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Father, Son And Friend Remanded To Jail For Gun, Cartridges And More

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, May 19, 2011:

Three male residents from San Ignacio Town were today remanded to the central prison in Hattieville on joint charges of keeping an unlicensed firearm, keeping unlicensed ammunition and going equipped to commit robbery while the driver of the get-away car was individually charged for willfully refusing to stop when directed to do so.

Charges against the trio, a father, his son and a friend, resulted from an incident which occurred shortly before 9 o'clock on the night of Sunday, May 15 in which San Ignacio police reports that, acting upon information received of the pres-



The Father
Kurt "Mob" Morgan, 40

ence of a suspicious black car parked on Liberty Street in Santa Elena Town, near the office of Belize Water Services Limited,



The Son
Troy Perez, 18

a team of policemen rushed to the scene, where upon approaching, the car sped off towards the



The Friend
Benjamin Pinelo Jr, 19

intersection with George Price Avenue. The police set chase as

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Budna Charged With Trafficking In Almost A Kilo Of Marijuana



The Accused
Drug Trafficker,
Joseph Budna, 31,

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, May 19, 2011:

A freelance journalist and a male minor today appeared in court jointly charged for trafficking in almost a kilogram of marijuana.

Police reports that it was shortly after 5 pm on Tuesday, May 17, when, acting upon information received, Benque Viejo police set frantic chase behind a red car, suspected to be engaged in illegal activities and heading towards San

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Piache Bar Burglarized Four Detained - Two Escaped

DETAILS ON PAGE 15



Anthony Moody, 27



Roberto "Matches" Ayala, 25



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Council Places Unpaid Traffic Violation Tickets In The Hands Of Process Server

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Friday, May 20, 2011:

As the wanton violation of the municipal traffic laws continues, along with the increasing number of unpaid vehicular traffic violation tickets, the San Ignacio Town Council this week informed of the contracting of the services of Court Process Server, Michael Flowers “to represent and conduct all matters in Court on the Council’s behalf regarding unpaid Traffic Violation Tickets”.

While this new arrangement is geared towards collecting



**Court Process Server
Michael Flowers**

unpaid council revenue, it is simultaneously intended to demonstrate the Council’s seriousness in ensuring

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the car sped over the wooden bridge into San Ignacio, around the cemetery, to Joseph Andrews Drive diverting into 3rd Street then onto Bullet Tree Road, back to Joseph Andrews Drive with the pursuit eventually ending on 9th Street, near the Falcon Field, in front of the residence of Kurt Morgan, the individual who was later found to be the owner and driver of the car.

A search inside the black, 4 door, Nissan Altima car with license plates CY-C-28417, led to the discovery of a bag containing several pieces of wet male clothing along with three masks, two knives and a pair of gloves resulting in the detention of the driver and two other persons who were nearby. Whilst transporting the trio to the police station, an officer on duty informed the mobile by

radio that a pump action 12 gauge shot was just handed over to the police by a concerned citizen who reportedly saw it thrown from the black car that the police was pursuing. When the gun was checked it was found to contain five live 12 gauge cartridges in the chamber.

The concerned citizen who turned in the gun informed that the black car suddenly turned into his path in its haste to escape from the police and as it turned into Bullet Tree Road, his headlight caught the object as it was thrown from the car. He reportedly stopped, checked the area and found the gun. He reportedly got a towel which he used to pick up the gun. He then headed to the police station where he handed in the weapon. Further investigation revealed that the gun was once licensed to former Town Administrator **Vallan Hyde** who, on April 12, 2011, filed a report with Belmopan police indicating that, according to acquaintances, the gun was lost when the canoe, in which they were travelling on a fishing expedition in the village of More Tomorrow, capsized. With the gun now surfacing, Hyde is saying that the loss of the gun as related to him could very well be false and that someone might have stolen it from inside his vehicle that was parked in front of his house in Georgeville. In light of this revelation, investigators informed that an additional

strict compliance with traffic regulations for the safety of pedestrians and the free flow of vehicular traffic within the twin towns of San Ignacio and Santa Elena.

The Council also hopes that this new enforcement policy will serve to strengthen respect for traffic wardens, whose presence and important functions have been severely affected in the absence of aggressive enforcement and collection of traffic violation fines.

Although it has only just

began this week, the effects of this new arrangement is already being felt as several persons with unpaid traffic violation tickets are paying these tickets to avoid court action.

The Council advises the motoring public to adhere to existing traffic regulations in order to avoid the penalties as, with the process now being aggressively pursued by a Court Process Server, the collection of unpaid traffic violation fines is largely out of the hands of the Council.



Morgan’s black - 4 door - Nissan Altima car with license plates CY-C-28417

charge of handling stolen goods will be levied on all three accused.

Police say that, in this instance, with double assistance from members of the community, they were able, first to halt the commission of a serious crime and secondly they were able to remove a prohibited gun off the streets and out of the hands of persons with criminal intent. The first assistance from the public was in the form of the suspicious car on Liberty Street and the second with the concerned citizen retrieving the gun and handing it over to the police. Investigators strongly suspect that this same shotgun

was used in several robberies within the community.

The trio, identified as **Kurt “Mob” Morgan**, 40, Belizean laborer; his son, **Troy Perez**, 18, Belizean unemployed, both residing on 9th Street in San Ignacio Town and **Benjamin Pinelo Jr.** 19, Belizean laborer residing in the neighborhood on 2nd Street, appeared in San Ignacio’s magistrate court on Tuesday, May 17. Due to the nature of the offence in which a firearm and ammunition were involved, the trio was remanded to prison for exactly three months. They will be brought back to court on Wednesday, August 17.

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Belmopan Businessman Opens Fire At Gang Suppression Unit Personnel

BELMOPAN, Cayo, Friday, May 20, 2011:

Just as we were going to press this Friday morning the Police Press Office began the preliminary report on a shooting incident at the Sultana Street, Las Flores Community residence of Miguel "Mike" Menjivar proprietor of Belmopan's popular La Cabaña Entertainment Center.



Miguel "Mike" Menjivar

Preliminary reports indicate that members of the Gang Suppression Unit (GSU) arrived at Menjivar's residence identifying themselves as Police Officers and informed the occupants of the house of their being in possession of a search warrant to execute.

which they arrived. The firing continued and in the process causing damages to the pickup truck.

However, according to the police press office report, instead of opening the door, the officers began to hear shuffling noises coming from inside the house followed by a "barrage of shots" unleashed directly at the officers standing outside as they awaited entry into the house.

The Police eventually gained access into the house, where they met Menjivar with a firearm in his hand. He was subsequently restrained.

The officers then took cover behind the police vehicle in

Also present at the time of the incident was Menjivar's wife, his three children and the maid.

At the time of the report GSU personnel were still at the residence along with scenes of crime personnel conducting the search and gathering evidence on the incident.



BNE Trust and BEST pilots Micro-Enterprise Credit Program



(l-R) Trustee, Alberto August; Managing Director BEST, Dennis Jones; Trustee, Melanie Escalante

After several months of negotiations, this week, the BELIZE Natural Energy Trust (BNE Trust) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Belize Enterprise for Sustainable Technology (BEST) to establish a revolving fund for micro credit. This pilot program will provide small businesses, registered associations and individual entrepreneurs with affordable capital to service existing business ventures. Individual loans of a maximum of \$8,000 and group loans of up to \$5,000 per individual member will be made available to those who have presented a feasible business plan; have established some prior credit history; have a working knowledge of good fiscal and management practices but who are unable to

access seed capital from traditional lending institutions such as the commercial banks. The initial investment capital of \$110,000 for this Micro-Enterprise Credit Program (MECP) is being provided by the BNE Trust to BEST in two tranches of \$55,000. BEST has agreed to act as the implementing agency and will be responsible for evaluating loan requests; disbursing loan funds and monitoring loan performance. Micro-enterprises in the areas of livestock and agricultural production; the provision of services; and the development of innovative products for local consumption will be given preference. Interest rates shall be applied to the reducing balance and loans will be made available for a maximum of three (3) years.

For more information on the minimum criteria and procedures for accessing this facility please contact the MECP Credit Officers at BEST's Offices as follows:



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Belize: # 5 Coffin Street, Belize City
Telephone #: 227-0946

The BELIZE Natural Energy Trust in partnership with Belize Enterprise for Sustainable Technology is committed to development of Belize by empowering people and communities to fully realize their potential and to act on it.

The BNE Trust and Rotary Club of Belize Sunrise upgrades the Port Loyola Library



(l-R) General Manager, Tracy Pantón; Trustee, Ismael Requena; President, Victor Guerrero; Incoming President, Marco Blake.

The BELIZE Natural Energy Trust (BNE Trust) provided the Rotary Club of Belize Sunrise with a contribution of \$50,245.90 for the upgrading of the Port Loyola Library located on Central American Boulevard on the south side of Belize City. This investment will finance the completion of the 2nd floor of the library building which will

include the installation of electrical and plumbing fixtures, doors, windows, tiling and painting of the building. Through its own fundraising efforts, the Rotary Club of Belize Sunrise has procured all the furniture and equipment, books and supplies and has completed the interior renovations of the lower flat. As recipients of this Project, the Belize National Library Service has been providing in-kind support throughout the construction phase and will be responsible for the day to day operations and general upkeep of these facilities upon completion of the Project within the next 2 months.

Making the presentation on behalf of the BNE Trust was Board Trustee Ismael Requena and its General Manager, Tracy Pantón. John Arana, Project Coordinator for the BNE Trust, facilitated a 15-minute presentation on the work of the Trust to the club's membership. The BNE Trust was established on February 25th, 2008 and was founded on the premise that Belize was endowed with limitless potential and resources to propel its own development. As an auxiliary partner to the Government of Belize, the Trust serves as a catalyst for the implementation of projects/programs that are both socially and environmentally responsible. Areas of focus include General Education Partnerships; Social Environmental Partnerships; Micro-Credit & Investment Partnerships and, Partnerships that help to address the long-term sustainability of the Trust itself.

In addition to the Library Project being undertaken with the Rotary Club of Belize Sunrise, the BNE Trust is currently investing in some 22 projects countrywide at a total value of \$1.2 million. Additionally that Trust has piloted its Student Loans Program in collaboration with the Toledo Teachers Credit Union in Punta Gorda; St. Martin's Credit Union in San Ignacio; La InMaculada Credit Union in Orange Walk; and St. Francis Xavier in Corozal. In its first year, this program has impacted over 250 students seeking higher education at an investment value of \$1 million.

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The Trust is a partnership between the Government of Belize and the Belize Natural Energy Ltd.

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It makes us truly proud when one of our own excels in their chosen profession and so it gives us great pleasure to inform that **Shirlene O'Brien Minge**, was nominated for the 2011 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching for the state of Wyoming, USA.

Shirlene is the daughter of retired veteran primary school teacher **Mr. George O'Brien** and his wife **Mrs. Romelia O'Brien**. She was born and grew up right here in Santa Elena Town, Cayo.

This opportunity is therefore taken to highlight Shirlene on the occasion of this latest milestone achievement.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is the highest recognition that any Science and Mathematics teacher, from kindergarten through 12th-grade, can receive from among all 50 States in the United States of America.

The selection process includes nominations on recommendations made by students, parents, principals or teachers. It is considered a great honor to be nominated for this very prestigious award.

Applicants are evaluated in five dimensions of outstanding performance as follows:

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- Use of Instructional Methods and Strategies that are



Shirlene O'Brien Minge

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- Effective use of Student Assessments to Evaluate, Monitor, and Improve Student Learning
- Reflective Practice and Life-long Learning to Improve Teaching and Student Learning
- Leadership in Education Outside the Classroom

Shirlene has been living with her husband and son in the United States for the past 10 years. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Science Education from the University of Belize and a Masters in Education Administration from Central Washington University.

Her teaching experience include one year at Sacred Heart High School, San Ignacio, Cayo District; one year at Skyview High School in Nampa, Idaho and six years teaching science at Shoshoni High School in Wyoming.

Following in her father's footsteps, Shirlene is truly a chip off the good old block. Her father, **Teacher George O'Brien, now retired from the classroom**, has dedicated over thirty seven years of his life in

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Chiu Nan points out. **"Usually, there are a lot of other problems leading to cancer. In my research in China, I came across some materials which say that people with cancer usually have stones. We all have gallstones. It's a matter of big or small, many or few. One of the symptoms of gallstones is a feeling of bloatedness after a heavy meal. You feel like you can't digest the food. If it gets more serious, you feel pain in the liver area."**

So if you think you have

primary school classrooms in the Cayo District. Many are the students who have passed through his capable hands.

We join the community in congratulating Shirlene and to wish her all the best when the announcement of the finalists is made in December of this year.

gallstones, Chiu Nan offers the following method to remove them naturally.

The treatment is also good for those with a weak liver, because the liver and gallbladder are closely linked.

The Regimen

1. For the first five days, take four glasses of apple juice every day. Or eat four or five apples, whichever you prefer. Apple juice softens the gallstones. During the five days, eat normally.

2. On the sixth day, take no dinner.

3. At 6 PM, take a teaspoon of Epsom salt (**magnesium sulphate**) with a glass of warm water.

4. At 8 PM, repeat the same. Magnesium sulphate opens the gallbladder ducts.

5. At 10 PM, take half cup olive oil (**or sesame oil**) with half cup fresh lemon juice. Mix it well and drink it. The oil lubricates the stones to ease their passage.

The next morning, you will find green stones in your stools. **"Usually they float,"** Chiu Nan notes. **"You might want to count them. I have had people who passes 40, 50 or up to 100 stones. Very many."**

"Even if you don't have any symptoms of gallstones, you still might have some. It's always good to give your gall bladder a clean-up now and then."

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Santa Elena Primary School Working Hand In Hand With The Teaching Services Commission

Submitted By: Vice Principal Deborah Reneau
SANTA ELENA TOWN,
Wednesday, May 18, 2011:

Santa Elena RC School is a primary school located in Santa Elena Town, Cayo District. It houses a population of over a thousand students and boasts of a staff of 38 diligent teachers.

The teachers at Santa Elena Primary School (SEPS) have been participating in a Teachers Leadership Program since August of 2010. The program focuses on improving teacher efficacy with a concentration on creating a brain-friendly environment for all students.

Coordinators of the program are **Mrs. Abigail Wade** from The Ministry of Education, District Education Center-Cayo and **Dr. Jennifer Morrow** from Independent Day School in

Tampa Florida, in collaboration with the BELIZE Natural Energy Trust – A partnership between the Government of Belize and Belize Natural Energy Limited.

Since its inception the teachers have had to attend several workshops on weekends, holidays and after school hours; taking into consideration the need to maintain contact hours with our students and the importance of keeping children engaged at all times. We are honing our skills on our time and not the children's time.

This past Monday May 2, 2011, we had the wonderful opportunity of attending a workshop on Mentoring and Teacher Leadership. It was facilitated by **Mrs. Judy Diego**, Chairperson for the Teaching Services Commission.

The staff at Santa Elena

Primary school prides themselves in developing an Olympic mentality where the best keep getting better. They remained engaged through all the sessions, intent on learning more so that they can deliver better.

Mrs. Diego's presentations focused on how all teachers are leaders and schools will get better if they see themselves in that light. We learnt that teachers need to embrace ownership and take responsibility for the running of the school. The function and operation of the school is not only left up to the administrators but everyone must work together towards the common goals of the school. It is also key for all partners to find their role in the progress and development of all school programs, especially parents. Mrs. Diego reinforced the importance of us seeing ourselves as leaders by conducting several activities which were thought provoking and stimulating.

Mrs. Diego knows the importance of respecting and honoring our invaluable teachers. She concluded the session by presenting each teacher with a certificate that stated three words that best described the individual teacher. It reflected what they personally thought of themselves if they were to be awarded as *'Teacher*

of the year'. This activity added the icing on the cake; the teachers felt appreciated and honored by this deed.

At Santa Elena Primary School we are trying to develop a culture that really believes that *'It's All About Kids'*, because we see the children as priority and their individual needs and learning styles as important. Then we recognize the need to ensure that we are equipping ourselves with current trends of learning and strategies for quality instruction.

The principal and staff of Santa Elena Primary School are truly indebted to Mrs. Diego for spending her holiday with us, it shows her level of commitment in guaranteeing that we have Quality Education for Quality Schools.

In February of this year three of our teachers and the principal, **Mr. Manuel Medina**, travelled to Tampa Florida where they took part in workshops conducted by Kagan Institute. The teachers came back rejuvenated and eager to share what they learned.

Ten other teachers from SEPS are raising funds to attend the Summer Academy in Orlando, Florida.

If you would like to assist us in making this venture possible, please contact us via **Mrs. Abigail Wade** at the District Education Center, Cayo, 824-2271 or at SEPS, 824-2919 via **Mrs. Deborah Reneau, Vice-Principal**.



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Guatemala Police Arrest Suspect In Slaying Of 27 Farm Workers

By Ken Ellingwood, Los Angeles Times, May 19, 2011, Reporting from Mexico City:

Guatemalan authorities have arrested a man they say is a top leader of the drug gang blamed for last weekend's massacre of 27 farmworkers, **President Alvaro Colom** said Wednesday.

The suspect, **Hugo Alvaro Gomez Vasquez**, is believed to have taken part in the killings in a northern province known as Peten, Colom said in his daily broadcast from Guatemala City. Colom called Gomez "one of the principal leaders" of the Zetas gang in Guatemala, which has served increasingly as a base for Mexican traffickers skirting a crackdown at home.

The Zetas, many of whom are former Mexican military officers, started in Mexico years ago as the armed wing of the Gulf Cartel. But they have branched into other crimes, such as extortion and migrant-smuggling, and are notorious for blood thirsty tactics.

Gomez, a Guatemalan national, was captured Tuesday



The suspect, (center) Hugo Alvaro Gomez Vasquez, is believed to be a top leader in the Zetas gang in Guatemala and is accused of taking part in the beheadings at a ranch in Peten province, Guatemala

after authorities found a suspected Zeta encampment a day earlier at a ranch not far from where the workers were found beheaded.

Colom said information at the encampment led investigators to Gomez in a neighboring province, Alta Verapaz.

Also seized were two dozen rifles, military-style uniforms, protective vests, two Hummers, 6.6 pounds of cocaine and \$23,000 in Guatemalan currency.

President Colom on Tuesday had declared a state of siege in Peten, a vast rural zone that abuts Mexico and is a relay point for cocaine bound for the United States.

Authorities believe Zeta gang members last weekend were hunting for the owner of the ranch, **Otto Salguero**, who appeared to be the target of an extortion bid seeking money or drugs. Authorities said they had not determined whether Salguero was involved in drug

trafficking. His whereabouts were unknown Wednesday.

Guatemala's interior minister, **Carlos Menocal**, said the massacre had ties to three other kidnapping-slayings.

A 23-year-old man who said he survived the massacre told reporters he faked death after being stabbed in the stomach. He said the killings lasted for eight hours, ending early Sunday.

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Your Weekly Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



ARIES:
March 22 to April 20

The coming week may bring along new business opportunities. Anyhow, there are indications of your financial position becoming stronger. Gains are made through property or related matters. Money will flow in through an additional source of income. **Lucky numbers: 22, 57, 81.**



TAURUS:
April 21 to May 21

There is great success indicated in your professional endeavours. You may be interacting with influential people. However, the cost attached to it could be in terms of encroachment into your personal space. Keep your ego in check. **Lucky numbers: 07, 50, 93.**



GEMINI:
May 22 to June 21

You need to make some sweeping changes in your professional life. Delegate or stop complaining about the quantum of work. Don't be bothered as some setbacks would be there but it will afford you more freedom. Your peace of mind will also depend on how fast you can let go of the past. **Lucky numbers: 16, 36, 77.**



CANCER:
June 22 to July 23

Try to remain objective and keep targets in reasonable limits. Understand a situation before

taking a decision. You will never regret taking an informed decision. You will have to deal with your extended family tactfully. Short distance travel is indicated. **Lucky numbers: 23, 68, 84.**



LEO:
July 24 to August 21

You will notice a few changes in your personality. You need to accept people as they are and be more accommodating. You may have to take some important decisions regarding your career. Keep your family in the loop when you do take such decisions. **Lucky numbers: 34, 52, 79.**



VIRGO:
August 22 to September 21

Get rid of those fears that have been stopping you from taking a big step in life. You can choose to be submissive due to those fears or you could choose to take a leap of faith and discover your own potential. Positive events will occur this week that boost your confidence and encourage you to pursue your dreams. **Lucky numbers: 03, 32, 48.**



LIBRA:
September 22 to October 23

You need to get your finances right. Details need to be sorted and you need to allocate funds for separate commitments. Personal relationships need to be handled patiently. Don't allow your deep-seated fears to spoil

your equation with people. **Lucky numbers: 29, 46, 69.**



SCORPIO:
October 24 to November 21

Things get better towards mid-week when you regain physical strength. There is also more interest in everyday life as your efforts are rewarded. You are however advised to adopt a healthier lifestyle. Anger and short-term thinking could be the biggest hurdles in your success. **Lucky numbers: 09, 44, 80.**



SAGITTARIUS:
November 22 to December 21

A hectic week ahead. Work is exciting and rewarding as well but you need to have a realistic assessment of what you can accomplish in a day and accordingly commit to people. Burn-out due to exhaustion is a huge possibility, so take care. **Lucky numbers: 21, 53, 76.**



CAPRICORN:
December 22 to January 20

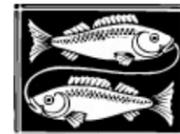
There is a possibility of you

being deliriously joyful as you will spend some wonderful time with that special one. You need to be careful about giving away information that is not relevant to your relationship as you will regret it later. **Lucky numbers: 27, 42, 90.**



AQUARIUS:
January 21 to February 19

There are renewed demands at work. You need to be watchful of rivals and people who envy you. Don't get lured into deals that seem too good to be true. Do your groundwork before making any commitment. Work related travel is likely. **Lucky numbers: 15, 62, 87.**



PISCES:
February 20 to March 21

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NOTICE

Vacancies - Village Councils

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District	Village	Name	Position	Reason
Belize	Mahogany Heights	Carlos Cawich	Member	Resignation

By-election - Mahogany Heights Village

The general public is hereby notified that in accordance with Part 111, Section 9(2) of the Village Council Act, Chapter 88 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2003, by-election to fill the vacant posts of members in the **Mahogany Heights Village Council** is scheduled for Sunday June 5th, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Anglican Primary School.

Is This A Case Of Different Strokes For Different Folks?

BELIZE CITY, Thursday, May 19, 2011:

While the police did not miss a beat in arresting, charging and dispatching photographs of a Belize City resident found in possession of one hundred and fifty counterfeit one hundred US dollar bills, we are still awaiting similar treatment for one of their own who stands accused of attempting to deposit sixteen similar bogus notes at a bank in Belize City.

The police press office informed that at about 2:00 pm today, Thursday, May 19, 2011 a mobile patrol in Belize City conducted a search at the residence of **David Sedacey** at #59 West Collet Canal. Police reports that the search led to the discovery of a transparent plastic bag with two amounts of suspected bogus one hundred US dollar bills. Sedacey was instantly detained, cautioned and, with the evidence, escorted to the Queen Street Police Station.

The suspected fake money was counted in his presence and found to be thirty six similar pieces bearing serial number FF80216340B; Thirty seven pieces with serial number FF58641474B; Thirty eight pieces with serial number FJ34448254A and thirty nine with serial number FLO34944321C. All for a total of one hundred and fifty suspected bogus one hundred US dollar bills.

The accused David Sedacey, 35, Belizean laborer of #59 West Collet Canal, Belize City was formally arrested and charged for being in possession of counterfeit notes.

Now contrast, this with an



**The Accused
David Sedacey, 35**

incident that occurred on the previous day in which the short police report simply informed that: *“On Wednesday 18th May, 2011 a financial institution reported that a deposit was made of sixteen suspected counterfeit US \$100.00 notes, Police investigation led to the detention of a member of the Department. Statements have been recorded and in the event any member of the Police Department is guilty of any wrong doings, they will be dealt with immediately. Police investigations continue.”*

In the second incident involving an individual who is not *“a member of the Department”*, the detailed police report provided the individual’s name, age, address and occupation. It came complete with photographs of the suspect and the evidence. While in the case involving a *“member of the Department”* the police report provided neither, name, age nor address, much less photographs of the evidence or of their accused colleague.

Also lacking from the police report was serial numbers of the

bogus money which could have assisted readers in determining if it has any connection to the Sedacey wad.

The police press report even omitted to disclose the location of the incident but instead generically indicated that the incident took place at a *“financial institution”* which, for all intents and purposes, could have been any of the banks or a credit unions in the city.

Furthermore, the accused *“member of the Department”* was neither instantly detained, cautioned nor was he escorted to any police station but, was instead reportedly allowed to return to his workstation.

Notwithstanding however, the *“member of the Department”* has been identified as **Sgt. Sherwood Wade** currently attached to Special Branch, Eastern Division, Belize City. The *“financial institution”* has been identified as the Belize Bank’s, northside branch located on Coney Drive also in Belize City.

In the wake of the publicity attracted by the incident. There is a strong likelihood that Wade will actually be criminally charged.

Ironically, less than three months ago, on March 2, 2011, the accused was one of three policemen singled out for special recognition and public award, by the US Marshall Service, for assisting in the capture of US fugitive, **Patrick Brown**, who was wanted in Boston for the 1995 stabbing death of **Sullivan Zandera**. Boston police say that Brown stabbed **Zandera** to death after an argument sparked by jealousy. According to officials, Zandera was dating Brown's ex-girlfriend and when Brown found out, he went into a jealous rage that ended in Zandera's death. On February 7, Brown pleaded guilty to the charge and is now facing a sentence of life in prison.

UPDATE - UPDATE

Just as we were closing off and getting ready to go to press, Police Press Officer, **Sergeant Fitzroy Yearwood** confirmed the identity of the *“member of the Department”* as being Special Branch **Sergeant Sherwood Wade**.

He additionally informed that

Sgt. Wade has been relieved from official duties and placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation and advice from the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Sgt. Yearwood also provided the following sixteen different serial numbers from the like amount of counterfeit US one hundred dollar bills that Sgt. Wade attempted to deposit into the Coney Drive Branch of the Belize Bank in Belize City.

- 1) AC 80283529B- C4
- 2) AF 77981529B- F7
- 3) AG 43984569B- 67
- 4) AC 13149119B- C2
- 5) AC 80283529B- C4
- 6) AC 49984129B- C5
- 7) AC 50979499B- C8
- 8) AF 17401529B- F6
- 9) AG 53939129B- G6
- 10) AG 23989524B- G7
- 11) AG 27681529B- G7
- 12) AF 77981529B- F7
- 13) 1AC 80289529B- C4
- 14) AG 78589127B- G6
- 15) AC 14909829B- C6
- 16) AC 52539129B- C6

We note that none of the serial numbers above from Wade’s wad matched any of those found in the possession of Daniel Sedacey.

The police advises the public to be on the lookout for counterfeit US \$100.00 notes in circulation and that if you should come in contact with anyone who has any of these bills , you are asked to please contact the nearest Police Station or 0800922TIPS.



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Telemedia's Football Tournament Continues



Cristo Rey's Juventus Jr BOMBED Unitedville Swifter by 7 to NIL

BY: Cruz Gamez:
SAN IGNACIO TOWN,
Cayo, Monday, May 16, 2011:

The Belize Telemedia 14 and under football tournament continued, this past Sunday, May 15, inside the Norman Broaster Stadium in San Ignacio Town.

In the first game of the day Stealth Bombers and Bullet Tree RC played to a scoreless draw.

In the second game Juventus Jr BOMBED and Unitedville

Swifter by a score of 7 to NIL with **Allen Tzib** scoring three goal and one each from **David Requena**, **Fernando Tzib**, **Alden Pech** and **Dale Pech**.

And in the third game of the day, Unitedville Rockets and Gentle Touch played to a 1-1 draw with **Nehemias Hernandez** scoring for Unitedville Rockets and **Jayton Requena** scoring for Gentle Touch.

In the fourth game Adventures won by default over Santa Cruz.

Week 3 of the tournament continues this Sunday, May 22 when at 9:00am Cristo Rey's Juventus Jr. plays against Santa Cruz.

At 10:15am it will be Esperanza's Gentle Touch going up against 7 Miles' Stealth Bombers.

At 11:30am Adventures FC will be seeing action against Unitedville's Swifters.

And in the final encounter of the day at 12:45 pm its going to be Bullet Tree R.C against Unitedville Rockets

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In the hustle and bustle of daily life, busy parents don't always have the time to focus on etiquette. But if you reinforce these 25 "must-do" manners, you'll raise a polite, kind and well-liked child:

Manner #1: When asking for something, always say "Please."

Manner #2: When receiving something, always say "Thank you."

Manner #3: If you bump into somebody, immediately say "Excuse me."

Manner #4: If you do need to get somebody's attention right away, the phrase "excuse me" is the most polite way for you to enter the conversation.

Manner #5: When you have any doubt about doing something, ask permission first. It can save you from many hours of grief later.

Manner #6: The world is not interested in what you dislike. Keep negative opinions to yourself, or between you and your friends, and out of earshot of adults.

Manner #7: Do not comment on other people's physical characteristics unless, of course, it's to compliment them, which is always welcome.

Manner #8: When people ask you how you are, tell them and then ask them how they are.

Manner #9: When you have spent time at your friend's house, remember to thank his or her parents for having you over and for the good time you had.

Manner #10: Knock on closed doors — and wait to see if there's a response — before entering.

Manner #11: When you make a phone call, introduce yourself first and then ask if you can

ask if you can help. If they say "yes," do so — you may learn something new.

Manner #12: Be appreciative and say "thank you" for any gift you receive. In the age of e-mail, a handwritten thank-you note can have a powerful effect.

Manner #13: Never use foul language in front of adults. Grown-ups already know all those words, and they find them boring and unpleasant.

Manner #14: Don't call people mean names.

Manner #15: Do not make fun of anyone for any reason. Teasing shows others you are weak, and ganging up on someone else is cruel.

Manner #16: Even if a play or an assembly is boring, sit

through it quietly and pretend that you are interested. The performers and presenters are doing their best.

Manner #17: Do not interrupt grown-ups who are speaking with each other unless there is an emergency. They will notice you and respond when they are finished talking.

Manner #18: Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, and don't pick your nose in public.

Manner #19: As you walk through a door, look to see if you can hold it open for someone else.

Manner #20: If you come across a parent, a teacher, or a neighbor working on something,

ask if you can help. If they say "yes," do so — you may learn something new.

Manner #21: When an adult asks you for a favor, do it without grumbling and with a smile.

Manner #22: When someone helps you, say "thank you." That person will likely want to help you again. This is especially true with teachers!

Manner #23: Use eating utensils properly. If you are unsure how to do so, ask your parents to teach you or watch what adults do.

Manner #24: Keep a napkin on your lap; use it to wipe your mouth when necessary.

Manner #25: Don't reach for things at the table; ask to have them passed.

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The Future Of Football In Belize Looks Bleak

By: Wellington C. Ramos



When I was a child growing up in Dangriga Town, I was a student that played football for Sacred Heart Primary School along with **Anthony Adderly (Garincha)**, **Roy Velasquez (Brazilian)**, **Philip Palacio (Buck Palacio)**, **George Hasbun (Camal)**, **Osbert Usher (Letrines)**, **Henry Martinez, Hector Martinez (Malcolm)**, **Stephen Diego (Johnny Cool)**, **James Noralez, Robert Pinnock** and several other football players who later became stars for the Dangriga Selection.

During those days, **Mr. Carl Ramos** better known as "**Kiwi**" self-sponsored the Dangriga Town Primary School Competition. The games were between the following schools: Sacred Heart, Methodist, Holy Ghost,

Anglican, St Matthews and Holy Angels. The games were played every Thursday at 3:30 pm and the field was always crowded with people from the town and surrounding villages.

The year before I joined the team, Methodist School won the competition and they had one of the best teams in town. After that year, Sacred Heart School won for two consecutive years.

It was customary for the players who left their elementary schools, to go on to High Schools if their parents could afford the tuition. The High Schools that were in Stann Creek District at the time were Austin High School (**Catholic**) which I attended, Stann Creek High School (**Anglican**) and Lynam College (**Catholic**).

The school that had the best football players was Lynam College because they had students from all over the country and from foreign countries. They were so good, that they were able to compete among the senior teams in the Stann Creek District Competition.

Stann Creek High School had the second best team because it was a coed school from its inception. Austin High School originally was an all girls high school that later converted into coed in the late 1960's for the first time in the school's history so they had only a few males in the school.

Most of the people who were playing football in the entire country of Belize were aspiring to be on their district's football team.

In those days, they had an on-going Inter-district Football Competition taking place among all the six districts.

I can still remember watching a game when all the five districts selection team played against Belize City in Dangriga Town and the Belize City Team won the game.

The best team in Stann Creek District was Queens Park Rangers which was sponsored by the owner of the citrus company **Mr. Frank Sharp**. The players for this team were employed by Mr. Sharp, who afforded them time to practice and play with pay. I have never seen a businessman in all my

years growing up in Dangriga Town, who loved football more than this gentleman. He would be driven down from his home in the Pomona Valley to Dangriga Town at the District Commissioner's residence, where he would sit on the verandah to watch these games. He did this for his entire life as a football fan.

During those years, only amateur football was played in Belize. Yet, Belize was able to compete against teams from neighboring Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Bermuda, Bahamas and other countries.

Football players had to work, raise their families and engage in all different type of activities while still finding time to practice and play football. These people were so dedicated, that when scouts visited Belize they were surprised to witness the caliber of football played in Belize compared to the other countries with professional football programs in place.

Belize was not allowed to compete in the World Cup because it was still a colony of Great Britain up until it attained political independence on September the 21st, 1981. However, Belizeans competed in several regional tournaments and did exceptionally well.

Sometime in the early 1970's, an American citizen by the name of **Mr. Cummings** came to Belize and started a professional team. This team was not liked by the Belize Football Association (B.F.A.) and they did everything to try and discourage him from recruiting players. The fact is that the Belize Football Association was making a lot of money off the games and was not giving the players any of the money and there was no transparency with the accountability of funds the association collected. Furthermore, the association issued cheap plastic trophies with gold color paint to winners of their tournaments. Most Belizean football players were divided as to whether to professionalize football or leave it as an amateur sport. However, most people who sponsored teams were betting big money and paid some of their players when they won the games.

Football in Belize has been professionalized for some years now. However, most Belizeans would agree that the caliber of football that is being played in Belize today does not compare to the ones that were played in the last thirty years or so. This is because the Football Leagues in Belize lack professional leadership, are fighting against each other, government has a lackluster approach towards the game, there is no legislations in place and there is no long term plan to improve football or any other sport in Belize that I have seen.

For football and any other sport to excel in Belize where we can compete internationally, these issues that I am outlining must be addressed immediately. We need to start having on-going primary, secondary, college, amateur and professional competitions in all sports and a Physical Education Teacher in all primary and secondary schools as well as Athletic Directors in all the colleges and universities with various sporting teams. Backed up by an Amateur League with the support of the Ministry of Sports. A Professional League to be controlled by business people who want to invest their money in professional sports and legislations be enacted to protect the interest of all the stakeholders involved.

A National Sporting Complex must be built by the government to house all these athletes with the fields, facilities, coaches and equipments available for them to excel in their respective sport. How long must we wait to come to the conclusion that football, in Belize, is dead and we need to bring it back to life now so that we can compete at the international level.

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The Father Of One Of My Children

Marlon is in line at Save-U Supermarket when he notices a rather hot chick behind him. She smiles and says "Hello" to him.

Marlon is taken aback that such a hot chick would be waving to him...and although her face looked somewhat familiar he just could not place where he might know her from... so he says ..."Sorry....do you know me?"

She replies... "I may be mistaken... but I think you might be the father... of one of

my children."

His mind shoots back to the one and only time he has been unfaithful.

"Holy crap".... he says, "are you that stripper from my bachelor party. The one that..... (going through all the details)..... and that I woke up with the next morning in that cheap hotel?" he asked

"No!.... she exclaimed.... "I'm your son's teacher."

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BY: Herman Pastor Jr., President, Belize Karate Federation

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Wednesday, May 18, 2011:

The Belize Karate Federation (BKF) is hosting an official Kumite(*Sparring*) Referee/Judging Seminar on May, 28th 2011, at the Secretariat to the Belize Karate Federation Secretariat located a #2b Joseph Andrews Drive, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District, commencing at 9am and ending at 4pm.

The following BKF Members are invited:

1) Karate Athlete-Objective- Athletes will increase their knowledge in the rules of the sport so as to improve their ability to win technically and tactically in competitions.

2) Coaches- Objective- Coaches needs to be cognisant with the rules of the sport so as to give proper technical and tactical advice on how to win.

3) Officials (Referee/Judges)- Objective I: Referee and Judges will be updated with the latest changes of karate competition rules and will increase their capacity in the finer technical details that are needed so as to

improve officiating standards in a more uniform manner.

Objective II is to increase the quantity of Officials through out the country, having at least 2 Officials from each club, so at no time officials will be officiating athletes from their own karate clubs or school. This is to foster the practice of fair play.

4) General Members (Parents or other Individuals wishing to support and participate in BKF programs)-

Objective: To train interested parents and others about the rules of the sport, so that they take a subsequent training in other official duties such as, point taking, time keeping, statistics, assisting with competition registrations, and other technical duties.

Course participants are ask to bring along a copy of the WKF Competition Rules, Version 6, Dated January 2009. (*Can be downloaded off the World Karate Federation Website*)

The Belize Karate Federation appeals for your support and cooperation with a view to improve the sport of karate in 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, **OSCAR NELSON ROLIN** is applying for a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **TOUCH OF CLASS COMFORT INN** located on Perez Street, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

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District	Village	Name	Position	Reason
Belize	Freetown Sibun	Aurelia Reyes	Member	Resignation

By-election - Freetown Sibun Village

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Celebrating Education: My Personal Experience

**BY: Marie Fernandez,
Santa Elena RC Primary
School, Santa Elena Town,
Cayo**

Many years ago the yearning to become a teacher was burning within me. Unfortunately, for me, I came from a single parent family and was living within the poverty level on the South Side of Belize City.

My attempt of becoming a teacher was delayed since immediately after graduating from St. Catherine's Academy I sat and successfully passed my entrance exams to attend the then Teachers College but soon realized that the stipend given would not suffice my financial needs at the time so I had to withdraw from the program and postponed my dream and so I entered the main stream public service as a Public Officer.

I spent over fifteen years in the Public Service but I never gave up the aspiration of one day being in the classroom as a teacher.

After leaving the Public Service and staying at home for three years, I decided to vehemently peruse my passion and first love.

My interest was even further sparked when one of my children encountered some terrible experiences with teachers at a certain school. These experiences made me more determined. It motivated me to believe that if I could positively influence children in the classroom to become the best they could ever be without having to live the experiences of my child, then I would be doing a great service to God's children.

In 2008, I was given the opportunity to teach at Santa

Elena Primary School. At that time if I was asked whether or not having the pedagogical training of a teacher was important, I would have said a resounding "NO".

I found teaching very natural and I was comfortable in my class. I was fortunate to have colleagues who were more than willing to share their knowledge and experiences with me which made my transition into the classroom easier.

After almost three years in the class I still embrace the experience with joy, although I have changed my mindset towards pedagogical training.

My change in thinking about the importance of pedagogical training was gradual. It was further solidified in August of 2010. Our school staff decided that we would embark on a Leadership Training Program. **Mrs. Abigail Wade** of the National Resource Center for Inclusive Education (*NARCIE*) and **Dr. Jennifer Morrow** from Independent Day School, Corbett Campus, Tampa, are the chief coordinators, who, with financial assistance from the BELIZE Natural Energy Trust, launched this whole-school initiative to promote teacher efficacy and inclusion.

We have been taught and instructed by a number of dynamic presenters in different subject areas, but what most impressed me was the fact that although the training was and still is a bit intense, the information imparted opened a new world for me as an educator.

Many of the strategies and techniques shared are similar to what I was already doing but did not have a label or method. The

idea of multiple intelligences and the lectures on Brain research, and how the brain functions, have given me new insight into how to best nurture each student's God given potential, and to appreciate the "Uniqueness" of all learners.

Over the past year, I have tried many of the strategies, which were modeled, and for me they have all been successful, contributing to productivity and cooperation in the classroom. My experience through these professional development sessions has been meaningful. It has also provided me with ideas on how to plan effectively for learning to occur.

I now have better classroom management skills; the ability to recognize the different needs displayed by students and to cater for those individual learning needs within a classroom setting. This allowed for richer diversity and total inclusion.

For me the biggest change has been the realization that although being academically qualified does not translate to "Teacher of the Year", it

however makes me more equipped and prepared to deliver quality education and instruction. This program has made us at Santa Elena Primary School feel ready to face all future challenges and to address current issues with hope and a positive attitude.

Most recently a workshop was held on Monday, 2nd May, 2011 by **Mrs. Judy Diego**, Chairperson for the Teachers Services Commission. She brought with her a wealth of knowledge and experiences. Her lecture was dynamic, hammering home the idea that as teachers we should set the example and model the way through mentorship and self efficacy. We are encouraged not only to be professionals, but to pursue excellence with love and passion for such a noble vocation. We were humbled by her commitment to facilitate this workshop on a public holiday. We applaud Mrs. Diego for being a role model and true educator.

In light of celebrating education through two weeks of meaningful activities, I must say that we are indeed empowered to create change, nurture minds and embrace our future.

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Piache Bar Burglarized Four Detained - Two Escaped

From Front Page

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Tuesday, May 17, 2011:

Three men and a minor from San Ignacio Town were today granted individual five thousand dollar bails as the search continues for two more resulting from the early Friday morning, May 13 burglary at Piache Rehab Bar on Buena Vista Street, near the Princess Casino, in San Ignacio Town.

Acting upon information received of the burglary and the culprits walking away from the establishment, a team of policemen rushed to the area where upon searching the neighbourhood however, the police came upon a group of six male persons on the street near the Octavia Waight Home for Senior Citizens. Upon sighting the approaching police vehicle

the group fled with some of them jumping the fence into the nearby Victor Galvez Stadium. With prompt back up from the Quick Response Team, police succeeded in apprehending four of the six persons who were identified as **Anthony Moody, 27**, Belizean labourer from the Santiago Juan Layout Area; **Rudy Jimenez, 26**, Belizean labourer of an Eduardo Luna Street address; **Roberto "Matches" Ayala, 25**, residing on 17th Street all in San Ignacio Town and a 17 year old, Belizean student residing in Benque Viejo Town.

Police reports that Anthony Moody, Roberto "Matches" Ayala and the minor were captured inside the Victor Galvez Stadium while the fourth individual, Rudy Jimenez was found in a drain on the side of the street, with a cut wound to the hand but still holding on to a bottle of Caribbean rum. The two other individuals who escaped were positively identified by police as **Daniel "Leeche" Jimenez** and **Andy Lemus**. Other items recovered along the path where the suspects fled included three bottles of Lighthouse beer, two bottles sprite, half bottle Green Stripe rum.

Budna Charged With Trafficking In Almost A Kilo Of Marijuana

Continued From Front Page

Ignacio Town.

Assistance from San Ignacio police was enlisted and a team rushed out of the police station to meet the suspicious car.

The car was intercepted on the top of the hill on the Benque Viejo Road where it was stopped. The driver was accompanied by another male person seated in the front passenger seat. They were ordered out of the vehicle and informed that the vehicle would be searched by this time the officer from Benque arrived on the scene.

A search of the interior of the car, conducted in the presence of the driver and the passenger, led to the discovery of three parcels containing suspected marijuana. Two of the parcels were found under the rear seat while the third was found inside the pouch located behind the back rest of the front passenger seat.

Both individuals were detained, cautioned and transported, along with the car and the suspected marijuana, to the police station in San Ignacio town where the car was impounded and the three parcels were weighed amounting 454



Budna's red, four- door Mitsubishi Diamante car with Guatemala 2004 license plates P271DMJ, at the police station compound in San Ignacio

grams, 232 grams and 272 grams respectively all for a total weight of 958 grams.

The driver of the red, four- door Mitsubishi Diamante car with Guatemala 2004 license plates P271DMJ, was identified as **Joseph Budna, 31**, Belizean Free Lance Journalist who gave his address as DFC Layout, San Pedro Town, Belize District.

The minor was identified as a 15 year old student residing in Roaring Creek Village, Cayo.

Attorney Elston Kaseke appeared on behalf of both defendants this Thursday

evening in the chambers of **Magistrate Roberto Ordonez**. They both plead not guilty to the joint drug trafficking charge. The prosecution offered no objection to bail which was granted in the sum of six thousand dollars each. The case was adjourned for almost three months as they were ordered to return to court on Tuesday, August 16. In the meantime the car remains impounded at the San Ignacio police station along with the exhibit labeled suspected marijuana.

The detainees, Anthony Moody, Roberto "Matches" Ayala, Rudy Jimenez and the minor along with the recovered items were transported to the San Police station pending further investigation.

Owner of the establishment, **Javier Silva** was later contacted and when he visited the bar, he confirmed that the place was indeed burglarized and that entry was gained by the removal of a section of the thatch roof immediately over the enclosed bar area. This he suspects could have been the workings of Roberto "Matches" Ayala, a former employee who is said to be well acquainted with the physical layout of the establishment. In a subsequent report to the police, Silva listed the stolen items as: one case Belikin beer, \$49.25; one case Lighthouse beer; one bottle Coffee rum, \$23.00, one quart One Barrel rum, \$15; one quart Green Stripe rum, \$12; one pack Colonial cigarets, \$6.00 and half pack Milport cigarets, \$3.00 all for a total value of \$157.50.

Moody, Ayala, Jimenez and the minor were subsequently arrested and charged for burglary and handling stolen goods. They appeared in San Ignacio's Magistrate Court on Tuesday, May 17 where they pled not guilty to both charges. They were offered and met bail in the sum of \$5,000 each and were ordered to return to court on Tuesday, August 9, 2011.

Police is asking anyone with information which could lead to the arrest of **Daniel "Leeche" Jimenez** and **Andy Lemus**, to please contact the nearest police station.



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