SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, May 28, 2009:

Ten days after celebrating his 48th birthday, Police Corporal Errol “Pidding” Thomas passed away on May 16 whilst undergoing medical treatment at a hospital in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Relatives informed that it was less than four months ago when Corporal Thomas began complaining of chest pains. He was granted medical leave and on February 20 he traveled to Chicago where 5 of his siblings - 3 brothers and 2 sisters - reside.

Upon arrival he was immediately taken for medical evaluation and remained hospitalized until he passed away on Saturday, May 16.

Errol Thomas, Pidding as he was fondly known, was born on May 6, 1961. He grew up and attended primary school in Santa Elena, Cayo.

He was part of Recruit Squad #47 graduating from the Police Training School on December 1, 1984 along with other serving members of the department which includes Assistant Commissioner of Police Noel Miguel Leal, Supt. Linden Flowers, ASP (60) Roy Joseph, Insp. (#140) David Chi and Constable (re-enlisted) #733 Lucio Tun who is currently attached the Benque Viejo Sub Formation.

During the over 24 years of unbroken service in the Police Department, Corporal Thomas has been posted to Mango Creek Village and every District Town, except Corozal Town. He was last posted as a relief commander at the Police Station.

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Wednesday, May 27, 2009:

Nine days after the May 18, discovery of the burnt remains of a Guatemalan laborer, San Ignacio police today arrested and charged a Belizean Mechanic for murder.

Acting upon information received, San Ignacio police, at around 9:30 on the morning of Monday, May 18, 2009 arrived at a farm located approximately 4 miles from the village of Buena Vista where they came upon a crime scene.

The first thing that came to the attention of the police was the burnt remains of what was once a small house measuring approximately 12 feet by 10 feet which had a thatched roof. The farm in question is the property of Guillermo Sibrain, 44, Belizean farmer of Buena Vista Village, Cayo District.

Police were also directed to the burnt decapitated remains of Juan Carlos Castillo Valenzuela, 26, Guatemalan laborer from Buena Vista Village. The remains was found lying face upwards on the ground in the middle of the ashes.

Initial investigation revealed that Guillermo Sibrain hired the deceased to

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There Are Still Some Policemen Who Simply Cannot Write

The primary function of a policeman/woman is to record a statement and write a report. If any member of this department lacks the ability to perform this basic function then that individual should \textbf{NEVER} be allowed to join the ranks of the department and if allowed to do so, that person might very well be collecting a salary under false pretenses.

Notwithstanding, many are the "\textit{policemen/women}" who lack this fundamental skill. Although the lack of this basic ability will never be acceptable, some justification for this shortcoming can be blamed on the criterion of years gone by when the minimum educational requirement for enlistment into the Belize Police Force was a primary school certificate. However, this minimum educational qualification was elevated a few years ago to a high school diploma. The harsh current reality however is that there are still some policemen who simply cannot write.

A policeman must possess the ability to listen to a complaint and put that complaint properly in writing. Hence the reason why the victim of a crime is legally referred to as the \textit{complainant} and hence the reason when a policeman, giving evidence in court, acknowledges the swearing to an \textit{"information and complaint"}. Therefore, if an individual lacks the ability to record a \textit{complaint} then that person has no place in the department which primarily deals with \textit{information and complaint}.

The presence of these individuals on active duty is creating major challenges for the department while simultaneously eroding the credibility of the department and seriously jeopardizing the dispensing of justice.

It is no secret within the department, that as they continue to conceal their inability to record a statement, these individuals would oftentimes encourage complainants not to provide statements by finding excuses like: "If you proceed with this case, it will take up a lot of your time because you will have to come to court a lot and you will lose time from work, I will just go out there and talk to this person for you" etc. Or like the policeman who was posted in Santa Familia a few years ago, telling a complainant who reportedly seeing Mr. X stealing his cattle, that it was a civil matter and that he should take out a civil suit against Mr. X, thereby washing his hands clean of an obviously criminal matter and not having to record a single statement.

When recording a statement or writing a report, the basic rule in policing is that the author can never provide too much information. However, because of the lack of writing skills, the statements and reports that these individuals produce are short both in length and in substance consequently making it much harder for investigators to formulate the elements of criminal charges and for prosecutors to marshal evidence in court which ultimately reduces the number of offenders brought to justice as well as the rate of convictions.

One therefore wonders, how did those Commandants of the Police Training Academy sign these person’s graduation certificates and allowed them to emerge from the academy with a regular number.

There is the excuse that these individuals might have slipped through the cracks due to political intervention. If this is the case then we ask politicians to please halt this practice. Mr. Politician, if you are seeking employment for a voter who lacks the basic ability to write; the delicate functions for effective policing in these modern times is certainly not the place for this voter. For the love of your country and the security of the nation, please look elsewhere for a job for these voters.

We have presented the problem. Now, for a possible solution: We are not reinventing the wheel and we will not be suggesting anything new. In fact the current Minister of Education has already taken the lead in this regard.

The Ministry of Education is no longer tolerating unqualified teachers and for the love of your country and the security of the nation, please look elsewhere for a job for these voters.

The Ministry of Education has no longer tolerating unqualified teachers to instruct the generations of the future. The Minister of Education said it best in addressing teachers: "If you do not qualify yourselves, then there is \textbf{no place for you in the classroom}.

It is in this light that we call on the new Commissioner of Police to draw the line. Mr. Commissioner, it’s time to conduct an audit of the Police Personnel under your command. Formation Commanders across the nation must be tasked, within a recorded period of time, to identify all those policemen who lack the ability to record a statement and write a report. These individuals must be reverted to the training academy for a time recommended by literary professionals, and if at the conclusion of the training there remains persons who continue to lack this skill, then like the Minister of Education would say, there is \textbf{no place for them in the Police Department}.

Why the need to record the time during which Formation Commanders must identify those in need of being reverted to the training academy? Well, like in all organizations, they have buddies under their command who they might shield, eventually however, those shielded buddies could be transferred to another formation at which point their shortcomings will come to light and so in finding out how these individuals managed to slip through the crack, all that needs to be done is to determine where that individual was posted during the recorded period of the audit and after independently certifying that the individual indeed lacks the skill, then the Commissioner who failed to bring the matter to light, must be made to answer for his actions.
**Landing For The Ferry Needs Repair**

**SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, May 28, 2009:**

The ferry which provides the crossing for vehicular and pedestrian over the Belize Old River into and out of the Mennonite community of Spanish Lookout and surrounding communities, is a much used facility by residents of the area as well as farmers and those many persons doing commerce in Spanish Lookout.

The concrete footing on the Spanish Lookout bank of the river is in need of attention as it continues to deteriorate with each passing day from the constant pounding administered by the continuous flow of vehicular traffic.

Despite the obvious need for maintenance, the ferry remains in daily operation as its operators continue to utilize the direction of the wind to skillfully maneuver the landing of the ferry away from the large gap in the concrete footing.

With responsibility for this facility, the Ministry of Works might therefore want to incorporate this repair project in their work agenda.

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**Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that NERY DE LA ROSA is applying for a RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate SUNIVILLE located in the village of Georgeville in the Cayo District.**

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**2009 FCCA Foundation Children’s Essay Contest**

The Florida - Caribbean Cruise Association invites students of Belize to participate in the 2009 FCCA Foundation Children’s Essay Contest. This year’s topic is:

During this global economic downturn, what can a destination which lives on tourism do to persuade more ships to come to their destination?

The essay contest will be conducted in two categories: Junior Division and Senior Division.

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Schools countrywide are invited to participate; each school must submit ONLY two entries, ONE FROM EACH CATEGORY no later than Monday, June 15th 2009.

For more information please contact:

Lorraine Herrera, Public Awareness Officer – Belize Tourism Board
Tel: 227-2420   E-mail: lorraine@travelbelize.org
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, May 28, 2009:

San Ignacio police is keeping a close watch on a Belize City boy in custody as he awaits trial for a May 24 burglary of a house in San Ignacio Town.

Police are keeping a close watch on the 15 year old boy because, a few hours after being detained, he broke out of the detention cell located right next to the front desk inside the station and his appearance in court is being delayed because the courtroom is out of commission for all of Thursday and Friday of this week as it is being used by the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) in connection with their annual hurricane preparedness exercise.

The incident began shortly after 4:30 on the morning of Sunday, May 24 when an alert police constable and corporal on mobile patrol in San Ignacio Town spotted the boy with in possession of a laptop computer, digital camera and other electronic items. When questioned, the boy was unable to give the police a credible explanation for being in possession of the items at that early hour of the morning.

Later that day, a San Ignacio resident, Elder Acosta, 68, US national, visited the police station and reported that during the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on Saturday, 23 May, his house, located at #25 Ford Young Drive in the Cahal Pech Area of San Ignacio was burglarized. Acosta informed that the missing items included an HP XL laptop computer with power cord valued at $3,060; a Kodak digital camera, valued at $600; a silver ring and a silver chain valued at $100 each, all for a total value of $3,860.

At around 7:00 pm that same Sunday night, police made a check inside the nearby detention cell and found out that the boy was gone. Check revealed that he escaped by prying away the celotex partition, entered an adjoining office, removed 2 glass louvers, exited the building into the cell block yard, jumped over the jail fence and was gone. Police began an intensive search around San Ignacio and Santa Elena but the boy was no where to be found.

An alert was instantly communicated to all police formations countrywide. The hunt for the escapee eventually ending when he was detained in Belize City. He was brought back to San Ignacio and was placed inside one of the more secured main holding cells as he awaits appearance before Magistrate Kathlene Lewis on Monday, June 1.

While we run the risk of discriminating against strangers in the community, local crime investigators are of the opinion that a majority of burglaries committed in the jurisdiction are the workings of strangers in the community. The public is therefore advised to report any suspicious activity or unfamiliar suspicious person in your area.
BELMOPAN, Tuesday, May 26, 2009:

A release from the US Embassy in Belmopan informed of today’s arrival in Belize of the US Military Ship, the USS Kauffman from the U.S. Southern Command Naval Base.

The US Naval Vessel will be in Belize as part of Operation Southern Seas 2009 which is a six-month naval deployment to the Caribbean, Central and South American region.

The vessel’s five-day visit to Belize ends on Sunday, May 31, 2009. While in Belize, the crew will paint several buildings at the Stella Maris School in Belize City.

The crew will also conduct training exercises with the Belize Defense Force in areas such as small arms repairs and search procedures. This visit provides an opportunity for nations in the Caribbean, Central America, and South America to build and maintain regional partnerships, to develop professional understanding in the region, and to increase regional stability through enhancing inter-operability in combating illicit maritime activities.

The USS Kauffman is one of only twelve Frigates with the enhanced MK 92 MOD 6 CORT Fire Control System which, when combined with the ship's two helicopters, 76mm gun, and state of the art anti-submarine warfare system, provides the USS Kauffman with an effective offensive and defensive capability in today's multi-threat environment.

The vessel has a crew of approximately 250 personnel. This relatively small crew size results in a close knit team that relies heavily on the technical skills and leadership abilities of each and every Sailor while providing ample opportunities for professional and personal growth.

The vessel is named after US Vice Admiral James Laurence Kauffman (1887-1963) who served in the navy for 41 years. He was only 21 years of age when he graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1908.

Admiral Kauffman held a variety of wide ranging command both afloat and ashore during World War 1. He provided 41 years of loyal service to the US Navy. He passed away at age 76 being 14 years after retiring for the arm of the US Military service he loved most.
BY: Andrew Wollacott
Owner/Manager
Tropicool Hotel & Cabañas
Burns Avenue, San Ignacio.

Officer Commanding Cayo (Police) District
Chairman, Cayo Liquor Licensing Board

Gentlemen;

I am writing to both of you on behalf of myself, Andrew Wollacott, owner of the Tropicool Hotel and Cabañas on Burns Avenue in San Ignacio and likewise on behalf of the owners of The Belmoral Hotel also located on Burns Avenue in San Ignacio. I write on behalf of all those men, women, children and particularly all those senior citizens residing in the vicinity of our hotels and especially those many tourists and local visitors who patronize our business.

This concern is in connection with the loud base noise coming from the Faya Wata night club on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday nights. The base noise from the nightclub’s music system is an unbearable nuisance to all of us. At the Tropicool Hotel and Cabañas it vibrates the walls of the building. I can only imagine what it does to the adjoining Belmoral Hotel.

The verbal and written complaints that I have been getting from guests are countless. It is severely affecting the occurrence of repeat customers on which our business strive. What good is the quality of service we labor arduously to maintain with the intention of attracting repeat customers when external forces such as this noise pollution coming out of Faya Wata is choking the life blood out of our businesses?.

This nuisance begins early in the night, on four out of the seven days of the week and it continues right up to 3 and 4 am. Noise pollution is an offence, I join with other affected parties in calling on the police to enforce the law thereby addressing this reported offence that is being committed with absolutely no consideration or respect for the law.

I am calling on the Chairman and indeed all members of the Liquor Licensing Board to enforce the regulation as it pertains to this criminal practice.

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Registerd Land Act
Chapter 194 - Revised Edition 2000
Section 140(1)

OWNERSHIP BY PRESCRIPTION

Name of Applicant | Registration Section | Block No. | Parcel No.
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SAMUEL OLIVER YOUNG | ALBERT/MESOP | 45 | 1174

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in ALBERT/MESOP Registration Section has been received from being Parcel No. 1174 containing 536.922 sq. meters.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of SAMUEL OLIVER YOUNG as proprietor with absolute title for Parcel No. 1174 ALBERT/MESOP Registration Section containing 536.922 sq. meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to SAMUEL OLIVER YOUNG.

(CESAR DIAZ) (MR.)
for A.G. REGISTRAR OF LANDS
The Lazy Man Virus

Hot on the heels of the A H1N1 Virus, the Center for Disease Control has issued another medical alert about yet another highly contagious, potentially dangerous virus that is transmitted orally, by physical contact and even electronically. Scientists are calling this new virus the Weekly Overload Recreational Killer or WORK for short.

If you receive WORK from your boss, any of your colleagues or anyone else via any means whatsoever – DO NOT TOUCH IT!!! This virus will wipe out your private life entirely.

If you should come into contact with WORK you must leave the premises immediately and take two good friends to the nearest liquor store and purchase one or both of the antidotes - Bothersome Employer Elimination Rebooter (BEER) or Work Isolating Neutralizer Extract (WINE). You must take the antidote repeatedly until WORK has been completely eliminated from your system.

You should immediately forward this medical alert to all your friends. If you do not have friends, you have already been infected and WORK is, sadly, controlling your life. Get help immediately.

One Of Those Blonde Jokes

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And again, the clerk answered, "Sorry, we do not sell to blondes."

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And the clerk said, "Because the 'TV' you want to buy is a microwave."

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It was around 2:30 on the morning of Thursday, May 28, when Belizeans experience the longest and most violent tremor of an earthquake in recent memory.

The earthquake was measured at 7.1 on the Richter Scale with its epicenter located about sixty miles northwest of La Ceiba Honduras and about 180 miles from the coast of Belize.

When the initial shock had passed, the tremor left in its wake the most personal and infrastructural damage that any tremor has ever felt in Belize. Homes and public buildings were damaged primarily in the southern villages of Independence, Placencia and Monkey River.

The elevated concrete water reservoir in the village of Independence collapsed and was left in rubbles on the ground.

This is certainly the worst tremor that many of us have experienced in Belize which from the lack of consultation with any geologist, reminds us of the predictions of the late Geologist, James “Jungle Jim” Cavanaugh, who in several of his writings warned of the effects that oil exploration in Belize could have on the instability of the earth below us.

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CHAPTER 194, LAWS OF BELIZE (REVISED EDITION 2000)  
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13

In accordance with Section 13 of the Registered Land Act Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000, I, CESAR DIAZ, Agr. Registrar of Lands, hereby serve notice that within one month from the date hereof, I intend to register the following parcels of land listed below for which application for first registration have been received.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registering of these parcels must get in touch with me before expiry of date of this notice between Mondays to Fridays at the Land Registry, Belize City.

(CEsar DIAz (Mr))  
for Registrar of Lands

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032823  
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration PORT GEORGE/PICKSTOCK, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1087  
This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 8096/2007 dated 4th October, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 37 of 2007 at Folios 1317-1318 in favour of BOUTROS BOU-NAHRA COMPANY LTD.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032824  
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, QUEEN'S SQUARE WEST Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 641  
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 767 of 2000 dated 4th August, 2000 in favour of BOUTROS BOU-NAHRA COMPANY LTD.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032825  
These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA NORTH, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 152 & 153  
These parcels of land are the subject of a Indenture No. 1875/1988 dated 17th November, 1988 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 21 of 1988 at Folios 1421-1428 in favour of EUGENE FELIX HERNANDEZ & FELICIA ORTILLA HERNANDEZ.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032826  
These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA NORTH, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 150 & 151  
These parcels of land are the subject of a Indenture No. 1879/1988 dated 17th November, 1988 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 21 of 1988 at Folios 1493-1500 in favour of WALTER LEROY JONES & CARLOE V. JONES.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032827  
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, BLUE CREEK, Block No. 8 and being Parcel No. 1  
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 121 of 1979 dated 7th May, 1979 in favour of COOL SHADE FARM LIMITED.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032828  
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3524  
This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 73/1987 dated 23rd January, 1987 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 1 of 1987 at Folios 799-818 in favour of ENEZ LINO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032829  
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3520  
This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1155/2008 dated 2nd April, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 14 of 2008 at Folios 1023-1032 in favour of HECTOR DAVID ROMERO JR.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032830  
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2613  
This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 5056/2006 dated 8th February, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 7 of 2006 at Folios 75-86 in favour of VIRGIN MEDINA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032831  
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ANN GABOUREL, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1513  
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 238 of 1998 dated 3rd March, 1998 in favour of ANA HASSAN.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032832  
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN ESTEVAN, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 641  
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 335 of 1981 dated 21st July, 1981 in favour of EVARISTO REYES.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032833  
These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, PORT LOYOLAVILLE, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 2144  
These parcels of land are the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2790/2007 dated 7th September, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 34 of 2007 at Folios 291-300 in favour of OSCAR D. ROMERO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032834  
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, QUEEN'S SQUARE WEST, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 624  
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 886 of 1998 dated 22nd September, 1998 in favour of JOEL MOGUEL.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032835  
These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, TOWER HILL, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 91, 92, 1052  
These parcels of land are the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 466 of 1981 dated 5th October, 1981 in favour of BONIFACIO JUSTINO MOH.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032836  
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PORT LOYOLAVILLE, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 113  
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 723 of 2007 dated 3rd August, 2007 in favour of HUBERT RODNEY KIRKWOOD.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032837  
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN NARCISO, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 373  
This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 496/1989 dated 11th March, 1989 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 1989 at Folios 125 - 130 in favour of MARIA LETICIA GARCIA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032838  
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, FORT GEORGE/PICKSTOCK, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 289  
This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2086/1995 dated 13th September, 1995 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 23 of 1995 at Folios 437 - 450 in favour of ANNA YOUNG & ZEIDA YOUNG.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009032839  
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO SOUTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 345  
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 1016/2003 dated 16th April, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volme 13 of 2003 at Folios 1001 - 1014 in favour of ALVAROD. HABET.
Dear Editor;

Isn’t It Time To Change The Laws?

Dear STAR;

T' den bridge across the Macal River, between San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town.

As driver and a person who frequently take my family for a refreshing swim in the Macal river, I have been expressing similar concern to my friends (those who drive across this bridge and those who swim in the river).

This is the only legal crossing between our twin towns and so we are compelled to use it, but everytime I drive across it I pray that I will reach safely on the other side.

Having seen the condition of the bridge across, I am saying is that the law of the system of can again begin to serve as a protector of the nation’s crime problem so that these vehicle cross because being one who knows the condition at the bottom of this bridge I believe that it is better to be safe than sorry.

Elias Alvarez
Cayo

3. The most recent reduction in the price of butane is now recorded at 37 dollars less than what it was 15 months ago. This commodity has gone down from 126 to 89 dollars for a 100 lb cylinder.

4. The price of the Belizean staple, RK beans, has gone down from $3.25 a pound to $1.50 a pound.

5. The price of eggs has gone down by 50% from 10 dollars for a tray of 30 (remember the days of 3 eggs for a dollar) to $5.00 for the same tray of 30 eggs.

6. The dreaded General Sales Tax has been removed from all medical supplies and medical services.

The list can go on and on as the PUC continues to fight, tooth and nail, to get the monopoly electricity company to reduce rates.

Notwithstanding, as it is written “by the sweat of thy brow shall ye eat bread”. The good book tells us that since the beginning of time, from the garden of Eden, life was mandated to be a constant challenge.

Life will therefore never cease to be challenging for all of us and we will all continue to be challenged with every passing day. However, recent reduction in consumer prices should make life that much better for all of us.

Respectfully
Mary Cariddi
Bullet Tree Falls, Cayo.

Dear STAR;

The comment in town is that you have retired the “People Di Suffix Out Ya” vehicle you once drove and is now sporting a later model Ford vehicle.

The concern that is being asked: “Has People Suffering Out Ya?”. It looks like you are doing well.

As a childhood friend and classmate, I think that I can ask this question without prejudice.

Hugh Daly
San Ignacio.

Ed. Note

Vehicles, like other equipment in the world of business, are machines and with time they deteriorate and are replaced.

In business terms it is referred to as “depreciation”. In a more direct response to the concern you expressed regarding “People Di Suffix Out Ya”, ask yourself the question, in terms of consumer prices, as a people, are we better now than we were 15 months ago?

Take note of the following changes in consumer prices since the change of government 15 months ago:

1. Fuel prices have gone down from 12 change to 7change a gallon.
2. The price of a sack of flour has gone down two times and it now costs 19 dollars less than it was prior to February 2008.

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Challillo Is Bad News
BY: George and Candy Gonzalez, San Ignacio, Cayo

Colin bh, in his article “A new Commissioner is not enough” (Amandala 17 May 2009), sounded like someone honestly trying to make sense of Chalillo, after the fact, not realizing that the points he raises were raised at the time (like bagasse as an alternative source of power generation).

Unfortunately, most of what he raised came from the Fortis-BECOL propaganda. It has been said that if a lie is repeated enough, people come to accept it as truth. We seek to make sure that does not happen.

The facts are that our electricity rates keep going up, the Macal River is polluted, and the dam poses a constant danger to those of us who live downstream. The site chosen for the Chalillo is sandstone and shale, not granite, and was built on an earthquake fault line, which was erased from the geological map when they proposed to build the dam. We did not say this; geologists said it.

Those FACTS all came to light in the court case challenging the inaccuracies in the Chalillo Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). In fact, the dam was re-designed because of the truths that came to light in that court drama.

The engineers that built the Chalillo were hired by Fortis. We asked to see the NEW design of the dam, and be informed of the added costs, but were not given access to that information; maybe Colin bh or other readers could ask BECOL to make these new designs and costs public.

About the reservoir being unable to sustain the required level of water during the dry season - that too came from geologists. The reservoir is built above a major Mayan site which was conveniently covered up - a large limestone system filled with caves. Again, geologists doubted it could maintain a high level of water, year round, not us.

We have not been provided information on the quality of the water in the Macal River, but we know that Belize Water Services is having a heck of a time trying to provide the twin towns with clean water. BECOL was supposed to provide information on water quality but they haven’t.

As to the mercury in the fish, Public Health has reported on the high levels of mercury in the fish and issued public warnings. They have not been forthcoming on updating and informing the public on the conditions and safety of eating the fish. We understand the financial constraints on government, but this is an expense that is supposed to be carried by BECOL. And the Department of Environment is supposed to be assuring this is done.

As to rates compared to other countries, BEL only shows us comparisons to Caribbean countries, islands!!! It does not compare our rates with other Central American countries. BEL claims our rates would have been much higher. But they have a long record of not being forthcoming about the facts.

The Chalillo and Mollejon have NOT brought electricity prices down – ask anyone who pays their own electric bill. We are still dependent on Mexico for half of our power (that is hardly self-reliant). And please, let’s clear up the old mantra about Chalillo reducing flooding. It is true it has reduced the amount of flash flooding which cleans the river. A reservoir that is built to produce electricity has the goal of being kept as full as possible. A reservoir to reduce flooding has the goal of keeping levels low, so it can hold floodwaters when they come. We have not forgotten there were two floods, the tropical wave and the June 1st tropical storm, when the water was pouring over the Chalillo as if there was no dam.

Ask the people living downstream how comfortable they feel with another hurricane season upon us. We still have no dam break warning system and people have no idea of what to do in case of a dam failure. We do not want the dam to break; we do not want to say “we told you so”. We want to have protections in place. We want to feel safe in our homes.

Colin bh called us “feisty”. We can’t argue with that. We did resist the names the former GOB and their cronies called us (such as “eco-terrorists”) for honestly speaking out and trying to set the record straight.

If we had it to do all over, we would approach the matter differently, but we would - and still do - oppose Chalillo. It is still a lie.
Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
Mending fences with someone close should be your top priority this week; stop focusing on who said what and begin afresh. Expect luck on: Sunday Lucky Numbers: 8, 31, 55.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
Earning money from a pastime or hobby isn’t as impossible as you think, but you’ll never know for sure unless you try. Fortunate on: Wednesday Lucky Numbers: 2, 39, 76.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
Your personality shines as the Sun’s move into your sign enhances your self-confidence and you see advancement in your quest for recognition or achievement. Good day for luck: Friday Lucky Numbers: 30, 79, 92.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22
The nice part about this week’s stars is there’s nothing to spoil your progress; on the downside, you can’t find the energy to appreciate all that is on offer. Lucky day: Saturday Lucky Numbers: 6, 15, 41.

LEO
JULY 23-AUGUST 23
Resist the urge to cut corners even if someone whose opinion you usually trust is urging you to do so. If a job’s worth doing, it’s worth doing well. Good fortune forecast on: Tuesday Lucky Numbers: 11, 23, 65.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
An unexpected turn of events works to your advantage. The reason your fortune has reversed is because you’re adopting a more spiritual attitude. Lucky day: Thursday Lucky Numbers: 29, 35, 63.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 21
You will thrive on change and new experiences and there should be no shortage of scope to broaden your horizons. Good fortune forecast on: Saturday Lucky Numbers: 3, 54, 81.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 20
You can be successful if you believe in yourself. Once you come to terms with this fact, you’ll be much quicker to take advantage of your assets. Fortunate on: Friday Lucky Numbers: 4, 17, 50.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 18
The desire to make someone’s life better prompts a personal sacrifice on your part. You willingly put other people’s needs first at this time. Fortunate on: Wednesday Lucky Numbers: 20, 83, 91.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20
A group project or community venture gets off to a slow start but you’re committed now so you will persevere. This is just as well as things will get better. Lucky day: Tuesday Lucky Number: 33, 52, 98.
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This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, BELIZE RURAL NORTH II, Block No. 11 and being Parcel No. 442.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fint No. 357 of 1996 dated 7th September, 1996 in favour of DENNIS MOLINA.

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009/03452
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2372.
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APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009/03476
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APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009/03507
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 725.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fint No. 46 of 1988 dated 10th May, 1988 in favour of VALENTINA VASQUEZ.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009/03520
These parcel of land are situated in the Registration Section, ST. MARTIN DE PORRES WEST, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1112.
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This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ST. MARTIN DE PORRES WEST, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 25.
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APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009/03573
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ST. MARTIN DE PORRES WEST, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 27.
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APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009/03538
These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, GRANT’S LAND, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 570 & 575.
These parcels of land are the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2499/2004 dated 25th August, 2004 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 32 of 2004 at Folios 207 - 228 in favour of THOMAS SCHNEIDER & JENNIFER-JOY SHAPPEL.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009/03547
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2718.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fint No. 622 of 2007 dated 10th July, 2007 in favour of FRANCISCO BLAIR.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009/03577
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, QUEEN’S SQUARE WEST, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 997.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 3214/2008 dated 23rd October, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 39 of 2008 at Folios 45 - 58 in favour of ALBERT ZELAYA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009/03613
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1393.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fint No. 603 of 2002 dated 8th August, 2002 in favour of RAYMOND COX.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009/03614
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ALBERT/MESOP, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1533.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 1581/1994 dated 8th July, 1994 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 18 of 1994 at Folios 1495 - 1502 in favour of VADEMMAR ANDRADE.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009/03622
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section DANGRIGA SOUTH, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 271.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2598/2007 dated 6th August, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 31 of 2007 at Folios 1255-1266 in favour of JUAN ALBERTO VIBULA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009/03642
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, BELIZE RURAL NORTH I, Block No. 11 and being Parcel No. 824.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 469/2002 dated 30th January, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 2002 at Folios 1097-1104 in favour of C.V.A. LIMITED.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009/03647
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PLACENCIA NORTH, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 1100.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Indenture No. 735/1970 dated 5th October, 1970 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 1970 at Folios 437 - 450 in favour of SYDNEY LIGHTBURN.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009/03649
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 4132.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 531/2003 dated 7th February, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 7 of 2003 at Folios 1301 - 1310 in favour of ORLANDO A. BURNS.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-2009/03650
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 628.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 0119/2006 dated 9th January, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 2 of 2006 at Folios 691 - 702 in favour of ALBERTO JOSEFA CANE & MIRNA CANE.
BELMOPAN, Monday, May 18, 2009:

Education Week was celebrated countrywide during the week of the 10th - 15th May, 2009.

The theme for this year’s celebration was “Better Schools, Better Citizens, Better Belize, whatever it takes: It’s Everybody’s Business!”

Minister of Education, Hon. Patrick Faber opened the week with a radio and television address in which he described his experiences from an intensive tour of all schools which he has undertaken since taking office in February 2008. Minister Faber said, “I have visited schools...where children come to school barefooted. I have seen overcrowded classrooms. I have heard of young children going through the garbage in search of food to eat, I have met teachers whose only qualification is a high school diploma or an Associate Degree in a field other than education, I hear complaints of schools wanting to register some students of one religion before others.”

These observations are only a few which caputrate the minister’s experience. He additionally highlighted the need for change through the joint efforts of all - “Children and Young People, Parents and Guardians, Teachers, Principals and Managements, Religious Organizations, Community Organizations, and other Social Sector Organizations, NGO’s and Private Sector Actors, Politicians of whatever color or creed, Fellow Citizens and Residents of Belize. Let us come together for each other as we make Better Schools, Better Citizens, Better Belize, whatever it takes: It’s Everybody’s Business!”

As a true leader setting the right example the minister translated his words into action by holding a meeting with two former Ministers of Education, Hon. Francis Fonseca and Mr. Elodio Aragon, primarily to discuss a bi-partisan approach to improving and creating a successful educational system for our nation. During this meeting Minister Faber extended an invitation to both gentlemen to become active participants within his ministry. This gesture of humility by the minister emphasizes the maturity, determination and willingness of the leadership in making education a priority.

Also in commemoration of Education Week, other officials from the Ministry went on various morning shows to discuss the products and services offered by the different units within the Ministry. The week should have culminated with a grand expo at the UB campus in Belmopan, but due to the threat of the Influenza A H1N1 it was postponed and will now be held on Friday, June 12, 2009.

During Education Week, Minister Faber also toured schools in San Pedro Town where he was met with much enthusiasm from the students, teachers, managements and parents. He learned of the hardships confronting them such as overcrowded schools and a significant percentage of untrained teachers. While these concerns are not unique to San Pedro Town, the Minister gave his assurance that priority will be afforded to their concerns.

The Minister concluded the week with a breakfast meeting on Saturday, May 16, with religious leaders in his Collet Constituency. The discussion focused on collaborative efforts to be undertaken to address the issues plaguing the constituency and society at large. Issues such as crime, unemployment and education were high on the list of concerns. The group came up with some strategies which will be implemented over the next few months. The Minister expressed his hopes that these consultative and partnership meetings can be held on a regular basis so that the work can continue in building a peaceful and constructive society strengthening the future for all young Belizeans.
CORPORAL THOMAS WILL BE LAYED TO REST WITH FULL POLICE HONORS

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in San Ignacio Town. Corporal #409 Errol Thomas is predeceased by his father, Florentino Thomas. He is survived by his mother, who accompanied him on the medical trip to Chicago, Ms. Juana Martinez (Belmopan); Brothers: Edwin Thomas (Indiana), Wilfred Thomas (Chicago), Gilbert Thomas (Chicago) and Tom Gongora (Chicago); Sisters: Rose Thomas (Belmopan), Dorita Thomas (Chicago) and Miriam Gongora (Chicago).

He is also survived by his wife of 22 years, Mrs. Barbara Thomas, residing on Mango Street in Santa Elena, who, along with his mother, accompanied him on the medical trip to Chicago. He is also survived by two daughters: Amy and Heidi Thomas; two sons: Ryan and Errol Thomas Jr., as well as several Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, nieces, Nephews and a host of other relatives and many friends including his colleagues in the Belize Police Department.

Police sources informed that the body will be arriving over the weekend from Chicago. The current plan is for it to be held at the morgue in Belize City until around 11:00 am on Tuesday, June 2, when it will be transported to Santa Elena where it will be held for an hour before the procession to St. Ignatius Church in Santa Elena for a 2:30 pm mass of the resurrection.

Commissioner of Police Crispin Jefferey informed that, as a serving member of the Department, up to the time of his passing, Corporal Thomas will be buried with full police honors and that he will personally be in attendance as this is the first funeral of a fellow policeman that he will be attending in his capacity as the new Commissioner of Police.

Commissioner Jefferey also took the opportunity to express his personal sympathy to the bereaved family as well as the sympathies of the department he heads. Mr. Jefferey informed that he knew Corporal Thomas personally as the corporal was once posted under his command for several years.

Belizean Mechanic Arrested For The Murder Of A Guatemalan Laborer

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He began working on Monday May 18. Reports indicate that the deceased was last seen alive at around 6 o’clock that same Monday morning when he visited his employer’s house for food to take to the farm.

Police reports that on Tuesday, May 19 farm owner sent his 18 year old son, Rudy Bautista, to plant some corn on the farm. Upon arrival, shortly before 8:00 am, Bautista found the farm house burnt to the ground along with the burnt remains of a human body almost in the center of what was once the farm house. He rushed back to his father’s house in Buena Vista Village and reported the matter to him. The owner of the farm subsequently contacted the police thereby triggering the investigation which consequently led to the arrest, on a singular murder charge, of Victor Vargas, 32, Belizean mechanic also from the neighboring village of Buena Vista.

Reports suggest that as a result of their dependency on drugs, the deceased and the suspect were acquaintances. While one lead is suggesting that they were involved in an argument over some lumber and a few sheets of zinc; another path that the investigation is reportedly taking is that the murder was actually a paid hit and that the victim’s head was the proof of “mission completed” requested by those who ordered and paid for the killing.
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