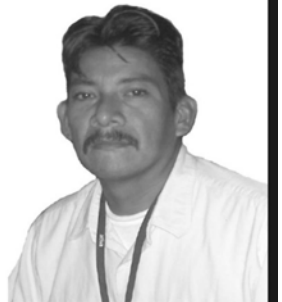




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ANOTHER CAYO BOY KILLED IN THE PRIME OF HIS LIFE

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, July 30, 2009:

Funeral service was held today for **Gilbert "Gilly" Novelo**, 16, the latest victim of a fatal stabbing incident which occurred shortly after 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 26, 2009.

It was exactly 2:05 a.m. when San Ignacio Police responded to the report of a stabbing incident at the Faya Wata Nightclub located in the heart of San Ignacio Town on Burns Avenue.

By the time police arrived, the victim had already been transported to the San Ignacio Town Hospital.

Upon arrival at the hospital, the victim was found undergoing medical treatment in the emergency ward at the hospital, for a single stab wound



The Victim

Gilbert "Gilly" Novelo, 16
SUNRISE: April 14, 1993
SUNSET: July 26, 2009

to the left side of the abdomen. The victim was identified as



The Accused

Fredy Jeovany "Shaggy" Fernandez, 19

Gilbert Novelo, 16, Belizean laborer of a Cemetery Road address in Santa Elena Town.

The nature of the injury was deemed too grave to handle for the medical team at the San Ignacio Town Hospital, and so the victim was prepped and rushed to the Western Regional

Hospital where, despite the best efforts of the attending medical staff, he passed away shortly 4:00 a.m.

While the owner of the building housing the nightclub, which is on rent to the actual operator, is contending that the

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Recording The Sudden Passing Of Ambassador Oscar Miguel Ayuso Jr.

BELIZE CITY, Wednesday, July 29, 2009:

It is with profound sadness that we record the sudden passing of **His Excellency Ambassador Oscar Miguel Ayuso Jr.**, 51,

which occurred on Saturday, July 25, 2009 at his home in Bella Vista, Belize City.

The news of HE Oscar Ayuso's sudden death swept across the

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Editorial



The Time Has Come For Affirmative Action

Another weekend is gone; the life of another boy is senselessly gone with it. Another wave of helpless feeling shakes the hearts and souls of those who truly care about the preservation of human life. How many more of our children must die before this arm of the corruption octopus is truncated?

Corruption rears its tentacles in many forms. It does not only come in the form of dishonest politicians enriching themselves and their cronies at the expense of the nation and its patrimony.

Corruption is not just about the dishonest public officer who steals from government coffers or the crooked employee who embezzles from the employer.

Corruption also comes in many other forms. It comes in the form of that individual who either by him or herself or by his or her agents either through actions or omissions allows a child access to those mind altering substances we have come to know as drugs and alcohol.

Corruption also comes in the form of those law enforcement officials who take food, drinks and even a bribe in exchange for turning a blind eye on those who violate the law. It also comes in the form of those conflict of interest situations where policemen are allowed to moonshine as security guards for those liquor establishments that violate the law.

Corruption comes in the form of those law enforcement agents who for whatever reason, truncates the full extent of an investigation in the face of apparent infractions of the law of the land.

Corruption comes in the form of those individuals who for obvious greed appears to have no regards for the law. Much like the restaurant which by law must close at midnight but remains open until 2:00 a.m and when the police cracks down, the individual applies for and, despite the absence of relevant infrastructural characteristics, is upgraded to a nightclub with permission to open until 2:00 a.m. but them remains open well past the 3:00 a.m. hour. Greed – Greed and just simply more GREED with total disregard for the preservation of life and property and the maintenance of law and order.

For the second time in recent months a boy is killed as he roams the town illegally patronizing liquor dispensing establishments and the investigation seems concentrated solely on the act itself and not on the circumstances contributing to the loss of life. In these instances, a blood sample is normally extracted from the deceased for examination purposes. But by the time the result is received, the incident quite possibly would have been overshadowed by other occurrences, and interest lost in advancing the investigation to that next vital level being the contributing cause for the loss of human life and so those who played a role in the death, apart from the murderer, continues business as usual while another victim lurks in the horizon and another family is destined to grieve the loss of a loved one.

The time has come, Mr. Political leader - from all sides - when it is not enough to donate the food for the wake, the coffin for the deceased, the vehicle to transport the dead to the church and eventually to the cemetery or even attending the wake or the funeral. The time has come for affirmative action geared towards getting to the very bottom of this senseless loss of human life thereby sparing relatives and friends the agony of having to grieve the loss of a loved one.



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Minister Rene Montero Meets With SICA Sub-Committee

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo Wednesday, July, 29, 2009.

Agriculture and Fisheries Minister, **Hon Rene Montero** today met, in his Belmopan Office, with a delegation from the Regional Agro-Environmental and Health Strategy (ERAS). The meeting was focused on

possible assistance for Belize in the areas of Rural Development, Nutrition and Health. The ERAS delegation, headed by **Dr. Dilger**, RUTA Director, will also be meeting with other stakeholders and farmers in an effort to ignite meaningful conversations to allow for the



Hon Rene Montero, Agriculture and Fisheries Minister

preparation of Belize’s Plan of Action for inter-related strategic planning and possible funding. ERAS is a regional initiative led by the Councils of Ministers

of Agriculture, Environment and Health, representing the economic, environmental and social sub-sectors of the Central American Integration System (SICA). ERAS was born out of the Second Joint Meeting of the Councils of Ministers of Agriculture, Environment and Health held in Panama City on June 6, 2006. The delegation leaves Belize on Saturday, August 1, 2009.

Labour, Local Government and Rural Development Ministerial Countrywide Tour Begins

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo, Thursday, July 30, 2009:

Just as the **Hon. John Saldivar**, Minister of the Public Service, Governance Improvement and Elections & Boundaries, is winding up his 10-week tour of all government offices countrywide, the news surfaced of the commencement of a nation wide tour by the **Hon. Gabriel Martinez**, Minister of Labour, Local Government and Rural Development.



Hon. Gabriel Martinez, Minister of Labour, Local Government and Rural Development.

Minister Martinez’ three-week tour begins on Thursday July 30 and is scheduled to end on Friday, August 21, 2009. The Ministry informs that the tour will afford Minister Martinez the opportunity to meet with staff of the Ministry countrywide. The Minister will also be meeting with key sector stakeholders connected to the ministry whereby he will provide updates on the Ministry’s activities and initiatives. Minister Martinez will also be getting a firsthand appreciation of the concerns and issues as he dialogues with staff and stakeholders countrywide.

Meetings will be held at Rural Development offices countrywide. Minister Martinez **Please Turn To Page 14**

DENGUE ADVISORY

The Ministry of Health reminds all members of the public, especially in the Cayo and Belize Districts, of the danger of Dengue and Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever. It is very important that you visit your nearest health centre for testing and treatment of dengue if you present with the following:

Dengue Fever begins with sudden onset of high fever (104 to 105 degrees Fahrenheit). Other signs and symptoms include:

- Headache
- Eye Pain or eyeball pain
- Joint pain
- Muscle pain
- Backache
- Nausea and or lack of appetite
- Vomiting
- Rash
- Hemorrhagic manifestations (unusual bleeding from the gums/heavy menstrual bleeding/unexplained bruises).
- General Weakness

In an effort to assist us in our fight in the prevention and further transmission of Dengue, the Government of Mexico will be providing a medical team to assist with our daily testing in our health centers. The teams will be located as follows:

San Ignacio Hospital	-	Thursday July 30 and Friday July 31, 2009
Benque Viejo Health Center	-	Saturday August 1, 2009
San Antonio Health Center	-	Sunday August 2, 2009
Cleopatra White Polyclinic	-	Monday August 3, 2009
San Pedro Town Polyclinic	-	Tuesday August 4, 2009
Northern Regional Hospital	-	Wednesday August 5, 2009
Corozal Community Hospital	-	Thursday August 6, 2009

Dengue Fever is a disease that must be taken very seriously in particular if you have had these symptoms in the past. Every effort should be made to keep yourself, your family and your community safe by maintaining a clean environment. Activities that should be done to prevent Dengue include: washing water storage containers such as drums at least once a week, changing the water in flower pots every 4 or 5 days, avoid having containers that can collect water in your yard (e.g. empty cans, tires), and keep vats, drums, buckets and all other containers that can collect water properly covered. These are ideal breeding sites for the mosquito that transmits Dengue. With the elimination of breeding sites in and around the yard, Dengue can be avoided. You are once again reminded to visit your nearest health centre at the onset of signs and symptoms of Dengue Fever or Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever.



Readers Write



Responding To Wellington Ramos' Article

Dear Editor;

Please permit me space in your newspaper to respond to **Mr. Wellington C. Ramos** on the issue of Belizean-Americans (dual citizens) holding political office in Belize, and on the issue of the death penalty.

In a survey where participants are given the choice to select from 1 to 7, to express one's opinion, with 1 being completely for, 4 being neutral, and 7 being completely against. I wish to register a 5 on the issue of Belizean-American holding office, and a 7 on the death penalty issue. I will briefly give my reasons.

While I will appreciate that Mr. Ramos presented many valid points on the matter of dual citizens holding elected office in Belize,

The point I wish to bring across is that Belize has enough competent candidates at home and there's no need to use those living abroad.

While I know without a doubt that those living abroad want only what is best for Belize and may be completely competent to serve, in the final analysis, it can be said that they are not as impacted by decisions that may go awry, when they can readily return to their adopted homes. These folks, though, should be given an input forum to express their opinions as it relates to the development of Belize since in some instances, they may be able to assess issues in a more

impartial manner, and they do provide significant philanthropic support.

With regards to the death penalty, no one, not even the United States of America, should willfully kill!

More killings occur in Belize today than yesteryears, because more guns exist; greater exposure to violence and gangs exists; education, family values and morality, have been deemphasized; meaningful job creation is not keeping up. The social fabric is unraveling, and the Jewel runs the risk of being irreparably tarnished.

Please note that I did not blame poverty even though it is a potential contributing factor, since more poverty existed during my time growing up in Belize the 40s and 50s than exist today.

Execution is not the answer since it does not eliminate nor diminish the root causes of our troubled youths. It rarely serves as a deterrent to reduce murders since most murderers at the time expect to get away with it, and regret only being caught. Also there is the possibility that innocent people might be executed; additionally, those with more money invariably escape it.

Let's join our neighbors who have abolished the death penalty—Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama. Let us not use as example the main executioners in today's

reality—China, Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and, yes, the United States of America.

Even the Catholic Church today has moved away from the death penalty, expressing the

sanctity and preservation of all human lives, no matter how wretched some may appear to be!

Sincerely.

R. A. Bowman

Dishonesty In The Workplace

Dear STAR;

I write in response to last week's letter to the editor regarding dishonesty in the workplace.

From a personal point of view, as a businessperson, I must admit that the views expressed by the writer is unfortunately true.

As a matter of fact, recent revelations in the media over the past weeks have shown that dishonesty in the workplace is not only confined to private sector businesses but it also appears to be deep rooted in the Public Service.

On The Subject Of Dual Citizenship

Dear Editor:

As a Dual citizen born in Belize, I want to voice my opinion in support of the new movement in Belize to change the constitution.

If I commit a crime in the US, the US news media will say, she is a naturalized citizen from Belize and, depending on the nature of the crime, I might very well be deported back to Belize. I will lose all privileges as a US citizen.

If I were to die in military combat, the news will say, she was a member of the US military. So there advantages and disadvantages.

Why is it then that I should not have the right to go back to my

native country and be a member of the Government?

Why should naturalized Belizeans from other countries have more rights than an individual, who has a long ancestry in Belize?

The constitution has to be changed and it needs to happen now! More Dual citizens are returning home to Belize and I think it is a positive thing for Belize and Belizeans. The Status Quo must change in Belize. Belizeans must have a more vocal and legal say in Belize.

We need to emulate and follow the US constitution that says a person must be a US born citizen to run for President of the US. Belize needs to have the same thing.

As it stands, Dual citizens of Belizeans have less rights than people from other countries. Why????

Through the years that I have gone home to visit family members, I realized that Americans (the non Belizean ones) have more leverage than me. When it comes to purchasing property in Belize, etc...Why is it that as a Belizean, I can't get the prime location of the beachfront??? Do we, as native Belizeans, realize that we are losing our country? We won't have the freedom and access to our natural resources because we are selling it. Where is the money going?? Where are the benefits going?????

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Jackson's Mother Gets Custody, Rowe Gets Visits

NEW YORK (Reuters) Thursday July 30, 2009:

Michael Jackson's mother will get custody of the late pop star's three children after reaching a agreement with her son's ex-wife **Debbie Rowe**, a lawyer for **Katherine Jackson** told CBS News on Thursday.

Rowe will have "meaningful visitation rights" with her two biological children with Jackson — **Prince Michael**, 12, and **Paris**, 11 — U.S. television networks CBS, ABC and NBC reported.

The biological mother of Jackson's third child, **Prince Michael II**, 7, also known as **Blanket**, has never been revealed.

Jackson's mother, Katherine, 79, was granted temporary custody of the children after his death on June 25.

"It's an agreement for the best



interests of the children. This is not a money deal. This is not about money," Londell McMillan, Katherine Jackson's attorney, said in an interview on CBS News'

"The Early Show."

"All of the parties are resolved. There is no situation better for these children than for them to be raised and reared in the loving

care of Mrs. Katherine Jackson," he said.

A court hearing in Los Angeles on custody of the children is scheduled for Monday. Jackson said in his 2002 will that he wanted his mother to care for the children if he died.

The "Thriller" singer left his estate, valued at \$500 million in an attachment to his will, to a family trust that benefits his children, his mother and charities.

"That estate is worth, in my estimation, a couple of billion dollars," McMillan said, referring to the value of the estate if it achieves its potential earnings. *"You hear \$500 million. Don't buy it."*

The coroner's report on the cause of the singer's death is still awaiting toxicology and other test results.

His burial arrangements have not been announced.

(Reporting by Michelle Nichols; Editing by Bill Trott)

Mexico Is One Of The Most Dangerous Places In The World For Journalists And Drug Investigators

A Police Commander and his family as well as an Investigator are killed at their homes as Mexico's drug trafficking crackdown continues.

BY: Tracy Wilkinson
MEXICO CITY, July 30, 2009:

The lead investigator in the slaying of a prominent Mexican journalist was killed when gunmen intercepted him as he arrived home, authorities said Wednesday.

In a separate incident, gunmen also killed a police commander and his family, including four children.

Reports indicate that the attackers opened fire on the police commander's house as the family slept, then pummeled it with grenades, setting it on fire.

The latest killings come amid a fierce government crackdown on major drug traffickers. **President Felipe Calderon** has launched tens of thousands of troops throughout the country, but the violence continues to surge.

In Ciudad Juarez, an especially volatile city across Mexico's northern border from El Paso, Texas, federal investigator **Jose Ibarra** was shot to death late Tuesday night as he arrived home from work, the attorney general's office said.

Ibarra was the lead detective investigating the November 2008 slaying of **Armando**

Rodriguez, a well-respected veteran crime reporter for the city's El Diario newspaper, the largest daily on the border. Rodriguez, who covered local bursts of the drug war, was shot to death in front of his home. Authorities said they were investigating whether the two killings were connected.

Also on Wednesday, police in Acapulco announced the discovery of the body of another journalist, **Juan Daniel Martinez Gil**, who had been badly beaten and buried alive, his head wrapped in plastic. Martinez worked for two radio stations but was not known to cover drug trafficking.

Mexico is one of the most dangerous places in the world for journalists. At least 27 have been killed in Mexico since 2000, according to the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists. The organization recently reported that state investigators had identified drug cartel members as suspects in Rodriguez's killing, but that federal officials had not acted on the information.

The death of police commander **Jesus Romero** and his family occurred before dawn Wednesday in the Gulf of

Mexico port city of Veracruz. Investigators told reporters that Romero and his wife apparently died of multiple gunshot wounds, and the children — the youngest 7, the eldest 15 — died of smoke inhalation.

More than 11,000 people have been killed in Mexico's drug-related violence in the last 2 1/2 years, most of them traffickers or law-enforcement agents. It is rare for an entire family to be targeted.

In the western state of Michoacan, meanwhile, government troops pressed ahead in a major offensive against one of the newest and

most violent cartels, known as La Familia.

Authorities said that six suspected members of the group were arrested on Wednesday, including a woman believed to be the girlfriend of purported drug boss **Servando Gomez Martinez** and La Familia's alleged chief financial operator, **Armando Quintero Guerra**. Authorities said Quintero Guerra also managed La Familia's contacts with associates in Los Angeles, California, USA.

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Hen Hands In Himself

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, July 27, 2009:

It was one week ago, during the first hours on Monday, July 20, 2009, when the watchman at Chuc's Esso Service Station on Bullet Tree Road in San Ignacio Town was reportedly attacked with a gun, tied up, and the service station was burglarized.

One of the three suspects in the incident was **Steven "Hen" Gentle**, a resident from the

Shawville Area, San Ignacio, who accompanied by Attorney, **Linsbert Willis**, handed himself in to San Ignacio Police during the evening hours on Monday July 20, he was promptly arrested and formally charged for the crimes of robbery and aggravated assault.

He appeared in court on Tuesday, July 21 and was remanded to the Hattieville Central Prison to return to court



Steven "Hen" Gentle

on Thursday, August 27, 2009.

The other two suspects, **Jovian "Grease" Urbina** and **Raul Eduardo Gonzalez** were

arrested shortly after the incident. They had their day in court on Monday, July 20, 2009 and were remanded to prison returning to court also on August 27.

While magistrates are legally barred from granting bail in cases where a firearm is alleged to have been used in the commission of a crime, as is normal, these suspects were advised that at the expiration of a week in jail, their attorneys can proceed to seek bail by way of application to the Supreme court.



SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD TENDER

Prequalifications of Contractor For the construction of a building for the Punta Gorda Branch Office Toledo District



1. The Social Security Board proposes to invite Bids in the latter part of August 2009 for the construction of its Punta Gorda Branch Office, from its register of prequalified contractors whose firms belong to the country of Belize. It is expected that construction will commence in October 2009.

2. Joint ventures and partnerships including those between local firms will be considered.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

3. The works consist of the construction of a two storey reinforced concrete and blocks structure as offices for the Punta Gorda Branch of the Social Security Board. It will include offices, conferences room, lavatories, security fence, mechanical and electrical services and other facilities, for a total area of 7300 sq. ft.

4. Firms applying to be prequalified for carrying out the works will be evaluated, inter alia, on the basis of experience, availability of equipment and machinery, financial position, bank credit, previous performance and organizational capability.

5. Pre qualification Application forms and questionnaires can be obtained at the SSB Head Office in Belmopan as (of 13 July 2009 at 8:30 am) at the following address.

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6. If the contractor has been prequalified, all documents that are provided by the Social Security Board will be given for the non-refundable fee of \$500.00.

7. Prequalification Form and Questionnaire must be completed and enclosed in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "PREQUALIFICATION APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUNTA GORDA BRANCH OFFICE" and returned not later than 4:00 p.m. local time on 7 August 2009.

Any tender received after this deadline will not be considered.

The Social Security Board will not defray any cost incurred by any tenderer. The Social Security Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender and reserves the right to accept or reject any tender, and to annul the process and reject all tenders, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective contractor or any obligation to assign any reason for the rejection of any tender. **Prospective tenderers must be in compliance with the requirements of Social Security Act, especially with respect to the payment of contributions, in order to be considered.**

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★ STAR HUMOR

The Proper Thing To Do

Tom and Joe entered a restaurant on West Street, San Ignacio and ordered fish.

The waiter brought a dish with two fish, one larger than the other.

Tom said to Joe, *"Please help yourself."*

"Okay", Joe said and he helped himself to the larger fish.

After a tense silence, Tom said, *"Joe, if you had offered me the first choice, I would have taken the smaller fish!"*

Joe replied, *"I know that you would have taken the smaller fish, that is why I left it for you, so what are you complaining about; you have the smaller fish, don't you?"*

Buying Horses & Mommy

Little Johnny was attending a horse auction with his father.

He watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horses' legs, rump and chest.

After a few minutes, Johnny asked, *"Pop, why are you doing that?"*

"Because I'm buying horses

and I have to make sure they are healthy, and in good shape before I buy." responded his father.

Johnny looked worried, *"Then I think we'd better hurry home right away."*

"Why?", said his father.

"Because the mailman stopped by yesterday, and I think he wants to buy mom!"

Count Not Your Chickens Before They Are Hatched

John entered the New York City Marathon last year.

From the very beginning of the race one by one the runners

passed him.

After several miles, John realized that he was the last runner.

It was very embarrassing for him but he kept on.

The guy who was in front of him, the one coming in second to last, was making fun of John as they were approaching the finish line.

He said, *"Hey buddy, how does it feel to be last?"*

John replied: *"Are you serious, do You really want to know how it feels?",* and John dropped out of the race.

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BELIZE DISTRICT		Mile 14 Western Highway/Belize		Vista/Pomona	43(g)	Placencia/Malacate (Boat)	51	Golden Stream/Indian
1(a)	Ladyville/Airport/Lords Bank	City	31	Long Bank/Hope Creek/Alta Vista/	46(a)	Farm 1/Farm 2/Farm		Creek/Big Falls/
	New Site/Clover Reef Farm	18(c)	Mahogany Heights/Belize City/	Pomona		3/Farm 4/San		Dump/San Marcos/
1 (aa)	Ladyville/Airport/Lords Bank		Mahogany Heights	32	Canada Hill Road/Hope Creek/Old		Juan	Machaca/Forestry/
	New Site/Clover Reef Farm	18(d)	Price Barracks/Belize City		Mullings Road/Pomona	46(b)	Farm 1/Farm 2/Farm 3/Farm 4/San	Yemerigrove/
1(b)	Ladyville/Vista Del Mar/Mitchell	18(e)	Belize City/Rockville/Belize City	33(a)	Maya Center/Sittee River/		Juan	Jacintoville/Forest
	Estate Ext./Marage Rd.	18(f)	Maskall/St. Ana's/Santana/Lucky		Hopkins/Silk Grass/Dangriga	57	Sarawee/Pomona	Forest/TCC
	including Japan Area/Lords		Strike/Boston/Sandhill	33(b)	Hopkins/Silk Grass/Dangriga	58	Bladen/Swasey/Bella	51(c) Punta Gorda/San
	Bank Ext.	18(g)	Rancho Dolores/St. Paul's/Willows	33(c)	Sittee River/Hopkins/Silk Grass/		Vista/Independence	Marcos/Laguna/
1(bb)	Ladyville/Vista Del Mar/Mitchell		Bank/Double Head Cabbage/		Dangriga	59	Hopkins/Silk Grass/Dangriga	C.E.T./Julian Cho
	Estate Ext./Marage Rd. including		Bermudian Landing/Belize City	34(a)	Maya Mopan/George Town/	60	Pomona/Dangriga	Technical
	Japan Area/Lords Bank Ext.		Westlake/Mile 8/Sunset Park/Belize		Independence	61	Seine Bight (Boat Run)	52(a) San Jose/Na Luum
2	Bomba/Maskall		City	34(b)	Red Bank/San Juan	62	Placencia/Independence	Ca/Crique Jute/
3 (a)	Hattieville/Belize City	COROZAL DISTRICT			Bosco/Independence	63	Maya Center/SCITVET	Mafredi/Elridgeville/
3(b)	Hattieville/Belize City	25	Consejo/Adventure Inn Area/Corozal	34(bb)	Red Bank/Garage/San	64	Boat Run-Seine Bight/Malacate	Forest Home/Julian Cho
4(a)	Muscle Creek/Burrel Boom/		Town/Adventure Inn/Consejo		Juan/Independence	65	Dangriga/Hopkins Junction/	Technical/CET/TCC
	Muscle Creek	ORANGE WALK DISTRICT		34 (c)	Riversdale/Santa Cruz/Maya		Placencia Junction/	52(b) Crique Sarco/Sunday
4(b)	Cabbage	27	Richmond Hill/Tower Hill Junction/		King/Santa Rosa/San		United Comm./Georgetown	Wood/Conejo/Baranco
5	Lucky Strike/Rockstone Pond		St. Peter's Anglican		Roman/Independence		Jun./San Juan Bosco/Bella Vista	Midway/Santa Ana/
6	Corozalito/Chicago/	28	Trial Farm/Kiskedee St./La	34(cc)	Belize Aquaculture/Maya King/	TOLEDO DISTRICT		TCC
	Lucky Strike		Inmaculada School/Trial Farm		United Community	44(a)	Cerro Hill/End of Poppy Show	52(c) Columbia Branch/San
7(a)	Mile 24/Boston/Sand Hill	CAYO DISTRICT		35 (a)	Trio/Swasey/Bella Vista		Rd./Elridgeville/Fairview	Jose/San Vicente/
7(b)	Mile 24/Sand Hill/Salt Creek	18(a)	Belmopan/Roaring Creek/Armenia/	35(b)	Bladen/Swasey/Bella Vista	44(b)	Machaca/Yemerigrove/Jacintovi	53 Jalacte/Pueblo
8(a)	Ranchito Dolores/St. Paul's		Caves Brand/Santa Martha	36(a)	Independence/Bella Vista/Trio		Ile/Fairview	Viejo/Santa Elena
	Bank/Willows Bank/Bermudian	18(b)	Rivera Community/Roaring Creek	36(b)	Georgetown/United Community /	44(c)	Fairview/Forest Home/Jacintoville/	Santa Cruz/San
	Landing/Flowers	18 (c)	Camalote/Roaring Creek		San Juan Bosco/Independence/		Laguna Junction/Toledo Christian	Antonio/Crique Jute
	Bank/Double HeadCabbage	19	Cool Shade (Mountain Pine Ridge		San Juan Bosco		Academy	Junction/Mafredi/
8(b)	Flowers Bank/Bermudian		Road/Georgeville	36(c)	Monkey River/Mango Walk/Monkey	44(e)	Extension Cuxlin Ha/Poppy Show/	Columbia
	Landing/Isabella/Bank	20	Seven Miles Village (Mt. Pine Ridge		River Estate Junction/Bella Vista		Forest Home/Little Flower	54(a) Dolores/Otoxha/
	Lemonal/Double Head Cabbage		Road/San Antonio	37	San Pablo/Lindis Farm/Bella Vista/	45	Waterhole/Big Hill/Forest Home	Consejo/Sunday Wood/
9	Mile 24(Gardenia)Sand Hill/Mile	21	Duffy Bank/Chial/Succotz		Monkey River Estate Junction/	46	Laguna Junction/San Felipe/Santa	Santa Theresa/Corazon/
	16 1/2	22	La Lima/Gray Gal/Teakettle		Independence		Ana/Forest Home/Wilson Rd./Toledo	Mabilha/Aguate/San
10	Mile 24/New/Cowhead/Lucky	22(b)	Roaring Creek/Teakettle	38	Mile 36/MiddlesexValley		Community College	Benito/Blue Creek
	Strike	23	Mile 32 Western Highway/Gulf	39	Alta Vista/New Site/SteadfastValley/	47(a)	San Marcos Junction/Dump/San	Punta Gorda
11(a)	Moody Bank/May Pen/Black		American/St. Matthews(Mile 39,		Middlesex Valley		Isidro/Big Falls R.C. School	54(c) San Benito Poite/Ext.
	Creek (Boat Run)/Black Creek/		Western Highway	40	Middlesex Valley/Steadfast Valley/	47(b)	Hicate/Farmers Rd./Big Falls R.C.	Santa Teresa/Blue Creek
	May Pen Junction	24	Billy White/Santa Familia/Bullet		Middlesex Valley	48(a)	San Antonio/Mafredi/Elridgeville/	55(a) Machahilka/Graham
11(b)	Lemonal (Boat Run)		Tree/San Ignacio/Santa Elena	41(a)	Mile 30/Middlesex Valley/Steadfast/		Toledo Community College/San	Creek/Crique
12(a)	Rhburn Ridge/Biscayne/Mile	24(a)	Cristo Rey/Santa Elena/San		Alta Vista/Pomona/Hope Creek/		Marcos	Sarco/Sunday
	18/(Sand Hill)		Ignacio (High School Run)		Dangriga	48(b)	Pueblo Viejo/Santa	Wood/Conejo Creek/
12(b)	Biscayne/Gardenia/Sand Hill/	24(b)	Cut off Pine Ridge,	41(b)	Alta Vista/Pomona/Hope Creek/		Elena/Santa Cruz/	Baranco, Punta
	Edgewater/Maskal Road/Salt		San Antonio Rd./Santa		Sarawee/Dangriga		San Antonio/Mafredi/C.E.T./Julian	Gorda(Boat Run)
	Water/Maxboro/Belize City		Antonio/Cristo Rey/Santa	41(c)	Alta Vista/Pomona/Hope Creek/		Cho Technical	55(b) Mafredi/Blue
12(c)	Crooked Tree/Biscayne/		Elena/San Ignacio(High		Sarawee/Dangriga	49(a)	San Pedro Columbia/Elridgeville/	Creek/Quarry/Mafredi/
	Ladyville/Belize City		School Run)	41(d)	Old Mullings River Rd./Hope Creek/		Toledo Community College/C.E.T.	Crique Cocoa/Mafredi
12(d)	Crooked Tree/Biscayne/	STANN CREEK DISTRICT			Long Bank/Dangriga		Julian Cho Technical	55 (c) Stream
	Maxboro/Sandhill/Ladyville/	29(a)	Dangriga/Hope Creek/Pomona/	41(e)	Gales Point/Mullings River/Canada	49(b)	San Vincente/Jalacte/Pueblo	55(d) Moody Hill/Indian Creek
	Belize City		Middle Sex		Hill Rd./ Highway Junction/		Viejo/Santa Elena/Santa Cruz/	55(e) Moody Hill/Indian Creek
13	Burrel Boom/Belize City/Burrel	29(b)	Dangriga/Mullings River/Gales Point		Sarawee/Dangriga		San Antonio/CET/TCC/	56 Punta Gorda/Julian Cho
	Boom	29(c)	Dangriga/Silk Grass/Hopkins/Sittee	42(a)	Santa Cruz/Maya King/Santa Rosa/		Julian Cho Technical	Technical
14	13 Miles Northern Highway/Lords		River/Maya Centre/Silk Grass		San Roman/Georgetown	49©	San Marcos/TCC/	61 Dolores/Otoxha/Machakilha/
	Bank/BDF/Belize City	29(d)	Dangriga/Sarawee/Southern	42(b)	Blair Arhol/Santa Cruz/Maya King/		Santa Elena/San Antonio/CET	Corazon/San Lucas/Mabilha/
15(a)	Bella Vista/Belama/Belize City		Highway Junction/Anri		Santa Rosa/United Community	50	San Miguel/Silver Creek/	Santa Teresa/Blue Creek
15(b)	Bella Vista/Belama/Belize City	29(e)	Dangriga/Sarawee/Southern	43(a)	Malacate/Independence		Big Falls/Dump/CET/TCC	Mafredi/Julian Cho Technical
16(a)	Lords Bank/Ladyville/Belize City		Highway Junction/Anri	43(b)	Placencia/Malacate (Boat)	50(b)	San Pedro Columbia	
17(a)	Rockville Junction/Hattieville	29(f)	Dangriga/11 miles/Anri	43(c)	Placencia/Malacate (Boat)		Riversdale/Requenas	
17(b)	Westlake/Sunset Park/Mile 8/	30(a)	Sarawee/Hope Creek/Pomona/Alta	43(d)	Seine Bight/Malacate(Boat)		Farm/San Miguel/Silver	
	Belize City		Vista/Pomona	43(e)	Seine Bight/Malacate(Boat)		Creek/Big Falls/CET/	
18	Belize American Housing Area/	30(b)	Mile 10/Hope Creek/Pomona/Alta	43(f)	Seine Bight/Malacate		Julian Cho Technical	

NEW RUNS

BELIZE DISTRICT

Mahogany Heights/Democracia
Maskall/St. Ann's/Santana/Lucky Strike/Boston/Sandhill/Ladyville

COROZAL DISTRICT

Progreso/Copper Bank/Chunox
Chunox/Sarteneja

Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

ARIES

March 22 to April 20



Because you've put so much work into current endeavours, don't be surprised when you reach a special goal. Social life could be active but you may not be keen to join in everything. **Lucky Numbers: 04, 32, 67.**

TAURUS

April 21 to May 21



Nothing seems to go as expected. Go with the flow and you're likely to enjoy the little surprises coming your way. If you are a parent, a child is out of sorts but will respond to love and affection. **Lucky Numbers: 14, 59, 93.**

GEMINI

May 22 to June 21



Sharing ideas about making improvements in either your home or career environment may bring a few objections your way. In the end, you might decide to put your thoughts into action anyway. **Lucky Numbers: 19, 45, 87.**

CANCER

June 22 to July 23



Although you have time to spare, you aren't going out of your way to search for ways to fill it. You're enjoying personal interests and hobbies too much and time whizzes by. An online friend gives you a useful tip. **Lucky Numbers: 21, 73, 84.**

LEO

July 24 to August 21



You have a knack of spotting unexpected opportunities from a mile off. This isn't just because you're observant but it's because you're constantly considering how you might utilise the things happening around you in a positive way. **Lucky Number:**

39, 54, 88.

VIRGO

August 22 to September 21



You're going through a pleasingly harmonious phase now. At work, you make great progress. Your social life goes into orbit and some surprising romantic developments make you feel fortunate and happy. **Lucky Numbers: 16, 25, 33.**

LIBRA

September 22 to October 23



A colleague helps you overcome a stumbling block through injecting fresh ideas into an old project. You have no objections about new ideas and plans sug-

gested as the week comes to an end. **Lucky Numbers: 09, 41, 78.**

SCORPIO

October 24 to November 21



You get your chance to put new plans into action. These may be ideas you've worked on for some time. The best part of the week is when you see how well they work. **Lucky Numbers: 02, 40, 77.**

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 to December 21



Although you're surprised by how much there is to do the mood of harmony and even fun that surrounds

Vacancy Notice Electronic Technician

Department of Meteorology
Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the post of Electronic Technician in the Department of Meteorology, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment. The qualifications required for appointment to the post and its associated duties and responsibilities are incinerated hereunder:-

Position: Electronic Technician

Qualifications: Minimum Requirements

1. Bachelor's Degree in Electronics or Electrical Engineering/ Communications

Skills:

1. Electrical repairs and maintenance.
2. Computer programming and information technology.
3. Analytical, troubleshooting and diagnostic skills, oral/written communication.
4. Fluency in Spanish would be an asset.
5. Valid Driver's License

Duties/Responsibilities:

1. Review, recommend and install equipment to be utilized within the Department of Meteorology.
2. Maintain weather radar, rawinsonde station, telecommunication equipment, standby generator, meteorological and hydrological equipment and instruments.
3. Maintain computers and other office equipment.
4. Maintain website.

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Age: 18 - 45 years old

Deadline for applications:

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CAPRICORN

December 22 to January 20



You're in tune with your partner's thoughts and feeling. It's strange to have so much power and control over your relationships. Romance thrives when you respond positively to your lover's needs and desires. **Lucky Numbers: 12, 37, 68.**

AQUARIUS

January 21 to February 19



Trends offer you the chance to mix business with pleasure. A lot is happening; it's not easy to keep up with everything but you will. An influential person will help you in a current aim. **Lucky Numbers: 20, 43, 81.**

PISCES

February 20 to March 21



Don't be reluctant to spill out your feelings for you can't expect people to understand you if you aren't telling it all! A confidential matter needs some attention. God Day for Luck: **Lucky Numbers: 10, 48, 96.**

PRESS RELEASE



Belmopan. July 29, 2009. The Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin met with the Secretary of Health of Quintana Roo, Lic. Juan Carlos Azueta Cárdenas and the Mexican Ambassador to Belize Lic. Luis Manuel Lopez Moreno to discuss the Health Secretariat of Quintana Roo's offer to assist the Government and People of Belize in the control and prevention of further transmission of Dengue in Belize on Monday July 27, 2009 in the Corozal Free Zone.

Today, July 29, 2009 an official handing over ceremony was held at the Belize-Mexico Border between Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin and the Secretary of Health of Quintana Roo, Lic. Juan Carlos Azueta Cárdenas.

In his address, Minister Marin thanked the Mexican authorities for their interest in the welfare of Belize and their prompt response in assisting the Ministry of Health in controlling further transmission of dengue through activities including case detection and spraying of the vector.

Under this three week agreement, the Health Secretariat of Quintana Roo is providing assistance to Belize in the areas of epidemiological survey, entomological activities, ULV spraying and laboratory support.

A total of 17 Mexican medical and vector control personnel and a fleet of ULV machines crossed our border today and have commenced working activities in the Cayo District, after which, they will be working in the Belize, Corozal and Orange Walk Districts. The Mexican team is headed by Dr. Julio Cesar Gonzales Aguilar, Sr. Epidemiologist of Quintana Roo.

Emphasis will be placed in entomological survey that will provide the Ministry of Health with necessary information on areas of infestation of the vector – the *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes which transmit Dengue to humans. With this information, the Ministry of Health will then utilize a more efficient use of insecticide for the spraying of the vector population to order to reduce the transmission of the disease. The time is crucial for activities of this nature to be executed given the fact that the country's rainy season is imminent.

In related news, the Ministry of Health reports that to date fifty one (51) persons have tested positive for Dengue. There has been an upsurge in suspected dengue cases in Belize since May 24th, 2009, with the largest spike occurring since July 5th. To date there have been 240 clinically diagnosed cases reported this year, with 198 reported from May 24th to present, representing 82.5% of total reported cases. All suspected cases during that period were reported from two districts, the Cayo district, with 169 cases and the Belize district with 29 cases. Since the 24th of May, 186 persons were tested at the Central Medical Laboratory in Belize City by serology.

The Ministry of Health reminds the general public of the danger of Dengue and Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever. All citizens are asked to keep their surrounding environment clean to eliminate the breeding site of the mosquito.

Activities that should be done to prevent Dengue include: washing water storage containers such as drums at least once a week, changing the water in flower pots every 4 or 5 days, avoid having containers that can collect water in your yard (e.g. empty cans, tires), and keep vats, drums, buckets and all other containers that can collect water properly covered. These are ideal breeding sites for the mosquito that transmits Dengue. With the elimination of breeding sites in and around the yard, Dengue can be avoided.

Dengue Fever begins with sudden onset of high fever (104 to 105 degrees Fahrenheit), and other signs and symptoms include:

Headache	Eye Pain or eyeball pain	Joint pain	Muscle pain
Backache	Nausea and or lack of appetite		Vomiting
Rash	General Weakness		

Haemorrhagic manifestations (unusual bleeding from the gums/heavy menstrual bleeding/unexplained bruises).

H1N1 UPDATE

There are 23 laboratory confirmed cases of H1N1 in Belize to date. They are predominantly located in the Corozal District. However, a few cases have been identified in Orange Walk, Belize, and Cayo Districts. We expect H1N1 transmission to become widespread in Belize, as that is the situation throughout the rest of the world. However, we remind the public that H1N1 influenza virus causes mostly mild illness. There are no deaths from H1N1 in Belize.

We continue to submit specimens to the Caribbean Epidemiology Center in Port of Spain Trinidad for testing. This is being done in an effort to make surveillance for H1N1 a routine process so as to monitor the spread of the virus in Belize, with the aim to contribute to the global surveillance of H1N1. Surveillance efforts at this time focus on monitoring the virus for any signs of change. This is an ongoing and continuous process and is in line with the recommendations of the World Health Organization.

The general public is again reminded to practice respiratory and hand washing etiquette to prevent contracting Influenza A H1N1.

RF&G Insurance Taking Over Life & Health From CLICO (Bahamas)

**BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo,
Wednesday, July 29, 2009:**

The public and general, and the holders of Life & Health Insurance Policies with **CLICO (Bahamas) Limited – Belize Branch** in particular are hereby informed that the Supervisor of Insurance & the Judicial Manager for **CLICO (Bahamas) Limited, Ms. Alma**, have applied to the Supreme Court of Belize for approval to transfer the Life & Health Insurance Portfolio of **CLICO (Bahamas) Limited – Belize Branch** to **RF&G Life Insurance Company**.

The Court will consider this application on 10 August 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Policyholders of **CLICO (Bahamas) Limited – Belize Branch** who object to this undertaking are advised to lodge such objection with the Registrar of the General Registry prior to August 10, 2009.

Additional information on this matter can be obtained from the Supervisor of Insurance, **Ms. Alma Gomez**, Ministry of Finance, Belmopan, Tels: 822-2151/822-2152



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Migraine Headaches

Almost 15% of adults experience painful vascular headaches (*where the pain is caused by blood vessel swelling or disturbance*) this condition is known as migraine headache.

Women are two times at higher risk of being affected which further increased with the presence of a family history of migraines.

What is a Migraine Headache?

A migraine is a persistent, throbbing headache typically affecting one side of the head. It can last from anywhere between 4 and 72 hours.

Migraines are thought to be caused by a sudden widening of the blood vessels that supply the brain, which in turn irritates the nerves surrounding these blood vessels.

What are the symptoms?

Migraine headaches can be accompanied by symptoms that have a significant impact on daily life. As well as the headache, people may also experience symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and visual

disturbances. Occasionally, symptoms can be more severe - including partial paralysis, difficulty in speaking, confusion and/or fainting.

What causes Migraine Headaches?

The exact causes of migraine headaches are not completely understood, but you may find that certain triggers can start or worsen a migraine.

Avoiding these migraine triggers can become an effective means of reducing the number of attacks.

Changes in the trigeminal nerve pathway (*the main sensory nerve of the face and motor nerve for the muscles used in chewing*) are believed to result in the release of chemicals that dilate the blood vessels in the outer covering of the brain (*called meninges*). This causes a headache. Imbalances in other chemicals, such as serotonin, may also contribute to a migraine headache.

Diagnosis of Migraine Headache

A migraine can be diagnosed based on the family history, medical history, and physical examination. A computerized tomography (CT), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), or a spinal tap may be recommended to rule out other causes.

Common treatments for Migraine Headache

Although there is no cure for a migraine, with the right balance of medical and non-medical management, you can reduce the frequency and severity of attacks. There are numerous migraine headache treatments that may provide relief, but your first step should be to talk to your doctor.

Treatment for migraines are divided into two groups: Pain relief and preventative.

The most common pain relief treatments are painkillers such as paracetamol (eg Panadol), aspirin and non-steroidal anti-inflammatories such as ibuprofen. Some painkillers come combined with an anti-sickness medicine, for example Paramax, Migramax and Domperamol.

Doctors may prescribe Triptans like sumatriptan

(Imigran), rizatriptan (Maxalt) and zolmitriptan (Zomig) or Ergots or Anti-emetics.

You may also be prescribed the following as preventatives; Beta blockers, Anti-depressants, Calcium channel blockers, Anti-epileptics and Anti-serotonin drugs.

Often you will need to try a range of migraine treatments to find the one most suitable to you.

Your doctor or specialist will help you with this process.

One of the keys to tackling a migraine is to treat it at the very first signs and symptoms.

** Take your pain relief medication as soon as you feel the migraine 'coming on'.*

** Lie down in a dark room. Close your eyes and try to relax. Deep breathing can help.*

** Use an ice pack wrapped in a small towel on your head and neck.*

** A warm bath or shower can help you to relax. If you can manage it, take a walk to help ease tension*

** Massage the back of your neck or ask a friend or relative to massage your neck and shoulders.*

** Apply gentle pressure to the painful area using your thumb and forefingers. Push for about 10 seconds and then release.*



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Micheletti Softening - Zelaya Could Soon Return To The Presidency In Honduras

BY: Mica Rosenberg

TEGUCIGALPA (Reuters)
Thu Jul 30, 2009 11:30am EDT:

Honduras' de facto ruler called on Wednesday for new talks to solve the country's political crisis and a source said he might be willing to allow the return of ousted **President Manuel Zelaya** under strict conditions.

Roberto Micheletti, named by Congress as president after Zelaya was toppled in a coup last month, asked for a special envoy to come to Honduras *"to cooperate in the start of dialogue in our country."*

Under pressure from the United States to reverse the coup, Micheletti softened a previous hardline tone and said many Hondurans could play a role in solving the crisis.

"This dialogue, this effective communication should include all parts of civil society, our churches, professional groups, student groups, business associations, media



Ousted President Manuel Zelaya Rosales

and political parties," he said in a statement read out on television.

Micheletti asked mediator **Costa Rican President Oscar Arias** to send Enrique Iglesias, a former president of the Inter-American Development Bank, to Honduras to breathe life into crisis talks that were all but dead.

Washington has demanded Zelaya's reinstatement and on Tuesday revoked diplomatic visas for four members of

Micheletti's administration.

Micheletti has often said the government, Supreme Court and Congress were all firmly opposed to Zelaya's reinstatement, and that it could never happen, but his tone may be changing.

A source with close connections to the de facto government said Micheletti might now be willing to consider Zelaya's return if given assurances that the ousted president does not try to derail



Coup Installed President Roberto Micheletti Bain

democracy.

Micheletti wants Arias to send someone of international stature to help convince Hondurans of a plan to end the crisis that included Zelaya coming back to office, the source said, adding that the plan would need to be *"fine tuned. Because, as it stands, the proposal would be rejected across the board by the powers that be in the country,"* the source said. *"He is saying to Arias, 'Help me convince my people',"* said the source.



SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD TENDER

Invitations to Tender for the Construction and Expansion of the Existing Parking Lot at the SSB Headquarters Office

1. The Social Security Board proposes to invite Bids at the end of July 2009 for the contract package for the construction and expansion of the parking lot for its Headquarters Office in Belmopan.
2. Joint ventures and partnerships including those between local firms will be considered.
3. Interested persons can pick up the plan and drawings along with the Bill of Quantities at the Headquarters Office in Belmopan from the Chief Executive Officer's office or from the General Manager, Finance.
4. All documents that are provided by the Social Security Board will be given for the non-refundable fee of \$250.00.
5. Deadline for the submission of tenders is Friday 7 August 2009, at 4:00 pm.
Any tender received after this deadline will not be considered.

The Social Security Board will not defray any cost incurred by any tenderer. The Social Security Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender and reserves the right to accept or reject any tender, and to annul the process and reject all tenders, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective contractor or any obligation to assign any reason for the rejection of any tender. Prospective tenderers must be in compliance with the requirements of Social Security Act, especially with respect to the payment of contributions, in order to be considered.

MRS. MERLENE BAILEY MARTINEZ
Chief Executive Officer
Social Security Board Bliss Parade,
P.O. Box 18

Strengthening The Prevention Of Mother To Child Transmission Of HIV and Syphilis

BELMOPAM CITY, Cayo, Thursday, July 30, 2009:

The Pan American Health Organization and the Ministries of Health from Suriname and Belize had a sharing of knowledge, experiences and technology to ensure the right of every child to be born free of HIV and Syphilis when adequate evidence based interventions are implemented.

This is another Technical Cooperation among Countries (TCC) supported by the Pan American Health Organization among the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) member countries.

In 2000 the PMTCT program

was launched in Belize. A TCC between Belize and Bahamas after which Belize launched its' response from the experience sharing gained from the Bahamas.

Today marks the close of this TCC between Suriname and Belize, where both countries shared knowledge and experiences with the objective to strengthen the PMTCT Program in both countries.

The Caribbean has established a goal of reducing to less than 2% the vertical transmission of HIV –from mother to child. Evidence has shown that this is possible through public health interven-

tions. Since the introduction of this programme in 2001, Belize has reduced the vertical transmission rate of HIV from 19% in 2007 to 3.2% in 2008.

A team of six experts from Suriname visited Belize from July 28th – 30th 2009 to review the implementation of the PMTCT program at all levels to learn about factors leading to Belize's success in this area.

The Suriname team visited both public and private sector health facilities in both urban and rural health facilities providing services for the

prevention of vertical transmission of HIV.

The main lessons learnt from the Belize experience is the evident political will to provide PMTCT services as a public good, the ongoing advocacy for improvement of the health services, the application of existing guidelines and protocols, the existing support services for women and children affected by HIV, among others.

A Belize health team will have the opportunity to learn from the Suriname experience. The visit is scheduled for the last quarter of 2009.

Labour, Local Government and Rural Development Ministerial Countrywide Tour Begins

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will also be meeting specifically with all District Association of Village Councils, National Association of Village Councils, the Toledo Alcalde Association, the Mayors' Association as well as City/Town Councils.

The Ministerial entourage

will include Minister of State, Hon. Michael Hutchinson; Chief Executive Officer, Marion Macnab; Director Local Government, Eugene Palacio; Coordinator Rural Development, Ernest Banner; and Labour Commissioner, Ivan Williams.

BELIZE NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE AND INFORMATION SYSTEM

TENDER NOTICE

Completion of Construction of Benque Viejo Del Carmen Library Building

The Belize National Library Service and Information System, a body corporate, established under the Belize National Library Service and Information System Act No.7 of 2006 and located at Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City, hereby invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for the completion of a library building in Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District.

Work to be done:

The works consist of Block works, Form work, Bending and Placing of Steelwork, Concrete works, Metal Roof work, Electrical, Plumbing, and other associated works as per drawings and specifications.

Tender documents can be obtained from the Benque Viejo del Carmen Library Branch as of July 27, 2009 at the address below during the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. from Monday to Friday for a **NON-REFUNDABLE** fee of **BZ\$100.00 per package**.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"Quotation for Benque Viejo Del Carmen Library Building, Cayo District"**.

ADDRESSED TO: The Chief Librarian
Belize National Library Service and Information System
C/o Benque Viejo Del Carmen Library Branch
George Street
Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District.

Tenders will be received at the above address no later than 2.00 p.m. on **Friday, August 7, 2009**.

The Belize National Library Service and Information System reserve the right to reject any or all tenders.

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act, Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ROBERT WENSENK & ROENI REQUENA** are applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** for the year 2009 to operate **INN THE BUSH** located in Maca Bank in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor Licensing Act, Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **GUILLERMO VALDEZ** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** for the year 2009 to operate **SUSY'S STORE** located in the Village of San Jose Succotz in the Cayo District.

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ANOTHER CAYO BOY KILLED IN THE PRIME OF HIS LIFE

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incident did not occur in the nightclub but instead near the Coronation Park, located behind the nightclub, witness statements are saying that the incident actually occurred inside the club.

When confronted with the question of the boy's presence inside the club, the owner contends that he was refused

entry on two attempts, due to his young age. He informed that on the third occasion, the police allowed him to enter as he was injured and was in need of assistance.

Our investigation revealed however, that the boy was actually inside the club and that the accused murderer, identified as **Fredy Jeovany "Shaggy" Fernandez**, 19, who was along

with five friends moved up to one of the them and said "*da whe di go on wid denh Santa Elena bways, I wa du denh tings right now*".

One of his friends reportedly told him to cool off but it is alleged that he rushed towards the victim and the next thing the witness reportedly saw was when the boy fell to the floor inside the nightclub.

The accused then reportedly passed a small steak knife to one of his friends who, like handling a hot potato, passed it on to another friend who in turn pushed it through an opening in the wooden wall at the back of the nightclub.

The knife fell to the street in front of Idelmar Store, located on the ground floor of the nightclub, from where it was retrieved by the police.

The investigation led to the initial detention of six male persons all from San Ignacio Town.

After the recording and

analysis of statements, and based on the advice of an attorney from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, five of the six detainees were released.

The sixth detainee, identified as **Fredy Jeovany "Shaggy" Fernandez**, 19, Belizean, 6th form student of Sacred Heart Junior College, residing at #2 Tulip Street in San Ignacio Town was formally arrested and charged for murder.

On Monday, July 27, the accused appeared before San Ignacio Town's Magistrate **Kathleen Lewis**. He was remanded to the Central Prison in Hattieville and is due back in court on Thursday, August 20, 2009.

Funeral service for Gilbert "**Gilly**" Novelo was held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, at St. Ignatius Church in Santa Elena Town.

He was laid to rest in the Carmen Memorial Cemetery, just across the street from where he once lived on Cemetery Road in Santa Elena Town. And thus ends the sad story of the passing of yet another boy whose young life came to an abrupt end in the very prime of his life.

Recording The Sudden Passing Of Ambassador Oscar Miguel Ayuso Jr.

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nation like wild fire last Saturday night.

According to Belize City Police, it was shortly after 7:30 p.m., on Saturday July 25, 2009, when they visited the Ayuso residence at #81 Bella Vista, Belize City, where they encountered his lifeless body in a seated position inside his home. In close proximity to the body, the police reportedly found his licensed .380 Beretta pistol fitted with a magazine containing eight live rounds, along with one expended shell on the floor nearby thus leading police to suspect that it was a case of suicide.

Ambassador Oscar Miguel Ayuso was many things: first and foremost he was a devoted family man, a humble man, a businessman, a diplomat, a politician and a genuine friend.

He first entered the diplomatic circles in 1998 when he was appointed as the Honorary Consul of Sweden. He became actively involved in politics in 1998 when he took up the position as the United Democratic Party (UDP) Standard Bearer for the Caribbean Shores Constituency on the heels of the retirement, from elected politics, of the **Rt. Hon Manuel Esquivel**, in the wake of the People's United Party victory at the polls on August 27, 1998.

Between 1999 and 2005 he served as Deputy Leader of the United Democratic Party (UDP). He contested the 2003 general election as the UDP candidate for Caribbean Shores. Although he was unsuccessful in his first attempt at election, he continued as a steadfast standard bearer in



His Excellency Ambassador Oscar Miguel Ayuso Jr., 51
SUNRISE: December 22, 1957
SUNSET: July 25, 2009

the constituency.

Five months after the UDP's February 2008 general election victory, he was appointed as Belize's Ambassador to the Holy See in July 2008.

Oscar also served in senior position on several statutory boards including that as Chairman of the Belize Ports Authority, Vice Chairman of the Social Security Board and Vice President of the Belize Chamber of Commerce.

Up to the time of his sudden passing, Oscar was the Managing Director of the Family owned business, G. Ayuso and Son Limited and G. Ayuso and Son Travel Agency.

We join with the United Democratic Party family, the business community and indeed the nation of Belize, in expressing deepest sympathy to the wife, **Halima**; daughter, **Yasmin**; son, **Oscar Jose** and the entire Ayuso family at the sudden passing of a loved one. We also join in praying for the eternal resting of his soul.

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