Duke University Talent Identification Program Partners with Petters Institute

For the first time, academically gifted students from the United States, the United Kingdom and Belize are coming together for study and service in a new partnership between the prestigious Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) and Belize’s Petters Research Institute (PRI). Fifteen students began their intensive coursework in Business Leadership on July 10; the program will run until July 23. Within the context of globalization, students are studying leadership styles, models and skill building and they are gaining an understanding of their own personality and strengths as a business leader in today’s increasingly global world.

Students undergoing Intensive Coursework in Business Leadership both academically gifted Belizean and Duke TIP students, are researching and analyzing one of three emerging Belizean Market areas: Ecotourism, Energy-Oil and Technology, for which they will create a final project. The projects will be presented in a symposium at the culmination of the program.

The students are a culturally diverse and gifted group and many have talents in areas beyond Business in the Humanities, Arts and Sciences, which creates a multi-faceted experience for the students and staff alike. All students underwent a rigorous application process to join the program and the four Belizean students were part of a nationwide search amongst Belize’s best and brightest.

By introducing Duke TIP’s US and UK students to gifted Belizean students, the Duke TIP students will broaden their perspective on the world and increase their international understanding of the lives, (Turn to pg. 6)
It is an unfortunate coincidence that as nation-wide consultations begin on legislation for Belize to join the Caribbean Court of Justice and abolish the Privy Council as the final appellate court, St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister, Ralph Gonsalves, would at the same time advise his country’s people that it is time for them to think about leaving the British Privy Council as the last court of appeal and join the Caribbean Court of Justice. Dr. Gonsalves’ comments come on the heels of a Privy Council ruling last month that commuted the death sentence of convicted killer Daniel Dick Trimingham to life imprisonment. It seems that Dr. Gonsalves’ response was directly tied to his objection of the Privy Council’s decision.

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My Beloved Brothers and Sisters, Enough is enough, please listen to the “Boogie Man’s” advice, this man knows exactly what he’s talking about. Total respect to you my brother, you definitely have me on your side. I shared these views in previous editions of the “Wabagari Post” and we need to keep reminding our people “not to put their hats too far above their heads”. I always refer back to “Memory Lane, our elders and ancestors” because of the positive things that I was able to learn from their experiences and their way of life and family.

Money and materialistic lifestyle was not as important as sharing (bartering) and loving your neighbour in the past, which we all miss. At birth, I was told, “Boogie Man, this attitude (covetousness) has been lingering since Jesus Christ was a boy and is very disgraceful more so a sin. Let me share some of the ingredients of the “Jonestown” people or trying to live like the “Jonestones” people. This attitude causes GREED, DISRESPECT TOWARDS FAMILY MEMBERS, OTHERS, CORRUPTION, STEALING AND DEATH.

Again, I don’t want to just point fingers at you younger generation today but in the past our local shop owners did not get the cooperation that they deserved from our own people. Most customers used to credit from our own people and spend their monies on the “Turks” or “Chiminan”. And as I said before, “Di Englishman mi come with wail cowit or a cane and gawn back home rich with moni from wi Mahogany”, “Di Chiminan come with wail Straw hat, umbrella and wai like from di rice field to a Mansion”, “Di Turks come with li Salesand and Turban from wab Camel to wail Motor Car”. People, that I’m asking is, “What’s wrong, I’m not knocking these people for what they’re doing. The opportunity knocks and walkin, they took advantage of the situation for their benefit. As Bro. Boogie Man said, “just a little change” changes the attitude, it is an addiction. My point is, “If others can make it in our country, then why can’t we?”

Look at the corruption scandals that are overshadowing our country people. “What goes around comes around”, God don’t like ugly “Things that are equal to the same thing are equal to one and other”. Our present Government arrested and filed charges against the former Prime Minister and his Deputy for corruption of funds contributed by the Government of Venezuela to Belize (High Profile Case). Our Government was able to get back some of this money and promised to share or allocate funds to all the Districts. So far, this has not been done from my understanding. Our Government paid Ms. Lois Young, Attorney at Law ex wife of our Prime Minister approximately 1.5 Million dollars for representation of her case. It was the beginning of the year. People, my question is, were these cases beneficial to our country or is this another way of keeping the money among the “Political First Families”. People, wake up to the blanks because “I dibby dibby, remember”. Bro. Boogie Man, 5 Million dollars for Griga would have made a big difference, with a portion only for a Tourist Village to create jobs for our people. For the first time, “BBT” decided to visit Punta Gorda, Toledo on Monday and commented about the beauty for Tourism, can you imagine that? This is because of the “Boogie Man’s visit, is it that the Minister Of Tourism’s conscience is bothering him after he pulled a wool over our eyes in Griga at Pelican last year? People, let us wake up as a people. Let us as a people and the Grenadines Prime Minister, Ralph Gonsalves, would at the same time advise his country’s people that it is time for them to think about leaving the British Privy Council as the last court of appeal and join the Caribbean Court of Justice. Dr. Gonsalves’ comments come on the heels of a Privy Council ruling last month that commuted the death sentence of convicted killer Daniel Dick Trimingham to life imprisonment. It seems that Dr. Gonsalves’ response was directly tied to his objection of the Privy Council’s decision.

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The early missionaries in Belize saw education as the medium through which to instill their brand of Christianity. The advent of the cooperative partnership with government and religious groups, in the furtherance of education, saw government taking over its rightful responsibilities for setting the standards in the quality of education, teacher qualification, and paying the salaries of the teachers. The ownership of the schools was retained by the denomination; whether this came from the government’s inability to meet the demand for buildings and physical settings for education or because the churches already had the infrastructure in place, in any case, government relegate ownership to the denominations. The denominations then set up management and hired those that they deemed qualified to teach in their schools based on the standards of employment set by government. Government paid according to the stated qualification. Denominations followed the Board of Education Rules and stayed within the guidelines. It is a system that has served the country well. Where their was strong active and engaged management, the schools thrived and quality education resulted. Where there was strong active and management, the schools fostered community interest in the school. The school became the center of the community.

The denominations kept pace with advances in education and started facilities for the improvement of the quality of their teachers. Catholic Education, which has the largest number of school facilities in the system, was the pioneer in this with government assistance. Even the advent of the Education Act did not seem to change the unlegislated Church-State Employment of Teachers responsibilities of the payment of teachers by government and the ownership and management of the school by denomination. The power of the denominational management of the hiring and control of teachers in their employ will now come under a legislative challenge called “The Teaching Service Commission and The Appeals Tribunal”. Section 17 (3) of the draft revision of the Education Act of Belize wrest the hiring/firing authority from the “owners of the school” and place it in the government’s pronouncement of :Teaching Service Commission shall be the sole body to regulate the appointments and conditions of employment etc. of the people working in your schools”. This is stepping over the line.

A NEW SYSTEM WHERE THE “HE WHO PAY THE PIPER, NOW DEMANDS TO CALL THE TUNE”

The last two weeks has seen the Ministry of Education feverishly searching for justification and rationalization for the proposed Commission and accompanying Tribunal. What I hear the Ministry saying is, “we pay to have these people teach in your schools; we are the employment agency, we therefore have the right to be in control; if you are dissatisfied with them, you must send them to the Teaching Service Commission who will decide their fate. The policies of your denomination will no longer have any bearing on the conditions of employment of this person” “Of course you will have a representative on the Teaching Service Commission with one vote; we say maybe, and that’s final”. If the Ministry of Education is seeking a greater hand in the execution of education, it would appear that they already have the power; after all they set the terms of employment and the scale of payment.

There is talk of improving the system and greater service to the providers of education. But not much has been said as to what these improvements will be. This is creating a lot of speculation as to reason for this “movida”. Even the preparation for the onslaught of CSME has filed for a place in speculation column. Could Catholic Education with the majority of latinos and indigenous peoples be the target of this move? “Adonde vamos latinos y indígenas?’. The Right Reverend Bishop Wright at Sacred Heart Church in Dangriga made a strong statement at the Anniversary Mass of the Sisters of the Holy Family denouncing this move by the Ministry of Education to derail the Catholic Education Church-State System. The Catholic Diocese of Belize on Wednesday, July 15th, 2009 made is position clear and its opposition to this intrusion. This position of the Catholic Diocese of Belize needs to reverberate throughout the Catholic Communities of Belize. Catholic Education has always been our hope. Let’s not lose it. The loyalty shift demand seem to be a cause of concern to many working in Catholic Education. Their Union endorses the Teaching Service Commission and the Appeals Tribunal.” The Diocese and Catholic Education Management has spoke. Our leadership has been clear. The ball is in our. Will the Catholic community and Catholic Educators rally to this cause?

Retired Catholic Educators
Caribbean News

No American officials for Mount Obama dedication

ST JOHN'S, Antigua, July 22.

No United States government official has so far indicated they will be present for the renaming of Antigua and Barbuda’s highest peak to Mount Obama. But with three award-winning American actors confirming their attendance, officials say plans for the August 4th event are progressing smoothly.

Actresses Angela Bassett and Marianne Jean Baptiste, whose mother is Antiguan and the first black actress nominated for an Academy award, as well as actor Lou Gossett Jr. have accepted Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer’s invitation to attend the official dedication for the Mount Obama Monument/ National Park Development Project. It will coincide with President Barack Obama’s birthday.

The area now known as Bobby Peak will be developed and managed as a national landmark to symbolize what Barack Obama’s victory symbolizes for people of Afro descent, a release from the Mount Obama Committee said.

Afro descent, a release from the Mount Obama Committee said. Committee Chairman Ivor Jackson said since Prime Minister Spencer made the announcement the renaming on November 5th last year, there has been significant positive publicity for Antigua and Barbuda worldwide.

“That is critical at a time when the reputation of the destination has been tarnished in the international media,” he said, in reference to the developments surrounding the arrest of financier Sir Allen Stanford and the charges laid against the former head of the country’s financial regulatory body.

“As we celebrate Carnival and our Emancipation from slavery, Mount Obama will provide Antiguans and Barbudians with a unique opportunity to come together and focus on our struggles and accomplishments. Hopefully this landmark will be that symbolic marker that signals a victorious journey as we embark on a drive of nation and image rebuilding and create a unique place of pride and dignity for the people of Antigua and Barbuda,” he added.

The preservation of the natural environment and the prudent use of natural resources with the marketing benefits of “being green” will also be integral components of the project. One of the long term goals is for Mount Obama to evolve as a viable and financially self sustaining entity by making this a unique tourism attraction.

Police killings in Jamaica still worry Amnesty International

KINGSTON, Jamaica, July 22

Humans rights organization Amnesty International says it’s still concerned about the alarming rates of police killings in the island but has pointed to what it sees as potential for improvement.

In its 32-page report ‘Public security reforms and human rights in Jamaica’ published yesterday, which evaluates the Jamaican government’s plans to tackle deep-rooted violent crime, serious human rights violations and impunity, Amnesty said the administration’s initiatives are welcome but there is a vital need for real change.

It said that Jamaica has extremely high rates of violent crime. According to police statistics, in 2008 alone there were 1,611 murders in Jamaica - in a population of only 2.7 million. Most of the victims live in socially-excluded inner-city areas. In 2008 the proportion of child victims grew significantly.

During 2008, an additional 224 people were fatally shot by police officers. It is estimated that in the first five months of 2009 alone, police killings increased by 58 per cent, but Amnesty noted that police officers are rarely punished for these crimes. There have been no convictions against a police officer since 2006 and only four convictions between 1999 and 2009, out of a total of more than 1,700 reports of fatal shootings.

“The outlook for Jamaica is still grim with alarming rates of killings and almost no convictions of state agents accused of serious human rights violations,” said Kerrie Howard, Americas Deputy Director at Amnesty International. “What is different now is that we finally see initiatives that might lead to real change.”

“Jamaicans cannot afford to wait any longer. Initiatives have to be implemented and produce concrete results soon. The lives of thousands depend on that.”

Among the government’s proposals are projects to reform the Jamaican Constabulary Force, the modernization of the justice system and the elaboration of a community safety and security policy to tackle some of the issues behind the high levels of violence in the country. Bilateral and multilateral donors have committed to supporting many of the recommendations included in these plans.

Amnesty International’s report reviews the proposals to reform the Jamaican Constabulary Force. In 2008 a strategic review of the force resulted in 124 recommendations that were accepted by the government. Some of the key areas include the improvement of the forces’ professionalism, responsiveness and accountability.

The organization also praised the authorities’ project Justice System Reform to undertake a comprehensive review of the justice system and develop strategies and mechanisms for its modernization. In June 2007, the Justice System Reform Task Force issued a detailed set of recommendations which, if implemented, could significantly improve access to justice for victims of criminal violence and police abuses. Mr. Howard said that the government has embarked on a process of reform that, if correctly and fully implemented, could remove many of the factors contributing to the public security crisis and drastically improve respect for human rights in Jamaica.
Once upon a time in the beautiful Himalayas, a white elephant was living with his blind mother.

The white elephant was good and kind and helped his mother.

When food got scarce, he took his mother to live in a cave beside a lake.

One day, a terrified forester got lost and the white elephant helped him to find his way home.

The forester heard that the King was looking for a new elephant, so, the forester told the King about the white elephant's kindness.

The king sent his soldiers to fetch the white elephant, who had to follow them, leaving his mother on her own.

The king treated the white elephant very well, but the white elephant was sad about leaving his mother.

The king let the kind-hearted white elephant return to his mother. The white elephant never left his mother's side again.

When the white elephant died, the king built a statue and created an annual festival to celebrate the white elephant's great heart.

The End.
What’s On The Mind:

Sexual Abuse: What is it?

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Sexual abuse has long been a taboo subject, even when people know it’s happening, they may not say anything. Some may take the stance that what happens in a person’s home is their business. Nonetheless, sexual abuse hurts everyone. Sexual abuse hurts the child, the family and the community. Anytime someone comes forward and discloses their abuse and the story becomes public, it moves people to want to do something. The answer of what can be done or what should be done lies with us as individual citizens and as a community as well as with our local community and government leaders. Whenever the community rallies around a victim and the perpetrator feels the swift hand of justice we are sending a message that we will not stand for such indecent and immoral, not to mention illegal behavior. As a citizen, I heard the outrage and felt it. As a professional and individual, I thought about what I could do.

I hope to inform you, the readers, how to identify what is sexual abuse, recognize the signs of someone who is being abused or who may be an abuser, how to talk with your children about sexual abuse, how to respond to or help children who have been sexually abused, how to help prevent sexual abuse, as well as reflect on my own experiences working with children who have been sexually abused and their families and any other related topics you feel of importance to you.

Sexual abuse of a child, male or female, is inappropriately exposing or subjecting the child to sexual contact, activity or behavior, as defined by Prevent Child Abuse America. It includes oral, anal, genitai, buttock and breast contact. It also includes vaginal or anal penetration and fondling. It includes exploiting or exposing a child to pornographic materials, using a child for pornographic purposes and making a child available to others for sexual purposes. Whatever the act may be, a key factor in sexual abuse is the power of the perpetrator over the victim. The abuse is done in order to benefit the offender and he or she, is the one in power or authority. As such, sexual abuse always includes force, even when it is not an obvious physical attack.

Because of the power differential between an abuser and the victim, it is not unheard of that sometimes a person is not even sure that an abusive behavior has occurred. Often times the perpetrator is someone known and respected. Because of that trust, the victim may be confused about what is happening. So how do you know if you’ve been sexually abused or molested? Here are some things to consider: Have you... Been touched on your private parts (your breasts or genitals) by someone you didn’t want to be touched by? Had anyone make you touch the private parts of someone else? Been forced or tricked into watching others perform sexual acts? Been asked to watch an adult masturbate? Been made to watch pornographic material? Been asked to be with a child and not do anything? Been made to pose for sexual photographs or videos? Been bathed in a way that made you feel uncomfortable? Been watched while in the bathroom or getting dressed? Been in a situation where you felt uncomfortable touching or kissing?

Been subjected to someone exposing their private parts to you? Been forcefully penetrated with a finger, penis or any object inside the vagina or anus? If you answered yes to any of these questions then you have been a victim of sexual abuse. Statistics suggest that at least 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men have reported being victims of some form of sexual abuse as a child. That number may still be higher. Knowing what sexual abuse is will make it easier to recognize when it’s being done to you and to disclose and seek assistance. But often times it’s difficult to disclose, particularly out of fear. It’s also important to recognize that when children do disclose it’s often done in an indirect way, which may go unnoticed. For example, the child may say, “I don’t want to go fishing with Grandpa anymore.” Therefore, it is important to recognize the signs that a child may be sexually abused.

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(Cont'd from pg. 2) thoughts and challenges facing students from a nation with an emerging economy. They will gain a hands-on appreciation of how all people are tied together as stewards of each other’s well being.

This culturally-blended and service-oriented program will enable Belizean students in particular to set their course towards business leadership roles in the nation whereby they attain higher education and bring their entrepreneurial innovation, knowledge and skills to provide 21st-century leadership, developing Belize’s human and natural resources to compete in a global economy.

Students will continue to give back to the community throughout their time in Belize; discovering not only business practices but also incorporate social responsibility and service learning.

A total of 30 computers will be donated in Belize through Duke University and the Petters Research Institute in collaboration with the Belize Defence Force. It is expected that this two-week gifted-students program alone will inject about $394,000 (BZE) in value into the economy.

The Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) is a non-profit educational organization that is recognized as a leader in identifying and serving the educational needs of academically gifted youth. Through identification, recognition, challenging educational programs, information, advocacy and research, Duke TIP provides resources to gifted students, their parents, educators and schools for the development of the students’ optimal educational potential.

The Petters Research Institute, http://www.pribelize.org, is a non-profit, interdisciplinary center of excellence in the sciences and mathematics and their synergistic interactions with business administration and entrepreneurship. The institute was founded by the renowned Belizean-born scientist, Dr. Arlie Petters, http://www.math.duke.edu/~petters, who is the Benjamin Powell Professor and Professor of Mathematics, Physics and Business Administration at Duke University.

Additionally, Duke TIP is collaborating with the Duke University Fuqua School of Business. The lead instructor, Ken Tomei, is a recent Masters of Business Administration graduate of the Fuqua School of Business and has worked closely with the Fuqua/Coach K Center on Leadership and Ethics (C.O.L.E.). Other faculty members include Professor Elizabeth Fogle, Pastor Caleb Nicholas, who is Managing Director of Youth Programs at PRI and graduate student of Susan Fant.

Distinguished Belizean guest speakers for the program are: Chema Galvez, Eclleston Irving, Jan Meerman, Aurora Saqui, Ernesto Saqui, Marie Sharp, Dan Silva, Dr. Louis Zabaneh and Maria Zabaneh. The Petters Research Institute, Duke TIP and Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business are committed to the development of the Belizean human capital through capacity-building programs such as this and hope to see the many positive effects of the program in the future.

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The recent change in government brought with it the United Democratic Party and a large majority in the House of Representatives. It has more than the two thirds necessary to amend the constitution of Belize. Simultaneously, the world recession was unfolding at a time when the new Belize government was apprised with the debts of the former government.

As everything fast forward to today we find that the United Democratic Party government is using their majority to amend the constitution to allow Belizeans with other nationality to hold ministerial appointment in Belize.

At this same time Belizeans living in Belize are beginning to feel the effects of the recession. Jobs are scarce; prices are going up; education cost is higher; the mortgage is closing in; can’t keep up with the bills; salary has not kept up; corruption is still here and the oil brought no visible relief. These are the concerns of the voting people living in Belize - the people who voted for this government.

But, the issue today is the amendment to the constitution. The government will travel country wide to inform of this amendment and we should all participate for in the end we will still have to live with the result. These Belizeans living abroad with ambitions to lead in Belize should also be made to pay taxes while living abroad to show interest and loyalty to their country. And if you pay taxes to Belize while living abroad then you can also vote by proxy.

Let’s discuss about how the United Democratic Party government is addressing the concerns of the Belizean voters. Meanwhile, the problem is the economy and we would rather hear how the United Democratic Party Government is addressing the concerns of the Belizean voters.

A stimulus plan or some other named plan; If this amendment is necessary to bring in an economic wizard, then ride on brother!

The Venezuelan money still hot.

The wetlands in Hopkins gone already to the South Africans?

Any thing new at the DTC? The same ole, then look at the sand pit owners.

Youth football at the north of Griga on top of Griga; well done the most popular man in Griga. Yes Benguche!

It will be on the 1st and 2nd August, 2009.

A fun filled day.
There will be food such as: hudut, darasa, boil-up. Drinks (soft and not so soft) and the energizing drink, Sahou.

Games like tambola, greasy pole, boat race and tug & war.

Drumming Contest.

U don’t want to miss these days.

And on Sunday, August 2nd 2009 make it a day with playing football, beach volleyball competition, soft drink drinking contest beer drinking contest and Punta Contest just to name a few.

The night kicks off with the Wageirale Band DJ Sam, DJ Jessie, Selecta G, Belizean Movements.

Do not forget A3, The Entertainer, will be the hyneness in the Crowd.

It will be 2 days filled with activities.

Make it a date.

Bring the entire family.

**Come to Hopkins**

See U there!

On the 1st and 2nd of August, 2009!!!!!!
Belizean Americans Urgent Appeal To The Hearts, Minds And Souls Of Their Fellow Belizeans Living At Home

By: Mr. Wellington C. Ramos

Beginning next week throughout our country of Belize, our government is going to commence consultations with the Belizean people in regard to two important constitutional amendments to Article-7 of our constitution. One of these proposed amendments is to give Belizean citizens who possess Dual Citizenship the right to be eligible to run for the National Assembly while retaining their Dual Citizenship. The other amendment is to discontinue having the Privy Council in London England as our final court for appeals and to transfer this authority to the Caribbean Court of Justice. The time is now right for us to approve these two constitutional amendments because they are justifiable reasons. Some of us have been spending too much time being concerned about the rights of the accused. It is now time for us to be concerned about the rights of the victims, their families and the Belizean citizens at large. The longer we wait to correct these insane actions, each and every one of us as Belizeans will end up losing one of our loved ones.

The issue is: How long are we as a people going to stand idly by while our family members continue to see their loved ones being killed innocently and senselessly in our country by these heartless murderers? These people do not value a person’s life and that is the reason why they are taking it for no justifiable reason.

Mr. Wellington C. Ramos

WAKE UP GRIGALIZANS AND LISTEN TO THE BOOGIE MAN

(Cont’d from pg. 2) their people by “First National Building Society”. With a down payment of $4,000.00 Belizean currency and a mortgage payment of approximately $50.00 Belizean currency, you can move into a 3 Bedroom home and lot included at Hopeville approximate total cost of $450.00 Belizean currency.

As far as acquiring land or lot in our country, it is not a very easy thing to do but with determination one should be able to get a parcel of land. By law 3 year statute of limitation is given to lease holders for development and if one is unfortunate to at least erect a knock and stand-up on the land, it can be cancelled for non-fulfillment of development thereafter. Most people that I know start by buying their mateials to build, apply for purchase of the lot to obtain title and use title as collateral for loan to complete their homes. Others, work together as families should do to help pay off mortgage payments, so it is not fair to say that “Belizean Americans living in the United States have the money to put down towards owning a home and the capacity to pay and meet their mortgage payments than our struggling brothers and sisters in Belize.”

Mr. Wellington C. Ramos

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that FRANKLYN MCDONAGGALL is applying for a renewal of SHP LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate KIANNAs ONE STOP MINI MART located at Sitter River Village, in the Stann Creek District.
$1 Dalla Top Up All Summer Long
(Until August 31st 2009)
For DigiCell & Telemedia PrePaid Customers.

Top up any PrePaid number for as LOW as a Dollar using

Direct Fone TopUp & Fone TopUp Gifts
(Top up from $1.00 - $500.00)

“I can now hallo with mi dalla all summer long!”

Visit any Telemedia office or Fone TopUp Agent countrywide and get your $1 Top Up TODAY.

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HOROSCOPE

July 24, 2009

AIRES (March 21 - April 19)
Full of vim and vigor today? Blow off that extra steam with something physical. Show off your worth to someone new today -- you can do far more than they realize, and your energy is directed outward in a big way! It's a good time to step up to the plate at work or at home.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)
Could it be love? Expect opportunities for romance (or just a goofy good time).

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)
Cut that chatter and cut to the chase. You'll need to work to make yourself clear.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)
No wonder people like you. That kind conscientiousness may win you more fans today.

LEO (July 23 - August 22)
Take advantage of your current conscientiousness -- take a look at the big picture.

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22)
You can accomplish almost anything today, thanks to your organizational dexterity. Try not to worry too much about your friends -- they can take care of themselves. Accept the praise that is coming to you and see if you can build on your latest accomplishment to make positive change.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 22)
You're preternaturally perceptive today -- others want your communication with people you don't really know all that well.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21)
Why do you know so many secrets? Because you keep them better than anyone.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 - December 21)
Avoid knocking heads with authority figures right now -- the odds don't favor you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19)
Your usual prudence will serve you well. A well-laid plan is just what you need.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18)
Make sure you're straight on the details. Hints might lurk beneath the surface. You feel much more connected to the people around you, so now is a good time for heart-to-hearts and other serious conversations.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20)
Now is not the time to be critical. Jump in headfirst -- sort out the facts later.

Puzzle 30

Monsters

Thought for the Day:

“Giving is the Master Key that unlocks the floodgate of Wealth & Riches and cuts across the boundaries of Limitation.”

Studio Gallery Pen Cayetano

Grand Opening will be held on 1st August, 2009 At 10:30 a.m.

All are invited!!!!!!!

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MAKE YOUR DAY
Perspective

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live.
They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.
On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, 'How was the trip?'
'So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?' asked the father.
'I saw that we have one dog and they have fields,' the father asked.
'So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?' the father asked.
'I saw that we have one dog and they have the whole horizon. Our patio reaches to the front yard at night. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars. We have a creek that has no end. The son answered: 'How was the trip?'
'So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?'
'Oh yeah,' said the son.
'Hey, Dad, I wanted to show you how poor we are.'

FROM GROUND TO TABLE
MOTHER EARTH IS ABLE
Recipe prepared by: Michele Irving

Mango Lime Salsa
INGREDIENTS
2 firm ripe
mangos
1 bunch
scallions, thinly sliced on diagonal
2 jalapenos, finely diced
¼ cup finely chopped cilantro
Juice of 2 limes,
about 2 tablespoons

METHOD
Cube mangoes
Mix mango cubes with all other ingredients in a bowl.
Let mixture sit about 10-20 minutes in refrigerator to mingle flavors.
Preparation time: 10 minutes,
10-20 minutes to marinate
Makes 6 servings

AGRICULTURE VIBES
Unity - Power of One
Presentation: John Antonio

“Farming like nation building is a task for Giants, small men see it and walk away”. Did you know that “Sharing does not come naturally to some people and they must be taught to do so”?
The small producers must produce more and be smart to be competitive.
Chicken rearing is profitable.
The small producers must be taught to do so.

Planting Dates
Planting Dates for above the ground:
July 29
Planting Dates for below the ground:
July 30, 31
Planting Dates for Flowers:
July 26, 27, 29
Best Days to Destroy Weeds:
July 23, 24, 25
Best Days to wean babies:
July 30, 31
Best Fishing Days:
July 29

FIRST QUARTER WILL BE ON JULY 28

The Caribbean Court of Justice and Cultural Identity
(Cont’d from pg. 3)
As an Appeal Court, the CCJ is designed to give moral leadership to our societies. In its role as an international Court, the CCJ will ensure that the regional international movement develops along a structured, sustainable and rule-based entity. More importantly, as the tribunal responsible for interpreting and applying the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas establishing the Caribbean Community, including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy, the CCJ will be the guarantor of the rights accorded by the Revised Treaty of the Caribbean Community, including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy. In its role as an international Court, the CCJ will ensure that the regional international movement develops along a structured, sustainable and rule-based entity. More importantly, as the tribunal responsible for interpreting and applying the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas establishing the Caribbean Community, including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy, the CCJ will be the guarantor of the rights accorded by the Revised Treaty of the Caribbean Community, including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy.
WABAGARI SPORTS

Weekend Games Result
FIRST GAME
FRIDAY NIGHT, 17 JULY, 2009
H A R L E M  W O N  O V E R
BACK-A-TOWN TRIPLE ‘N’
UNITED BY A SCORE OF
3 GOALS TO 1. DENNIS SERANO
H I T  2  G O A L S  A N D
FRANCIS ‘CACAS’ ARZU HIT
ONE FOR HARLEM. THE
ONLY GOAL FOR BACK-A-TOWN
CAME FROM CARLOS LINO.

SECOND GAME
FRIDAY, 17 JULY, 2009
SOUTHSIDE YOUTHS WON OVER
SILK GRASS ROOTS BY A SCORE
OF 3 GOALS TO 1. ADGAR
ADDERLEY, LENNOX MEJIA
AND HANSEL PETILLO ALL HIT
ONE FOR SOUTHSIDE.

SUNDAY, 19 JULY, 2009
SEMI FINALS RESULT
NEW SITE TREN SETTAZ WON
OVER COCO STRIKERS BY
A SCORE OF 2 GOALS TO NIL.

THE PLACE TO BE THIS
WEEKEND IS THE
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BELIZE PREMIER FOOTBALL LEAGUE
C H A M P I O N S H I P   S E R I E S
Championship
Game 2
19/7/09 Ricalde Stad.
3:30PM Nizhee Corozal vs Hankook Verdes
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Antonio Castillo 24min.
Rafael Rivero 26 & 54min.
Kenrick Pelayo 42min.

The MVP award for the playoff went to Deris Benavides of
Nizhee Corozal.

The Belize Premier Football League
Congratulates Nizhee Corozal the 2008 – 2009
closing season Champion and Hankook Verdes the
Sub-Champion.

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