Bounced Check
DANGRIGA - August 3, 2009
Sunil Manwani a 35 year-old businessman of 850 St. Vincent Street, Dangriga reported to police that at 9:00 a.m. on 3 August 2009 while at his store, R-J Collection situated on Commerce Street, Dangriga Town, a male person by the name of Apoloniar Asuncion Tzul visited his store and purchased a dress valued $35. Tzul paid Manwani with a Scotia Bank cheque in the sum of $100. Manwani then went to the bank to cash the cheque but the cheque was returned to him due to insufficient funds in the account.

Boat Builder’s Tools Stolen
DANGRIGA - August 2
Fred Martinez a 74 year-old Belizean boat builder of # 408 St. Vincent Street, Dangriga Town, reported that at 4:00 p.m. on 2 August 2009 he was repairing a wooden building on Canal Street. He then placed his hand saw, Stanley brand valued $29 and his black drill, valued at $30 on the floor of the building and went away for about 15 minutes. When he returned to the building Mr. Martinez noticed that both of the items were missing from the floor. The total value of both items stolen is $59. Police have detained Stephen Flores Nolberto, 55 years of #6 Jisa Road.

Gas Attendant Flees from Gunman
Pomona New Site, STANN CK. DISTRICT - August 2, 2009
Roy Casey, a 42 year-old Belizean gas attendant of Pomona New Site, Stann Creek District, reported to police that at 7:00 p.m. on 2 August 2009 he was walking in front of the football field at Pomona Village when he was approached by a red skinned male person only known to him as Diamond. This person then pulled an object from his waist which appeared to be a .9 mm pistol, cocked it and pointed it at Mr. Casey, fearing for his life, Mr. Casey jumped on his bicycle and rode off.

Decomposed body Found
Investigation continues into the discovery of a body which was found on August 4, 2009. Belmopan Police visited an area about ½ mile in the Mount Pleasant Road (off the Western highway between miles 45 and 46) where about 25 feet in the bushes on the left side of the road the body was discovered. The body which was in a decomposed state was seen without hands; an injury was also seen at the center of the abdomen. The body has not been identified and it awaits a post mortem examination.

Dangriga Congratulates New Justices Of The Peace
By: Orlando Augustine
This vital information about the new Justices of the Peace stationed in Dangriga is worthy public knowledge.

Recently, thirteen residents from Dangriga travelled to the City of Belmopan to be vested with the prestigious title of Justices of the Peace. In the presence of Solicitor General, Oscar Ramjeet who administered the official ceremony, the new Justices of Peace who were sworn are: Andre ‘Andy’ Kuylen, Aaron Ramos, Paul Williams, Gladys Jackson, Bernice Mariano, Winton ‘Timo’ Flores, Cornelius Caliz, Nicholas ‘Bin’ Partis, Eleanor Usher, Thomas ‘Man Man’ Alvarez, Althea Joseph, Noreen Gutierrez and Cecelia Ramos.

It must be emphasized that due to the professionalism and maturity of these new Justices of the Peace, whosoever is responsible to recommend their appointments needed to be applauded for acting conscientiously. It must be mentioned that although any Belizean citizen is eligible to be appointed as a Justice of the Peace, the persons must be of unquestionable integrity who seeks to promote and protect the rights of the individual and help to provide justice to persons in the community they serve. In Belize, Justices of the Peace usually do not require to have a formal legal education in order to qualify for the office. Over the years, the criteria for appointment are proven good character in the community by way of references and of course, political affiliation with the ruling party.

For public knowledge, the office of Justice of the Peace is an honorary one. A Justice of the Peace conduct must be in agreement with certain acceptable standards of conduct which ensure the upholding of the position credibility in the eyes of the public. A Justice of the Peace must not charge neither seek nor accept any payment, reward or any form of compensation or gift for services rendered in the capacity of Justice of the Peace.

Although, it depends on the needs of their communities, Justices of the Peace undertake the position credibility in the community they serve. In the community, the Peace must not charge neither seek nor accept any payment, reward or any form of compensation or gift for services rendered in the capacity of Justice of the Peace.

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Better Living through less Chemical

Last week listening to the news I heard the most astonishing and dangerous piece of misinformation on national radio. The item came during the regional news segment during which the announcer (in the most serious tones that he could muster) read that a study done in England by the United Kingdom’s Food Standards Agency (FSA) had concluded that there was no difference between conventionally grown foods and organic foods.

There was no attempt by the announcer to provide listeners with other studies which proved that organically grown foods had higher nutritional value than conventionally grown foods. But (there are compelling studies that have shown organic foods higher in beneficial antioxidants, substances or nutrients in our foods known to slow or prevent heart disease, diabetes and some forms of cancer. A 2007 Newcastle University (UK) study concluded organic fruit and vegetables contained up to 40% more antioxidants than non-organic varieties; organic milk contained more than 60% more antioxidants and healthy fatty acids than conventional. A 2007 study by the University of California found organic tomatoes had elevated levels of up to 97% of two types of antioxidants.

Furthermore, the journalist had the responsibility to tell listeners that the particular study had been questioned and the conclusions found to be flawed. Organic Center (TOC), a non-profit industry standards agency (TOC) study used old data and flawed logic in reaching the conclusion that organic food is no healthier than conventional. TOC alleges that the UK study actually downplayed the positive findings which favored organic food and did not measure important nutrients such as antioxidants.

In March 2008, a team led from the Organic Center published their review of research since 2003, “New Evidence Confirms the Health Benefits of Organic Food.” In that study, it was stated that the particular study had been questioned and the conclusions found to be flawed. Organic Center (TOC), a non-profit industry standards agency (TOC) study used old data and flawed logic in reaching the conclusion that organic food is no healthier than conventional. TOC alleges that the UK study actually downplayed the positive findings which favored organic food and did not measure important nutrients such as antioxidants.

In our environment leads to healthy living and sustainable agriculture.

Dear Editor,

Over the past several years my mom 88-year-old Cecilia Serano and I, Hortense Serano, have been having serious problems with BEL as a result of a faulty post and transformer at the corner of Yemeri and St. Vincent Street. The situation has become so unbearable that we are now living in fear.

In September of 2004, a surge from the said transformer destroyed all of our household appliances as well as appliances used for our Mom & Pop Pastry store that has been there for the last 30 years. On January 9th, 2007, the surge caused a fire which destroyed our family home as well as our family business. After this incident, BEL discontinued reading the meter of Cecilia Serano’s meter for almost a year. I as her daughter and caretaker, called the office to find out why we were not getting any bills. When the bill finally came it totaled one year’s worth of bills in one. Could you imagine this?

There was a recent incident this year, and once again, all of our appliances were destroyed. This time I went on the radio (LOVE FM) with my grievance and we were compensated for a portion of our loss by BEL. After we got our compensation, though, our electricity bill tripled.

On Sunday August 2nd we were sitting at home when we heard an explosion and subsequently that problem post burst into flames. This caused a great commotion in the neighbourhood as well as de-ja-vu for us because we thought another fire was going to take us down. We later became aware that a man who was working on a roof nearby got shocked and was thrown from the roof top. Fortunately for us, he will live to tell our story.

The response from BEL in this case came about an hour or two later. I call on Mr. Avery from the PUC to take a trip to Dangriga and see what BEL can do to address this situation with this light post and transformer at the corner of Yemeri and St. Vincent Street, where residents of this area are in constant fear. Does my 88-year-old mother have to spend the rest of her life living in fear?

In these dire economic times, we cannot afford to repeatedly replace our appliances once they are blown out. Do we have to wait until a life is lost? We almost lost one over the weekend.

BEL has brought us down mentally, physically, spiritually and financially. We have always had a thriving family business that has now turned into a sometimes Snack Shop. On behalf of my 88-year-old mother Cecilia, I ask the PUC, Government of Belize to intervene and allow her to live the rest of her life in peace instead of having to worry about another house fire or another blow out. BEL should make an effort to maintain their system and look into what is wrong with this post and transformer.

Is this too much to ask?

HURRICANE BEL, CATEGORY 5, DAMAGE CATASTROPHIC has left Ms. Serano and family homeless, business less, with constant loss of appliances. We need some justice!

Sincerely,

Hortense Serano
daughter of Cecilia Serano

In Defense of Belizeans in the Diaspora!

July 6, 2009

Dear Sir/Madam:

I hasten to write concerning the proposed change in the Belizean Constitution to allow Belizeans with Dual Citizenship to run for public office and the right to VOTE in Belize using a similar system implemented by other countries in the Diaspora. I think this is a long overdue aspiration of Belizeans living abroad to re-establish their rightful claim to become home men and home women of Belize! It is in keeping with economic, cultural, historical, educational as well as social best interest of our homeland Belize! Let us examine the economic interest of Belize. Belizeans abroad have contributed through financial remittances to their root families countless millions of dollars to the revenue of Belize not to mention also for decades contributed to the welfare of Belize millions of barrels of clothing. (Turn to pg. 9)
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a wide range of responsibilities. But in Belize, it seems that they are typically officers who are authorized to witness and sign declaration and to certify copies of original documents.

O n T u e s d a y , September 28, 2004, the following public information was submitted concerning Justices of the Peace: “The appointment and functions as well as a code of ethics for Justices of the Peace will soon be regulated in one comprehensive piece of legislation. Cabinet has approved for presentation to the next meeting of the House of Representatives a new Justice of the Peace bill which seeks to put into one authoritative law the various aspects relating to the appointment, functions, duties and liabilities of Justices of the Peace. The bill also authorizes Justice of Peace and Commissioners of the Supreme Court to form a National Association and District Chapters and to make internal rules to govern these associations. The office of Justice of the Peace is a non-emolument office. The new legislation provides for a Code of Ethics for JPs and prescribes criminal penalties for those Justices of the Peace who contravene the law.”

F o r a f i n a l n o t e , Justice of the Peace should abide by the appropriate legislation and correct procedure in performing their role in their communities. Moreover, in performing the role of a Justice of the Peace, caution must be taken to ensure that all legislative requirements are complied with. It is not an offence whenever a Justice of the Peace decline to act if he or she is not aware of the legislative requirements for acting in a particular case or if he or she cannot understand or comply with the legislative requirements or instructions that accompany a document. What it really takes to be a Justice of the Peace in this country is good common sense, strong sense of fairness and the ability to listen to different sides of a matter. In addition, respect for all citizens from any political affiliation regardless of sex, religion or ethnic background and strong values in regard to right and wrong.

B e s t w i s h e s e x t e n d e d to the new Justices of Peace as they hold themselves committed to the oath of serving the people of Dangriga without fear or favour. Have a seat . . . Relax . . . And read this slowly.

I Believe... That just because two people argue, it doesn’t mean they don’t love each other. And just because they don’t argue, it doesn’t mean they do love each other.

I Believe... That we don’t have to change friends if we understand that friends change.

I Believe... That no matter how good a friend is, they’re going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.

I Believe... That true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.

I Believe... That you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.

I Believe... That it’s taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.

I Believe... That you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

I Believe... That you can keep going long after you think you can’t.

I Believe... That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

I Believe... That either you control your attitude or it controls you.

I Believe... That heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

I Believe... Money is a lousy way of keeping score.

I Believe... My best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.

I Believe... That sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you’re down, will be the ones to help you get back up.

I Believe... That sometimes when I’m angry I have the right to be angry but that doesn’t give me the right to be cruel.

I Believe... That maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you’ve had and what you’ve learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you’ve celebrated.

I Believe... That it isn’t always enough, to be forgiven by others. Sometimes, you have to learn to forgive yourself.

I Believe... That no matter how bad your heart is broken the world doesn’t stop for your grief.

I Believe... That our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are but we are responsible for who we become.

I Believe... That you shouldn’t be so eager to find out a secret. It could change your life Forever.

I Believe... Two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.

I Believe... That your life can be changed in a matter of hours by people who don’t even know you.

I Believe... That even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you - you will find the strength to help.

I Believe... That credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.

I Believe... That sometimes the people you expect to kick you nothing and have the best time.

I Believe... That my best friend and I can do anything or something totally different.

I Believe... Money is a lousy way of keeping score.

Thought for the Day:

“If you believe it’s too difficult, it will be. If you believe it’s possible, it will be. If you want it to be, you need to believe.”
Caribbean News

Forecasters say expect fewer hurricanes

According to the latest forecast, two of the hurricanes this year will reach at least Category Three strength, meaning they will pack sustained winds of over 110 miles per hour. (Satellite: NOAA)

COLORADO, United States, August 5, 2009

Weather forecasters at the Colorado State University have again changed their hurricane predictions for this year's Atlantic season.

The team yesterday predicted the formation of 10 tropical storms, four of them strengthening into hurricanes. Two months ago, the prediction was for 11 tropical storms, with five hurricanes.

According to the latest forecast, two of the hurricanes this year will reach at least Category Three strength, meaning they will pack sustained winds of over 110 miles per hour. The research team said there was a below average chance that one of those major hurricanes will make landfall in the Caribbean.

"We have reduced our forecast slightly from early June due largely to the development of an El Niño. We continue to call for a below-average Atlantic basin tropical cyclone season in 2009," it said in its revised forecast.

CARICOM wants hold back on PetroCaribe changes

KINGSTON, Jamaica, August 5, 2009

Caribbean countries are planning to appeal to the Venezuela government to hold back on potentially detrimental changes to the PetroCaribe agreement. Concerned about a fall in oil revenues, Venezuela President Hugo Chavez has suggested that countries participating in the deal, which provides oil on preferential terms, pay at least 80 per cent of the cost upfront within 90 days instead of the current 60 per cent.

Guyana’s President Bharrat Jagdeo says such a move could create some serious problems for Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries. He was speaking at a press briefing following a meeting of the Special Prime Ministerial Task Force set up by CARICOM to craft appropriate strategies in response to the global economic crisis and its impact on the region. The talks were held in Jamaica.

"The impending changes in the agreement will present grave difficulties for some of our member states," said Jagdeo, chairman of the task force.

"They didn't have to pay the full cost of the import of oil, immediately. The rest came as a loan to these countries, which they could have used for balance of payment purposes and budgetary support. This change now will jeopardize that arrangement and therefore, put some of our countries at a disadvantage when we most need this support," Jagdeo said CARICOM would have to approach Venezuela "to say that we would like the impending changes altered or delayed".

He pointed to particular countries in the Eastern Caribbean, specifically, which have faced enormous problems, with downturn in several sectors and subsequent significant losses in revenue. He pinpointed Antigua which has lost 35 per cent of its income in the past year. "They have difficulties paying, on a monthly basis, wages and salaries in the public sector and this problem is not unique to Antigua and Barbuda. Because of the weight of Antigua and Barbuda in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union, we have to ensure, at the task force level, that they receive all the support they can get from the bilateral and multilateral agencies," he added.

Jamaica’s Prime Minister Bruce Golding added that any changes to the PetroCaribe agreement would also have adverse effects on his country.

"We have already indicated to the Venezuelans that, while we understand some of the difficulties that may warrant a change in the PetroCaribe arrangement, not only our current budget, our medium term economic programme was predicated on the PetroCaribe arrangement as it now exists and therefore, any sudden change would have a significant effect on our external and fiscal accounts," he said.

Golding said he believed that Venezuela and the Caribbean could reach a compromise on the issue.

"To be allowing deferment for 20 years at two per cent of as much as 60 per cent of the cost of the product, is a significant amount of generosity and, given the difficulty that Venezuela is now facing, it is not difficult to understand why they may need to make some adjustments in those arrangements," he said. "We want to work with them. I believe we will be able to work out a resolution to this issue."

It was expected that Golding would have been able to discuss the issue with President Chavez tomorrow, when the Venezuelan President was scheduled to pay an official one-day visit to Jamaica.

However, the visit was postponed after Chavez sustained an injury on Sunday and was ordered to rest for eight days. Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago are the only CARICOM member states that have not signed on to the PetroCaribe agreement.
Children’s Corner

Mr. Eagle and baby Rabbit

Once upon a time, Mr. Eagle was sitting on a tree resting, doing nothing. A baby rabbit saw Mr. Eagle and asked him, ‘Mr. Eagle, can I also sit like you and do nothing?’ Mr. Eagle answered: ‘Sure, baby Rabbit, why not.’ So, baby Rabbit sat on the ground below Mr. Eagle and rested. All of a sudden, from nowhere, Bra Fox appeared. Bra Fox jumped on Baby Rabbit and ate it.

NURSERY RHYME

BOW, wow, wow!

BOW, wow, wow! Whose dog art thou?
“I'm little Tom Tinker’s dog, Bow, wow, wow!”

Tree Kangaroo

I am a tree kangaroo with lots of things to do but I don't fly for I'm no fool.

I've cushion-like paws and a long furry tail with my fur mottled blackish brown.

My life span is short but I've got a long alarming growl.

I have adapted to living in the trees, balancing on trees.
I am a particularly good climber as you will soon see.
I eat leaves and fruits found on the ground and in the trees.

I live in New Guinea. My aboriginal name is boongarry which you've to admit is kind of funny.

Me and my many species are hunted for our flesh but tree kangaroos are endangered animals so don’t hunt me, leave me in the forest and let me be.

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PRESS RELEASE

BELIZE PREMIER FOOTBALL LEAGUE (B.P.F.L.) NEWS

The Belize Premier Football League (BPFL) is the oldest and most prestigious in the country of Belize. It was formed some 18 years ago as an offshoot of the Belize National Football League and is affiliated with the Football Federation of Belize (FFB), the Belize country-agent for CONCACAF/FIFA. The BPFL, however, is an autonomous body but its constitution must not be in conflict with that of CONCACAF/FIFA. The FFB, being the agent and representative of FIFA, is the body that ensures the BPFL complies with FIFA rules. The importance of this is that non-compliance with FIFA rules can lead to the FFB recommending to FIFA the suspension of its relationship with the BPFL. Consequently, BPFL member clubs would not be able to participate in CONCACAF & FIFA competitions.

Just last year Hankook Verdes competed in the CONCACAF Champions League competition and was featured on worldwide television. Unfortunately, however, no team from the BPFL competed in this year’s Champions League as none of the stadiums in Belize met the required standards set by FIFA. We understand, however, that the government has undertaken to make at least one stadium ready for next year’s competition.

The last national competition was won by NIZHEE/COROZAL over Hankook Verdes by the score of 4 goals to 1. The final game was played in Corozal Town and it was a good game. Hankook Verdes blew its earliest opportunities and after three quick goals by NIZHEE/COROZAL that was it.

The BPFL competition will commence on the 29th & 30th August 2009 with ten to twelve teams. The BPFL, though it has given the country much needed exposure many times in international competitions, does not have a sponsor. At present it is sustained by the contribution of its member clubs and is governed by the majority of the owners of the clubs and two representatives from FFB. The BPFL is open to partnerships.

MORE NEXT WEEK
What’s On The Mind: The Importance of Praise

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A psychologist once said: A child would rather be praised than punished but punished rather than ignored. Children want to be noticed. They will behave in different ways to get attention. If we do not comment on the positive things they do, they are likely to act out instead. After all sometimes it’s easier to notice when a child is misbehaving and respond to that. Negative behaviors don’t just get our attention but it also gets a reaction out of us. Perhaps we yell at the child to stop the bad behavior. The child may be spanked or suffer some other unfortunate outcome. One thing is certain, negativity breeds even more negativity. It is important to remember that children want to be noticed and they want what they do to be validated by the people around them. If we constantly ignore our children’s good behaviors or forget to praise them when they are behaving well we miss out on the opportunity to encourage continued positive behaviors. However, if we are constantly aware of the child misbehaving and punishing the child as a result, he or she will learn that if they want to get attention they must behave badly. The more punishment and the less praise a child receive, the more likely they are to engage in negative behaviors. On the other hand, if children’s positive behaviors are praised or rewarded they are more likely to behave favorably.

Children want to feel important, valued, and loved. We let children know how important and special they are by telling them so. Sometimes as parents we forget to let our children know when they are doing a great job. Perhaps we may think that they don’t need to be told. But just as you may point out when a child missteps, it’s also important to emphasize when they do well. Praise not only reinforces the good behavior but it increases the likelihood of that behavior to occur again. So, next time, try to catch your child doing good and remember to praise him or her. The next time your child takes out the garbage without being told, does his homework by himself, or gets a good grade on a test tell them what a good job they did. Of course, you can also remind them that they are good and special just for being who they are.

Let the children play Out-a-Wagierale

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Summer is almost over and for some children they could safely say that their summer was well spent because they were engaged in several meaningful activities designed to enhance their knowledge of the different subject areas, sports etc. For some, their time was spent running around aimlessly and just doing what children do.

What I could safely say is that for quite some time now there had not been so many programs for our children during the summer time. This year we had the Ignacio Volunteers, Sport Camp by Philip Marin and Coco, Summer School for Wageirale Children, classes at Anglican for Standard Five and Six Students as PSE preparation just to mention a few. But for me, the joy of seeing the children engage in various activities cannot be replaced by anything else but to see the reviving of the Under 12 Football Competition in Dangriga. This Mundialito style event is designed to develop positive attitude in our children through the use of sports. This is being held under the control of the original members of the Dangriga Boys and Girls Club namely Mr. Stephen Laurie, Charles Mariano, Sylvain Gomez and Mr. James Logan. This year, apart from the original teams Wageirale (the defending champions), Southside, Team Elejo, Benguche and Pomona we have a new Team coming out of New Site. Presently, two teams are under the management of females. Kudos is in order to Kera Fernandez who manages Benguche and Yvonne “Rasvonne” Dionicio who manages New Site. These ladies and gentlemen take time out of their busy schedules to train these children, engage them in meaningful discourse etc in order to keep them focused on school and productive means of contributing to their community.

Although this year the rebirth of the Under 12 has now materialized, I would like to comment on the level of parental support that this initiative has been receiving. I will say that there has been a remarkable improvement with the physical support from parents as there are some devoted parents who are definitely taking the time out to watch their children play and cheer them on. This will help to motivate the children and for this moral support I must say a big thank you. I will take this opportunity to say how saddened we from the committee are though that one of our biggest supporter Miss Jackie Bernardetz lost her life and that the person who knocked her down (Turn to pg. 7)
Over the last couple of months we have been studying the Disciples’ Prayer in Matthew 6. Needless to say it has impacted my prayer life.

Occasionally in a discussion of God’s sovereignty and predestination people question why we should pray if God’s has already determined it. I came across this article by John Piper entitled, Prayer and Predestination. I found it helpful.

A Conversation Between Prayerful and Prayerless

Prayerless: I understand that you believe in the providence of God. Is that right?

Prayerful: Yes.

Prayerless: Does that mean you believe, like the Heidelberg Catechumans say, that nothing comes about by chance but only by God’s design and plan?

Prayerful: Yes, I believe what the Bible teaches.

Prayerless: Why do you pray?

Prayerful: I don’t see the problem. Why shouldn’t we pray?

Prayerful: Well, if God ordains and controls everything, then what he plans from of old will come to pass, right?

Prayerless: So it’s going to come to pass whether you pray or not, right.

Prayerful: That depends on whether God ordained it for it to come to pass in answer to prayer. If God predestined that something happen in answer to prayer, it won’t happen without prayer.

Prayerless: Wait a minute, this is confusing. Are you saying that every answer to prayer is predestined or not?

Prayerful: Yes, it is. It’s predestined as an answer to prayer.

Prayerles: So if the prayer doesn’t happen, the answer doesn’t happen?

Prayerful: That’s right.

Prayerless: So the event is contingent on our praying for it to happen?

Prayerful: Yes. I take it that by contingent you mean prayer is a real reason that the event happens, and without the prayer the event would not happen.

Prayerles: You’re saying that’s what I mean. But how can an event be contingent on my prayer and still be eternally fixed and preordained by God?

Prayerful: Because your prayer is as fixed as the predestined answer.

Prayerless: Explain.

Prayerful: It’s not complicated. God providentially ordains all events. God never ordains an event without a cause. The cause is also an event. Therefore, the cause is also preordained. So you cannot say that the event will happen if the cause doesn’t because God has ordained otherwise. The event will happen if the cause happens.

Prayerless: So what you are saying is that answers to prayer are always ordained as effects of prayer which is one of the causes and that God predestined the answer only as an effect of the cause.

Prayerful: That’s right. And since both the cause and the effect are ordained together you can’t say that the effect will happen even if the cause doesn’t because God doesn’t ordain effects without causes.

Prayerless: Can you give some illustrations?

Prayerful: Sure. If God predestines that I die of a bullet wound, then I will not die if no bullet is fired. If God predestines that I be healed by surgery, then if there is no surgery, I will not be healed. If God predestines heat to fill my home by fire in the furnace, then if there is no fire, there will be no heat. Would you say, ’Since God predestines that the sun be bright, it will be bright whether there is fire in the sun or not’?

Prayerless: No.

Prayerful: I agree. Why not?

Prayerless: Because the brightness of the sun comes from the fire.

Prayerful: Right. That’s the way I think about the answers to prayer. They are the brightness and prayer is the fire. God has established the universe so that in larger measure it runs by prayer, the same way he has established brightness so that in larger measure it happens by fire. Doesn’t that make sense?

Prayerless: I think it does.

Prayerful: Then let’s stop thinking up problems and go with what the Scriptures say. Ask and you will receive. You have not because you ask not.

Blessings,

Pastor Rick

Calvary Community Church

www.ccctn.org

Here is the link - http://www.desiringgod.org/Resources.Library/Articles/ByDate/1996/1005-Prayer-and-Predestination/
Wagnerale Summer School 2009

Daily summer school program for students from within the Wagnerale Area and Benguche Area commenced a two weeks summer school downstairs the home of the chairperson of the Wagnerale Citizen’s Committee Mr. Kevin Boehner in order to commence two weeks of summer school in Mathematics, Language Arts, Music, Sports, cooking, agriculture, arts and craft etc. The summer program is spearheaded by Miss Shamira Mariano and Mrs. Carol Aranda with the support of the education councillor Charles Mariano who is the representative for Wagnerale and the Citizen Committee for Wagnerale. Teachers in the program are all doing a fantastic job and are volunteering their time and knowledge to help the children of the community. Teachers include Miss Jolene Busano, Miss Karima Higinio, Miss Elvira Laurie, Mr. Cornelius Cayetano, Miss Florence Sue Cayetano, Mr. Charles Mariano Jr., Mrs. Carol Aranda and Miss Shamira Mariano. There are also six high school students who are assisting in this program. At the end of the two week participants will be given a certificate or participation d u r i n g a closure ceremony/parents night. A fee of five dollars is being charged from each participant in order to cover the price of supplies for the two weeks program.

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In Defense of Belizians in the Diaspora!

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On the educational interests, we now have thousands of well trained Belizians in all the Sciences who are yearning to give back to the homeland the gift that we received from our training abroad. We can not sincerely give back if this right of full citizenship which seeks not to disenfranchise us, but to grant us equal rights under the amended Constitution of Belize.

Sirs/Madams, I started this letter with the intent to be brief but I thought I had better let it all hang out on a matter that have been dear to my heart.

Belizians! Be Inclusive and Prosper! Be Exclusive at the peril of losing human resources! Let us count all our blessings and use all of our resources.

Grant the right to run for Political Office and to VOTE as Citizens:
1. Belizians who have acquired DUAL CITIZENSHIP;
2. Belizians who were born in a foreign country of Belizean parentage and acquire Belizian citizenship through birth;
3. Belizians who were born in a foreign country and acquire Belizian Citizenship through naturalization.

Grant Belizians possessing Dual Citizenship the Constitutional Right to Run for Public Office and to VOTE in Belize!

Respectfully Submitted,

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FREEDOM CRY

By Orlando Augustine

Lying peacefully
In the warmth of his cubicle,
The unborn slave child
Cries for freedom,
He cries to be what he wants to be,
He cries to be free to live a life
As the flowers in a garden.

As prejudice and discrimination
Awaits his journey bound to planet earth,
He contemplates,
He weeps not to be born
Into the hands of any human
Unknown to that of his kinsfolk,
Free to be
And free he wants to be.

Again!
The game plan of the wicked game master
Knows not what to be free,
To live or die in his deadly hands
Is his only way to be.

The child feels to run,
But – in his feeble feet there is no strength
He feels to cry,
But – in his sad eyes there is no tear
He feels to laugh,
But – in his lonely world there is no joke to be.

As his inner self
Urges him to fight for his freedom,
He cries deep within
For his God given right,
Freedom! Freedom!
He cries,
Free me to be someone I want to be,
Free me! Free me!
To live a life
I feel is free.
Today isn’t about ignoring real problems, it about relaxing and clearing your mind.
You’re experiencing a little taste of what others go through every day —
You ought to be able to get people to see things your way
Don’t fly off the handle.
Getting all emotional will only hurt you in the long run.

Don’t put any pressure on yourself. Give yourself time to do whatever you are doing.
You and your family are in sync today, even if things have been strained lately. You may need to rely on subtle cues in order to figure them out but you can certainly do it if you want!

Try your best to focus on the big picture: career issues, family life and spirituality. You may be best off looking at practical issues first but as long as you’re serious, you can get lots done.

Don’t By off the handle.
Coworkers and neighbors are all highly strung today, so you may want to tread lightly to avoid setting off any hidden traps. If people do overreact,

Your dreams have always been interesting but right now they are also informative.
You are feeling somewhat sassy today and should be able to get others to see the lighter side of whatever they’re doing. It’s a great day for playing games — even when you’re the only one who knows the rules!

You may find that your people are tossing you curve balls all day long

Your challenges are causing some frustration in the lives of your loved ones today.
Try to just kick back and enjoy the smaller, sweeter aspects of life today — there’s no need to panic over the big picture! It’s a good idea for you to blow off any major appointments for a few days.

Your ability to connect with others is strong but right now it is even stronger!
You ought to be able to get people to see things your way today — once you’ve helped them out, that is. You’re happy to help

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You’ve got more freedom than ever before — it’s time to expand your horizons.
You are at a crossroads of sorts now but instead of making a choice between two different alternatives, you need to choose how to expand your options. That’s pretty exciting — but time is short!

Your friends and family might need some serious help -- things are getting weird for them but for you it's all par for the course.
It's trivial for you to point them in the right direction.
MAKE YOUR DAY

Trucker and the Blonde

A trucker came into a truck stop cafe and placed his order. He said, “I want three flat tires, a pair of headlights and pair of running boards.” The brand new blonde waitress, not wanting to appear stupid, went to the kitchen and said to the cook, “This guy out there just ordered three flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards. What does he think this place is, an auto parts store?” “No,” the cook said. “Three flat tires mean three pancakes, a pair of headlights is two eggs sunny side up, and running boards are 2 slices of crisp bacon.” “Oh, OK!” said the blonde. She thought about it for a moment and then spooned up a bowl of beans and gave it to the customer. The trucker asked, “What are the beans for, Blondie?” She replied, “I thought while you were waiting for the flat tires, headlights and running boards, you might as well gas up!” FOR ONCE THE BLONDE GETS EVEN!

Agriculture Vibes Unity – Power of One

Presentation: John Antonio

Food For Thought

Interesting observation

“Some people sharing does not come naturally. They must be taught to do so.”

“Everything begins with the first step” A step in the wrong direction.

No urgency in the underprivileged to help themselves. To me it seems business as usual. We wait like fish for bait then we rush the bait. My experience is that when you are vocal, you can’t be used and this makes you different.

Positive difference, so that I can’t understand when my people talk about people like me that I talk too much. They say “I can’t fool with him, he too smart”. Do you want to be in the association of a fool? Very little you can learn from a fool.

International Monetary Fund

The time is now to experiment, improve your production, fit into a chain production and get ready for the good times to come. Increase access to wider markets. Products will sell trade with EU, CSME and Central America. Imagine sesame (wangla) planted by you being sold in Trinidad. Step up, move fast, demand what you deserve, join the elite group. Be a farmer. He who controls the food controls the revolution. Don’t be caught standing. Let’s voice our concerns with one voice.

Cooperative, Credit Union Syndicate, Company. Use the institutions for what they are designed to do.

Beat the hard times by doing the same thing you do smarter.

To learn you must listen, somebody must teach and talk. For your Agriculture Information and Services check John Antonio at the market in the morning from 6 a.m. – 8 a.m. and ask for John.

• We sell small stock - chicken, mutton, etc.
• We repair and sell spray tank parts and accessories.
• Feasibility study in agricultural products.

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Planting Dates

Planting Dates for above the ground: August 7, 8, 16, 17
Planting Dates for below the ground: August 7, 8, 16, 17, 24
Planting Dates for Flowers: August 22, 23, 24
Best Days to Destroy Weeds: August 14, 15, 17, 19, 21
Best Days to wean babies: August 9, 10, 11
Best Fishing Days: August 7, 8, 16, 17, 24

From Ground to Table Mother Earth is Able

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Broccoli, Cauliflower and Carrots in Cheddar Cheese Sauce

INGREDIENTS

2 tablespoons butter
1-2 tablespoons whole wheat pastry flour
1 cup milk
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
½ teaspoon sea salt
Blanch (cook briefly in boiling water), broccoli, cauliflower and carrots

METHOD

Melt butter in a saucepan over low heat. Add flour and stir with a whisk for a few minutes. Slowly add the milk stirring constantly. Continue stirring until sauce has thickened. When it is smooth add cheese and salt. Stir until cheese is melted. Pour over blanched broccoli, cauliflower and carrots and mix gently. Serve immediately.

Preparation time: 10 minutes
Makes about 2 cups

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 ANICETO CHOC is applying for a renewal of the Liquor License for the year 2009 to operate JC SHOP located at Steadfast Village, in the Stann Creek District.

Weight Loss Facts

Low Fat Diets DON’T WORK. You cannot lose weight using Low Fat Diets. Low fat foods have been popular for more than 15 years but yet our society is getting more overweight as each year passes. This fact alone should tell you that eating a purely low fat menu is not the answer to losing weight. Low Calorie Diets DON’T WORK. You won’t lose weight using a Low Calorie Dieting Plan either. In fact, eating low calories is the worst thing that you can do to your body, since that will only slow down your body’s fat burning engine and ruin all chances of losing weight (low calorie diets may allow a few pounds of weight loss for the first few days, but then after that all weight loss comes to a halt --- known as a dieting plateau).

You can never get slim by starving yourself.

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