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Alleged Home Invader Freed On Bail

**SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, Monday,
July 22, 2013:**

It has been quite a while since we reported on a home invasion in the community. The latest such reported incident is alleged to have occurred at around 8:30 pm on Thursday, July 18, 2013 on the George Price Highway in Santa Elena.

San Ignacio police received the report home invasion in the area known as Hotpoint on the George Price Highway in Santa Elena Town. A team of policemen rushed to the area where they met **Hugh Tillet**, 49,

Belizean laborer originally from Crooked Tree Village in the Belize District.

Tillet reported that sometime around 8:25 pm he and his wife were inside the bedroom of their house when two armed, masked male persons invaded the house and kicked down the bedroom door.

Tillet informed that one of the men of clear complexion was armed with a knife while the other, of a darker complexion was armed with what appeared to be a chrome handgun. The men reportedly ordered Tillet



Simon Bateman, 24

and his wife to lie face down on the floor as the one with the gun demanded money.

Fearing for their safety, Tillet reportedly handed over one thousand five hundred dollars in various denominations to the invaders who also demanded their two cellular

telephones valued at one hundred and fifty dollars each all for a total value of one thousand eight hundred dollars. The men then ran out of the house and disappeared under the cover of darkness.

Swift police investigation led to the arrest of a resident of the area later identified as **Simon Bateman** who is no stranger to the police and human services personnel. While the search continues for the accomplice, Bateman was subsequently issued with an aggravated burglary charge.

The accused appeared before Magistrate **Narda Morgan** on Friday, July 19, 2013, where the charge was read to him. He pled not guilty to the charge and surprisingly, the police sergeant, substituting for the civilian prosecutor, made no request for the denial of bail on the serious charge involving a firearm. The accused was offered, met bail and later released from custody.

Rest In Peace Luis Mendez

**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo,
Thursday, 25 July 2013:**

The family of a promising football star is today preparing to lay their loved one to rest in the wake of a tragic accident that occurred in Guatemala on the evening of Tuesday, July 23, 2013.

A Guatemalan news agency informed that it was shortly after 3:00 pm on Tuesday, July 23, when the bus in which **Luis Mendez**, 22, of a Benque Viejo Town address in the Cayo District, was travelling from Guatemala on the return journey to Belize along with his wife when the passenger bus reportedly crashed into a trailer causing it to slide off the road, down a gully and overturned. Several passengers were injured in the accident but Mendez was the only one who died.



Luis Mendez, 22

The rising football star came to national prominence for his participa-

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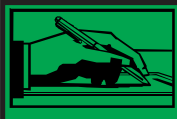
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Editorial



Confused, Confused, Confused

As the effort continues to connect the dots, several incidents making the news in the past days and weeks are yielding more questions than answers:

1. While it is no secret that we at the **STAR Newspaper** hold **Audrey Matura Shepard** in high regard; unless she comes forward and informs otherwise, we are of the view that her hasty disconnection from **OCEANA** is the product of an anti-homosexual article she wrote in the Amandala newspaper yet, as **OCEANA's** Representative in Belize she would allow herself to be used in the handing over of a four thousand dollar check to **UNIBAM** the lead group overtly promoting the homosexual agenda in Belize.

2. To the best of our knowledge **UNIBAM** could care less about anything having to do with on or off shore exploration for oil and even less about anything having to do with ocean protection. **UNIBAM's** singular focus is the promotion of gay rights and the homosexual agenda in Belize.

3. Then there is the opposition female attorney who by the very nature of her political agenda is naturally opposed to anything and everything that government does including drilling for oil anywhere in Belize while she overtly supports **UNIBAM** and the homosexual agenda, even to the extent of publicly wearing the **UNIBAM** wrist band and flashing the same on her facebook profile. Seems like the ideal candidate to represent **OCEANA** in Belize. Notwithstanding, **OCEANA** continues to pass her over first as a competitor against Matura Shephard for the job and secondly as a replacement for the exiting Matura Shephard while we understand that **OCEANA's** eye is on a foreigner to replace Matura Shephard at the end of this month.

4. How does a Government sign an agreement with an NGO to co-manage a national park on government land and then that NGO turns around and seeks to dictate to government what it can and cannot do on its land. Furthermore, while Government seeks to end the agreement, the NGO insists that it will continue to operate in the area as if the agreement remains in effect? Is it therefore any wonder why colonial masters in their era referred to all non-privately owned lands in Belize as crowned land? Bet they would never dream of pulling this bull on the crown lest they run the risk of being charged for treason.

5. How does **Edilberto Romero** the Chairman of the Association of Protected Areas Management Organizations (APAMO) tell the

nation on national TV that *"they (the Government of Belize) gave permits to developers like US Capital to go in and do the same things that they don't want the communities to do"* Tell us Edilberto Romero, which one of the communities is exploring for oil in the area or tell us who in US Capital is seeking to engage in farming in the area or in hunting for wildlife, the extraction of rose wood or any other such activities that the communities would want to do in the protected area?

6. Why do those leading the anti-homosexual protest in Belize continue the attempt to convince the rest of us they are not against homosexuals while the banners and placards they display carry no other message than the anti-homosexual sentiments? Why are they trying to convince the rest of us that they are leading a Constitutional protest against someone somewhere seeking to change or remove the Supremacy of God as enshrined in the Constitution of Belize. Where is the evidence of this?

7. Where is the opposition on any matter of national interest? The opposition remains divided along internal political lines, divided along internal **UNIBAM** lines, divided along internal leadership lines? Some of them want Musa to return, some want Francis to stay, others want Juluis to take over. Some want Cordel to return, others want him to stay out. Some are saying no to **UNIBAM** and the homosexual agenda while at least one of them sitting in the opposition senatorial seat continue to publicly wave the **UNIBAM** flag.

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tion in this year's UNCAF games in Costa Rica.

Eric Manzanero, elder brother of the deceased told the media that *"he was there accompanying his wife who was taking a course there. They were travelling back home yesterday evening and we first got the news that it was an accident. Apparently some people knew the tragic news, but they didn't want to tell us the terrible news because of my Mom."*

While Mendez did not make the final cut to travel with the national team to the USA, President of the FFB, **Ruperto Vicente**, told the media that *"He was a part of the national football team. He played a key part in the Belize team qualifying for the Gold Cup because he played in Costa Rica and he was a main part of the team. He was a defensive player but he also played defensive mid-field. He also played in the U-20 football team. A young*

player with a great future but unfortunately we lost him. He was at the camp initially and when the cut was made, he too was cut, but he remained a member of the national team."

Mendez' body has since been transported back to Belize. A wake is schedule for Thursday night at the family home in Benque Viejo Town. Funeral services will be held at Mount Carmel Church in Benque Viejo Town on Friday, July 26.

We join the community in extending sincere condolences to the family and his colleagues in football at the tragic loss of this young and talented Belizean athlete. May his soul now rest in eternal peace.

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Readers Write

Letter to the Editor,

I was saddened to see the report in the STAR listed as “**anti-LGBT**” “**anti-UNIBAM**” march, when it was specifically listed as a Constitution March, standing upon the Constitutional words invoking the Supremacy of God, the position of the family, inalienable rights endowed to us by our CREATOR, and that “*men & institutions remain free ONLY in respect for moral & spiritual values and the rule of law.*” The word “**Constitution**” didn’t appear once in your article. Then to follow up with the feedback from **Asa Dematteo**, who is a homosexual, married to a man, from San Francisco, the epitome of debauchery & homosexual license (if you’re brave enough, look up “Folsom St. Fair” and you’ll get a good picture of San Francisco and what excites Mr. Dematteo and the world HE wants to live in.) Sorry Mr. Dematteo, we absolutely support **TRUE HUMAN RIGHTS** and the qualification is being a HUMAN. We do not support homosexual rights, above everyone else’s rights. Homosexual sodomy is NOT a fundamental human right. And it’s unconstitutional in Belize.

We respect people’s freedom to choose whatever life they want to live, but we will not allow them to weasel their way to get that into our kids school curriculums to teach that homosexuality is “**normal, healthy, natural, and productive.**” This is what they have done in other countries. As per the Gender Policy issue, we have emphasized the original Gender Policy to make a point – that the version that our Cabinet approved included “**equality rights overrides religious & cultural practices**” AND ALSO THE LEGALIZING OF PROSTITUTION!! Those two areas were IMMEDIATELY retracted when we made them public (yes, we READ the document, something that our leaders DIDN’T DO!) Then they put out an AMENDED version without calling it “amended,” only to have them and people like Mr. Asa accuse us of lying, when in truth, it was the ones who didn’t identify the Policy as “amended” who were lying. And the fact that I have already corrected Asa on that point he continues to bring out, reveals who is actually lying.

Mr Editor, Asa, and the people of Belize, the present AMENDED Gender Policy is STILL PUSHING LEGALIZING PROSTITUTION on page 35!! Not to mention identifying on Page 18 “men who have sex with men” as a “special group” and “vulnerable group” needing special protection and calling for “special legal & infrastructural measures” without defining what that is!! So yes, we have a LOT of problems with the Gender Policy. And as to the

changing of the constitution, the Gender Policy is a big step forward in LGBT rights, with the introduction of the term “sexual orientation” in the list of Belize diversity categories. Once the Gender Policy morphs into Legislation, then they’ll say “Oops! This law with sexual orientation is not grounded in the Constitution! Oh dear! We need to change the Constitution!!” That, my friends, is where this is going. Regardless of the biased rantings of a married homosexual in San Francisco. This is Belize, and OUR culture. The Constitution states “The people of

Belize believe that the will of the people shall form the basis of government in a democratic society in which the government is freely elected...” If the people of Belize don’t want this, then they vote out the leaders who DO want it, and vote in the ones who will actually REPRESENT them in a democracy. San Francisco has gay representatives in Govt. – go deh strong, enjoy yourselves, and get ready for judgment day. That’s the truth...

Signed,

Scott Stirm

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Guatemalans Suspected In The Stealing Of Motorcycles

SPANISH LOOKOUT, Cayo, Wednesday, July 24, 2013:

News is today surfacing of an alleged ring of motorcycle thieves with suspected cross border origins.

In the latest incident, **Floyd Thiessen**, 22, Belizean farmer residing in Spanish Lookout reported that at around 11:00 am on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, he was at Belize Tire Depot located on Center Road in Spanish Lookout when a relative called allegedly informing him that someone had ridden off on his 2009, 450 cc Honda Motorcycle valued at ten thousand dollars which was parked inside his garage at home.

An immediate fruitless search of the Spanish Lookout area was conducted.

Based on the description of the individuals and the sequence of similar incidents, police investigators are of the opinion that the motorcycle

thieves are from across the border in Guatemala.

It is believed that the thieves arrived in the community in taxi cabs. They scout the area for vulnerable motorcycles, snatch them and beat a hasty retreat via the back road to

Calla Creek with final destination across the illegal border crossing into neighboring Peten, Guatemala.

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Lifeline Foundation receives a BZ\$2 Million from the Oak Foundation for the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit
BELIZE CITY, Tuesday, July 23, 2013:

A press release from Life Line Foundation and the office of the Special Envoy for Women and Children today informed that the founder of Life Line Foundation and the Special Envoy for Women and Children, Mrs. **Kim Simplis Barrow** is pleased to announce that the Oak Foundation has committed to donating 2 million dollars toward the construction and equipping of a new Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital.

The release additionally informed that the donation is the result of over a year of discussions and due diligence between the Oak Foundation and the Lifeline Foundation.

Half of the donation is earmarked for the construction of the new facility while the other one million dollars will go towards the procurement of equipment. The donation will allow for the works, which recently commenced on the new wing of the KHHM to move forward at a quicker pace while efforts continue to raise the remaining needed funds.

The release ends by informing that Mrs. Barrow is extremely grateful to the Oak Foundation for their

generosity and for recognizing the significance of this initiative. There is a clear need in Belize for a facility that will cater specifically to the needs of critically ill children and neonates. Mrs. Barrow continues working to give Belize's children the best possible start in life and proper health care from birth is a huge factor in achieving that objective.

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New Schedule

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FLT	TO	LV	ARR	DAYS
980	BELIZE CITY INT'L	12:45PM	1:20PM	DAILY
980	BELIZE CITY MUNI	12:45PM	1:30PM	DAILY
940	SAN PEDRO	12:45PM	1:50PM	DAILY

NEW SCHEDULE effective November 15

FROM: SAN IGNACIO / BENQUEVIEJO				
FLT	TO	LV	ARR	DAYS
920	BELIZE CITY INT'L	7:00AM	7:20AM	DAILY
920	SAN PEDRO	7:00AM	7:50AM	DAILY
501	PLACENCIA	7:15AM	7:45AM	M,W,F
980	BELIZE CITY INT'L	12:45PM	1:20PM	DAILY
980	BELIZE CITY MUNI	12:45PM	1:30PM	DAILY
940	SAN PEDRO	12:45PM	1:50PM	DAILY
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Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20

Take some of that knowledge you've gathered and processed over the past few weeks and begin to spread it around, Aries. It's time to put your communication skills to work. Your emotions are strongly tied to your actions, and things will take on a much lighter tone than they have had in the past couple of days. Take deep breaths and find a way to release your pent-up tension. **Lucky numbers: 06, 53, 95.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21

Your physical stamina is apt to be strong today, Taurus. You should consider going to the gym to release some of that pent-up energy. Engage in team sports or something that involves strategy and good coordination. Pick up a tennis racquet or join a basketball game. Your high energy will be the key to coming out on top. **Lucky numbers: 12, 57, 76.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21

Take a break from the seriousness that has prevailed over the past couple days, Gemini. Upbeat conversations are the way to navigate through today's waters. You might notice that others are more actively communicating and that words are especially effective. You talk and people listen. Do your share of listening, too. The conscious exchange of ideas is

critical on a day like this. **Lucky numbers: 48, 60, 93.**

CANCER:

June 22 to July 23

Jump back on stage and say what you have to say, Cancer. Your participation in the conversation is critical to maintaining a healthy energy flow. The things you say will have a profound effect on others, so chose your words carefully. Enjoy a physical activity that involves a group. Make it a social event. Be an active participant in all situations today. **Lucky numbers: 17, 51, 84.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

Your solid grounding may become a bit unstable today, Leo, but don't worry about it. Be a little more flexible and release your tight grip on the situation. Infuse laughter and playfulness into the picture. The exchange of ideas is critical. Get out of the house and into a social arena where you can enjoy lighthearted conversations. **Lucky numbers: 26, 59, 92.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

There's no excuse for laziness today, Virgo. Get out of bed before noon. The more active you are, the happier you will be. Come out of your cave and express your thoughts to others. Get out in the open air and

listen to what the wind has to say. Be active and flexible. There's nothing heavy about people's emotions today, so keep things light and active. **Lucky numbers: 18, 35, 82.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

Don't let things stagnate, Libra. It's time to take action. See how far rather than deep you can go in everything you do today. Cover a wide range of topics and pick up a magazine or two. Take a break from your usual emotional intensity and enjoy the sunshine and the light conversation. Keep it all energetic and upbeat. Take action when you see that things are lagging. **Lucky numbers: 03, 36, 69.**

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

You may feel like you've come into the light today, Scorpio. A weight has been lifted, but there is still a great deal of emotional drama that needs to work itself out. Go for a walk or jog this afternoon and work on increasing your lung capacity. Get your heart rate up and feel your blood pumping. The more active you are, the more you will be able to sort through your situation. **Lucky numbers: 00, 33, 89.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

Take a break from your steady climb today, Sagittarius. Look at things around you. Enjoy a night out with friends and take an active role in the conversation. See a movie or play. Do more socializing and you will be able to release some of the tension

that you might not even realize you have inside. Get the energy moving again. Take an active role and keep up with the beat. **Lucky numbers: 23, 56, 78.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

Pay attention to the news today, Capricorn, and not just the mainstream news but the offbeat, smaller publications, too. Question what you hear and read. Take an active role to increase your knowledge of the world. Take responsibility for your citizenship by keeping an eye on what's going on. Information is an important part of gaining power. **Lucky numbers: 15, 37, 70.**

AQUARIUS:

January 21 to February 19

Today is a great day to jump out of bed and get things done, Aquarius. You may feel indecisive, but don't sweat it. You don't have to make any great commitments. You will do fine jumping around from task to task. Get out into the open and say what's on your mind. Engage in some sort of physical activity that gets you breathing deeply. **Lucky numbers: 28, 50, 83.**

PISCES:

February 20 to March 21

The name of the game today is action, Pisces. The air has cleared, and it feels like a weight has been lifted off your shoulders. You might experience a sudden burst of physical energy, pushing you to get out and walk or go for a long bike ride. Enjoy the wind in your hair. Release your pent-up emotions in the open air. **Lucky numbers: 00, 33, 89.**



BELIZE TOURISM BOARD

Belize City, Belize – July 16, 2013

– Belize was named as one of the “Best Eco Vacation Spots” in the world by FlipKey, a TripAdvisor company. The list, developed based on both traveler feedback and industry research, commends Belize for its countless opportunities to experience incredible natural beauty and unique biodiversity.

With 36 percent of Belize's landmass and 13 percent of its waters enjoying protected status, the country has long been a leader in this category. From the majestic Blue Hole to the recently established Turneffe Marine Reserve, Belize delivers an authentic, unspoiled experience for both locals and travelers to enjoy.

Many others have recognized Belize for its prominence in this category, including renowned oceanographer Dr. Sylvia Earle, who says, “Thank you, Belize, for doing what you are on the land and in the sea; for taking care of the natural systems that take care of

Belize Recognized Among the Top 10 Best Eco Vacation Spots in the World by FlipKey
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us. It is priceless.”

FlipKey highlights the Best Eco Vacation Spots at www.flipkey.com/trip-ideas/eco-vacation/. In addition, the Belize Tourism Board's website also highlights Belize's 17 national parks at www.travelbelize.org/destinations/protected-areas-wilderness-travel.

About the Belize Tourism Board

The Belize Tourism Board (BTB) is a statutory body within the Belize Ministry of Tourism and Culture, and it is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Minister of Tourism and Culture. The BTB works in conjunction with members of the private sector—including the Belize Hotel Association, Belize Tourism Industry Association and Belize National Tour Operators Association—and is dedicated to building tourism in the most economically and environmentally sustainable manner. As a part of its responsibilities, the BTB promotes Belize as a

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Sand Hill Village Gets Multi Purpose Center

BELMOPAN, Friday, July 26, 2013:

A spanking new multipurpose centre is slated to be inaugurated this Sunday, July 28, in Sand Hill Village in the Belize Rural North Constituency of the Hon. **Edmund "Clear The Land" Castro**.

A release from the Social Investment Fund informs that the facility will benefit over 400 students, who prior to the project had to either travel all the way to Belize City on weekends or stay back after school to do research due to the lack of computer and internet resources in the village.

The project, implemented by the Social Investment Fund, was financed by the Government of Belize at a total cost of over three hundred thousand dollars of which over two hundred and eighty five thousand dollars came in the form of a loan from the Caribbean Development Bank while the remaining fifteen thousand dollars was contributed by the people of Sand Hill.

The project entailed the rehabilitation of the old community centre including the addition of a one room extension to serve as a kitchen. A temporary partition to facilitate mobile health clinics was also installed.

External timber doors were replaced with metal doors and all windows were replaced with storm guard metal louver windows with security grills.

The asbestos roof was replaced with a concrete slab fitted with lights and ceiling fans. The electrical and plumbing systems were redone. New fixtures were installed while floor and wall tiles were also installed to the male and female bathrooms with access from the inside of the building.

The renovated facility will also house a library, equipped with internet services and a wide assortment of reference books. Members of the community will be identified and trained by the Belize National Library Service and Information Systems (BNLSIS) to serve as volunteer librarians.

Also as part of the project, study desks and chairs for both children and adults, bookshelves as well as six computers with software and

accessories, a printer and a photocopier will be provided. A stove and a refrigerator will also be supplied so that women in the village can make optimum use of the centre.

Prior to the project, there was no library in the village and the students attending school in Belize City had to stay back after school hours to use the Leo Bradley or Thurton Libraries both of which close at 7:00 pm. Students, therefore, had limited time to do research since they had to catch the bus to return home. With the

multipurpose centre the situation will change for these students.

Sand Hill is located on the Philip Goldson Highway approximately 14 miles northwest of Belize City. It runs from the Burrel Boom junction with the Philip Goldson Highway at mile 14 up to mile 22. The village was established during the heyday of the logwood and mahogany industries in the later part of the 19th century due to its proximity to the Belize River. However, with the downfall of these industries residents now commute to

Belize City, Ladyville and Orange Walk to work. The village has approximately 1,800 inhabitants.

Minister of National Security, Hon. **John Saldivar**, is scheduled to deliver the keynote address on Sunday. An address is also scheduled to be delivered by the Area Representative Hon. **Edmond Castro**, Minister of State in the Ministry of Works and Transport.

Other speeches will be delivered by officials from the Social Investment Fund, the Sand Hill Village Council and the Belize National Library Service and Information Systems.

Suspected Bovine Rabies Reported In Toledo

BELMOPAN, Thursday July 25th, 2013:

The Ministry of Health (MOH) is hereby notifying the public that a suspected case of bovine rabies (rabies in cow) was reported on July 24, 2013 by Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA) in the New Road Area of the Toledo District.

The MOH and BAHA have been engaged in the investigation and treatment of eight exposed persons as part of a proactive response pending confirmation of laboratory result on the sample.

While there is no confirmed case as yet, the public is reminded that periodic cases are seen in the country alluding to active circulation of the rabies virus between the wild, livestock and domestic animals.

Officials with the Ministry of Health and BAHA will continue to monitor the situation and are encouraging residents to report any animals that are showing sign of rabies which includes tiredness, fever, vomiting and anorexia, weakness, paralysis, seizures, difficulty breathing, difficulty swallowing, excessive salivation, abnormal behavior, aggression, and/or self-mutilation.

The general public is asked to take the following measure as a precaution against the transmission of rabies:

1. Keep domestic animals, such as dogs and cats, under control;
2. Vaccinate dogs and cats against rabies;
3. Avoid contact with wild animals, particularly foxes, wolves and bats;
4. Report any sightings of strange-

acting wild or domestic animals to the MOH, BAHA or veterinarians in your area;

5. Immediately wash with soap any bites or other areas of contact with potentially rabid animals; and,

6. Immediately go to a health clinic or emergency department for treatment of any animal bites.

Any contact with potentially

rabid animals should be reported immediately to public health officials.

This is a Health and Wellness Message from your Ministry of Health.

For more information please contact Mr. John Bodden, Principal Public Health Inspector at the Ministry of Health at telephone number 822-0809.

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Readers Write

Dear Editor;

I read with much interest, the editorial in last week's edition of the STAR Newspaper captioned "Our Community Yearns For Competent Human Services". While reading the article I realized how it touched my family personally. One of the those individuals who was yearning for help was Trevor, the son of a friend. Trevor ventured down the wrong path from a young age. His mother, a single parent, was in need,

constantly begging for assistance to curb the behavior of her child and although the local human services were aware of the situation, they just let it deteriorate.

Today Trevor is in jail and even in jail his troubles continue as he was recently busted with weed inside the prison. He might unfortunately be considered as a lost case but there are other young boys who are on the same path that Trevor first started on. I am hoping that Human Services will

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premier tourism destination to both in-country and international consumers. Among its outreach to the international travel market, the BTB markets the country's unique attractions to travelers, members of the travel trade industry and media outlets in key markets.

The BTB is also dedicated to developing and implementing tourism programs that will help strengthen and grow the Belizean tourism industry;

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take heed and rescue these at risk boys.

It is high time for the continued employment, at least in human services, of these public officers to be hinged on what happens to

these young boys under their care as it is only in so doing that they might take due interest in the these children.

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Admitted Drunk Driver

Jim's car is swerving all over the road so a policeman pulls him over, *"Step out of the car"* says the cop, *"I am going to need you to take a breathalyzer test."*

"I can't", Jim responds *"You see I have very bad asthma, that can set off an attack."*

"Alright," says the cop, *"then you're going to have to take a blood test."*

"Can't do that either," Jim responds, *"I am a hemophiliac, if a wound is opened, I won't stop*

bleeding, and I could bleed to death."

"Ok," the cop answers *"then I will need a urine sample."*

"Sorry," says Jim *"I also have diabetes, that could push my sugar count really low."*

"Fine, so just come out, and walk a straight line for me."

"Can't do that either" responds Jim.

"Why not?" Demanded the exasperated cop.

"Because I'm drunk!" .

"Jesus" Is Watching You

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables, and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying, **"Jesus is watching you."**

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight out, and froze. When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head, promised himself a vacation after the next big score, then clicked the light on and

Three Brothers

An man walks into a bar. The bartender asks him, *"what'll you have?"*

The man says, **"Give me three pints of Guinness please."**

So the bartender brings him three pints and the man proceeds to alternately sip one, then the other, then the third until they're gone. He then orders three more.

The bartender says, *"Sir, I know you like them cold. You don't have to order three at a time. I can keep an eye on it and when you get low I'll bring you a fresh cold one."*

The man says, **"You don't understand. I have two brothers, one in Australia and one in the States. We made a vow to each other that every Saturday night we'd still drink together. So right now, my brothers have three Guinness Stouts too, and we're drinking together."**

The bartender thought that was a wonderful tradition.

Every week the man came in and ordered three beers. Then one week he came in and ordered only two. He drank them and then ordered two more.

The bartender said to him, *"I know what your tradition is, and I'd just like to say that I'm sorry that one of your brothers died."*

The man said, **"Oh, my brothers are fine----I just quit drinking."**

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beam came to rest on a parrot.

"Did you say that?" He hissed at the parrot.

"Yep," the parrot confessed, then squawked, **"I'm just trying to warn you."**

The burglar relaxed. *"Warn me,*

huh? Who in the world are you?"

"Moses," replied the bird.

"Moses?" the burglar laughed.

"What kind of people would name a bird Moses."

"The kind of people that would name a rottweiler Jesus."



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Belizeans In The United States Form A New Group To Address Dual Citizenship Rights



By: Wellington C. Ramos

When Belize became independent on September the 21st 1981, Belizeans who were born in Belize and became citizens of the United States and other countries automatically lost their Belizean citizenships. While, people who were not born in Belize that obtained Belizean citizenship through; descent, marriage to a Belizean citizen naturalization etc. retained the citizenships of their natural born country and Belizean citizenship with all the rights, privileges and to run for office including becoming the Prime Minister of Belize.

In 1984 when the United Democratic Party became the government of Belize for the first time, they introduced a Bill to give back Belizeans who were born in Belize their citizenships and also recognize the citizenships they possess from their second country. However, despite the passing of this Bill which became law, there were contradictions with the constitution, newly passed legislation, the Election and Boundaries Laws and the People's Representation Ordinance with qualifications to run for office.

Under Belize's current constitution it is unlawful for the government of Belize to grant citizenship status to Guatemalans because their country has not recognized Belize's; territorial integrity, sovereignty, independence and their country still claim Belize up to this day. Plus, Guatemalans who obtain Belizean

citizenships are granted all the rights of full citizenship which includes; land, lots, housing, farm land, the right to vote, to run for political office including becoming the Prime Minister of Belize. Under Guatemalan laws their citizens cannot renounce their citizenships when they become citizens of another country. Also, I am not aware of any law in Belize where Belizeans can renounce their citizenship as well if they were born in Belize.

Also children born in the United States and other countries who have a Belizean parent or parents, married to a Belizean citizen and obtained Belizean citizenship through all the means specified in the Belize Constitution. Belizeans who currently possess dual citizenships with the United States and other countries only are given the right to apply for a Belizean passport and nothing else. The price they pay for their passports in the United States is more expensive than what the Belizeans pay who are living in Belize. They also have to wait longer before their passports are being returned to them.

In 2009 the current Prime Minister of Belize the Right Honorable **Dean Barrow** proposed Article-7 Amendment to give Belizeans who possess Dual Citizenships the right to run for political office without renouncing the citizenship of their second country. The day when he was supposed to table this amendment, he decided at the last minute to withdraw it but pledged that he was going to re-introduce it later on up the road. Many supporters of this amendment were shocked when he decided to withdraw this amendment because his political party had a 25-6 majority in the Belize House of Representatives enough to pass it and make it law.

The name of this new group is; **BELIZEANS UNITED FOR**

BELIZEANS' CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS (B.U.B.C.R.), is comprised of Belizeans in all the major cities in the United States, other countries throughout the world and Belize their country of birth. This group's main goal is to lobby the opposition political parties, the Belizean people at home and abroad and the Government of Belize to re-introduce the Article-7 Amendment Sections 4 and 5 to grant Belizeans with Dual Citizenships the right to run for office and to ensure that full citizenship rights are granted to all Belizean

citizens despite the fact that they possess Dual Citizenships with the United States and other countries and live abroad. These Belizeans see this as a move that will further lead to the social, economic and political development of our country. This organization welcomes all Belizeans despite their; race, color, class, creed, sex, religion, economic status, veteran status, political party affiliation and country of natural born origin. Members of this group have pledged to do whatever they can to make sure that the amendment is re-introduced and that the government of Belize enforces and implements a diaspora program which will benefit all the Belizeans who possess dual citizenships.

BURNS

Contributed by: Ernestine Patnett

A young man sprinkling his lawn and bushes with pesticides wanted to check the contents of the barrel to see how much pesticide remained in it.

He raised the cover and lit his lighter; the vapors ignited and engulfed him. He jumped from his truck, screaming.

His neighbor came out of her house with a dozen eggs and a bowl yelling: **"bring me some more eggs!"**

She broke them, separating the whites from the yolks.

The neighbor woman helped her to apply the whites onto the young man's face.

When the ambulance arrived and the EMTs saw the young man, they asked who had done this.

Everyone pointed to the lady in charge.

They congratulated her and said: **"You have saved his face."**

By the end of the summer, the young man brought the lady a bouquet of roses to thank her.

His face was like a baby's skin.

Keep in mind this treatment of burns is being included in teaching beginner fireman. First Aid consists of first spraying cold water on the affected area until the heat is reduced which stops the continued burning of all layers of the skin. Then, spread the egg whites onto the affected area.

One woman burned a large part of her hand with boiling water. In spite of the pain, she ran cold faucet water on her hand, separated 2 egg whites from the yolks, beat them slightly and dipped her hand in the solution. The whites then dried and formed a protective layer.

She later learned that the egg white is a natural collagen and continued during at least one hour to apply layer upon layer of beaten egg white. By afternoon she no longer felt any pain and the next day there was hardly a trace of the burn. 10 days later, no trace was left at all and her skin had regained its normal color. The burned area was totally regenerated thanks to the collagen in the egg whites, a placenta full of vitamins.

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