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"I AM NOT A DRUG TRAFFICKER", Says Jose Guerra

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, August 12, 2009:

Jose Guerra states: "I am a Belizean taxi driver living in

Benque Viejo Town, Cayo. On July 21, 2009 at around 5:00 p.m., my services was requested to transport two male persons from Benque Viejo to San

Belize's New Integrity Commission

Ignacio town. I picked them up near the Woodland Resort in Benque. I also picked up two female passengers in Benque Viejo Town. One of them was traveling to the village of San Jose Succotz and the other was heading to San Ignacio, the two male persons and one of

the females sat in the back seat of the car.

I dropped off the first female passenger in Succotz and requested for the other female to take up the front seat vacated by the first passenger in order to make the ride to San Ignacio

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Five of the seven members of Belize's new Integrity Commission: (L-R) Chairman: Mr. Bernard Q Pitts Commissioners: Ms. Armead Gabourel, Mr. Dean Lindo QC, Mrs. Maria Fernandez Stuart and Mr. George Swift

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo, Tuesday, August 11, 2009:

Official swearing and a familiarization meeting of the

Integrity Commission was held on Tuesday, August 11 at the Commission's Secretariat, 3rd

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Jose Guerra, Belizean Taxi Driver



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Dishonesty In The Handling Of Fuel

We take time out this week to congratulate the Mayor of Benque Viejo Town, His Worship **Nicholas Ruiz** for taking swift and decisive action against an employee of the Council who was found to be engaged in dishonest fuel transactions at the expense of the council and taxpayers of the municipality, by extension.

The main factor fostering the perpetuation of dishonesty in any organization is when the person at the helm likewise engages in dishonesty and therefore lacks the moral fiber to take corrective action due to the risk of being exposed.

When the “**boss**” is stealing, everybody steals, and corruption flourishes while, in the public sector, the masses perish with increased taxation to satisfy the greed of the dishonest as the provision of essential goods and services to the wider community is severely curtailed.

It is no secret that the dishonest handling of fuel is a major cancer affecting MANY government Departments and Ministries. It is also widespread within the private sector. However, unlike Mayor Ruiz many of these Heads of Departments and Managers have their hands so deep inside the cookie jar that they become impotent in taking corrective action to stem the cancer.

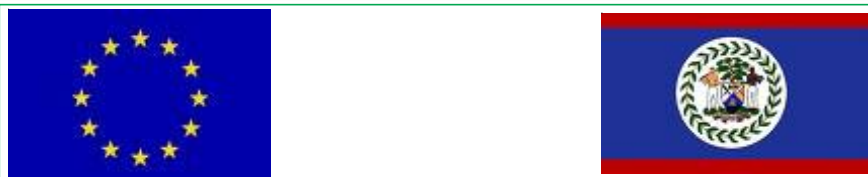
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this week to congratulate Mayor Nicholasito Ruiz for doing his part to protect the interest of the community he serves notwithstanding that the employee in question is closely related to a serving member of that western Town Council.

We likewise take this opportunity to inform STAR Readers and Advertisers that we will be proceeding on 14 days vacation for much needed rest and relaxation.

We will be returning on August 31. The next edition of the STAR Newspapers will be distributed on September 4.



**Corozal /Orange Walk Districts
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New Vehicle For San Ignacio Police

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo Thursday, August 13, 2009:

San Ignacio Police now have a new addition to their fleet of vehicles.

A new, black, 2009 Toyota Hilux, double cab, four wheel, standard transmission pickup truck today made its grand entrance into town.

The new vehicle, one of five recent additions to the national fleet, was purchased from Belize Diesel and Equipment Company.

Four of the vehicles were purchased by the Government of Belize and the fifth was donated by Belize Natural Energy



Sr. Supt. Paul Wade posing with the new Toyota Hilux

Limited.

In addition to the one assigned to the San Ignacio formation,

two were dispatched to Belize City's Eastern Division, and the other two are for use in the

Mexico Donates More Books

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo, Wednesday, August 12, 2009:

More than 1,000 books were today donated by the Mexican government to schools in Belize.

Twenty primary schools in the Corozal District will each receive a complete set of more than 50 books.

The collection, all in Spanish, covers subject areas such

as Mathematics, Geography, Natural Sciences, History and Spanish.

A release from the Mexican Embassy informs that the aim of the Mexican government is to provide students and teachers with support material that can contribute to their performance, and which can be used as tools for those students who wish to

develop their skills in the Spanish language.

For many years, the Mexican government has been donating book to Belizean schools through the Free Text Books National Commission of Mexico (*Conaliteg*) geared towards increasing cooperation in education and culture between both countries.

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Justice Denys Barrow Appointed To Belize's Court Of Appeal The Court Is Now 50% Staffed By Belizean Lawyers



Governor General Sir Colville Young (R) was the first to congratulate Belize's new Judge of the Court of Appeal, The Honorable Justice Denys Barrow (L), brother of the Hon. Prime Minister Dean Barrow

BELIZE HOUSE, Belmopan, August 10, 2009.

The Government Press Office informed that **Mr. Denys Barrow SC** was today formally appointed as a Resident Judge of the Belize Court of Appeal.

The 10:30 a.m swearing in ceremony by the Governor-General **Sir Colville Young**, was held at the Belize House in Belmopan in the presence of the **Honorable Prime Minister, Dean Barrow**, and other members of Justice Barrow's immediate family.

The Honorable Justice Denys Barrow possesses a vast and varied experience in the field of law. He was called to the Belize Bar in 1977 after qualifying from the Norman Manley Law

School in Jamaica.

Fresh out of law school he teamed up with **Attorney Ernest Staine** and for 17 years he practiced under the business name "*Staine and Barrow*".

In 1994 the "*Staine and Barrow*" partnership was dissolved giving birth to "*Barrow & Co*" with Justice Denys Barrow as the senior partner.

During his lustrous legal career Justice Barrow served as President of the Bar Association of Belize along with membership in the General Legal Council, among many others.

He was elevated to Senior Counsel in 1990 and In 2007, he was selected by the Bar Association of Belize for

its prestigious "*CUSTOS JUSTITIAE AWARD*" for outstanding contribution to the legal profession and for "*excellence in the practice of law*".

Police Investigating Reported Rape

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, August 12, 2009:

San Ignacio Police are investigating the reported raping of a 23 year old female of Santa Elena Town, Cayo.

The female told the police that at about 9:40 p.m., on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, she was socializing at the Pit Pan Nightclub in San Ignacio Town, when she went to use the female bathroom.

She told the police that she was accosted by a man of dark

During his long legal career, The Honorable Justice Denys Barrow has held several judicial appointments.

Between 2000 and 2005 he has acted as a High Court Judge in St. Lucia, Grenada and the British Virgin Islands. He was also appointed as an acting Judge of Supreme Court of Belize in 2004. More recently, he was a Justice of Appeal of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court from 2005 to 2008.

As is required by the Constitution of Belize, Justice Barrow's appointment as a Judge of Belize's Court of Appeal was approved by the Senate at a special sitting held on Thursday, August 6 2009.

The Honorable Justice Denys Barrow will be taking over from Justice **Boyd Carey** who will be retiring in October of this year with the coming to an end of this year's session of the Court of Appeal.

The other three serving Judges of the Court of Appeal are its President, the **Honorable Justice Elliot Motley (Barbados)**, the **Honorable Justice Manual Sosa (Belize)** and the **Honorable Justice Dennis Morrison (Jamaica)**.

complexion who threatened her, force her inside the bathroom and raped her.

She was issued with a pair of medico-legal forms and escorted to the San Ignacio Town hospital where the medical officer on duty confirmed recent sexual activity.

Police are now looking for one suspect whom they believe could assist in the investigation.

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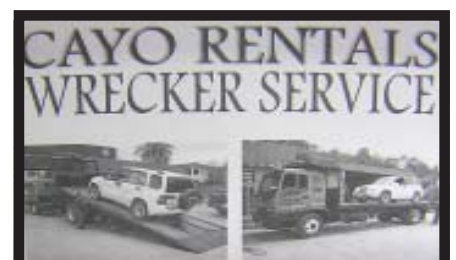
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New Leaders Receive Certificate & Pin

**GEORGE PRICE CENTER
Belmopan City, Cayo, Friday,
August 7, 2009:**

After undergoing two days of Leadership Training conducted on April 25 & 26, 2009, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award was issued to the participants during an official ceremony held on Friday, August 7, at the George Price Center For Peace in Belmopan where course participants each received certificates of achievement and a pin.

Immediately after the official ceremony, the awardees and invited guests were hosted for cocktail at the Belmopan residence of the British High Commissioner.

The list of dignitaries in attendance included the Governor General of Belize, **Sir Colville Young** and **Lady Young**; Attorney General and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, **Hon. Wilfred "Sedi" Elrington**; Youth & Sports Minister, **Hon. Elvin Penner**; Belmopan's Mayor **Simeon Lopez**, University of Belize President, **Dr. Santos Mahung**; Belize Telemedia Limited's Chief Executive Officer, **Dean Boyce** among others.

Included in the list of recipients of the award were:

Superintendent of Police Dezerie Phillips, Scout Commander, Nephathi Palma; Community Policing Officer, Constable #140 Joshua Mckoy, Edgar Oroman, Linda Garcia, Maritza Ruiz, Cynthia Ellis and others.

Participants are allowed to set their own goals, and record their own progress. The only person they compete against is themselves, by challenging their own beliefs about what they can achieve. They discover what they are made of. They make an impact on their community. They develop a set of life skills and most of all, **they have fun!**

The International Award was founded by HRH (*His Royal Highness*) The Duke of Edinburgh, in 1956, in conjunction with **Kurt Hahn**, the German educationalist. Both were concerned that young people's development was lacking in certain key areas, and they resolved to create a



Edgar Oroman receiving certificate from the Governor General of Belize, Sir Colville Young - (AMS Photo)

programme that would be a "do-it-yourself kit in the art of civilised living".

Hahn persuaded The Duke of

Edinburgh to chair a committee to oversee the programme's development. It was this committee that decided the



HRH (His Royal Highness) The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Phillip

Award should adopt the principle of no competition and no membership requirements. In addition, it would respond to Hahn's concern about the decline

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Activities Of Benque Viejo Police Cadets



Benque Viejo's Community Policing Officer, Constable #140 Joshua McKoy (far left), Woman Constable #431 Teresita Higinio (left of PC Mckoy)- the 29 Cadets - and Constable #22 Bernard Villanueva (far right)

The three weeks summer program for Benque Viejo Police Cadets began on Tuesday, July 7 in Benque Viejo Town.

In an effort to increase the intensity of the program, organizers are, this year, teaming up with several local

organizations. This year's program included:
A) ACTING & DRAMA sessions which were conducted under the direction of **Elodia Itza** and **Jose Perez**, both counsellors at Mount Carmel Primary School.

B) SPORTS coordinated by **Eric Manzanero** who is a serving member of the Benque Viejo Town Council. He was assisted by **Marc Guzman**.

C) ARTS & CRAFT, a new component of the program, was conducted by the Coordinator the Benque's House of Culture, **Nalleli Trujillo**.

D) SELF DEFENSE was done under the guidance and supervision of Martial Arts Instructor **Dale Schwerdtfeger**.

The General Coordinators of Summer Program were Benque Viejo's Community Policing Officer, Constable #140 **Joshua McKoy** and **Roberto Itza**.

As part of the summer program, 29 Police Cadets from Benque Viejo Town also attended the one-week camping expedition which was held on the compound of Big Falls Roman Catholic Primary School in the southern village of Big Falls in the Toledo District.

The cadets were joined by over 500 fellow cadets from all over the country.

The camping expedition included entertainment by the cadets themselves as well as various presentation by several organizations.

There were also educational tours to several local sites of interest as well as survival training.

The highlight of the expedition was the traditional camp fire.

Benque Viejo Cadets were accompanied on the southern

expedition by Woman Constable **T. Higinio**, Constable **B. Villanueva** and Constable **J. Mckoy** as well as by **Abder Patt**, a civilian instructor from the western village of San Jose Succotz

One of the goals of the southern expedition was to assist the cadets in developing special life skills and attitudes, which will help them in becoming productive and law abiding citizens.

The Cadets, the Benque Viejo Community Policing Unit and indeed the entire western Sub-Formation, extends a very special thank you to everyone who assisted in making possible the Cadets' attendance to this year's summer program a reality and an overwhelming success.

New Leaders Receive Certificate & Pin

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Supt. Dezerie Phillips receiving Certificate from Governor General, Sir Colville Young - (AMS Photo)

of compassion, skills, physical fitness and initiative in young people.

The new programme took the name of its founder and leader: **The Duke of Edinburgh's Award**.

It later became known as **'The International Award for Young People' outside the UK**.

The subsequent spread of the Award across the globe is testament to the universal appeal of the Programme, and the vision of its founder. However, even HRH admits that this took

him by surprise. **"When the first trial of the Award was launched in 1956, no one had any idea quite what would happen. In the event it was an instant success, and the Award has been growing and expanding worldwide ever since."**

HRH The Duke of Edinburgh has remained committed to the Award since its birth over fifty years ago. He continues to be involved, particularly in recognizing the achievements of Award participants and the adults who support them.

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New Generations Ministries Reaching Out To Heart Patients In Belize, C.A.

BY: Dr. Bernard Sapp, New Generations Ministries, Dadeville, Alabama, USA:

On Friday, May 22nd 2009, Belizeans **George and Romelia O'Brien** travelled to Dadeville, Alabama for medical treatment of George's deteriorating heart condition.

George and Romelia live in Santa Elena Town, Cayo, Belize, a small Central American country with limited medical equipment and services to treat heart patients.

Two weeks prior to their arrival, they were introduced to **Dr. Bernard and Rev. Carolyn Sapp** from New Generations Ministries (NGM) while they were on a mission in Belize.

Dr. Sapp has been actively involved in missionary work in that country since 1963 and his wife since 1987.

During their first meeting with the O'Brien's Reverend and Doctor Sapp became immediately concerned for George's ailing health. They made no commitments, but promised to inquire into the possibility of medical assistance when they returned to Alabama.

This was the beginning of a series of miraculous events. When the Sapp's returned to Dadeville a couple days later they utilized their contacts within the New Generations Ministries and surrounding community to obtain support for the O'Briens.

Carolyn communicated with **Dr. Ross Davis**, cardiologist at the Institute of Advanced Cardiovascular Care in Alabama who agreed to evaluate and perform any necessary treatment for Mr. O'Brien.

A few days later, hosted by Dr. and Rev. Sapp, George and his wife Romelia arrived in Dadeville. Soon after, they were joined by their daughter **Shirlene O'Brien Minge**.

Their blessed journey continued with an appointment to Dr. Davis. After a catheterization and a CT scan were performed it was determined that Mr. O'Brien did not require aortic valve bypass surgery as was diagnosed in Belize but instead was immediately admitted to the East



George and Romelia O'Brien, a few days after the surgery

Alabama Medical Center for blood clots in the lungs and

narrowing of his left descending artery (LAD).

Once there, a team of doctors and nurses provided medical care and services over the next few days. Mr. O'Brien received treatment for the clots in his lungs, and a stent was inserted into his LAD to improve blood flow. In addition, an MRI detected four abnormal cervical discs in his neck area for which he was treated.

Throughout the entire week of events, the O'Briens continued to receive support prayers from their host family, the Sapp's and their brothers and sisters at New covenant Fellowship Church.

The O'Briens would like to take this opportunity to extend a heart-felt thanks to the doctors, nurses and support

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It was 5 o'clock last Sunday morning when a man who smelled like a distillery and a cigarette factory stumbled on board the Novelos Bus for the return ride home after a Saturday night on the town.

He slams down on a seat next to a priest who was heading to the village to do the 6 o'clock Sunday morning mass.

The man's shirt was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of rum was sticking out of his torn shirt pocket.

He opened his newspaper and began reading. After a few minutes, the haggard looking man turned to the priest and

asked, "Say, father, what causes arthritis?"

"Mister," said the priest "it's caused by loose living, being with cheap women, too much alcohol and cigarettes and contempt for your fellow man."

"Well I'll be." said the drunk as he returned to reading his newspaper.

The priest, thinking about what told the man, nudged him and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long did you have arthritis?"

"I don't have it father" responded the man. I was just reading here that the Pope does."

Mr. Nice Guy Gets It In Church Two Times

Thomas showed up to work last Monday morning with a swollen left eye.

"What happened to you?" his co-workers asked.

"You guys will never believe this; I got hit in church yesterday,"

"Hit in church!" exclaimed his friend. "You will have to explain that to us."

Thomas began, "I was sitting in church yesterday when the priest told us to stand for the Lord's Prayer and this was when I saw a BIG FAT lady standing in the row in front of me with her dress stuck deep in her butt. Now me being Mr. Nice Guy seeing that it looked

uncomfortable for her, I bent over and politely pulled it out for her. Boy that lady got mad. She turned around and gave me the hardest blow I have ever felt.

The following Monday Thomas showed up for work with both eyes swollen and his mouth busted.

"What happened to you this time?" his friends asked. "And please don't tell us that it happened in church again."

"Come guys, gather around and let me give you the story." said Thomas. "I went to church again yesterday and as usual the priest asked us to stand for the Lord's Prayer, and there she was again, the same BIG FAT lady from last week, standing directly in front of me, And again she had her dress stuck deep in her butt. This time however, the gentleman standing next to me bent over and politely pulled it out for her. Now me being Mr. Nice Guy remembered that she does not like it out and so I bent over and politely pushed it back in for her."

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(L-R) George and Romelia O'Brien along with Rev. Carolyn Sapp at the East Alabama Medical Center

staff at the Institute for Advanced Cardiovascular Care and East Alabama Medical Center for their dedication and excellent care and services. Because of everyone involved, George's health has improved significantly and he has since returned to Belize and is living a fulfilling life.

The Sapps are currently in Belize until August 17, and are looking for a child with a heart condition take back to the states for medical attention. The child should be 10 years or older with supporting medical documentation and with a parent as a travelling companion. The medical teams in the US are on stand by with medical equipment to help save a life.

If you know of a child in need of medical assistance please let us here from you: email **Dr. Bernard & Rev Carolyn Sapp** at btscs@bellsouth.net or call the Mission Office at: **334-787-5977**.

Further information on the program can also be obtained by getting in contact with **Ms. Yvette Burke** at 223-3292 or via email at: bert@btl.net

Ed Note: For the benefit of International Readers, the O'Obiens are respected members of the community. They live right down the Highway from the STAR Newspaper. They are like neighbors.

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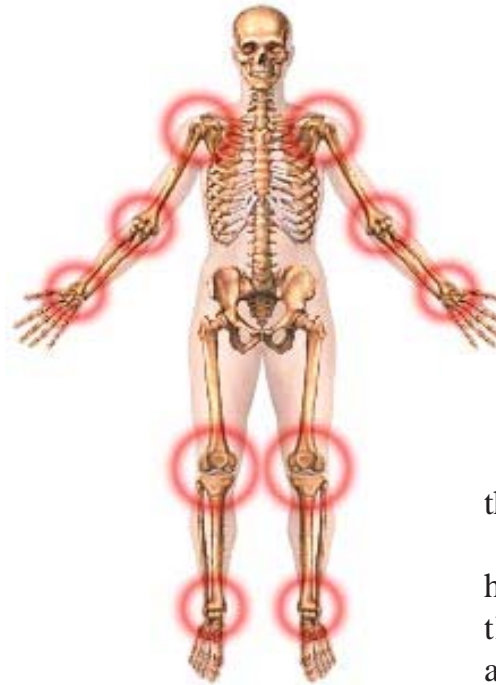


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WHAT IS ARTHRITIS?

Arthritis is a joint disorder featuring inflammation. A joint is an area of the body where two different bones meet. A joint functions to move the body parts connected by its bones. Arthritis literally means inflammation of one or more joints.

Arthritis is frequently accompanied by joint pain. Joint pain is referred to as arthralgia.

There are many types of arthritis (*over 100 and growing*).

The types of arthritis range from those related to wear and tear of cartilage - referred to as *osteoarthritis*.

There is the type associated with inflammation resulting from an overactive immune system - this is referred to as *rheumatoid arthritis*.

WHAT CAUSES ARTHRITIS?

The causes of arthritis depend on the form of arthritis. Causes include injury (*leading to osteoarthritis*), metabolic abnormalities (*such as gout and pseudogout*), hereditary factors, infections, and unclear reasons (*such as rheumatoid arthritis and systemic lupus erythematosus*).

Arthritis is classified as one of the rheumatic diseases. These are conditions that are different individual illnesses, with differing features, treatments, complications, and prognoses.

They are similar in that they have a tendency to affect the joints, muscles, ligaments, cartilage and tendons. Many of them have the potential to affect other internal body areas.

WHAT ARE SYMPTOMS OF ARTHRITIS?

Symptoms of arthritis include pain and limited function of joints.

Inflammation of the joints from arthritis is characterized by joint stiffness, swelling, redness, and warmth.

Tenderness of the inflamed joint can be present.

Many of the forms of arthritis, because they are rheumatic diseases, can cause symptoms affecting various organs of the body that do not directly involve

the joints. Therefore, symptoms in some patients with certain forms of arthritis can also include fever, gland swelling (*lymph node*), weight loss, fatigue, feeling unwell, and even symptoms from abnormalities of organs such as the lungs, heart, or kidneys.

WHO IS AFFECTED BY ARTHRITIS?

Arthritis sufferers include men and women, children and adults. Approximately 350 million people worldwide have arthritis. More than half of those with arthritis are under 65 years of age.

HOW IS ARTHRITIS DIAGNOSED, AND WHY IS A DIAGNOSIS IMPORTANT?

The first step in the diagnosis of arthritis is a meeting between

the doctor and the patient.

The doctor will review the history of symptoms, examine the joints for inflammation and deformity, as well as ask questions about or examine other parts of the body for inflammation or signs of diseases that can affect other body areas. Furthermore, certain blood, urine, joint fluid, and/or

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Ignore anybody who wants to puncture your dreams or tells you that you can't achieve your goals. Remember the words 'can't never did nothing' and tell yourself and everyone else that you can! **Lucky Numbers: 10, 31, 67.**

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21



Remain alert to subtle changes going on in the home environment. Key issues are joint finances, a coming holiday and negotiations with a past partner or old friend. **Lucky Numbers: 06, 23, 91.**

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21



This is a great time to make the effort to meet new faces and visit favourite places. You need to feel you're doing something new and different with your life now. Interest in finding new ways to make money is on the rise. **Lucky Numbers: 14, 47, 85.**

CANCER: June 22 to July 23



It might seem as things are moving too quickly; there's a danger of missing important details. Try to keep up with the pace of those around you so you don't miss out. **Lucky Numbers: 18, 27, 95.**

LEO: July 24 to August 21



Agree to differ if friends hold opposite views; why persist in an argument that isn't every going to be resolved? You'll gain the respect you want through letting others see how tolerant and patient you can be. **Lucky Numbers: 21, 03, 78.**

VIRGO: August 22 to September 21



Trust your instincts and this will help you avoid problematic situations and maximise good opportunities. If you have a feeling that you'll win a contest, game or competition, don't let your brain talk you out of entering. **Lucky Numbers: 30, 54, 62.**

LIBRA: September 22 to October 23



Never feel you aren't good enough to win or you don't deserve a little luck. You might start to steer yourself towards new and exciting directions through taking note of the opportunities now around you. **Lucky Number: 33, 76, 89.**

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21



A complicated matter needs attention. Deal with it the moment it arises or it could escalate. You need a few good nights' sleep and this will help you see where you've been going wrong in the recent past. **Lucky Numbers: 19, 39, 51.**

SAGITTARIUS: November 22 to December 21



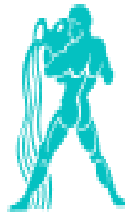
You might enjoy a modicum of success and even good fortune. A little speculation could bring a healthy profit. You're willing to experiment with new ideas. Your intuition won't let you down. **Lucky Numbers: 01, 08, 77.**

CAPRICORN: December 22 to January 20



You will refuse to be defeated and you fully intend to achieve the goals you set for yourself now. You're feeling energetic and energised and your leadership qualities shine. **Lucky Numbers: 22, 09, 54.**

AQUARIUS: January 21 to February 19



Even if you go against the advice of friends or a financial advisor, you might still hit the jackpot. Your bright and breezy spirit brings out the best in everyone now. **Lucky Numbers: 36, 43, 88.**

PISCES: February 20 to March 21



You're more outgoing, sociable and flexible than usual. You're determined too, to bring about much needed changes in your life. Your perseverance won't be short lived; you will stick at it, until happy with the results. **Lucky Number: 20, 32, 45.**

Your Health This Week

Arthritis

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X-ray tests might be ordered. The diagnosis will be based on the pattern of symptoms, the distribution of the inflamed joints, and any blood and X-ray findings. Several visits may be necessary before the doctor can be certain of the diagnosis.

A doctor with special training in arthritis and related diseases is called a Rheumatologist.

Many forms of arthritis are more of an annoyance than serious. However, millions of patients suffer daily with pain and disability from arthritis or its complications.

Early and accurate diagnosis can help to prevent irreversible damage and disability. Properly guided programs of exercise and rest, medications, physical therapy, and surgery options can idealize long-term outcomes for arthritis patients.

It should be noted that both before and especially after the diagnosis of arthritis, communication with the treating

doctor is essential for optimal health.

This is important from the standpoint of the doctor, so that he/she can be aware of the vagaries of the patient's symptoms as well as their tolerance of, and acceptance of treatments. It is important from the standpoint of patients, so that they can be assured that they have an understanding of the diagnosis and how the condition does and might affect them. It is also crucial for the safe use of medications.

HOW IS ARTHRITIS TREATED?

The treatment of arthritis is very dependent on the precise type of arthritis present. An accurate diagnosis increases the chances for successful treatment. Treatments available include physical therapy, splinting, cold pack application, paraffin wax dips, anti-inflammation medications, immune-altering medications, and surgical operations.

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Mexican Students To Study English In Belize



The Mexican students at the Mexican Embassy in Belmopan shortly after arriving in Belize

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo, Thursday, August 6, 2009.

A group of 25 Mexican students arrived in Belize on August 4 to study English as a second language at the Regional Language Center of the University of Belize, Belmopan

Campus.

The Mexicans, all on scholarships granted by the Government of Belize, will join other international students for the 10 months English course which begins in September.

Of the 25 scholarships funded

by the Belizean government, 20 were granted under the Cultural and Educational Cooperation Agreement between Mexico and Belize while the remaining 5 scholarships were made possible through an agreement between Belize's Ministry of Education

Belizean Teachers Undergoing Professional Development Training

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo, Monday, August 10, 2009:

Primary and secondary school teachers from across the country are this week moving into the second half of Summer 2009 Continuous Professional Development (CPD) sessions organized by the Ministry of Education.

The program began on Monday, August 3, 2009 and is

will be culminating on Friday, August 14th, 2009.

The program for primary school teachers includes topics such as Early Childhood Education, Training and Development for Pre-school, Health and Family Life Education, Coaching, Effective delivery of the Math, Science and Language Arts curriculum, Leadership and Administration for School

Leaders and Managers. These sessions will be held country-wide in the respective districts.

Additionally sessions for the training of Physical Education teachers is being piloted in the Belize District this year and the lower division teachers from the Toledo District will receive training for the delivery of the Spanish curriculum and teaching in the Multi-grade classroom.

In The Wake Of The Devastating Typhoon, Belizean Students In Taiwan Are Safe

Monday, August 10, 2009:

Belize's Charge d'Affaires/Chief of Mission in the Republic of China/Taiwan, **H.E. Efrain Novelo** today informed that during the final hours on Friday, August 7 and the early hours on Saturday, August 8, Taiwan was struck by **Morakot**, "one of the most devastating typhoons in recent Taiwan history."

Ambassador Novelo informed that Morakot wreaked havoc in southern Taiwanese counties of **Pingtung, Kaohsiung, Chiayi, and Tainan** where it destroyed homes, schools, hotel buildings, roads and bridges, causing an estimated USD 40 million in agricultural losses (**vegetables, crops and livestock**).

He informed that preliminary reports indicate that 14 persons



H.E. Efrain Novelo

were killed in the storm and that another 51 persons were unaccounted for while the local media have been reporting that "hundreds" more were buried by rock/mudslides and are presumed to be dead.

He further informed that throughout the duration of the

storm, the Embassy in Taiwan was in constant contact with Belizean students, including the Belizean doctor and nurse who are on short-term training in Taiwan. "*The students in Pingtung county are doing fine*" wrote Ambassador Novelo "*except that their dorms still have lots of water.*"

He additionally informed that "*Taiwan has suffered one of its most devastating natural disasters in recent Taiwan history, and only time will tell the true figure of its economic and human resources losses. All of our students are doing fine, including Maynor Hernandez, Dalmar Lucas, Omir Castaneda, Marlon Parker and Luis Hernandez who were in the middle of the typhoon in Pingtung county.*"

and Mexico's National School for Technical Professional Studies (**CONALEP**).

Upon arrival in the country, the Mexican students were hosted at a luncheon by the Mexican Ambassador in Belize, **H.E. Luis Manuel Lopez-Moreno**, at his residence in Belmopan.

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Furthermore, special educators from across the country are similarly engaged in Special Education training which is being held in Belize City.

Sessions for secondary school teachers will be centralized in Belize City Campus of the University of Belize, Faculty of Education.

The focus areas secondary school teachers include CSEC training in English A, English B, Clothing and Textiles, Food and Nutrition, Physics, Geography, and Information Technology.

The topics for advanced secondary school teachers includes: Leadership training for Heads of Departments, Keeping Teachers Motivated, and Teaching Strategies. While new secondary school teachers are participating in Writing Test and Classroom Management sessions.

The Ministry of Education informs that Professional Development Credits will be awarded by the Teacher Education and Development Services of the Ministry to all teachers in full attendance and gainful participation of any of the sessions.



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

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Costa Rica's President - Working From Home With Swine Flu

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (Reuters) Wed Aug 12, 2009 3:21pm EDT:

Costa Rican President **Oscar Arias** received treatment at home for the **H1N1 swine flu** virus on Wednesday, and officials said his symptoms were

mild and he could recover by next week.

Health ministry doctors tested people who have been in recent contact with the president, including members of his Cabinet, Arias' office said, a day after announcing he was ill with

a mild case of the virus.

The 68-year-old Nobel Peace Prize winner is the first head of state known to have contracted swine flu, which has spread around the world since April and could eventually affect 2 billion people.

Arias was being treated with the antiviral Tamiflu for symptoms like body aches and a sore throat, but was working on his computer and answering the telephone, presidential spokeswoman **Lisbeth Barbosa**



Costa Rican President Oscar Arias

said.

"He will probably be back to a full schedule next Monday," she said.

More than 20 people in Costa Rica have died of swine flu, which was declared a pandemic on June 11 and has killed more than 800 people worldwide. The World Health Organization stopped trying to get a precise count of flu cases.

Arias is considered a high-risk case because he also suffers from asthma. He began feeling sick over the weekend and was tested for **H1N1** on Monday.

Vice Health Minister **Ana Morice** on Wednesday afternoon told Costa Rican television that Arias no longer had a fever and was mainly suffering from a sore throat.

Last month, Arias brokered talks to resolve the political crisis in Honduras, where a de facto government unrecognized by most of the world has been holding power since the army ousted President **Manuel Zelaya** in a June 28 coup.

Negotiations broke down two weeks ago over whether the interim leadership would let Zelaya return to power. Arias' illness is unlikely to affect the situation.

(Reporting by John McPhaul; Editing by Will Dunham)

Mexico's Biggest Drug Lab Found



Mexico top fugitive Joaquin "Shorty" Guzman, leader of the powerful Sinaloa cartel

MEXICO CITY (Reuters) - Tue Aug 11, 12:20 PM:

Mexican troops have found what may be a hide-out of the country's No. 1 drug lord at a giant methamphetamine lab hidden in the northern Sierra among cabins equipped with caviar face cream and escort catalogues.

Mexican media published photos of a complex of 22 secluded mountain cabins, camouflaged to be invisible from the air. One was outfitted with a king-sized bed, luxury clothes, satellite television, pirated movies and high-speed Internet.

The daily Reforma said army officials suspected the well-equipped cabin was used by top fugitive **Joaquin "Shorty" Guzman**, leader of the powerful Sinaloa cartel, or his associate **Ismael Zambada**, to oversee operations at the largest synthetic drug lab ever found in Mexico.

Guzman, who escaped from a high-security jail in 2001 hidden in a laundry van, has eluded all attempts to catch him since President **Felipe Calderon** launched an army-led war on drug gangs on taking power in

December 2006.

Drug experts say he changes his cell phone every day to avoid being tracked.

Calderon's drug war has become the biggest challenge of his presidency, as the army assault has sparked new turf wars and killings between rival cartels that have left more than 13,000 people dead, including many police, in under three years.

The army confirmed the discovery of the meth lab but did not comment on whether Guzman might have used it as a base.

The secret complex is located in the same region of the northern state of Durango where Guzman, in his mid-fifties, married an 18-year-old beauty pageant winner in a lavish secret ceremony in 2007. A local archbishop said in June that Guzman was known to be living in the area.

The cabins have running water and some had catalogues of models and actresses with photos and contact information.

Guzman, nicknamed Shorty for his 5-foot tall stature, is blamed for setting off a wave of killings in the northern border

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(Reporting by Michael O'Boyle; Editing by Catherine Bremer and Jackie Frank)

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Ministry of Human Development Workshop

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo, Thursday, August 13, 2009:

The Ministry of Human Development and Social Transformation is holding a workshop on techniques in community development and mobilization at the Belize Institute of Management in Belize City.

The workshop is being conducted under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Human Development and Social Transformation, in collaboration with the University of the West Indies Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, Mona Campus and the Caribbean Internship Programme.

Dr. Peta Anne Baker, the Head of the Social Work Unit and President of the Association of Caribbean Social Work Educators is facilitating the training.

Dr. Baker is well known in the Caribbean for her work in community development and community mobilization. She is the author of several scholarly articles and pieces of research

published in international professional journals and publications.

The workshop is geared towards aiding social work

practitioners within the Ministry in strengthening their community mobilization and advocacy skills.

The workshop began on

Wednesday, August 12 and will end on Friday, August 14th.

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Queen Of The West - Cayo Got Talent

BY: Orlando Pulido

SANTA ELENA TOWM, Cayo, Wednesday, August 12, 2009:

The Queen of the West Pageant 2009 is about to be launched.

Eight ladies from the Cayo District are competing for the title of reigning Queen.

Their first presentation is being scheduled for 8:00 pm this Friday, August 14, 2009 at the Oki's Karaoke Lounge in Benque Viejo Town.

The presentations continue with the W. D. J. Mas New Sensation Band on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at the Culture

Club on the second floor of the Manzanero Building in San Ignacio Town .

Serenades for the candidates continue at Perla's Bar & Grill also in San Ignacio next Saturday, August 22, 2009.

A Queen of the West Pageant and Coronation dance will be held at the Novelo's Convention Centre on Saturday, August 29, 2009 with the New Sensation Band.

The Chairperson for the Queen of the West 2009, Ms. **Melanie Usher** can be contacted at cellular 663-0910 or at the San Ignacio Town Hall at 804-2035.

In other news from the Cayo District, the 'Cayonians' are promoting their - *Cayo's Got Talent* - promotion.

The events are being

sponsored by businesses in the Cayo District.

Mrs. Karen Fernandez is the coordinator of *Cayo's Talent* she can be reached at the cellular 620-1710 she is assisted by **Shelmarie Smith**, who can be contacted at 604-4692.

"I AM NOT A DRUG TRAFFICKER",

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more comfortable.

Whilst traveling to San Ignacio, I came upon a police check point on the Western Highway. One of the policemen manning the check point ordered one of the male passengers to step out of the car to be searched. While the police was searching him he escaped by running away resulting in the police firing several shots in the air.

The police asked me if the other male person in the car was traveling with the one who escaped and I told them yes. They took him out of the car and placed him in the police vehicle along with a bag.

I was ordered to continue on my way to drop off the female passenger in San Ignacio and to return to the police station in Benque Viejo to give a statement.

I dropped the female passenger at the entrance of San Ignacio Town near the Texaco Gas Station. I proceeded further into San Ignacio Town in an effort to pick up passengers for the return trip to Benque. Upon arriving in Benque, I proceeded directly to the Police Station as requested.

I parked my car on the side of the street and went into the police station to give a statement. The police showed me a bag which contained marijuana. I told the police that I did not know any of the two individuals nor did I have

any knowledge of the illegal substance. All I was doing at the time was providing a service to them.

A policeman who I know as Victorino was recording the statement and when I reached the point about the police allowing me to continue on to San Ignacio to drop off the female passenger, Victorino stopped writing, got up, put the paper away and said that nothing will come out of this.

By this time night had already settled in and, at my request to take a shower, a policeman accompanied me in my car, to my house where I took a shower while the policeman waited in my living room chatting with my wife.

On the return trip to the police station we stopped at a Chinese restaurant and bought food. Whilst parking the car on the side of the street, I was ordered to park it inside the police compound. When I entered the station they sent me to the conference room to watch television.

At approximately 11:00 p.m. they gave me a paper indicating that I was formally arrested and charged for drug trafficking.

At no time, neither at the check point nor at the police station, was my car ever searched and despite my request to give a statement to assist with the investigation, the police refused to hear what I had to say on the matter.

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I was taken to court the following day where I pleaded not guilty to the charge and was granted bail in the sum of \$8,000.

I acknowledge that as taxi drivers, we run the risk, from time to time, of transporting passengers with illegal goods. However, it would seem unprofessional for us to begin searching passengers and their luggage. It will also be unprofessional for us to be questioning passengers about the contents of their bags.

Although I am out on bail, my car, the equipment of my trade, the only source for an income to address the needs of my family, is now sitting motionless

and deteriorating inside the compound at the police station in Benque Viejo Town

I have sought the assistance of an Assistant Commissioner of Police and the Ombudswoman. They have both graciously promised to assist me in securing the return of my car so that I may resume working. Unfortunately up to today I have not gotten any response from them.

I am appealing to the Director of Public Prosecutions, to the Police Internal Affairs Unit or whoever can help me. I need to begin paying my bills and caring for my family and I want the public to know that I am not a drug trafficker."

Belize's New Integrity Commission

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Floor National Assembly Building in Belmopan.

The swearing in was conducted by the Clerk of the National Assembly, **Herbert Panton**.

Five of the seven members of the Commission were present including its Chairman **Mr. Bernard Q Pitts** along with Commissioners **Mr. Dean Lindo QC**, **Mrs. Maria Fernandez Stuart**, **Ms. Armead Gabourel** and **Mr. George Swift**. Apologies were received on behalf of the other two Commissioners, **Mrs. Magali Marin Young** and **Mrs. Norma Sutherland** who were out of the country and therefore were unable to attend Tuesday's Swearing in Ceremony and inaugural meeting of the Commission.

The members of the Commission were confirmed by the Senate on 28 July 2009 and formally appointed by the Governor General on 30 July 2009. All appointments are for a period of two years commencing 1 August 2009.

A release from the office of the Clerk of the National Assembly informs that the Commission is guided in its work by the Prevention of Corruption Act 2007, which includes measures to prevent and combat corruption, as well as to investigate corrupt activities by persons in public life. Those persons in public life include members of the House of Representatives and Senate as well as the Mayor and Councilors of all cities and Town Boards.

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