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Ontario Man Goes To Jail For Toy Gun

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, April 11, 2011:

San Ignacio police today reported the arrest and formal charging of a man from Ontario Village allegedly found in possession of an imitation firearm.

Acting upon information received of a man with a gun inside the Blue Angels Night Club on Hudson Street, San Ignacio; at around 11:00 pm on Friday, April 8, a team of police officers on duty in the area rushed over to the night club. Upon approaching the club the

officers saw a man fitting the description being of dark complexion, wearing a blue shirt with a pair of black sun glasses on his head.

The suspect was first seen at the bottom of the stairs exiting the night club and by the time the police reached him, he had already crossed the street where he was allegedly seen throwing an object into a garbage drum. He was instantly detained and searched. Nothing incriminating was found on him. However, when the drum was searched, it was found to contain what first



The Accused
Raymond Arthurs, 24

looked like a gun, wrapped in a

blue rag. Upon closer inspection the object was confirmed to be an imitation firearm.

The individual was detain and escorted to the nearby police station where he was identified as **Raymond Arthurs**, 24, Belizean laborer from Ontario Village, Cayo. He was later formally arrested and charged for being in possession of an imitation firearm.

The accused was presented in court on Monday, April 11, where the charge was read to him by Magistrate **Roberto Ordenez**. He initially pled guilty to the charge but immediately changed to a not guilty plea after the magistrate told him that he could be sentenced to five years in jail.

He was subsequently remanded to prison for three months and will be brought back to court on Tuesday, July 12, 2011.

Traffic Accident Claims Life Of Teenage Boy

SAN JOSE SUCCOTZ VILLAGE, Cayo, Wednesday, April 13, 2011:

The body of **Alex Ismael Ramos**, 15, victim of a road traffic accident, was laid to rest today in his home village.

At around 4:30 on the evening of Sunday, April 10, Benque Viejo police responded to the report of a road traffic accident in the village of San Jose Succotz. Upon arrival at the scene, between miles 72 and 73 on the Western Highway they encountered the motionless body of a male person dressed



The Deceased,
Alex Ismael Ramos, 15
SUNRISE: Oct., 23, 1995
SUNSET: April 11, 2011

in a yellow t-shirt and dark blue short pants, face downwards on the highway with visible injuries to both arms and to the right side of the body. Police also found a white bus with red streaks parked on the far left side of the highway facing east towards San Ignacio Town which was reported to have been involved in the accident.

The Belizean bus driver, **Roberto Galvez**, 36 of a Churchill street address in Benque Viejo Town, reported to police that he was driving the

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Police Appear Clueless In The Face Of Increasing Robberies And Burglaries

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, April 14, 2011:

As the number of reported burglaries and robberies continue to increase in the community the number of arrests and recovery of property seems to be diminishing.

A few of the reported cases are as follows:

BURGLARY IN BARTON CREEK

Belizean farmer/businessman, **John Penner**, 30, reported that at around 10:30 on the night of Thursday, April 7, he heard his dogs barking but he paid no mind to the noise.

A few hours later a cousin came to his house and told him that someone broke into the community store.

At around 1:15 am he went to check the store where he found the door to the 14X22 cement structure open thereby indicating that it was indeed broken into. Among the stole items were one dozen machete with black handles value at \$117.60; Thirty files value \$75; Eighteen pieces of motorcycle tools \$257.40 Bcy; Six soap powder value \$39; Five packs oats \$25; Three boxes of halls \$34; One dozen bottles of 123 oil \$48; Fifteen pairs black and yellow rubber boots \$300; Fifteen tins nestum \$120; Six pairs black Adoc shoes \$216; Ten pounds Dano powdered milk \$60; one black & white round scale \$120; Twobuckets lard \$123; onbe roll blue & white nylon rope \$210; Twenty five pounds nail \$75; Two blue lamps \$117.50; Fifty pounds rice \$50. All a total value of \$2,017.00

An arrest is yet to be made as the matter is under investigation.

SANTA ELENA HOUSE BURGLARIZED

Maria Neal, 40, Belizean cook residing in the Santa Cruz Area of Santa Elena Town reported to police that she was at work at around 9:30 am on Saturday, April 9, when a relative who lives with her called to inform of a commotion inside the house. Neal reportedly rushed home and found her house in a ransacked state.

Upon investigation she noted the only missing item was her

son's grey Dell brand lap top computer.

An arrest is yet to be made as the matter is under investigation.

ANOTHER SANTA ELENA HOUSE BURGLARIZED

Dean Flowers, 34, Belizean Accountant residing at #50 Sapodilla Street, New Area Santa Elena Town reported that he secured and left his house at around 8:00 am on Sunday, April, 10, 2011 for a trip to Orange Walk Town.

Upon his return, 34 hours later on at around 6:00 pm on Monday, April 11, he found his house burglarize. The items stolen therefrom include a Dell brand lap top computer valued \$2,000; A Samsonic black & grey DVD player \$250; A silver Calso Exilim 12.1 mega pixels camera \$260; A full 5 gallon Crystal water bottle \$20; A bottle of Fandango Tequila \$20; A pair of black Wellco Army boots \$150; A pair of black and white Nike football sneakers \$200; A Paco Robanne clogne value \$240; Ten white sleeveless shirts value \$60; Ten white T-shirts value \$75; Thirty dollar coins; One hundred twenty five cents coins; One hundred five cents coins; A Black Belizean passport in the name of Dean Flowers \$30; A Belizean passport in the name of Carolyn Flowers \$155; Another Belizean passport in the name of Carolyn Flowers with US visa \$30; A grey Samsung Smart cellphone \$75. All to a total value of BZ\$3,795.

An arrest is yet to be made as the matter is under investigation.

BIG "H" JACKED

Orlando "Big H" Harrison, 48, Belizean Businessman residing on Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio Town reported that at about 11 o'clock on the night of Wednesday, April 13, he and his wife **Maria Harrison** were sitting in their yard at home when three male person of dark complexion, two of whom had their faces masked, appeared in the yard.

One of the masked men was armed with a pistol while the other was armed with what appeared to be a shotgun.

The man with the pistol reportedly fired a shot in the air and ordered **Big "H"** to lead the way into the house which was occupied by his three children. He was reportedly taken to his bedroom where he handed over BZ\$15,000 to the assailant. They reportedly search the house and took two gold chains for a combined value of BZ \$2,000 after which the disappeared into the darkness.

While the search is reportedly underway for at least one suspect, an arrest is yet to be made as the matter is under investigation.

CHINESE STORE IN SAN IGNACIO ROBBED

Bing Hui Zhu, 31, Belizean Chinese owner of Bing's store, located on 4th Street in San Ignacio Town reported that about 10:30 am on Wednesday April 13, whilst inside his store an armed male Hispanic person wearing a blue jeans short pants, black T-shirt and a red shirt tied over his face entered the stores demanding money. The lone armed assailant reportedly proceed to take the approximately \$300 from inside the cash register and ran out the store.

The victim reportedly rushed for his licensed 9mm Rugger Pistol and fired 4 shots in the direction of the fleeing assailant who apparently escaped unharmed.

An arrest is yet to be made as the matter is under investigation.

ANOTHER CHINESE STORE ROBBED

At around 11:45 am on

Wednesday, April 13 acting on a telephone call police arrived at Suki Chinese Store in Esperanza Villge where **Yina YI LEI**, 28, Belizean Chinese Businesswoman informed that about fifteen minutes earlier two male persons one of Hispanic decent, armed with a sawed off shotgun and the other of creole decent entered the store where the gunman pointed the weapon at her. The other masked assailant then proceeded to steal an undisclosed amount of money from the cash register.

AGAIN, An arrest is yet to be made as the matter is under investigation.

EARLY MORNING INVASION AT RIVER WALK

Jacob Reimer 21, Belizean Caretaker of River Walk Nursery located at miles 60 on the Western Highway reported that at about 6:0'clock on the morning on Wednesday, April 13, he was exiting the bathroom after taking a shower and as he was about to enter his bedroom in one of the cabanas he was attacked by a male person of creole decent slim built with curly hair who struck him with a piece of stick on his left knee. He fell to the floor and the assailant walked into the bedroom and stole a grey Claro brand cellular phone value \$200. along with his wallet containing \$150 and a grey and black Toshiba brand lap top computer \$2,000 all to a total value of \$4,350bcy.

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Police Shot Santa Elena Man In The Leg

SANTA ELENA TOWN,Cayo
Wednesday, April 13, 2011:

A Santa Elena man was shot in the leg by police when he reportedly attempted to attack the police in the execution of a search warrant.

San Ignacio police reports that at about 3:30 pm on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 a team of three policemen visited the Eve Street, Santa Elena Town residence of **Hubert Pandy**, 19, to execute a search warrant for stolen goods.

Police reported that Pandy emerged with a machete in a threatening manner towards the leader of the team. In an effort to protect himself the policeman pulled out his

licensed pistol and shot the aggressor in the leg.

Notwithstanding the incident, the house was searched leading to the discovery of a digital camera and a black Dell brand lap top computer.

A 9 mm expended shell and a 23 inch machete were retrieved from the scene.

Pandy was transported to the Community Hospital in San Ignacio where he was treated and remained under police guard for a few days after which he was released into police custody. Police are presently seeking advice on the possibility of charging him for attempt murder.

Policemen Attacked In The Execution Of Their Duties

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo
Thursday, April 14, 2011:

San Ignacio police is today reporting the arrest of three persons, including a female senior citizen, on various charges stemming from an alleged attack on a team of six policemen in the execution of their duties.

Police reports that at around 3:30 pm on Wednesday, April 13, the team of six officers visited the Red Creek residence of senior citizen **Rosalind Clarke**, 81, in the execution of a search warrant for stolen goods.

The police alleges that even before they could initiate the search, a male occupant of the house reportedly threatened to kill the leader of the team whom he accused of shooting his cousin in the leg exactly 24 hours earlier. The male person, identified as **Leonard "Lenny" Pandy**, 22, was informed of the offence committed and as the police was attempting to detain him, the mother and grand mother reportedly became

physical with the police.

In the process a shot was reportedly fired by one of the policemen which served to calm down the physical confrontation.

All six members of the team emerged with varied degrees of injuries. Notwithstanding, the accused **Lenny Pandy**, 22 was subdued and along with his mother, **Emma Clarke**, 41, was detained and transported to the police station in San Ignacio Town where they, along with senior citizen Rosalind Clarke, 81, were jointly charged with several counts of harm, wounding, aggravated assault and damage to property.

Pandy was additionally charged for threatening words and resisting arrest.

The trio appeared before Magistrate **Roberto Ordonez** in San Ignacio 's Magistrate Court on Thursday, April 14 where they pled not guilty to all charges. They were offered and met bail in the sum of \$3,000 each and ordered to return to court on Tuesday, June 14, 2011.

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(Business Offices will close at 1:00PM)

Normal working hours will resume on Tuesday, April 26th.

We wish you a Safe and Happy Easter.

Atlantic Bank Swingers - Women's Month Volleyball Champions

BY: Florence Goldson
Tuesday, April 12, 2011:

The Women's Issues Network of Belize (*WIN-Belize*), YWCA and BFLA congratulate the *ABL Swingers* of Atlantic Bank for claiming the championship during the Women's Month Volleyball Tournament.

In an exciting battle for 1st and 2nd place, the *ABL Swingers* battled and defeated the *Social Transformers* of the Ministry of Human Development and Social Transformation. The *Pacesetters* of the Youth for the Future took third place.

Other teams included the



Congrats to the Champs - Atlantic Bank Swingers - The smiling girls with their trophies and medals

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Throughout the month long competition, the health specialists from the BFLA provided tips for healthy living.

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For more information on please contact **Kiri Lizama**, Programme Officer at 227-1069 or kiri@winbelize.org

Professional Yoga Classes Now Available In Town

Seniors Chair Yoga Class began on Wednesday, April 6th, at 8am at the Cayo Shotokan Karate Club in San Ignacio Town.

While Wednesdays will be dedicated for Seniors Chair Yoga, Thursdays, also at 8am is dedicated to Kundalini Yoga classes for all levels.

Wednesdays' Chair Yoga Class is especially for seniors or anyone who is challenged by stiffness or weakness in the joints, or is recovering from an injury and would like to stay supple. All the excersizes are done either sitting in the chair, or using the chair for support. The excersices will help to increase flexibility, especially in the spine. It also deepens the breathing for greater relaxation and gradually build up muscle strength.

WHAT IS YOGA?

Yoga originated in India and is an ancient science of using the body to increase health, wellbeing and longevity. Special postures and breathing are used to help bring harmony to the mind, body and spirit.

WHAT IS KUNDALINI YOGA.

As in other forms of excercise, such as martial arts, there are different styles or 'schools' of yoga. In India Kundalini yoga is thought to be the oldest form of yoga and the most powerful. For centuries it was kept largely secret and only taught to a handful of people in a generation.



Since 1969 Kundalini Yoga has been taught openly, first in the United States and then all over the world. This form of yoga is all about self -empowerment. **Yogi Bhajan** who first taught this form of yoga in the west founded the Health Happy Holy organization, or 3HO. He said that it's every human's birthright, to be healthy, happy and holy.

The practice of kundalini yoga is open to anyone who wants it. It will strengthen the body, balance the brain, boost the immune system, help the nervous system deal with stress more efficiently, and build up the electro-magnetic field, sometimes called the aura.

It is not a religion or a belief system, rather it is a practical way to use the physical body to awaken your own higher potential. It is like a science in that it is repeatable. If you do a,b,or c you will always get the effect or x, y, or z. And this will happen regardless of what you believe or don't believe.

I have been a kundalini yoga teacher for over ten years and priviledged to be able to bring this here to San Ignacio. I hope to see many of you at our

ongoing classes.

Cayo Shotokan Karate Club (Tel# 804-CSKS) where the yoga classes are held, is located at 2B Joseph Andrews Drive, being just across the street from Sacred Heart College.

If mornings do not work for you, but you would still like to give it a try, I am also teaching a class at the Leaves Guest House, #13 Cor Mossiah and Victoria Streets on the top terrace at

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The Air Car, called the "MiniCAT" could cost around Rs. 3,475,225 (\$8,177.00) in India and would have a range of



The "MiniCAT". It runs of Compressed Air

around 300 km between refuels.

The cost of a refill would be about Rs. 85 (\$2.00).

The MiniCAT which is a simple, light urban car, with a tubular chassis that is glued, not welded, and a body of fiberglass powered by compressed air. Microcontrollers are used in every device in the car, so one tiny radio transmitter sends instructions to the lights, indicators, etc.

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This is in Accordance with Section 3 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Tinted Windows) 2011 Regulation which states as follows:

3. Subject to Sub Regulation (2) and Regulation 4, no person shall use, or cause or permit another person to use, a motor vehicle on a public road if its windscreen, rear glass or any of its windows is tinted or otherwise treated, in a way that is likely to impede sight, from outside the vehicle, of a person or thing inside the vehicle.

Belizeans Do Not Need A Visa To Travel To Mexico

BELMOPAN, Thursday, April 13, 2011:

The Embassy of the United States of Mexico today informed that in accordance with the Belizean official holiday calendar, the

Mexican Embassy will close its offices in Belmopan and Belize City from April 22nd to 25th 2011. The consular services in Belize City, including the issuing of passports and visas will be

suspended during those days. The activities will resume on Tuesday, April 26th. Meanwhile, the Mexican Honorary Consulate in Corozal will close from April 20th to 28th. **Belizeans are reminded that**

they do not require visa to visit Mexico. They only need to present a valid Belizean passport and fill out the immigration form called "Forma Migratoria Múltiple" (FMM). It can be obtained at any Mexican border or at any airport. If a visitor stays more than seven (7) consecutive days in Mexico, a fee of \$262 pesos (**about BZ\$44 Belizean Dollars**) must be paid at any bank before leaving Mexico.

Belizeans can also enter Mexico using a border card called "FMVL", which entitle its holder to visit up to three (3) consecutive days the Mexican state of Quintana Roo, which includes among other cities: Chetumal, Bacalar, Mahahual, Tulum, Playa del Carmen and Cancun.

Nationals of other countries should contact the Mexican Embassy to inquire if a visa is required to visit Mexico.

For more information, please contact the Mexican Embassy's Consular Section at 223-0193 or 223-0194, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, or the Honorary Consulate of Mexico in Corozal at 422-2049.

You can also visit the Mexican Embassy's website: www.sre.gob.mx/belize or write to consular@embamex.bz

Los Beliceños No requieren Visa Para Visitar Mexico

Belmopán, 13 de abril de 2011:

La Embajada de México informa que de conformidad con el calendario de días feriados oficiales en Belice, sus oficinas en Belmopán y la Ciudad de Belice cerrarán del 22 al 25 de abril.

Los servicios consulares en la Ciudad de Belice, incluyendo la expedición de pasaportes y visas, estarán suspendidos durante esos días. Las actividades se reiniciarán el martes, 26 de abril. Mientras tanto, el Consulado Honorario de México en Corozal cerrará del 20 al 28 de abril.

Se recuerda que los beliceños no requieren visa para visitar

México. Sólo deben presentar su pasaporte beliceño vigente y llenar el formulario migratorio que obtenga en la frontera o en la aerolínea, llamado Forma Migratoria Múltiple (FMM). Si usted permanece más de siete (7) días en territorio mexicano, deberá pagar en \$262 pesos mexicanos (aproximadamente BZ\$44 dólares beliceños) en cualquier sucursal bancaria antes de salir de México.

Los beliceños también pueden utilizar la tarjeta fronteriza, llamada FMVL, la cual les permite visitar hasta por tres (3) días el Estado de Quintana Roo, que incluye entre otras ciudades,

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Se sugiere a los nacionales de otros países consultar en la Embajada de México si requieren visa para visitar México.

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También visite la página de la Embajada de México: www.sre.gob.mx/belize o escriba a consular@embamex.bz



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Wish all Belizeans

A Safe and Blessed Easter



All of our offices countrywide will be closed during the Easter Break as follows:

CLOSED	RE-OPEN
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Benque Gets A Clinic, An Ambulance And 8 Carts

BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Wednesday, April 13, 2011:

The Ministry of Economic Development, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Benque Viejo Town Council, announces today's official inauguration of a new Polyclinic in Benque Viejo Town.

Addressing the gathering of government and town council officials, Benque Viejo residents and other invited guests, were Cayo West Area Representative/Minister of Economic Development, Commerce, Industry and Consumer Protection, **Hon Erwin Contreras**; Health Minister, **Hon. Pablo Marin**; His Worship the Mayor of Benque Viejo Town, **Nicholas Ruiz** and Social Investment Fund Executive Director, **Daniel Cano**.

The new polyclinic will provide quality medical health care services to the over 8,000 residents of Benque Viejo Town and surrounding villages of Calla Creek, Arenal and Succotz in the Cayo District.



The Man Of The Hour, Area Representative Hon. Erwin Contreras

The \$829,162 government project, was implemented by the

Social Investment Fund, in partnership with the Ministry of Health with funding from the UK Commonwealth Debt Initiative (CDI) and the Government of Belize through a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

The demolition of the old buildings and preparation for construction was financed by the Benque Viejo Town Council.

The scope of the work included the demolition of two buildings and front fence and the construction of a 4,166 square foot concrete building with an



Addressing the gathering, Minister of Health Hon. Pablo Marin

additional 1,321 square feet of verandah and ramp areas.

The new building is 3 feet above ground level with a strip foundation, concrete floor, beams, columns and roof with block walls, aluminum windows and timber doors. The new facility comes fully equipped with waiting area, emergency room, consultations and treatment rooms, observation room, maternal and child health care room, laboratory, pharmacy, sterilizing room, laundry room, bathrooms, conference room as well as Administrative offices and offices for the Public Health Inspectorate.

This spanking new facility stands as a testimony of the fulfillment of a manifesto pledge made by the Hon. Erwin Contreras to the people of the Cayo West constituency. It will provide them with improved health care, pre and post natal care, treatment for hypertension, diabetes, asthma, acute respiratory infection and trauma. The clinic will be staffed by a permanent nurse/midwife and a physician as well as other support staff.

The driving force being making the clinic a reality was the Hon. Erwin Contreras who likewise presented a new Fiat Ambulance which came courtesy of the Government of Italy. Minister Contreras also took the opportunity to distributed eight compact mobile carts donated by CARE Belize.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **DONG QIANG RUAN** is applying for a **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **NEW FLAVOR RESTAURANT** located on the Western Highway, (Formerly Lin's Hardware Store) Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.



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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that ZI HE LIU is applying for a RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2011 to operate WINNIE RESTAURANT located on Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

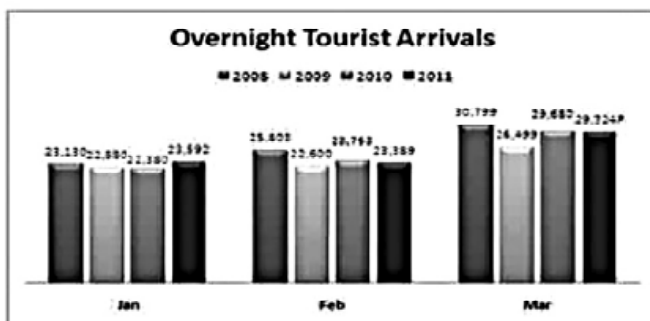


The Tourism Report

Belize Tourism Board Official First Quarterly Findings

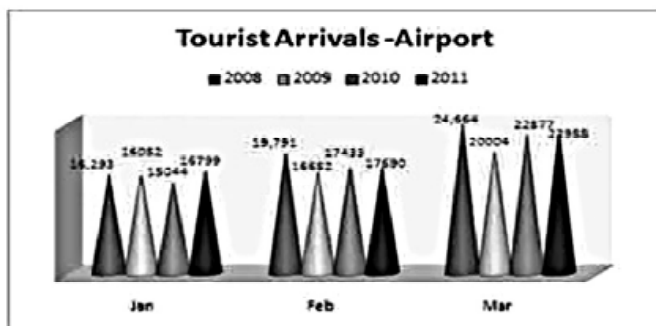
As the first quarter of 2011 closes, Belize's tourism sector is seeing positive indications that an industry recovery is finally underway. The overnight sector, which witnessed the largest overall growth in January, seems to be trending with the United Nations World Tourism Organization's global prediction for 2011, which has forecasted a 4% increase in global tourist arrivals. Belize's overnight sector is expected to see a more modest growth, reaching somewhere between 2% and 3%. As for the cruise sector, early setbacks are attributed to external factors but increased ship calls are expected to commence in late 2011. The following is a full report on airline, overnight and cruise arrivals.

Overnight Tourist Arrivals



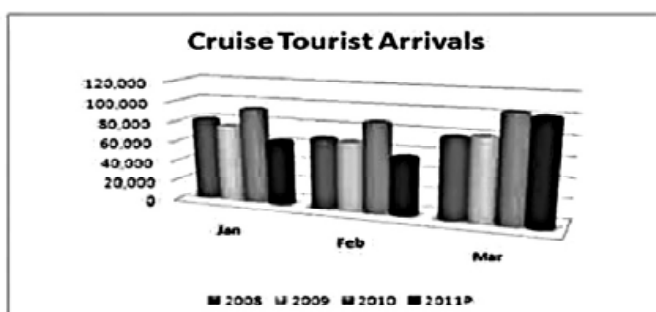
From January to February 2011, there were over 800 additional overnight visitors to Belize, as compared to the same time last year. This represents a 2% increase in the overnight sector for January and February combined. Preliminary estimates for March 2011 show overnight arrivals remained rather consistent with the figures recorded in March 2010.

Airline Tourist Arrivals



Overnight tourist arrivals through the Philip Goldson International Airport, Belize's largest port of entry, increased by 2,123 visitors in the first quarter of 2011. That growth represents an overall increase of 3.8%. While every month this quarter shows an increase in tourist arrivals at the airport, January produced the largest growth spike of 11.7%. Positive growth is expected to continue throughout 2011, especially as Frontier Airlines has signaled that it may commence flights to Belize later in the year.

Cruise Tourist Arrivals



Due to ship cancellations from Carnival Cruise Lines, there was a 22% decrease in cruise passenger arrivals from January to March, as compared to the same time last year. However, this decrease is expected to be offset by an increase in ship calls in the latter part of 2011 as new-to-Belize ships, such as Crown Princess and the brand new Carnival Magic, to name a few, are expected to start making calls to Belize.

Your Weekly Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



ARIES:
March 22 to
April 20

Optimism is your strong suit. Where others see gloom and despair, you see the possibilities for a new beginning. Group thinking can be demoralizing for you. The best solution is to think through the problem logically and make a coherent presentation to bring others to your side. **Lucky numbers: 05, 36, 69.**



TAURUS:
April 21 to
May 21

Distractions can ruin your day. Focus on what you are doing, specially while walking or driving. A friendly voice on the telephone brings you good news. Make sure that you start packing your bags the night before you travel. In this way, you are less likely to forget small, important things. **Lucky numbers: 27, 44, 76.**



GEMINI:
May 22 to
June 21

Your patience will be rewarded. Control your emotions to keep an aura of peaceful meditation. People around you will notice. When your best friend steals the affection of your loved one, you are twice wounded. It is

impossible to know what hurts more: the rejection by your loved one, or the betrayal by the friend. **Lucky numbers: 28, 49, 84.**



CANCER:
June 22 to
July 23

You'll have no problem finding someone to join you for a party this weekend. When your heart and your mind are at odds, follow your mind. Following your heart will give you momentary satisfaction that you may regret later. Realize, however, that charitable actions can seldom be justified logically. **Lucky numbers: 09, 55, 88.**



LEO:
July 24 to
August 21

Healthy eating and exercising is a way of life, not a short-term means to an end. Life has so much to give you, if you can stay in good health. Eat nutritious foods in moderate quantities. Don't eat when you are not hungry. Eat healthy for your sake and your sake alone. **Lucky numbers: 42, 80, 97.**



VIRGO:
August 22 to
September 21

Good fortune smiles upon you. If you are kind and grateful, prosperity is almost assured. Small problems become big problems when you ignore the

signs of danger. Help a friend to make the right decision. An external point of view will be much appreciated. **Lucky numbers: 33, 57, 74.**



LIBRA:
September 22
to October 23

A friendly voice on the telephone brings you good news. Make sure that you start packing your bags the night before you travel. In this way, you are less likely to forget small, important things. Although you feel that there are no limits to what you will do for someone dear, there are always limits. Time, money, and distance sometimes impose insurmountable barriers. **Lucky numbers: 03, 50, 71.**



SCORPIO:
October 24 to
November 21

You have the opportunity to come face to face with stillness and serenity. Do you have the strength to yield? Your communication skills will determine your success or failure. Underestimating the intelligence of your audience is the best way to fail. Don't confuse lack of language skills with stupidity. **Lucky numbers: 06, 14, 82.**



SAGITTARIUS:
November 22 to
December 21

The subjective image portrayed in your horoscope is a forceful one - an aggressive personality, full of competitive and wilful spirit, and resentful at having to compromise with anyone else's needs and wishes. A death will make you think about life. Make sure that your priorities are right. Don't waste time in

diversions that don't contribute toward the goals that are important to you. **Lucky numbers: 24, 67, 95.**



CAPRICORN:
December 22 to
January 20

A stranger may approach you. Be polite but cautious. Keep your eyes open in crowded places. Use your best judgment. Things are not as hopeless as they seem. You can take control of the situation if you can determine who are your supporters and who is undermining your efforts. **Lucky numbers: 40, 58, 91.**



AQUARIUS:
January 21 to
February 19

The right mix of people can make an endeavor succeed instead of a waste of time. One hyper-sensitive individual can poison the dynamics of a group. Choose sides carefully. A confidence exchanged with a friend is exposed. Your friend swears not to have betrayed you. You will be embarrassed by your indiscretion, but your real problem is to decide whether your trust was misplaced in your friend. **Lucky numbers: 07, 15, 77.**



PISCES:
February 20
to March 21

Negotiations will be tough. Don't put all your cards on the table. You may not be able to reach a satisfactory solution. Stand by your values. Deep inside you have the qualities that you seek. Focus on doing things methodically and correctly. Error-free performance will guarantee success. **Lucky numbers: 22, 63, 90.**

Prayer To The Holy Spirit

O Holy Spirit, you who are the fountain of all knowledge, who illuminate the pathway which enables me to reach my goal. You who shared your divine gift permitting me to forgive and forget past insults and injustices, and who are always at my side within reaching distance. I desire in this short supplication to thank you for all that you have done for me, and to assure you once more that I never want to be separated from you under any circumstances, no matter what the incentive, I want to be with you, I along with my loved ones, cradled in you unending love. Thank you for you never failing kindness towards me and those I call my own.

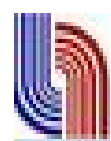
(Prayer to be offered for three consecutive days; faith in the Holy Spirit will cause him to respond to your request no matter how difficult the problem might be.)

Publish prayer as soon as request has been granted.
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Lets' Discuss Race Relations To Reduce Racial Tensions

By: Wellington C. Ramos



Belize is one of the most multi-ethnic countries in Central America. It is home to the Mayas, Mestizos, Garifunas, Creoles, East Indians, Mennonites, Chinese and people of other European origins.

The indigenous people of Belize are the Mayas who were conquered, enslaved and slaughtered by the Spanish Conquistadores back in the 1600's after Spain claimed all the territories in Latin America, parts of North America and the Caribbean.

The colonization of these territories led to an acculturation of races between the Spaniards and the native Maya and Aztecs Indians giving rise to a new culture of people called the Mestizos.

The Garifuna people are of African and Carib Indian descent who were forcefully removed from St. Vincent, their native homeland, on March, 11th, 1797 after they were defeated by the British for control of their island. They were exiled to Roatan, Honduras as prisoners of war, one month later, on April 12, 1797.

The Creoles are mostly people of African descent who, on recommendation by **Sir Peter Wallace**, were brought to Belize as slaves to cut logwood and mahogany after Belize was colonized by the British in 1638. Some of these people acculturated with the British, Scottish, Irish and Welch resulting in the emergence of black skin and white skin Creoles.

During the war for Honduran independence many Garifuna people were slaughtered by the fighting factions which led to a mass migration of Garifunas to Nicaragua, Guatemala and Belize. Some of these Garifuna people acculturated with the

black creoles in Belize and in the process acquiring English names to avoid rejection.

Slavery continued in Belize where the movement of free blacks was curtailed with the imposition of curfews resulting from a series of slave rebellions. As a result thereof many Creoles who are Garifunas have completely lost their culture. Notwithstanding, strained relationships continue to exist between these two groups due to the British divide and conquer policy.

As other ethnic groups continue to take over Belize, the Garifunas and the Creoles were eventually forced to accept each others as the two most dominant African ethnic groups in the country which was in their best interest and the most prudent thing to do.

The East Indian population comprises those who were forced to leave their native country India during the time when the British colonized and depopulated their homeland. The Indian population in Belize is small when compared to the Creoles and Garifunas. They have not joined the other two black groups to assert themselves in a common struggle for equality and justice in Belize. Many of them are merchants and business people and over the years more Indians from India has been coming to Belize to start new businesses.

The Mennonite people are of German descent who migrated from Germany many years ago during the Martin Luther Reformation. They ultimately ended up in countries like the United States of America, Mexico, Canada and many other places elsewhere. When the Mennonites first landed in Belize, they established a community in Spanish Lookout in western Belize, then Shipyard and Blue Creek in the north. They were allowed to administrate their own communities with very little government interference in their daily affairs.

Most Belizeans know very little about these people except that they are farmers, scientist and religious people. Lately, these people have been asserting themselves and are beginning to intermingle with

other Belizeans. In fact a Mennonite Belizean now sits in cabinet as a minister in the current government of Belize.

The Chinese have always been living in Belize but not in large quantities. They have always kept to themselves and refuse to intermarry with the other ethnic groups in Belize. When their children become of age they send them off to China to marry and they would return with their wives and husbands. Alternatively, they marry other non related Chinese living in Belize. Very few are the Belizeans who are allowed inside their homes so most Belizeans do not know much about the Chinese culture.

After Hong Kong was returned to China, there was a large migration of Chinese from mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan to Belize and other countries in the Caribbean. Belize is the place where most Chinese prefer to live because it is closer to the United States of America. In Belize they are afforded the opportunity of learn English as a second language which comes in handy when they eventually migrated to the United States of America.

With all these different ethnic groups, Belize is now lacking in a formidable program to educate them about each other for harmonious and peaceful co-existence.

Through a multi-cultural course in our elementary schools, we can foster a climate of cultural knowledge and appreciation that will benefit all ethnic groups and the country as a whole. Belizean schools can even teach English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Maya, Garifuna, Hindu, Spanish and German language.

The Ministry of Culture can appoint a Racial Commission with representation from all the ethnic groups in Belize. This commission can be charged with formulating policies and sponsor events to enhance respect and mutual understanding among all ethnic groups in the country.

An Equal Rights Commission (ERC) could also be established in the office of the Attorney General with enforcement capability to investigate all complaints of racial bias,

prejudice, racism or denial of equal opportunities and other benefits based on race.

Three Chinese were recently murdered for no apparent justifiable reason. This led to the closing of the majority of Chinese Businesses throughout Belize. Some Belizeans outrightly say that they do not like Chinese people because they are racist and disrespectful to Belizeans.

I have personally been disrespected by some Chinese business people because some of them think that most black people in Belize are criminals and are trying to rob them. It is specifically for this reason that we need to know what the Chinese culture teaches their children about black people in general. For if they are teaching their children that black people are an inferior race then we will have to show them differently.

We African Belizeans have always seen Chinese people as selfish and all for themselves. However, during my time growing up in Dangriga Town, the Chinese business community regularly contributed to community activities and events. With the current trend however, many Chinese business people are living behind burglar bars for fear of losing their lives and their property. This condition therefore makes it difficult for us to freely interact with them in seeking donations.

The effort to amalgamate all ethnic groups in Belize should be a top priority for government in general and for the Ministry of Culture in particular as it will certainly serve to minimize racial conflict in the nation.

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The EMO Suicide Situation In Benque

Dear Editor;

As captain of zone 4 Neighborhood Watch group, I chose not to participate in Saturdays, February 26, 2011 parade and activities in Benque Viejo Town.

I know that the organizers had good intentions with the effort; however in my opinion this issue is a very personal family matter requiring sensitive psychological therapy to address and reverse the attitude of those with suicidal tendencies into a positive outlook on life.

Given the emotional state of the EMO groups, which is totally different from the community policing efforts, the fight to combat crime rallies, the EMO groups might take this effort as a challenge to glorify their suicides, thus producing the reverse effect.

In my opinion the community and elected leaders can best address this situation by

providing productive opportunities in Benque. An immediate move should be taken to open at least one facility with professional councilors for families and youth at risk to get to the root of the problems. Emphasis should also be made to provide job opportunities within Benque, and positive recreation activities to vent the feelings of despair.

I personally have provided a zone 4 Neighborhood Watch building on my property for different activities, I would welcome any professional councilors or doctors to make use of this facility to help the families and youth in need of counseling. If there is any professional out there who would like to take up this offer, please contact me at:

600-7714 or by email at bvococna@yahoo.com

Samuel Bruce, Captain Zone 4 Benque Viejo

Lack Of Consistent Water Supply In Santa Familia

Dear Editor:

While campaigning in Santa Familia Village during the past three weeks, I have realized that the current single most concern of the residents of this the largest village in Cayo Northeast is the lack of a consistent supply of potable water.

The water problem is not a new one. Several Village Councils and similarly, several water boards have been dealing with this problem for the past ten years or more. What is astounding however is the fact that the village has easy access to running water from the nearby Mopan/Belize Old river but yet does not have a water system that can pump sufficient water, store it, treat it, (chlorinate it) and distribute it efficiently.

There are some areas in the village that receive water for a few hours while other receive none.

At times the water is provided to villagers for only a few hours at night. Oftentimes the water has heavy sedimentation which means it is not being properly filtered.

This situation is compounded by the fact that although they are barely getting water, they still have to pay the full standard

water fees at the end of each month.

Another complaint in the community is that the chlorinated water is used by some individuals for their livestock (*cattle, chickens and pigs*) and to irrigate their crops thereby rapidly exhausting the limited supply of drinking water.

We are in the hot, dry season, water is a necessity, the lack of which can be life threatening.

No effort should therefore be spared to address and solve this problem at the local and Ministerial level.

Today, Monday April 11, the Santa Familia RC Primary School starts a reduced school hours. Students will attend school up to midday because of the water problem. There is no potable water so the children do not have drinkable potable water nor is there water to flush the toilets and do the cleaning.

Residents also complain that by the time they return from the river after bathing, they need another shower because they sweat a lot due to the distance they have to walk from the river back to their homes.

Orlando Habet



Challenging The Expensive Doctor

A young woman wasn't feeling well, and so she asked one of her co-workers to recommend a physician.

"I know a good doctor in San Ignacio. He is the best but he is very expensive. Five hundred dollars for the first visit, and one hundred dollars for each visit thereafter."

The woman went to the doctor's office and, trying to save a little money, she cheerily announced upon entering, *"Doc I'm back!"*

Not fooled for a second, the doctor quickly examined her and said, *"Very good, just continue the treatment I prescribed on your last visit."*

Simple Simon And The Chainsaw

Last Friday morning Simple Simon walked into Allen's Hardware and asks for a chain saw that will cut 6 trees in one hour.

The store clerk recommends the top of the line model. Simple Simon is suitably impressed and so he buys the chain saw.

The next day he brings it back and says, *"This chain saw is defective. It would only cut down one tree and it took all darned day!"*

The clerk takes the chain saw, starts it up to see what's wrong, and Simple Simon asks, *"What's that noise?"*

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Traffic Accident Claims Life Of Teenage Boy

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D&E operated passenger bus with Benque Viejo Town license plates 00072 on a church chartered trip from Arenal to Armenia Village on the Hummingbird Highway when, upon reaching between miles 72 and 73 a bicycle rider suddenly dashed out from a road on the right side of the highway directly into the path of the bus. He said that despite his best efforts, he was unable to avoid the collision. Police also found the victim's red Skyline brand beach cruiser bicycle nearby with both wheels and the handle bar damaged.

The body was transported by police to the Community Hospital in San Ignacio Town where it was officially pronounced dead by **Dr. Fidel Cuellar**, the medical officer on duty at the time.

The post mortem examination conducted at the Karl Heusner

Memorial Hospital in Belize City, by forensic specialist **Dr. Mario Estradabran**, on Tuesday, April 12, certified the cause of death as multiple injuries secondary to road traffic accident.

The insurance and license of the bus were found to be in order and the driver volunteered a blood sample for testing. He was issued with a notice of intended prosecution as the police await the result of the blood test.

The deceased is the eldest child and only son of **Gloricella** and **Jose Ramos**. He is survived by three younger sisters, **Lorin**, **Sayadi** and **Sulmi**. On the day of the incident, the deceased, at his mother's request, was heading on his bicycle to the river across the highway to bring his three little sisters home from swimming in the river.

The area in question was found to be a rather dangerous

one, especially for bicycle riders as it consist of a rather steep slope "*pouring*" onto the highway around a "*blind*" curb for vehicular traffic "*hugging*" the curb when travelling

eastwards on the Highway. Contrary to reports elsewhere, the deceased was neither a student nor was he schedule to sit Monday's Primary School Examination. May his soul rest in peace.

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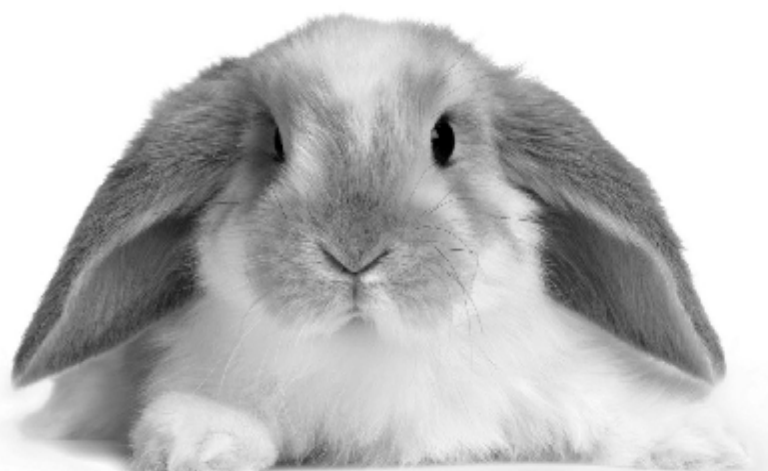
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HAPPY EASTER

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