SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, June 1, 2011:

He has been on the run since the April 13, 2011 robbery of a Chinese store. Almost 50 days later, on May 31, he was captured on a basketball court. The following day he runs out of the courtroom and escapes. Today he is still at large as the manhunt continues for the recapture of Mark Burrowes, 20, Belizean unemployed of a 4th Street address in San Ignacio Town.

Burrowes’ run in with the law began on April 13, 2011 when, at about 10:30 in the morning, it is alleged that he entered Bing’s Store located in his neighborhood on 4th Street, San Ignacio. He was reportedly armed with a machete when he accosted the store keeper, Wuang Chu Mei.

Riding Across Belize For A Worthwhile Cause

A Team of 11 BWS Employees are participating in the Ride Across Belize (PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 5)

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Congratulations Aliyah - More On Page 9
Major Works Underway In The Center Of San Ignacio

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, June 2, 2011:

The center of San Ignacio Town, on Burns Avenue, is the site of major civil works the likes of which the town has not seen in recent memory. Many town residents have been asking: What is going on with all the heavy machinery and massive trenching in the center of town?

We took the opportunity this Thursday evening to speak with the major players as they met on the site to review the progress. On site were Mayor John August, Chief Engineer in the Ministry of Works, Lennox Bradley; Ministry Of Works District Supervisor, Cecil Garbutt; Architect Juan Polanco as well as representatives from the Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL) and the Belize Telecommunications Limited (BTL).

The project according to Mayor John August is referred to as the upgrading of the center of San Ignacio Town. It is being financed by a $300,000 grant commitment by the Prime Minister with part funding from the Town Council's revenue.

The project, according Mayor August, encompasses major improvement in the rain and waste water drainage network geared towards addressing the usual flooding condition in the area resulting from the down flow of water from western natural elevated landscape.

The works will also be accompanied by proper pedestrian sidewalks and line markings designed to improve the flow of vehicular traffic and enhance the safety of pedestrians. The finishing touch on this project includes the resurfacing of the street with hot mix.

In terms of the presence of BWSL and BTL work crews in the area, Mayor John August informed that they had been invited to participate in the project as a means of using the opportunity to effect whatever upgrade they deemed necessary given that their underground network of pipes and cables will be exposed with the trenching. This, he said, is to ensure that whenever the project is completed there should be no need for them to disturb the finished surface anytime in the near future.

Mayor August took the opportunity expressed personal appreciation for the high level of patience displayed by business owners in the area and public in general for the inconvenience cause by the project. He assures however, that once completed, the project will go a long way in improving the aesthetics as well as increasing safety in the area for pedestrian and vehicular traffic alike.

The project is designed, according Mayor August, to tie in with the planned International Development Bank (IDB) financed major tourism project slated to commence in August of this year. This project will encompass major improvements along that section of Burns Avenue from its intersection with the Bullet Tree Road up to the Venus Hotel along with the Coronation Park. Additionally all that section encompassing the cultural center and the bus terminal will be upgraded.

The second phase will see the upgrading of Burns Avenue from the Belize Bank right up to the Columbus Park.

The third phase will address all that area of Hudson Street right around the Town Hall and back to the Columbus Park.

Mayor John August also informed that in addition to the current project, a portion of the funds provided by the Government of Belize has been allotted for the upgrading and paving of two streets in Santa Elena Town, being Bishop Please Turn To Page 14

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On The Site (L-R) Belize Telemedia Representative and, Belize Water Services Limited Representative
Belize Citrus Growers Association

The CGA denounced the plan of Dr. Henry Canton to terminate 105+ CPBL employees.

The CGA was made aware of the intention on the part of Dr. Henry Canton to close down the operation of the Citrus Company of Belize Ltd processing facility at the start of the 2011/12 crop year.

We are aware that Dr. Henry Canton has sought a meeting with Government to discuss this plan and has had members of the management team sound out union officials, promising them a detailed plan sometime in the month of June.

Last week Thursday, at a meeting of the Pound Solids Committee, a member of the CPBL management team mentioned the plan to close the CCB processing plant. A member of the CGA Committee of Management who happens to be a Director of the CPBL, pointed out that it was unacceptable that such a material decision was being discussed in public but that as a member of the Board of Directors of CPBL, he was not aware of any such concept or plan. He pointed out further that Belize Citrus Growers Association Investment Company Ltd (BCGAI) was totally unaware of such a plan and as the majority shareholder should have been consulted especially in light of the grave consequences that such a move would have on many of the employees at CPBL and on the local economy in the South. This would not mark the first time decisions are taken at CPBL that the directors of the majority shareholder know nothing about. As an example we point to the launch of Banks Beer in Belize that is imported and distributed by CPBL. Like all Belizeans the directors learnt of this via the media. We have every reason to believe that this could be a similar circumstance where Dr. Henry Canton in discussion with Banks — Barbados hatched this plan.

It is in this context that we have decided to make fully public the initiatives that Dr. Henry Canton is contemplating at CPBL. The public is reminded that Dr. Canton was terminated by CPBL at its December 17th 2010 Extraordinary General Meeting. Dr. Henry Canton with the support of Banks — Barbados directors on the CPBL Board has refused to demit office.

We see this latest move as yet another clear indication of Dr. Henry Canton’s failure at CPBL and yet another sign that he is doing potentially irreparable damage to the Citrus Industry. It is a crying shame that he and some senior managers at CPBL have been misleading the hard working employees at CPBL to frighten them to believe that when Henry Canton leaves CPBL their jobs would be at risk. As reported by some members of the CPBL staff they have, under duress, been made to sign correspondence addressed to the Office of the Prime Minister which are published in the national newspapers. Now all the employees of CPBL are hereby being made aware that the same Dr. Henry Canton whose job they try to save is crafting a plan that will result in the laying off of 165 of them plus additional management personnel.

As the majority shareholder, we cannot readily entertain such a proposal. Such a decision would have far reaching implications for many stakeholders and this should not be a first option. There are numerous questionable happenings at CPBL that if properly managed and addressed would not necessitate the contemplation of this sort of action. As we have been saying for a long time now, products are being undersold with Henry Canton doing the selling, the efficiency of the processing plants were lagging for the past two years 2.3% and 2.9% below the testing labs only to now magically show a 5% turnaround at the time of a Citrus Control Board sanctioned investigation, questionable investments into a feed mill that saw only 30% of peel being processed this year at a time when feed prices were strong, a value added operation that saw sales double and losses quadruple and a consistent deterioration in the performance of the groves. In the case of the two value-added investments supply is not the problem, lack of markets remains the problem!

This is just another plan being hatched to try and wrestle the majority shareholding of the CGA membership in CPBL. The same Dr. Henry Canton approached Government claiming a cash flow crisis that if CPBL did not get $10m by mid February it would have had to halt operations. Yet by the first week of April without any assistance the cash flow crisis was magically solved. They backed off that plan because it was becoming apparent that Henry Canton had to exit CPBL for GoB to assist and that was not an acceptable scenario to Banks - Barbados or Henry Canton.

We note that in the concept paper, which is grossly deficient by professional standards, reference is made to the citrus greening disease. The Belize Citrus Mutual which is a private company, owned by Dr. Henry Canton and others, has lobbied Government and in effect prevented an industry wide approach to tackling this disease. The BCM has refused to be a part of any national response if Government does not recognize their private company as an association like the CGA. The members of the CGA since September 2009 have adopted resolution to support an industry wide approach to combating HLB and the CGA continues to advocate at all levels with Government for this happen. It is URGENT!

Under Henry Canton’s tenure over $65m dollars have been invested in expanding industry processing capacity while ignoring grove productivity, although his private company has special contract to manage some of the CPBL’s groves. His BCM claim that they control the majority of the production in the industry and so the ailing production by logic lies solely with them. He masterminded the unconscionable investment agreement that saw the growers give up 46.5% of CPBL and all decision making power for US$2.00 and as at the end of 2009/10 fiscal year all aspects of production in the industry and so the ailing production by logic lies solely with them. He masterminded the unconscionable investment agreement that saw the growers give up 46.5% of CPBL and all decision making power for US$2.00 and as at the end of 2009/10 fiscal year all aspects of production in the industry and so the ailing production by logic lies solely with them.

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We call on the Government of Belize to show leadership and work along with the CGA to take the steps necessary to protect the jobs of the workers at CPBL, to safeguard the industry from the growing and potentially catastrophic effects of citrus greening, to ensure the future for the citrus growers and to clean up the corruption that is killing this industry. Henry Canton we call on you to get out now! CPBL fired you and you are nothing more than a common traitor to your fellow growers and now after having the employees standing up for you, you and your operatives are secretly hatching a plan to terminate over 105 staff plus managers. Cancelling the fat contract with your private company ADS could save many jobs at CPBL, your leaving would save even many more.

May 31, 2011

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SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, June 2, 2011:

The start of the 2011 hurricane season is now upon us. The hurricane season in the Tropical Atlantic officially runs from June 1 to November 30 each year.

Being on top of its game always, the Cayo District National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO), under the Chairmanship of District Coordinator Alhenry Westby, today, just the second day into the 2011 season, held its first meeting.

Present for this Thursday morning’s NEMO meeting were representatives from the various subcommittees of NEMO-Cayo. Those in attendance inside San Ignacio’s Magistrate Courtroom included representatives from the Department of the Environment, the Police, National Transport, Municipal Transport, Ministry of Health, National Fire Service, Accountant General’s Ministry, National Youth Cadet Corp and Youth For the Future among others.

The group spent the entire morning exchanging ideas and strategizing as they prepare to undertake the labor of caring for the needs of the community before, during and after a storm. The team agreed that the Magistrate Court has now outgrown its usefulness as an adequate Emergency Command Center. In addressing this concern it was reported that the managing authority responsible for the Cayo Center of Employment Training (CCET) has gracefully granted approval for the CCET facilities to be used as the new command center. Westby informed that with ample meeting, storage and parking space along with adequate bathroom facilities and internet capabilities, the new location will go a long ways in improving the delivery of emergency services.

Meteorologists are forecasting a well above-average hurricane season this year resulting from favorable atmospheric and oceanic conditions in the tropical Atlantic. These favorable conditions are predicted to produce an above-average probability of major hurricane landfall in the Caribbean, the Gulf of Mexico, Central America and along the eastern coast of the United States of America. Specifically, for 2011, Forecasters are predicting the likelihood of 16 named storms, 9 hurricanes and 5 intense hurricanes. This forecast is considered high when compared to the average activity during the 50 years between 1950 and 2000 where the region experienced an annual average of 10 named storms, 6 hurricanes 2 of which developed into intense hurricanes.

Names for Tropical Cyclones in the Atlantic are: Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harvey, Irene, Jose, Katia, Lee, Maria, Nate, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince and Whitney.

We Invite You To Join Belize Action Mailout This Time Against The Homosexual Agenda

STAR Readers- We’re inviting you to sign up for the Belize Action Mailout.

We have used the Mailout in the past to mobilize Belizeans and the Church in Belize toward action with the issue of Abortion issue, and we are using it again, this time with the homosexual lawsuit brought against the Government of Belize by the homosexual organization UNIBAM.

They want to strike down laws to pave the way for SAME SEX MARRIAGE IN BELIZE.

If you are OPPOSED to this homosexual agenda, we’d like to urge you to sign up! as we endeavor to connect with Belizeans who want to make a difference.

To sign up please go to your computer and simply reply to belizeaction@gmail.com with “SIGN ME UP” in the Subject line.

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We NEED to mobilize together and inform Belizeans of what’s happening!

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Riding Across Belize For A Worthwhile Cause

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Friday, June 3, 2011

It was shortly after 12 noon on Thursday, June 2, when cyclists participating in the 8th running of Social Security’s “Ride Across Belize” rode into Santa Elena Town on the second of the 4 leg Ride Across Belize fund raising drive.

The arriving cyclist and their supporting staff, stopped off at the Social Security office on the Western Highway at its junction with Liberty Street in Santa Elena for much deserved refreshments under the big tent provided by Social Security.

Among the group of riders was the 11-member Belize Water Services Team including the company’s Operations Manager, Dave Pascascio and Human Resources Manager, Haydon Brown.

The BWS team was greeted on arrival by the staff from the nearby BWSL office with a “Go Team BWS” placard. The staff especially greeted their local supervisor Eludoro Lewis, as he pulled into the stop.

The riders departed Santa Elena as schedule at 6 o’clock on Friday morning on the third leg of the journey with takes them through the mountainous terrain on the Hummingbird highway for the over 70 miles ride onto Dangriga.

Funds raised in this year’s Ride Across Belize has been earmarked for the Dangriga Cancer Center and the Belize Emergency Response Team both worthwhile institutions doing tremendous work in service to humanity.

The BWS Cayo Staff awaiting the arrival of their 11-member Team

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Thanks,
John August Jr.
Mayor
San Ignacio/Santa Elena
It's Do Or Die For Gentle Touch This Sunday In BTL's 14 and Under Football Tournament

NORMAN BROASTER STADIUM, San Ignacio Town, Sunday, May 29, 2011: Belize Telemedia Limited’s 14 and under football Tournament entered into its 4th week of fierce competition this past Sunday inside the Norman Broaster Stadium in San Ignacio Town. Here are the result of the 4 games played:

In the first game of the day, Adventures edged 7 Miles Stealth Bombers by a score of 1 to nil with David Mejia scoring the winning goal.

In the second game Esperanza’a Gentle Touch blasted Unitedville Swifters by a score of 3 goals to nil with Robert Mendoza scoring 2 goals and Hyrmyane Harris scoring the other 1 goal.

In the third game of the day Bullet Tree FC defeated Santa Elena’s Santa Cruz by a score of 3 goals to 1 with one goal each coming from Misa Gilharry, Hilberto Pott and Byron Pott while Kenroy Vasquez scored Santa Cruz’ only goal.

In the final game of the day Unitedville Rockets and Cristo Rey’s Juventus Jr played to a scoreless draw. Rounding off the first 4 weeks of action, in group “A” Adventures moves into the qualifying round leading the pack with 9 points followed closely by Juventus Jr with 7 points. Both teams are moving into the second round.

In Group “B” the Rockets and the Stealth Bombers have qualified to move into the second round with 8 and 5 points each, respectively.

Due to tardiness in joining the competition, Gentle Touch and Santa Cruz will be the only game playing this Sunday, June 5.

It’s going to be a do or die game for Gentle touch as they desperately need a victory to qualify to enter into the next round.

The results of the game makes no difference for Santa Cruz as, with 0 points thus far in the competition, they have failed to qualify for the next round.

The other teams not advancing to the next stage are Bullet Tree with 5 points and Swifters with only 1 point.

It promises to be a heated match this Sunday as Gentle Touch seeks to clinch a spot in the nex round of competition.

We encourage everyone to come out and support these emerging football stars.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Public Relations Consultancy: This PR Consultancy is intended to cultivate a strong, positive image of BWS among its stakeholders and the general public. To achieve this, the consultant must be able to effectively advertise and promote BWS internally and externally through a clearly outlined and well designed public relations plan which should relate to the company’s Strategic Business Plan. In addition, the consultant will be tasked to develop internal staff to effectively and efficiently execute this plan. A calendar of activities will be required.

SCOPE OF WORK

* Develop, in close consultation with BWS Management team, a comprehensive Public Relations Plan as well a campaign which will strengthen areas of weaknesses in the existing BWS PR plan of activities, and also implementation of new initiatives which will upgrade and capitalize on existing PR plans already in place.

* To develop and implement institutional strengthening to improve BWS PR Department’s capacity and capability to meet the proposed PR Plan.

* To plan and produce specific PR items for BWS activities, inclusive of the following specific expansion projects
  
  I. Cotton Tree/Frank’s Eddy/St. Matthews Water Expansion
  II. Belize River Valley (9 villages) Water Expansion
  III. Placencia Water and Wastewater system
  IV. Ambergris Caye Water and Wastewater Expansion
  V. Various other Expansions or activities as may be identified

Kindly note that it is for a one year period. Deadline for submission is June 17th, 2011

For more information contact
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Belize Water Services Limited.
P.O. Box 150, Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Belize
E-mail: haydon.brown@bwsl.com.bz

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INVESTMENT

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Social Security Act, Chapter 44 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2003, that the Investment Committee of the Social Security Board, as per its Investment Framework Section 49, has recommended to the Board of Directors the approval of the sum of $14,912,339 (Fourteen Million Nine Hundred Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars) to Nature Fresh Belize Ltd for the buyout of the assets of Fresh Catch Belize Ltd and provide operating capital.

Amount : $14,912,339
Term: 10 years
Interest rate: 8% on the reducing balance

The objectives of the investment are to grow the Fund by maximizing the total rate of return within prudent and acceptable levels of risk and liquidity, to finance economic activity in the productive and export sectors and to secure the economic well-being of all contributors to the Fund.

Members of the public wishing to express any concern may send a copy of this notice along with comments to:
Chief Executive Officer
Social Security Board
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Belmopan, Cayo District
Belize
Cornerstone Foundation’s Youth Talent Show

BUENA VISTA VILLAGE, Cayo District, Monday, May 30, 2011:

Police suspect no foul play in the death of a elderly man from Buena Vista Village.

Acting upon information of the presence of dead body on the side of a feeder road in the village, San Ignacio Police, at around 6:30 pm, Monday, May 30, visited an area about three miles traveling due east on the Young Gial Road where they came upon the motionless body of an elderly male person on the edge of the road.

Close inspection police observed a small cut wound to the right side of the temple which they suspect could resulted for his falling to the ground.

The individual was positively identified as Santos Bol, 79, Belizian Labourer of Young Gial Road in Buena Vista Village. Investigation revealed that he was last seen alive about 13 hours earlier at around 5 o’clock that same morning.

The body was removed from the scene and transported to the Community Hospital where, upon arrival at around 7:30 that same Monday night, it was officially pronounced dead by Dr. Misael Ramirez the Medical Officer on duty at the time and place inside the morgue as it awaits the post mortem examination.

Venezuela Donates Farming Machinery

BELMOPAN, Cayo, Friday, June 3, 2011:

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela today donated a tractor, grader, beans trasher and a new water system to the Ministry of Agriculture Central Farm Station through a grant from the ALBA fund.

This donation makes it a total of four tractor donated thus far by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the people and the Government of Belize to improve the lives of the people and its living:

The grader will be used for the maintenance of existing farm roads in rural areas to assist farmers in accessing their farms every day.

The water system will be used for the production of agriculture products due to the high demand for water in the crops and the livestock division at the research station in Central Farm.

The Ministry of Agriculture continues to invest in the upgrading of facilities and human resources which are needed to ensure sustainability of production and development of technologies.

The Agricultural Research in Central Farm provide services such as land preparation and planting of grains to farmers in the Cayo district. The station also produce seeds for countrywide distribution.

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Your Weekly Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

**ARIES:** March 22 to April 20
This is going to be a busy week for you. Things associated with money will become positive and hence, your finances will remain steady. You can taste success by taking up challenges and working overtime. This coming week will yield to your hard work. You will continue to receive support from your family and your romantic life will flourish towards the end of the week. Lucky numbers: 11, 40, 72.

**TAURUS:** April 21 to May 21
You’ll be flooded with activities the week but despite your hectic schedule you’ll find time to spend with your family. This is also going to be the time to move on and not dwell on past misfortunes. Your work will fetch you recognition and praises from your seniors. In the sphere of love, you can get lucky to meet someone of opposite sex with exciting surprises. Lucky numbers: 24, 57, 81.

**GEMINI:** May 22 to June 21
Some people will show envious attitudes because of the prosperous aura you radiate all because of your hard work. Take no heed and continue working harder. There are chances for more positive things in your life. In the area of romance, there could be some issues to deal with at the beginning but you’ll emerge victorious in the end. Lucky numbers: 08, 39, 64.

**CANCER:** June 22 to July 23
The week will be a peaceful week for you. Both in your personal and your professional life. You will enjoy a relaxed atmosphere. In the family life you can stay busy by doing family oriented things. Visit a nearby relative you have not seen in a long time. That relation will be happy to see you. Remember to remain cheerful at all times. Lucky numbers: 36, 45, 97.

**LEO:** July 24 to August 21
You will be recognized by close family and friends for your loyalty and dedication. Expect a surprise this week. Your finances will remain somewhat shaky but your worries will be taken away because you are going to have a great time with family and friends. Lucky numbers: 10, 22, 69.

**VIRGO:** August 22 to September 21
Your week will be moderate. You may not be teeming with activities but there are likely to be dull moments. This can lead you to spirituality and inner search. You are lucky since you will continue to receive the support of your family. Lucky numbers: 03, 32, 48.

**LIBRA:** September 22 to October 23
You can expect a peaceful and progressive week with the family. Your family will be supportive. This is the ideal time to plan business meets. Your finances will also remain positive in the week ahead. Lucky numbers: 23, 55, 86.

**SCORPIO:** October 24 to November 21
This is going to be a fulfilling week for you. You are going to have a good time with financial and material gains; as well as your family should stay close to you and value your feelings. You could experience some moment of distress and some team members may prove unworthy. Hence, you will have to exercise discretion in decision making. Lucky numbers: 18, 62, 98.

**SAGITTARIUS:** November 22 to December 21
Your hands are full of activities this coming week. Planning and management would become vital for you. Opportunities will come your way and you must take advantage of them. Several family issues can demand your attention in the week ahead, take time out to deal with them. Your love life will remain active and a few surprises. Lucky numbers: 07, 42, 89.

**CAPRICORN:** December 22 to January 20
You will remain high spirited. Happiness will come their way easily. Professionally you will continue to remain on the high tide. You should not get overzealous since this can lead to some serious issues. On the romantic side there can be some hurdles to cross but you will need to keep your spirit up. Lucky numbers: 12, 33, 77.

**AQUARIUS:** January 21 to February 19
This coming week will be busy but satisfactory for you. There will be moments of both as well as heightened excitement and impasse in family and your professional life. There are chances for something big happening in your life. You can also find yourself getting involved with charitable work. Lucky numbers: 03, 26, 59.

**PISCES:** February 20 to March 21
Serenity and tranquility will prevail this week. No matter what, you will successfully keep your mental peace. New professional opportunities may come your way. You can also make some advantageous deals successfully. However, romance may take the back seat this coming week. There can be differences and tension between you and your partner. Lucky numbers: 27, 80, 92.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES**
Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, ROSALINDA & HARTH GILLET are applying for a RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2011 to operate ROSITA’S RESTAURANT & BAR & CONVENIENCE STORE located on Wyatt Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, GIOVANNI SEGURA is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2011 to operate MOUNTAIN DEW BAR & GRILL located in the village of Georgeville on the Western Highway in the Cayo District.

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Results Of The Primary School Examination 2011 With Highest Score Going To Holy Redeemer Primary School

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Aliyah Licia Enerme Marin, 12

Results of the 2011 Primary School Examination is out!!

The results show that, of the almost seven thousand students who sat the examinations this year, Aliyah Marin from Holy Redeemer Primary School in Belize City, is the number 1 ranking student countrywide.

Aliyah Licia Enerme Marin, 12, is the second of three girls born on July 29, 1998 to proud parents Ervin and Marlene Marin.

At age 3 she was enrolled into Miss Ebanks Pre-School and after graduating at age 5, she went straight into Holy Redeemer Primary School.

Aliyah has always been a smart child to the point where at the beginning of the school year in 2006, the school came to the determination that she was much too advanced for Standard 2 and so she was promoted from Standard 1 straight into Standard 3. She did not miss a beat. She landed running in Standard 3. Aliyah has always ranked first in her class throughout her seven years at Holy Redeemer Primary School. She is currently in Standard 6 Martin.

"Holy Redeemer has been my second home since I was five years old" said Aliyah, "It will always hold a special place in my heart. I am currently in my last year of primary school and anxiously awaiting my graduation. At this stage of my life, education is my first priority. I am a very dedicated and ambitious person and I believe that those that aspire to be great result in success and as they say, [When you do well people notice]".

Acknowledging that this level of success does not come easy, and that it certainly requires tremendous hard work, sacrifice, dedication and firm commitment, we join the rest of the nation in congratulating Aliyah on her remarkable achievement.

We also congratulate her parents, Mr. Ervin and Mrs. Marlene Marin for supporting and guiding such a fine child. We encourage you to keep up the good work.

We also congratulate Aliyah’s two sisters, Thank you Amerea, the eldest sister, for your quick response to our request.

And now for the official Ministry of Education and Youth release on the results of the PSE

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, Belmopan, Friday, June 3, 2011:

The Ministry of Education and Youth hereby issues the official results of the 2011 Primary School Examination (PSE).

Student Population

A total of 6,962 students (including private candidates as well as those who attend alternative schools) registered for the PSE in 2011. Of this total 177 were absent for all parts of the examination while 32 were present for some parts but not all.

Purpose and Intended Use of the Primary School Examination

The PSE assesses achievement of curriculum content and skills in the four (4) areas of English, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science of the National Primary School Curriculum. The examination is criterion-referenced meaning that performance of “each individual is compared with a preset standard for acceptable achievement... The performance of other examinees is irrelevant.” In this way, the examination seeks not to rank students in comparison to other students (as in norm-referencing) but to report what each student has achieved for individual skills. This is expressed as a percentage score. The results of the examination are intended to be used for two main purposes:

1. Certification of Students at the completion of primary school in four content areas of the primary curriculum; and
2. Educational decision-making to inform policy, planning and practice at national, district, school and classroom levels.

The PSE is not and was never intended to be used as the sole criteria for entrance into secondary schools. Secondary schools are advised to use multiple sources of evidence of students’ achievement and holistic development at primary school to get a more complete picture of the students’ abilities, strengths and weaknesses in informing acceptance to and placement in high schools.

While the Ministry of Education will be recognizing outstanding students who have done well on the PSE, the Ministry of Education cautions that making judgments about schools and teachers on the basis of individual student performances is inappropriate. In the first instance, the performance of one or a few may not be reflective of the many, and secondly schools are not all the same. Therefore making judgments of individual schools’ effectiveness on this basis without considering inputs (resources) available to individual schools and without considering background and contextual factors (socio-economic and family backgrounds and communities in which schools are located) of each school is not only inappropriate, but unfair. Additionally, there is a tendency to either praise or criticize the Standard six teachers depending on the performance of students on the PSE. The Ministry of Education wishes to note that it is the school as a whole that is responsible for delivering the curriculum—educating the students. Teachers should therefore not be considered independent practitioners, like general practitioner doctors, for whom the school is simply a place to get a more complete picture of the students' abilities, strengths and weaknesses in informing acceptance to and placement in high schools.

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Healthy And Ready To Learn

By: Andrea Ovard
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, June 2, 2011:

A group of volunteers from HELP International, a non-profit organization, have teamed up with Berta Morales, Richard Zul and Anthony Morris in creating a square foot garden at Sacred Heart College in San Ignacio.

This garden will be part of the program “Healthy and Ready to Learn” which provides a healthy meal for underprivileged students. Students and teachers involved in the program will dedicate their time and energy in helping the volunteers to complete and maintain the garden.

This project would not have been possible without the help and donations from the Agriculture Department; Pine Lumber Company; Mendoza Trucking and Mayor John August.

HELP International volunteers on the mound

VACANCY

A vacancy exists at Pine Lumber Co. Ltd for a Cashier/Sales Assistant, over 21 years of age.

Applicant must have at least a high school diploma. Must be vibrant with good personality and willing to learn. Applicant must be Bi-lingual in English & Spanish. Knowledge of QuickBooks would be an asset.

Deadline for submission of applications is on Wednesday June 8th, 2011.

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USING THE EXAMINATION RESULTS TO IMPROVE TEACHING AND LEARNING: WHAT IS TO BE DONE

The results show that national mean performance by subject on PSE has remained more or less stable over the last eleven years with slight upward trend in each subject. It is important to note however, that means or averages do not necessarily give the most complete picture of performance. It is therefore important to note how our students are distributed across the various grade ranges/bands which appear below in this release.

Overall results on the PSE 2011 show a dip in all areas tested. While there seems to have been an overall upward trend over the years there have been fluctuations in the results from year to year. It is difficult to say with certainty that this year’s decline is not due to the normal variability from year to year. That said, the results this year give cause for concern, particularly in the areas of English and Mathematics.

It is important to note that the emphasis here is and will not be to blame, point fingers, or attempt to shame teachers and schools.

Pointing fingers or blaming does no good if we are to improve. Rather the emphasis must be on how we can improve teaching and learning in our schools. The improvement of teaching and learning in classrooms is not merely a matter for teachers but for principals and managements as well. All concerned—teachers, principals, parents, managements and the Ministry of Education and Youth—must take ownership for the quality of education in our schools. The Ministry of Education is currently piloting a Quality Schools Framework and accompanying process at which ownership for the quality of education services delivered is a central principle. Therefore, while the Ministry of Education will take the lead in this endeavor, it is also the responsibility of the managements and individual schools to analyze their own school results to
Government Assists Illegally Squatters

BELMOPAN, Cayo, Friday, June 3, 2011:
The Government of Belize issues the following update on the situation regarding developments in the Chetumal Street Extension Area where illegally erected structures were removed by authorities on Wednesday June 1, 2011.

Social workers from the Ministry of Human Development and Social Transformation have since visited the site to conduct a holistic assessment of the needs of the families. It has been established that a total of three (3) families required assistance and the Ministry is providing these three families with temporary accommodation and assistance with other basic needs.

The measures taken by the Government in this regard are all in accordance with the compassionate and humanitarianary policies and principles espoused and practiced by this administration even as it maintains its commitment to uphold and ensure full adherence to law and order.

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determine areas of strengths and weaknesses and to plan and implement interventions to address the areas of weakness. This must be done with a sense of collective responsibility.

In this regard, the Ministry of Education and Youth, through support from the Inter-American Development Bank, will be piloting a teacher training module in the teaching of primary education mathematics and to develop capacity within the Ministry of Education and Youth in the areas of teaching of mathematics. This is expected to commence in the coming school year. Additionally, as a short-term measure, the Ministry of Education and Youth is planning summer school in English and Math in each district for students going into Standard 6 identified to be in need additional support in these areas.

THE NATIONAL TOP 25 PERFORMERS

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Squatting On Private And Government Land Should Not Be Tolerated

By: Wellington C. Ramos

Squatting on private and government lands should not be tolerated but land reform is urgently needed in Belize.

Owning land in Belize was not a problem in the past. Most Belizean families had farmlands plus a lot with a house for their families to live in.

Over time, Belizean families will create problems for their children and grandchildren because some of them lived on government-owned leased properties and failed to purchase them. Then their children and grandchildren would grow up thinking that the property belonged to their family and they would go about boasting that their family owned the government property that they were squatting on for generations.

Many times the person who have the lease would die, sell the lease or give it to his or her favorite member of the family and there is where the problem would begin.

There are many families in Belize in the past and even up to today, who have experienced this problem that has ruptured the relationship among family members that led to some killings.

The next common problem occurs when Belizean families purchase a lot or land in their name and fail to prepare a will for a member of the family after their death.

Years ago, I attended a meeting in New York City that was held by Mrs. Muriel Laing-Arthurs’ association on the agenda was a topic on how to deal with “Wills and Estates” presented by the Late Attorney Holman Arthurs. The meeting was very informative and I learnt a lot about the topics. When the meeting was over, Mr. Arthurs asked the people if they had any questions to ask him. An old lady got up and said to him; “Everything weh yu seh sound good Mr. Arthurs but the problem is that we no ready tu dead yet”. Almost everybody burst out and laughed. Mr. Arthurs replied and said; “But mamie ala wi have to dead one day. Death is going to come and it is unavoidable so we should all prepare for our death.”

Too many Belizean family have misunderstandings during death because their love ones failed to prepare for their death or did not leave a will for their estates.

When Prime Minister George Price and his People’s United Party granted amnesty to the people from El Salvador and established the Valley of Peace in the 1980’s without consulting the Belizean people that was a major mistake. This move on his part made many Belizeans angry because these people were just given lands. While, many native Belizean citizens have been applying for lots and lands and have not gotten any up to this day.

The ethnic demographic of the country began to change between the African Belizeans and the Hispanic Belizeans. Today, the recent census has revealed that there are more people of Hispanic ancestry in Belize than African Belizeans. Now, the African Belizeans will lose political power because most of their Representatives will be of Hispanic origin.

Even though Belize is a Democratic country, people normally vote for the people who resemble and look like them. Due to the political turmoil that are constantly occurring in the neighboring republics of: Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Mexico, the migration to Belize has gotten larger. These immigrants are not going back to their native countries once they reach Belize. The only other alternative to Belize is the United States.

In Belize they have so much freedom that they can go in the bush and clear any land, squat on it, build their houses and do farming. This is something that they will never be able to do in their native homelands because they would be killed by the military or the large landowners.

I have written several articles on this topic that I feel so strongly about. If foreigners can come into our country and just take possession of our land, why can’t our government create a system where everybody who is serving in the Belize Defense Force, the Police Force, Civil Servants and working Belizeans can acquire a lot to raise their families and land for farming to grow their food.

Our country have enough land to do both because our country is not overpopulated. The people and families that have enough land are still getting more to use as collateral to accumulate wealth.

If we do not deal with this issue now, more people are going to be squatting in the future and that could lead to some violent confrontations.

In the last two weeks there has been mass protest that are planned and orchestrated by the opposition party.

These protest will not solve any problem because the bus and the squatting problems were there where the People’s United Party was in government and they did not solve it.

With the bus situation, I believe in a free enterprise market and I would allow the buses to operate freely anywhere they choose to operate with their license. The people will have the right to choose what buses they want to ride and those who are too expensive, cannot cope and not providing quality service would be forced out of the business. On a given day there are only a certain number of passengers anyway. Regulating the bus routes, will be a major problem for any government be it PUP, UDP, VIP, PNP or RIP.

Economics teaches a good lesson that we should avoid a monopoly which we had when only a few families controlled the bus industries in Belize. A reasonable fare, punctuality, clean, safe and reaching the end of their destinations is what most passengers want.

Solving the lot and land issue will be good for the party in government because a Belizean citizen will never forget the party that gave them a lot or a land even when they migrate to the United States.
**Farting At The Table**

Johnnie was meeting his girlfriend’s parents for the first time for dinner. After dinner, his girlfriend and her mother left the room to do the dishes, leaving him with the father and the dog Duke, who was sitting under Johnnie’s chair.

The dinner was a large one and Jonnie really had to fart. He thought, “This is great!”

“Duke!” the dad yelled. “He thinks the dog is farting!” So he lets out another one.

“Duke!” the father barked. The Johnnie thought he was home free so he lets everything out at once in a really loud and smelly fart.

“Duke! Get out of there before this boy sh*ts on you!”

**Stolen Peanuts**

An old man and a young man work together in an office. The old man always has a jar of peanuts on his desk, and the young man really loves peanuts.

One day, while the old man is away from his desk, the young man yields to temptation and scrawls down over half of the contents of the jar. When the old man returns, the young man feels guilty and confesses to his crime.

“Don’t worry, son. I never eat the peanuts anyway,” the old man replies. “Since I lost my teeth, all I can do is gum chocolate off the M&M’s.”

**Mexican Eggs**

Two Mexicans are on a bike along Belize/Corozal road and about 5 miles outside of Chetumal. One of the bike’s tires goes flat and they start hitching a lift back into town.

A friendly trucker stops to see if he can help and the Mexicans ask him for a ride.

He tells them he has no room in the Trailer as he is carrying eggs.

The Mexicans put it to the driver that if they can manage to fit into the back with their bike, he will take them back into town, and he agrees.

They manage to squeeze themselves and their bike into the back and the driver shuts the doors and gets on his way.

By this time he is really late and so puts the hammer down. Sure enough the police pulls him over for speeding.

The good officer asks the driver what he is carrying to which the driver jokingly replies “Mexican eggs”.

The Cop obviously doesn’t believe this so wants to take a look in the trailer.

He opens the back door and quickly shuts it and locks it.

He gets on his radio and calls for immediate backup from as many officers as possible.

The dispatcher asks why requires so many officers.

“I’ve got a Trailer with 20,000 Mexican eggs in it...two have hatched and they’ve managed to steal a bike already. I need help. Send it quick!”

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**PROPOSAL TO GRANT A LICENCE TO**

**GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE (GOB)**

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**Proposed Terms and Conditions of Licence**

The proposed licence shall authorize GOB to generate electricity up to 400 kW in capacity along with the associated energy from a photo-voltaic generation facility situated at the University of Belize (UB) Belmopan Campus and to supply such electricity to any GOB premises in Belize.

The proposed term of the licence shall be 15 years, commencing with the effective date of the licence (being the date that the proposed licence is granted).

**Representations or Objections**

Interested persons (those who may be affected by the granting of the proposed licence) may make representations or objections to the proposal to grant the licence.

The deadline for making representations or objections is 5:00 PM on July 1, 2011.

Representations and objections in writing may be sent to the Public Utilities Commission, P.O. Box 300, 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City; or emailed to info@puc.bz.

Issued by the Public Utilities Commission on June 2, 2011.
Another Effort At Addressing The Flooding Conditions At Sacred Heart College

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, June 2, 2011:

Located at the foothill of the natural western elevation, the Sacred Heart College compound has for many years experience severe flooding with the least amount of rainfall. Repeated efforts have been made to address this condition the major of which was the digging of an earthen storm drain through the entire center of the compound.

The major challenge however has been that the outlet had always been inadequate to accommodate the inflow.

With the interest of the community always at heart, the Rotary Club of San Ignacio as undertaken the massive project aimed at addressing this condition. The project entails the cementing of the earthen storm drain as well as increasing the outflow capacity. The outlet capacity from the compound traversing 1st Street is being increased by removing the clogged single 2 foot culvert and replacing it with a 3 ½ foot culvert flanked by two 3 feet

On The Site near Sacred Heart College (L-R) MOW District Supervisor, Cecil Garbutt; Architect, Juan Polanco; MOW Chief Engineer, Lennox Bradley and Mayor John August

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Major Works Underway In The Center Of San Ignacio

Martin Street from its junction with La Loma Luz Boulevard all the way up to Salazar Street and Santa Maria Street which is the main access road into Santa Cruz. This particular project will be undertaken to address repeated complaints from residents in the area regarding the dusty and the muddy condition during the dry and rainy season respectively.

The Mayor further informed that in San Ignacio, a portion of the funds have also been allotted for the upgrading and paving of the Santiago Juan Layout Street as well as 2nd Street near Sacred Heart College.

Chief Engineer Bradley, agreed on the project to make technical staff from the ministry available to assist in surveying the area and recording ground levels to ensure the free flow of water away from the area.

Chief Engineer Bradley recommended for the outflow to be constructed within the boundaries of the existing road reserve instead of on the adjoining private property as this would minimize the need to incur the additional expense of having to purchase that portion of the land from the private owner.

He further advised that due consideration should be taken to incorporate the new drainage system into the network of the engineering design for the Santa Elena/San Ignacio new by-pass which will be connecting Joseph Andrew where the water will should naturally flow.

The New Outlet Across 1st Street - A 3 feet 6 inch culvert in the middle and two smaller 3 feet on both sides

JOB VACANCY

Two teaching vacancies exist at Arms of Love Primary School in the Kontiki area in San Ignacio Town.

Minimum qualification is an Associates Degree in Primary Education.

Deadline to submit your application is June 6, 2011.

Applications should be submitted to:

Manager
Arms of Love Primary School
Kontiki, San Ignacio
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, June 30, 2011:
A San Ignacio youth survived several chop wounds received just as the sun was setting on Monday, May 30, 2011.

Shortly after 6:30 pm police were summoned to the Community Hospital in San Ignacio where they encountered a San Ignacio male youth, identified as Jeston Gabb, 23, Belizean Labourer of a Macal Street Address in San Ignacio, suffering from multiple chop wounds to various parts of the body including the left side of the face, behind the left ear, both wrists, left arm and back.

Still conscious the injured youth told the police that he was walking on 2nd Street near Sacred Heart College in from of the residence of Mervin “Hamma” Escalera when he was accosted by Windell Trapp who rushed at him and began chopping him with a machete.

Gabb reported that after chopping him several times, Trapp fled the scene and disappeared into the sunset.

Gabb was picked up from the ground by some good Samaritans and rushed to the hospital where his condition was stabilized. He was later transferred to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City where he was admitted in stable condition.

Police are in possession of a warrant in the first instance for the arrest and have issued an all point bulletin for the apprehension of Windell Trapp whose other personal particulars are unknown at this time.

At around 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, police received information that the suspect was going about his merry way playing basketball on the Falcon Field basketball court located on Joseph Andrew’s Drive in San Ignacio. Within minutes of receiving the information, a team of policemen descended upon him. He was captured, detained and transported to the San Ignacio police station where he was formally arrested and charged for aggravated assault with a machete committed against the store owner Bing Hui Zhu, 31, Belizean/Chinese businessman.

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