DANGRIGA - July 25, 2009

About 5:30 a.m. on Saturday, 25th July, 2009, Dangriga Police visited a location about one mile on the George Price Drive, Dangriga Town where they saw the lifeless body of a female lying in a drain just off the left side of the road in the direction of Belmopan. The body was identified as that of a 33-year-old Belizean-Honduran named JACKLYN BERNARDEZ of Rivas Estate.

Police investigations reveal that Ms. BERNARDEZ was riding a bicycle on George Price Drive in the direction of Belmopan when she was apparently hit by a gold colored SUV. Reference fatal traffic accident on July 25, 2009, a postmortem examination was conducted on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 on the body of JACKLYN BERNARDEZ. The body was identified and the cause of death was certified to be multiple organ failures due to trauma from road traffic accident.

Up to news-time police have not been able to find the vehicle and are asking the public’s assistance in locating the driver and the gold SUV.

If anyone has any information in regards to this vehicle or the driver they are asked to call the Dangriga Police or any Police Station. The Dangriga Police number is 522-2022.

Texaco cashier Robbed on way to bank

DANGRIGA - July 26

Issizo Montero, a 42 year-old cashier of Hope Creek Village reported that on Sunday, 26th July sometime around 7 p.m. he was driving from Texaco Gas Station to Dangriga Town to deposit the day’s sales at the bank. Upon reaching in front of Ecumenical High School Mr. Montero says he saw a slim, dark male person standing at the pedestrian crossing; at first the person’s back was turned to the traffic but as Mr. Montero slowed down at the pedestrian crossing the male person turned around. He then notice the person was wearing a mask and he fired a single shot which grazed the top of Montero’s head and as a result Mr. Montero reported that he tried to speed off however the vehicle broke down and the person then approached him at and demanded the bag he was carrying. At the time the bag contained $6,500 cash and $500 in cheques, the property of Texaco Gas Station. The male person then fired a second shot and made good his escape.

At this time the matter is under investigation and no suspects.

Home of Retired Businessman Burgled

DANGRIGA

Alexander Palacio a 72 year-old retired businessman of #7 Church Street, Dangriga reported to police that between 9:00 a.m. on July 27, 2009 and 7:15 a.m. on July 28, 2009 his house situated at the above mentioned address was burglarized and stolen from were: (1) silver wheel borrow valued $115, (1) blue wheel borrow valued $115 (1) green bar-b-que grill valued $200, (1) axe valued $75, (1) hoe valued $65, (1) iron rake valued $12 and (1) plastic rake valued $19.50 and (1) blue plastic water drum valued $40 all added up to a total of $642.
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Who the Heck is Nolle Prosequi and Why is He in My Life?

However good a law is, it is invariably clumsy. This is why its application should always be disputed or questioned. The practice of doing this corrects its clumsiness and serves justice. Up until about a year or two ago the phrase Nolle Prosequi was Greek to me. I may have heard it once or twice before then but it carried little or no significance. Now, even though I'm no lawyer, this phrase of Latin origin is part of my everyday vocabulary and probably part of yours too if you listen to or watch the news. Nolle Prosequi I is a legal term which means an entry in the court record to the effect that the plaintiff or prosecutor will not proceed with a case. In other words if the prosecution comes to the conclusion that there is not enough evidence to win a case it has the option of dropping the case. To my growing sense of horror and outrage I realize that Nolle Prosequi has become a rather successful instrument for getting murder and other serious charges dropped. This makes it appear that a person can literally get away with murder these days. It begs the question of what might happen if people give up on the judicial system and seek alternative forms of justice. The seriousness of the state of judicial affairs was highlighted by Chief Justice, Wilfred Elrington during the 2009 Annual Ceremonial session of the Supreme Court in Belize City. The Chief Justice gave a situational report outlining many issues that took place over the past legal year including financial constraints, case load and the insufficiency in the number of judges. He also mentioned his dissatisfaction in the unfortunate pattern of the criminal justice system where cases are increasingly ending in Nolle Prosequi status. According to the Chief Justice “In the course of 2008 the Attorney General’s Office, I’m sorry to say, lost evidence less than eighty-three Nolle Prosequi.” In other words in 2008 the DPP decided not to go forward with eighty-three cases. Murder was the leading charge dealt with in the Supreme Court followed by the charge of attempted murder by the Chief Justice revealed that in 2008 there were sixty-three murder cases, twenty-seven attempted murder cases, three robberies, eighteen rapes, twenty-seven carnal knowledge and sixteen unlawful carnal knowledge cases. Attorney General of Belize, Hon. Wilfred Elrington also spoke at the opening of the 2009 legal year of the Belize Supreme Court. He briefly discussed the public perception of the Belize Justice System lamenting that it is now safer to commit murder than steal, also that there is no rational in the practice of sentencing in some cases and that the public feels that a mechanism is needed so that judges can be held accountable for their actions or inactions. In his closing remarks, the Attorney General implored the judges to, “faithfully discharge their functions and regain the confidence of the Belizean People.” Despite the Attorney General’s pleadings in January, July at its midpoint, the 2009 legal year of the Belize Supreme Court has seen an epidemic of Nolle Prosequi. During this session of the Supreme Court several murder cases fell by the wayside, as key witnesses failed to show up to testify, leaving the DPP no alternative but to enter a Nolle Prosequi. There was also the extra ordinary case of double murder from which two men were freed. The case that aggrieved me the most was not even a Nolle Prosequi it was a case of attempted murder for which the jury unbelievably found the accused not guilty. During her testimony the intended victim related how she fought for her life as her husband stabbed her in the armpit and tried to stab her in the neck. It was only the appearance of the victim related how she fought for her life as her husband stabbed her in the armpit and tried to stab her in the neck. It was only the appearance of the victim that saved her. The victim spent two weeks in hospital and although the perpetrator ad-

God is our Superior and Priceless Value

Poverty, character defects and addictions do not only affect one person but ripples on entire societies and countries. Belize is no exception from these deadly disasters. Some people often say that Belizians are lazy or have no self-worth. I cannot support that statement. We are many cultures with different backgrounds and ideologies. My assumption or belief is that character defects and addictions, stem from our socio-political system. In the case of our country’s situation, poverty is a great factor in the creation of character defects and addictions. The negative ripple effect of past colonial oppression and broken family relationship and religious indoctrination is also a factor to poverty. The Government of Belize’s education curriculum is inadequate to serve the needs of the vast majority of our primary school children. It is clear that after being taught for eight years in the elementary school students lack the technical skills for self-employment and business management. Because of this flaw in the education system these inadequately prepared students cannot compete for skilled jobs and end up unemployed thus adding to the population living in poverty. This leaves a small minority of students who pass P.S.E. to proceed on to achieve secondary level education. Technical skills for employment businesses, management, and education on the dangers of drug abuse including alcoholism should be included with the usual preparation for P.S.E. from an early stage. Privatization of our public utilities to wealthy companies such as Belize Water Service (B.W.S.), Belize Electricity Limited (B.E.L.), Belize Telemedia Limited (B.T.L.), etc. by our politicians has also been a great factor in the increase of hardship and poverty. These utilities should be returned back to Government of Belize control in order to benefit the entire society, rich or poor. Our people leaving our beautiful villages, rich with natural resources, coming to already populated town and city adding to problems of unemployment is also a factor increasing the levels of poverty. The people are facing for their differences of opinion. Poverty is a serious and also causing an increasing crime rate. In addition, poverty causing situations in society is also the consequence of class exploitation, through selfish politicians, in developing countries such as Belize. Insufficient finance circulated in the majority and classed minority reaping great benefits and special opportunities is a factor to poverty. Poverty is also caused by incompetent economic policies and through the greed and negligence of the political parties in power. Poverty is not a sin or a disease, it is created by high classed unrighteous leaders who want everything for themselves and their allies so that they can become comfortable and looked upon as superior. Poverty is caused by ignorance and one could go on. The point is sufficiently clear. God is the answer to all our problems and troubles. I hereby appeal to the leaders and members of our political parties, our law makers, our lawyers, religious denominations and society to pray and call on God’s merciful power to help us and to be our guide in constituting transparent economic policies that will alleviate social poverty and to rebuild a new primary school curriculum. A guide that will assist our children to be aware of God’s love and control is to obey his commands. These commands are a guide that will strengthen the students’ mentality, spirituality, make them physically strong and well prepared, and safely bring them from life’s adversaries and to be successful in prosperity in one’s future life. God blesses us with peace, equity, transparency and love for one another and also to guide our beautiful country, Belize, through prosperity in economic development. By knowing the roots we now deal with ourselves connecting to our higher power in trust and faith for spiritual guidance and strength to remove our weaknesses in whatsoever negative addiction and defect of character we have that deprives us from living a right and happy, peaceful life pleasing to God. Remember life is valuable which money cannot buy. It is very important to take good care of our lives by abiding by the command of the Lord. Look at life as unique, pleasurable and wonderful. Let us all try to persevere and remain positive even when facing worst situation and unforeseen circumstances through our daily life. With social welfare is also a former social counselor, I stumbled and fell to drugs and alcohol addiction. As a result I was found guilty for a crime and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment at Belize Central Prison Kolbe Foundation. God helped me to continue to n recovery. I can be more aware of this beautiful world and not take for granted or ignore the many things provided by the God whom I understand. I can bring new things into my life. I believe life is meant to be full, rich and joyful. I am hence teach to learn from my mistakes and help others. God will provide me with wisdom, real, naturally provided by God through His love and compassion for man. Obedience whilst nurturing our life span should be of most importance to each and every one of us, as His creation. Let us value ourselves. Gain knowledge, wisdom and the love for one and all, remembering God’s service to our mysterious existence on earth.

Dedicated to my children Rodel, WindelKarina and brothers and sisters of my country Belize and may God bless you with prosperity.

By: Rodney Zuniga
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Jamaica fighting child pornography through the law

By Patricia Thangaraj

Jamaica has moved closer to a law that would criminalize child pornography, with its Senate passing the Child Pornography (Prevention) Bill that makes commercial sexual exploitation illegal.

The Bill will apply to the production, possession, importation, exportation and distribution of child pornography that has been made with new technologies. It is hoped that this programme will help health-care professionals to get their foot/feet amputated.

“If we do not take children out of this it is going to result in children who are going to reduce the number of amputations that are performed on the island,” said Dr. Simone McConnie, acting as the umbrella body that operates within a certain framework and set time frames” and do more research in order to get local statistics, then we can improve the situation. Dr. McConnie said that this is vital as the island is not doing well in this area. Is there a different way of managing these cases? Participants who attended the Step-By-Step Programme at PAHO recently, were provided with the knowledge, tools and resources for education and training as well as for training their colleagues and patients. She advised her colleagues, patients, those involved in diabetes management and the general public to address diabetes and its associated foot care as a challenge that must be tackled and resolved, which is what she hopes the Step-By-Step will help to achieve.

B’dians have second highest rate of amputations globally

By Patricia Thangaraj

Barbadians have the second highest rate of amputations in the world with approximately 300 being performed annually, the Barbados Diabetes Foundation is exactly what the Barbados Diabetes Foundation is looking to achieve. They are acting as the umbrella body that would bring together all of the relevant stakeholders in diabetes and foot care management.

The latter process would be a continuing project, where members of the public learn that they are going to reduce the number of amputations that are performed on the island. It is hoped that this programme will help health-care professionals improve the type of care that they provide for diabetes and that they would later share this knowledge with their colleagues and the general public.

There are too many different teams and do different things and ask for money from the same people and if we can come together so that we can operate within a certain framework and set time frames” and do more research in order to get local statistics, then we can successfully combat this problem, said Dr. McConnie.

The Senate, noted that Jamaica’s laws have not kept pace with new technologies, and any visual representation, particularly in the dancehall (street dances) and kiddies carnival, which are often recorded, showing children dancing vulgarly. He raised concern about what is done with the recordings, and suggested that the Bill address this issue as well. Jamaica currently has no law which specifically treats with or recognizes child pornography as a distinct criminal offence. However, Jamaica has signed and ratified one of several international conventions, including the 1999 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which has resulted from international efforts to combat child pornography.

These conventions require member states to take action to criminalize the production, possession, importation, exportation and distribution of child pornography. The offences dealt with in the Bill include: visual presentations with children engaged in sexual activities; audio recordings or written material that has, as its dominant characteristic, the description, presentation or representation, for a sexual purpose, sexual activity with a child and any visual representation, audio recording or written material that advocates or counsels sexual activity with a child. (JIS)
Mr. Coyote was getting very old and had to be more careful for his own safety. He had been walking for hours and hours through a beautiful valley when he came upon a large tree. Mr. Coyote was very tired and wanted to rest but he also needed to be safe. He kindly asked the tree, "Please open up so I can rest safely in your care.

The tree opened up so that Mr. Coyote could go inside to rest, then it closed to keep him safe. Mr. Coyote slept for hours. When he woke up he could not remember what he had said to make the tree open. He said, "Let me out Mr. Tree" but nothing happened. He said, "Please let me out now!" and again nothing happened. The tree didn't even creak. Mr. Coyote knocked on the tree but it would not open up. Mr. Tree was upset with Mr. Coyote for not having said please the first time he spoke to the tree! It let him rest a little longer.

The birds heard Mr. Coyote banging on the inside of the tree, they came down to peck on the tree to help get him out. But they were too small and the tree was just too big! Finally Mr. Woodpecker came down and pecked a hole in the tree. Although it was a very small hole, it caused Mr. Woodpecker to get a bent beak! This meant he couldn't peck on the tree anymore.

Mr. Coyote put one hand out the hole but he could not fit through. He then tried his leg but still he could not fit through. He had to come up with a way to escape since Mr. Woodpecker's beak was now bent. Mr. Coyote knew there had to be a way. "Ah, come on you old ugly tree," he cried, "Just let me out!" But still nothing happened.

Mr. Coyote decided to take off his arms one at a time and put them through the small hole. He then put his legs through one at a time by taking them off. He put his body through by taking it off. This was working out fine. I'll show you Mr. Tree, you can't keep me in here, he thought.

Next Mr. Coyote tried to put his head through the hole but it was too big. His ears were in the way. So he took off his ears and put them through the hole. He again tried his head but his eyes were too big. Mr. Coyote took his eyes off and put them through the hole. Mr. Raven saw the eyes and flew down to take them. Then Mr. Raven flew back up high in the tree with Mr. Coyote's eyes. They were such beautiful eyes, blue like the sky and would be a treasure to put in his hiding spot! Mr. Coyote finally put his head through the hole. He then put himself back together. One piece at a time he became a whole coyote again. But after he put his head on he could not find his eyes. He was feeling all over. His ears were listening to hear him touch his eyes but not a sound could be heard from his eyes. His fingers were being careful while feeling around but still no eyes were found.

Mr. Coyote knew he could not let the animals know he was blind. He felt his way to a wild rose bush; he then put two rose petals in for his eyes. This would cover the blindness for a little while but he would have to keep looking for his eyes. Surely they were close by!

Along came Mr. Snail who saw Mr. Coyote with the rose petals in his eyes. He asked Mr. Coyote, "Why do you have those rose petals in your eyes?" Mr. Snail took off his eyes. He put them into Mr. Coyote's hands and tried the rose petals in his eyes. Then Mr. Coyote put Mr. Snail's eyes into his head and ran off with his long tail wagging. To this day Mr. Snail is crawling with his head down looking for his eyes. And all coyotes have brown eyes instead of blue; this is because Mr. Coyote was naughty when he took Mr. Snail's eyes. And Mr. Raven still has those beautiful blue eyes in his secret hiding place but he cannot return them because the secret hiding place was so secret not even Mr. Raven can find it!
What’s On The Mind:

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Sexual Abuse: What are the warning signs?

A child may not disclose or make a direct disclosure that they are being sexually abused. The child may have been threatened and is too fearful to talk, the child may have been felt to feel responsible for the attacks and/or the child may want to protect the person, who is likely someone close to them, like a parent or relative. Some children may simply be too young to comprehend what is happening and talk about it. Sometimes children do tell but in a roundabout or indirect way. For example, a child may say, “I don’t want my teacher to help me after school,” or “I don’t like to go to Uncle’s house.” As such, it’s important to recognize this and other telltale signs that a child is being sexually abused. There are often physical signs of sexual abuse. In addition, a child who is being sexually abused often demonstrates behavioral and emotional changes as a result. Some of the physical signs of sexual abuse include: irritated or swollen genitals, genital itching or redness, pain or injury to genitals or mouth, difficulty walking or sitting, difficulty with bowel movements, painful urination or bowel movement, vaginal or penile discharge, urinary infection or STD, pregnancy... Does your child’s laundry include torn, stained or bloody underwear or clothing? Changes in the child’s behavior may include increased aggressiveness, withdrawn behavior or clinginess. The child may constantly get into fights with other children, whether or not provoked. On the other hand, the child may keep to him or herself or may be clingy and not want to leave your side. The child may demonstrate unusual fears of people, especially familiar people and places such as bathrooms. The child may show knowledge about sex beyond what is expected for their age or have a sudden interest in sexual matters. Look for an increase in masturbation or the child constantly touching and rubbing his or her genitals. The child may demonstrate attention-seeking behaviors, including sexual promiscuity. It is not unusual for an older child’s or adolescent’s behaviors to regress to babyish behaviors, such as thumb sucking or bed wetting. Some victims of sexual abuse have reported wetting their beds at night in an attempt to keep away the perpetrator. A young child will be likely to act out the events in play, such as using dolls or stuffed animals in a sexual way. In some instances, victims of sexual abuse may engage in self-injurious behaviors, such as biting or cutting oneself, pulling out hair.

Observing any of these signs in your child does not necessarily mean that she or he is being sexually abused. However, it may suggest that you need to find out for sure. Listen to your child and do not dismiss any suspicions you may have. If you think your child or someone else you know is being sexually abused, contact your local authorities and seek medical assistance for your child.

Examining the Transport System of Belize, Would a Dangriga Bus Service Make it?

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Out-a-Wageirale

For the past few weeks, I have been making daily travels to and from Belize City. During this time, I have had the opportunity to observe the Public Transportation System that services Dangriga. Therefore in this essay I will try to be neutral about my criticism of this essential service although I will not refrain from expressing my views about the situation on the buses as I see it. A couple of years ago, the South was serviced by two providers namely Z-line owned by Eugene Zabaneh and James Williams who provided a service from Punta Gorda Town which came in transit through Dangriga. Z-line was the main provider for Dangrigans and needless to say the people of Punta Gorda supported their home boy as well. Sometime around 1984 or thereabouts Z-line got a concession which saw it expanding its services to Punta Gorda. Though the competition was fierce, there was only one incident where there was a clash between Z-line Employees and James Employees. In this incident, there was one loss of life. Z-line was also later challenged by Ritchie’s Bus Service owned by the Ritchies of Dangriga. They were later joined by John Mariano who introduced Promise Land Bus Services. Although everyone enjoyed their share of the pie, Z-line soon diffused the competition by buying out Ritchie’s. Promise Land went under due to poor financial management. With both competitors out of the way, Southern Transport was born and quickly sold to the Novelos. Either poor management or mere intention to deceive creditors resulted in the death of Southern Transport when Novelos went into receivership.

With the receivership being unable to maintain the bus service, James Bus Service continued to step up its game gradually becoming the major provider of the South. Kudos to James for being able to recognize when to deal the card held the hand and played it right. But as a Dangrigan, I am very concerned about the quality of treatment that our very own Dangrigans endured under the hands of the most of these conductors of this bus service. They have been operating out of Dangriga for the past year or more yet the number of Dangrigan born conductors or drivers can be counted using all of the fingers of one hand. You see friends, almost 95% of the conductors or drivers of this bus service come from Deep South. While I hold no beef with that, I am concerned about whether it would be beneficial if a Dangrigan Bus Service couldn’t be formed to deliver a service that caters for Dangrigans.

As mentioned earlier, I am a regular on the bus and have had the opportunity to monitor the attitude of several of these south boys toward my people. I will give an example: I have heard conductors talking to people who could be there parents as if though they are their children. They have no respect and tend to forget that people are paying for a service. A couple of days ago I heard a conductor verbally abusing a passenger who paid $5.00 for a ride from Dangriga to Belmopan. The irony of this is that this passenger had been a daily commuter as he works in Belmopan. Most other conductors from James or G-line have no problem with this but this guy whom, I hope is a son of James (because of his behavior) saw it fit to give most of the passengers who had habitually paid $5.00 the fifth degree. (Turn to pg. 7)
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Do we the commuting passengers of Dangriga deserve to be treated this way? Don’t you think that this attitude toward us is personal? I had to take the opportunity to tell this guy that he was not being polite to his passengers because there is a practice to accept $5.00 for ride from Dangriga to Belmopan and moreover that most passengers on the bus going to Belmopan were daily commuters. I then threatened to notify Mr. Williams if he cannot be more polite to the passengers because I know Mr. Williams well and is personally acquainted with him and that I am certain that he is a heavy advocate of respect for passengers on board his bus. I am certain that there are Dangrigans who are willing or very capable of investing in a bus service for Dangriga. While I am not saying that James should be stopped from operating out of Dangriga I believe that it is about time that we have a Dangrigan operator as well. Eugene Zabaneh, the Ritchies and Mr. Mariano did it. Right now Bert Ramos is operating a successful bus service to Ladyville. Probably he should also be given at least a few runs to Belize City as well.

On the other hand, the UDP appears to be suffering from a series of corruption scandals that have everyone looking around at each other wondering if something too is going on. The UDP party leader and our Prime Minister is very busy with official business abroad or meeting with foreigners at home and is presently the leader for the CARICOM countries. All these responsibilities in just the second year of a first term could be causing the inexperience of the UDP to come into focus. The UDP was not ready for the disclosures of the PUP in the house meeting, who are at a high alert because of the leadership convention next year.

On a whole the actions in the House demonstrates the vibrancy of our democracy. If it is Johnny off to a sprint or the inexperience but overworked leader at work, the voting public benefitted from it all. Now we know who is getting the choice land and for how much.

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3. Machine is now digging the trenches on the street side. Now the money is going where?
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5. Youth for the future has some 200,000 dollars to spend. Let’s organize the youth in Griga to benefit from this programme.
6. Banana feeder road closed to the public; cannot use the shortcut to Placencia anymore.
7. Mayor’s Cup is finished and I hope there will be more football. What about the District Association? Oh! The Doc appoints that.
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BELIZEANS BORN IN BELIZE RIGHTS MUST COME FIRST OVER FOREIGNERS

By: Wellington C. Ramos

The problem with Article-7 of the Belize Constitution is that it is lawful for a foreigner who becomes a naturalized Belizean Citizen to become a member of the National Assembly and Prime Minister of Belize and unlawful for a natural born Belizean Citizen to become a member of the National Assembly and Prime Minister of Belize, if he or she possesses Dual Citizenship with another country.

In the United States of America and other countries, there are provisions under the laws to revoke US citizenship for Belizeans and others if they commit certain crimes and to deport them back to their native countries. Currently, this program is being enforced by the United States Government causing many Belizeans and other nationals to be deported back to their native countries despite the length of time they lived in the United States of America. This is causing some more violent crimes to occur in the counties of the deportees and the governments of the Caribbean are so overwhelmed with the crime increases that they just do not know how to grapple with this issue.

In the United States of America a person who was born in a different country can assume any office except the Presidency of the United States. This was placed in the United States Constitution because their founding fathers were afraid at the time that one of their citizens could have given back their country to one of their colonial masters especially Great Britain and France. At the time of the American declaration of independence, there were many unresolved issues between the United States and these countries that were of concern to the founding fathers. Henry Kissinger and Alexander Hamilton were two great American Diplomats that wanted to be President of the United States but could not because Kissinger was born in Germany and Hamilton was born in the island of Saint Kitts in the Caribbean. There are not too many foreigners who contributed so much to the United States in diplomacy like these two men.

The people of Belize and the government of Belize seem to differ on this issue. I am of the opinion, that most Belizeans who are against giving their fellow Belizeans the right to run for office are unaware of the unfairness of this article as it stands in our present constitution. I cannot see any Belizean agreeing to allow a foreigner to run for the National Assembly including becoming the Prime Minister of our country, while at the same time depriving their fellow native Belizean that same right. Guatemala has been claiming Belize for centuries and under this current constitution a Guatemalan who becomes a naturalized Belizean Citizen, is eligible to run for office become a member of the National Assembly and Prime Minister of Belize. He or she can then negotiate with Guatemala and give whatever portion of Belize he or she chooses to give to Guatemala. The constitution should be saying that no person wanting to be a member of the National Assembly or Prime Minister unless he or she was born in Belize if anything but not the way it is now. To deprive a person who was born in a country the right to seek office in the country of his birth because he or she obtained Dual Citizenship with another country does not make any sense to me.

When a person lives in the United States and other countries for a period of years, he or she cannot obtain certain benefits unless citizenship is obtained. People go to a country and live there for many reasons and once some of them get comfortable it is hard for them to move and go back home abruptly. The current Belize government makes a lot of sense and they are aware of the issues that are involved and this is why they are doing the wise thing by proposing this amendment to our constitution. The people and government of Belize stand to gain by proposing this amendment to our constitution. Dual Citizenship affords Belize Citizens some form of protection under our constitution that many Belizeans should be aware of. If Belizeans were to commit certain crimes, they could choose to give up their American citizenships in some cases and ask their Belize government to intervene on their behalves to seek justice. It also qualifies their offsprings Citizenship through descent who were born in another country the right to apply for Belizean citizenship.

This is the third article I have written about this issue because I feel very strongly about this and my fellow Belizeans living abroad should get involved in this debate before it is too late. I urge all Belizeans living in the United States and abroad to join me in supporting this amendment to Article-7 of our Constitution and to Email their show of support to the Government of Belize by sending an Email to our Ambassador in Washington D.C. Honorable Nestor Mendez who's Email Address is estbsecretary@aol.com. Failure to state our voices on this issue could have grave consequences to our Belizean citizens for future generations to come.
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**Horoscope July 31, 2009**

**Aires (March 21 - April 19)**
Pioneering an efficient new way of doing things will be easier today than you think.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**
All that glitters is not gold. It if seems too good to be true today, then it is.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
New relationships do not replace old ones -- schedule some time with long lost pals.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)**
The fun you’re having in romance will be amplified when good news comes your way.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22)**
The fun you’ve been having in romance will be amplified when good news comes your way.

**Virgo (August 23 - Sept 22)**
You still are riding a wave of amazing personal energy and while you enjoy other people’s company, you’re in no mood for chit-chat. You’d rather get things done, with or without them.

**Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)**
You’re no blabbermouth, so when confidential news hits your ears today, hush up!

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**
Nothing brings your blood to a boil quite like that! You need to slow down and let them have their say -- things should turn around soon.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
Keep people from getting the wrong idea about you.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)**
If someone close to you exhibits shockingly selfish behavior today, call them on it.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)**
Make the most of your good energy today -- you can open new doors and explore.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
You’ve got good instincts -- make the most of them! Today, you get your good mood is irressisible today -- share it with others! It’s a really good time for you to make sure that you’re talking up any project or person you’ve got a stake in these days.

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)**
Persevere! It’s the one surefire way to make the impossible possible.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**
If you let someone else organize groups now, there will be interpersonal fireworks.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
It’s a good time to clear the ground between you.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)**
Give yourself a present today -- it can be tiny but it should mean something to you. Every now and then, you need to remind yourself how awesome you are, so you can keep going with everything else.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22)**
Do not confuse admiration with affection. Be sure to maintain a healthy distance.

**Virgo (August 23 - Sept 22)**
Keep going. Persevere! It’s the one surefire way to make the impossible possible. Keep going.

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Risks are rewarded today -- though not all of them pay off in the way you might expect them to! Go ahead and make a few plays that feel close to the edge and see how far you can take it.

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MAKE YOUR DAY
What's your secret for keeping your figure?
Getting everything to drop at the same rate.

I finally found an honest mechanic. He honestly doesn't know how to fix anything.

The only way I'll drop ten pounds is if I go shopping in England.

Celebrate Ben Franklin's birthday. Go fly a kite.

From Ground to Table Mother Earth is Able
Recipe prepared by: Michele Irving
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Avocado and Papaya Salad

INGREDIENTS
• 2 avocados, peeled, halved and pitted
• 2 small papayas, peeled, halved and seeded
• Juice of 1 lime,
• ½ tsp salt
• ¼ tsp sugar
• 1/8 tsp freshly ground black pepper
• 1/8 tsp cayenne
• ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil (good quality)

METHOD
Slice the avocado lengthwise into ½ inch slices. Slice the papaya width-wise into ½ inch slices. Arrange slices overlapping and alternating on a platter. In a small bowl combine remaining ingredients and stir to combine. Spoon the dressing over the avocado and papaya and serve immediately.

Serves: 1

Thought for the Day:
“We must take the risk to script our own perfection and to go as far as possible using conscience as our compass, serenity as our barometer and the wisdom of great sages as our inspiration.”

Agriculture Vibes
Unity - Power of One

“Farming like nation building is a task for Giants, small men see it and walk away.”
Urban Gardening
Urban gardening is the concept of growing plants in, around and behind the house or verandah. You don’t have to be an expert to begin urban gardening. Planting a small flower garden, a tree or vegetables not only helps the environment but it instills more pride in your community. There are many different reasons people practice urban gardening:
1. For pleasure/As a hobby
2. To plant a product that can be easily grown and used regularly thus saving money. For example: planting banana, mango and orange trees.
3. To get rid of unwanted waste pile up by creating a compost heap.
4. To help younger family members develop a positive attitude and response towards work and responsibilities which they might be given. For example, they might be required to water plants in the morning and evening.

It is very important that we begin to embrace the concept of urban gardening. In Belize, the possibilities are endless and can also lead to the further development of urban agriculture which includes the use of land to plant crops, raise livestock, fisheries and forestry activities within or surrounding the boundaries of the cities and towns.

Planting Dates
Planting Dates for above the ground: August 7, 8, 16, 17
Planting Dates for below the ground: July 31, Aug. 1, 7, 8
Planting Dates for Flowers: August 5, 6, 22, 23
Best Days to Destroy Weeds: August 14, 15, 17
Best Days to wean babies: July 31, August 1, 4, 5, 9, 10
Best Fishing Days: August 7, 8, 16, 17

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