monday 24th October 2011, followed by the Governor General's assent of Tuesday 25th October 2011 our Belizean Government carried out a critical duty well within its mandate to our people, and beyond the call of duty in keeping with the public imperative and more so the **Belizean Imprimatur**.

THE NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE Vs. THE WEATHER CHANNEL

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disappointed as they waited feverishly to hear The Weather Channel explain that the hurricane was heading west and that meant towards our country Belize. But alas, Weather Channel the mentioned only Cozumel, Cancun and other Mexican locations.

The Weather Channel even spoke about Guatemala and the deaths caused by flooding there but failed to say the name of the country that was to the immediate west of the Hurricane, Rina.



Hurricane Rina on October 25th, 2011

This is a picture above of what was before us as a Nation on the 25th. October 2011 moving westward as the Weather Channel spoke only of Mexican Locations as if though Belize did not exist on the world map. We must thank God for the competent staff at the Belize Meteorological Service, N.E.M.O and the various locally Media Houses who kept Belizean and visitors here at home abreast and well informed and as a result of their professionalism we can now say we were and are prepared in the Hurricane Season. Finally, Remember when no one trusted any other organization to distribute supplies other than the Red Cross here in Belize? Well that was under the previous government. Have you noticed that absolutely no one is waiting anymore to see "Mr. Nemo"? The reason is that after only three plus years.

"Mr. Nemo" is now a well respected, most efficient and reliable ORGANIZATION! The SHINING EXAMPLE TO THE WORLD. When it comes to disaster preparedness and relief!



The Weather Channel relies heavily on people like our very own Dennis Gonguez from The Belize Meteorological Service and their readings which come from our modern Doppler Radar which is mounted at the P. S. W. Goldson International Airport in Ladyville.

This is the one of the major ways how the Weather Channel gets their information about weather systems in this region, besides the use of Hurricane HuntersAircraft.

Belize's brand new, state-of-the-art Doppler radar

Bishop Martin High School "Taste of Orange Walk"

Oh Saturday November 12th. The Bishop Martin High School located at 3/4 mile San Lorenzo Road. Orange Walk held its eight annual "Taste of Orange Walk" fundraiser next to the Orange Walk Town Board. This High School has been in exsistence for nine years and its' annual fundraising drive is for the purpose of maintaining the school and constructing new class rooms. The event started with a cultural presentation by the students of the school followed by the sale of nine different traditional cultural dishes.



Mrs. Lorelie Torres, Vice Principal



These dishes were sold along with desert

Students, Parents and Faculty working together!



Bishop Martin High School "Taste of Orange Walk"

and a natural juice. The PT.A for their part besides assisting with the preparation of the food also conducted a raffle. Ms. Lorelie Torres, Vice Principal of the Bishop Martin High School explained that the school started with 60 students and today they boast some 260 students.



The Public came out to support!





The delicious food was carried away



Cultural diversity complimented by an assortment of dishes was the order of the day.



The Orange Walk Cancer Support Group held a well attended and successful fundraiser on Saturday which was broadcasted live and direct from in front of Universal Radio 88.5FM

Many individuals and business from Orange Walk participated in the event in solidarity with the cause.

The unique combination of food and drinks, continuous live music from the Youth Connection Band, the surprise appearance and performance from a rock band and the widest assortment of items on



The Banner and The People



sale brought hundreds of people to the event.

> There was something for everyone, anything and everything excluding the kitchen-sink.

We congratulate the organizers of this event and look forward to assist in promoting their next event.

The banner for the Orange Walk **Cancer Support Group** adequately states, "Cancer Hurts Lets Share the Pain".





The Youth Connection Band Performing

That Kitchen-sink has to be somewhere here!

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ORANGE WALK CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FUNDRAISER



There was something

for

everyone!



Anything and everything!



HAPPY GARIFUNA SETTLEMENT DAY Department of Transport THERE'S A THIN LINE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.

TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS

1. Check your motor vehicle to ensure that everything is in good working condition. Example- brakes, all lights, horn, wipers, tires, spare-tire, tire tools, oil, water, brake fluid & dash board gauges.

2.Ensure that your driver's license is valid and that your vehicle is licensed and insured.

3. Wear your seat belts at all times when on the highways. (It is an offence for drivers and front seat passengers not to wear seat belts on the high ways).

4.Don't carry passengers in the back of open pickup trucks. (Vehicle only insured to carry amount of passengers as stipulated on certificate of registration/ title).

5.Don't drive if you are consuming Alcoholic beverages or taking medication (drugs). Have designated driver (alcohol and drugs affect your vision and judgement).

6. Avoid making calls on cell phone when driving, it is best to pull off to the right to make calls or to answer your cell phone, don't text whiles driving.

7. Wear your helmet at all times when operating or being carried as a passenger on a motor cycle.

