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Seven Years For Fernando Crawford

SANIGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, June 4, 2014:

The trial of **Fernando Crawford** ended abruptly today with the imposition of a seven year jail sentence.

The case against Crawford began almost 6 months ago on November 14, 2013 when **Maria Pedro**, a 23 year old Guatemalan housewife residing in Esperanza Village, reported that at around 3 o'clock that Thursday evening she was on the farm road heading home carrying a sling bag as well as a black plastic shopping bag containing food items and with her child in her arms, when she was attacked.

The victim told the police that as she was walking home when she suddenly felt a sharp object to the right side of her neck. She spun around and came face to face with a masked man armed with a six inch knife held by its wooden handle in his right hand.

The brave woman reached out for the attacker's face and succeeded to unmask him. She

immediately recognized the assailant as a fellow villager, Fernando Crawford, also known a **Chi-Chi-Ring**. The now unmasked man reportedly regained his posture and again placed the knife to the woman's neck demanding that she hand over the bag. He reportedly grabbed the floral cloth bag she had slung on her shoulder as well as the black plastic shopping bag she carried in her left hand. As he was walking away she told him that she will report the incident to the police. He reportedly threatened to kill her and her husband if ever she reported the matter.

He reportedly disappeared into nearby bushes making off with her 10 dollar wallet containing 10 dollars in cash, five tamales valued at five dollars as well as

five dollars worth of pills, one dollar worth of bananas, her 10 dollar Guatemalan Cedula and her 100 dollar black cellular telephone and its 10 dollar charger all of which were inside the cloth floral sling bag as well as 20 dollars worth of food items she had in the black shopping bag, all for a total of 171 dollars.

She told the police that she has known Crawford since she began living on the farm, with her husband, over 2 years ago. She informed that she sees him regularly in the village and that he resides on the road leading to the farm.

A team of policemen stormed Crawford residence later that day. He was found inside the house but none of the reported stolen was found therein. The 32

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Roni Banos Promotes Latest CD

SANTAELENA TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, June 5, 2014
BY: Roni Banos

Belizean Urban Artists takes pride in announcing the release of their latest musical album **"KOB Gold Edition"** produced by Engineer and Composer **Josh The Code**, under RVM Records label

The album will premiere in about a month's time featuring Josh the Code along with **Roni B**, **T-Romeo del Sentimeinto**, **Cholin el Pirate**, **El Toro Ferros** and **Blondy D Melody**.

Also debuting in this project are new artists like **Alex**, **Brian** and **Frequency 3**.

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Crime Rate In The Community Is Down

The crime rate in a community is said to be proportionate with level of employment within that community. The higher the rate of unemployment; the higher the rate of crime and vice versa.

This view is holding true within San Ignacio, Santa Elena and surrounding communities given that San Ignacio Police, for the past several weeks, has been reporting a drastic reduction in major crimes within the community. The reduction in crime has been confirmed by court officials.

It used to be, in the not so distant past, when the San Ignacio Town's courtroom was routinely packed to capacity on Monday mornings for the hearing of "new" matters being those committed over the weekend between Friday night and Monday morning.

The reduction in the weekly introduction of "new" matters in the local judicial system has resulted in the court having more time now to dispense with "old" matters as the presiding magistrate continues to be firm but fair in the sentencing of those convicted of the crimes for

which they are accused to have committed.

The various public infrastructural works, as well as private construction, taking place within the community has provided quite a large number of jobs for the employable male workforce in the community.

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Representative, **Hon. Rene Montero**, who continues to coordinate the employment activity ensuring that the jobs go to Belizean workers and not to an imported workforce especially our neighbors further west of our border.

The positive impact on crime occasioned by increased

employment in the community was echoed by a young man a few days ago while he was socializing with friends, across the street. He was overheard telling his friends: *"I will not get into any trouble, because if I get in trouble with the law, I will lose my job and I do not want to lose my job"*.

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Thank You For Your Patience

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Friday, May 6, 2014:

The San Ignacio/Santa Elena Town Council takes this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to the residents of San Ignacio, Santa Elena and surrounding communities as well as to the many visitors at home and abroad, for their patience exercised as the project for the total transformation of the upper section of Burns Avenue is underway.

We especially express special appreciation to members of the business community along both sides of the affected area for working with us and for understanding the need for the realization of the project.

As we seek to update you on the progress of the project, please be informed that the water company has completed the necessary upgrading of its underground assets in the area resulting in the much improved delivery of water. The telephone company is winding up its works in the area while the contractors are working in the construction of improved sidewalks.

As soon as the sidewalks are completed, works will immediately begin on the concreting of the carriage way. On its completion, the project will drastically enhance the

social environment while increasing the value of property in the area. Like the Cayo Welcome Center project, this new project, when completed, will make us all proud.

We take this opportunity to likewise inform you of plans for the total transformation of all that area around the Columbus Park, in front of the police station, right up to the foot of the Hawksworth Bridge in San Ignacio.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to improve our community and our living conditions.



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Two Boys Facing An Attempt Robbery Charge

SAN IGNIGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Sunday, June 4, 2014:

The actions of another brave woman today resulted in a foiled robbery.

Responding to a reported robbery in progress, a team of policemen rushed to Miriam's

Store in the Santiago Juan Layout area of San Ignacio Town at around 10:30 am on Sunday, June 4.

Upon arrival on the scene police interviewed the store owner who reported that she was inside the kitchen when she heard

her daughter-in-law screaming from inside the shop. When she rushed to the scene she saw a bare faced male person of dark complexion with half of his body through a burglar barred window inside the store with the cash pan in his hand.

The brave woman reportedly hit the person with her hand causing him to drop the loot. She also saw a second male person also of dark complexion and unmasked, standing inside the shop with what appeared to be a black short gun

in his hand. He reportedly pointed the object at her demanding that she hand over the money. She reported shouted for her daughter to "*bring the gun*". Upon hearing this, the intruder reportedly ran out the store, teaming up with the accomplice and they both disappeared down the street.

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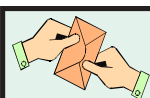
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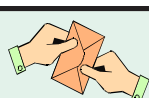
House Meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be informed that the House of Representatives meets at the National Assembly Building in Belmopan on Friday, June 14, 2014. The meeting begins as usual at 10:00 am.



Readers Write



Cayo Safety Day

The Cayo Neighborhood Watch Association is sponsoring a '**SAFETY DAY**' to bring individual and community awareness to crime prevention, provide resources for help with individuals with domestic abuse problems, address what to do in the event of a natural disaster, and inform the community about the Neighborhood Watch Program. There will also be self-defense karate demonstrations, dance performances, music and speakers.

The day will begin with a citizen parade starting at 9:00 am from the San Ignacio Police Station and will end at the Cayo Welcome Center by 10:00 am.

Olympic Day Solidarity Championships

Dear Readers,

In commemoration with the celebration of the International Olympic Day, the Belize Karate Federation hereby invites all karate clubs to participate in the Olympic Day Solidarity National Karate Championships, to be held at the Sacred Heart College Auditorium, San Ignacio, on June, 21, 2014, commencing at 9 am.

Invitation is also extended to all karate athletes to participate in the Olympic Day Run to be held in front of Brodie's, Regent Street, Belize City, on the

There will be booths from vendors of safety-related businesses, NEMO, Mary Open Doors, first aid demonstrations and more.

Help keep Cayo safe, bring your family and friends or stop by while visiting the Saturday Market. Enjoy a snack and beverage while you browse the tent for safety tips and are entertained by the performers and music on stage.

Neighborhood Watch volunteers will be on hand to discuss how you can make your neighborhood safer. To learn more about Neighborhood Watch come to the Safety Day or visit CNWA on Facebook.

following day, June 22, 2014, commencing at 6:30 am. Clubs can submit their list of athletes who intends to participate by June 13, 2014 to the president of the Belize Karate Federation, so that arrangements be made for you to receive a complimentary t-shirt from the National Olympic Committee.

Please be free to contact Herman Pastor Jr, 678-1158, for any additional information that may be required.

Herman Pastor Jr.
President BKF

Sharing Two Incidents

Dear Editor;

I was at the police station in San Ignacio this Thursday afternoon where I saw two incidents which, as a concern citizen, I must bring to the public's attention.

In the first incident three male students from St. Ignatius High School visited the station accompanied by one of the boy's father. They reported to the police that they were on their way home from school when one of them was assaulted by a boy whom they recognized as residing in the Hot Point Area of Santa Elena Town. In the incident the student was punched in the face resulting in a swelling on the face and a wound inside the mouth.

The police issued the father with a medical form and he took his son to the hospital for medical attention.

These boys did the right thing. They did not retaliate but instead

first reported the matter to the father who accompanied them to the police station to make the report.

Commendable move on the part of these three boys as a retaliation could have compounded the incident. It therefore seems that either their parents and or the teachers at St. Ignatius High School are guiding them in right path.

These boys reported the matter to the police with intent for justice to be served. I am hoping that the police will take swift action on the report and not just disregard it; as doing so, will send the wrong message to these young students. Who, in the absence of due justice, will lose faith in the police which could very well lead them to retaliate in the event something like this would ever happening again.

In the second incident, a mother, from her appearance a

humble woman at that, from Esperanza Village visited the station with a change of clothes for her son in police lock up. The policeman sitting behind the desk blankly refused to take the clothes from the mother and instead instructed her to return tomorrow morning at 5:30 at which time she can get the clothes to her son.

I might be mistaken, but I find it extremely hard to comprehend this kind of treatment towards a fellow human being. What on earth would it have taken for that policeman to take the clothes from the mother and have it passed on to her son at 5:30 the following morning?

This obviously poor mother, caring for her son in police custody, does not have personal transportation. Imagine the inconvenience it will cause this poor mother to again make the journey again from Esperanza Village to San Ignacio at such early hours in the morning. What

if she has other children to get ready for school or a husband for whom she must prepare lunch to go to work?

I might be over reacting here but I just cannot understand the total lack of compassion and understanding on the part of this policeman for a fellow human being. If this is the policy of the department then I ask for it to be reconsidered.

Please, for God's Sake, as a people let us seek to show, at the very least, a little bit of understanding, care and compassion towards fellow human beings. Let us bear in mind always that what goes around will eventually come around no matter how long it takes, it WILL come around. Remember always that when we do good, good befalls us. Similarity, when we do bad, bad follows us and when bad comes our way we call it bad luck.

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The Curious Child

A child asked his father, "*How were people born?*"

So his father said, "*Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on.*"

The child then went to his mother, asked her the same

question and she told him, "*We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now.*"

The child ran back to his father and said, "*You lied to me!*"

His father replied, "*No, your mom was talking about her side of the family.*"

The Burglar

Late one night a burglar broke into a house and while he was sneaking around he heard a voice say, "*Jesús is watching you.*"

He looked around and saw nothing. He kept on creeping and again heard, "*Jesús is watching you.*"

In a dark corner, he saw a cage with a parrot inside. The burglar asked the parrot, "*Was it you*

who said Jesús is watching me?"

The parrot replied, "*Yes.*" Relieved, the burglar asked, "*What is your name?*"

The parrot said, "*Clarence.*"

The burglar said, "*That's a stupid name for a parrot. What idiot named you Clarence?*"

The parrot answered, "*The same idiot that named the rottweiler Jesús.*"

The Basketball Fanatic

It's game 7 of the NBA finals and a man makes his way to his seat at center court. He sits down and notices that the seat next to him is empty. He leans over and asks his neighbor if someone is

sitting there.

He responds, "*No, the seat's empty.*"

The first man exclaims, "*What!?! Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the NBA finals and not use it?*"

The neighbor responds, "*Well the seat is mine, but my wife passed away and this is the first NBA finals we haven't been together.*"

The first man responds, "I'm sorry to hear that. Wasn't there anyone else, a friend or relative, that could've taken that seat?"

The neighbor responds, "*No, they're all at the funeral.*"

Bloated Contract

Three contractors are bidding to build a fence for Government. One is from Dangriga, another is from Orange Walk, and the third is from Belize City. All three go with the official to the job site.

The Dangriga contractor gets out a tape and takes some measurements, then works some figures with a pencil.

"Well," he says, "*This job will run about \$900. \$400 for materials, \$400 for my crew, and \$100 profit for me.*"

The Orange Walk contractor also does the some measuring and figuring, then says,

"*I can do this job for \$700.*"

\$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew, and \$100 profit for me."

The Belize City contractor does not measure nor figure, but leans over to the official and whispers, "*\$2,700.*"

The official, incredulous, says, "*You didn't even measure like the other guys! How did you come up with such a high figure?*"

The Belize City contractor whispers back, "*\$1000 for me, \$1000 for you, and we hire the guy from Orange Walk.*"

"Done!" replies the official. And that, my friends, is how the opposition did it!

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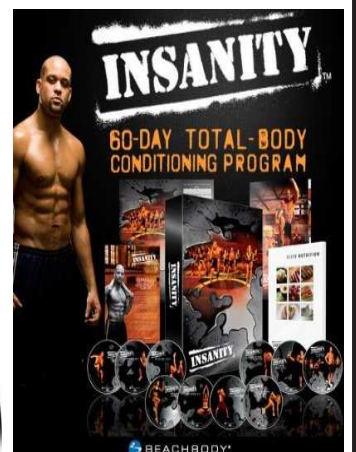
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TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease that is caused by a bacterium called *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.

TB primarily affects the lungs, but it can also affect organs in the central nervous system, lymphatic system, and circulatory system among others.

This Medical News Today information article provides details on what tuberculosis is, the causes of tuberculosis, its symptoms, how the disease is diagnosed, who gets TB, potential treatment options, and how TB can be prevented.

What is tuberculosis?

The disease was called "*consumption*" in the past because of the way it would consume infected people from within.

When a person becomes infected with TB, the bacteria in the lungs multiply causing pneumonia; the patient experiences chest pain and has a persistent cough which often brings up blood.

In addition, lymph nodes near the heart and lungs become enlarged. As the bacteria try to spread to other parts of the body they are interrupted by the body's immune system.

The immune system forms scar tissue or fibrosis around the bacterium, which helps fight the infection and prevents it from spreading within the body and to other people.

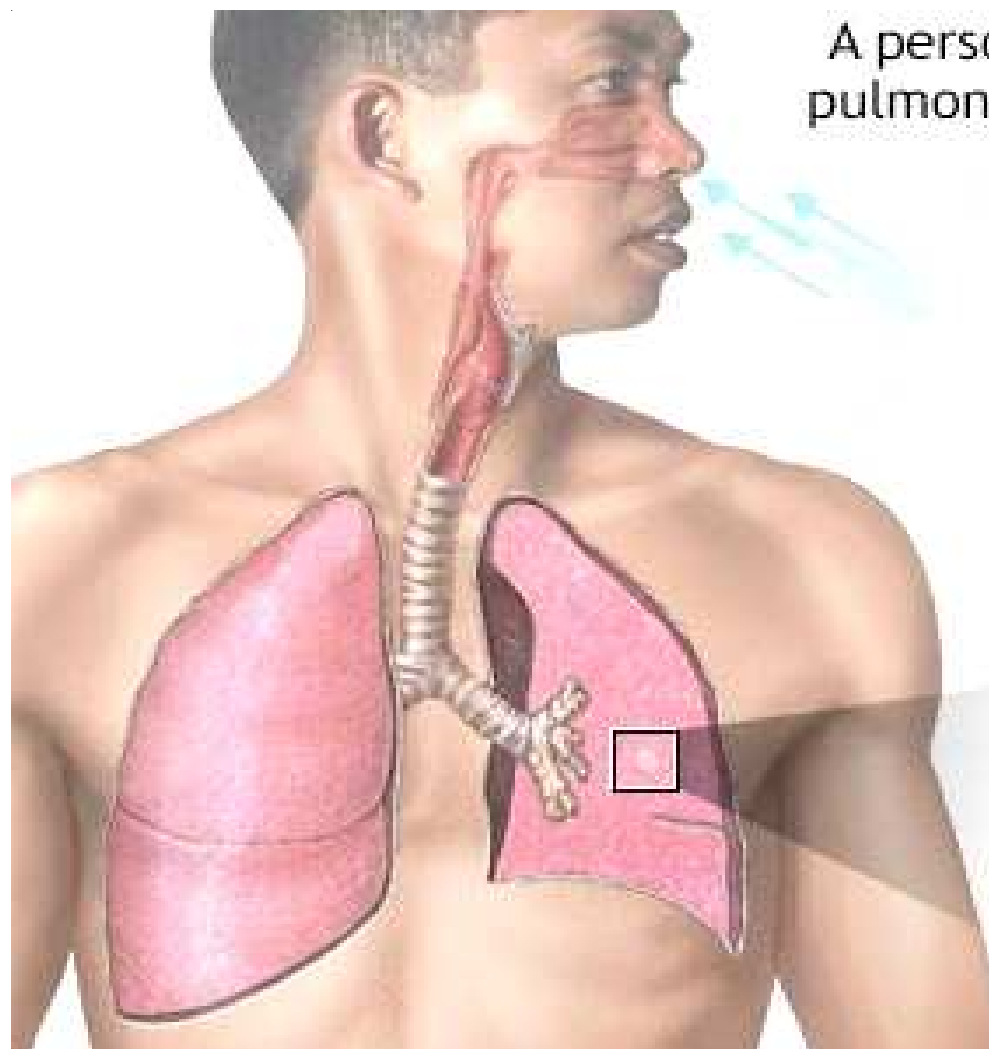
If the bacteria manage to break through the scar tissue the disease returns to an active state; pneumonia develops and there is damage to kidneys, bones, and the meninges that line the spinal cord and brain.

TB is generally classified as being either latent or active.

Latent TB - the bacteria are inactive but present in the body. The patient has no symptoms and is not contagious.

Active TB - the bacteria are active and make the patient ill. Active TB is contagious.

TB is a major cause of illness and death worldwide, especially in Africa and Asia. Each year the disease kills almost 2 million people. The disease is also prevalent among people with HIV/AIDS.



A person may contract pulmonary tuberculosis from inhaling infected droplets from a cough or sneeze by an infected person

Granuloma in lung tissue

What causes tuberculosis?

Tuberculosis is ultimately caused by the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, a bacterium that is spread from person to person through airborne particles. Inhaling infected particles does not necessarily mean that a person becomes infected.

One of three things may happen when *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* enters the human body:

1. The bacterium is destroyed because the body has a strong immune system.
2. The bacterium enters the body and remains as latent TB infection. The patient has no symptoms and cannot transmit it to other people.
3. The patient becomes ill with TB.

What are the signs symptoms of tuberculosis?

Most people who become infected with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* do not present symptoms of the disease.

However, when symptoms are present, they include:

- * unexplained weight loss
- * fatigue
- * shortness of breath
- * fever
- * night sweats
- * chills
- * loss of appetite.

Symptoms specific to the lungs include:

- * coughing that lasts for 3 or more weeks
- * coughing up blood
- * chest pain
- * painful breathing
- * pain when coughing.

How can tuberculosis be prevented?

The BCG vaccine is used in several parts of the world where TB is common. It usually protects children and infants from the disease, but its effects wear off when the patient reaches adulthood.

Better methods of preventing tuberculosis or TB relapses include eating a healthful diet that boosts the immune system, having regular TB tests if you work or live in a high risk environment, and completing a

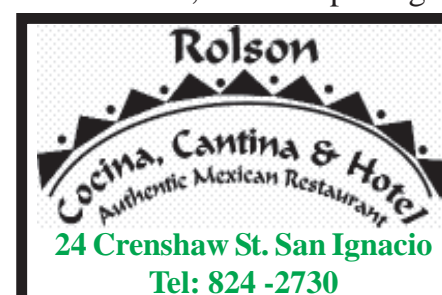
TB medication regimen.

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New UDP Standard Bearer For Cayo Northeast

SANIGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, June 5, 2014

The United Democratic Party (UDP) will be holding an interparty convention for the Election of a new Standard Bearer to represent the party in the Cayo Northeast Constituency.

The three candidates seeking election are the current Mayor of San Ignacio/Santa Elena, **John Francis August Jr.**, **Eduardo Juan** and **Anthony McNab** both businessmen residing in San Ignacio Town.

Voters from the Moraton area of San Ignacio Town along with those from the villages of Esperanza, Santa Familia, Duck Run I, II and III as well as those from the communities of Branch Mouth, Billy White, Spanish Lookout and Los Tambos, will



John Francis August



Eduardo Juan



Anthony McNab

be converge on the campus at Sacred Heart High School and Junior College on Sunday, June 8, 2014 to vote for the candidate of their choice. Voting begins at 10:00 am and closes at 5:00 pm.

Immediately after the announcement of the results, the victorious candidate will be

sworn in as the party's New Standard Bearer replacing the current Area Representative, **Hon Elvin Penner**, who was sacked from the party last year amidst an allegation of impropriety in facilitating the issuance of a passport to a Taiwanese Businessman who, at the material time, was in

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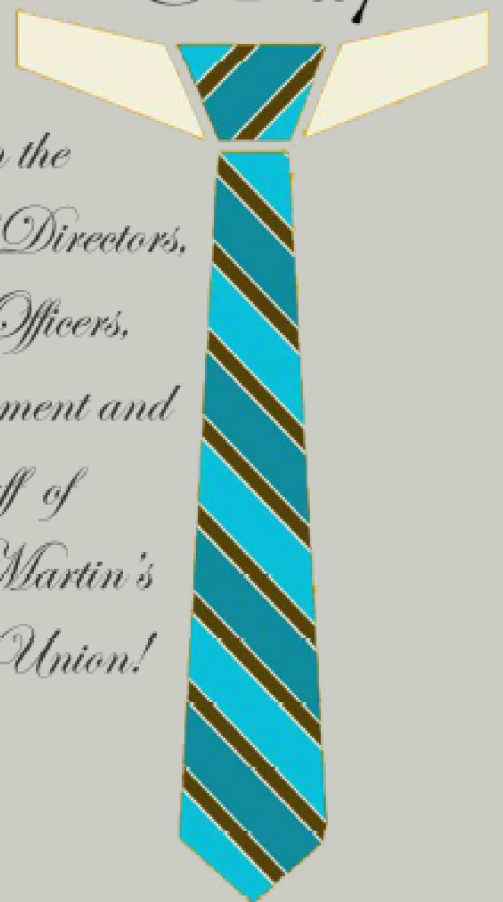
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NOTICE OF CLOSURE: We will be **CLOSED** on **Wednesday 11 June 2014** for a Strategic Planning Meeting.

Rotary Club Of San Ignacio

Rotary Club of San Ignacio held the graduation dinner for the 2014 Graduating Rotary Scholarship Students at CET (Center for Employment Training) on May 29th. This ceremony was Webcasted on Patrick Jones Website (www.westvision.bz), and watched by many people in Belize and North America.

Students were joined by their parents or guardians for this event, members of Rotary and Rotoract Club of San Ignacio and sponsors from Canada. Master of Ceremony, Patrick Jones, spoke about his life and the perseverance that kept him on track to his goal.

Each students were presented with a Rotary plaque and spoke about, *"what the scholarship meant to them"* and thanked the sponsors.

Graduating Scholarship



Rosalba Landero Honored by Paulita Figueroa

students are:

Raymond Requena, Danika Valerio, and Jeneve Young from Eden High School

Johana Rodriguez from

Sacred Heart High School

Rosalba Landero and Isabel Simpson from St. Ignatius High School.

Paulita Figueroa, daughter

of **Paulita Bedran**, presented the Paulita Bedran Memorial Scholarship for Tertiary Education to Rosalba Landero. Her grades was 4.0 GPA for the 4 years at St. Ignatius High School. This is the 2nd year we honored a Rotary Scholar with the highest GPA for all 4 years of High School with Paulita Bedran Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is for 2 year Associate Degree at College or University of her choice. This is the start of her dream of becoming a Medical Examiner.

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The **BELIZE Natural Energy Charitable Trust** is seeking the services of a suitably qualified and competent person for the post of **General Manager**.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The General Manager reports to the Board of Trustees and, as the Chief Executive Officer, will be responsible for the growth and sustainability of the Trust, and maintains general executive operational oversight.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The successful applicant must possess:

- a) The necessary qualifications, competence and experience to fundraise and grow the Trust as well as provide general executive operational oversight;
- b) Demonstrated success in developing and implementing strategies for fund growth and sustainability;
- c) Experience with the use of social media for marketing and fund sourcing;
- d) Minimum of five (5) years' experience at the senior executive management level in a development organization or non-profit entity, AND at least a Bachelor's Degree in either Business Administration/Financial Management;
- e) Ability to lead multiple long-term and short-term projects including prioritizing, planning, implementing and meeting deadlines;
- f) Interpersonal, negotiating & networking skills;
- g) The ability to motivate and interact with staff, government, non-governmental agencies and other external counterparts;
- h) The ability to organize and build consensus.

SALARY:

An attractive salary, commensurate with qualifications and experience, is being offered.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Letters of Application are to be addressed to:

**The Chairman
BELIZE Natural Energy Charitable Trust
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Cayo District**

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

- a) Proof of educational qualification (*copy of certificate of highest educational qualification to be attached to Letter of Application*);
- b) Proof of work experience along with two letters of reference, one of which should be from a most recent employer (*to be attached to the Letter of Application*);
- c) Recent police record where the applicant has continuously resided over the last five years (*with the option to be presented at the time of interview*);
- d) Copy of a valid Belizean driver's license

CLOSING DATE & TIME:

The closing date and time for the receipt of applications is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 30th, 2014.

Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20

Money news has uplifting potential and business affairs seem to be in a good place. However, it helps to research your options on Wednesday, when you could miss the best deal or misread someone's signals. As Mercury rewinds from Saturday, the coming weeks could be ripe for electronic malfunctions and unexpected setbacks on the home front. However, it's just as likely that you can resolve an issue that's been ongoing for some time. There's the potential for a lucrative deal to show up on Sunday. **Lucky numbers: 04, 19, 65.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21

Though your energy level may waver, it seems your goals are on target this week, helping you to accomplish many things. Along with this, there could be news that lifts your spirits, as a positive blend of energies hints at a small windfall. Despite Mercury's retrograde, you can achieve a lot and you won't have to go far from your neighborhood to do so. Passion may be aroused on Sunday. An intense influence could encourage you to share your feelings and take things to a more committed level. **Lucky numbers: 23, 38, 53.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21

Sensual feelings make you eager to please others, particularly as a partner's support may be important this week. Meanwhile, as Mercury regresses in your personal financial sector, this may be a sign that it's time to review your options. Consider consolidating and reorganizing debts to avoid stress and increase earning potential. Later in the week you may find that misdirected energy could upset a friendship. Exchange words of encouragement and peace instead. If you're feeling generous, treat someone special to a lovely dinner. **Lucky numbers: 13, 29, 85.**

CANCER

June 21 to July 21

A new project may get the stamp of success, as early news concerning it

seems encouraging and promising. If you have a new idea to sell, now is the time to promote it, as positive influences hint that friends and key people in your life may be willing to support you. Concerning matters on the home front, you may feel like hiding your feelings, particularly if personal matters are dragging you down. However, with a heart-to-heart discussion, much of this could be resolved sooner rather than later. **Lucky numbers: 01, 33, 59.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

You may have an intuitive hunch regarding a business idea, but don't rush to complete it before checking the details. Another reason to delay signing deals or contracts is Mercury retrograde, which could coincide with delays and confusion. If holding back isn't possible, be prepared for changes. However, these could work in your favor. Later, a romantic opportunity may show up in the professional or work realm. This could be a passionate interaction, so be sure you want to proceed before you make a first move. **Lucky numbers: 25, 61, 98.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

Sociable options show up this week, with a chance you may connect with folks from the past. You might be tempted to organise a reunion with college friends or even an ex if you feel strongly enough about them. Career matters look promising so long as you're willing to take action and prioritize your goals. Interacting with the right people, networking, and being willing to research new ideas can all aid the successful outcome of your plans. Meanwhile, the weekend highlights passion and intense feelings. **Lucky numbers: 10, 44, 78.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

You could read too much into something this week, especially if it seems to promise more than is actually there. Take your time before making a decision, especially if you're about to spend a lot of money. Friday encourages social options with a chance of an exciting meeting. Some-

one may impress you enough for you to want to know more. Mercury rewinds in your career zone, so you could experience one or two setbacks to a chosen goal. But biding your time could be beneficial at this stage. **Lucky numbers: 16, 49, 83.**

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

A secret could unravel this week, but only if you want it to. You may think that by sharing your problem you not only have a better chance to resolve it but might also feel less burdened. Chatting with a trusted pal might bring relief as well as give you the confidence to share in other ways. Feelings may run deep where relationships are concerned, as a powerful lineup enhances the passion and commitment in a relationship. Whether this is romantic or business oriented, the interaction could be productive. **Lucky numbers: 42, 68, 73.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

Relationships show extra sparkle, with the potential for an exciting love adventure showing up. If things have been a bit dull in this department, you might want to sprinkle a little stardust and head out for some great entertainment. Starting Saturday, Mercury regresses in Cancer, which is your sector of shared resources. You might be better off delaying a loan or mortgage application. Wait until this phase has finished. If you don't have any leeway, expect a few delays and perhaps a change of plan. **Lucky numbers: 12, 56, 93.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

Be careful of mixed signals, both on

Wednesday and from Saturday, when Mercury goes retrograde. Business or romantic relationships could be couched in mystery or mired in confusion. Be sure you know what you're getting into before you commit to anything. But passion can flourish so long as you take things one step at a time. Meanwhile, a focus on lifestyle can be useful for sorting out your priorities regarding health and work issues. Knowing what you want could be crucial to success. **Lucky numbers: 27, 76, 95.**

AQUARIUS:

January 20 to February 18

With Mars now forging ahead in your travel and adventure sector, thoughts of faraway places and exotic climes may fill your head. However, you might want to consider a journey of the mind as you explore a new subject, learn a skill, or earn a qualification. Anything that expands your horizons can bring bigger opportunities down the line. Mercury rewinds in your lifestyle sector, so check that your antivirus software is up to date and keep an eye on important documents and files in case they disappear. **Lucky numbers: 36, 64, 99.**

PISCES:

February 20 to March 21

The saying that true love never did run smooth might have been spoken during a Mercury retrograde period, like the one starting this week. As it also occurs in your romance sector, you might need to take things in stride over the next three weeks or so. A passionate influence might entice you to overcome your nerves and commit to a date anyway. There is lots of fun to be had despite any unexpected events that could test your resolve. **Lucky numbers: 07, 47, 89.**

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Bob Marley Company Loses Bid To Win Back Rights

A music company has lost its bid to win back the rights to 13 **Bob Marley** songs after a court battle in London.

Cayman Music had attempted to retrieve the rights to songs including No Woman, No Cry.

It claimed they were not included when it sold some of its rights in 1992 to Blue Mountain Music, as Marley, who died in 1981, had penned them under other people's names.

However the judge agreed the copyright had "*passed*" under the 1992 agreement.

Lawyers for Blue Mountain, who administer royalties for Marley's works, said they accepted the singer had "*falsely claimed*" the tracks - written between 1973 and 1976 - had been composed by other people in an attempt to "*escape the automatic assignment of their copyright to Cayman*".

But they said the "*plain intention*" of the two companies' agreement was to "*transfer all rights*", arguing on the "*straight-forward application of ordinary principles of contract law*" the claim had to be dismissed.



The Court Dispute Centred On 13 Songs, Including The Worldwide Hit "No Woman, No Cry"

In his written ruling, deputy High Court judge **Richard Meade** concluded Cayman had no rights to the songs because "*Marley did not publicly describe himself as the author*". "*He deliberately misattributed their authorship to various friends and associates. It is*

clear that his object in doing so was to gain control of the copyrights in the works and gain remuneration from them."

He added Marley claimed he had not been paid publishing royalties and "*thought he had a genuine grievance*" against

Cayman.

The other songs involved in the dispute included as Crazy Baldhead, Johnny Was, Natty Dread, Positive Vibration, Rat Race, Rebel Music (*Road Block*), *Talking Blues*, *Them Belly Full*, *Want More*, *War*, *Who The Cap Fit* and *So Jah Seh*.

Roni Banos Promotes Latest CD

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Seven Years For Fernando Crawford

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year old Belizean laborer was detained and transported to the police station in San Ignacio where he was arrested and charged for robbery.

In his first court appearance he pled not guilty to the charge and was granted bail in the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars. After several adjournments the case came to an abrupt conclusion when the accused informed the court that he was changing from a not

guilty to a guilty plea.

Face with this new development, prosecutor **George Gomez** requested for the imposition of the maximum sentence on the grounds of the defendant being a repeat offender with two prior burglary charges, one theft charge as well as an aggravated assault charge.

Magistrate **Narda Morgan** proceeded to sentence the convict to seven years imprisonment.

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Pele's son Sentenced To 33 Years On A Money Laundering Conviction

The son of the Brazilian football legend **Pele** has been sentenced to 33 years in jail for laundering money raised from drug trafficking.

He was first arrested in 2005 and has served a sentence for drug trafficking offences and links with a notorious drug dealers in the city of Santos.

He admits he had a drug problem but denies the trafficking charges.

The ruling was issued by a judge in the nearby coastal city of Praia Grande, in Sao Paulo state.

Brazilian media have not been able to contact **Edinho**, whose real name is **Edson Cholbi do Nascimento**, but they say he is expected to appeal.

Edinho, 43, works as a goalkeeping coach at Santos.

Pele, or **Edson Arantes do Nascimento**, played all his professional career in Brazil for

Santos.

Playing for Brazil, he won the World Cup in 1958, 1962 and 1970 and was acclaimed as the greatest footballer of his generation.

He retired in 1974, but made a comeback a year later for New York Cosmos.

Edinho is Pele's third son from his first marriage. He was five when Pele was signed to play for Cos-



Edinho is a retired footballer who played goalkeeper for Pele's old club, Santos

mos and the family moved to New York.

When he returned to Brazil he decided to pursue a career in professional football - as a goalkeeper, much to his father's surprise.

He was Santos' goalkeeper in 1995 when the team reached the Brazilian league final, losing the title to Botafogo.

His detention and alleged involvement with drug gangs took most people in Brazil by surprise.

Pele, now 73, went to visit his son several times in jail.

"God willing, justice will be done. There is not a shred of evidence against my son," he said in 2006.

Edinho said that his father was his idol. Four other people have also been convicted for money laundering, including a man accused of controlling much of the drug trafficking in the region - **Ronaldo Duarte Barsotti**, known as Naldinho.



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