SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, 2nd May, 2012:

Was this policeman drunk on duty? Did he view himself as judge, jury and executioner? What prompted him, as he admitted to a commanding officer, to “Knock the young man” because of what the boy was accused to have done.

Does this case show that some policemen are in dire need of anger management training?

Even in primary schools, corporal punishment has been outlawed. What therefore gives the police the right to corporally punish a child in his care?

Police Constable #11 Francis Aldana today finds himself on the hot seat as he stands criminally charged for allegedly causing harm to a 15 year old minor who, on Tuesday, May 1, was brought to the station by a brother and a sister for allegedly misbehaving at home.

The case is being handled personally by Inspector Reymundo Reyes in his current capacity as officer commanding the formation.

It is alleged that when the boy was brought into the station he was handed over to the accused who was assigned diarist duties.

A Whole Sack Of Weed

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Wednesday, May 2, 2012:

Tuesday, May 1, 2012 was Labor Day and so a Belize City man and woman might have erroneously thought that, like the rest of the nation, the police was on holiday with their guards relaxed.

The couple’s surprise was obvious when cruising down the Western Highway in the middle of Santa Elena Town, as the police pulled them over and found a whole sack of weed inside the trunk of the car in which they were travelling.

Acting upon information received, police Inspector Reymundo Reyes (currently the most senior policeman attached to the San Ignacio police station) and a team of policemen, at around 12:30 in the afternoon on Labor Day, Tuesday, May 1, 2012, intercepted a black Nissan Altima sedan with Belize City private license plates #31459 on the Western Highway in front of Allen’s Hardware Store.

The male driver and his sole companion, a female in the front passenger seat, were ordered out of the car by the police. In compliance with standard police procedures, they were
End The Nuisance - Not Rocket Science

The term “Broken Window Theory” comes up all too often in police lingo, “we must take action against small offences as they will eventually lead to more serious crimes” says the police.

Noise pollution is an offence contrary to the laws of Belize. The people living on the entire length of Joseph Andrews Drive in San Ignacio Town, especially those living in the area of that section sloping down to the Sacred Heart College compound, have for many, many years been complaining about the ear piercing noise produced by truck drivers who are in the habit of applying the jake brakes of the trucks they drive just simply for the heck of it. They have zero consideration especially for the just born babies and elderly folks living along that corridor. This condition also applies to the multitude of residents living on the Western Highway in Santa Elena, Red Creek, Esperanza and areas beyond.

Experienced truck drivers say that there is absolutely no need for these irresponsible truck drivers to be causing this unnecessary disturbance which they do at any hour of the early morning, noon or night.

Now, the question is, why is the police not doing anything to put an end to this irresponsible behavior? Why is our elected town council, with its own traffic section, not doing anything to stop this terrible disturbance?

Every one of these truck drivers know that they cannot and will never pull off this kind of crap anywhere beyond our borders.

It does not require rocket science to halt this behavior in its tracks. All it takes is for someone to mount the necessary operations against those offending drivers.

How can we halt the noise pollution? The majority of these drivers do not own the trucks they drive. They work for a boss.

The boss makes money when the wheels of his truck are rolling. Any delay in moving from point A to point B is a charge on the truck owner. A truck owner would not normally retain the services of an irresponsible driver who delays operations. Irresponsible – that’s just what these heartless, noise making drivers are and so the authorities must expose their irresponsible behavior.

How can these irresponsible drivers be exposed? We first start by canvassing residents along the corridor, with a view of identifying those areas of frequent infraction. When the policeman is on idle patrol, he parks the mobile in a nearby off road ready to observe with a swelling in the track where it will be decided if this movement at the front desk and persons he knows that every interdiction and relieved from all cases of applying the jake brakes of the trucks they drive just simply for the heck of it. They have zero consideration especially for the just born babies and elderly folks living along that corridor.

In corroboration of the boy’s story, and upon being examined by the police, the child was observed with a swelling in the area of the left rib cage and complaining of pain to the left side of his face. He was issued with a pair of medico-legal forms and escorted to the San Ignacio Hospital where the medical officer on duty, Dr. David Pacheco, certificated the injuries as harm.

The report indicates that upon being questioned, the accused policeman reportedly admitted that he “did knock the young man but it was because I got angry when I heard that he pulled knife at his mother”.

Upon this admission Aldana was, on Thursday, May 3, immediately cautioned, formally arrested and accordingly charged for causing harm to the boy. He was slated to appear in court shortly after being formally charged today, however, there was no magistrate in court on Thursday afternoon. Aldana was consequently freed on a $500 police signed bail and ordered to return to court at 9:00 am the following day, Friday, May 4, 2012.

After his appearance in court the report will be forwarded to police headquarters in Belmopan where it will be decided if this policeman will be allowed to continue performing duties as per usual or if he will be placed on interdiction and relieved from all police duties until the case is brought to a final conclusion.

What on earth was going through this policeman’s mind. Of all persons he knows that every movement at the front desk and in the cell block area is recorded specifically to protect against these kinds of abuses. He obviously was of the impression that this one was not going to come back to bite him.
**World Health Day 2012**

The Ministry of Health of Belize in collaboration with the Pan American Health Organization and the National Council on Ageing, join the international community in celebrating World Health Day 2012 under the theme, “Good health adds life to years.”

Speakers at the opening ceremony included representatives from the Council on Ageing, Helpage Belize, and the Ministry of Health. The Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin gave the keynote address in which he mentioned that even though through the ageing process, we will inevitably experience at least some physical and cognitive impairments, we would like to focus our attention on how good health throughout life can help older men and women lead full and productive lives and also be a resource for their families and communities. He also mentioned that we would like to keep older persons in their homes, safe and functional but also that doing so requires that the elderly remains socially integrated in their neighbourhoods.

The ceremony also included a short dance routine performed by the Senior Steps Dance Group of the Belmopan branch of Helpage.

Following the official ceremony, wellness presentations were made in the area of Hygiene and safety, Benefits of medical check-ups, general nutrition and exercise.

World Health Day is held to mark World Health Organization’s founding and is seen as an opportunity to draw worldwide attention each year to a subject of major importance to global health.

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**Ministry of Health hosted Council Meeting of INCAP**

The Ministry of Health of Belize recently hosted the LXII Ordinary Directing Council Meeting of INCAP, Instituto de Nutrición de Centro América y Panamá in Belize City.

Primary objective of the meeting was the transfer of Presidency of INCAP’s Directing Council from Dr. Bautista Rojas Gómez, Minister of Health of the Dominican Republic to Hon. Pablo Marin; Minister of Health of Belize.

Minister Marin was gracious in his acceptance of the Presidency. He pledged to uphold the office on behalf of the people and the Government of Belize in its highest regard.

INCAP is specialized in food and nutrition at the Pan American Health Organization PAHO / WHO and institution of the Central American Integration System.

NDACC to host National Drug Council meeting

The National Drug Abuse Control Council (NDACC), and the Ministry of Health will be hosting the 5th Meeting of the Director’s of the National Drug Council on the 3rd and 4th, May 2012.

This annual regional gathering brings together 20 Directors of Drug Councils of both Member States and Associated Member States of Caricom to discuss the Caribbean strategies to reduce the demand and supply of illicit drugs in the various countries action plan.

The Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin is committed to support this initiative in the fight for Drug Control.

Ministry of Health recognizes Community Health Workers across the country

Earlier this year, approximately 230 Community Health Workers from throughout the country came together to participate a Recognition Ceremony organized by the Ministry of Health.

Voluntary community health workers from southernmost communities such as San Vicente in the Toledo District were present to receive expressions of gratitude and commitments of continuous support provided to the Government.

The objective of the ceremony was to offer sincere congratulations to Community Health Workers, especially to those who have delivered health services with the Ministry of Health for many years. Awards were provided to those in the 20 and 15 years service categories.

The Minister of Health wishes to thank all the persons, groups and organizations who have contributed to the work of our Community Health Workers in Belize.

Ministry of Health
Belmopan
822-2325/2363
CHAPTER 194, LAWS OF BELIZE (REVISED EDITION 2000)

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13

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

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

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204482
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, CARMELITA, Block No.4 and being Parcel No.1041.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No.523 of 1997 dated 21 October, 1997 in favour of GASPAR VEGA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204463
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN PEDRO, Block No.7 and being Parcel No.7281.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.1972 of 2009 dated 2nd October, 2009 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 23 of 2009 at Folios 1225-1238 in favour of LINDA D. PASAS.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204664
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN PEDRO, Block No.7 and being Parcel No.8047.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.1891 of 2009 dated 18th September, 2009 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 22 of 2009 at Folios 1147-1160 & a Deed of Rectification No.479 of 2010 dated 11th March, 2010 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 1 of 2010 at Folios 1348.1363 in favour of VIJAY G. AMARNANI.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204665
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No.4 and being Parcel No.3759.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No.264 of 2001 dated 28th May, 2001 in favour of ORIETTA NAVARRETTE RIVAS.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204666
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No.4 and being Parcel No.3019.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No.975 of 2004 dated 12th January, 2005 in favour of JOSE LUIS REYES.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204667
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No.4 and being Parcel No.4023.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.3049 of 2006 dated 22nd September, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 36 of 2006 at Folios 119-126 in favour of GUILIBERTO REYES & ROSA REYES.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204668
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No.4 and being Parcel No.1970.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.3157 of 2001 dated 5th October, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 39 of 2001 at Folios 1341.1346 in favour of JUAN RICHARD COVE.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204670
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA SOUTH, Block No.31 and being Parcel No.603.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No.692 of 2002 dated 1st October, 2002 in favour of DORCAS CALIZ.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204671
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, QUEEN’S SQUARE WEST, Block No.45 and being Parcel No.1028.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No.599 of 2002 dated 8th August, 2002 in favour of BERNALDO BEY.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204672
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No.23 and being Parcel No.1722.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No.713 of 2001 dated 6th March, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 11 of 2001 at Folios 177-178 in favour of DELIA SEGURA & INMA SMITH.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204677
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No.4 and being Parcel No.3116.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No.509 of 2000 dated 2nd June, 2000 in favour of JUANITA ROMERO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204678
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO SOUTH, Block No.23 and being Parcel No.1172.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No.788 of 2007 dated 9th November, 2007 in favour of KAMILAK CARDONA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-20 1204679
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO SOUTH, Block No.23 and being Parcel No.1171.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No.787 of 2007 dated 6th November, 2007 in favour of KAMILAH CARDONA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-20 1204680
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA NORTH, Block No.31 and being Parcel No.839.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No.526 of 1979 dated 6th November, 1979 in favour of MAVIS LEWIS.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204681
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA NORTH, Block No.31 and being Parcel No.528.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No.5 of 1982 dated 7th January, 1982 in favour of PATRICK BLANCO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204682
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA SOUTH, Block No.31 and being Parcells No.1438.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No.153 of 1984.

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BWS Corporate Social Responsibility

BWS continuously strives to always serve our community and has made donations to various organizations as a part of our social responsibility. The following are organizations that have received donations for this 2012 first quarter:

Living Hope Preparatory School, REMAR Belize, Stella Maris School, New Hope High School, Belmopan Comprehensive High School, St. Johns Primary, Youth Creating Talent, Wesley High School, Belize Defense Force, Port Loyola Organization, Cycling Association, Belmopan Halfway House and the National Sports Council/ King James project.

If your organization would like to apply for a donation from BWS, you can send your letter to Belize Water Services, #7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Attention: Corporate Communications Unit.

Primary schools are also being asked to apply for chlorine containers. These containers will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis as we only have a limited amount.
Dead Bodies Stacking Up In The Morgues

Belize City, would pitch in to assist, he is not a Forensic Specialist but rather a Clinical Pathologist.

Given the demand for the service and the scarcity of immediate specialist replacement, a compromise with Dr. Estradabran is expected sooner rather than later as the number of dead bodies continue to increase in morgues across the country. The situation is further aggravated by the need to determine cause of death and as the laying loved ones to their final resting place should supersede other considerations. Furthermore, the longer a body is kept in the morgue, the more expensive it gets for relatives as morgue fees increase with every passing day.

The morgue fee, for example at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital is twenty five dollars per day for the first three days that is of course if the patient passed away whilst undergoing treatment at the hospital. The fee increases to fifty dollars per day after the first three days. In those cases where a dead body is brought into the morgue then the fee is a straight fifty dollars per day from day one. In terms of the other districts, the morgue fee is a standard twenty five dollars per day across the board.
Your Weekly Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

ARIES: March 22 to April 20
Your people-watching skills are in good form this week, and you will get a creative charge when you go out into the general public. As you notice how people walk, sit and talk, you’ll pick up extra street savvy, too which will prove to be useful as the week ends. Lucky numbers: 11, 37, 64.

LIBRA: September 22 to October 23
You have tools for dealing with difficult people, and you will use them to good effect. You will teach others by your example and, if they ask for help, offer your instruction. Lucky numbers: 02, 35, 69.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21
You have a vision about where to take a relationship. How you are going to get there is unclear at this point. Rest assured, the bond will be built with one emotional connection at a time, take life slow this week and allow destiny to take over. Lucky numbers: 09, 43, 98.

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21
When you give everything you have to the sport, a loss is sometimes more triumphant than a victory. You will play a game, but keep in mind that whether you win or lose, you will play it well. Lucky numbers: 14, 46, 73.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21
You will be driven to look for new adventures this week. There is no rush to commit to a single direction. When you find the right target, you will know it. The pull will be irresistible. Do not move unless you have that feeling. Life will take some unexpected turns this week, so be prepared. Lucky numbers: 05, 51, 77.

CAPRICORN: December 22 to January 20
Success depends on your ability to think ahead. Take precautions against potential temptation and distraction this week. Do what compels you most in the moment, for in the moment your decision making skills will show you the way. Lucky numbers: 07, 31, 67.

CANCER: June 21 to July 23
Being around people who accept and love you “as is.” This will prove to be very important to your confidence this week. If you feel compelled to apologize for your existence, consider that maybe it’s not you. Maybe it’s them. Lucky numbers: 17, 29, 83.

SAGITTARIUS: November 22 to December 21
You can see that someone needs help even before that person sees it themselves. You will offer your kind consideration, and it will take a while for the other person to respond. Keep in mind that your words do have meaning to others so be careful what you say this week. Lucky numbers: 27, 53, 95.

LEO: July 24 to August 21
Everyone you meet is fighting his or her own private battle. Your kindness and good cheer give others the energy to soldier on, and it comes at no cost to you. In fact, you get energy from giving. Lucky numbers: 22, 57, 93.

AQUARIUS: January 21 to February 19
You are not usually motivated by money alone. There has to be an emotional and personal payoff, as well, or you quickly lose interest. A prime opportunity will arise this week that promises to involve you on many levels. Lucky numbers: 40, 61, 90.

BIRGO: August 22 to September 21
This is a week of disguises that do not involve makeup or wigs. The ruse mostly occurs in facial muscles and expressions that tell a story about who a person wants to be instead of who he or she really is. Lucky numbers: 04, 39, 87.

PISCES: February 20 to March 21
You are so in tune with nature now that you could feel the soul of flowers and the heartbeat of the moon. Take advantage of this connection by spending more time than usual outdoors. Lucky numbers: 33, 55, 75.

Six Policemen Return From San Salvador Training

PHILIP GOLDSOND INTER-NATIONAL Airport, Belize City, Saturday, April 28, 2012:
A contingent of six police officers returned to Belize today after receiving advanced training in San Salvador with emphasis on the Trends of Gangs in Central America and how to combat them. The team also received instructions in theoretical and practical methods of Advance Community Policing.
The five-day training was held between April 23 and 27, at the Crown Plaza Hotel in San Salvador.
Topics of instructions branching from the main emphasis included:
a) Transitioning from traditional law enforcement practices;
b) Modern Policing along the lines of Sir Robert Peel’s principles (known as the Father of the Nine Principles of Modern Policing) and
b) Using the Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment (SARA) model of the “Broken Window Theory” of modern policing which assumes that anti-social behavior, if not promptly dealt with can balloon into much more major crimes.

The workshop ended with the teams, each group was tasked to draft a plan to restore and empower a problematic area in their country using the methods taught and do a presentation. The seminar was sponsored by the US Embassy via the Florida Regional Community Policing Institute.
Imparting the instructions were St. Petersburg College professors: Dr. Ernesto Fernandez, Retired Deputy Police Chief William “Bill” LePere and Eduardo “Ed” DeVelasco an Anti-Gang expert with a Masters Degrees in Criminology.

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SAN PEDRO TOWN, Monday, April 23, 2012:

In late 2011, N00bPwners.com, the video game news Blog and Forum was founded by Brian Schweigler, a 14 year old student of San Pedro High School. The goal of this site is to become a successful and well known video gaming community on the internet. N00bPwners strives to have a wide array of articles covering video game news and everything having to do with them. To achieve this goal, he created a site with a unique design and recruited 10 international volunteers and writers to help with the website.

N00bPwners was created for programers from around the world to have a place to call their own. The site covers the following video game platforms: Xbox 360, Sony PlayStation 3 and Vita, Apple iPad, PC, Android tablets, the Nintendo 3DS, Wii and Wii U. Through having all of this, they provide a place for video gamers to discuss, get informed and meet other people interested in video games. N00bPwners specializes on video game music and how young talented people can start a career in the video gaming industry.

When the team at N00bPwners first started, they did not have it easy. The team was still small and a lot of hard work was needed to get the site to where it is today. The result they got from all this hard work is something that they are proud of.

“It feels like we have accomplished something great,” 14 year old Brian said when asked about his thoughts on the site. From the way he explained, it sounds as if they were a bit skeptical at the start of N00bPwners. Their fears seemed to be illogical as they saw the site’s successful launch on the 29th February, 2012. As of today, the team of writers for N00bPwners consists of ten international professionals. These writers focus on news in the world of video games, but also on creating their own content. Their content includes: reviews, analysis, “Guide to Pwning”, news, Top 10, informative articles and speculation.

Today, just two month after the launch, the site went from 250 entries to over 2,900 entries and articles from the world of video games. On top of this, N00b Pwners also has hundreds of video game music sheets from over 100 games for Piano, Violin, Flute, and Guitar. As the only video game forum for Central America, one major focus of N00b Pwners is education and careers in the video game industry. The booming industry offers a wide array of job possibilities around the world. No matter if in Belize or Australia, jobs can be found anywhere, if the applicant has the right education.

For this reason, N00b Pwners provides also back ground information on where to get educated in video game programming, designing, etc. 14 year Brian, has proven that with dedication and hard work you can accomplish anything you set your mind to. He is also encouraging teens and parents of teens to take a look at his site and open doors for themselves. The only way to find out if you have what it takes to run a site like Brian’s would be to get out there and try it.
The Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Works and Transport, has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to implement a Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Project (FMIP) designed to rehabilitate, improve and protect Belize City’s Drainage and Urban Road Network. The main project objective is aimed at reducing Belize City’s vulnerability to flooding events while increasing the long term capacity of the Belize City Council to provide adequate maintenance to streets, drains and canals.

As the Executing Agency, Ministry of Works and Transport intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments under the project for the establishment of a Project Execution Unit (PEU) within the MOW.

The positions to be filled are a Technical Specialist, a Financial Specialist, an Administrative Assistant and two Site Inspectors/Technicians as summarized below.

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<td>Provide comprehensive administrative assistance to the PEU under the FMIP</td>
<td>1. Associate Degree in business or public administration, accounting, or related discipline.</td>
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<td>2. Minimum of 5 years in performing administrative and clerical duties.</td>
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<td>Financial Specialist (one)</td>
<td>Provide accounting and financial services under the project to ensure compliance with Bank procedures/guidelines.</td>
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<td>Site Inspector/Technician (Two)</td>
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Ministry of Works and Transport now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information establishing that they are available and qualified to perform the services (curriculum vitae which includes a description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.). Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank (current edition) and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Interested consultants may obtain the full terms of reference and duties and further information at the address below as of May 4th, 2012, during office hours 8 am to 5 pm Monday to Thursday and 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on Friday.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered via direct mail or e-mail at the address indicated below by 3:00 pm on Monday, 18th May, 2012. Submittals must clearly indicate the position of interest and the project name: “Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Project.”

Chief Engineer
Ministry of Works
Power Lane
Belmopan
Tel.: 822-2690
Fax: 822-3282
Email: chief.engineer@mow.gov.bz or lenbradjr@yahoo.com
Although they were initially suspecting foul play, the family of a man found dead inside the house he rented in Santa Elena Town has agreed to accept the clinical cause of death as certified by the attending medical professional.

It was shortly after 7 o’clock on the morning of Saturday, April 28 when Ismael August, with intent to visit his brother Fedi, arrived at room #15, Sansores’ apartments in the Santa Cruz area of Santa Elena Town. Upon arrival he found the front door open. He stepped inside where he saw the motionless body of his younger brother, face downward, on the floor.

He immediately contacted the police. A team of policemen arrived shortly thereafter. The police confirmed the presence of the motionless body of a male Hispanic person, face downwards, on the floor inside apartment #15. He was wearing a blue t-shirt, black jeans pants, black socks and a small blue knapsack.

Police say that upon turning over the body, they observed what appeared as bruises to the face and clotted blood down the side of the mouth settling in the neck area.

The body was identified to the police by the brother Ismael August, 54, as being that of his 48 year old, unemployed, Belizean brother, Fedi Nicascio August whom he said had only one week earlier moved into the apartment. The body was removed from the scene and transported to the community hospital in San Ignacio where it was officially pronounced dead by Dr. Maria Goncalvez, the medical officer on duty at the time.

Police described August as an individual known to have had a drinking problem which they believed, and was confirmed on Wednesday, May 2 by the medical examiner, Dr. Misael Ramirez who certified the cause of death as ‘Hypo-volemic shock, perforated gastric ulcer, chronic alcoholism.”

The police investigation revealed that the deceased was undergoing medical treatment for a chronic alcoholism condition and that the last time he was released from the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital was on Monday, April 13.

While the approximate date of death was certified as the same Saturday when the body was found, close relatives say that he was last seen alive during the evening hours on Thursday, April 26. A 10:00 am funeral service on Thursday, May 2, was held for Fedi Nicascio August at his mother’s house in San Ignacio Town. The funeral procession ended at the St. Rita Cemetery in San Ignacio Town where he was laid to rest. May his soul rest in peace.
Cure For A Cough

The owner of a drugstore walks to find a guy leaning heavily against a wall with an odd look on his face.

The owner asks the clerk, “What’s up with that guy over there by the wall?”

The clerk says, “Well, he came in here at 7 A.M. to get something for his cough. I couldn’t find the cough syrup, so I gave him an entire bottle of laxatives.”

The owner says, “You idiot! You can’t treat a cough with laxatives!”

The clerk says, “Oh yeah? Look at him, he’s afraid to cough!”

John’s Black Eye

John walks into an emergency room with two black eyes and a broken nose. The doctor asks him, “What happened to you sir?”

“Well,” says John, “I was having a nice round of golf with my wife. She sliced her ball into a pasture of cows. We went to look for it, and while I was rooting around, I noticed that one of the cows had something protruding from its rear end. Sure enough, when it lifted its tail, there was my wife’s golf ball.”

“And?” asked the doctor.

“Well,” said John, “that’s when I lifted the cow’s tail, pointed, and yelled to the missus, ‘Hey, honey - this one here looks like yours!’”

Ten Cups of “Tea” For Daddy

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dated 20th June, 1984 in favour of RODNEY FLORES as Administrator of the estate of Jacinto Flores (deceased).

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204683
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO SOUTH, Block No.23 and being Parcel No.540.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.2534 of 2002 dated 23rd July, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 31 of 2007 at Folios 215-222 in favour of PHELOMENA Usher.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204684
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN PEDRO Block No.7 and being Parcel No.4645.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.1580 of 2002 dated 1st May, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 20 of 2002 at Folios 1063-1082 in favour of STANLEY JONES & PHYLLIS JONES (Jointly).

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204685
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO SOUTH, Block No.23 and being Parcel No.235.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.250 of 1990 at Folios 1071-1078 in favour of ANTONIO DAVID NOVELO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204686
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PORT/ LOYOLAVILLE, Block No.45 and being Parcel No.17.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.427 of 2001 dated 14th November, 2000 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 59 of 2000 at Folios 1397-1404 in favour of ANTONIO DAVID NOVELO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204687
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No.23 and being Parcel No.2020 & 2021.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.427 of 2001 dated 7th February, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 2001 at Folios 1039-1046 in favour of ANTONIO DAVID NOVELO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204688
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PORT/ LOYOLAVILLE, Block No.45 and being Parcel No.21.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.427 of 2001 dated 22nd June, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 12 of 2002 at Folios 41.50 in favour of ANTONIO DAVID NOVELO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204689
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PORT/ LOYOLAVILLE, Block No.45 and being Parcel No.21.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.427 of 2001 dated 22nd March, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 12 of 2002 at Folios 51-60 in favour of ANTONIO DAVID NOVELO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204690
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, FORT GEORGE/ PICKSTOCK Block No.45 and being Parcel No.294.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No.14 of 1944 dated 23rd June, 1944 in favour of AGNES MCKOY as Executrix of the estate of BENJAMIN MCKOY (deceased).

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204691
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No.4 and being Parcel No.2147.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.1047 of 1975 dated 16th June, 1975 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 8 of 1975 at Folios 489-502 in favour of ANTHONY JOSEPH JOHNSTON & CARMEN LOUISE JOHNSTON (Jointly).

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204692
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO SOUTH, Block No.23 and being Parcels No.1147 & 1148.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.250 of 2002 dated 24th January, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 4 of 2002 at Folios 333-340 in favour of MARIO RUANO & NANCY RUANO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204693
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO SOUTH, Block No.23 and being Parcel No.233.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.4008 of 2006 dated 29th December, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 47 of 2006 at Folios 89-100 in favour of MARLON JOSE HERNANDEZ & MELLISA VANESSA HERNANDEZ.

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This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.4008 of 2006 dated 29th December, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 47 of 2006 at Folios 77-88 in favour of JULIO ALBERTO HERNANDEZ.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204695
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA SOUTH Block No.31 and being Parcel No.203.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister’s Fiat Grant No.1453 of 2006 4th January, 2007 in favour of ELAINE SWASO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204696
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These parcel of land are the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.250 of 1990 at Folios 53-62 & A Deed of Rectification No.1103 of 1990 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 47 of 1990 at Folios 1071.1078 in favour of STANLEY ERMEAV.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204697
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA SOUTH, Block No.3 land being Parcels No.1089 & 1090.

These parcel of land are the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.2979 of 1999 dated 15th October, 1999 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 35 of 1999 at Folios 385.390 in favour of PRUDENCE WILLIAMS & GLENN WILLIAMS.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204698
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No.4 and being Parcel No.4516.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No.1962 of 1994 dated 2nd November, 1994 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 23 of 1994 at Folios 109-116 in favour of WILLIAM OZATA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201204699
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PORT/ LOYOLAVILLE, Block No.45 and being Parcel No.2337.

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Two Journalists Killed In Mexico

MEXICO, Thursday, May 3, 2012:

Two missing Mexican journalists have been found dead in the eastern state of Veracruz has sparked protest marches in Veracruz

The dismembered remains of photojournalists Gabriel Huge and Guillermo Luna had been dumped in bags in a canal along with two other bodies.

Their deaths come days after another reporter was killed in Veracruz.

Mexico is one of the world’s most dangerous countries for journalists, with many killings blamed on drug gangs.

Gabriel Huge and Guillermo Luna were reported missing on Wednesday after they did not return from an assignment.

Their bodies were found in the port of Veracruz in Boca del Rio municipality.

Prosecutors said both showed signs of torture and blamed organized crime for the killings.

Mr Huge - who worked for the newspaper Notiver - had recently returned to Veracruz after leaving the state following the murder of two colleagues last year.

Mr Luna - who was his nephew - worked for the photo agency Veracruzews.

Also discovered were the bodies Mr Luna’s girlfriend, Irasema Becerra, and former photojournalist Esteban Rodriguez. The bodies were found on International Press Freedom Day.

Last weekend another journalist in Veracruz - Regina Martinez of the national news magazine Proceso - was found killed in her home in the city of Xalapa.

A total of seven journalists have been killed in Veracruz since the beginning of 2011.

The state has been the scene of a bloody battle for control of drug-trafficking routes between two of Mexico’s most powerful gangs - the Zetas and the Gulf Cartel.
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Utilities Commission Act, Chapter 223 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity (Tariffs, Fees and Charges) Byelaws, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") hereby notifies the general public that it has made and issued the 2012 Annual Review Proceeding Initial Decision (hereinafter referred to as "the Initial Decision") for the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL; the Licensee).

Summary of the Initial Decision:

a) The Commission approved the following Tariffs, Fees and Charges:

Approved Tariffs for remainder of Full Tariff Period (FTP) - July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2016

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Notes:

The Commercial 1 category shall be applied to previous Commercial customers with annual average consumption less than 2,500 kilo-watt-hours.

The Commercial 2 category shall be applied to previous Commercial customers who are not reclassified as Commercial 1.

Where any requested service requires that extraordinary costs be incurred by a Licensee, the Licensee may recover some or all of such costs as determined according to a relevant methodology contained in a relevant and approved Code of Practice required by the Conditions of the License granted to such Licensee.

b) The Commission approves no adjustments to any other previously approved Regulated Values, Mean Electricity Rates and Tariffs contained in the BELIZE ELECTRICITY LIMITED 2011-2012 FULL TARIFF REVIEW PROCEEDING FINAL DECISION.

Viewing of Initial Decision:

The Initial Decision may be viewed in its entirety at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission at 41 Goubourel Lane, Belize City, or on its Website at www.puc.bz.

Comments:

The Licensee and Interested Parties representing users of 10% or more of the electricity consumed in the last calendar year may submit written comments on the Initial Decision by email to info@puc.bz or at its offices until 5:00PM on Monday, May 14, 2012.

The Commission will also consider comments on Pole Rental fees from interested parties directly affected by such fees.

Issued by the Public Utilities Commission on May 2, 2012
LOST LAND/LEASE CERTIFICATES

Pursuant to Section 3 7(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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PRESS RELEASE

Central Bank Releases $20 Commemorative Circulation Note and $1 Coin in Honour of its 30th Anniversary

To mark its 30th Anniversary the Central Bank of Belize will be launching a commemorative circulation $20 Belize currency note and $1 coin on Monday 30 April 2012.

The front upper left hand corner of the note includes a depiction of the majestic Jabiru Stork in flight. The Jabiru Stork (shown in a standing position) was selected to be the symbol of the Central Bank of Belize in 1982 due to the impressive size, dignity and strength of its appearance as these characteristics are retained and enhanced when the bird is in full flight. Directly below the Jabiru Stork is the commemorative text “30th Anniversary Central Bank of Belize”. The new dollar coin also includes a depiction of the flying Jabiru on one side.

The back of the currency note and the reverse side of the coin depicts the Central Bank of Belize headquarters which was opened for operations in 1998. One of Belize's architectural landmarks, the building was constructed on the theme of functional simplicity to provide a focal point and suitable setting for the institution that bears primary responsibility for oversight of Belize’s financial system.

The Commemorative $20 banknote and $1 coin are legal tender which will circulate alongside the existing $20 banknote and $1 coin. The existing $20 banknote depicts the Jaguar in the front and the animals of Belize in the back. The public is advised that all security features incorporated in Belize's currency notes remain unchanged.

The Central Bank of Belize will be distributing posters to financial institutions, the government departments, statutory bodies, business enterprises, schools, libraries, police stations and other target groups. Posters will also be made available to those who visit the Central Bank of Belize.

For further information please contact:
Director, Banking & Currency Department
Central Bank of Belize
Tel: 223-6194
E-mail: cbboper@btl.net

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Belize City
24 April 2012

Commemorative Circulation $20 Banknote

Issue Date 1st January 2012
Commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Central Bank of Belize 1982 to 2012

The Central Bank will issue a limited number of the commemorative circulation $20 banknotes alongside the existing $20 banknotes depicting a jaguar on the front and animals of Belize on the back.

Backside design changed to Central Bank of Belize Office

Commendative Circulation $1 Coin

30th Anniversary of the Central Bank of Belize 1982 - 2012
The front of the coin depicts the landmark Central Bank headquarters building which was unveiled in 1998.

The back of the coin depicts the majestic Jabiru Stork in flight.

SPECIFICATIONS

- Diameter: 31.8 mm
- Weight: 2.22 g
- Composition: 99.9% Silver, 0.1% Copper
- Thickness: 2.35 mm

The Central Bank of Belize will issue a limited number of $1.00 commemorative coins alongside the existing $1.00 coins.
Ministry of Education - Youth & Sports

It’s Good To See The STAR Back

Dear Editor;
Welcome back to the STAR Newspaper and best wishes to the new editor Albert Nigel August and to the former editor Nyani August who has moved up into the publisher’s chair.
It is good to see the STAR Newspaper back on the stands once again and to learn that the newspaper will remain in the August family.

Please For A Service Audit Of The Cayo Hospital

Dear Editor;
Someone somewhere in the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of the Public Service or, if at all possible, from one of those many civil society organizations needs to conduct or, at the very least, commission the conduct of an audit of the hospital in San Ignacio.

A financial audit might be good, but what I am asking is for a service audit.

I am certainly not one to complain but the “service” for want of a better word, at the hospital in San Ignacio Town, is woefully lacking.

The person who coined that word “patient” as a means of identifying those seeking medical services must have surely had the people of our community in mind because, trust me, it takes a whole darn lot of patience to deal with those who are paid to serve us at the hospital in San Ignacio.

The situation gets even worse when any member of the staff is having a snack. When they are eating it is like we the “patients” do not even exist.

There is no need for me to go into further details. All I am asking is for a cursory audit, not a deep one, because the problems are right up there on the surface and all too obvious for anyone to miss.

Yes an audit is needed but, more importantly, corrective action must be taken after the audit with a view to rectifying that attitude of none-service at the taxpaying community.

Mrs. Pulido was on the path of improving the services but a crazy lady they said she is.

Terisita S, San Ignacio Town
informed that the police was looking for arms, ammunition and drugs. The police say that when asked if they had anything to declare, they both said no. Notwithstanding their declaration an “on the spot” search was conducted. The couple was instructed to accompany the police in every aspect of the search of the vehicle.

The police alleged that just as they were moving to search the back of the car, the female approached Inspector Reyes and reportedly offered to pay him two thousand dollars to let them continue their merry way. Reyes reportedly ignored the offer and when the trunk was popped there, in clear view for all to see, stood a brown “Distribuidores De Saco El Quetzal” plastic sack, obviously too large to conceal in the trunk of a small car. The female instantly broke down and began crying.

Police suspect that the brand of the plastic sack could very well indicate the weed came from across the border in Guatemala where the word “Quetzal” (the name of Guatemala’s national bird) is a common brand name.

The driver and the female companion were detained and escorted to the police station in San Ignacio where they were identified as Richard Smith, 32, Belizean Security Guard of #6744 Raccoon Street Extension being the other side of Central American Boulevard in Belize City, straight down from the biggest police station in the nation. The female was identified as Sandra Thompson, 27, Belizean residing in the St. Martin De Porres, Lake Independence area of Belize City.

In addition to the marijuana, police also took possession of word amounting to 1,707 Belize dollars being 831 dollars found in the driver’s possession along with 182 Belize dollars and 347 US dollars (694 Belize dollars) in the female’s possession. They were informed that the cash, under suspicion of being the proceeds of drug activities, would be kept as evidence in the case. In the absence of a scale to accurately weigh the weed, police escorted the couple and the weed to the San Ignacio Community Hospital where, in their presence, it was placed on the scale with the needle moving to a flat 33 pounds or 14,969 grams.

Richard Smith and Sandra Thompson were jointly arrested and charged for drug trafficking. They appeared in court on Wednesday, May 2, where the single joint charge was read to them by Magistrate Linsbert Willis. They both pled not guilty to the charge.

Magistrate Willis informed that in matters of this nature he could not grant bail. Despite the pleas of the female and her mother for the granting of bail citing that she has a breast feeding infant at home, Magistrate Willis reiterated his inability to offer bail. He proceeded to remand both accused persons to prison until Monday, August 6, 2012. It was at this point that the female began to cry loudly in court to the point where she passed out and fell to the floor like a log. She was removed from the court and rushed to the community hospital in San Ignacio.
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