

What Transpired At The Taca Warehouse In Belize City On Wednesday Evening?

Friday, August 27, 2010:

Although not reflected in recent police press reports, information reaching us points to the detention of a man reportedly from Mexico, on possible drug trafficking charges resulting from the discovery of a white powdered substance, suspected to be either cocaine or heroin, which was found inside some packages that he was attempting to clear through Customs at the Taca Warehouse on Central American Boulevard in Belize City.

The information reaching us indicated that, during the evening hours on Wednesday, August 25, a man arrived at the Customs Taca

Warehouse in a vehicle with Mexican license plates and informed that he came to clear three blow dryers which went missing whilst being shipped to him in Mexico from China. The man reportedly informed that he was able to successfully track down the cargo to Belize City.

The alert Customs Officer on duty however noted something suspicious about the way he was acting and requested a search of the package. While the officer was in the process of opening one of the packages for inspection, the man reportedly attempted to flee the scene but he was caught by other persons in the building.

SALAZAR AND A COUSIN REMANDED TO PRISON FOR PUMP ACTION SHOTGUN AND BURGLARY



The recovered 12 gauge pump action shotgun

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relaxing on the bank of the Macal River in Santa Familia Village near the hammock bridge. The suspect was brought to the station where he was positively identified as **Joel "Chow" Salazar**, 23, Belizean, unemployed of a 4th Street address in San Ignacio Town.

The suspect promptly provided a caution statement in which he reportedly implicated his 15 year old male cousin, Belizean, likewise unemployed, of the same address as the person who actually entered into Awe's building and removed the items there from. Armed with this information, police began searching for the minor. At around 6:30 pm the following day the minor along with the son of a Special Constable, also a minor, were handed over to the police by the Special Constable with the request that his son not be beaten.

In the presence of his mother and a Justice of the Peace, the minor told the police that he was at the Falcon Field basketball court on Thursday night when Salazar reportedly arrived on a bicycle and requested that he accompany him. He reportedly jumped on the bicycle and Salazar rode him to Awe's Bullet Tree Road property. The minor informed that upon arrival he was reportedly posted outside to scout for the watchman while Salazar entered the house through a back window and remained inside the house for over an hour after which he reportedly emerged with the gun, the TV, and a knapsack containing other items. Upon exiting Awe's house, Salazar reportedly handed the knapsack to the boy and instructed him to begin

walking into town and to head straight back home. Holding on to the gun and television, Salazar hopped on the bicycle and reportedly rode ahead of the boy.

According to the minor, when he arrived, Salazar was already at the house where he handed over the bag to him. They then proceeded to a nearby fowl coup where the gun was stashed.

Salazar reportedly departed the area shortly thereafter and was not seen again until he was arrested by the police.

That same Friday evening, after Salazar was arrested, police visited the house on 4th street in San Ignacio where the shotgun was retrieved from where it was stashed inside the fowl coup. Later that day, a resident from Belmopan brought the TV to the station and handed it over to the police after becoming aware that it was the subject of a

The inspection reportedly led to the discovery of several packages of white powdery substance wrapped in aluminium foil suspected to be either cocaine or heroin.

The suspect and the substance were reportedly handed over to the

Anti Drug Unit based in Belize City. A sample of the substance has subsequently been sent to the Chief Analytical Chemist for testing the result of which will determine the course of action that will be taken against the detainee.



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police investigation. Of all the reported stolen items, the shotgun and the TV are the only two articles recovered thus far.

Salazar and the minor appeared before **Magistrate Kathleen Lewis** in San Ignacio's Magistrate Court on Tuesday, August 24, where they both pleaded not guilty to keeping a firearm without a license and burglary charges.

They were both remanded to prison to be brought back to court on Wednesday, October 27, 2010.

The accused, **Joel "Chow" Salazar**, now joins his elder brother **Dionicio "Life" Salazar** in jail charged with murder in connection with the June 13, 2010 shooting death of **Marlon Alfredo Rivera Archilla** and the attempt murder of **Dean Dougall**.

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- San Jose Succotz: Completion

of library and health center (Cayo)

· University of Belize: Recycling Art and Education Program (Belmopan)

· San Marcos Community Center: Addition of running water facilities (Toledo)

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Any questions can be directed to: brandon@friendsofbelize.org.

The deadline for submitting your proposal is **October 1, 2010**.

Readers Write

Rotary And The New Library In San Ignacio

Dear Editor,

Please allow me a little space to correct Eulogio Cano's omission of some of the facts in your previous edition, concerning the new San Ignacio Library and Resource Centre.

For reasons known only to himself, he completely failed to mention that this is a joint project between the Town Council and the Rotary Club of San Ignacio.

For many years, Rotary has been mindful of the shameful excuse of a library that is located beneath the Town Hall. In fact, Rotarian **Andre Lopez** had already approached a Canadian architect about a possible design for the conversion of the Cultural Centre, adjacent to the football stadium, into a new town library.

It appears that the Mayor, **John**

August, was also embarrassed by our town library and was on a parallel track to Rotary in trying to find a suitable alternative. It was he who suggested the old meat market and approached Rotary and invited the club to join him in submitting a joint proposal to SIF, knowing that the addition of Rotary as a participating partner implies community support and carries a lot of weight with SIF.

Many meetings took place between the Mayor **John August**, Rotarians **Andre Lopez** and **Ruth Gutierrez** and local architect **Juan Polanco**, who generously donated his time and expertise.

The \$200,000 proposal was eventually approved by SIF, after taking into account Rotary's promise to fund, to the value of \$48,000, all of the library furniture,

the flooring tile, paint, computers, a/c units, fans, signage, etc. The money for this was eventually raised by seven Rotary Clubs in the USA.

Ruth Gutierrez has been outstanding in her efforts to make this a very modern, pleasant and practical learning centre and has had many consultations with the current library staff as to how the new layout should look. She is adamant that the new library will be attractive to children who are interested in learning and she, along with Andre, already have in mind a campaign to raise additional funds to purchase I-pads, to make

reading fun and easy for our community's children.

SIF has also been very impressed with Rotary's participation in this project and are seriously considering a funding for phase two of the project, which is a two-storey adjacent building housing a conference centre and a large computer centre; on the condition that Rotary is a participating partner.

While applauding the town councils efforts to keep the public informed, it would also be nice to give credit where credit is due.

John Acott, Santa Elena, Cayo

BELIZE TOURISM BOARD TOURISM NEWS GOVERNMENT FOCUS ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAIN PINE RIDGE RESERVE



The Government of Belize through a multiple-ministry approach launched its plan of action on Tuesday, August 24th towards the sustainable development of the Mountain Pine Ridge Reserve with a visit to the area along with a team of professionals led by the CEOs of the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation & Culture and the Ministry of National Security.

The Pine Ridge Forest Reserve offers a unique opportunity for the creation of a model for sustainable development which aims at fueling an increase in tourism activity in the area. The wide variety and uniqueness of natural, adventure and archaeological resources in this reserve, offers countless opportunities for the development of attractions that will serve to diversify Belize's nature based tourism industry while providing jobs and resources for sustainable management of this unique ecosystem.

The plan being considered for this reserve includes the transformation of the Douglas D'Silva Camp into a planned community which will serve as an activity center for the area. It will provide for the construction of more visitor accommodations, employee housing facilities, visitor entertainment, and municipal support services, as well as a new institution advocating education and research in forestry management. The planning for the development and management of this center of activity will be undertaken by the Ministry of Tourism as a part of the National Tourism Master Plan currently being undertaken by the IDB funded Sustainable Tourism Program.



Additional plans include consideration for the establishment of a training camp for the Belize Defense Force in a designated area of the reserve—a move that will provide greater presence by our security forces in the reserve, resulting with greater security for visitors and locals. In addition the presence of the BDF will provide continued protection of our forest from poaching and illegal extraction of forestry products.

Attention will be placed on the upgrading of the St. Augustine Airstrip as part of overall municipal airport upgrade project being undertaken by the Belize Airports Authority. Additionally, plans are under consideration for an upgrade of the main access road from the Western Highway, as well as improvement of the network of roads and trails within the reserve, an effort currently managed by the Forestry Department. These upgrades will improve access to the various attraction points in the Mountain Pine Ridge.

The team consisted of Mrs. Beverly Castillo, CEO in the Ministry of Natural Resources, Mr. Michael Singh, CEO in the Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Culture, Mr. Allen Whyllie, CEO in the Ministry of National Security, Brigadier General, Dario Tapia, Commandant of the Belize Defense Force, Mr. George Thompson, Associate Director of Planning and Policy for NICH, Mr. Marcelo Windsor, Deputy Chief Forest Officer, and Ms. Christy Mastry, Physical Planner for the Sustainable Tourism Program. Other participants included members of the Forestry Department who coordinated and hosted the visit.

For further information please contact the
Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation & Culture at Tel: 227-2801 or email at info@travelbelize.org.

Preliminary Exam Results Show Overall Improvement

CITY OF BELMOPAN, Cayo District, Tuesday, August 24, 2010:

Preliminary results for the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) May/June 2010 Examinations show significant overall improved performances.

The results show a 4.3 percent increase in the proportion of students achieving a satisfactory level of performance or above compared to the last year's results.

Eighty-two percent of the subjects sat received Grades I – III, which are satisfactory level and above grades at CSEC level.

A total of two thousand six hundred and sixty-three (1,480 or 55.6% females and 1,183 or 44.4% males) candidates registered for thirty-one General and Technical Proficiency subjects out of the thirty-four offered at the CSEC level.

English A and English B demonstrated notable improvements of 16.5 and 24.3 percent increase respectively in the proportion of subject entries receiving satisfactory level of performance or above (grades I-III).

Mathematics exhibited a 1.7

percent increase for grades I–III.

Other subjects that showed commendable improvements for the 2010 examinations are:

a) Building Technology (Woods) with 98.6 percent of entries receiving grades I–III, compared to 72.0 percent in 2009;

b) An improved 78.8 percent of the entries for Caribbean History were awarded grades I-III as compared to 63.2;

c) In Electrical and Electronic Technology 86.9 percent of the subject entries received grades I–III compared to 64.3 percent in 2009;

d) Music doubled from 30 percent of grades I–III last year to 60 percent this year and

e) Information Technology which was examined only at the General Proficiency this year recorded a massive increase from 15.4 percent in 2009 to 90.9 percent in 2010.

Preliminary results further show that of the 31 subjects sat, performance improved in 18 subjects declining in 12 while 1 remained the same.

On the other hand, preliminary results for the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)

show a 0.14 percentage point increase compared to 2009. 91.1% of the units sat were awarded Grades I – V, which are satisfactory grades and above at the CAPE level.

One hundred and seventy-eight (101 or 56.7% females and 77 or 43.3% males) candidates registered for thirty-five CAPE Subject Units of the forty-six offered by CXC comprising of 19 Unit 1 and 16 Unit 2. Performance improved in 16 Subject Units; declined in 9 Units and 10 Units remained the same.

The subjects with the most notable improvements in 2010 are Computer Science Unit 2, Economics Unit 1, Law Unit 1 and 2, Literatures in English Unit 2, Management of Business Unit 1 and Pure Mathematics Unit 1 and 2.

In Computer Science Unit 2, a full 100 percent of the entries that sat the examination received Grades I – V as compared to only 37.5 percent in 2009;

Likewise, in Economics Unit 1 a perfect 100 percent of the entries were awarded acceptable grades compared to 83.3 last year;

Additionally 100 percent of the entries for Law Unit 1 and 2 received Grades I–V compared to 71.4 and 28.6 percent respectively in 2009;

Not to be outdone, Literatures in English Unit 2 and Management of Business Unit 1 received 100 percent grades I–V compared to 83.3 and 86.7 percent last year; while 89.3 and 94.7 percent of Pure Mathematics Unit 1 and 2 respectively received grades I–V compared to 71.4 and 68.4

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respectively in 2009.

Candidate entries for CSEC 2010 showed a decrease of 7.2 percent compared to 2009 and the subject entries experienced a decrease of 2.3 percentage points while CAPE's candidate entries decreased by 11.9 percent compared to last year and the Unit entries decreased by 14.1 percentage points.

At the CSEC level the two subjects with the highest entries continue to be English A with 2,571 entries and Mathematics with 2,480 entries.

For CAPE, Communication Studies with 71 entries and Caribbean Studies with 60 entries continue to be the most popular subjects.

Candidates with outstanding performance qualify for tuition scholarships and merit awards from the Ministry of Education and other corporate partners in education. Schools, candidates, parents and the general public are asked to note that the results received are preliminary results and that a query period will follow. After this period the grades become final.

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Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



ARIES:
March 22 to
April 20

There is a certain ambivalence that you will have to deal with in this phase. Those in the medical profession will gain by way of an academic discovery or breakthrough. You may feel like reacting impulsively in a volatile situation, but it will help if think before making your choices. **Lucky Numbers: 32, 50, 81.**



TAURUS:
April 21 to May 21

Your search for ways to add meaning to life continues. You try various methods to beat disquiet and world weariness. You get peace by helping the ones in need. The noble side of you comes to the fore and does away with the existential questions that have been plaguing your mind. **Lucky Numbers: 05, 18, 48.**



GEMINI:
May 22 to June 21

Your popularity is likely to grow by leaps and bounds. You could

receive a raise or a promotion. The encouragement is likely to propel you in a positive direction. In personal relationships also you do well and come across as dynamic and endearing. **Lucky Numbers: 27, 62, 95.**



CANCER:
June 22 to July 23

You go ahead confidently with all plans related to professional life. They are likely to be received well by seniors. In this phase you may get a chance to help others or impart skills, which may subsequently help you in understanding your own self better. **Lucky Numbers: 03, 56, 78.**



LEO:
July 24 to August 21

There will be a genuine desire felt to consolidate your position. You may have to resolve certain legal issues. You realize how much it means to have an asset securely under your belt. You are determined and work hard towards paying off your

liabilities and securing the future. **Lucky Numbers: 10, 21, 88.**



VIRGO:
August 22
to September 21

You aim to secure your future with the right mix of professional ambition and personal desire. Domestic life is likely to be blissful and you realize how important it is allow room for everyone to grow in close relationships. Looking objectively at ideas and opinions will help. **Lucky Numbers: 06, 33, 64.**



LIBRA:
September 22 to
October 23

The coming week could bring in some personal challenges. You are likely to do well professionally. However, you will feel inclined towards helping others. The money angle still continues to bother you, but now it is much more about optimization of time and money rather than gains purely. **Lucky Numbers: 15, 24, 73.**



SCORPIO:
October 24 to
November 21

You are likely to pursue certain goals and it will reflect in the way you conduct yourself and carry out your professional activities. There is likely to be greater harmony at work. Family and friends enjoy your company. **Lucky Numbers: 08, 31, 49.**



SAGITTARIUS:
November 22 to
December 21

This is the phase where you continue to deal with the

demands on you quite happily. You raise your equity by going out of your way to help others. Your accommodative attitude could win you brownie points with colleagues and superiors. **Lucky Numbers: 36, 54, 82.**



CAPRICORN:
December 22 to
January 20

The current phase sees you in a buoyant and active mood where you are determined to make your presence felt at work. Don't try to engage in a verbal dual with any rival. Instead, focus on your work. Social life will be vibrant. **Lucky Numbers: 22, 69, 96.**



AQUARIUS:
January 21 to
February 19

You might travel abroad, especially if you are associated with some philanthropic cause. It will be better to resolve problems soon and not head out for a prolonged fight. The sooner you close acrimonious chapters, the better it is. Be patient and understanding with young ones. **Lucky Numbers: 02, 47, 76.**



PISCES:
February 20 to
March 21

You may now focus more on deriving satisfaction, rather than seeking monetary gains. You wish to make it clear to people who are important to you about what they mean to you. Those who are looking for matrimonial alliances or thinking of formalizing a relationship could get lucky. **Lucky Numbers: 28, 43, 84.**

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Calendar of Events

September 2010

Belize City

August 21st
National Song Competition - Venue: Memorial Park | 7:00 PM

August 25th, 26th, & 27th
Mas Camp (Juniors) - Venue: Pickstock, Sunshine Masqueraders, Mahogany Masqueraders, Jump Street Posse Camp, Black Pearl Camps & Western Paradise Masqueraders Camp | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

August 29th
Official Opening of the 2010 September Celebrations
Venue: St. George's Caye | 11:00 AM

September 1st thru Sept. 30th
"29 Artists 29 Works 29 Years" National Collection of Art Exhibition
Venue: Bliss Centre for the Performing Arts | 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

September 1st & 2nd
Mas Camp (Seniors) - Venue: Jam-Jam Mas Band, Mother Nature's Creation, Black Pearl Sr. Band, Eternity Mas Band & Jump Street Posse Camp | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

September 3rd
Francis Reneau in Concert - Venue: Bliss Centre | 8:00 PM
Sound Fest 2010 - Venue: Belize Civic Centre | 9:00 PM

September 4th
Queen of the Bay Pageant - Venue: Belize Civic Centre | 7:00 PM
Carnival King and Queen Competition - Venue: MCC Grounds | 7:00 PM

September 5th
San Cas/BTB Cycling Classic - Venue: Albert & Regent Streets | 2:00 PM

September 6th
Evening of Patriotic Songs and Poems - Venue: Wesley Church | 7:00PM

September 7th
"Belize: The Play, From Settlement to a Nation"
Venue: Bliss Centre for the Performing Arts | 8:00 PM

September 9th
Fire Engine Parade - Venue: Streets of Belize City | 7:00 PM
Governor General's Dinner - Venue: Belize Biltmore Plaza | 7:00 PM
Ninth Night Soca Bashment - Venue: Old Belize | 9:00 PM

September 10th
Official 10th Day Ceremony - Venue: Memorial Park | 8:00 AM
Citizens Parade - Venue: Principal Streets of Belize City | 10:00 AM
BCC Multi-Cultural Fair - Venue: MCC Grounds | 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

September 11th
Carnival Jouvert - Venue: Streets of Belize City | 4:00 AM
Carnival Road March - Varborough to Marion Jones Stadium | 1:00 PM

September 12th
St George's Caye "Battle Regatta" Venue: St. George's Caye | 9:00 AM

September 12th
Children's Rally & Expo - Venue: Belize Civic Centre | 9:00 AM
**National Colours Day (Wear your national colours today!)
Throughout the Country of Belize | ALL DAY**
PAN YAAD — Steel Bands Concert - Venue: House of Culture | 7:00 PM

September 18th & 19th
BCCI Expo 2010 - Venue: ITVET Compound | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

September 20th thru 21st
Official Flag Raising Ceremony, Fireworks Display, Musical Entertainment - Venue: Memorial Park | 9:00 PM - 2:00 AM

September 21st
Independence Day Ceremony - Venue: Memorial Park | 9:00 AM
Uniform Parade - Venue: Principal Streets of Bze City | 10:00 AM
Independence Day Bash - Venue: Memorial Park | 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Belmopan

September 3rd
Opening of Belmopan September Celebrations
Venue: Independence Plaza | 6:00 PM

September 4th
Belmopan Day Celebrations - Venue: Mae Gordon Park | 10:00 AM
Rotary Club Fundraiser - Venue: George Price Center | 7:00 PM

September 5th
Francis Reneau Piano Concert - Venue: George Price Center | 6:00 PM

September 8th
Literacy Parade - Venue: Ring Road | 9:00 AM

September 9th
Kids Bash, Bicycle Decoration - Venue: Belmopan Civic Center | 4:00 PM
Fire Engine Parade - Venue: Principal Streets of Belmopan | 7:00 PM

September 10th
Tenth September Ceremony - Venue: Independence Plaza | 2:00 PM
Jump Up - Venue: Mae Gordon Park | 4:00 PM

September 12th
Grand Cultural Festival of Meso-American Countries (Musical Fireworks display) - Venue: Governor General Field | 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

September 15th
"Belize: The Play, From Settlement to a Nation"
Venue: Civic Center | 8:00 PM

September 17th
**National Colours Day (Wear your national colours today!)
Throughout the Country of Belize | ALL DAY**
Children's Rally - Venue: Governor General Field | 9:00 AM

September 20th
Flag Raising Ceremony & Fireworks Display
Venue: Independence Plaza | 11:45 PM

September 21th
Independence Day Ceremony - Venue: Independence Plaza | 11:00 AM
Citizens Parade - Venue: Ring Road | 12:00 PM
Jump Up - Venue: Deavon Beaton Park | 1:00 PM - 12:00AM

Benque Viejo

September 9th
10th September Motorcade Parade
Venue: Principal Streets of Benque Viejo del Carmen | 8 PM - 10:00 PM

September 10th
10th Day Thanksgiving Mass -Venue: Nazarene Church | 8:00 AM
10th Day Ceremony - Venue: Marshalleck Cancho | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
10th Day Parade - Venue: Streets of Banque | 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Children's Show - Venue: Marshalleck Cancho | 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
FREE Jump-up - Venue: Marshalleck Cancho | 7:00 PM - 3:00 AM

September 15th
Belize at 29 and Benque Viejo del Carmen at 106! Art Exhibition
Venue: House of Culture/Centennial Park | 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

September 17th
**National Colours Day (Wear your national colours today!)
Throughout the Country of Belize | ALL DAY**
"Belize: The Play..." Venue: Marshalleck Cancho | 8:00 PM

September 18th
Nache Cultural - Venue: Marshalleck Plaza | 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

September 20th
Schools' Indep. Day Parade - Venue: Marshalleck Cancho | 9:00 AM
Int'l Marching Band Display - Venue: Marshalleck Cancho | 8:00 PM

Independence Eve Ceremony, Crowning of Srta. Antarcha ,Torch of Independence Run - 29th Edition, Fireworks Display
Venue: Marshalleck Cancho | 11:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Block Party - Venue: Marshalleck Cancho | 12:00 AM - 4:00 AM

September 21st
Independence Day Thanksgiving Mass
Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Indep. Day Ceremony - Venue: Marshalleck Cancho | 2 PM - 4:00 PM
Independence Day Parade - Venue: Streets of Benque | 4 PM - 7:00 PM
Children's Treats & Show - Venue: Marshalleck Cancho | 7 PM - 7:30 PM
FREE Jump-up! - Venue: Marshalleck Cancho | 8:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Corozal

August 21th
Queen of the Bay Pageant - Venue: A. Campos Civic Center | 7:00 AM

September 1st
Opening of Sept. Celebrations - Venue: Corozal Central Park | 6:00 PM

September 5th
Sports Day - Venue: Andres Campos Civic Center | 10:00 AM
Day of Prayer - Venue: Church of Choice | 10:00 AM

September 8th
Literacy Carnival and Parade - Venue: Corozal Central Park | 9:00 AM

September 9th
Fire Engine Parade - Venue: Main Streets of Corozal Town | 6:00 PM
Free Jump Up / Dance - Venue: Miami Beach | 10:00 PM
Fireworks Display - Venue: Miami Beach | 12:00 AM

September 10th
Sounding of the Siren - Venue: Main Street | 6:00 AM
September 10th Ceremony - Venue: Front of Library | 10:00 AM
Parade - Venue: Main Streets of Corozal | 10:45 AM
Ya Chen Day of Culture - Venue: Ya Chen Village | 2:00 PM
Beach Party - Venue: Miami Beach | 1:00 PM - 12:00 AM

September 11th
Christian Band Concert - Venue: Corozal Central Park | 7:00 PM

September 12th
Chinese Cultural Presentation & Parade - Venue: Central Park | 5:00 PM

September 13th
BDF Police and Fire Tattoo - Venue: Ricalde Stadium | 6:00 PM

September 17th
**National Colours Day (Wear your national colours today!)
Throughout the Country | ALL DAY**
Children's Rally - Venue: A. Campos Civic Center | 9:00 AM
Mexican Night - Venue: Corozal Central Park | 6:45 PM

September 18th
Art in the Park & Cultural Presentation - Venue: Central Park | 5:00 PM

September 19th
Battle of the Bands - Venue: Ricalde Stadium | 7:00 PM

September 20th
Carnival Parade - Venue: Santa Rita | 1:00 PM

Judging of Carnival - Venue: Ricalde Stadium | 6:00 PM
ICA Cultural Night - Venue: Andres Campos Civic Center | 8:00 PM
Independ. Eve Ceremony - Venue: A. Campos Civic Center | 11:00 PM
Fireworks & Free Dance - Venue: A. Campos Civic Center | 12:00 AM

September 21th
Sounding of Siren - Venue: A. Campos Civic Center | 6:00 AM
Independence Day Ceremony - Venue: Miami Beach | 10:00 AM
Citizens Parade - Venue: Main Streets of Corozal | 2:00 PM
FREE Jump up - Venue: Miami Beach | 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Dangriga

August 29th
Family Fun Day - Venue: Beach Front Education Center | 10:00 AM
Launching of Sept. Celebrations - Venue: BTL Princess Royal Park | 3 PM

September 3rd
Battle of the Bands - Venue: Why-Not Island | 7:00 PM

September 9th
Decorated Bicycle & Fire Engine Parade - Venue: Fire Station | 7:00 PM

September 10th
10th September Ceremony - Venue: BTL Princess Royal Park | 11:00 AM
Citizens Parade & Block Party - Venue: Main & St. Vincent St. | 12:00 PM

September 11th
Run for a Healthy Dangriga - Venue: BTL Princess Royal Park | 6:00 AM
Kids Karaoke Competition - Venue: Why-Not Island | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

September 15th
Call-In-Radio Program - Venue: Hamalloli Radio | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

September 16th
"Belize: The Play..." Venue: Parish Hall | 10:00 AM
Children's Talent Show - Venue: BTL Princess Royal Park | 5:00 PM

September 17th
**National Colours Day (Wear your national colours today!)
Throughout the Country of Belize | ALL DAY**
Children's Rally - Venue: BTL Princess Royal Park | 9:00 PM

September 19th
Ecumenical Service - Venue: BTL Princess Royal Park | 7:00 PM
Primary School Football - Venue: Carl Ramos Stadium | 10:00 AM

September 20th
Torch Run - Venue: Ends at BTL Princess Royal Park | 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Flag Raising Ceremony - Venue: BTL Princess Royal Park | 10 PM - 12 AM

September 21th
Independence Day Ceremony - Venue: BTL Princess Royal Park | 11 AM
Citizen Parade - Venue: Principal Streets of Dangriga | 12:00 PM
Jump Up - after the Citizen Parade - Venue: BTL Princess Royal Park

Orange Walk

September 8th
School Literacy Parade/Expo - Venue: Queen Elizabeth Park | 9:00 AM
"Belize: The Play, ..." - Venue: People's Stadium | 8:00 PM

September 9th
Opening Ceremony - Venue: Queen Victoria Avenue | 10:00 AM
Siren Parade - Venue: In front of Fire Station | 6:00 PM
Culture Fest - Venue: Arthur Street | 7:30 PM

September 10th
St. George's Caye Day Ceremony - Venue: Queen Elizabeth Park | 3 PM
Uniformed Parade - Venue: Queen Elizabeth Park | 4:00 PM
Block Party - Venue: Queen Elizabeth Park/ Queen Victoria Ave. | 7 PM

September 17th
**National Colours Day (Wear your national colours today!)
Throughout the Country of Belize | ALL DAY**

September 19th
Rock Concert - Venue: Fort Cairns | 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

September 20th
Schools' Rally - Venue: Start at Barracks | 9:00 AM
Block Party - Venue: Queen Victoria Avenue | 10:00 PM
Torch Run (B2 to OW) - Venue: Ends of Queen Victoria Ave | 11:30 PM
Flag Raising Ceremony & Fireworks - Venue: Queen Victoria Avenue | 12AM

September 21th
Independence Day Ceremony - Venue: Queen Elizabeth Park | 2:00 PM
Parade - Venue: Queen Elizabeth Park/Queen Victoria Ave. | 4:00 PM
Block Party - Venue: Queen Victoria Ave/Arthur Street | 6:00 PM

Punta Gorda

August 28th
Launching of September Celebrations - Venue: Central Park | 7:00 PM

September 4th
Queen of the Bay - Venue: Sports Complex | 7:00 PM

September 9th
Fire Engine Parade - Venue: Principal Streets of Punta Gorda | 7:00 PM

September 10th
St. George's Caye Day Ceremony - Venue: Central Park | 9:00 AM

September 15th
PG Library & UB Forum - Venue: UB Toledo Campus | 2:00 PM

September 17th
**National Colours Day (Wear your national colours today!)
Throughout the Country of Belize | ALL DAY**
Children's Talent Parade -Venue: Principal Streets of PG | 10 AM - 11:30 AM
10th & Indep. Day Panel Discussion -Venue: Multi Purpose Complex | 2 PM
Teen Dance - Venue: Holly Wood | 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

September 19th
Ecumenical Service - Venue: St. Peter Claver Church | 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Football Marathon - Venue: St. Peter Claver Grounds | 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Fishing Tournament - Venue: Wuluca's Wharf | 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

September 20th
Family Entertainment Concert - Venue: Sporting Complex | 7 PM - 10:00 PM
Flag Raising Ceremony - Venue: Customs Warf | 11:45 PM

September 21th
Indep. Day Ceremony & Parade - Venue: Central Park | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

San Ignacio / Santa Elena

August 28th
Queen of the West Pageant - Venue: Novelas Convention Center | 5:30 PM

September 9th
Kids Bicycle Decoration Compet. - Venue: In front of Admin Building | 5:30 PM
Siren & Motorcade Parade - Venue: Street of San Ignacio/Santa Elena | 7 PM
Battle of the D.J Competition - Venue: In front of Admin. Building | 9 PM
Eve of Tenth Ceremony - Venue: In front of the Admin. Building | 11:30 PM
Fireworks - Venue: In front of the Administration Building | 12:00 AM

September 10th
10th Day Ceremony & Crowning of the Queen of the West 2010- 2011
Venue: In front of the Administration Building | 1:30 PM
Parade & Jump Up - Venue: In front of the Admin. Building | 2:30 PM

September 12th
Fire, BERT, Police & BDF Military Tattoo - Venue: Victor Galvez Stadium | 4 PM

September 16th
Cultural Talent Show - Venue: In front of Administration Building | 6:30 PM

September 17th
**National Colours Day (Wear your national colours today!)
Throughout the Country of Belize | ALL DAY**

September 20th
Kids Bicycle Parade Decoration Competition | 5:30 PM
Siren & Motorcade Parade - Venue: Street of San Ignacio/Santa Elena | 7 PM
Battle of the D.J Competition Finals - Venue: Blue Angels | 9:00 PM
Ceremony & 21 Gun Salute - Venue: Administration Building | 11:45 PM
Torch Run - Mid Night Fireworks - Venue: Administration Building | 12:00 AM

September 21st
Independence Day Ceremony - Venue: Administration Building | 1:30 PM
Parade, & Jump Up - Venue: Street of San Ignacio/Santa Elena | 2:30 PM

San Pedro

September 4th
Miss San Pedro Pageant - Venue: Old Football Field | 8:00 PM

September 10th
Uniform Parade - Venue: Streets of San Pedro | 9:00 AM

Miss San Pedro Coronation - Venue: Old Football Field | 11:00 AM

St George's Caye Day Family Fishing Tournament & Beach Party

September 17th
**National Colours Day (Wear your national colours today!)
Throughout the Country | ALL DAY**

September 20th
Independence Eve Ceremony | 10:00 PM - Venue: Old Football Field
Fireworks Display | 12:00 AM - Block Party | All Night Long

September 21st
Jump up Parade - Venue: Principal Streets of San Pedro | 2:00 PM
Independence Day Party & Sporting Activities - Venue: Old Football Field

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The People's United Party is fragmented and is suffering from a massive leadership crisis

By: Wellington C. Ramos



Since the United Democratic Party (UDP) under the leadership of the current Prime Minister, **Hon.**

Dean Barrow, defeated the People's United Party (PUP) in the February 2008 general elections by a majority of twenty-six to five seats in the House of Representatives thereby forming the new government, the PUP has not recovered from that devastating defeat and they proceeded to lose every elections since. In the 2009 municipal elections, the PUP emerged with only 3 of the 67 seat with the remaining 64 going to the UDP. The PUP lost the 2010 Village Council Elections badly.

Shortly after the PUP lost the general election, the former Prime Minister, **Said Musa** stepped down as PUP leader resulting in **Mark Espat**, **Francis Fonseca**, **Godfrey Smith** and **John Briceño** all expressing interest in becoming the new leader of the PUP.

The Price, Fonseca and Musa factions of the party threw their support behind Francis Fonseca.

Mark Espat and **Godfrey Smith** later withdrew their candidacies with Espat and his brother-in-law, **Cordel Hyde**, throwing their support behind John Briceño.

Most Belizeans thought that the leadership was a done deal and Francis Fonseca would be crowned as the new leader of the PUP.

Much to the surprise of many

John Briceño defeated Francis Fonseca to become the new leader of the PUP.

Since Briceño became PUP leader, the Price, Fonseca and Musa faction of the PUP have failed to acknowledge him as their leader and are doing everything to make him fail.

Said Musa and Ralph Fonseca were both arrested and charged for theft in connection with some BZ\$20 million that was diverted and used to pay for a debt owed by a private hospital Universal Health Services.

This money was gifted by the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the people of Belize for the expressed purposes of building new houses and to repair existing houses for poor Belizean families. During the trial of these two former PUP ministers, the party gave the appearance that they were all united behind their leaders but as soon as they were acquitted, the rift among them resurfaced. What added to the dispute was when it was discovered that most of the party's assets belonged to Musa, and Ralph Fonseca. They demanded a payment of about two million dollars from the new leader John Briceño for the party headquarters, the Belize Times Press and the Vibes radio station. Suspecting that this action was done in bad faith, Briceño initially refused to pay but in the end he folded and made an initial payment towards the amount demanded.

John Briceño has done everything in his capacity as the new leader of the PUP to reach out to his rivals but they have consistently refused to acknowledge him as their leader.

In an effort at unity, Briceño appointed **Mark Espat** and **Cordel Hyde** as Deputy

Leaders of the PUP and **Eamon Courtenay** as the party's National Campaign Manager.

The Former ambassador to the USA, **Lisa Shoman**, was appointed a Senator and offered some executive positions in the party. Yet, despite all these efforts, Briceño's leadership remained unstable.

The PUP must hold a national convention this November. At this convention the party will be electing members for all positions including that of party leader.

It is rumoured that Mark Espat intends to challenge Briceño who, just this week held, what some are describing as a secret meeting, in the northern village of Pachakan. It is said that the meeting was held without the knowledge of some members of the PUP including Espat.

It is also said that at the Pachakan meeting representatives from 23 of the 31 constituencies in attendance called for unity within their fragmented party while at the same time pledging their support for the endorsement of Briceño as party leader. They also want to advance the date of the national convention from November to September 26 to coincide with the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the PUP.

If Briceño succeeds in bypassing the leadership contest by way of an endorsement, he will remain leader of the PUP.

Briceño should not fear an election because I think that he will beat Mark Espat hands down. However, going around with these back door deals gives one the impression that he is running scared of Mark Espat.

John Briceño has majority grassroots support throughout the country and he can muster enough votes in the northern, southern and western parts of the country to beat any Belize City candidate hands down.

There are some Belizeans who might like Mark Espat but after what Said Musa did to Belize, most Belizeans will be reluctant to put another Belizean of Arab extraction into such a high position again.

Over the years most of the party leaders have emerged from Belize City. There comes a time when a party must break away from the traditional.

The UDP has traditionally been the fragmented party but today, under the leadership of Prime Minister Dean Barrow they have all come together as one as was demonstrated in the UDP National Convention that was held in Orange Walk on August 1 of this year.

The UDP has won the recent round of municipal and village council elections and are preparing for the municipal elections in 2012 and general elections in 2013.

Currently, crime and the economic situation are the two major challenges confronting the new UDP administration. They are seeking international and regional assistance. Financial and technical assistance are slowly coming in to tackle these problems.

The new government has already told the Belizean people what they met when they took office in February 2008.

The task to "**Restore Belize**" after ten years of PUP abuse and corruption is a monumental one for the Dean Barrow administration.

The Belize scenario is much like the US/Obama one as it could very well take more than eight years to undo all the wrongs of the previous Bush administration.

The challenge confronting Belize and America, like other nations, is that the world is going through an international economic crisis that will last for a few more years. If major industrialized nations of the world are facing serious economic challenges, the effects on a small dependent country like Belize is tremendous.

The solution for Belize's problems is for each and every Belizean citizen at home and abroad to get up and become creative to do something to remove ourselves from the state of dependency and collectively as a nation we will become more independent.

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Upgrade And Renovation Of Norman Broaster Stadium

By: Eulogio Cano



In an effort at keep residents of San Ignacio, Santa Elena and surrounding communities informed, this week, as promised, it gives me pleasure to report on the construction works currently underway inside the Norman Broaster Stadium in San Ignacio Town.

Many of you might have noticed the rather large construction along the eastern perimeter of the Norman Broaster Stadium.

The construction currently underway is the first phase of the “Upgrade and Renovation of Norman Broaster Stadium”.

The project is funded by the Government of Belize and imple-

mented by the National Sports Council through the efforts of the Area Representative for Cayo Northeast/former Minister of Sports **Hon. Elvin Penner** supported by the current Minister of Sports/Area Representative for Belmopan, **Hon. John Saldivar** in conjunction with **Mayor John Francis August** and the San Ignacio/Santa Elena Town Council.

The overall project, scheduled to be undertaken in three phases, is geared towards bringing the Norman Broaster Stadium up to FIFA standards.


The first phase, at a cost of two hundred and forty thousand dollars, encompasses the construction of two changing room facilities for players and a referee quarters all with modern bathroom facilities and other amenities. It is slated to be

completed and commissioned in October, 2010.

The second phase, to be constructed as a second floor on this new structure, encompasses proper seating facilities for spectators and a third floor to be constructed as the third and final phase will provide for modern accommodations for the media for the proper broadcasting of sporting events.

The structure currently in progress is being constructed by Arqitekton Co. Ltd with Diema Consulting Architects and Engineers overseeing the project as consulting engineers.

Upon completion the new facility will be something that we will all be proud of as it will provide improved conveniences for players, spectators and the media.

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Solar Power Training For Small Farmers

CITY OF BELMOPAN, Cayo District, Thursday, August 26, 2010:

A release from the Government Press Office today informed of the inauguration ceremonies for a Training Programme for those small farmers who were previously provided with solar powered units held on Wednesday, August 25, at the Ministry of Agriculture Station in Central Farm, Cayo District.

The release informs that the solar-powered units were purchased with funds provided by the Agriculture Enterprise Development Project which is funded by a grant from the European Union through the Belize Rural Development Programme (BRDP) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The total cost of the units is in

the region of one hundred and fifty thousand Belize dollars (BZ\$150,000).

The release further informed that the equipment was procured and distributed to farmers to assist with increasing the shelf-life of fruits and vegetables.

The first group of farmers to receive these units were the Male, Female and Junior Farmers of the Year 2010 each of whom received a unit.

The keynote address for Wednesday’s event was delivered by the **Hon. Rene Montero**, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The training is being conducted by **Jim Airola**, of Sun Danzer Systems, based in Arizona, USA.

The release ends by informing that the Government of Belize, though



Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Hon. Rene Montero

the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, is in continuous pursuit of development funds to support farmers countrywide and that the Ministry is also examining strategies to maintain stability in the industry in order to continue

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introducing and demonstrating innovation as tools for the creation of opportunities for rural families with a specific aim of improving the living conditions of farmers.

Further details on this and other projects undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries can be obtained by contacting **Ms. Catherine Hob**, Information Officer, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries Belmopan at telephone numbers: **501-822-2241** or **501-822-2242** or by email at minaf@btll.net

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Red Cross Training 30 HIV Trainers

BELIZE CITY, Wednesday, August 25, 2010:

A Training of Trainers on HIV Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support for community-based workers will be conducted by the Belize Red Cross.

The Belize Red Cross Together We Can, (TWC) HIV/AIDS Prevention Programme will be hosting a Training of Trainers workshop focusing on *"HIV Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support for community-based*

workers." Thirty participants, representing non-governmental and governmental organizations working with HIV and AIDS, will be hosted at Banana Bank Lodge in Belmopan from August 30th to September 4th, 2010.

In addition to Belize Red Cross facilitators **Tashera Swift, Louigie Gomez and Ferdy Cabb**, sessions will also be facilitated by **Akeisha Benjamin** from the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society.

Topics to be included in the training include: Treatment Literacy, Treatment Preparedness, Adherence, Counselling, Nutrition, Palliative Care and Caring for Carers.

The HIV/AIDS Prevention Programme responds to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Global Alliance on HIV, which seeks to provide national societies with the

resources for achieving their goals in HIV prevention. Thus, this workshop is an integral part of the Belize Red Cross contribution to the implementation of the Global Alliance plan of action.

Upon completion, participants are expected to return to their respective organizations and communities and share the information and skills acquired during the workshop. The ultimate goal is to strengthen the care of People living with HIV and AIDS in Belize.

Funding for this workshop is provided by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Caribbean Regional Representative Office (**CRRO**) located in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

For more information please contact: **Lily Bowman** at Belize Red Cross, 1 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, Belize. Tel: (501) 227-3319/227-3617, Fax: (501) 223-0998 email: bzercshq@btl.net

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The Public Utilities Commission (*hereinafter referred to as "the Commission"*), hereby serves Notice this day, August 18, 2010, to the general public, that with the authority of the Belize Telecommunications Act, No. 16 of 2002, and the Public Utilities Commission Act, Chapter 223 of the Laws of Belize, the Commission has made amendments to the *Belize Telecommunications General Order (Interconnection, Infrastructure Sharing, International Access) No. 1 of 2010*, and the *Belize Telecommunications Interconnection and Infrastructure Sharing Regulations Order, 2010* that were issued by the Commission on February 12, 2010.

Reasons for Amendments:

The Commission made the amendments to the Orders to provide for the better implementation of the objectives of the Belize Telecommunications Act and for better regulation of the Telecommunications sector in the public interest.

Availability of Orders:

The full texts of the *Belize Telecommunications General Order (Interconnection, Infrastructure Sharing, International Access) (Amended) No. 1 of 2010*, and the *Belize Telecommunications Interconnection and Infrastructure Sharing Regulations Order (Amended), 2010*, may be viewed at the office of the PUC, 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, and are available on the PUC website, www.puc.bz.

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PUNTA GORDA HOSPITAL RECOGNIZED AS MOTHER AND BABY FRIENDLY

The Ministry of Health held an official ceremony for the international recognition of the Punta Gorda Community Hospital as Mother and Baby Friendly on August 13th, 2010 at the hospital's grounds in Punta Gorda Town.

Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin gave the keynote address and Dr. Peter Allen; Chief Executive Officer gave contributing remarks. Special awards and tokens were also handed out to nurses and staff members

TRAINING OF SOUTHERN STAFF IN HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

Follow-up training of the Belize Health Information System (BHIS) was done with data entry clerks, nurses, doctors and pharmacists of the Punta Gorda Hospital, Independence Polyclinic and San Antonio Polyclinic on the utilization of the system. Computer servers were also configured at specific station sites to allow better internet access and networking of the system. The staff also took the opportunity to get assistance to better familiarize

in recognition for their contribution over the years at the Hospital.



The Baby-Friendly

Hospital Initiative is a global program sponsored by the WHO and UNICEF. The Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital as well as the Corozal Community Hospital and the Northern Regional Hospital are the only other hospitals certified as Mother and Baby Friendly in Belize.

themselves with the system.

The BHIS system has become a widely effective tool that has assisted the Ministry of Health in providing the best health care services in the quickest, most affordable and efficient way to Belizeans.

PUNTA GORDA ORGANIZES TB AWARENESS WALK

The staff of the Punta Gorda Polyclinic organized a walkathon back in March to bring awareness of Tuberculosis to the forefront. The walkathon started in Eldridgeville and ended at

CELEBRATION FOR THE UPGRADE OF SOUTHERN CLINICS

The Southern Region of the Ministry of Health has benefited from further development to the infrastructure of several of its main



health centers through a project

implemented by the Social Investment Fund. Official Inauguration ceremonies were held on August 13, 2010 at the Santa Theresa Satellite Health Center and the Pueblo Viejo and San Pedro Colombia Satellite

Health Centers were both inaugurated on Saturday, 14 August.



The projects included repair works done to the doctor and nurse's quarters. The Ministry of Health ensured that the centers are staffed with a doctor and nurse to provide pre and post natal care and general medicine.

The total cost of the project is estimated at BZ \$442,000.

the Polyclinic. Nurses, administrative staff of the clinic, Police Officers,



Fire service personnel, town councillors and volunteers participated in the seven mile walk.

CHILD TO CHILD PROGRAM
Public Health Practitioner (PCP) nurses from the San Antonio Polyclinic conducted a Child to Child Program for



upper primary school students of rural Toledo communities

and surrounding areas. The program provides basic health information to standard five and six students and in return this message is encouraged to be passed on to other students at their school and children of their community. Nurses demonstrated basic life saving skills and students were taught environmental health practices, proper hygiene and nutrition practices.

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★ STAR HUMOR

The Good Old Days

Grandpa was always going on about the good old days, and in particular the lower cost of living.

"When I was a kid, my mother could send me to the store, and I'd get a salami, two quarts of milk, 6 oranges, 2 loaves of bread

a stick of butter and some new blue jeans... all for a dollar!!

Then Grandpa said sadly "You can't DO that any more these days...they got those darn video cameras everywhere you look....."

Could Have Been In Heaven Much Earlier

Grampa Antonio and Granny Gloria died in a tragic accident and went to heaven. Upon arrival St. Peter met them at the gate and was giving them a tour of heaven.

"Here is your 10 room oceanside condo. Your tennis court is over there. This is your swimming pools. Inside this garage are His and Hers matching Rolls Royce and whenever you need any

refreshments, just stop by any of the many free bars located throughout the area and if you lack anything just call me."

"Heck, Gloria," the old man hissed when St. Peter walked off, "we could have been here ten years ago if you hadn't forced me to eat all those health meals like those stupid oat bran, wheat germ, and low-fat diets!"

The Blonde Kidnapper

Jodi, the blonde, was down on her luck and so in order to raise some money, she decided to kidnap a child and hold him for ransom.

She went to the playground, grabbed a child, took him behind a tree, and told him, "I've kidnapped you."

She then wrote a note saying, "I've kidnapped your kid. Tomorrow morning, put \$10,000 in a paper bag and put it under the pecan tree next to the slide on

the north side of the playground. Signed, Jodi -- the Blonde."

Jodi then pinned the note to the child's shirt and sent him home to show it to his parents.

The next morning the blonde checked, and sure enough, a paper bag was sitting beneath the pecan tree.

Jodi opened the bag and found the \$10,000 with a note that said, "How could you do this to a fellow blonde?"

Another BlondeJoke

Jodi the blonde went to the shop for a haircut. Before the lady started cutting her hair she said "Make sure not to knock the headphones off my head". So the lady was sure not to.

The next time, Jodi came back she said the very the same thing "Do not knock the headphones off my head".

The third time she came in and again instructed "Don't knock the headphones off my head", this

time however, the lady accidentally knocked the headphones off her head.

It took only a few seconds and the blonde fell to the floor unconscious.

The lady picked up the headphones, listened, and this is what she heard "Breathe in, breathe out, breathe in, breathe out....".

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GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE HEALTH SECTOR REFORM PROJECT

Procurement of Medical Equipment and
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INVITATION TO BID

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of a Health Sector Reform Project. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this financing will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the procurement of medical equipment and administrative furniture.

The Ministry of Health, as the Executing Agency for GOBZ, now invites sealed bids from eligible firms for the Supply of Medical Equipment.

Consideration will be limited to firms or joint ventures of firms which are legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in an eligible country and are either:

(a) more than 50% beneficially-owned by citizen or citizens and/or bona fide resident or residents of an eligible country or by a body corporate or bodies corporate meeting these requirements; or

(b) owned or controlled by the government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated under the commercial law of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are Member Countries of CDB.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document by contacting the office of the Project Management Unit at the address below between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday.

A complete set of the bidding documents may be purchased on the submission of a written application to the office of the Project Management Unit, for a non-refundable fee of US\$150 for each set.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes marked **TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT** and deposited in the Tender Box at the address below by 1500 hours (local time) on *Monday, November 01, 2010*. Potential bidders who request that the documents be forwarded to them are required to submit an account number from a courier agent in Belize which will accept freight-collect charges. Bids will be opened, immediately thereafter, in the presence of the bidders or bidder's representatives who wish to attend. Bids received after the prescribed time and date will be rejected. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security as specified in the Bidding Document.

GOBZ does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid and will not defray any cost incurred by bidders.

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Belize City Family Gets New House

BELIZE CITY, Belize, Thursday, August 18, 2010:

As part of the “*Building for Change Program*” and in accordance with our goal of enhancing the communities that we serve, the Atlantic Group of Companies handed over the keys to a new, wooden, semi-furnished house to Marcelina Campos and her family. The donation is a result of a partnership with Hand in Hand Ministries, who provides homes to Belizean families through their “*Building for Change Program*.” While the Atlantic Group, which is inclusive of Atlantic Bank Ltd., Atlantic International Bank Ltd., Atlantic International Corp. Services Ltd., Atlantic Insurance Company Ltd., and Atlantic Legal & Consultancy Services Ltd., assisted financially, it was the unselfish donation of our staff that was pivotal to the physical building of the house. For two days, August 7th and 8th, staff joined the Campos family, volunteering their time and skills to construct the new home.

On August 18, 2010 the keys to the new residence were handed over to the Campos family just in time to celebrate a family member’s birthday. In a very sentimental speech, Ms. Campos expressed her sincere gratitude to the Group of Companies as she and her family



The Campos family

looks towards the future with much more hope.

The Atlantic Group of Companies takes this opportunity to congratulate the Campos family for acquiring their new home. We would also like to thank Hand in Hand Ministries for partnering with us in this venture as we look forward to building the next home through the “*Building for Change Program*.”

If you would like more information on the “*Building for Change Program*” please contact Hand in Hand Ministries at 227-6273 or visit www.hhministries.com.

BELIZE WATER SERVICES LIMITED

BELIZE RIVER VALLEY PROJECT - BELIZE
Consultancy Services for Design and Construction Supervision

STATEMENTS OF CAPABILITY

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of the Belize River Valley Project, and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under a contract to provide consultancy services for design and construction supervision.

GOB will execute the project through **Belize Water Services Limited (BWS)**, and a Project Manager within BWS will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities. BWS shall be the Executing Agency for the project.

BWS is now seeking to engage consultants to: (a) undertake detailed engineering survey of the route for installing the distribution network and mains interconnecting the nine villages; (b) prepare new and review existing tank designs; and (c) undertake construction supervision of the erection of three (3) tanks together with the installation of approximately forty (40) miles of various diameter PVC water main within and interconnecting the nine villages. The procurement of these consulting services shall be subject to the provisions of the loan agreement. BWS now invites the submission of statement of capabilities from eligible firms interested in undertaking this assignment.

Consultant firms shall be eligible for procurement if:

(a) in the case of a body corporate, it is legally incorporated or otherwise organized in, and has its principal place of business in, an eligible country and is more than 50 per cent beneficially owned by citizen(s) and/or bona fide resident(s) of eligible country(ies) or by body(ies) corporate meeting these requirements;

(b) in the case of unincorporated firms, the persons are citizens or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and

(c) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or bona fide resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are CDB Member Countries.

In assessing submissions, consideration will be given to technical competence, qualifications and experience, regional experience on similar assignments, financial capability, the extent of prior commitments, and proficiency in English. Submissions should include corporate profile, descriptions of similar projects completed within the past five years, and curriculum vitae of key personnel. Consultants should have experience in Civil Engineering including but not limited to foundation and structural design, engineering and geotechnical survey, water supply and distribution, tender preparation and evaluation, contract preparation and negotiation, construction supervision and project management.

Five (5) copies of the “*statement of capability*” must be submitted to the first address stated below no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15th, 2010. Simultaneously, one copy should be sent to the second address below. The sealed envelopes containing the submissions should include the name and address of the applicant and should be clearly marked: “*Statement of Capability: Consulting Services for Belize River Valley Project*”. All information must be submitted in English.

Following assessment of the submissions, a short list of not less than three and not more than six applicants will be provided with full terms of reference and invited to submit technical and financial proposals to undertake the assignment.

BWS reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. BWS will not be bound to assign any reason for not short listing any applicant and will not defray costs incurred by applicants in the preparation and submission of the proposals. Applicants will be advised in due course of the results of their application.

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Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in its commitment to ensure public safety hereby advises the General Public that according to the **Electricity (Licensing of Wiremen) Regulations:**

(1) No person shall perform any electrical work whatsoever unless that person is a holder of a valid wireman license issued by the PUC.

(2) No person shall hire or engage any person who is not a licensed wireman to do any electrical work on their behalf or on their premises.

(3) Any violation of the preceding is a punishable offence and may result in a fine of up to two thousand dollars and/or imprisonment of up to six months.

The PUC reminds all licensed wiremen that they are authorized to engage in electrical work only in the category for which they are licensed.

Issued by the PUC on July 19, 2010

Woman Buries Brother, Discovers Dead Son

PARIS, France, Thursday, Aug 12 2010 12:58pm EDT
PARIS (Reuters) -

A French woman discovered her 42-year-old son had been buried in the same cemetery where she was attending her brother's funeral, after she had tried to invite him to the ceremony, a newspaper said Friday.

The family were leaving the cemetery near Lille, Wednesday when one of them noticed a temporary wooden gravestone bearing the son's name and date of birth in an area reserved for poor people.

"In two or three seconds, everybody started to scream," the man's father Elie Langlet told La

Voix du Nord newspaper.
"Josiane (the mother) collapsed. She buries her brother and finds her kid in a grave near him. It's unthinkable," he said.

The local council confirmed the father of one, Olivier, had died on July 5 from natural causes.

Josiane Vermeersch said she had tried to contact her son a few days

before to invite him to his uncle's funeral, to no avail, and had thought he was ignoring her after a row.

"Someone hasn't done their job," she told news channel I-Tele. *"I demand explanations,"* Vermeersch said, adding it was unbelievable in a time of modern technology that nobody had attempted to contact the family.

Citing the funeral parlor that buried the man, the newspaper said it was not uncommon for families not to be informed if there is no immediate contact address.

French law stipulates that a burial must take place within six days of a death.

(Reporting by John Irish; Editing by Nina Chestney)

Carrying A Bullet For Five Years Without Knowing It

BERLIN, Tuesday, August 24, 2010 11:49am EDT
BERLIN (Reuters):

A Polish man living in Germany went about his business for about five years without noticing he had been shot in the head because he was drunk when it happened. Police in the western city of Bochum said on Tuesday doctors found a .22 caliber bullet in the back of his head after the 35-year-old went to have what he thought was a cyst removed.

Presented with the 5.6mm projectile, the man recalled he had received a blow to the head around midnight at a New Year's party *"in 2004 or 2005,"* but had forgotten



about it because he had been *"very drunk,"* a police spokesman said. *"He told us he remembered having a sore head, but that he wasn't really one for going to the doctor,"* the spokesman said.

The wound later healed around the bullet and it was not until the man decided to have the lump

examined due to recurring pains that the discovery was made.

Police said they were not treating the incident as suspicious as the bullet might have got lodged in the man's head when a reveler fired a gun in celebration.

"It may have been a shot fired up in the air which entered his head on the way down," the spokesman said.

The resident of Herne, who has lived in Germany for several years, was expected to be released from hospital later this week after the bullet was removed on Friday, police said.

(Reporting by Dave Graham; Editing by Angus MacSwan)

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A Call For Action Against Sexual Abuse Of Children

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years by both government and non-government organizations involved in matter of protecting children, they are of the firm belief that much more needs to be done and as such the desired result of the symposium is geared towards significantly decreasing and ultimately eliminating the scourge from our society.

The official opening ceremony began, as scheduled at 9:00 am with **Mrs. Pearl Stuart**, Executive Director of the National Commission for Families and Children acting in the capacity as Mistress of Ceremony and with the singing of the National Anthem of Belize beautifully done by students from St. Luke Methodist Primary School Choir. The inspirational opening prayer was delivered by **Bishop Philip Wright** from the Anglican Church.

In her opening remarks, the Patron, **Mrs. Kim Simplis-Barrow** presented a comprehensive overview of the topic while simultaneously encouraging stakeholders to *“work together to preserve the innocence and dignity of our children.”* She also encouraged a *“call for actionUntil recently many people did not want to acknowledge CSEC is a horrific rights violation that many Belizean children were and are actually experiencing, so for much too long we ignored this phenomenon. It remained as the Spanish saying goes, 'un secreto a voces.'”*

. *“Children are our future”* she said *“but more importantly they are our present .. CSEC does not only affect our children but the entire society..... and so we must develop foundations for a comprehensive plan of action to attack CSEC”* concluded Mrs. Simplis-Barrow.

In his keynote address the **Hon. Eden Martinez**, Minister of Human Development and Social Transformation expressed his pleasure to have been called upon *“to lend support to this very important symposium”* he said that *“CSEC replaces what should be precious childhood memories” and that while much has been done “much more needs to be done to protect our children....”* *“In the Belizean scenario”* said Minister Eden Martinez *“the majority of victims are not found in the brothels and on street corners. The unfortunate and might I say the unacceptable truth is that many of the young people involved in CSEC are involved with either the direct or indirect complicity of parents and*

guardians.”

Among those in attendance for the opening ceremony were Prime Minister Dean Barrow and US Ambassador to Belize as well as other dignitaries.

The two-day program included presentations from Child Protection Specialist, **Begoña Arellano** from UNICEF's Americas and Caribbean Regional Office and **Diana Shaw**, Chairperson of Belize's Child Development Foundation. It began with an introduction to the Human Rights Framework and the importance of children's rights and the definition of CSEC with examples of manifestations, especially within the Latin American and Caribbean regions.

Other topics discussed included:

- Legal and institutional Frameworks for addressing CSEC within the region
- Principles for the care and treatment of victims of CSEC with examples of good practices and lesson learnt in the region
- The role of public awareness and encouragement in the prevention and detection process
- Situational Analysis of CSEC in Belize
- The development of a National Plan of Action against CSEC and
- An overview of objectives and Methodology for the development of a national response to CSEC

The various working sessions ended with a wrap-up and the way forward.

AN OVERVIEW OF CSEC

The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents (CSEC) is one of the worst forms of child labour, a modern form of slavery and a severe violation of children's rights. As defined in the Declaration of the First World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, held in Stockholm in 1996, commercial sexual exploitation of children is sexual abuse by an adult accompanied by remuneration in cash or kind to the child or third person(s).

According to a recent global estimate by the International Labour Organization, of the 1.39 million persons involved in forced commercial sexual exploitation, 40-50 per cent are children. To date various studies in the region have proven the existence of CSEC in our midst. However, as with other *“low-visibility”* crimes, the greatest challenge in assessing the prevalence of CSEC is the size of the *“dark-figure”*, i.e. for every report of CSEC, there are many more that go unreported.

Across the globe children of all



ages, both male and female, have become the *“products”* in a profitable industry that satisfies an increasing demand for sex activity with children. This issue is of growing concern to Belize. Because of the popularity of the Central American and Caribbean Regions for tourism, local demand, sex tourism and internet pornography are keeping the demand high, and, as a result, the number of children and youth lured into the sex industry is increasing.

Children do not willingly become involved in CSEC, ye they are often criminalized by society. There are many factors that contribute to a child's vulnerability of being victimized. Children are vulnerable by virtue of their age, understanding and dependence on their adult counterparts for care and protection. In many instances children are sold by their impoverished family, or tricked by brothel owners or procurers with promises of legitimate employment.

Some children run away from difficult and abusive home situations and end up in sex work as their only means of earning a living, circumstance often exploited by others. Still others find themselves coerced into the sex industry with threats of violence.

Child and Adolescent victims of commercial sexual exploitation experience severe physical and psychological trauma; he effects of which are lifelong. Physically, children are at high risk of contracting STI'S, such as HIV and AIDS, teenage pregnancy, physical

violence, poor nutrition and hygiene and often struggle with substance abuse issues. Psychosocial problems include feelings of low self-esteem, severe guilt and suicidal tendencies. Despite this dire situation, there is a severe lack of health and social services for victims of sexual exploitation.

Not only is this issue tolerated socially with manifestations in attitudes, customs and practices, many countries within our region do not have actual laws that criminalize the commercial sexual exploitation of children, and where laws do exist, in many cases, penalties are too lenient.

Through the ratification of various international conventions and declaration, governments in this region and across the globe have committed themselves to develop and implement actions directed towards the prevention of commercial sexual exploitation of children, the comprehensive care for children and adolescent victims, and the effective sanctioning of those who commit these crimes.

The commercial sexual exploitation of children is a complex issue that warrants immediate response and a consorted approach in order to be combated.

Every child has the right to be protected from all forms of abuse and exploitation and to a bright future, which for many, is being severely compromised. Let us not through inaction be accomplices, but stand united in the fight against the commercial sexual exploitation of our children.

Recording The Sudden Passing Of Mr. Suga

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when his wife requested that he retire for the night. Complying with the request, he entered the bedroom, sat on the bed and almost instantly experienced a massive heart attack resulting in his sudden death.

Rushford Eric “Suga” Jones was born and grew up in Spanish Lookout community before moving to Georgeville where he spent the rest of his life. He was employed for many years as a truck driver at the Ministry of Works in Santa Elena, Cayo, before retiring and taking up taxi driving on a full-time basis. While over the years, fellow taxi drivers have resorted to smaller cars as a means of saving fuel, Suga has never changed from operating larger cars with the Ford LTD, and later the Grand Marquis, being his cars of choice.

His family remembers him as a humorous and fun loving person who was always willing to give

advice when requested.

Mr. Suga is survived by his wife of 46 years, **Mrs. Paula Priscilla Jones**. He is also survived by ten children: four sons, **Lloyd, Steven and Wilfred** residing in Los Angeles, California and **Mark** residing in Chicago; six daughters, **Ethel and Elaine** residing in Los Angeles, California, and **Carla, Lorna, Dorlene and Cynthia** all residing in Georgeville Village. He is also survived by two brothers, **Samuel “Cucu” Jones** of Santa Elena, Cayo and **Gerald Jones** of Georgeville Village as well as by 21 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and a host of other relatives and countless friends.

As proof of Suga's popularity, both the wake and funeral services were well attended. The mass of the resurrection was celebrated by his neighbor and relative, **Pastor Santiago McKoy** inside the community's Pentecostal Church. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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