

Two Hundred and Twenty Five more House Lots!

On Thursday 1st. December the residents of Orange Walk North in the Trail Farm Area received a high spirited visit from their Area Representative Hon. Gaspar Vega who was accompanied by senior officials of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Two hundred and twenty-five House Lots were issued to the people in the Orange Walk Constituency. The lots are in the Bishop Martin School Area of Trial Farm. This land was bought by the Government of Belize and surveyed at no cost to the recipients who will only have to pay seven hundred dollars to attain their Land Title.

During his address the Area Representative and Deputy Prime Minister of Belize Hon.

Adelante Con Orange Walk North !



Hon. Gaspar Vega

Giving to the present, safeguarding the future.

Gaspar Vega stated that he “will continue lobbying the government in Cabinet for every benefit I can bring to the deserving Constituency of Orange Walk North”!

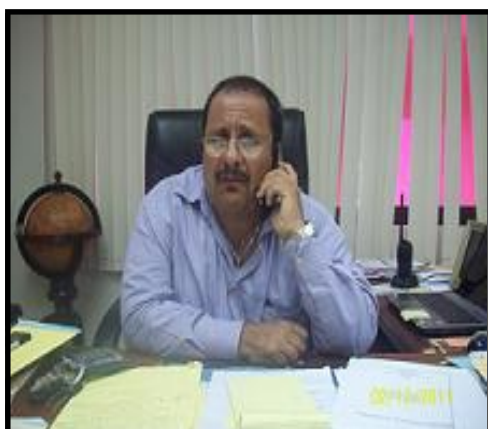
The people of Orange Walk North openly displayed their gratitude to their representative and to the hard working team of senior officials of the Ministry of Natural Resources present there.

In giving to the present mothers and fathers their right to land the Hon. Gaspar Vega told to us that “this is the only way to truly safeguard the future of their children. Adelante con Orange Walk North!”

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The Corozal Free Zone. The reality today!

from \$30,000 profit - \$901,000.00 a year



David Akierman
Executive Chairman of
Corozal Free Zone
Exculsive Report.

In February 2008 the General Elections brought the dawn of a new United Democratic

Party Government. Along with that new government came our new management for the Corozal Free Zone. The expectation of investors at the Zone was riddled with questions. Changes were met with skepticism

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Rosendo 'Chendo' Urbina Jr. and Family Threatened

On Sunday, December 4th shortly after 6pm while exiting his compound in the Honey Camp area, Rosendo 'Chendo' Urbina Jr. and his wife Becky Urbina were ambushed by a group of five men dressed in camouflages and masked. They were held at gunpoint for a period of time where they were threatened and intimidated into paying a large amount of money.

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International News

Editorial



In this week's edition I would like to take time to say CONGRATULATIONS to all the Police Officers. Not only the ones who busted the Mexican National with the one hundred and eleven packages of cocaine but those who are never acknowledge in the media.

Policing is not a small job and the reward is next to none, while the responsibility is, to respond promptly to anyone who shouts POLICE!

The media often goes mute when there is a peaceful celebration, public activity or days of calm in the country. This is because their barometer which is used to measure the performance of the Police Department is automatically deactivated when there is no dirt, no complaint, no criticism to be leveled against the Department. Case in point; lately you would believe that the G.S.U has been disband because not a word has been said in the media about them. Ever wonder why?

While no member of the media would be prepared to put down their pen and trade jobs with any member of the Police Department, not even for a day; our ink readily runs like a ruptured water-main when something evolves that gives us the ever slightest reason to point a negative finger at the police.

In the movie Ghost Busters the theme song had these words, "If there is something strange in your

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The Corozal Free Zone. The reality today!

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Continuous flow of traffic of purchasers from Mexico into the Zone as millions of dollars were at stake and the new direction was uncertain.

From the inception of the takeover of this new management of the Corozal Free Zone it was noticed that the complete network was in shambles. A lot of work had to be done and drastic measures had to be implemented in light of the sorrowful situation we encountered therein.

The Corozal Free Zone was plagued with the following problems before the advent of our new management in 2008.

1. Gross mismanagement of the Corozal Free Zone finances reflecting in the bills accountable to the Banks and the Private Sector. The audit for 2007 reflected profit of only \$30,000.00 Bze. per annum.
2. The Security System was in the most deplorable condition having being privatized costing the management \$600,000.00 per annum.
3. Security Personnel were working under inhumane conditions with very limited resources.
4. The infrastructure was in a sorrowful conditions. Streets were in bad shape. Garbage

was scattered all over the place and the drainage was a huge problem irrespective of the fact that the then P.U.P Government paid two million dollars for a thorough restructuring.

5. There were repeated incidences of fire.
6. Garbage collection was privatized yet the zone was maintained in very unhygienic conditions.

The Corozal Free Zone under this new management today has realized the following.

1. The administration of the Zone was restructured and people well capacitated were put in place. The result was that we established a better Management / Private Sector relationship recognizing the Corozal Free Zone Chamber of Commerce as the liaison between management and investors. Automatically uplifting investor confidence.
2. We created the sound fiscal management of the Zone and a transparent financial system where the first year audit reflected \$901,000.00 profit as compared to \$30,000.00 previously. We also put in place a yearly Social Interventions Program to the tune of some \$40,000.00 per annum.

3. The Zone's Infrastructure was upgraded. Streets paved, drainage improved drastically which automatically downgraded the flooding problems. Garbage collection under this new Corozal Free Zone (CFZ) Management has been more cost effective as the services has been greatly improved with the procurement of two compactor trucks. We restructured the entrance to the CFZ landscaping to give a more picturesque view of CFZ.

4. We completely upgraded and restructured the Security Services under CFZ Management creating a more investor and visitor friendly atmosphere while improving the working conditions of the employees. (Security hut, booths and bathroom facilities were upgraded with all amenities) We have a more visible security patrols which increased investor and visitor confidence while reducing the spate of burglaries. Yet our management has seen savings of over \$120,000.00 per annum by centralizing the security services.

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Dr. Errol Elrington

TREASON: The offense of attempting by overt acts to overthrow the government of the state to which one owes allegiance...

QUISLING: A traitor who collaborates with the invaders of his country...

Believe this, there are people alive today who still worship the devilish Adolf Hitler! That is a straight up fact. Most tyrants, despots, dictators and political mass murderers started out small, but used the very power loaned to them by the electorate to become the monsters that then preyed on that same electorate! When people look back at the way they voted, some say: "I didn't know.." Then there are the others who: "Frankly did not care". Then there are the ones like Woolrich Harrison Courtenay who knew exactly why they sold out. Active Participation; Culpability! When Ralph said that the mess that Belize is in was caused by the PUP he knew exactly what he was talking about and he was 100% right.

When my father led the discussions concerning the political points of the day on our verandah, he was very clear about why he could NEVER support Price nor the PUP. This is the proper time for me to share these reasons with you:

1) Price was **sent** into politics by a millionaire capitalists who did NOT want to pay taxes: the relevance to today is that we have a bil-

lionaire who wants All the Belizeans' money - and do NOT want to pay taxes. A PUP win would allow the billionaire to have his way with Belize. Different time, same motive!

2) Price failed to complete the prescribed course of study at seminary. Relevance: Smith explained that by the end of Price's long reign, things worsened and corruption reached a critical mass; continued failure.

3) Price was expelled from the meeting in London after secret, unauthorized scheming with Granados. Relevance: Chiquibul, and indeed the whole border continues to be threatened by Granado's countrymen.

4) Price sold out. His thirty pieces of silver was the promise of becoming the 1st President of a *proposed* Central American Federation.

5) Price was totally against a West Indies Federation and he refused twice to give the land for the UWI campus at that University's birth. Relevance: Belize would have had a superb teaching, tertiary level hospital, I lay the blame of every one of the premature deaths on the shoulders of Price and his people.

6) Price would shamelessly run into the protected arms of the very 'Colonial British' that he claimed to be fighting against, whenever he wanted to save his skin or when it suited his selfish needs. Examples: i) When Hector Silva and Santiago Perdomo, backed by Ydigoras Fuentes, wanted to push him aside.

ii) Whenever solders, warships and harriers were needed to come to the aid of Belizeans.

7) Price went from house to

house and community to community to encourage Citizens to give *him* their allegiance - rather that the *COUNTRY*. He used the visits to encourage class and ethnic separation. Relevance: Today's population is not as nationalistic and unified as it needs to be, especially when faced with threats from outside.

8) Price told Pollard that a British passport would be irrelevant because Belize would soon become a Department of Guatemala. Relevance: The totally unfunded claim is still being pushed by the enemies of our state.

9) Price had been receiving monthly cash contributions from the Guatemalans. Relevance: Guatemala wants what it feels that is has paid for - problem is; Price was wrong to put Belize on the selling block, because Belize was NEVER his to sell. Smith, Richardson and Goldson turned away from him because of his 'great love': Guatemala. Belize belongs to Belizeans; our destiny lies with coming fully to grip with that fact; 100% ownership of our Jewel.

10) Price lied under oath during the Sharpe Inquiry (contact with the enemy of Belize was established) to save his cowardly skin. **Perjury!** Relevance: The PUP continues to use LIES to steal from the Citizens of Belize. Drugs, Guns, Violence, Corruption, Lies, Greed, Stealing, Human Trafficking, Prostitution, Contact, Treason, Sedition, Sell Out. A Criminal Gang that strayed into politics and they have surely put a severe hurt on Belize.

11) Price encouraged violence to get his way. His behavior in my view affected others adversely. Silky, Cain, Lightburn, Smiling, mar-

shals.... were encouraged to harm Belizean Citizens. Stoning, gunshots, arson.... Relevance: One of the biggest problem the once peaceful Belize is now fighting is a massive crime/violence problem.

12) Price ALWAYS placed himself, his family and his party well above the interest of Belize and Belizeans. Relevance: Belizeans are worst off now than when he entered politics 60 years ago; expected, since he went in to look after the interest of a scrooge....Shameful and Wrong!

I have offered you a taste of the material we discussed. I now say that the sneaky push for sainthood is a sinister move by *those* who facilitated Price to feel good about *their* actions. *They* did wrong by supporting him and the knowledge of *their* massive unpatriotic error brings *them* severe mental pain. To escape, *they* must justify *their* deeds. *Their* plan for relief is to make Price a hero and a saint; impossible! *They* know that he is neither! I strongly advise *them* to look at mythology for a way out....

In closing I want to warn that if at the end of the reading, you come to the conclusion that this article is about Price, then you have misunderstood me. Despite the many appearance of that name; the focus is on *those individuals* who allowed him to mess with Belize. This article is a gentle warning to the voters to be careful - do not vote against your interest and against the country. I am really begging you NOT to vote PUP; that would put the country in grave peril. **I NEVER VOTED BLUE, NOW YOU KNOW WHY!**

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Wayne Andy Williams was a personal friend to us here at The Northern Star. The news of his untimely death came as a shock to us, one that we must admit that we have not quite come to terms with as yet.

In life you meet few people that leave a lasting impression forever, rubber-stamped in your memory. Wayne was one of those persons that we will always remember.

His departure from this physical life was sudden but yet knowing the nature of the individual one cannot help but visualizing him saying, *"cho da dat u di worry bout, by mawning a wa fix dat. A done gat somebody di work pa dat as we speak"*.

Yes, Wayne Williams was a workaholic but one would not expect nothing less from a man who worked with individuals who demand nothing less than excellence like the Hon. Melvin Hulse or C.E.O Candilara Saldivar Morter.

Wayne loved his family dearly and was a devoted father. I will never forget when the Hon. Melvin Hulse, who is always working;

on one specific weekend asked everyone to report to work early the next day which was a Public and Bank Holiday. Wayne's comment was simply, *"I have to babysit and when I am done with that, I will come"*. Out-spoken he was, reliable would be an understatement, passionate about both delivering and ensuring that the job got done right was for him natural in his nature.

Yes if you did not have the opportunity to have known the man, you've just missed the chance to have known a really good man, friend and colleague; Wayne Andy Williams.

Wayne worked at NEMO and was the Director of the Central Building Authority. He also owned his own reputable business Williams Engineering Services.

Working with the extremely competent staff at NEMO means that he was always on call, night and day-day and night continuously. Especially during the Hurricane Season which accounts for half of every year in Belize.



Wayne Williams with his wife Guadalupe and one of their sons

Mrs. Noreen Fairweather, Colonel Shelton DeFour, Mr. Ramon Frutus, Mr. Manuel Lopez, Mr. Dennis Gonguez, Mrs. Candilara Saldivar Morter and the Hon. Melvin Hulse and all the Management and Staff of the Ministry of Transport, Communication and NEMO will all dearly miss our friend.

But, let us not forget that there is a problem out there that must be fixed immediately, taking into account that there was a water truck painted full black, without any lighting, reflectors or even the traditional pieces of bush to forewarn motorist of an obstruction ahead amounts to nothing less than gross negligence on the part of the driver.

Notwithstanding, the thought that the condition of that stretch of highway may also have been a factor which contributed to this horrific accident is simply one that cannot go away. The said piece of highway has been responsible for many deaths by accidents occurring there and for years, despite the horrific nature of those accidents absolutely nothing has been done to correct that slippery portion of the road.

I can recall vividly stopping along that stretch to render assistance to the driver and passengers of a pick-up truck that had flip several times off the highway while traveling on that same stretch of road.

At the time it was drizzling lightly and upon exiting my vehicle I found myself fighting to hold my balance while walking wearing a decent pair of shoes on the pavement of that road. Slippery isn't the word. It was like trying to walk on ice or learning to roller skate for the first time.

There is no question, that damn road is bloody slippery and will cause many more horrific accidents which will result in deaths.

That piece of highway needs to be fixed and fixed now! We at the Northern Star Newspaper will lobby in every forum possible to get that piece of highway resurfaced. Our late brother would want nothing less.

On behalf of the Minister, Hon. Melvin Hulse, the C.E.O, Mrs. Candilara Saldivar Morter and the entire Management and Staff of the Ministry of Transport, Communication and NEMO We hereby extend our deepest condolences to his wife Mrs. Guadalupe Williams, his sons and his entire family.

Wayne
Andy Williams.
September 17th.
1966
to
December
6th. 2011
REST in PEACE!

The Corozal Free Zone. The reality today!

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5. With the acquisition of a fire truck some two years ago and the construction of a fire station with all amenities the CFZ has seen reduced incidences of fire. There has been only one incidence of fire since the upgrading of the CFZ Fire Department.

6. Our employment capacity has been maintained at a stable level of basically 2,700 employees.

Since the takeover in 2008 this new management has shown relentless efforts in improving the conditions of the Corozal Free Zone and by extension the livelihood of all involved with the CFZ.

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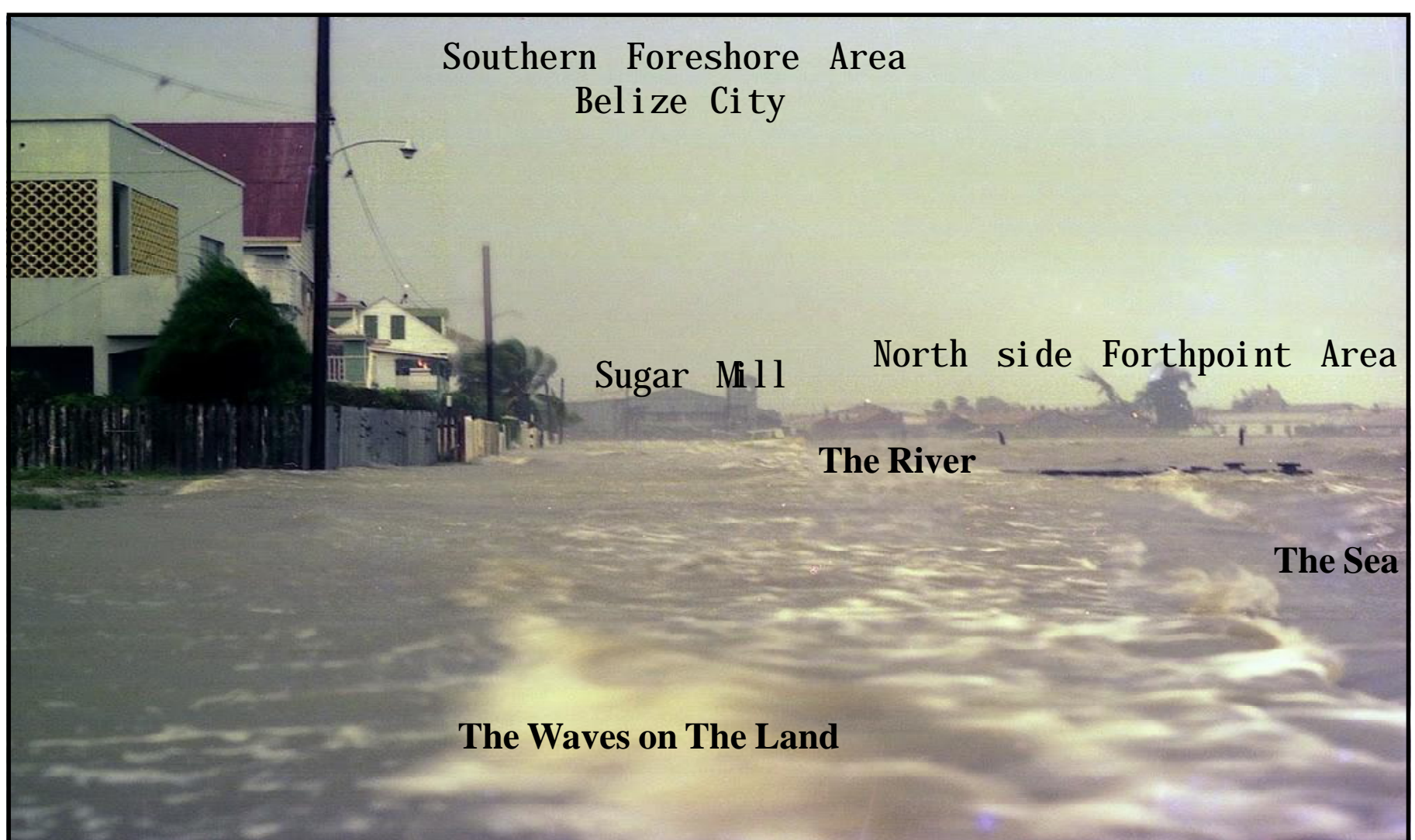
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Mexican National Sentenced to 24 Years for Drug Trafficking and Importation of Drugs



Martin Urias

Forty four year old Mexican National, Martin Urias who was caught with a large quantity of cocaine on Thursday, December 1st. was charged with drug trafficking and importation of drugs and sentenced to sixteen years in prison on Friday, December 2nd.

He had apparently been frequently travelling through Belize to Guatemala at least twice a month and back to Mexico. He claimed to be a shoe salesman but only travelled with samples.

We understand that after he had crossed the western border Urias was seen acting suspiciously as he neared a police checkpoint in the area where police were training. An alert police officer saw the pickup with Mexican Plates and recognized it because it had already been flagged by police in Benque Viejo some months ago.

A search of the vehicle in Corozal turned up nothing. It

was then taken over to the Corozal Police station where a detailed search yielded one hundred and eleven bricks of cocaine stamped XT stuffed inside a hidden compartment in the camper of his trailer. The cocaine amounted to a total of two hundred and eighty-four pounds with a street value of two million US dollars.

Magistrate Clive Lino sentenced Urias to eight years in prison and fined him \$100,000 for the count of drug trafficking. In default he will spend eight years in



Hidden Compartment in the Camper



The One hundred and eleven parcels of Cocaine

prison. For the count of importation of drugs he was sentenced to eight years and also fined an extra \$100,000 or in default another eight years in prison.

The 'two' eight year sentences are to run concurrently, meaning he will serve eight, not sixteen years.

The default sentences for non-payment of the fines are consecutive, meaning he could serve a maximum of 24 years in prison. We understand that the fines have not been paid yet.

He is presently at the Hattieville prison, after appearing in Corozal

Magistrate's Court on Friday and pleading guilty to Drug Trafficking and Importation of Drugs.

On Wednesday at a little after 6:00am the two hundred and eighty-four pounds of cocaine arrived and was destroyed here in Orange Walk at Loskot Sawmill.

The drugs were escorted from Belize City to Orange Walk in the dead of the night by the Anti Drug Unit along with other elements of the Police Department, the Media and the Judiciary.

The one hundred and eighty-four pounds of cocaine was completely destroyed in less than an hour in a cast-iron, cylindrical furnace at the Loskot Sawmill.

photos courtesy of channel 7



Cocaine individually chopped open



Cast-iron, cylindrical furnace

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Seasons Greetings From

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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 while driving.
7. Wear your helmet at all times when operating or being carried as a passenger on a motor cycle.
8. Only overtake if you have a clear view of the road ahead, never overtake around blind curves or when driving over a hill.
9. Drive within the speed limit at all times.
10. Obey all traffic law and signs.

THINK! DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE



UNITED DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Orange Walk Town Council Candidates



Francine Burns
LLB (Hons); Postgraduate
Diploma in Professional
Legal Skills; Barrister



Albert 'Memmo' Dawson
Employed at Belize Sugar
Industries Limited; Active
Member of Orange Walk
Jockey Club



Ivan Leiva – Mayoral Candidate
Employed at Santiago Castillo Group of Companies;
Pursuing Bachelors Degree in Business Administration
at Galen University



Fiona Liu Mazier - BBA
majoring in Human
Resource Management;
Management and Accounting
Teacher at Muffles Junior
College



Lionel Leon Palacio
Teacher at New Hope High
School; known as "Mista P".
Building Designer and Music
Instructor

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Carlos 'Charlie' Peralta
Justice of the Peace;
Insurance Sales
Representative at RF&G
Insurance; Active member
in Catholic Church Parish



Carlos 'Charlie' Slusher
Goalkeeper for the Belize
National Football Team.
Bachelors Degree in Business
Administration. Works at
National Sports Council as
National Sports Coordinator

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The Hottest Events & Entertainment

GRAND OPENING OF THE PANISCEA THIS WEEKEND!

This weekend promises to be an exciting one with the Gala Opening of the long awaited Paniscea Restaurant and Bar here in “Sugar City” Orange Walk.

The Paniscea is located below the Banquitas House of Culture and is nestled in the most scenic natural, nature surroundings.

There has been tremendous work done to completely restore, refurbish and redesign this location. A work that began in early September and was at its finishing stages when the Northern Star Newspaper visited earlier this week.



The Owners
Yolanda Lucy Tuyub and Douglas Stables

Beside the breath- taking scenery, we met a group of some seventeen employees who were more than excited, to put it mildly, about opening day.

These employees we understand each received six weeks training in Public Relations and Services. There is a Master Chef and a Master Bartender which makes up a part of the team of employees of the Paniscea. Catering for locals, visitors and tourists with the highest in quality, delicious food; a wide assortment of refreshing drinks and drink-mixes both hard and soft; an immaculate surrounding and service fit for royalty; The Paniscea is the Northern Star Hottest Event of the week.



The Employees



SCENES OF THE PANISCEA RESTAURANT AND BAR



UNITED DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Corozal Town Council

Candidates.



Hilberto Campos
Mayoral Candidate

Current Mayor. Has an Associate's Degree in Applied Science, Electrical & Mechanical Engineering. President of Belize Mayors' Association for period 2008-2010 and Vice President of Belize Mayors' Association for period 2010 to present.

March 2012



Daisy Marroquin

Graduated from Corozal Junior College. Has Associate's Degree in Business Administration. Businesswoman.



Guillermo Arana

Graduated Corozal Junior College. Has Associate's Degree in Business Administration. Business Owner of Restaurant and Bar. Served as Vice President of the Corozal Billiards Association, presently the Treasurer of Corozal Billiards Association.



Elva Oralia Perez

Has Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Education. Teaches at Corozal Junior College. Past Department Chair at both Corozal Community College and Corozal Junior College.



Rafael Castillo

Graduated from Corozal Community College and Corozal Junior College. Has a Bachelor's Degree in Science with a Major in Biochemistry and Minor in Environmental Science from Olivet College in the state of Michigan, USA. Presently teaching at the Tertiary level.



Stacey Elizabeth Chi

Graduated from Belize Adventist College. Has one year training in Computer Technology at ITVET. Presently a Pre-School teacher at Play-World Methodist.



Willie Cruz

Graduated from Corozal Community College. Has Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Corozal Junior College.

FOOD AND NUTRITION

Food Allergy and Intolerances

Food allergies or food intolerances affect nearly everyone at some point. People often have an unpleasant reaction to something they ate and wonder if they have a food allergy. One out of three people either say that they have a food allergy or that they modify the family diet because a family member is suspected of having a food allergy. But only about three percent of children have clinically proven allergic reactions to foods. In adults, the prevalence of food allergy drops to about one percent of the total population.

This difference between the clinically proven prevalence of food allergy and the public perception of the problem is in part due to reactions called “food intolerances”

rather than food allergies. A food allergy, or hypersensitivity, is an abnormal response to a food that is triggered by the immune system. The immune system is not responsible for the symptoms of a food intolerance, even though these symptoms can resemble those of a food allergy.

It is extremely important for people who have true food allergies to identify them and prevent allergic reactions to food because these reactions can cause devastating illness and, in some cases, be fatal.

How Allergic Reactions Work

An allergic reaction involves two features of the human immune response. One is the production of immunoglobu-

lin E (IgE), a type of protein called an antibody that circulates through the blood. The other is the mast cell, a specific cell that occurs in all body tissues but is especially common in areas of the body that are typical sites of allergic reactions, including the nose and throat, lungs, skin, and gastrointestinal tract.

The ability of a given individual to form IgE against something as benign as food is an inherited predisposition. Generally, such people come from families in which allergies are common - not necessarily food allergies but perhaps hay fever, asthma, or hives. Someone with two allergic parents is more likely to develop food allergies than someone with one allergic

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FACES AND OF BELIZE PRIZE RULES!

Appearing on page 16 of every issue of the Northern Star Newspaper will be a photo of a person or location of Belize. Below in every issue will appear a coupon. Fill out the coupon identifying the person or area from which the photo was taken and win two months free subscription of the Northern Star Newspaper delivered to your door! Coupon may be delivered or mailed to Northern Star Newspaper Ltd. #80 Otro Benque Road Orange Walk Town Belize, C. A.

TAKEDA RECIPES

Ny'm Good Belizean Bittles Creole Christmas Fruit Cake

Total Time: 1hr 52 mins
Yield: 6 servings

Ingredients:

Simple Syrup

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 1/2 tbsps lemon zest, cut in strips
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

For the Cake

- 1/2 lb mixed dried fruits
- 2 sticks unsalted butter at room temperature
- 1 cup plus 2tbsps granulated sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 cup orange flavored liqueur
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp ground cinnamon
- pinch freshly grated nutmeg
- 1/2 cup silvered almonds, toasted
- 1/2 cup pecan pieces
- 1/2 cup walnut pieces
- 1/4 cup rum

Directions:

Make a simple-syrup by combining the sugar and water in a medium-size saucepan over medium heat. Add the lemon zest and juice and bring to boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Boil for 2 mins and remove from the heat. Combined the dried fruits in a large mixing bowl. Pour the simple-syrup over them, toss to coat and let steep for 5 mins. Strain and reserve the syrup. Cream the butter and sugar together in the bowl of an electric mixer at low speed, occasionally scraping down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula. Beat until the mixture is fluffy and smooth, about 2 mins. Add the eggs 1 at a time, mixing in between each addition on low speed and scraping down the sides of

the bowl as necessary. Add 1/4 cup of the liqueur and mix to incorporate. Combine the flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg in a mixing bowl and blend well. Add this mixture 1/2 cup at a time to the butter mixture with the mixer on low speed, each time mixing until smooth, about 2 mins. The batter will be thick. Add the warm fruit and all of the nuts a little at a time, mixing well. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a cake pan with

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Two Hundred and Twenty Five more House Lots!



The crowd were attentive during the ceremony



A joyfully hug for her Representative.



People expressions of love for Hon. Gaspar Vega



C. E. O Ministry N. R. E, Commissioner of Lands

Editorial



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neighborhood. Who do you call...? Ghost Busters"! Here in Belize and in the world for that matter, we call the POLICE!

Yes Police Men and Women are as ordinary as the man on the streets. Naturally there will always be elements of individuals who join the department for the wrong

reasons. Do we then throw away the baby while throwing out the bath-water?

We in the media must play our part in helping to create the atmosphere of friendship and cooperation between the community and the police by sometimes publicly acknowledging and expressing that we are grateful that we have people who are prepared to take up the toughest job in town which involves risking their own life and the livelihood and welfare of their families to protecting others.

Many of my colleagues in the media may see things differently and that's simply because we are different.

Here at the Northern Star under the name of our newspaper appear three words that define us. Information, Illumination and Inspiration add those words unto the literal meaning of our name and

follow the light!

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Advent of a new style of Public Meeting in the north!

Corozal South East Public Luncheon Meeting

The Northern Star Newspaper was treated to witness for the first time a unique style of Public Meeting that has been implemented by the Northern Zone of The United Democratic Party.

On Friday we visited the San Joaquin Village where the residents of the village all gathered under a tent to hear and discuss plans and concerns with their Standard Bearer Raul Rosado who was accompanied at the head table by Servando Samos, the former U.D.P Standard Bearer in the said Corozal South East Constituency who lost in the General Elections by a mere sixteen votes.

This innovative style of Public meeting was chaired by Mr. David Akierman and saw the integral participation of the Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Gaspar Vega; the Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin; Minister of Labor and Local Government, Hon. Gabriel Martinez and Mr. Eddie Webster along with all the United Democratic Party's Standard Bearers of the North.



Chendo Urbina, Landy Burns, Raul Rosado, Deni Grijalva, Eddy Webster and Hugo Patt (Left -Right seated)



Hon. Gaspar Vega / Mr. Raul Rosado



Mr. David Akierman Chaired the Public Luncheon Meeting

There were candid discussions about individual and community issues from matters concerning land to matters concerning health and because all of the Members of Cabinet from the North

were present, those concerns were address on the spot by them.

Many villagers told us that never before have the people of San Joaquin have the

opportunity to sit down with so many officials of government and dialogue about matters affecting them in their village, while receiving concrete on the spot solutions where possible.

The advent of this new style of Public Meeting is far advance from the traditional Public Meetings we have grown so accustom to, which although will always have a place in Belizean Politics is more of a pep-rally.

We congratulate the organizers of this event, the San Joaquin Committee along with Mr. David Akierman and all the participants who together made the session productive and successful.

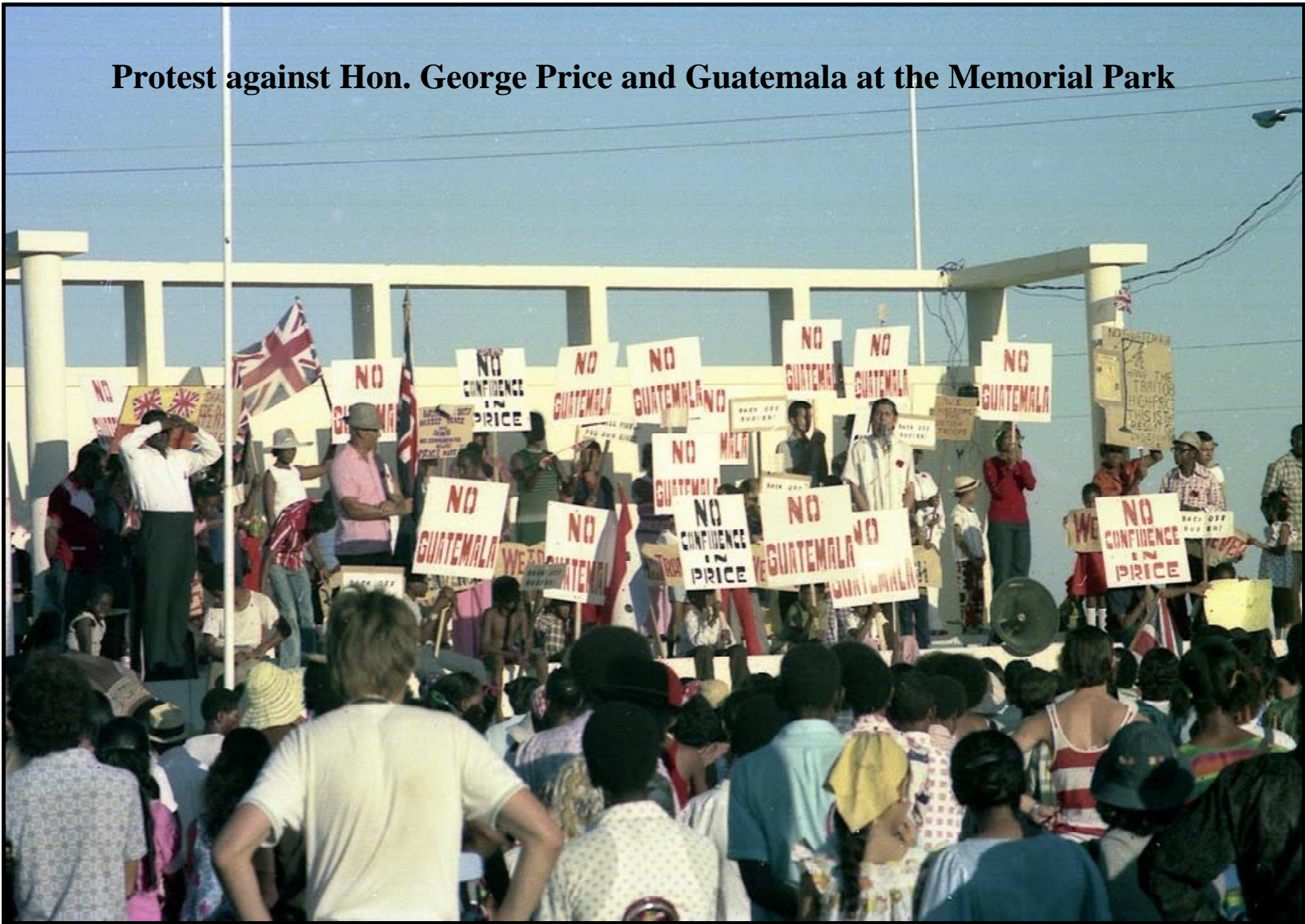


Leader of the Northern Zone Hon. Pablo Marin



Hon. Gaspar Vega answer concerns during the meeting

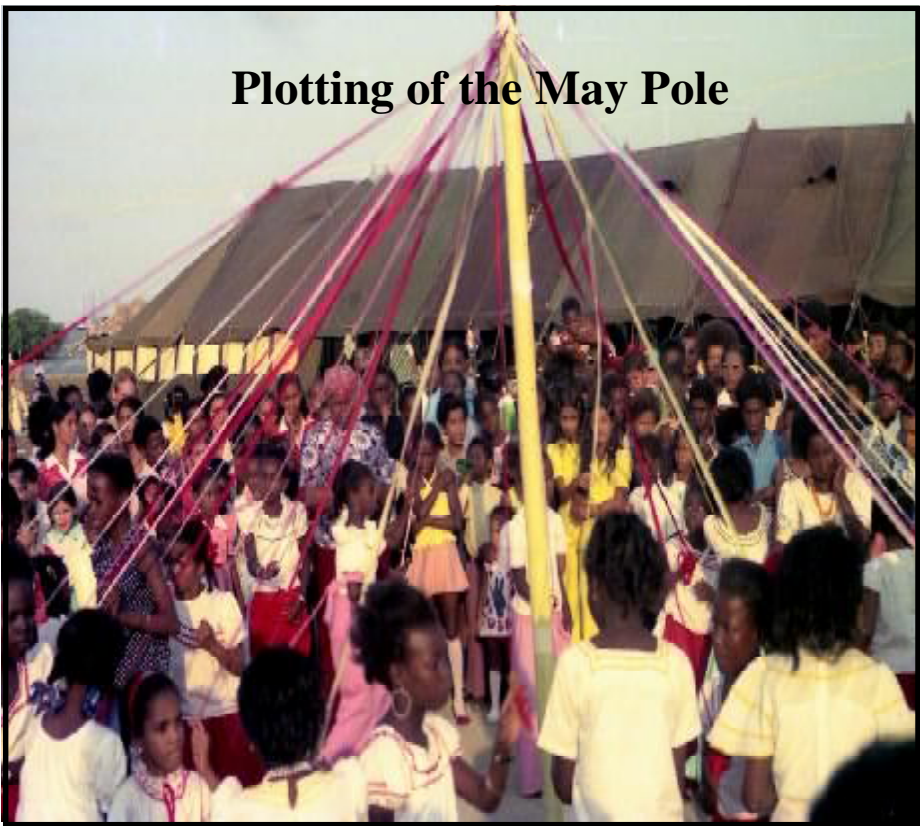
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Horse Track now Marion Jones Stadium



Plotting of the May Pole



CREOLE PROVERBS

Dah fool de talk but dah no fool de lissen.

English: It's a fool that is speaking, but it's not a fool who is listening.

Meaning: The smart person is the one who listens well.

Mek yu slef floclath an pippel wahn wipe dehn foot pahn yu.

English: Make yourself to be a floorcloth and people will wipe their foot on you.

Meaning: People will exploit your weakness.

Nuh heng yu hat higher dan yu can reach.

English: Don't hang your hat higher than you can reach.

Meaning: Don't spend more than you could afford.

Same knife weh kill sheep kill goat.

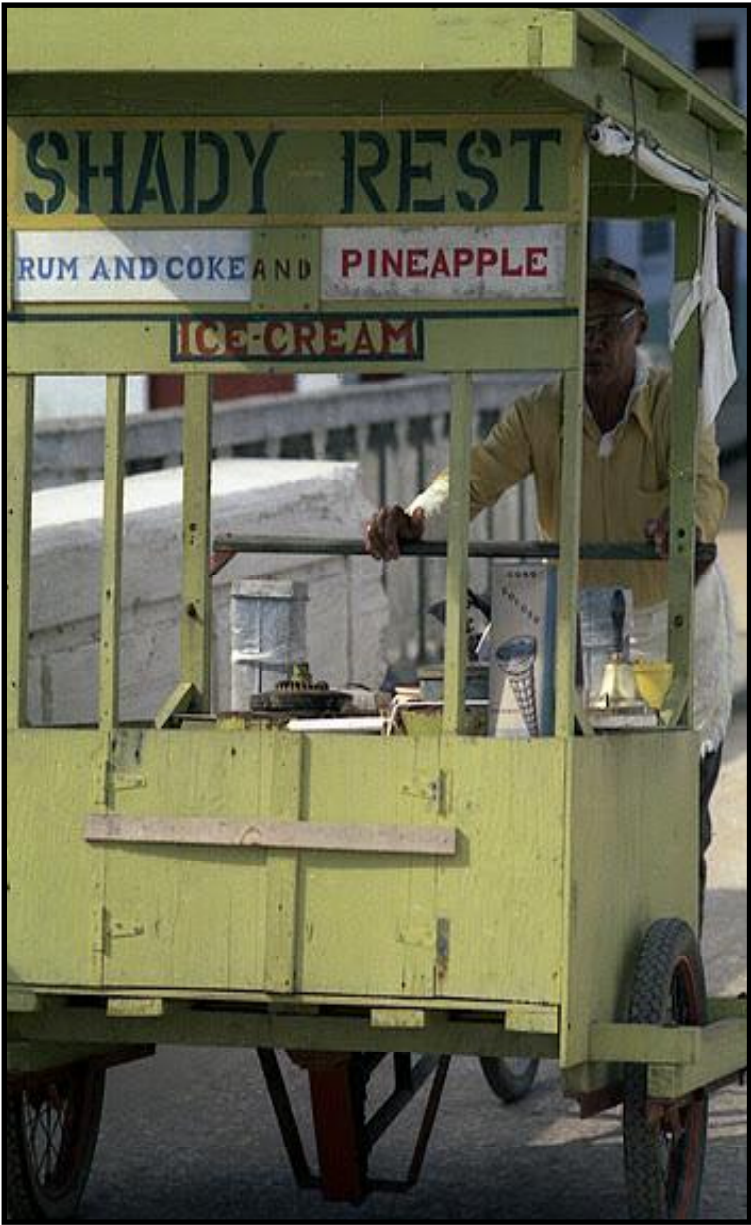
English: The same knife that kills the sheep kills the sheep.

Meaning: What you do to others can happen to you.

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The New Town Barracks Area now B.T.L Park beside Princess Casino



Cart Vendor selling ice-cream made with the original hand-tub



Cart Vendor selling fruits

Your Weekly Horoscope



Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

You have to carefully prioritize to avoid economic loss. Stay realistic. There is a new course to be set and it is good to prepare your strategies.



Pisces

February 19 - March 20

New roles and relationship are in the process of reforming in a group. Some people can be too much; some people disappear. You need to keep things simple.



Gemini

May 21 - June 20

There are intense feelings under the surface, and this can result in power battles and necessary discussions. Give lots of space and keep cool.



Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Even though you have to compromise quite a bit you realize the wisdom of doing so. You get the chance to go through old material once more.



Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

If you feel insecure about someone, this may be to do with issues of power and dominance. You have to decide what you want, and what you don't want.



Aries

March 21 - April 19

Find out all you can; secret enemies may lead you astray. It might be time to shake a leg and do a personal makeover. You could make extra cash through creative hobbies. You're not your usual self this week.



Cancer

June 21 - July 22

There is a sense that things really start moving and that your initiatives give results. At the same time you have the space and freedom to do what you want.



Libra

September 23 - October 22

This is the time to take a major courageous step forward, which may mean that you have to drop some relationships which cannot bear the load. You go stronger.



Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

There is a lot to do and people demand your attention in addition. Time is short and you need to focus on the goals at hand.



Taurus

April 20 - May 20

There is a sense that you are undergoing a transformation which means that you have to cut through to what is essential. The result is a new and more whole sense of self.



Leo

July 23 - August 22

Female colleagues can be rather challenging at work, but perhaps it is just about jealousy and uncertainty. But it is healthy to state your position and not get thrown.



Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

Relations with sisters, neighbors or a partner may reach crisis point. You need to remain grounded and refuse to be manipulated.

Faces and Places of Belize



Jokes of the Week

A Really Bad Day

There was this guy at a bar, just looking at his drink. He stays like that for half of an hour.

Then, this big trouble-making truck driver steps next to him, takes the drink from the guy, and just drinks it all down. The poor man starts crying. The truck driver says, "Come on man, I was just joking. Here, I'll buy you another drink. I just can't stand to see a man cry".

"No, it's not that. This day is the worst of my life. First, I fall asleep, and I go late to my office. My boss, outrageous, fires me. When I leave the building, to my car, I found out it was stolen. The police said that they can do nothing. I get a cab to return home, and when I leave it, I remember I left my wallet and credit cards there. The cab driver just drives away".

"I go home, and when I get there, I find my wife in bed with the gardener. I leave home, and come to this bar. And just when I was thinking about putting an end to my life, you show up and drink my poison."

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Barracks Road the view is from Queen Street



Street- side Vendors

FOOD AND NUTRITION

Food Allergy and Intolerances

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parent.

Before an allergic reaction can occur, a person who is pre-disposed to form IgE to foods first has to be exposed to the food. As this food is digested, it triggers certain cells to produce specific IgE in large amounts. The IgE is then released and attaches to the surface of mast cells. The next time the person eats that food, it interacts with specific IgE on the surface of the mast cells and triggers the cells to release chemicals such as histamine. Depending upon the tissue in which they are released, these chemicals will cause a person to have various symptoms of food allergy. If the mast cells release chemicals in the ears, nose, and throat, a person may feel an itching in the mouth and may have trouble breathing or swallowing. If the affected mast cells are in the gastrointestinal tract, the person may have abdominal pain or diarrhea. The chemicals released by skin mast cells, in contrast, can prompt hives.

Food allergens (the food frag-

ments responsible for an allergic reaction) are proteins within the food that usually are not broken down by the heat of cooking or by stomach acids or enzymes that digest food. As a result, they survive to cross the gastrointestinal lining, enter the bloodstream, and go to target organs, causing allergic reactions throughout the body.

The complex process of digestion affects the timing and the location of a reaction. If people are allergic to a particular food, for example, they may first experience itching in the mouth as they start to eat the food. After the food is digested in the stomach, abdominal symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, or pain may start. When the food allergens enter and travel through the bloodstream, they can cause a drop in blood pressure. As the allergens reach the skin, they can induce hives or eczema, or when they reach the lungs, they may cause asthma. All of this takes place within few minutes to an hour.

Santino “Red Bull” runs wild in Caribbean Shores



Santiago Castillo Jr.

On Sunday some one thousand six hundred and eighty voters of the Caribbean Shores Division went to the polls to vote for a candidate who will replace the Hon. Carlos Perdomo as the U.D.P Standard Bearer for the constituency in the next General Election.

In what is unquestionable the largest convention ever held in the Caribbean Shores Division the United Democratic Party is poised once again to regain that Constituency Seat in the House of Representative.

The fiercely contested convention ended with Santiago “Red Bull” Castillo Jr. receiving nine hundred and seven votes. Chandra Nisbet Cansino received six hundred and sixteen votes and Ann Marie Williams received one hundred and thirty seven votes. There were twenty spoiled ballots.

TAKEDA RECIPES

Ny’m Good Belizean Bittles Creole Christmas Fruit Cake

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butter or non-stick baking spray. Pour the batter into the pan and bake until golden brown and the top springs back when touched, about 45 to 50 mins (turning the pan to ensure even browning after 30 mins.)

Cool the cake for 20 mins in the pan, then remove and continue to cool upside-down on wire racks.

Make tiny holes with a toothpick randomly on the rounded end of the cake.

Combine the remaining simple syrup with the remaining 1/4 of liqueur and the rum. Wrap the cake in a layer of cheesecloth and pour 1/4 cup of the syrup over the top of cake. Store in a plastic zip bag for 3 to 4 days until the cake is slightly stale.

Sprinkle syrup over cake once every 2 to 3 days until all of the syrup is used. Let the cake age for up to 3 weeks before eating.

Rosendo ‘Chendo’ Urbina Jr. and Family Threatened

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Minister of Police
Doug Singh

The team of five men made their escape in one of Urbina’s vehicle which was later recovered the following day on one of the feeder roads of that area.

On Wednesday, December 7th the Minister of Police Doug Singh and Head of CIB Miguel Segura held a Press Briefing regarding the attempted extortion of Rosend ‘Chendo’ Urbina Jr.

Miguel Segura disclosed the details of what occurred on Sunday night and announced that the C.I.B has launched a full investigation into the matter. He has also advised the family into not paying the money demanded by these men. “...they were more intimidating him, but there was no bargaining chip neither here so we advised him; listen do not pay...”



Head of CIB
Miguel Segura

The head of the C.I.B gave the assurance that this act would not go unpunish and that they are doing every thing to get to the bottom of it all.

Word around is that this may have something to do with the cartels operating out of Mexico and the C.I.B Head is not leaving that possibility out. “Yes the information may come out that lot of people using the name to instill fear. We are not ruling it out. So we look at all of these angles”.

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Lela Vernon

Sam Harris & World Culture Band

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From The Ministry Of Sports



Ismael “Miley” Garcia
National Sports Coordinator
Ministry of Sports
SPORTS NEWS
DECEMBER 7, 2011

Elections for the members of the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) continue in all the football districts. On Sunday at the FFB headquarters there was one such election for the new Executive of the Belmopan Football Association. Since the slate presented by Mr. Peter Alvarez was disallowed by the Electoral Commission and, subsequently lost its appeal to the Electoral Appeals Commission of the FFB, the slate presented by the incumbent Mr. Marlon Tillett ran unopposed. Eight teams participated in Sunday’s election. Mr. Marlon Tillett and his slate

were elected. Up to the time of this report we have not seen an official release of Sunday’s results.

In other FFB election news the upcoming elections for the Toledo District will be held on Thursday, December 8th at 7:00p.m. So far two slates have been nominated and accepted for that election according to a release of the Football Federation of Belize. These are the slates of the incumbent, Mr. Cecil “Andy” Tillett and Mr. Allen Genus.

On Saturday, December 10th at 1:00p.m. the election for the Cayo District Football Association executive will also be held in Santa Elena, Cayo. Again we have learnt that two slates, one led by the incumbent, Mr. Kent Gabourel and the other by Mr. Earl Trapp have been nominated and accepted by the Electoral Commission. In the next edition we will update you on the results of these elections.

Interdepartmental softball and volleyball are also blazing in Belmopan. These

tournaments are sponsored by the Ministry of the Public Service, under the patronage of the Honorable John Saldivar, as a way of fostering inter ministerial exchanges and building camaraderie among members of Belmopan’s public officers. The softball tournament is being run with the kind assistance of the Cayo Softball Association and Volleyball with the generous assistance of the Belmopan City Volleyball Association. The games are played on weekdays and offer an exciting opportunity for an evening outing and relaxation in the city of Belmopan.

Both tournaments have now entered the playoff stage and in the case of volleyball it is now a best of three series that begun this week. The Immigration/Police team and Ministry of Education are battling for the title of 2011 Inter Ministerial Champions. In game one of this series played on Monday night Immigration/Police team got the better of their rivals Ministry of Education team. This means that another

victory for Immigration/Police would seal the deal on Monday night but we expect that the Ministry of Education will do their preparatory homework before Monday’s matchup.

In Softball the playoffs are now ready to begin with four teams having qualified to this second round. Leading the four from the results of the first round was the Police team. Of course the playoffs are a whole new series and none of the teams will allow themselves to be handcuffed by the Police team. We expect this round to be explosive and all softball fans are encourage to come out and have a good time as we enjoy the healthy rivalry among the various Ministries.

Coach Tarr, who is the new Program Development Officer for Basketball at the National Sports Council, has been making his rounds of the country, promoting basketball at all the junior levels. See the next issue of the Northern Newspaper for a report on this program.

Inter-Ministerial Championship & Firms Championship

Tues. Dec. 6th	7:00pm	43 Ministerial — Ministry of Defense & Immigration/Ministry of Police & Public Safety VS Min. of Education & Youth/Min. of Public Service, & Sports
	8:00pm	44 Firms — Social Security Board VS Builders’ Hardware/Courts (Belize) Ltd.
Thurs.Dec. 8th	7:00pm	45 Firms — Builders’ Hardware/Courts (Belize) Ltd. VS Social Security Board
	8:00pm	46 Ministerial — Min. of Education & Youth/Min. of Public Service, & Sports VS Ministry of Defense & Immigration/Ministry of Police & Public Safety
Tues. Dec. 13th	7:00pm	47 Ministerial — Ministry of Defense & Immigration/Ministry of Police & Public Safety VS Min. of Education & Youth/Min. of Public Service, & Sports
	8:00pm	48 Firms — Social Security Board VS Builders’ Hardware/Courts (Belize) Ltd.

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Department of Transport

Announcement



It is with great sadness that the Minister, Chief Executive Officer and Staff of the Ministry of Transport, Communication and NEMO along with family announce the death of Engineer, Wayne Andy Williams of Belmopan, proprietor of Williams Engineering Services and Director of the Central Building Authority. His “unexpected death” occurred on December 6th, 2011. He is survived by his beloved wife Guadalupe Terry Williams.

Sons: Karsten Tariq and Skyler Williams

Parents: Reverend Richard Williams and Lunette Parks

Grand Mother: Idorine Ortiz

Sisters: Delia Gentle
Sharon Baird
Debocali Williams
Allison Williams
Lisa Williams
Denise Williams
Shanda Williams
Dr. Randa Williams



Brothers: Max Williams
Steven Williams
Roger Williams

He is also survived by nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, friends at the Ministry of Transport, Communication and NEMO, Central Building Authority, other relatives and friends.

Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.

The attention of all relatives and friends is called to this announcement.

WAYNE ANDY WILLIAMS

Sunrise: Sept. 17th. 1966 - Sunset: Dec. 6th. 2011

May his Soul REST IN PEACE.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Brazil: 33 Dead in Truck-Bus Crash



Workers checking the rubble of the bus after accident

Sao Paulo (AP) - Brazilian authorities say a tractor-trailer has slammed into a bus carrying sugarcane cutters, killing at least 33 people and injuring 13 others.

A police spokesman says the truck driver lost control as he was rounding a corner and heading down a hill early Saturday December 3, 2011 near a town called Miracles in the

northeastern state of Bahia. The truck was carrying a load of construction materials, which also slammed into the bus.

The driver of the truck survived and is in a local hospital. Some of the others injured are in grave condition.

The police official spoke on condition of anonymity, saying he was not authorized to provide details.

He says an investigation is ongoing.

are rare, but explosions have happened in the past, mostly related to the devices' lithiumion batteries overheating.

The European Union launched an investigation in 2009 after multiple instances of iPhones and iPod Touches exploding or catching fire midflight were reported in the U. K., Holland, France and Sweden.

Apple also recalled its first generation of iPod nanos sold between September 2005 and December 2006 because the battery would overheat and "pose a safety risk," according to the company's website.

Facebook Settles with FTC over Deception Charges

By Barbara Ortutay
New York

Facebook is settling with the Federal Trade Commission over charges it deceived consumers with its privacy settings to get people to share more personal information that they originally agreed to.

The FTC had charged that the social network told people they could keep the information they share private, then allowed it to be made public.

The charges go back to at least 2009, when Facebook changed its privacy settings so that information users may have deemed private, such as their list of friends, suddenly became viewable to everyone.

"They didn't warn users that this change was coming, or get their approval in advance", the FTC said.

The FTC said the settlement requires Facebook to get people's approval before changing how it shares their data.

In a blog post, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said the company has made a "a bunch of mistakes", But he adds that this has often overshadowed the good work Facebook has done. He says Facebook has addressed many of the FTC's concerns already.

The Settlement is similar to one Google agreed to earlier this year over its Buzz social networking service. Like Google, Facebook has agreed to obtain assessments of its privacy practices by independent, third party auditors for the next 20 years.

Facebook isn't paying anything to settle the case, though future violations could lead to civil fines.

Zuckerberg said Facebook has created two new executive positions - a chief privacy officer of products and a chief privacy officer of policy as part of its response to the settlement.

iPhone 4 Explodes Midflight on Australian Airline

By Lauren Effron
Good Morning America

Apple's iPhones are always among the hottest gadgets of any holiday shopping season, but for one passenger on an Australian flight, the phone was too hot to handle - literally.

While on Australian flight Regional Express ZL319, a passenger's iPhone 4 (not the iPhone 4S, which is Apple's latest model) suddenly started "emitting a significant amount of dense smoke, accompanied by a red glow," according to a Regional Express statement.

The plane, which was flying from Lismore to Sydney, was in the midst of landing when the incident occurred. "In accordance with company standard safety procedures, the flight attendant carried out recovery actions immediately, and the red glow was extinguished successfully," according to Regional Express' statement.

After landing, the iPhone was handed over to officials at the Australian Transport Safety Bureau. There's no official word yet on what caused the phone to combust.

Exploding Apple products

Elderly Man Returns Cash Stolen from Sears in '40s

Associated Press

Seattle (AP) - The manager of the Sears store in downtown Seattle says an elderly man has repaid - with interest - cash the man says he stole in the late 1940s.

KING-TV reports that the man hand-delivered an envelope addressed to "Sears manager". Inside were a note and a \$100 bill.

The Note said the man stole \$20 to \$30 from a cash register decades ago and wanted to pay back \$100.

Manager Gary Lorentson says he thinks the man's conscience "has been bothering him for the past 60 years".

Store security cameras recorded the man, but Sears officials said they don't know who he is and they won't release the video.

The Store plans to put the money toward helping needy families in the holiday season.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Egyptian Election Results deepen Israeli Fears

By Dan Perry, Josef
Fererman

Jerusalem - For Israelis, the Islamist election surge in Egypt is depressing confirmation of a deeply primal fear: An inhospitable region is becoming more hostile still. This sentiment has been accompanied by a bittersweet sense that Israel was dismissed as alarmist when it warned months ago that the Arab Spring - widely perceived as the doing of liberals yearning to be free - could lead to Islamist governments.

Speaking for most people here, Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak called the emerging result of the first round of parliamentary voting in Egypt "very, very disturbing" and expressed concern about the fate of the landmark 1979 Egyptian Israeli peace treaty.

Experts here, as elsewhere, point out that political Islam comes in varying shades of green: The Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt has about a 10 percent lead over the more radical Salafists and appears far less eager to impose a devout lifestyle or seek conflict.

But most Israelis appear to have little patience for such distinctions. There is a sense that moderate Islamists are pulling off something of a con, lulling opponents into complacency, projecting a seemingly benign piety to exploit a naive public's hunger for clean government after years of corrupt, despotic rule. And there is a long memory of Iran, once friendly to Israel, where secular forces including the military helped depose the Shah in 1979 only to swiftly be streamrolled by fundamentalists.

Some of the fears - for example, that an Islamist - led government in Egypt would mold itself in Iran's image - may be overblown. Iran's clerical rule is unique in the Middle East, and the Muslim Brotherhood stresses the idea of a theocracy has no place in its ideology. Instead, it says it's committed to an Egypt that is civil, democratic, modern and constitutional.

Israel concerns about political Islam can be traced to its longstanding battle against Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon and more recently to 2006, when the Islamist Hamas group swept Palestinian legislative elections.

The Hamas victory triggered a process that ultimately left the militant group, considered a terrorist organization by much of the world for its sui-

cide bombing campaigns and other violent acts, in control of the Gaza Strip. Since then, Hamas and other militants have used the territory as a launching pad for firing rockets into southern Israel.

The stakes in Egypt are much higher. Egypt is the largest and most influential Arab nation, with a U. S. - backed army that has staunchly honored a 1979 peace agreement with Israel.

The peace agreement has been a cornerstone of Israeli security policy for three decades, allowing the military to divert resources to fight foes in Lebanon, Gaza and the West Bank. The treaty has also been a boon for Egypt, bringing in billions in U. S. military assistance.

Digging for gold, children work in harsh conditions, paid with bags of dirt

By Jessica Hopper
Rock Center

Samba Diarra, 15, journeyed 200 miles to live in a plastic hut alone and work in an artisanal gold mine in Mali. The teen came to the mine to help support his five younger brothers and sisters.

Diarra's parents can't afford to send him to school because he has to support his younger siblings. He is one of at least 20,000 children working in Mali's artisanal mines.

Mali is Africa's third largest gold producer. Artisanal mines rely on heavy human labor and little mechanization. People throughout West Africa are flocking to work in the primitive pits.

"Globally, we've seen an increase with the number of

artisanal gold miners because of the rise of gold prices, but that doesn't necessarily translate to better living conditions," said Juliane Kippenberg who helped author a **Human Rights Watch Report** on Mali's mines.

The skyrocketing price of gold has led to a rush on the precious metal in the United States and throughout the world, but some of the mining that's helping feed the world's craving involves child labor and a dangerous process involving mercury.

Approximately 100,000 to 200,000 people in Mali are working in artisanal mines, according to the Human Rights Watch report. Kippenberg told NBC News Chief Foreign Correspondent Richard Engel that 20 to 30 percent of the workforce in

African artisanal mines is child labor. The report entitled, "**A Poisonous Mix: Child Labor, Mercury and Artisanal Gold Mining in Mali,**" details abysmal working conditions.

The children working in the mines some as young as six years old, help dig shafts with pickaxes, lift and carry heavy bags of ore and pan the gold with an amalgamation process involving mercury.

Diarra spent his first day pulling up gold ore that was mined by men working deep underground. At the end of his first day, he was paid with a bag of dirt. Gold is currently trading at around \$1742 an ounce.

Some children working in the mines never get paid. Those who do, get just a few dollars a week.

Diarra still has dreams of a life away from the mines. Kippenberg said that it will be hard for Diarra to leave the mines.

Malian law actually bans child labor in artisanal mines, but the law is not heavily enforced.

One miner told Rock Center that he simply can't afford the fees to send his children to school so instead they work with him.

Approximately 12 percent of the world's gold is born from the grueling process of artisanal mining. The gold is sold to middlemen and eventually ends up in places like Dubai and Switzerland where it is melted and mixed with gold from large scale mines before it's turned into jewelry worn throughout the world.

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