Our lives, our stories!!

By: Orlando Augustine

On May 27, 2009, a brief impressive ceremony was held at Stann Creek Institute for Vocational Education and Training to welcome the visit of the Minister responsible for Public Services, Honourable John Saldivar. He was accompanied by the Director, Ministry of Public Services, Mr. Justin Palacio and Ms. Joseph, the Administrative Officer. They addressed the student body and the instructors about their visit and their roles in the government. The school representative gave them a tour of the facilities.

The entourage met with the instructors where they were engaged in discussion and exchanging views about the working conditions of the employers at the institution. This is the first formal visit of a government minister to the institution for this year, of which 1st June 2009. Delegates from the Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Culture landed on the runway to conduct the Inaugural ceremonies. Hon. Roaches, Mayor Gongora, Senator Webster and other Dangriga residents also participated in the grand social event after which food was served by out of town caterers.

Mrs. Barbara Miller greeting Minister Heredia

Dangriga - June 1, 2009

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Gunmen caught in the act!

Northern Highway, Belize City, June 02, 2009

Police have detained three men pending investigations into a robbery that took place at the Belize Electricity compound. Police were conducting their regular patrol on the Northern Highway, Belize City when they observed two male persons on the opposite side of the Belize Electricity Limited compound committing a robbery. One person was...
Guest Editorial

Provocation as Mitigation for Murder: Is this really what the law thinks of our women?

It is with the greatest sense of outrage and grief that we protest the latest injustice committed under our judicial system against the human rights of our women. Our grief is underscored by our outrage that the judicial system continues to blame the victim especially when the victim is a woman or when the victim is poor.

My initial reaction to the news that the courts had reversed a life sentence against a man who killed his female partner was first, disbelief. It was soon replaced with rage when the reason for the setting aside of the first sentence (life in prison), was because of provocation.

Then I asked myself, how is it possible for an unarmed woman to provoke anyone especially an armed man into a killing frenzy? My conclusion is that this is just not possible or justifiable and that there have to be underlying reasons, reasons of control and power over the life and body of another person in this case that of a woman. Or would it be more accurate to say: that of another woman?

Women in intimate relationships continue to live in a state of psychological terror and the threat of physical destruction at the hands of their intimate partners. If the male partner is displeased by any behavior of the female partner he may be “provoked” into lethal violence and the courts will understand that the perpetrator of this violence was provoked into a killing rage by his inability to control, most of all his own conduct, much less the conduct and actions of another human being and therefore, the courts will see this as grounds of justification for a sentence less than life imprisonment: After all women should know their actions of another being and therefore, the courts will understand that the perpetrator of this violence.

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How have we come to this place in our society where religion and the state, through the judicial system and other institutions and structures, and our cultural behavior generally, conspire against women and threaten their very existence in one of the most vital and intimate functions of our existence - the reproduction of our species? Women’s lives should not be placed in danger when they enter into an intimate relationship.

We reiterate our condemnation of the reversal of the sentence in this latest case of murder against one of our women. Our laws need to change. It may be that our justices need to be sensitized. Our culture of violence must be abandoned and most of all, our voices must be heard in loud, continuous protest against the institutionalized discrimination against women; after all the lives of women are at least as important as those of our men. Let the courts reflect this. Change the laws if necessary. Do something. This must stop!

My Fellow Dangrigans,

How much longer are we going to live with our Area Rep, Mr. Arthur Turo Roches, who is not doing anything for the development of our municipality? It is time for this elected representative to contribute something for us.

Look, Mr. Roches has the record as the minister that gave the shortest speech in Cabinet history. He has given the rest of the country the impression that all is well in Dangriga, when as a matter of fact we are living below the poverty level compared to the rest of the country.

Turo Roches constantly complains that he is so sorry that he is the area rep because he has no time for us. Moreover, he even said that we are beggars. As a matter of fact he does not even like us and hope he will not seek re-election. Is this the way our trusted representative thinks of us? (Is this another Sylvia Flores?) Are we so ignorant that we are blind to these things? I think that we are neither ignorant nor blind. We need to send the message to Turo and his puppets Cornelius Caliz and that fella Donna Dread.

My cry to you my brothers and sisters is to rise against all this propaganda and take our town back from this man and choose somebody better to represent us. Life in our town is too very hard for us to just sit around, complain and do nothing to help ourselves. Let us stop waiting for the politicians to do for us, because as usual the result is nothing.

Let us make a vow not to bow to this hypocritical system. Let’s break this wall that they call ignorance and fight back for our rights. Let’s not get caught up in their traps. We have to get together to stop them from continuing to victimize us. We should not surrender nor retreat. We have the right to rebel. When it is all said and done, we will still be around, and they will be gone.

Whenever we rise against you the whole country will know why. This is a new revolution, a peaceful revolution, but this one is the change that must come. Let us think about our children and grandchildren. Are we going to allow the politicians to control the lives of our children, to live in poverty as we all are, and as our ancestors used to live? We sacrifice for better education for our children, and after they graduate from college, they sit around due to joblessness.

Look at where the oil and Citrus are being shipped from, Big Creek. Dangriga has the deepest port in this country; it was taken from us and locked away by the former Administration. Commerce Bight pier is rotting due to uselessness and we are starving. Big Creek is an extra 120 miles round trip from the six miles junction while the commerce bight pier is 14 miles round trip. Is anyone looking at this, let’s hope so. Give us back our jetty pier and start repairing it. We can go back to shipping our citrus additionally with the oil and tourism industry. This will generate something for us Dangrigans. It does not matter what race, color, creed or ethnic group we belong to, we are all Dangrigans.

Let us call on the Honorable Turo Roches to get on the media and tell us what he has planned for us. I am sure that he will say he has nothing planned. Let us think about our children and grandchildren. Are we going to allow the politicians to control the lives of our children, to live in poverty as we all are, and as our ancestors used to live? We sacrifice for better education for our children, and after they graduate from college, they sit around due to joblessness.

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An angry UDP supporter from Dangriga

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SINCERE SYMPATHY

First, my deepest sympathy goes out to the family of the Late Mr. Rabu Sahib King Tutt Garcia, Ms. Carol Pierrott and Mrs. Cacho for their loss. My prayers goes out to them all and God Bless. As we know, Mr. Garcia lost his battle to “Cancer The Devil” but I know that he’s won with Our Lord Jesus Christ along with his wife Mrs. Cacho and Ms. Pierrott both devout Catholics. My dear brothers and sisters we must surrender ourselves to the Lord and invite him to come into our hearts, for we know not when our Maker call’s for us. My daughter Sharlene and I had the opportunity to share that Blessed moment with her uncle before he exited this place we call earth and I know in my heart that he’s asleep and will one day be raised again by Our Almighty Father. Scriptures: (1 Corinthians 15:12-24) (1 Corinthians 15:42-45).

My Beloved brothers and sisters, I am deeply saddened by our loss this week. Whenever we rise against you the whole country will know why. This is a new revolution, a peaceful revolution, but this one is the change that must come. Let us think about our children and grandchildren. Are we going to allow the politicians to control the lives of our children, to live in poverty as we all are, and as our ancestors used to live? We sacrifice for better education for our children, and after they graduate from college, they sit around due to joblessness.

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Nuff Respect

Terrence O. Martinez
By: Orlando Augustine  
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The final visit was by members of the Association of Catholic principals who also tour the institution. In a brief ceremony, the principals were given an overview on the mission, vision and goals of the institution. They were also given a synopsis of the administration and activities of the institution.

The damaging effects of Tropical Storm Arthur in June 2009

Given the fact that the institution was battered by Tropical Storm Arthur a year ago, a number of activities for the year was canceled. Most of the equipment was damaged that retarded the practical component of instructions at the institution. Nonetheless, with whatever is available the instructors managed to complete their training modules to send the trainees for On Job Training and prepare them for graduation on July 5, 2009.

Presently, the institution is enrolling new trainees who are fifteen years and over with a primary or secondary education for training next school year. Applicants are also required to present their sixth standard record card or an official high school transcript. The applicants must be Belizeans or permanent residents. It must be emphasized that applicants under eighteen years must bring along their parents, guardians or sponsors during registration.

“Many paths we travel, many souls we reach, happiness extends its hand to those who weep. Each and every heart we touch, enlightens our very soul, for it is that path we take, that very light we seek, sends us on our journey to that very Heart we seek.”

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Belize water company wants 8% rate hike

BELMOPAN, Belize, June 3, 2009

The Belize Water Services (BWS) wants consumers to pay an eight per cent increase in rates, and has asked the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to grant the hike, based solely on increasing inflation which it says has left it unable to generate enough revenue to meet its investment obligations.

Noting that inflation has risen by about 15.6 per cent since the last tariff adjustment for inflation was made in 2005, BWS said the increasing cost of goods and services is impacting negatively on the company.

"The effect of these cost increases is to reduce available cash, putting the company in a position where it is unable to fund adequate maintenance of existing assets, unable to invest in service expansion and unable to provide the regulated rate of return to shareholders. This position also puts the company and the entire customer base at risk, as the company is unable to hold adequate cash to expedite recovery in the event of a major disaster," the BWS Chief Executive Officer Alvan Haynes wrote in the letter applying for the tariff adjustment.

He said that BWS was not asking for a rate increase to meet all its financial shortfall, but enough to help compensate for the increase in costs due to inflation and to allow the company to maintain its operations and service levels.

Haynes pointed out that despite being adversely affected by a number of cost increases over the last four years, BWS still concentrated on improving efficiency and cost effectiveness and refrained from requesting any tariff increases. Unfortunately, he said, while far more operationally efficient and marginally profitable, the company now cannot generate enough revenue from operations to meet its investment obligations.

The PUC has invited customers and other interested parties to make comments on the BWS application by next Friday, June 12th. The Commission will give a decision the following Monday, June 15th, provided that no public hearing is required. If such a hearing is required, it will be held on Wednesday, June 17th and the PUC would then give its decision two days later.

American heavily fined for damaging Belize Reef

BELMOPAN, Belize, June 3, 2009

Two years after his catamaran destroyed part of the Belize barrier reef, an American man has been ordered by a court to pay BZ$3.4 million (US$1.7 million) for the damage.

David Lautner’s BZ$600,000 (US$300,000) boat has also been held until he can pay the money.

He was fined this week for recklessly causing a disaster that resulted in a loss to the environment.

Magistrate Ed Usher ruled that Lautner did not exercise due diligence in navigating the Lighthouse Reef Atoll (pictured above). That negligence resulted in damage to a piece of the reef measuring 125 feet by 75 feet.

On May 2, 2007, the American was trying to reach harbor in his double hull catamaran, Sun Jam, when it ran aground.

Magistrate Usher said that because of the size of the vessel, 37 feet x 21 feet, Lautner should have hired a pilot and sufficient crew to navigate the reef safely.

Lautner has two months to pay BZ$50,000 (US$25,000) of the total judgment and another five years to pay the balance.

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ONCE upon a time there was a very beautiful doll's house; it was red brick with white windows and it had real muslim curtains and a front door and a chimney.

It belonged to two Dolls called Lucinda and Jane; at least it belonged to Lucinda but the never ordered meals.

Jane was the Cook but she never did any cooking, because the dinner had been bought ready-made, in a box full of shavings.

There were two red lobsters, and a ham, a fish, a pudding and some pears and oranges.

They would not come off the plates but they were extremely beautiful.

One morning Lucinda and Jane had gone out for a drive in the doll's perambulator. There was no one in the nursery and it was very quiet.

Presently there was a little scuffling, scratching noise in a corner near the fireplace, where there was a hole under the skirting-board.

A minute afterwards Hunca Munca, her husband, put her head out, too and when she saw that there was no one in the nursery, she ventured out on the oilcloth under the coal-box.

The doll's house stood at the other side of the fireplace. Tom Thumb and Hunca Munca went cautiously across the hearth-rug. They pushed the front door - it was not fast.

Tom Thumb set to work at once to carve the ham. It was a large, shiny yellow, streaked with red.

The knife crumpled up and hurt him; he put his finger in his mouth. "It is not hot enough; it is hard. You have a try Hunca Munca."

Hunca Munca stood up in her chair and chopped at the ham with another lead knife. "It's as hard as the hams at the cheesemonger's," said Hunca Munca. The ham broke off the plate with a jerk, and rolled under the table.

"Let it alone," said Tom Thumb; "give me some fish, Hunca Munca!"

Hunca Munca tried every tin spoon in turn; the fish was glued to the dish. Then Tom Thumb lost his temper. He put the ham in the middle of the floor, and hit it with the tongs and with the shovel - bang, bang, smash, smash!

The ham flew all into pieces, for underneath the shiny paint it was made of nothing but plaster!

Then there was no end to the rage and disappointment of Tom Thumb and Hunca Munca.

Tom Thumb set the kitchen chimney and looked out the top - there was no soot.

They broke up the pudding, the lobsters, the pears and the oranges. As the fish would not come off the plate, they put it into the red-hot crinkly paper fire in the kitchen but it would not burn either.

Tom Thumb went up the chimney and carriage and looked out the top - there was no sot.

While Tom Thumb was up the chimney, Hunca Munca had a not too smaller disappointment. She found some tiny canisters upon the dresser, labeled "Rice," "Coffee," "Sago" but when she turned them upside down there was nothing inside except red and blue beads.

So that is the story of the two Bad Mice. But they were not so very, very naughty after all, because Tom Thumb paid for everything he broke. He found a crooked sixpence under the hearth-rug; and upon Christmas Eve he and Hunca Munca stuffed it into one of the stockings of Lucinda and Jane.

And very early every morning - before anybody is awake - Hunca Munca comes with her dust-pan and her broom to sweep the Dollies' house!

THE END

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that FERNANDO BACALLERO is applying for a renewal for PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate WADANI SHED located at St. Vincent Street, Dangriga Town in the Stann Creek District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that ELSA MARINA TELLO is applying for a renewal for PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate EL ENCANTO BAR located at Bella Vista Village, in the Stann Creek District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that STEVEN HEWITT is applying for a renewal for PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate THATCH CAYE RESORT located at Coco Plum Caye, in the Stann Creek District.
What’s On The Mind: 

Saying “No” to your Child

Saying no to your child is an important form of disciplining him or her. Children often want things they shouldn’t or can’t have at the moment or they may want to do something which they should not do. For example, your child may want candy while at the grocery store but you are there to shop for today’s dinner. Your child may want to play outside but he has not finished his homework. It’s important to step in and be firm in letting your child know that he cannot have any candy or is not allowed to play before homework. It is sometimes hard to say no to our children. Children’s behaviors, at a certain age, can be cute or funny but while you may laugh the first time your child uses a grown-up phrase like “oh s**t” you are sending mixed signals. It is difficult to use bad language and chances are they will use this and other bad words again. Perhaps you are too busy or distracted to pay close attention to your child’s misbehaviors or to remain consistent in refusing their demands. However, it is important to be consistent in your refusal and recognize that once a decision has been made, you cannot change your mind whether it’s 10 minutes or a couple hours later.

Remember that every battle lost, no matter how small, can lead to you losing the war. Your child will learn quickly that if they cry or nag long and hard enough they will get what they want. Perhaps it may be that if they cry or nag in crowded or public places they will get what they want. Of course there are times when we get tired or frustrated and it’s easier to give in than fight another battle. However, this should be the exception and not the rule.

When saying no to children, as parents we sometimes take approaches that may not be the best. Some parents fall into the trap of saying No, because I said so or mistakenly warn the child I wouldn’t do that if I were you. Other parents fall into the trap of negotiating with the child, if you do the dishes I will buy you candy. When saying no to your child, it’s helpful to acknowledge what your child wants and let your child know why he can’t have or do a certain thing. Say to your child, I know you want the candy but we came to the store to buy food. You may even want to add that there is no money left over to buy candy. The important thing is that you are letting your child understand why he cannot have the desired thing and you are setting him up to later be able to problem solve these things for himself. Once you’ve established rules and guidelines for your child’s behaviors make sure you are consistent in following them.

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Thursday’s phenomenon, a sign of the times?

Thursday morning May 28th, 2009 will go down as the day when the almighty father showed his powers to all people living in Honduras, Guatemala and Belize. What made it most significant is that the quake on this early morning definitely came like a thief in the night as mentioned by the bible. Yes friends, it came at a time when all and sundry were all tucked away in bed preparing for the new day.

I retired to bed sometimes after twelve on that faithful morning and was suddenly woken by my partner who asked me not to shake the bed. It was at that very point that we both realized that we were facing the reality of an earthquake. The violent force with which the house shook sent everyone scrambling for the door with whatever bits and pieces of apparels we could find.

The harsh reality of this was that millions of people in the region found themselves steering death right in the face. Panic, chaos and confusion soon followed as people all ran into the streets for safety. In the aftermath of it, several people lost properties due to the falling of objects as a result of the violent vibration/shaking of their dwellings.

If there was anything positive to come out of this phenomenon is the question of the extent to which Belize is ready to cope with preparedness for natural disasters apart from hurricanes. We probably now need to conduct exercises such as earthquake drills. This would tell and train people on what to do in the event they get trapped in a building damaged in an earthquake. I am certain that most of us could have walked or ran into our death by running straight outside. You see friends sometimes the earth breaks thereby creating craters that swallow up buildings during earthquakes.

Up to date, tales of the excitements caused by the morning quake and the aftershocks still resonates all over town. But, regardless of how it all happened, the million dollar question is “could this be a sign of the times or just a wake up call?” One will agree with me that for some time now our society has drifted away from that God fearing attitude that used to exist to a self centered attitude.” We now believe that the world revolves around us and that we no longer need God in our lives. Yes friends, we now despise our neighbors; brothers, friends and anyone who we feel are threats to the security of our earthly/material possessions. Believe me, we are no longer our brother’s keepers. As a matter of fact, we feel real good and honored to see our brethrens and sistrens fall or fail in his/her undertakings. Yes brothers and sisters we continue to hear of brothers killing brothers like the bible mentioned about Cain and Abel, sisters are now killing other sisters, mothers are now fighting their daughters and fathers are now fighting their sons over petty things.

Years ago, it is the order of the day for the entire village to raise the child. It was not uncommon to see neighbors caring for their neighbor’s children while they went to the market, to work, shopping etc. We all played together without any thought of violence. Friends, our society was a communal one where everyone was poor or at the same level. Today the situation is one where we all have to be careful because we must watch our own turf. To compound the problem our society continues to be plagued by countless societal problems. There have been several incidence of rape, incest, child molestation, HIV/AIDS and you name it, and we have it.

The irony of this quake is that it struck only days shy of the anniversary of Tropical depression Arthur which really put a pounding on the southern part of our country. We will all remember that faithful 28th June morning when this phenomenon cause the south to be cut off from the rest of Belize and the death of at least five people. Again, that came like a thief in the night. I am convinced that Belize cold not afford another catastrophe so (Turn to pg. )
BOOGIE MAN

PUP attempts to Re-energize itself

Some die hard P U P are upset that the Party Hall is without the two basic utilities of light and water. In addition there are a number of individuals who are citing that their transactions with the party are unfulfilled. These are the matters that have led to these avid members requesting an audience with the Chairman of the Dangriga branch of the P U P on Sunday 7th June at 10:00 am at Party Hall. They want a state of the affairs address on the P U P branch of the Dangriga constituency.

A lot of P U Ps are disappointed over the effort of the chairman in the last election and this new finding of unpaid bills has reduced their confidence in him and as a result is requesting his explanation, which if not satisfactory could lead to removal before the next P U P convention. The gathering continues!

SHUSH!!!!! SHUSH!!!!!

1. The minister receives $40,000.00 for the sale of land in the coastal road area. Title not yet delivered.
2. The same minister sold a piece of land for which another person holds the title.
3. And yes, the same minister ordered the repairs of a tractor and is yet to pay for services.
4. Is the 6th form with an additional caretaker? An official is also present on weekends.
5. Who is suing the high school for 1.5 millions?
6. Uproar with the catholic school teachers in Dangriga over the posting of experience principals to class rooms in the district. 70 affected by transfers. OH! you again who never want drums in the church. Somebody needs to go and take the inheritance too. Principal from O W to take charge?
7. Some officials at D T C are very thin skin. Public service is fair game, thank u.
8. Who has the plans for the Hopkins wetlands? Maybe the machine operator who is cutting the creek?

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I must profess that I am not too religious like some people but I find it very hard to separate the religious aspect of life from all that is happening today. Do you think that it is by mere coincidence that we are being hit by one phenomenon after another? Or do you think that it is merely a call from some higher power for us to clean up our acts? As a person who is heavy into studying the sciences and who believes heavily in the sciences, I will indicate that Thursday morning’s phenomenon has forced me to reflect on the powers of the almighty. Probably, God is indeed talking to us to take heed and just do the right things.

In conclusion, I would like to ask all my readers to take some time out to reflect on their own lives about what happened on Thursday morning and then self evaluate their lives as well. Thank God we all made it in peace and not in pieces and may continue to support each other the way we all did when neighbors who had not spoken to each others for years, saw it in their best interest to kiss and make up. With all the peace and love in the world, remember never forget the unpredictable powers of Jah! Naaf love and peace up.

Story from Sittee

95 year-old Ms. Irene Foster from Sittee River

Sittee River Village, Stann Creek District - June 1, 2009

At the break of dawn on Monday, June 1st, 2009, approximately 5:30 a.m., the clouds in the skies break loose and spurt out a downpour of rain which continued up until sometime mid-morning. This has brought great concern and most of all, dreaded memories, as exactly one year ago, same was the gesture of our dear mother nature.

It was Sunday, June 1st, 2009, sometime in the wee hours of the morning; all hell broke loose in the midst of the skies, and down came an outburst of showers. What would normally be called “a shower of blessings” was just the beginning of the hurricane season and the rainy months that lies ahead. But as morning approaches and the busy hours of the day progressed, the rain kept its steadiness without cease. When the day turned into another night, at last, another time to rest! With the rain beating heavily on the metal roof top, sleep was sure to come, for it was only music to the ear and therapy to the soul. Every household lay fast asleep, with thoughts of what might be done if mother mature decided to swell its river banks or produce any sort of heavy indescribable wind. What follows next though, lies beyond the deepest measures of expectations! Dear Mother Mature could bear it no more! She was fed-up, she was mad, she was furious! She lashed out on mankind as she puked out tons of water into the Sittee River. Then when she was ready to release her tensions, her normal course diverted into unsuspected
Dangriga Airstrip Refurbished

(Cont'd from pg. 1)

Authority welcomed the guests and Kenworth Tillett, General Manager Belize Airport Authority delivered the vote of thanks. Pastor Arthur Hoy led the prayer. Mayor Gongora also addressed the guests. The Dangriga Airstrip was upgraded to meet modern safety features. It is a part of an ongoing project of the tourist industry to improve the aerodromes in the country of Belize. The project started in Punta Gorda and will now move to Belize City Municipal Airstrip where 4.5 millions will be spent.

Dangriga Airstrip known to some as Pelican Airstrip is built on land donated by H T A Bowman and ironed out by Mrs. Alice Bowman. Dangriga Airstrip facilitates the Tropic Air and Maya Island Air as they move the tourists and help in disaster times. The project was contracted out to Albert Reimer's Valley Ranch Enterprise Ltd at a price tag of $450,000.00. Dangriga accepts the newly refurbished and upgraded runway and hopes to participate in the next Dangriga project.

Gunmen caught in the act!

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**June 05, 2009**

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19)**
Renewing an old romance may not create the future you’re looking for. Take it easy.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)**
Your mood will be on the upswing -- happiness will shine in your life for a while.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)**
Your insightful intelligence will help solve this problem. Share what you know.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22)**
Your feelings are all over the place right now but that doesn’t mean you can just inflict them on anyone who’s nearby. If you’ve got someone to talk to, ring them up and lay it all out.

**LEO (July 23 - August 22)**
Watch for plotters poking around -- if a surprise party is being planned, pitch in!

**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept 22)**
You may not feel up for it. You may want to pursue other interests but a balance is better for you.

**LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 22)**
Small talk may be all anyone expects but if you go deep, you’ll make connections.

**SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**
Building up your strength has taken a long time but now you’re unstoppable.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
You’re moving through a new social phase. Use this time of solitude to recharge.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
Your indecision should come to an end today -- make a choice.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**
Privacy is important -- you need time to be in control of everything around you.

**PISCES (Feb 19 - March 20)**
Seek out that warm and fuzzy feeling. It tells you you’re on the right track.

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**Puzzle 23**

**Solution**

**Plant Something Good**

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**APPLES (15,5,SE)**  
**ONIONS (8,13,W)**  
**PEACHES (6,2,E)**  

**BERRIES (9,13,NW)**  
**PEARLS (5,14,W)**  
**PEACHES (6,2,E)**

**BROCCOLI (6,4,SE)**  
**PICK (19,6,N)**  
**PICK (19,6,N)**

**BUGS (18,12,S)**  
**PLANTING (18,1,SW)**  
**PLANTING (18,1,SW)**

**CAGE (6,14,SW)**  
**PLOW (1,20,1,W)**  
**PLOW (1,20,1,W)**

**CAULIFLOWER (11,11,NW)**  
**PRUNE (13,18,NW)**  
**PRUNE (13,18,NW)**

**CHERRIES (13,1,S)**  
**RAIN (4,12,E)**  
**RAIN (4,12,E)**

**CROPS (3,19,E)**  
**RAKE (9,9,SE)**  
**RAKE (9,9,SE)**

**FARM (20,11,W)**  
**SEED (1,10,S)**  
**SEED (1,10,S)**

**FERTILIZER (2,10,N)**  
**SHOVEL (13,14,NW)**  
**SHOVEL (13,14,NW)**

**FIEL:D (7,10,SE)**  
**SQUASH (17,19,N)**  
**SQUASH (17,19,N)**

**FLOWERS (9,7,N)**  
**SPRAY (20,2,5)**  
**SPRAY (20,2,5)**

**FRUIT (15,10,5)**  
**TILLER (10,16,NE)**  
**TILLER (10,16,NE)**

**GARDEN (16,9,S)**  
**TOMATOES (10,1,W)**  
**TOMATOES (10,1,W)**

**GRAPE (6,5,5,W)**  
**TREES (13,10,NE)**  
**TREES (13,10,NE)**

**GREEN (10,14,SW)**  
**VEGETABLES (12,13,NE)**  
**VEGETABLES (12,13,NE)**

**GROW (17,5,NW)**  
**VINES (12,15,E)**  
**VINES (12,15,E)**

**HARVEST (1,20,NE)**  
**WATER (4,2,SE)**  
**WATER (4,2,SE)**

*can be purchased at the following places:*

**Integrated Business Systems**

**Roxy Club**

**Valley Road Texaco Service Station**

**Oscar Ramirez Bookstore**

**Styno’s Pharmacy**

**SiahNet Cyber Café**

**Tania’s Guest House (Hopkins Village)**

**Georgetown Village (Arlette Lee)**

**Sitone River Village (Ava Kelly)**
MAKE YOUR DAY
The Giraffe Test

1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?
Stop and think about it and decide on your answer.
The correct answer is: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe and close the door.

2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?
Did you say, Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant, and close the refrigerator?
Wrong Answer.
Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door.
This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All the animals Attend .... Except one.
Which animal does not attend?
Correct Answer: The Elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. You just put him in there. This tests your memory even if you did not answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your true abilities.

4. There is a river you must cross but it is used by crocodiles and you do not have a boat.
How do you manage it?
Correct Answer: You jump into the river and swim across. Have you been not listening? All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Meeting.
This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

Story from Sittee
extremes in the highland if the village.
Within split seconds, only in the wink of an eye, what were once streets and driveways minutes ago, soon became channels for boats and canoes as they make their way over water engulfed trees to rescue villagers from their rooftops. While endless efforts were been made to rescue villagers and bringing them to safety, one soul defeated... struggle too great... the life of a dear loved one was snatched beneath the swirling waters. Oh, what a terrifying day that was! That morning of Monday, June 2nd 2008.

Today, Tuesday June 2nd 2009, one year later and only five days after the furious tremor of a magnitude 7.1 earthquake, Villager of Sittee River Village gathered to commemorate one year of the anniversary of the historic flood. Mr. René Villanueva from Love F.M., along with his wife, Mrs. Susan Villanueva, Mr. Ramon Frutos, Belize’s chief meteorologist and their camera man visited the village to interview residents on reflects of the fold. They also interviewed couple of

Children in tuned to interview and advice from elders
the elders of the village who gave some memorable tales of the history of Sittee River Village. One of those interviewees happened to be 95 years old Mrs. Irene Foster. Mrs. Foster gave her experience of Hurricane Hattie and also her memories of childhood days. Another interviewee was Mr. Alton Bailey. Both Mrs. Foster and Mr. Bailey were asked for advise to give to the young people of Belize. Both of their top answers were RESPECT. The Love crew was also taken on a Sittee River tour.

Mammy-apple Pie
INGREDIENTS
- 300 g (12 oz) plain flour
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp.) salt
- 130 g (6 oz) fat (1/2 vegetable shortening and 1/2 margarine)
- about 3 x 15 ml spoon (3 tbsp.) cold water to bind beaten egg or milk to glaze

Ingredients for filling:
- 100 g (4 oz) sugar
- 25 g (1 oz) plain flour
- 2 ml spoon (1/2 tsp.) cinnamon or grated nutmeg
- 15 ml spoon (1 tsp.) lime juice
- 500 g (1 lb 2 oz) mammy apple, peeled and sliced
- 15 g (1/2 oz) margarine

INSTRUCTIONS
Sift flour and salt into a bowl. Add butter. Cut into flour with two knives or pastry blender until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Sprinkle water over flour mixture. Mix with a fork, then a round-ended knife until lumps are formed. Form into a ball using fingertips. Turn out on to a floured surface and knead lightly to form a firm but elastic dough. Chill for 5-10 minutes. Divide dough into two pieces. Roll out one piece into a circle large enough to line a 23 cm (9 in) round pie dish. Lift pastry into dish, and ease it gently into place without stretching. Stir sugar, flour and cinnamon into a bowl. Add the lime juice and mix well.
Put half the fruit in the pie dish and sprinkle with half the sugar mixture. Top with remaining fruit, then the sugar mixture. Dot with margarine. Roll the remaining pastry for lid to a circle 2.5 cm (1 in) larger than pie dish. Damp edges of pie with water and cover with pastry lid, pressing edges well together. Trim all round pie and pinch edges to seal. Prick very firmly with a fork, brush with beaten egg or milk and bake at 200°C (400°F), Gas Mark 6, for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 180°C (360°F), Gas Mark 4, and bake for a further 45 minutes, or until pastry is golden brown. Serve hot.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT “RABU” GARCIA
Sidney Mejia, Garifuna Writers Group, Los Angeles

Praise him as a brilliant soccer star, recall his self-deprecating jokes and sunny disposition, or better yet his ability to quickly master the Garifuna bass drum. That is how we’ll remember Rob, Robert “Rabu” Garcia. Rob was a late bloomer; he attended Lynam Agricultural College in the Stann’s Creek District about three years after graduating from Sacred Heart Elementary. In the interim he worked at the Water Authority, at his father’s barbershop and on the family farm.
Rob was a mentor to many of us, including the author of this article. My earliest memory of Rob was of this sturdy young man who spent most of his mornings on the pier fishing with his brother Philip, evenings at the barbershop and countless hours on the green verdant strip of land wedged between his family home and the Caribbean sea working on his powerful right kick which bore holes through soccer nets and had goalkeepers scurrying for safety.

Being fearful is not an adjectival applicable to Rob’s character.
I can recall once when we were idly waiting on a Garifuna Settlement Committee meeting to commence, we happened to wander to the old town hall where middleweight boxer Palanco needed a sparring partner. Of course, Rob being Rob, jumped into the ring without hesitation. When we needed an actor to play legendary Garifuna Paramount Chief Chatoyer, Rob played the part with aplomb, and when the guys could not pull a shark atop Jetty pier Rob offered to help, fell into the water with only his ankles wet and with what else-aplumb.
It seems like Rob was always there when the community needed him, in Belize as well as in Los Angeles where he left an indelible mark on our social conscience. Need a chef for a barbeque fundraiser? Call Rob. Need sound advice from an older brother? Ask Rob. Having relationship problems with your girl? Talk with Rob.

Robert “Rabu” Garcia was the epitome of his generation. His legacy will always be that of making us proud of knowing him as a son, brother and father who placed his Garifuna and Belizean heritage above all else. His children, grandchildren and future generations will forever see, hear and read his name etched in our paintings, songs and uraga.

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The Belize Premier Football League Champions Cup has the following change:

The Scorpions game against Tafari that is schedule for Saturday June 6 has been changed to Friday June 5 at 7:30p.m. Michael Ashcroft Stadium.