

Gina's Gun Stolen From Hyde's House

From Front Page

BELIZE CITY, Friday, July 9, 2010:

Belize City Police are investigating the reported burglary of the Lake Independence Area residence of **Evan "Mose" Hyde Jr.** from KREM Radio's morning talk show *"Wake Up Belize Morning Vibes."*

In the report to the police, Hyde informed that his house was burglarized sometime between the hours of 6:00am and 4:00pm on Thursday, July 8. Stolen there from were the following items:

A pair of black Nike tennis shoes value at \$300.00, one green Apple brand Ipod value at \$600.00 and a .380 Walter Smith and Wesson brand pistol with serial number 5954BAH value \$1,800.00 along with (7) .380 live rounds valued at \$6.00 all for a total of \$2,706. One third or \$900 being Hyde's personal property while the remaining two thirds or \$1,806 in value, being the gun and the bullets, reportedly belong to San Igancio Town resident **Gina Dian Tillett**. Police are investigating.

Freak Accident Claims The Life Of Sherman Daniel Williams

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earlier traffic accident which claimed the life of an entire family of five as they were making their way eastwards towards Belize City reportedly enroute to the Phillip Goldson International Airport.

Sherman was reportedly in the process of offloading a Ministry of Works excavator from a privately rented truck, when it accidentally slipped off the truck.

In an effort to distance himself from the unstable piece of equipment, Sherman is said to have jumped off the excavator which came crashing down on his head causing instant death. He was reportedly on the scene of the earlier traffic accident as the excavator operator charged with the task of assisting with the removal of a truck and trailer loaded with a reported 700 sacks of cement that had veered off the highway and into a swampy area.

In the earlier accident, claiming the life of a couple and three children, police reports that at around 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 10, in the area of mile 29 on the Western Highway, an eastbound green Honda Prelude car crashed head on into a tow head truck travelling in the opposite direction. The car was totally mangled and the scene was scattered with vehicular debris and human remains resulting in the instant death of Jose Nunez who was reportedly driving the car accompanied by his common law wife **Irania Rubio** and her three children, **Janelle Neal**, 7, **Albert Neal**, 6 and a 5 month old baby boy,

Jorge Alpuche Jr.

The driver of the cement laden truck, later identified as **Miguel Chi**, 43, accompanied by four other passengers, reported to police that he saw when the car suddenly swerved into his lane. He reportedly honked the truck's horn three times in an effort to get the driver's attention. Notwithstanding his efforts to avoid the collision, the car came crashing head on into the truck. Irania Rubio and her three children were laid to rest in Cayo on Wednesday, July 13.

Sherman is survived by his wife, **Marlene Williams** and 11 children. He is also survived by his mother **Ms. Rose** as well as several other relatives and many friends. He is predeceased by his father **Eric Williams** who worked for many years as a driver with the Ministry of Works. Following in his father's footsteps, Sherman was employed by the Ministry of Works eventually rising to the post of Mechanic. He served for 15 years and retired a few years ago after which he migrating to Los Angeles California. He returned to Belize about 2 years ago and resumed working as a mechanic with the Ministry of Works in Belmopan until his untimely death last Saturday evening.

Funeral services for Sherman Daniel Williams will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 16, 2010 at the family home in the Santa Cruz area of Santa Elena Town. After the service, the body will be transported to Georgeville where he will be laid to rest. May his soul rest in peace.

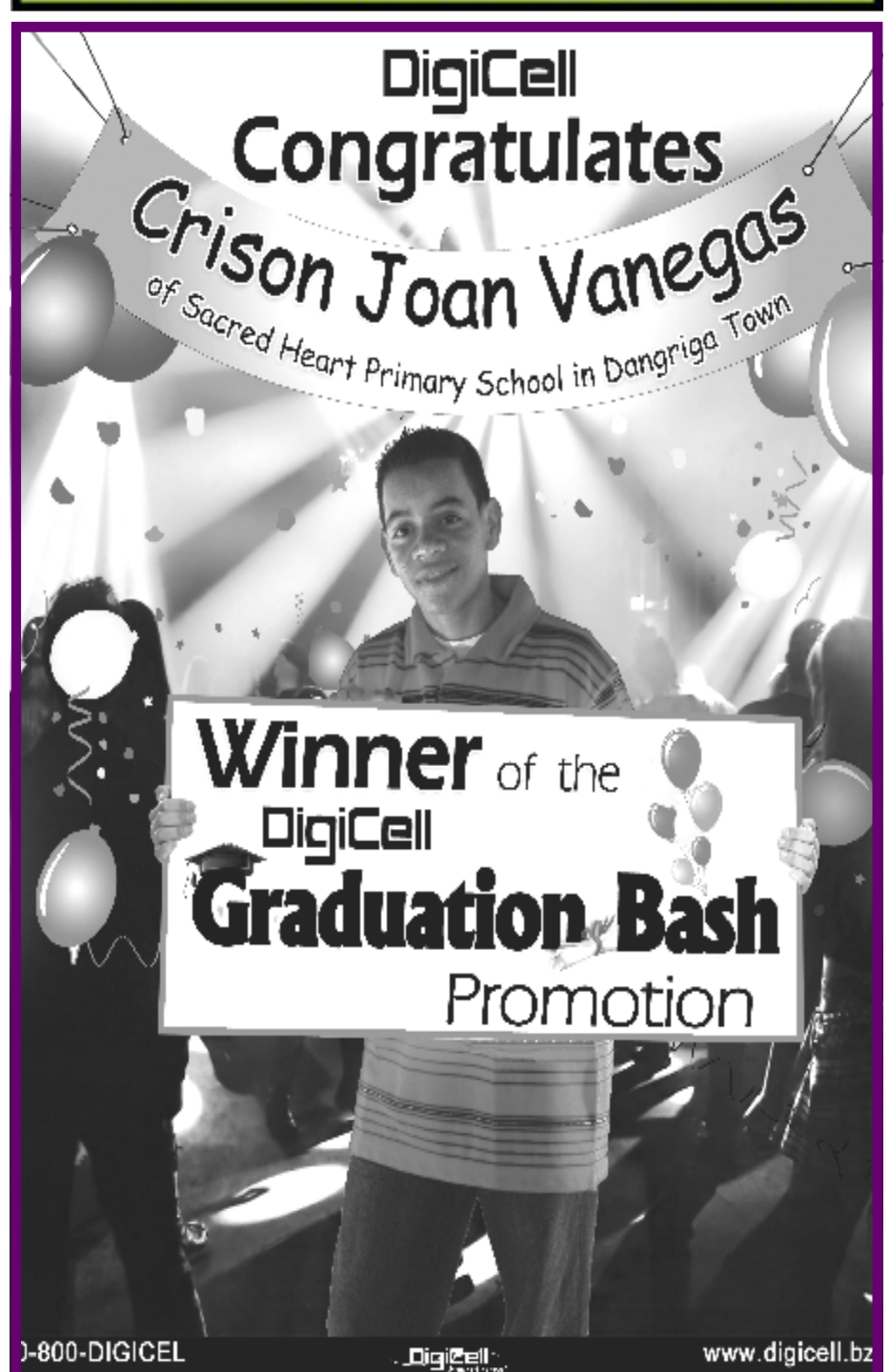


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Bradley's Bank Businesswoman Charged With Human Trafficking

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Friday, July 16, 2010:

A nationalized Belizean/Honduran businesswoman is today on a five thousand dollar bail as she stands accused of trafficking in persons.

An 18 year old, Belizean unemployed of a George Price Avenue address in Santa Elena Town visited the police station on Tuesday, July 13. She reported that between March 1 and May 10, 2010, she worked for one **Narcisa “Nancy” Orellana** first as a domestic worker at her house and later as a barmaid inside Orellana’s Sierra’s Friends bar located in the Bradley’s Bank Area of Santa Elena Town, Cayo.

The complainant informed that she worked without payment and that the situation got worse when she allegedly began providing services as a prostitute with Orellana collecting from clients without passing her share of the



The Accused, Narcisa “Nancy” Orellana, 55

proceeds to her.

Police investigation led to the arrest of **Narcisa “Nancy” Orellana**, 55, on two counts of trafficking in persons.

She appeared in San Ignacio’s

Magistrate Court on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 where she pled not guilty to both charges. Orellana was offered and met bail in the sum of five thousand dollars.

New Pictures Show Castro In Rare Public Appearance

BBC NEWS, Sunday, July 11, 2010 Last updated at 03:54 GMT

New photographs have emerged showing **Fidel Castro** greeting workers in a rare public appearance.

The images of a grey-bearded Castro, 83, smiling and wearing a white tracksuit, offer a rare glimpse of the reclusive former Cuban leader.

Mr Castro appears slightly stooped but otherwise healthy in the four pictures, which were reportedly taken with a worker’s mobile phone.

He had not been photographed in public since falling ill in July 2006.

The latest images, taken at a scientific think tank in Havana, were posted on the blog of two Cuban journalists on Saturday. They were taken at the National Center for Scientific Investigation in the capital on Wednesday. A worker at the centre reportedly sent the pictures to **Rosa Baez**, a journalist who works for official Cuban media, who posted them on her blog.

A comment from the



Fidel Castro has not been pictured in public since 2006

unidentified Cuban worker accompanied the images.

“He is thin but he looks good, and according to our director, he is very good mentally,” it read.

Mr Castro stopped, said hello and blew kisses to the employees, the worker added.

The pictures were also posted on the blog of **Norelys Morales**, a well-known Cuban television journalist.

Castro had not been photographed in public since being taken ill in July 2006. He was forced to hand over

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permanently - to his younger brother **Raul**, 79.

The only updates on his health come from visiting dignitaries who have been able to meet him. Exactly what he suffers from, and where he is recuperating, remain state secrets.

Mr Castro himself said last year that he did not think he would see Barack Obama re-elected in 2012 - although it was not clear whether he was referring to his own life expectancy or the staying power of the US president.

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New York City Mayor Meets With Garifuna Community

By: Wellington C. Ramos



After extensive planning by the Garifuna Coalition U.S.A. its President **Jose Francisco Avila** and the Hondureños Contra El SIDA President, **Mrs. Mirtha Colon**, the Garifuna community had the opportunity to meet with New York City Mayor **Michael Bloomberg** yesterday July 14, 2010 at Lincoln Hospital Auditorium in the Bronx.

The Town Hall style meeting was primarily to discuss issues of concern to them.

Also at the meeting were the Mayor's Commissioners for all the various city departments as well as the President of the United Garifuna Association **Mr. Alfonso Cayetano** the oldest Garifuna association in New York City which recently reopened its cultural "**Wabatou**" meaning "**our house**" at 202-A Pennsylvania Avenue in Brooklyn along with the Chairman of the Garifuna Celebration Mass Committee **Mrs. Rosita Alvarez**, the Counsel for the Honduran Government in New York City and other distinguished guest.

The auditorium was packed to capacity with standing space only.

The Garifuna people are a mixture of African and Carib Indian descent that acculturated with each other on the island of St. Vincent in the early 1600's.

According to history, there was a shipwreck with slaves who were headed to some island in the Caribbean and the slaves swam ashore this neighboring island to save their lives and escape from captivity. They secretly hid in the caves from the Europeans and the native Carib Indians until they were sighted.

In the beginning war erupted between these two groups but the

Caribs became impressed with these Africans fighting skills and later welcomed them on the island and the acculturation process began.

It is hard to tell which African ethnic group the Garifuna people derived from but there are similarities with the Yoruba.

The Carib Indians were in the habit of conducting slave raids from the French and British who occupied other neighboring islands and brought them to their island which increased the acculturation with other African ethnic groups.

The language that they speak is a mixture of Carib, African and French. The French were the first Europeans to sight Black people on this island. The French attempted to take this island away by trying to convert them into Christianity but they resisted and drove the French off the island.

The British came behind the French and several wars occurred between these two groups until finally on March 11, 1797 they were conquered and interned on the island of Baliceaux and subsequently taken as prisoners of war to several islands and the rest dropped off on the island of Roatan in Honduras on April 12th, 1797.

The Garifuna people hated this island due the lack of fertility of the soil to grow their food crops and they sought permission to occupy other lands along the coastline of Honduras.

In Honduras the Spanish changed their names to Spanish names and they left in mass numbers during the revolutionary wars in the 1800's to Nicaragua, Guatemala and Belize where they reside up to this day.

Most of the Garifuna people in the world live in the United States, followed by Honduras then Belize.

The word Garifuna is mostly used to describe an individual and Garinagu for more than one person or group. The British had promised these people that they were going to take them to a better place not knowing that they were being exiled from their homeland "**Yuremei**". No

matter where they live, they are closely related to each other and maintain ongoing relationship among themselves with their culture intact despite their difficult experiences up to this day.

The Garifuna people are; warriors, resilient, autonomous, independent and spiritual. They are always committed to their culture and family and will do anything to preserve their rich culture. Along with their Carib brothers and sisters they fought many wars against the Spanish, French and British to avoid European domination.

The welcome address during the town meeting was delivered by Mrs. Mirtha Colon. She started off by thanking Mayor Bloomberg for taking the time out to come with his Commissioners to listen to the concerns of her people. She also encouraged her people to take the opportunity to address all the issues that are of major concern to them in the Garifuna community. After her welcome address, she introduced the President of the Garifuna Coalition U.S.A. Mr. Jose Avila the designated Master of Ceremonies for the event. Mr Avila then proceeded to introduce Mayor Bloomberg who stepped to the podium and was welcomed with great applause by the audience.

The Mayor thanked the associations for inviting him to the event and he said thank you in the Spanish and Garifuna languages. He joked about his problem learning Spanish and said that Garifuna would be much more difficult for him to learn.

Most Garifuna people speak two to three languages in addition to their native tongue because of their interactions with people from various cultures in the countries where they originally came from in St. Vincent and Central America.

Mayor Bloomberg went on by thanking the Garifuna community for playing a vital an integral part in the daily growth of New York City which is known for its richness in cultural diversity. He also spoke about the hard economic times facing the city. However, he reminded

the audience that New York City residents are tough and fighting people and if they could have rebounded from the attack of 911, they will be able to recover from this economic crisis we are currently experiencing. He outlined some of the programs that his administration has embarked on to; create jobs, reduce crime, lower taxes and other areas to make life easier for New York City residents.

After the Mayor's speech the floor was opened for questions and the audience took full advantage of the questioning.

The questions had to do with issues concerning; education, housing, immigration, crime, rent, HIV Aids, employment, a cultural center for the Garifuna people through the Mayor's office, the declaration of 19th of November as Garifuna Settlement Day, business assistance, telemarketing and collection harassment from businesses and promises made to the Garifuna community by the Dinkins administration. The Mayor answered most of the questions and for those he had little or know knowledge about, he directed the questions to the Commissioners that dealt with the respective areas. The Mayor pledged that he will do something as soon as he returns to his office to make sure that his administration puts in motion all the issues that are of concern to the Garifuna community here in New York City.

The last Town Hall Meeting that was held with the Garifuna community was in 1991 when Mayor **David Dinkins** the first Black Mayor was in office nineteen years ago shortly after the Happyland fire that took many Garinagu people's lives.

The Garifuna community was thankful to Mayor Bloomberg for coming to the meeting and gave him a Garifuna drum as a gift. The Mayor happily played the Garifuna drum and waved the audience goodbye.

It is now left to these two associations who sponsored this event, to seek out all the other Garifuna associations in New York City and work with them hand in hand as brothers and sisters to accomplish all their goals and ensure that the Mayor's promises are fulfilled.

Marconi Sosa Wins National "Du Di Rite Ting" Logo Competition

BELIZE CITY, Wednesday, July 14, 2010:

The winner of the national logo competition for the Police's "Du Di Rait Ting" program hails from the western-most municipality of Benque Viejo Del Carmen in the Cayo District.

The winning entry was submitted by **Marconi Sosa** a second form student from Benque Viejo Town attending the Western Nazarene High School located in the nearby village of San Jose Succotz.

The Western Nazarene High School is a new institution which, apart from Marconi Sosa, has also produced several "Du Di Rait Ting" awardees over the past few months.

Instrumental in this most recent achievement were the school's Principal, **Mr. Dwight Tillet** and the Chairman of the School's Board of Trustees, **Rev. Erico Reyes**, both of whom fully supported Sosa's participation as well as making sure he submitted his entry on time.

For his winning entry, Marconi Sosa received a "Du Di Rait Ting" medal and a cash prize of five hundred dollars. The cash prize was donated by the People's Coalition Committee of San Ignacio.

Producing winners in this program is nothing new to the area as last year's national winner was **Jesucita Castellanos** from Mt. Carmel High, Benque Viejo Town.

Apart from congratulating Marconi Sosa on this achievement, congratulations are in order for the Commander of the Benque Viejo Police Sub Formation and specifically for the Benque



Marconi Sosa displaying his winning logo

Viejo Community Policing Unit for the tremendous amount of work it undertakes in coordinating various activities for young persons within the community.

The award ceremony and unveiling of the

winning logo was held on Wednesday, July 14 at Cucumber Beaches' Old Belize located at mile 5 on the Western Highway on the outskirts of Belize City.

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Was He Coming To Repair Or To Burglarize The Police Station?

ROARING CREEK VILLAGE, Cayo District, Thursday, July 15, 2010:

He is not known as a contractor or a carpenter, it was nearing midnight and based on the fact that no requisition was submitted for repairs to the police station, law enforcement officials can only conclude that he came with intention to burglarize the station.

At around 11:30 pm on Wednesday, July 14, an alert **Police Constable #976 Arthur Young** heard some noise coming from the lower flat of the Roaring Creek Police Station where he is posted.

Armed with the regulation 9 mm pistol, PC Young ventured downstairs to check the source of the commotion when he came upon **Mark Diaz**, a known resident of the Village, acting suspiciously inside the station yard.

PC Young ordered Diaz to freeze and when he did not heed the order, the constable fired a single warning shot into the air. Ignoring the warning, Diaz reportedly proceeded to reach for something from the back pocket of the pants he was wearing.

Fearing for his life PC Young fired a second shot which caught Diaz on the right foot causing him to fall to the ground. PC Young proceeded to search the injured man and found him armed with a hammer with metal handle.

The injured Mark Diaz was immediately transported to the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan for treatment. Subsequent checks revealed that one of the louvers from a window on the lower flat of the building was pried open. Police investigation continues.

★ STAR HUMOR ★

She Should Have Left Joseph At Home

Ms. Jane, the 80 year old neighborhood granny, was arrested for shoplifting in a chinese supermarket.

She was taken before San Ignacio's Magistrate.

After reading the charge the Magistrate asked "**How do you plea, guilty or not guilty?**"

"Guilty with an explanation your Honor," responded Granny Jane.

"And just what is your explanation. Why did you steal the can of peaches," asked the Magistrate.

"Because I was hungry," responded Granny Jane.

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"How many peaches were in

the can," asked the Magistrate.

"Six," responded Granny Jane.

"Then I will sentence you to one week for each peach. You are hereby sentenced to serve six weeks in jail." said the Magistrate.

Before the Magistrate could finish the pronouncement, Granny Jane's husband, **Mr. Joe,** jumped up, and asked the Magistrate if he could say something.

"What do you have to tell this court?," asked the Magistrate.

"She forgot to tell you that she also stole a large can of peas," responded Grampa Joe.

Effective First Aid

Two hillbillies walk into a restaurant. While having a bite to eat, they were talking about their goat business.

Suddenly, a woman at a nearby table, who is eating a sandwich, begins to cough.

After a minute or so, it becomes apparent that she is in real distress.

One of the hillbillies looks at

her and says, **"Kin ya swallar?"**

The woman shakes her head NO.

Then he asks, **"Kin ya breathe?"**

The woman begins to turn blue and shakes her head NO.

The hillbilly walks over to the woman, lifts up her dress, yanks down her undergarment and quickly gives her right butt cheek

a lick with his tongue.

The woman is so shocked that she has a violent spasm and the obstruction flies out of her mouth.

As she begins to breathe

again, the Hillbilly walks slowly back to his table.

His partner says, **'Ya know, I'd heerd of that there 'Hind Lick Maneuver' but I ain't niver sean nobody done it before!'**

What Goes Around Comes Around

One day a man saw an old lady, stranded on the side of the road, but even in the dim light of day, he could see she needed help. So he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His Pontiac was still sputtering when he approached her.

Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. No one had stopped to help for the last hour or so. Was he going to hurt her? He didn't look safe; he looked poor and hungry.

He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was that chill which only fear can put in you.

He said, **"I'm here to help you, ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm? By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson."**

Well, all she had was a flat tire, but for an old lady, that was bad enough. Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two. Soon he was able to change the tire. But he had to get dirty and his hands hurt.

As he was tightening up the lug nuts, she rolled down the window and began to talk to him. She told him that she was from St. Louis and was only just passing through. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aid.

Bryan just smiled as he closed her trunk. The lady asked how much she owed him. Any amount would have been all right with her. She already imagined all the awful things that could have happened had he not stopped. Bryan never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need, and God knows there were plenty, who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to act any other way.

He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance they needed, and Bryan added, **"And think of me."**

He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day, but he felt good as he headed for home, disappearing into the twilight.

A few miles down the road the lady saw a small cafe. She went in to grab a bite to eat, and take the

chill off before she made the last leg of her trip home. It was a dingy looking restaurant. Outside were two old gas pumps. The whole scene was unfamiliar to her. The waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She had a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet for the whole day couldn't erase. The lady noticed that the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan.

After the lady finished her meal, she paid with a hundred dollar bill. The waitress quickly went to get change for her hundred dollar bill, but the old lady had slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back. The waitress wondered where the lady could be. Then she noticed something written on the napkin.

There were tears in her eyes when she read what the lady wrote: **'You don't owe me anything. I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. If you really want to pay me back, here is what you do: Do not let this chain of love end with you.'**


Under the napkin were four more \$100 bills.

Well, there were tables to clear, sugar bowls to fill, and people to serve, but the waitress made it through another day. That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month, it was going to be hard....

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Note: The date of the AGM has been changed from July 17 to July 24, 2010 due to circumstances beyond our control

Agenda

- Review and Adopt Minutes of the 41st AGM held on June 16th 2009 and Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on September 26th 2009.
- Receive and consider the Financial Audit of CGA for year ending September 30, 2009.
- Appoint an Auditor for fiscal year 2009 – 2010.
- Elect directors to the Committee of Management in place of those stepping down.
- Consider Other Business of the CGA.

Please note Rule 6 of CGA Handbook on "Voting by Proxy at AGM" which allows that a member of CGA, being entitled to a vote, may cast his or her vote by proxy provided that (a) he or she is a full registered member and entitled to a vote, (b) the proxy form is one provided by CGA, (c) the proxy was duly signed in the presence of a JP and is received by the Executive Secretary or CEO at least 24 hours before the meeting, (d) the member intending to vote by proxy has provided credible proof to the CEO or Executive Secretary that he or she is ill, absent from country or unable to act and (e) the proxy must be duly stamped in accordance with Stamp Duties Act of Belize.

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Santa Elena Youth Charged For Rape

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Friday, July 16, 2010:

A Santa Elena youth, charged with raping a 16 year girl from the Kontiki Area of San Ignacio Town, is being held in police custody waiting to be brought before San Ignacio’s Magistrate, **Anna Rachel Montejo**.

Police reports that shortly after midday on Monday, July 12 the victim accompanied by her mother visited the station where a statement was recorded from her.

According to the girl, she was at a night club on Buena Vista Street in San Ignacio Town, with a female friend, where she met a male person, whose name she does not know, accompanied by another male person who identified himself a “**Byron**”. They were drinking and dancing until the party ended at around 5 o’clock that Sunday morning. The girl reportedly accepted the invitation from the male friend, whose name she does not know, to accompany him to a house where “**Byron**” was staying.

She said that when they arrived at the house in the Trench Town



The Accused, Baron Thomas Neal, 21

area of San Ignacio Town, she took a shower with the friend, whose name she does not know, during which she had sexual intercourse with him after which

she reportedly fell asleep on a bed while the friend, whose name she does not know, slept on a sofa.

By the time she reportedly

woke up at around 11:00 a.m., the friend, whose name she does not know, was gone, and she was left in the house accompanied only by the other person who had previously identified himself as Byron.

She said that she asked Byron to take her home and that he reportedly refused, telling her that she would not leave the house until he had sex with her and that if she tried to leave, she would be attacked and torn apart by some dangerous dogs in the yard. She reportedly sat in the sofa while asking Byron to allow her to leave. She alleges that he proceeded to have sexual relations with her against her will while she was pushing and kicking him away. He then dropped her off on Burns Avenue in the Center of San Ignacio Town. A medical examination confirmed the presence of sexual activity.

The investigation led to the arrest of **Baron Thomas Neal**, 21, Belizean student of a Salazar Street address in Santa Elena Town. Reports indicate that Neal was house- sitting at the Trench Town residence while the owner is away.

NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

CARNIVAL SONG COMPETITION

National Celebrations Commission in association with Atlantic International Bank invites All Belizean Musicians to enter this year's Carnival Song Competition. This Competition will be held in conjunction with the 29th Anniversary of Belize's Independence and the 212th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye.

Entries will be judged based on:

- Audience Appeal** > This encompasses how well the audience responds to your sound, your appearance, and how well you connect with the audience and their emotions.
- Musical Arrangement** > How well the music piece has been prepared, and written for presentation.
- Vocal Quality** > Vocal performance has consistent quality and characteristic of voice, and performer is aware of tone and pitch.
- Lyrical Content** > The lyrics of the song should express the overall theme of the song competition.
- Stage Presence** > This encompasses performer's attire, body movement and facial expressions while performing on stage. Performers are encouraged to include dramatizations and choreography to enhance their performance.

Carnival Song Senior Category (18 & older)

1st Place - \$3000 and a Trophy
2nd Place - \$2000 and a Trophy
3rd Place - \$1000 and a Trophy

Carnival Song Junior Category (17 & younger)

1st Place - \$1000 and a Trophy
2nd Place - \$ 500

There will also be a Carnival Road March Song of the Year. This song will be judged based on the most played song during the carnival season by any given carnival band and the frequency of rotation on local Radio Stations.

Carnival Road March Song
\$1000 and a Trophy

Composers and Songwriters are encouraged to partner with Performers to enter the competition. Competitors will be required to perform a live rendition at the Memorial park.

Applications can be obtained at The Bliss Center, the Belize Tourism Board, and House of Culture. All Application forms and Song Lyrics should be submitted by **July 22nd, 2010** to **Chair of National Celebrations Commission, House of Culture, or The Bliss Center at P.O. Box 325 in Belize City.**

A rules and regulations booklet can be obtained at the Bliss Center, House of Culture, and BTB. The General Song Competition will be held on July 25th at the Memorial Park entrance is free! This will be followed by semi- Finals on August 14th and Finals on August 21st at the Bliss Center.

PATRIOTIC SONG COMPETITION

National Celebrations Commission in association with Atlantic International Bank invites All Belizean Musicians to enter this year's Patriotic Song Competition. This Competition will be held in conjunction with the 29th Anniversary of Belize's Independence and the 212th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye.

Entries will be judged based on:

- Audience Appeal** > This encompasses how well the audience responds to your sound, your appearance, and how well you connect with the audience and their emotions.
- Musical Arrangement** > How well the music piece has been prepared, and written for presentation.
- Vocal Quality** > Vocal performance has consistent quality and characteristic of voice, and performer is aware of tone and pitch.
- Lyrical Content** > The lyrics of the song should express the overall theme of the song competition. This includes expressing love and devotion for one's country as well as Belize's history. This part of the competition is weighted very heavily.
- Stage Presence** > This encompasses performer's attire, body movement and facial expressions while performing on stage. Performers are encouraged to include dramatizations and choreography to enhance their performance.

Patriotic Song Senior Category (18 & older)

1st Place - \$3000 and a Trophy
2nd Place - \$2000 and a Trophy
3rd Place - \$1000 and a Trophy

Patriotic Song Junior Category (17 & younger)

1st Place - \$1000 and a Trophy
2nd Place - \$ 500

Composers and Songwriters are encouraged to partner with Performers to enter the competition. All genres of music will be accepted and competitors will be required to perform a live rendition at the Memorial park.

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For more information contact the National Celebrations Commission at Tel: 223-1910/2270518/2272458 or visit our website at <http://www.septembercelebrations.com>, e-mail: septembercelebrationsbze@yahoo.com

Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



ARIES:
March 22 to
April 20

You are all set to use the observations of last week to your advantage. You involve yourself in some adventure sport. You may be pulled in different directions when two equally dear people come to you for resolving of a problem. Individuals who have a career in media and arts are likely to do well. **Lucky Numbers: 05, 36, 72.**



TAURUS:
April 21 to May 21

This is a good week for you financially as funds flow in with ease. You are likely to make profits from business activities. Gains from speculation and games of chance are also indicated. There is much comfort to be sought from family and loved ones so make the best of this phase. **Lucky Numbers: 12, 33, 86.**



GEMINI:
May 22 to June 21

You are likely to be in a good

mental state as your financial situation becomes better. You are flushed with funds at the moment but you must still be judicious with its use. There is improvement in health. Do not overreact to criticism and you could make this phase a memorable one. **Lucky Numbers: 18, 27, 95.**



CANCER:
June 22 to July 23

The coming week could move at a very hectic pace. You will be neck deep in professional commitments. Personal and professional ties will keep you preoccupied. Refrain from making a decision when on an emotional high or low. **Lucky Numbers: 03, 24, 56.**



LEO:
July 24 to August 21

The coming week sees you getting oriented towards self-improvement. You want to see tangible and real results of your efforts in order to make your life better. Also, you are propelled by fresh and invigorating love

that now flows freely in your life. You might have to travel for work. **Lucky Numbers: 10, 14, 84.**



VIRGO:
August 22
to September 21

There's an obsessive thought that pre-occupies your mind and pushes you to work towards earning more money. Financial security prods you towards more focussed and dedicated efforts. Be careful and avoid a burnout. You might find a lot of comfort in hobbies and creative pursuits. **Lucky Numbers: 21, 49, 78.**



LIBRA:
September 22 to
October 23

There's a lot you have tried to figure out about yourself. You are now willing to take on several aspects of life with a new outlook. Hobbies could be explored deeply; you could reach out to your colleagues and you could dabble in the stock markets and games of chance. **Lucky Numbers: 28, 48, 65.**



SCORPIO:
October 24 to
November 21

There is a flurry of activity in your personal and professional life. You do well though, and things will be well in your control. All you need to is to be calm. Issues regarding property matters and legal documents will seek for your attention. Handle them with care. **Lucky Numbers: 42, 58, 91.**



SAGITTARIUS:
November 22 to
December 21

You are advised caution this week. Some work you have

started will yield good progress but you should not get overconfident. You will have to put in sustained hard work to make this successful in the long run. You also need to be prudent about your finances. **Lucky Numbers: 08, 50, 62.**



CAPRICORN:
December 22 to
January 20

There will be lots of time and attention consumed by money matters as you try and reorganise your budget. You need to be careful while travelling as some loss of possessions is indicated. At work, it will pay to work as a team player. **Lucky Numbers: 32, 47, 69.**



AQUARIUS:
January 21 to
February 19

You will be getting a bit restless at work as you crave for more autonomy and individual freedom. You feel that you could do better with more leeway about certain decisions. It is alright to feel so, but don't let it make you rub people the wrong way. You need to take care of your health. **Lucky Numbers: 06, 44, 67.**



PISCES:
February 20 to
March 21

You will be under pressure to fulfill certain responsibilities towards your immediate family. You could also feel mentally sapped as you are done with pleasing people. It does not seem to yield much result. With a tired mind and body, you will not be able to achieve much, so rejuvenate yourself. **Lucky Numbers: 20, 52, 76.**



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Arenal FC Campeon De La Copa Cayo Oeste 2010



BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, July 15, 2010:

Como todo tiene un principio tiene un final, y la gran final llego este sábado 10 de julio pasado en el Marshaleck Stadium de Benque Viejo del Carmen, después de haber arrancado 27 equipos en este torneo de 13 años de historia, llegaron los 4 grandes a la gran final y todo estaba dispuesto para disfrutar la pasión futbolera.

A las 5 y 30 pm, las escuadras de Real Benqueño y Benque Fire se midieron por el tercer lugar, al final Real Benqueño se adjudico el trofeo por el Tercer puesto, por el marcador de 2 goles a cero, goles anotados por Abdiel Urizar y Jairo Rosas.

A las 8pm, ante un estadio repleto de fans deseosos de ver al nuevo campeón 2010, aparecieron los 2 finalistas: Arenal F.C. que aparecía como único invicto del torneo y Reggae Boyz Veteranos, que a base de experiencia se coló como el otro invitado, en fin el banquete estaba servido, los veteranos con sus mejores cartas saltaron todo de color rojo, mientras que Arenal FC todo en color azul. En los primeros minutos, Arenal metió la velocidad y el peligro, pero la cabaña estaba bien protegida con **Willy Luna**, que no dejo pasar nada durante el torneo regular, pero en una escapada relámpago, mauro romero sirvió a **Allan Najarro**, que soltó un Fogonazo que Willy Luna detuvo pero el rebote, fue aprovechado por **Miguel Ángel Aguilar** que

anoto el primero, y es que veteranos no tenia ofensiva que inquietara a la mejor defensa del torneo, al menos en los primeros 30 minutos de juego, al 35' hubo una jugada dentro del área que aprovecho **Allan Najarro**, disparo un potente disparo que detuvo el guardameta de nuevo, pero al intentar despejar le reboto a su defensa que la anido en las redes en un autogol, que mataba las esperanzas de los Veteranos, cuando se esperaba ese marcador para el descanso, un tiro de esquina fue aprovechado por el guatemalteco **Antonio Dorantes**, que metió un cabezazo impresionante, alimentando las esperanzas de los veteranos, el descanso hizo que hicieran movimientos ambas escuadras, **Amílcar Marroquín** acomodo la media para Arenal FC y **Luis "Yogi" Aldana** reforzó su delantera, desde el arranque ambos atacaron sin piedad, pero **Mynor Najarro** comprobó porque era el portero menos vencido, hasta que al minuto 64 Allan Najarro aprovecho una descolgada rapidísima y anoto el definitivo de 3 goles a 1 para una Arenal que ya acariciaba la Copa Cayo Oeste 2010 y que se trajo media aldea para apoyarlos, la algarabía fue inmensa porque se veía a un Arenal con ganas de ser Campeón, **Errol Coleman** estuvo a punto de aguarles la fiesta, cuando soltó potente disparo, pero Najarro estaba seguro bajo los tres postes del Arenal, con el tercer gol Arenal FC, controló los minutos que quedaban del partido, y así se

corono como el nuevo Campeón de la Copa Cayo Oeste 2010, al final se entregaron todos los trofeos, que como cada año otorga el ministro **Hon. Erwin Contreras**, al finalizar su campeonato, la Copa que se adjudico Arenal FC mide 2 pies de altura, pesa 40 libras de peso y es la copia de la copa del mundo Sudáfrica 2010.

El trofeo para el Campeón del Maratón fue para Arenal FC También, el segundo lugar fue para Jaguars FC y el tercer sitio para Pumas FC, además se entregaron los siguientes trofeos:

Mejor Portero .- **Mynor Najarro (Arenal FC)**

Mejor Defensa .- **Dionisio Cunil (Arenal FC)**

Mejor Volante .- **Guillermo Castellanos (Veteranos)**

Mejor Delantero .- **Allan Najarro (Arenal FC)**

Novato del Año .- **Byron Manzanero (Real Benqueño)**

Jugador Mas Disciplinado .- **Gerardo Vanegas (Benque Fire)**

El Técnico del Año .- **Rafael Domínguez (Benque Fire)**

M. V. P. .- **Willy Luna (Veteranos FC)**

Campeón Goleador.- **David Cruz (Real Benqueño)** con 21 goles.

Al final el **Ministro Hon. Erwin Contreras** felicitó a todos los contendientes, y les exhortó a continuar en el deporte lejos de las drogas o el alcohol, próximamente anuncio iniciará el Torneo Infantil denominado "Mundialito de Futbol 2010", reporto para STAR Newspaper, Alex Ríos.

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Two Americans And A Belizean Charged For Drugs, Unlicensed Firearm And Ammunition Possession



Ronald Castagnera, 56
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Monday, July 12, 2010:

San Ignacio police reports the arrest of three persons on firearm, ammunition, and drug charges. Shortly after 4:00 p.m.

Alfred Cuaranto, 56
on Friday, July 9, 2010 a team of policemen from the San Ignacio police detachment, on anti-drug operations, conducted a reach at the residence of **Ronald Castagnera, 56**, American, businessman, in the

Ruben Antonio Garcia, 20
Macaw Bank Area of the Cayo District where inside a room police came upon a transparent ziplock bag containing suspected marijuana. A further search of the house lead to the discovery, of a black and chrome

Harrington and Richardson brand 12 gauge shotgun bearing serial number 294855 along with 14 Eley brand 12 gauge cartridges.

When asked to produce a license, Castagnera produced one valid for the period May 21, 2004 to September 21, 2004. He was therefore unable to produce a current license.

Also inside the house at the time of the discovery along with Castagnera were **Alfred Cuaranto, 56**, American, businessman and **Ruben Antonio Garcia, 20**, Belizean, laborer. All three persons were arrested and jointly charged for keeping an unlicensed firearm, keeping ammunition without a gun license and possession of controlled drugs.

They appeared in San Ignacio's Magistrate Court on Monday, July 12 where they pleaded not guilty to all charges and were subsequently remanded to prison. They are scheduled to reappear in court on Tuesday, August 10, 2010.

Bing Supermarket Robbed AGAIN!

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Tuesday, July 13, 2010:

San Ignacio police are looking for one male suspect in connection with the robbery at Bing's Supermarket located on Bishop Martin Street in Santa Elena town.

Owner of the supermarket, **Qing Jie Zhu, 52**, Chinese, businessman, reported that around 5:10 p.m. an unmasked male person of dark complexion

and medium build entered the supermarket and pointed a sawed off shotgun at Zhu and ordered him to hand over the money from the cash register.

Fearing for his life, Zhu reportedly took out the over \$400 in cash from the register, handed it over to the gunman who escaped with the cash in his possession.

The investigation led to the detention of a 16 year old male

minor who was questioned and later released as investigation continues.

With this latest incident no less than the fourth of its kind, Bing's Supermarket has become a frequent target for robberies. Anyone with information that could assist the police in solving this latest incident is asked to contact San Ignacio's Crime Investigation Branch or Crime Stoppers at 922-TIPS.

Tracy Donis - National "Du Di Rait Ting" Winner 2010

OLD BELIZE, Belize City, Wednesday, July 14, 2010:

The San Ignacio Police Detachment through its Community Policing Unit and the Cadet Corp proudly announces **Ms. Tracy Donis** as this year's winner of the National "**Du Di Rait Ting**" police program.

Tracy is a recent graduate of Eden Seventh Day Adventist High School in Santa Elena.

As this year's grand winner Tracy received a Netbook Computer, a one thousand dollar cash prize, a scholarship to further her education at Sacred Heart Junior College and one year free internet services sponsored by Belize Telemedia Limited.

Tracy's achievement is even more remarkable given that she is confined to a wheel chair the victim of violence when, a few years ago, she received several stab wounds at the hands of someone who was supposed



Minister of Police and Public Safety, Hon. Douglas Singh personally congratulating Tracy Donis

to be her boyfriend. Despite the physical challenge, Tracy continues to excel in all aspects of her life.

The impressive ceremony to

recognize this year's top performers began at 10:00 a.m., at Old Belize located at mile 5 on the Western Highway, Belize City.

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Present for the occasion were the new Minister of Police and Public Safety, **Hon. Douglas Singh** as well as Commissioner of Police, **Crispin Jefferies**; the Officer currently commanding the Cayo (**Police**) District, **Assistant Commissioner of Police Mr. Paul Wade** and the Officer Commanding Community Policing **Assistant Superintendent of Police Bart Jones** as well as all forty students nominated country wide.

In related news, **Corporal Carcamo**, National Police Youth Cadet Coordinator, visited the San Ignacio Cadets on Thursday, July 15 for the introduction of foot drills aimed at propelling cadets into basic standards. A total of 32 Cadets attended the session with Corporal Carcamo.

Five Days Of Mestizo Dance Classes At The House Of Culture In Benque

BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo District Thursday, July 14, 2010:

The Benque House of Culture will be hosting traditional Mestizo dance classes starting on Monday, the 26th of July, until Friday, the 30th of July.

These classes are open to any interested persons with a willingness to learn and have fun.

The Belize Association of the Development of Arts (BADA), in collaboration with the Institute of Creative Arts, NICH

(National Institute of Culture & History) and the Benque House of Culture, have worked to bring these classes to Benque and provide the community with this unique and exciting opportunity.

Teaching the dance classes will be **Mr. Jose Israel Vasquez Archi**, who is graciously traveling from the House of Culture of Bacalar, Mexico to share his skills.

We encourage you to attend these classes and expand your skills and knowledge of the traditional Mestizo dances! Register today for these classes by calling the Benque House of Culture at 823-2697 - emailing at benquehoc@yahoo.com or stopping by our offices on # 64 St Joseph street in Benque Viejo del Carmen.

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SUICIDE SUSPECTED IN THE DEATH OF YOUNG MARTIN CARTER AIRD

From Front Page

12 days earlier, on July 2, celebrated his 23rd birthday.

On the right side of the body police found a small black point 25 Berretta brand pistol with serial number BES31007V. The pistol was found with a magazine containing five live rounds of ammunition. A further search led to the discovery of one expended shell and an open cellular telephone, at his feet, with a reported last call to his girlfriend.

The body, clad in a pair of blue jeans short pants, long sleeve black shirt with white stripes and a pair of black slippers, was later transported to the San Ignacio Community Hospital where upon arrival at 7:30 a.m. it was officially pronounced dead by Dr. Fidel Cuellar the medical officer on duty at the time.

The legally required post mortem examination was conducted by **Dr. Armando Bentancourt** between 2:20 and 2:55 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, at the San Ignacio Community Hospital. Dr. Betancourt certified the *"cause of death to be intra-cranial and intra-celebral as a consequence of gunshot wound to the right side of the head."* The single bullet is said to have entered through the right temple and exited on the other side producing almost instant death. Investigators are still attempting to determine where he might have gotten the gun as the family is said not to be holders of any type of licensed firearm.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the mother reportedly last saw her son alive at around 10:30 p.m. the previous night when he came home from his shift at Hode's place in San Ignacio where he had been working for over three

years as a part-time waiter since he began pursuing an Associates Degree at Sacred Heart Junior College from which he graduated on June 5, 2010. Notwithstanding, he continued working at Hode's Place during the holidays as he was preparing to enroll in a program to further his education.

Reports reaching us indicate that later that night he left home in the family vehicle and the time of his return could not be ascertained. However, police informed that a member of the family is said to have heard the sound of a single gunshot during the early morning hours and that it might have been dismissed as probably someone hunting in the area. It was not until at around 5:30 a.m. when the mother woke up and reportedly saw the front door of the house opened. It was whilst investigating this unusual occurrence that she reportedly looked straight ahead and saw the body on the ground under the trees.

The mother's worst nightmare was realized when she noted that it was the motionless body of her son, bleeding from an injury to the head. She immediately rushed back into the house where she alerted her husband and other relatives of the discovery.

It is reported, that Martin had been going through a stormy relationship with a girlfriend of over five years and that there were instances when the relationship would plunge him into a state of depression. Realizing this condition, his parents are said to have sought professional assistance in the form of enlisting the services of Belize's only psychiatric medical professional, **Dr. Claudina Cayetano**.

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include his parents **Eve Cynthia** and **Christopher "Chris" Aird** as well as one brother, **Blaze Bradley Aird** and one sister, **Raine Elizabeth Aird**.

While the family is making arrangements to lay Martin to rest, the outpouring of support during these difficult times, is said to be tremendous as the constant flow of relatives and friends to the family home continues.

The management and his

colleagues at Hode's Place describe Martin as a dedicated and always ambitious person who always took much pride in his job. For our part, we will always remember him as a respectful and mannerly person who was extremely efficient in what he did.

We express sincere condolences to Dr. Aird, Chief Chris Aird and the family at the tragic passing of their child. We pray for the eternal resting of his soul.

