SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Monday, October 4, 2010:

In keeping with its commitment to clean up its image, the Police Department today announced the institution of criminal proceedings against two constables on theft and attempt extortion charges.

Benque Viejo police reports that it was shortly after 10 o’clock on the morning of Saturday, October 2, 2010 when Hilda Mercedes Lopez, 29, Honduran housewife residing in the northern village of Ranchito in the Corozal District, visited the Police Station in Benque Viejo Town where she reported that about three hours earlier, at around 7 o’clock that morning, she was walking in the town on her way to the bus terminal.

She reported that before reaching the terminal she was approached by three male policemen in uniform who were travelling in a blue car one of whom demanded “to see her papers”.

She admitted to being in the country without legal documentation and so she attempted to run from the police.

She was pursued and they caught up with her. She alleges that she was initially detained by a policeman of Hispanic descent who immediately took possession of her black Samsung brand touch screen cellular telephone and charger, valued at BZ$350, after which she was shoved inside the blue car for the ride to the police station.

The victim alleges that whilst being transported to the station, the Hispanic policeman and another one, whom she described as being the driver, tall and of dark complexion, demanded four hundred dollars in exchange for her release. She did not have the money but told them that if she was released she was pursued and they caught up with her. She alleges that she was initially detained by a policeman of Hispanic descent who immediately took possession of her black Samsung brand touch screen cellular telephone and charger, valued at BZ$350, after which she was shoved inside the blue car for the ride to the police station.

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After 25 Years On The Road Texaco

Reportedly Jacked In Mexico

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, October 7, 2010:

San Ignacio Taxi Driver/ Vehicle Dealer, Lucio “Texaco” Codd, visited our office today to express disappointment at being robbed in Mexico by, of all persons he said, individuals wearing Mexican Traffic Policemen uniform and badges.

Texaco had been driving through Mexico from the United States of America to Belize for over a quarter of a century and this is the very first time, he said, that he has ever been robbed in Mexico.

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Plans To Build The New Bridge Over The Macal River Is Moving Full Speed Ahead

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, October 6, 2010:

In demonstrating its serious commitment to proceed with constructing the San Ignacio/Santa Elena by-pass Macal River Crossing (the new bridge), officials from the Ministry of Works along with representatives from the Caribbean Development Bank and engineers from the Halcrow Group Limited, were on the ground today in San Ignacio/Santa Elena engaged in a detailed study of the entire route.

The visiting team included Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Works, Cadet Henderson, along with Chief Engineer, Lennox Bradley and Project Execution Unit Engineer, Edgar Puga.

The team also included Roger John Buckby, Senior Consultant, Bridges from Halcrow Group Limited; (2) Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Works, Cadet Henderson; (3) Chief Engineer, Lennox Bradley

Caribbean Development Bank. CEO, Cadet Henderson informed that the Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Works, is serious about getting the project off the drawing board and into the execution phase in the shortest possible time as it will go a long ways in improving the national network of highways as well improving safety conditions in western Belize.

TWO POLICEMEN CRIMINALLY CHARGED FOR DISHONESTY

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she would return to the station with it. She was released and when she requested her telephone and the charger, the Hispanic policeman reportedly told her that he will keep it until she returns with the four hundred dollars. She left the station and came back three hours later to lodge the formal complaint.

While the telephone was not recovered, the investigation reportedly led to the discovery of the charger inside a drawer in the front desk work station.

The report subsequently resulted in the launching of an immediate investigation and prompt detention of Police Constable #793 Armando Peralta, 33 and Constable #510 Oswald Young, 29. They were held inside the police holding cell at the Benque Viejo Police Station for the weekend and were later formally arrested and criminally charged.

PC Peralta was charged with theft and attempt extortion charges while PC Young was formally charged for attempt extortion.

With Thursdays currently being the only court day in Benque Viejo Town, Peralta and Young appeared in San Ignacio’s Magistrate Court on Monday, October 5, where they pled not guilty to all charges. They were offered and met bail in the sum of five thousand dollars and order by Magistrate Albert Hoare to return to court on Thursday, November 18, 2010. They have since been placed on interdiction from active duty pending the outcome of the case.

In the wake of this latest incident, Officer Commander Benque Viejo Police, Superintendent Ralph Moody held an general meeting with the staff under his command in which he reiterated his no tolerance stance against corruption and criminal behaviour on the part of those under his command.
Belize Water services Limited is not the supplier of services to Progresso Village.

The Government of Belize (GOB) entered into an agreement with Belize Water Services Limited in 2006, whereby GOB financed an expansion project for BWS to provide potable water to Chan Chen Village. The project was completed in 2007.

The Government of Belize entered into an agreement with Belize Water Services Limited in 2008, whereby GOB partly financed a project for BWS to provide potable water to Caye Caulker Village. The project was completed in May, 2010.

Hattieville Village was one of the service areas transferred to Belize Water Services Limited in 2001 when BWS was vested with the assets of the Water and Sewerage Authority.

In 2007, the pro-tem Water Board of the joint Eldridge/Forest Home water system, with the support of the Government of Belize, entered into an agreement with Belize Water Services Limited, for BWS to manage and operate the existing water system.

Affected parties may make representations or objections to the PUC with respect to the intended modifications up to Wednesday, October 13, 2010. Representations or objections may be sent in writing to:

Public Utilities Commission
41 Gabourel Lane
P.O. Box 300
Belize City, Belize;
or by email to: infor@puc.bz.
CITY OF BELMOPAN, Cayo District, Thursday, October 17, 2010:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries today informed that the Hon. Rene Montero delivered over four hundred curare plantain suckers, one thousand cassava cuttings, one thousand chaya cuttings, six hundred coco yams and seventy coconut palm seeds to the farmers of the San Antonio Village, Cayo District.

Minister Montero also delivered one hundred and fifty Akee plants and sixty roosters to the villagers.

The roosters will be used for breeding purposes with local fowls aimed at increasing egg production being in line with the Ministry’s Platform of Food Security which focuses on rural development and the concept of the “Farm Family”.

This strategy will create employment for the entire Farm Family especially the youths, thus minimizing the migration of the youth to urban areas in search of jobs.

Larry Knowles AOL News
Thursday, October 7, 2010:

“Come on, baby, don’t fear the reaper” That’s the message, not from Blue Oyster Cult, from a Singapore non-profit that recently revealed a series of coffins featuring fanciful designs and festooned with cheeky slogans, such as “Say hello to my wonderland” and “Hello, coffin. You seem to be nice.”

The 12 caskets, or “Happy Coffins,” represent the winning designs from an international competition held by the Lien Foundation to create caskets that take the stigma and fear out of death.

“The traditional negative associations surrounding the coffin were transformed to a celebratory symbol of courage, life and beauty,” foundation spokeswoman Genevieve Kuek said in an e-mail to AOL News.

Many of the 733 entries from 33 countries, however, appear not only to destigmatize the Grim Reaper but kick him in the ‘nads while jabbing him in the eyes.

Take, for example, the design by a 30-year-old Martin Mata of the Czech Republic. His coffin resembles a pair of worn jeans, complete with button collection and beer bottle jutting from the rear pocket. A slogan on the lid exhorts mourners, “Don’t cry. I had a good life.”

But for all the irreverence toward death, Happy Coffins may have the Lord on its side. The project was born from a conversation between Lien Foundation CEO Lee Poh Wah and Sister Geraldine Tan, administrator of St. Joseph’s Home and Hospice in Singapore. Tan had seen decorated coffins during a trip to Australia and wanted to make them available to residents of her facility, but she didn’t know how.

Enter the Lien Foundation, which advocates improved palliative care and practices what it calls “radical philanthropy.” Once the idea had been jointly developed, Tan approached 10 residents of the home and asked how they would feel about being buried in customized coffins.

Not everyone was comfortable with the idea. Only five residents expressed interest. Of the five, Tan chose three women — 76-year-old Elsie Chua, 90-year-old Kitty Fogh and Magdalene Khoo, 70 — to team with graphic designers and have coffins made.

In its announcement, the foundation released photos of the three women posing with their dream coffins. Chua’s casket bears a likeness to a wreathed porcelain vase, while Fogh’s features whimsical floating angels. Khoo’s presents an embroidery motif with the word “thankful” cross-stitched into the side.

While the Lien Foundation hopes to find global acceptance for Happy Coffins, it remains to be seen whether the concept will appeal to a larger demographic. Taboos can be tough to bust, and when they involve something as absolute as death they can be positively intractable.

So far, the Lien Foundation hasn’t taken any flak from across the spiritual spectrum, though Kuek admitted, “I’m sure people have differing views about the desirability of Happy Coffins.”

Sponsored Links “Death is a radioactive topic which most people avoid like a plague,” she said. “As such, we want to lighten the atmosphere, disarm and motivate people to think about their life before death differently.”

To lighten things up, the foundation has set up a companion website, Life Before Death. It offers a menu of playful activities, such as “Last Playlist,” which encourages visitors to make a soundtrack for their own funeral. The intro page displays a sicken doubleb as a record needle and asks, “When you’re stiff as a board, does the record needle and asks, “When you’re stiff as a board, does the music have to be too?”

The foundation has also personalized death on Facebook, where fans can “befriend” Death and engage in what Kuek calls “die-logues.” And why not — seasons don’t fear the reaper, so why should you?
INVITATION TO BID

FOR SECURITY GUARD SERVICES AT THE BUILDING AND COMPOUND OF
THE BELIZE TOURISM BOARD & MINISTRY OF TOURISM (MOT)

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Belize Tourism Board (BTB) until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 15th, 2010. All sealed bids are to come to the address below:

Operations/Human Resource Officer
Belize Tourism Board
P.O. Box 325, 64 Regent Street
Belize City, Belize

Any bidder who wishes their bid to be considered is responsible for making certain that their bid is received by BTB by the Bid Submittal Deadline.

SECURITY GUARD SERVICES AT BTB

A. SCOPE OF WORK

Security firm shall furnish all labor, supervision, training in applicable methods and processes, implements, tools, equipment and transportation to provide security guard services as required for the Belize Tourism Board located at 64 Regent Street, Belize City. The supervisor is the contact and liaison with BTB Head of Security and Operations/HR Office.

B. HOURS OF WORK

Services shall be provided throughout the contract term, as follows:

- Monday through Friday, 12 hours from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- Weekends and holidays - 24 hours per day

C. SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Security guards shall regularly provide the following services:

- Walk through the property and around the perimeter of BTB and MOT building continuously to ensure that doors and windows remain locked and that there is no unauthorized entry.
- Report all incidents to Head of Security, Director of Finance and Police Department if deemed necessary.
- At the beginning of each shift, submit to BTB a written list of all security guards on duty during that week and their hours of work.
- Ensure that employees, including security guards and other personnel, discharge their duties in a professional and courteous manner.

D. COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

This contract shall be for a period of 1 year and will commence on November 1st, 2010 and shall continue in force until November 30th, 2011. Contractual will be renewed on an yearly basis.

E. SECURITY COMPANY OBLIGATIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Contractor shall formulate a security plan that will provide BTB with objective proof that the property is being patrolled continuously and consistently.
- Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and codes applicable to these services.
- Two security guards shall be provided during the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. for each and every regular weekday, and two security guards shall be provided for a twenty-four hour period on all weekends and public and bank holidays, each period to run from 7:00 a.m. on the weekend or public or bank holiday to 7:00 a.m. on the following morning.
- All security guards provided under this contract shall be employees of the Contractor; and Contractor shall be responsible for hiring, training, providing uniforms, equipping, directing, and discharging all security guards provided under this contract.
- Provide security and surveillance at such other places and for such time and on such terms as the BTB requires.
- Screen and allow only customers and authorized persons to enter the building and compound and maintain a log of all such persons.
- All of contractor's personnel who perform work under this contract shall be uniformed and shall wear an identification card that shows name and indicates that he is employed with the Security Firm.
- Contractor agrees that all personnel provided under this contract shall be at least twenty-five years of age or older.

F. REFERENCES

Provide a list of 2 or 3 references, which you have sold or are currently selling similar services. Include the company's name, the name, title and telephone number of a contact person.

P.O. Box 325, 64 Regent Street, Belize City, Belize Tel: 501-227-2420 & 227-2417 Fax: 501-227-2423
Email: btbinfo@btb.gov.bs www.travelbelize.org www.belizetourism.org
ARIES: March 22 to April 20
This could be a wearisome week for you, out of sheer monotony. There will be demands from home and family. There could also be the pressure to meet the needs, emotional and financial. You will need to remain grounded in reality and continue to fulfill your responsibilities without getting edgy. Lucky Numbers: 03, 15, 47.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21
You understand what is important to you — your family, home and your loved ones. You will spend time with your spouse. You will take some chances related to money. Just be careful so that you do not end up biting off more than you can chew. Lucky Numbers: 09, 34, 55.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21
You want to deal with things in a relaxed fashion. It is not lethargy but a general sense of calm and composure with which you want to tackle things. Last week’s exercise of undoing the mental monsters continues. There are indications of material success. Lucky Numbers: 18, 69, 95.

CANCER: June 22 to July 23
The time is here for your efforts to be paid deservingly. You will have to put in extra hours to deal with work but you will have achievements worth flaunting. There will also be some flurry of activity at home as some equations between members will be rewritten. Lucky Numbers: 06, 28, 74.

LEO: July 24 to August 21
There will be a lot of money related issues to be dealt with. There is much joy that will come your way from the older folk. You could also be making some more than minor changes around your house and adding elements of material comfort. Lucky Numbers: 22, 45, 88.

VIRGO: August 22 to September 21
There could be a dilemma confronting you. And most likely it could be about your own aspirations, duties and obligations towards your loved ones. You could be pushing yourself far too much, not wanting to fall short in anyone’s expectations. It will be good to prioritise and acknowledge that you can do only so much. Lucky Numbers: 04, 37, 83.

LIBRA: September 22 to October 23
Professional work will require a lot of mental effort and you may not have the luxury of time. There will be domestic responsibilities riding on your shoulders too. So be careful how you react and do not give in to anger. Getting flustered will spoil your relations with people around you. Lucky Numbers: 13, 49, 92.

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21
It could be a very emotional phase for you. You are completely tuned into people and relationships. The focus is on thanking people who mean a lot to you and who you feel have contributed to your life. Also, on your mind is the welfare of people around you. Lucky Numbers: 30, 53, 66.

SAGITTARIUS: November 22 to December 21
Relationship with your partner improves. On the work front there are several opportunities for making material gains that come to you. You may receive a gift that makes you feel upbeat. You may learn new skills that help you with your work. Lucky Numbers: 37, 57, 72.

CAPRICORN: December 22 to January 19
There is definite improvement in relationships at home. There could be some important event in the-offing. If you have been in two minds about an important decision, seek advice of elders. Shun fickleness and self-doubt. Travel could be on cards. Lucky Numbers: 61, 86, 98.

AQUARIUS: January 20 to February 19
The coming week sees you in good spirits as many of your key desires are likely to materialise. You need to be careful about your conduct as you are likely to be in the public eye. The secret to sustaining your image and success is that even though you feel doubtful about a decision, do not let it show. Lucky Numbers: 21, 44, 76.

PISCES: February 20 to March 21
You have a recent acquaintance for making material gains that could be formed. You need to strengthen yourself as you may experience myriad emotions in this phase. It should not leave you so drained out that you are not able to do routine work. Lucky Numbers: 41, 60, 93.
MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
BELIZE  

LAWS OF BELIZE  
REGISTERED LAND ACT, CHAPTER 194 - REVISED EDITION 2000  
VARIATION UNDER SECTION 4  

It is hereby declared in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Laws of Belize Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000 that the boundaries of Registration Section SAN PEDRO is varied and hereafter described as follows:—  

Made this 28 day of September, 2010  

(HON. GASPAR VEGA)  
Minister of Natural Resources,  
the Environment and Industry  

VARIATION OF REGISTRATION AREA:  
SAN PEDRO - BELIZE DISTRICT  
BLOCK NO. 7  
SCHEDULE  

All that piece or parcel of land situated in the Belize District and being a portion of the island known as Ambergris Caye and being bounded on the North Partially by Coral Caye Wildlife Sanctuary, Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve and Bacalar Chico National Park; on the South partially by the Hol Chan Marine Reserve and the Caribbean Sea; on the East partially by the Bacalar Chico National Park, Marine Reserve, Barrier Reef and the Caribbean Sea; and on the West by the Caribbean Sea, and containing approximately 78.6 square miles and is more particularly bounded and described as follows:  

Commencing at a point west of the said Ambergris Caye having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1985 000 and Easting 395 000; thence in a southwesterly direction for an approximate distance of 8683.5 meters to a point having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1978 742 and Easting 398 166; thence continuing in a southwesterly direction along the west coast of the said Ambergris Caye to a point having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1977 506 and Easting 396 076; thence continuing in a direction along the west coast of the said Ambergris Caye to a point having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1976 896 and Easting 399 740; thence in a southerly direction to a point on including a small Caye which forms a portion of Hol Chan Area Marine Reserve having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1976 404 and Easting 398 816; thence in a southeasterly direction along the south coast of the said small Caye to a point having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1976 730 and Easting 393 082; thence in a southeasterly direction to a point on the south coast of the said Ambergris Caye having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1976 404 and Easting 393 076; thence in a southeasterly direction along the south coast of the said Ambergris Caye to a point on and including a small Caye which forms a portion of Hol Chan Marine Reserve having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1976 300 and Easting 391 780; thence in an easterly direction to a point on the south coast of the said Ambergris Caye having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1976 137 and Easting 392 066; thence in a southeasterly direction along the south coast of the said Ambergris Caye for an approximate distance of 721.0 meters to a point having the UTM Coordinates of Northing 1976 075 and Easting 393 100; thence in a southeasterly direction on a grid bearing of 97 degrees 08 minutes 20 seconds for a distance of 345.5 meters to a point having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1976 235 and Easting 393 079; thence in a southeasterly direction on a grid bearing of 08 degrees 41 minutes 52 seconds for an approximate distance of 850.0 meters to a point on the intersection of the Hol Chan Area Marine Reserve and the Barrier Reef having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1976 177 and Easting 397 004; thence in a northeasterly direction along the meanderings of the Barrier Reef to a point having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1985 090 and Easting 394 000; thence continuing in a northeasterly direction along the meanderings of the barrier reef to a point having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1996 719 and Easting 408 704; thence in a northeasterly direction on a grid bearing of 09.1 degrees 1 minute 15 seconds for a distance of 174.4 meters to a point on the east coast of Ambergris Caye having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1999 817 and Easting 407 319; thence meandering along the coast in a northeasterly direction for an approximate distance of 460.0 meters to a point being on the common boundaries of Bacalar Chico National Park and the Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve having UTM Coordinates of Northing 2002 031 and Easting 406 299; thence in a northeasterly direction on a grid bearing of 31.0 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds along the boundary of the Bacalar Chico National Park for a distance of 235.4 meters to a point having UTM Coordinates of Northing 2003 549 and Easting 407 519; thence in a southeasterly direction on a grid bearing of 279.0 degrees 30 minutes 46 seconds along the boundary of the Bacalar Chico National Park, for a distance of 729.0 meters to a point having UTM Coordinates of Northing 2002 015 and Easting 406 729; thence in a southeasterly direction on a grid bearing of 235.0 degrees 35 minutes 14 seconds along the boundary of Bacalar Chico National Park to a point on the west coast of the said Ambergris Caye having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1999 311 and Easting 403 960; thence meandering along the coast in a southeasterly direction for an approximate distance of 412.6 meters to a point on the southern boundary of Coral Caye Wildlife Sanctuary having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1997 748 and Easting 406 203; thence in a southerly direction along the boundary of the Coral Caye Wildlife Sanctuary on a grid bearing of 270 degrees 60 minutes 08 seconds for a distance of 629.0 meters to a point having UTM Coordinates of Northing 1997 717 and Easting 399 000; thence in a southerly direction on a grid bearing of 180 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds for a distance of 1274.0 meters back to the point of commencement.
A New Maximum Security Prison And Prison Warden Academy Urgently Needed In Belize

By: Wellington C. Ramos

Since the main prison in the Belize City was moved from Belize City several years ago and relocated to Hattieville, several infractions have been committed by Prison Wardens, prisoners and people who visit their relatives who are incarcerated.

Most of the infractions that are occurring, are in violation of Belize’s Criminal Laws and the Prison Ordinance of Belize. In addition, criminals returning to Belize from the United States and other neighboring countries are so well seasoned that the public safety is at risk when these people escape from prison. Belize has more than enough prisons to build a prison elsewhere in the country where they can relocate hard core criminals and separate them from the criminals who are serving time for minor offenses.

I have never heard of Belize having a Belize Warden Training Academy. Belize has training academies for the Belize Police Department and the Defense Force.

In the past, people were just randomly recruited taken to the prison on Gabourel Lane given a uniform and they instantly become a Prison Warden. I am not sure if this process has been upgraded since the 1970’s. To have people who have not received any type of training be given such a dangerous job put that person and the lives of other citizens at great risk.

Prisoners are human beings and they do not like confinement. Even though one can say that confinement of a prisoner is due to his or her own cause, they will still find a way to escape from prison if given the opportunity.

When the main prison was in the city of Belize, some of the prisoners were taken to Rockville and other surrounding areas of the city to do work while serving their terms in prison. Others stayed inside the prison compound and learnt different types of trades as part of their rehabilitation process. This was a good program because many of these former criminals were rehabilitated and became law abiding and productive citizens. Most of them were engaged in a profession in the communities where they lived after their release from prison.

Today in Belize, there is an increase in the amount of apprehension for crimes that are committed by repeat offenders. The rehabilitation of prisoners while they are incarcerated, is an integral part of a crime prevention program and the government must be aware of its positive impact.

Studies conducted in the past, confirm that countries that have a good rehabilitation program in their prisons have seen a substantial decrease in their crime rates.

The Hard Core Criminals present more danger to the society than the First Offenders and to have them mixed together in the same prison is not a wise thing to do. All they will do is talk about the crimes that they committed while they were on the streets and how they avoided the police.

In today’s world with the rise of gangs, it is public knowledge that recruitment takes place in prisons throughout the world. It is documented that in many prisons, not only is recruitment taking place but some criminal activities are being planned in those prisons. This is why electronic devices have to be installed in these prisons to monitor prisoners, their visitors and prison personnel.

In the United States when people go to visit a prisoner, they feel like prisoners themselves and this is one of the main reasons why people only go if they have to.

Since the 911 incident, the United States is like a prison everywhere because when going into most Federal, State and City buildings, you are searched thoroughly before you enter the building like a criminal. American citizens are annoyed by this new development but cannot do anything about it.

I applaud the new reform measures that the government of Belize has put forward. I am also conscious of the fact that for every proposal put forward, the issue of funding will always be the determining factor as to whether to implement or not implement every given proposal. Including this reform agenda can only help to enhance more security in our country.

Belize is surrounded by Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador who are having more problems with their gangs and hard core criminals. When these criminals escape from their respective countries, they will come to Belize and try to intermingle with the Belizean population. This will seriously jeopardize the safety of our citizens and government officials.

In Mexico today, the criminals are creating so much havoc that they are threatening the country’s national security. Members of the Mexican government are assassinated and more are targeted for assassinations. Government officials and citizens of Mexico continue to live in fear for their lives.

The United States government is concerned that these people will be doing the same in their country and it is in their interest to assist these countries to stop this reign of terror.

America is willing to provide Belize and others with the funds and the technical equipments they need to stop this new wave of crime in their countries.

The Minister of Police and Public Safety from Belize the Hon. Douglas Singh, should seek the assistance of the US Ambassador in Belize to call on the US government to assist Belize.

In a statement made by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, she spoke about the crime situation in the region and the need for governments to act swiftly to stop the crimes.

I am certain that she knows that the countries in the region do not have the financial resources and the technology to do it on their own. Belize was always a safe place to live. In fact, the biggest problem with violent crimes is in the city of Belize and we must stop these crimes now, before they spread into the other districts throughout our peaceful and beloved country.
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BELIZE CITY, Belize, Wednesday, October 6, 2010:

The Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) is proud to announce investments of $250,000 in new grants.

On Wednesday, October 6, 2010, PACT awarded grants to the Belize Fishermen Cooperative Association, Friends for Conservation and Development, Restore Belize and Ya’axché Conservation Trust at a short Media Briefing held at the Best Western Biltmore Plaza Hotel in Belize City.

PACT grants programme was established in 1997 to provide grant funding to our protected areas system. The following four grants have been identified as priority areas of investments by key stakeholders and the PACT Board. $100,000 will be invested in key biodiversity areas of the Maya Mountains via the Ya’axché Conservation Trust (YCT) and the Friends for Conservation and Development (FCD) for management of the Bladen Nature Reserve and Chiquibul National Park respectively. This investment seeks to enforce a structured biodiversity research and monitoring program for the Bladen Nature Reserve and address the threats from illegal incursions to the Chiquibul Forest, the largest protected area in Belize.

Our partnership with Restore Belize is a unique one in that it is a one-time investment and geared to providing high school scholarship aid to many young men and women who would not otherwise have the opportunity attend high school. In addition, the efforts are geared toward affording these children an opportunity to visit our protected areas and instill in them a sense of ownership of our natural and cultural resources.

Lastly, $50,000 was awarded to the Belize Fishermen Cooperative Association to strengthen their capacity for a greater level of fishermen participation in the fisheries management. The institutional strengthening of the Belize Fishermen Cooperative Association is important to us since the membership of this association utilize our marine protected areas. Therefore, by strengthening this organization they will be able reach out to over 1,200 fishermen throughout Belize and provide the necessary training in best practices.

These investments today bring PACT’s total investment since January 2010 to 1,637,069.18. PACT serves as a key partner in financing biodiversity conservation with clear and tangible benefits to the natural heritage, economy and people of Belize. As Belize’s National Trust, PACT continues to promote sustainable management and development of Belize for the benefit of all Belizeans. PACT takes this opportunity to thank its constituents, especially its grantees, mission partners and visitors for their commitment and continued efforts to sustainably manage our natural resources.

For more information and complete list of PACT grants visit www.pactbelize.org or email info@pactbelize.org.

PACT was formally established in January 1996 with the passing of the Protected Areas Conservation Trust Act, No. 15 of 1995, creating the institution as a Statutory Board. The functions of PACT are to encourage and promote, for the benefit and enjoyment of the present and future generations of the people of Belize, the provision, protection, conservation and enhancement of the natural and cultural resources of Belize. The PACT is managed by a Board of Directors that is comprised of Government agencies, non-government organizations and individual experts.

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PACT’s Executive Director, Sharon Ramclam addressing the gathering. Seated at the head table: (L) Hon. Gaspar Vega, Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment; (Center) Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, Mrs. Beverly Castillo
Two Arrested For Robbing A Grandmother

Michael Matute Jr., 19

BELIZE CITY, Thursday, October 7, 2010:
Belize City police today reported the arrest of two male persons in connection with the Monday, October 4 invasion of the home of a 69 year old Belize City grandmother.

While two person have been arrested, one in particular, Michael Matute, 19, is charged for a direct involvement in the crime while the other is facing two charges stemming from the criminal act.

Matute was arrested and charged for the crime of aggravated burglary and conspiracy to commit aggravated burglary while the second suspect, Jerome Wade, 20, was merely charged for handling stolen goods and conspiracy to commit aggravated burglary.

Most of the stolen items were recovered as the search continues for the other individual who police say invaded the home along with Matute.

The arrest resulted from a Monday, October 4 incident reported by Ms. Rosaline Munnings, 69, Belizean grandmother of #38 Zericote Street, Belize City.

In her report to the police Ms. Munnings informed that at 1:50 pm, she was inside her house watching television while her granddaughter was inside her room when suddenly two male persons entered the house.

She described one of the intruders as being of dark complexion, slim built, about 5 feet 6 inches in height, low hair cut, narrow face and wearing a pair of earrings.

According to the victim, this individuals had a black object, resembling a gun, in his hand which he reportedly pointed at her and said “DON’T MAKE ANY NOISE, OR ELSE I WILL KILL YOU”.

The intruder then pushed her to the floor and taped her mouth and her hands after which he proceed to relieve her of the jewellery she was wearing which included a gold necklace, a set with gold bracelet, a double link gold bracelet, three gold rings, one with a white and blue stone, the other with a white gold heart and the other with a diamond.

The other male person, described as being of fair complexion, about 5 feet 8 inches in height, slim built, and low hair cut proceeded to search inside the living room and other rooms and stoled several items of jewellery, cellular telephones, electronic devices and other personal property which we packed into a black bag after which they both departed the scene.

A relative informed that the child contacted her mother via telephone and told her of the incident while it was till in progress. She immediately contacted the police after which she left work and rushed home. By the time she arrived the robbers had already departed the scene. The family estimate the value of the missing items at BZ$12, 370. Prompt action on the part of Belize City’s Crimes Investigation Branch led to discovery of most of the stolen items except the reported $400 cash and a touch screen cellular telephone.

The Recovered Items

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Misbehaving Mother

At one point during a baseball game, the coach said to one of his young players, “Johnny, do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?”

Johnny nodded in the affirmative.

“Do you understand what matters is whether we win together as a team?”

Bad Brakes

Although her husband was the best auto mechanic in town, Jill had a hard time getting him to work on her car.

Last Monday was just one of those days when Jill called him. “Honey, do you remember me telling you since last week to fix the brakes on my car?” asked Jill.

“Yes” responded Peter. “Now what’s the matter? he asked.

Writing Home From Law School

Miss Jane was bragging to her next-door neighbour Alice, about her son, attending the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. “Our son is so brilliant, every time we get a letter from him we have to go

to the dictionary.”

“You’re lucky,” responded Alice. “My son is attending the University in Guyana and every time we get a letter from him, we have to go to the bank!”

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Mistaking Kindness

Bob went over to Joe’s house and was amazed at how well Joe treated his wife.

Joe often told her how attractive she was. He often complemented her on her cooking and showered her with hugs and kisses.

“Gee,” Bob remarked later, “you really make a big fuss over your wife”.

“I started to appreciate her more about six months ago,” Joe said. “It has revived our marriage and we couldn't be happier.”

Joe said.

Johnny nodded yes.

“So,” the coach continued, “when a strike is called, or you're out at first, you don't argue or curse or attack the umpire. Do you understand all that?”

Again Johnny nodded.

“Good,” said the coach, “now go right over there and explain it to your mother.”

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Dear Editor,

After last week’s accident near the Central Farm Airstrip resulting in the death of the young cyclist, I would like to mention that it was the third person that has been killed in that location in 4 years that I know of.

There has been traffic accidents with vehicles also, I work right at that location and I’m really getting saddened by the sound of someone being knocked down, and actually seeing someone being hit and their life gone in an instant.

I often wonder if the motorists who speed in their cars could live with themselves after listening to a six year old boy in the back of a pickup truck crying and telling his pregnant sister to wake up not understanding she was already dead...

My question is how many more people have to be hurt or die? “WHEN” will someone install speedbumpson this section of an extreme straight and flat road just asking for drivers to speed.

There are two speed bump in Central Farm and another at St Francis Xavier school in Esperanza.

May we have “AT LEAST TWO” more in between maybe at Running W. and by the Citrus Orchard in Esperanza Village? Sincerely,
Joyce Herbert.

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It Has All The Characteristics Of A Scam

If it walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, then there is a high probability that it is a duck.

Last week we received, accepted and published an advertisement for “Free Puppies”.

In light of the responses we have been getting from readers, it looks like this is one of those many scams currently invading the internet.

We take this opportunity to ask readers to please disregard the ad and we apologize for all inconvenience this might have caused.

This latest incident serves to show that even after 10 years in this business we are still learning new things.

We are herewith producing one of the many comments we have received thus far with the standard response received from the ad originator one “Rev simon”.

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Dear Editor;

I contacted this so called Rev simon in reference to your article FREE PUPPIES and this is the response I got. Can it be a HOAX? or a SCAM?

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Good day,

Thank you very much and I’m very happy to read from you about your response on taking good care of the babies. They are 9 weeks old and both home trained and outdoor trained also playful with other animals and kids.

The male named (Adam) weigh 2lbs and the female named (Eve) weigh 2.2lbs. They are both AKC registered and shots are given up to date (Vet certificate) and both home trained. Both of them are my darling sweetheart and super spoiled! They both have a sweet personality and love to play and be carried around.

But I’m very sorry to tell you that it is somehow late for you to get the babies now. What really happened was that I just left the state for Africa in some few days ago after I posted the ad the 2 Yorkshire Puppies on the newspaper and before I left, I did not get any response from anybody that could take very good care of them for me. So I got a missionary call from our missionary head quarters in Africa, then I have to bring the babies along with me here in Africa since I couldn’t find someone to adopt them before I left the state.

I’m still willing to give the babies out to someone who can take very good care of them for me. All papers will accompany the puppies when shipped to you. Due to our long staying over here in Africa, and the bad weather my wife and I have concluded to get good home and care for our babies.

We are not charging or selling them to you for money as we have said in the paper but to save their lives saved and care for them so this means that, I want you to please know that you and I will be paying for the shipment of the puppies to you.

They are VET checked, but right now we are in Africa on a Christian mission with my wife and 3 kids together with Eve and Adam. We have the puppies right here with us.

I want you to know that my babies are very expensive and we just have to save their lives, that’s why we are giving them out for no charge. We have been looking for someone responsible that will take care of them and not sell them away for money and also I don’t want you to make them feel alone.

We are going to ship to you via a Pet Delivery Company on next day delivery and they will be coming with Travel Crate. If you are really interested in having my little babies, I will like you to get back to me with the below information so that I can find out shipping cost to your nearest airport and we both responsible for the shipment.

Once again I want you to know that we are not charging you for any adoption fee or selling them but we need to just get them out.

Kindly get back to us with details so I can go and get the shipping cost for the delivery.

Your Full Name; Your Mailing Address; Your Tel. Number; Your Cell Phone Number; The Nearest Airport to You.

I’ve attached pics of Adam and Eve.

Please if you know that you are not capable of taking very good care of my babies, do not reply me because I am giving them out because of bad condition and we’re spending months for the Christian mission and I don’t want Eve and Adam to die in this bad weather. And because we don’t have time to take care of them due to the missionary work before us here.

They are priceless to me therefore I am giving both for free. Please I want you to promise me that you will take very good care of them as soon as they get to you.

Thank you and God bless you and your family.

Rev simon
CITY OF BELMOPAN, Cayo, Thursday, October 7, 2010:

The Mexican Embassy in Belize today informed of the inauguration, on Wednesday night, of the art exhibition “Pen Cayetano: Belizean Art Master” at the Museum of the Mayan Culture in Chetumal, Mexico.

The event was organized by the Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with the Embassy of Mexico.

The aim of the exhibition is to present in Mexico the most recent work by the prestigious and well known Belizean artist and musician Pen Cayetano, as well as to contribute to the celebrations of the Garifuna Day.

The painter, singer, composer, percussionist and guitarist, Delvin “Pen” Cayetano was born in 1954 in Dangriga, Belize. Cayetano began his artistic career as painter in the 70’s. His work has been exhibited in Mexico, United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium and St. Vincent and the Granadines.

Cayetano has become the Garifuna community cultural leader and one of the main Belize’s cultural ambassadors.

This exhibition, presented for the first time in Quintana Roo, is part of the events to celebrate 200 years of the Mexican Independence and 100 years of the Mexican Revolution, as well as of the cultural exchange between Belize and Mexico.

The exhibition includes 33 paintings. It is open to the general public, and in particular to students and artists.

The exhibition will be presented in the Institute of Mexico in Belize from November 11th, 2010, as part of the celebrations of the Garifuna Day.
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Town Council with a boat in tow. He cleared US Customs at the Mexican border at around 9:00 am on Wednesday, September 22, 2010. He was only an hour inside Mexican territory from the US border, travelling with a friend, when they were stopped at a “Policia Transito” check point manned by four uniformed traffic policemen with four marked patrol cars parked nearby.

When he stopped at the checkpoint he was ordered out of the vehicle and the next thing he felt was an officer’s hand inside the pockets of his pants.

He said that he had just changed US$600 dollars into Mexican pesos for the trip through Mexico. He therefore had about $6,600 Mexican pesos in the wallet and when the wallet was handed back to him all that was left inside was $600 pesos.

He said that the policemen were specifically looking for cash because, although they searched the truck, they were not interested in the cellular telephones and other electronic items in it. He was then reportedly ordered to get back into the truck and to drive away.

He said that he complied with the order and drove for about 20 miles before stopping at the next village to wait for the friend with whom he was travelling and who was also held up behind him at the same checkpoint.

The friend never showed up and while he was waiting, he met a woman in a van to whom he related the incident. She advised him to report the matter to the police but, fearing that they were all involved in the conspiracy, he instead sought her assistance for direction to the municipality especially given that he was on a municipal assignment for Belize.

The lady then directed him to the municipal office where he made an official report to the secretary since the Mayor was not available.

The secretary reported the matter to the local police chief who arrived shortly thereafter and took note of the complaint before leaving. He later returned with 2,000 pesos which he said was all the money the policemen had. He further informed that the policemen told him that Texaco voluntarily gave them the money. Texaco denied having done so. He was asked if he wanted to proceed with criminal action against the officers but was cautioned that any such proceeding would take about a month to be finalized and since he could not afford the waiting period, he decide to just let it slide. He took the 2,000 pesos and continued waiting for the friend for almost 24 hours after the incident.

When the friend did not show up he decided to continue the journey alone. He drove for another 30 miles when he met the friend waiting for him at the next village.

The friend said that he was waiting there for almost 24 hours and that the police at the same checkpoint ordered him to take another route after they took 5,000 pesos from him.

With hardly any money left they were forced to sell off some of the personal items they were bringing just to get by.

Realizing that there was no way they could make it through Mexico with the little money they had left, Texaco found a Western Union office through which, two days later, he received some money sent to him by Mayor of San Ignacio/Santa Elena, John August and so he had enough cash to continue the journey to Belize.

Texaco informed that after 25 years of travelling through Mexico, he has grown used to giving a little “mordida” here and there along the route through Mexico, but this was the very first time that he has been officially robbed by those whose job it is to protect.

To further aggravate the situation, Texaco said that in conversation with some Mexicans from adjacent communities say that they themselves are fearful of coming in contact with policemen in the community where he was robbed because they are notorious for this kind of action as even Mexicans fall victims of this type of criminal behaviour. In sharing his ordeal, Texaco informed that he is merely doing it as a means of alerting the public of the evil that could befall them when traversing Mexico.

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Pursuant to Section 37 (3) of the Registered Land Act. Chapter 194, Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, notice is hereby given of the loss of the following Land and Lease Certificates:-

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It is proposed to cancel the above Land/Lease Certificates after the expiration of twenty-one (21) days from the appearance of this notice. Any person in possession of the above-mentioned certificates is required to return it to the Belize Land Registry, Ministry of Natural Resources & the Environment, Belmopan.
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