Dangriga - August 18, 2009

Xiong Bin Li, a 31-year-old Chinese businessman of #1058 Benguche Area, Dangriga Town reported to police that on August 18, 2009 at about 8:22 p.m. whilst in his store namely J & B’s Store located at the same address one of two dark-skinned male persons approached Julia Broaster, a 22-year-old Belizean domestic of Benguche Area, Dangriga Town and took away $500 in cash which was the boledo money. At the same time the other person holding a .38 revolver grabbed Xiong Bing Li by the shoulder and proceeded to take away an undisclosed sum of money from inside the drawer in the store.

One of the men was wearing a black shirt with ¾ blue jeans pants with a black cloth covering the face and the other wore a black shirt with black long pants and a black cloth covering over the head and face.

Handcuffed Detainee escapes Police Custody

Dangriga - August 18, 2009

Efforts by police to recapture 29-year-old Elbert Marcello have so far been unsuccessful. On Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at about 9:06 p.m. Elbert Marcello, a 29-year-old Belizean of Wagierale Area, Dangriga was detained in respect to a traffic accident and pending investigation of a robbery. Around 9:30 p.m. whilst he was inside the station and handcuffed, Marcello escaped from the police station about 9:30 p.m.

Car window broken in Wagierale

Dangriga - August 18, 2009

Melvin Holness, a 32-year-old Belizean labourer of Wagierale Area, Dangriga reported to police that on August 18, 2009 between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. he discovered that the rear glass of his Buick car, which was parked inside his yard, had been broken. The glass was valued at $1,000.

Drama on Ramos Rd

Dangriga - August 18, 2009

Resela Swazo, a 26-year-old Belizean Domestic of #40 Ramos Road, Dangriga reported that on August 18, 2009 at about 10:00 a.m. whilst at home, a female namely Keisha Elijah arrived at her home where an argument began and Keisha uttered the following words to the complainant “I wa cut you throat.”

Owner of Esso Havana Gas Station robbed

Dangriga

Two suspects are presently being sought in connection with a robbery that took place at Esso Havana Gas Station. A 47-year-old businessman reported to police that he was robbed of $9,067 in cash and (Turn to pg. 8)
Guest Editorial

More lessons from COCABA

Sports have a great deal to teach us about life. The positive influence of sport on all aspects of human life - including its benefits for health, socialization, self-confidence, leadership skills and mutual understanding across divisions of race, culture and gender - means that its importance should never be ignored. Sports teach us the value of preparation, discipline, fair play, focus and especially in team sport, the necessity of unity. Belize men’s basketball team possessed all those characteristics plus talent and the team under very stressful and adverse circumstances did Belize proud by winning the silver medal at the recently concluded COCABA games in Cancun, Mexico. Rivalry and tension in sport are healthy elements they allow violent emotions to be vented in a rule-governed context. Furthermore, through sport, values such as respect for others and keeping to the rules are learned.

Here again, Team Belize shone. The behavior of the team despite some very dubious calls is admirable and worth copying. Although many spectators believed that the referees gave the gold medal to Mexico, not one of the players blamed the referees for their loss. They congratulated the Mexican players on their victory. This is sportsmanship and courtesy at its highest. The truth of the matter though is that despite some questionable calls the game was Belize’s to win or lose. The lesson to be learned from that experience is: don’t blame others for your own shortcomings, in other words, accept responsibility for your actions.

Sport’s role in nation-building is multi-faceted: a victory in a major international sporting event is of national importance. This is why the men’s basketball team returned to a heroes welcome from Cancun Saturday afternoon. They returned as heroes because they defended the independence and sovereignty of Belize with dignity. In doing so they contributed to the task of nation building. Belizeans lined the streets and cheered the motorcade that brought the players into Belize City. The social structure of sport is very important. Sport provides people with a social context where they can encounter other people in a non-threatening way and can get rid of harmful emotions. The outpour of love for the team was so strong that the players were nearly overwhelmed and they said that they finally felt Belizean, not Belizean–American but Belizean.

If there is still the need to expose the artificial divide between sports and politics after the COCABA games one must realize that for sports to be more effective government must be ready to assist. Of course we don’t have the petro-dollars of Mexico but Belize government assistance was an important element in the team’s success.

The building of nations is an important aspect of development; people mix with each other much more directly through sport than through any political manifesto and this is why the Prime Minister’s pledge to build a basketball stadium or gymnasium is so important for our country. That is the final lesson from the COCABA games.
Stann Creek West Area Representative Unfounded Accusation

By Orlando Augustine

It seems imperative that whenever our elected officials get frustrated with the electorate, or concerned citizens, it becomes prevalent for them to blame others for defending whatever the people believe is social injustice in the communities. It is democratically sober for any citizens to stand up for any injustice that affects the community as long as it is done within the confines of the constitution of Belize. Instead of wasting time dealing with trivial issues, our people should be concerned about matters that are seriously affecting the community. As an alternative for waiting on crumbs to fall off the master’s table, we should be preparing the table with the fruits of our labour.

From time to time politicians need to live and blend together with the electorate to avoid unfounded allegations that demean the offices they hold. Over the years, one of the things that I learned is the strategies how politicians play with the minds of the people to divide them. This tactic of dividing people and false accusation was oblivious on LOVE FM Monday morning talk show. The guest, Stann Creek West Area Representative aired on national radio unfounded accusations on a number of Hopkins residents who are fighting against injustice in the community.

It was obvious that the absence of the Area Representative from the public meeting that was recently held in the community proved to be replaced by his inept cohorts who do even know that they are being manipulated. It was apparent that their groundless presentations proved that they are misinformed about what is happening in their immediate surroundings.

The accusation gets nasty when the columnist of this article was singled out as the mastermind in an attempt to sell the wetland west of Hopkins, years ago. I believe that the Area Representative disrespected me and have violated my rights as a citizen. Moreover, when he aired my involvement in the attempt sale, he demeaned my character and integrity as an innocent citizen who has nothing to do with the attempt to get rid of any wetland. I hope the Area Representative is honourable to set the record straight in informing the nation that his accusation is unfounded because he barcked the wrong tree. I never was afforded any authority to be engaged in any such transaction. Furthermore, I did not hold any political office in the past and do not intend to do so. The name calling and intimidating tactics of the Area Representative over national radio was uncalled for and LOVE FM should not have tolerated it. I believe that my contribution to the development of Belize is larger than the kind of petty politics played in the country. I need to inform the Area Representative that there is a place and time for party politics. I do not play party politics with the lives of my people.

Lamentably, the strategy played out well because the radio station that aired the show acted irresponsibly. LOVE FM has violated its own principles and standard to accommodate the Area Representative to assassinate the characters of innocent residents who are vocal against questionable activities in the community. It seems that the Area Representative’s defense for his project is not favourable among majority of the residents of Hopkins and his responsibility is to respect that. Moreover, it was irritating to hear the Area Representative saying that the action of the concerned residents is politically motivated. It seems that elected officials are satisfied when the people do not say anything about any injustices that affect their communities. Mr. Minister, the people are anxious to know who is paying for the destruction of natural waterway and how it will benefit the people. The electorates will be happy if you visit the community to lay your plans on the table and refrain listening to rumours.

I strongly believe that it is the duty and responsibility of the residents to stand against any wrongdoings in their community. Equally important, the elected officials need to respect the voice of the people and stop victimize them for defending the just cause of the community. If a group of people said that a project is not good for the community, that does not mean defiance or against development and they need to be respected.

Whenever politicians made people to accept that a certain project is good for the community, fully aware of its detriment, if there is objection, the struggle of the people is defined as anti-development, political persuasion or defiance. The way things work; it seems that the politicians define the struggles of the people. We should not allow the custodians we elected to serve us to define our reality to satisfy their political aspirations. Whenever politicians tell the general public that their projects are in the best interest of the people, that is all good, but it is not power, the power is in the hands of the people.
**Caribbean News**

**THE BRITISH ARE HERE! TCI officially under British direct rule**

Premier Galmo Williams, one of the strong opponents to the changes, condemned the move.

**PROVIDENCIALES, Turks and Caicos Islands, August 14**

The Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) is from today officially located about 460 miles east of Bermuda, soon.

The move comes just two days after former premier Michael Misick lost his bid to try to challenge the move when the Court of Appeal in London on the 12th August and on the instruction of UK Ministers, I have today signed a proclamation, published in the Gazette, which brings into force the Order in Council suspending parts of the Turks and Caicos Islands constitution, Governor Wetherell said in a statement. With immediate effect, Ministerial government and the House of Assembly have also been suspended, meaning that Cabinet will no longer exist and the House of Assembly is dissolved and MPs’ seats are vacated.

"The constitutional right to trial by jury is also suspended with immediate effect. In accordance with the Order in Council, this will be for a period of two years, subject to extension or abbreviation as necessary," added Governor who will be responsible for the government for the two-year period. Wetherell has also appointed Martin Stanley as Chief Executive to head the TCI public service.

He added that he would also soon appoint an Advisory Council and a Consultative Forum and announce the membership and rules of business of these two new bodies in the next few days. "After a long and frustrating period of waiting and delay, we can finally move ahead towards a fresh start for the Islands. Our goal is to make a clean break from the mistakes of the past by establishing a durable path towards good governance, sound financial management and sustainable development," Governor Wetherell said.

"This is not a British takeover. Although, as I said in my statement of 2nd July, I have appointed experts to work in areas of concern highlighted in the Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry, the TCI public service will continue to be run by people of the Turks and Caicos Islands, as indeed they should be. But I hope we can now begin to run them better," he added.

**Promise of elections in 2011**

Wetherell added that the British Government was committed to working towards holding free and fair elections by July 2011. He promised that the guiding principles of the new administration would be transparency, accountability and responsibility and further expressed the belief that most people in the TCI welcomed the changes which come from the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry into allegations of corruption. That probe had found systematic corruption in the former M i s i c k g o v e r n m e n t.

"Today our country is being invaded and re-colonized by the United Kingdom, dismantling a duly elected government and legislature and replacing it with a one man dictatorship, akin to that of the old Red China, all in the name of good governance," Williams said.

"But I am convinced that this coup d'état committed against the legitimate government of our Turks and Caicos Islands by the United Kingdom puts them on the wrong side of history, for I can assure you that this action which they have taken against us was not done because it is the right thing to do nor because it is necessary but rather it is being taken because they are able to do such things in a country of our size and status," Williams added.

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**Bill a monster Category Four hurricane but region relatively safe**

**ST JOHN’S, Antigua, August 19, 2009**

In the space of less than 12 hours, Hurricane Bill has gained enough strength to move from Category Two to Category Four status, and is expected to get even stronger.

Bill's maximum sustained winds o n l y n e e d t o p i c k u p 20 miles per hour more in order for it to reach Category Five - the most deadly of storms - w i t h w i n d s g r e a t e r t h a n 1 5 5 m i l e s p e r h o u r . But even without that change, and despite Bill forecast to pass well to the northeast of the northern Leeward Islands, the system's maximum sustained winds of near 135 miles per hour, with hurricane force winds extending up to 45 miles from its core and tropical storm force winds blowing up to 175 miles out, will result in worsening sea conditions in the Eastern Caribbean islands and Bermuda soon.

At 5 am, the centre of Bill was located about 460 miles east of the Leeward Islands and it was moving toward the west-northwest near 16 miles per hour.

**Monitor the progress of Bill...**

Large swells associated with Bill will be impacting the islands of the northeast Caribbean Sea during the next day or two," it continued, adding that large swells associated with Bill should also begin to affect Bermuda tomorrow and Saturday.

Although these islands are forecast to avoid a direct hit, residents are still being advised to check their emergency kits that their vessels are properly secured to prevent damage, he advised.

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ANIMALS YOU CAN SEE AT THE ZOO

A story by Rolando Merino

This is the giraffe. It has a very long neck to reach the tender leaves up high on a tree. They are very tall and very quiet animals.

This is the elephant. They are very big animals and have a long memory and a very long nose called a trunk. They make a trumpet sound.

This is the lion. It is the king of the jungle and goes ROAR!

This is a monkey. They spend a lot of time up in trees and like to eat fruits. This one has a banana. They go eee....eee....

This is the kangaroo from Australia. It bounces and bounces anywhere it wants to go.

This is the tiger. It is a big cat that hunts in the jungle. Be careful not to run into one of these big cats in the jungle! It goes GRRRRRR......

This is an alligator. They have a lot of teeth and spend most of the time in the water. Don’t go near these big creatures. They rumble RRRRRRRRRRRRRR!

This is the flamingo. It is a big beautiful bird. They are very noisy and go SQUAK...SQUAK...!

This is the rhino. He is a big animal and has a horn on his head. They go snort, snort.
What’s On The Mind: Children and the Media

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Television and other forms of media can influence a child’s life and development. There are some basic things that you can do to become more media savvy and promote your child’s appropriate exposure to the media.

In the US it is believed that the average child watches up to 4 hours of television per day. They are exposed to not just educational programming but mature, violent and sexual content as well. In addition, television advertisements send children subliminal messages about what to eat, wear or how to behave. Even the news is often too explicit for children. So what can a parent do?

First of all, it is recommended that children less than two years of age do not watch any television and children over two watch no more than 2 hours of quality programs. The first two years is a time of rapid growth and development, including brain development. Children learn best when their brains are stimulated through exploring, learning and spending time playing and interacting with their parents.

As a child becomes older, television viewing, in moderation, can help facilitate learning. For example, preschoolers can learn the alphabet from watching programs like Sesame Street and elementary-age kids can learn about science and nature through channels like the discovery channel. However, too much or inappropriate television viewing can have a negative effect on a child’s development. For example, children who watch a lot of violence on TV may become desensitized to violence and more likely to act out aggressively. They may also be led to believe that the world is a violent and scary place and that something bad can happen to them. Television also tends to reinforce racial and gender stereotypes. Excessive television viewing can lead to a child being overweight. Watching television should not replace physical activity.

You can promote healthy television viewing by allowing your kids to watch educational programming and making the viewing experience interactive rather than passive. You can encourage younger children to sing or dance along with characters. Of course, remind them that cartoon characters are just that, characters and what they do is not real. When watching television with your older children, encourage them to talk about what they are seeing and what the characters are doing. Ask them why they like or dislike certain characters. Discuss plot possibilities with them and encourage them to explore the many different possibilities a story can create.

During early teens and adolescence, young people can begin to see things more critically. Promote their critical thinking skills by allowing them to question and explore how, why and for what purpose a show was created. This will also help your child to be more sophisticated in their choice of television viewing. It’s also a great way for you to find out how your teen’s image is being shaped by what they see and hear.

Belmopan - 18 August, 2009

A Groundbreaking and Signing Ceremony to commence Phase 1 of works at the Marion Jones Sporting Complex took place yesterday at the construction site on Princess Margaret Drive in Belize City.

Executive Director of the National Sports Council, Mr. Anthony Michael, mentioned that the construction of this long-awaited sporting complex will finally allow Belizean athletes to train in proper and adequate facilities and compete in sporting events while allowing spectators and the public to enjoy the sporting action from the comfort of the grandstands.

Minister of Youth, Sports, Information and Broadcasting, Hon. Elvin Penner signed on their behalf and the Minister of Youth and Sports, Hon. Elvin Penner signed as the employer. Works are proposed to conclude within an eight month period, thereafter allowing for a bidding process for the Phase 2 stage.

The contract is valued at approximately BZ$1.5 Million. The event included the attendance of seven other Ministers of Government including the Minister of Works, Hon. Anthony “Boots” Martinez and Minister of National Security, Hon. Carlos Perdomo both contributing remarks at the ceremony.

Belmopan - 18 August, 2009

It has been brought to the attention of the Attorney General’s Ministry, that some Justices of the Peace are not complying with their mandate to ensure that the persons who present themselves to authenticate documents are the correct persons.

In one instance, Solicitor General, Oscar Ramjeet said that he has received a complaint that a document which was purported to be signed by a landowner on 10th June, 2009 in Belmopan, for the sale of his property at Hopkins, has not been signed by him since he has received a letter dated 4th April, 2009 in Belmopan, for the sale of his property at Hopkins, for the sale of his property at Hopkins, for the sale of his property at Hopkins.

Mr. Ramjeet has warned Justices of the Peace to ensure that they be present with photo identification in order to ensure that the person who seeks to have documents authenticated is not an imposter.

The Solicitor General added that Justices of the Peace are advised that they should make an entry of all documents they sign in a note book which they should keep in their possession at all times.

For more details please contact the Office of the Solicitor General Belmopan. Tel: 822-2154

National Agriculture & Trade Show - 2010

Belmopan - 17 August, 2009

The National Agriculture and Trade Show Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries advises the general public that the 2010 show will be held from 30th April through the 2nd of May.

The early announcement is being done to assist other committees set the dates for their activities.

For further details please contact: Mr. Miguel Balan, Information Officer Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries Belmopan. Tel: 501-822-2242 501-822-2242
A Hunger for the Word
How far would you be willing to walk or travel to hear the Word of God preached or what would you risk?
I came across this prayer point from the Barnabas Aid website:
Please continue to pray for the persecuted Christians of Myanmar (Burma) that they may find strength in the Lord. Twenty Karen families walk to church once a week. It takes a whole day each way or without the children, it takes the men eight hours. This group has been attacked at least six times by the Burmese army. One of them, whose father had been literally worked to death carrying heavy loads as a porter for the army and whose uncle had been shot dead on the spot when he said no to becoming a porter, said, “I read the Bible and I have peace. It gives me happiness. Sometimes I lie in my hammock and read and it gives me peace...When I look in the past I cry and then the Word of God makes me happier.” (Romans 15:4)

It takes an entire day for 20 families to walk to church. These are families who work hard in their shops and in fields all week and when Sunday comes around they gladly make the 8-12 hour trip to church each week. And they do so knowing that they might be apprehended by military officials who have the power to kill them! What is their motivation? Why would they expend so much energy and risk so much danger each week?

Romans 15:4 says, “For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” The believers in Myanmar are finding encouragement and hope through the teaching and preaching of God’s Word. When you live under constant threat of death and when there is little in this world that brings true happiness, any hope is great news. The believers in Myanmar have found hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the source of true joy and happiness and peace. And that is a treasure worth a long walk and even death.

You can sign up for prayer points at http://www.barnabasfund.org/US/Action/Pray/Daily-Prayer-Point/

For His Glory and His Joy,
--
Pastor Rick
Calvary Community Church
www.ccctn.org

Romans 1:16 - “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

Pastor’s Corner

Yard Sale
Yard Sale at 1034 Benguche Area
Behind SiahNet Cafe
Starts on Friday 28th August
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
AND
Saturday 29 August
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SHUSH!!!!! SHUSH!!!!!
1. Is this not the free education government? Now they are only giving 60% of the registration fee.
2. Beach bash for the children was a "dug ups" show for three exercise books. How about an athletic meet or reciting a poem or singing a song for the same books?
3. It was another no show for the area rep for Seine Bight day. Can Georgetown expect the same on their day? Oh... but the opening of the southern cable will see his presence.
4. Is any of the Venezuelan money being spent in the southern villages?
5. The ambassador to the motherland could come from the South. It would be good if we were all looked after the same way.
6. Visitors to the hospital should take along their toilet articles if they will need to use the bathroom.
7. Venezuelan money done! Many red are still crying. Things so bad that more people need the help! Another round is needed.
8. Trenches along the street side are again being dug with no effort made for the crossing over the trenches to the homes.
9. There is a bus going to Belmopan to see the PM about the wetlands. Check first if the PM will be in Belize. Well, the area rep just doesn’t care about the concerned citizens to meet with them.
10. Griga rep to seek reelection???
Belizeans with Dual Nationalities Must Become More Pro-Active in Asserting Their Rights as Citizens

By: Wellington C. Ramos

When the Dual Nationality Law was passed in Belize, it was assumed that once you are a citizen you are entitled to all rights and privileges like every other citizen that is currently living in Belize. This constitutional right defines what is citizenship and there cannot be some exclusive rights given to some while others are not entitled to the same benefits especially to those Belizeans who were born in Belize. Currently, there is a Supreme Court case before the Belize Supreme Court which deals with the Maya Indians land rights. The problem with this case is that; if the Maya Indians are given exclusive rights to property then the other ethnic groups in Belize will be able to challenge that right based on the definition of citizenship in the constitution. Citizenship cannot be downgraded to first and second class citizens. Some of the downgrading of rights has occurred through subsequent legislations passed by the Legislative Body without looking at the Constitution and here is where the problem lies.

Service to a country is one of the most significant area to define how serious a person is about his or her citizenship. I served five years in the Belize Police Force and at the time I was in the service their was no Belize Defence Force. If Belize was invaded by Guatemala, we could not train to defend our country to the best of our ability against any nation. Today, those same Guatemalaners who we were trained to fight against are probably living in Belize with their children and grandchildren given citizenship with all its rights and privileges while I am being denied under this constitution. Since coming to the United States, I have also served three years in the United States Army and was attached to a Mechanized Infantry Division in Germany. There are thousands of Belizeans who are like me that served in the Belize Police Force, the Belize Defence Force and other branches of services that are vital to Belize’s national security who now are citizens of the United States.

Most of us will be more than willing to come to the defense of Belize if our country is attacked by another nation. Without Dual Citizenship, the United States Government can accuse us of meddling in the affairs of a foreign country. However, with dual citizenship it is looked upon as a call to duty. There are many Belizeans living in Belize who have not volunteered to serve their country and are not doing anything whatsoever to contribute towards the development of Belize but talking trash. One of the greatest quote in the 20th century was made by the then American President John Kennedy which was; “Ask not what your country can do for you but ask yourself what you can do for your country”. Those Belizeans who have never, will never and can never do anything for Belize should be asking themselves that very question. I strongly believe that a person needs to start with his or herself in order to develop Belize. If every Belizean citizen make it his or her business to do for himself or herself, then Belize as a country would be a far better place than it is today.

Our country is too infested with idle individuals who are engaging in criminal mischief and are waiting for people to give them handouts and when they do not get what they want, they have an attitude against the people who have been giving them all their lives. In this debate I am beginning to see some people show their true colors. Some of the individuals who are against this amendment, I have lost total respect for them because they are engaged in irrational thinking. They need to re-examine their position and look at the overall benefits this amendment will bring to our country in social, political and economic development.

Most of the countries in the world depend on their citizens who live in the United States for their survival. A good example is Israel that is constantly under attack by the Palestinians who are fighting for their homeland. If it was not for the Jews that live in the United States providing the financial and other resources, Israel would probably not be a country today. Belize as a country can learn a lot from Israel by copying their Civil Defense System and the way they utilize their people living in the United States to further protect and develop their country. The United States currently possesses a pool of Belizean talent in sports and a wide range of other fields. I want to emphasize especially in the area of National Security from the experiences they garnered in the United States Armed Services. Belize have a lot of potential as a young nation in Central America. The natural resources are abundant but this constant claim lingering over our country is stifling progress as a developing nation. We cannot afford to divide our nation over this simple question. Denying natural born Belizeans and their offspring the rights and privileges afforded all Belizeans, is an injustice and a misuse of a valuable asset of our constitution. Our famous phrase is that there is only one Belize. Then, if this is true a person is a Belizean no matter where he or she chooses to live.

Owner of Esso Havana Gas Station robbed

(Cour'td from pg. 1) cheques around 9:10 pm. on August 12, 2009 after closing his business establishment namely Esso Havana Gas Station. In his report the businessman said that he was accosted from behind as he was walking toward his vehicle by two assailants who wore bandanas over their faces.

One of the assailants pointed a firearm at him and demanded money. He was then searched and relieved of his money. The assailants then fled the scene.

Gun stolen from vehicle

DANGRIGA Police are seeking one person who can assist them in their investigation into the theft of a gun and other items from a vehicle belonging to Edilberto Arzu. Mr. Arzu reported to the police that on August 10 at 2:00 a.m. someone broke into his white Isuzu truck which was parked behind the market in Dangriga Town and stole his licensed .38 revolver along with five live rounds of ammunition and personal documents.

Police find ganja at checkpoint

Dangriga - August 18, 2009

On 18 August, 2009 at about 7:30 p.m. whilst police were on checkpoint at White Swan Area in Hope Creek Village, Stann Creek District police discovered a white transparent plastic bag containing 30 small silver foil of suspected cannabis and was weighed at the Dangriga Police Station which amounted to 22.2 grams of suspected cannabis which was labeled as Found Property.

Police on Patrol find Ganja on Ghans Avenue

DANGRIGA Around 1:00 a.m. on August 13, police conducting mobile patrol in the Ghans Avenue Area, Dangriga Town, discovered a carton box containing 96.6 grams of suspected cannabis among other items. No one was present at the time and the items were labeled and deposited as Found Property.
Vacancies exist at Agriculture & Natural Resources Institute (ANRI) for the following positions:

1. Agriculture Science Teacher (Temporary for 1 year in the first instance)
2. Spanish Teacher (Full-time)

Qualifications: Minimum of an Associate Degree in the field applying for and the applicant must be in possession of a Teacher License to teach at Secondary Institutions.

Applications with supporting documents address to “Principal, ANRI” are to be submitted no later than Friday, August 21, 2009.

Parents and Guardians of prospective students are hereby informed that registration will continue on August 19 to 27, 2009 at the Dangriga Education Center. Classes for the 2009 – 2010 School Year commence on Monday, August 31, 2009. Please note that ANRI is only accepting registration First and Second Form students.

Dear all,

never take someone for Granted,
Hold every person close to your heart,
Because you might wake up one day and realize,
that you’ve lost a Diamond
while you were too busy collecting stones.

Charles C. Lino

Three thousand miles, winds of romance
Pelican, I’m home

Sizzling, dusty sun, shady trees and cool breeze,
Pick-up trucks clanking in Belize

Bicycles, crowded streets,
schoolchildren in red and white

Dangriga, home again——

Winter blues in Northern Cal
Nightly dreams pondering——

Waking mornings, cloudy days,
My anticipations remembered——

Tender frame awaits——Exhilarated!
Warm embrace of my open arms, caressed gently,
Neurotransmitters releasing, chemicals flowing
into my brain and neurons, arteries and veins filling
Warm rushes of blood! take me away, take me away
Lovely Dangriga——

Chilling moment, melting like
Orange flavored popsicle in June, crazy thoughts,
hmmm!

My dreams recalled in gray sky and moon——
The whispering tunes, sweet sounds of Kenny G’s
“Breathless”,
Flames igniting, champagne!!!
HOROSCOPE

August 21, 2009

AQUARIUS (January 20 - Feb 19)
You may want to deal with your long-range plans today but it may be better for you to drill down and explore the details. In fact, if you do so, you are sure to find that you've got lots to do at that level.

PISCES (Feb 19 - March 20)
It's definitely a great day to get a project started but don't push things too far.
Your energy is pretty stable right now, which means you're in a good position to tackle relationship issues. That doesn't just mean romance, though you may want to start there first.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)
Your family may be going through a rough patch today but that doesn't mean that you can't get the basics across. Wait until tomorrow at the earliest for any serious conversations or interventions.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)
Go slow. Take a leap of faith today and you might not land where you want to. Fortunately, you've got all the info you need to make a real difference today. Just riffle through your notes (online or otherwise) and you should see a pretty complete picture develop.

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
An unresolved romantic issue suddenly seems to have a chance at a happy ending.
Nobody disputes your organizational skills, and right now, you are showing everyone just how great they are. You're perfectly aligned with your files, possessions and projects.

LIBRA (Sept 23 - Oct 22)
If you've been feeling too overwhelmed lately, it's because you're doing too much. It's a good day to do nothing -- you're doing too much.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
People want to know your secrets today but you don't have to let them in on them. Believe it or not, you've got all the info you need to make a real difference today. Just riffle through your notes (online or otherwise) and you should see a pretty complete picture develop.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Collaborate! Others may drive you crazy but they can also drive you to success.
Your social life may be driving you crazy, but that's not the worst thing in the world. You ought to be able to avoid those who make you the angriest but expect a bit of friction with almost everyone.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Take it slowly: it's not a great day to do any research or tricky calculations.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
If you take care when dealing with others, you will reap huge rewards from them.
You may want to deal with your long-range plans today but it may be better for you to drill down and explore the details. In fact, if you do so, you are sure to find that you've got lots to do at that level.

PISCES (Feb 19 - March 20)
It's definitely a great day to get a project started but don't push things too far.
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From Ground to Table Mother Earth is Able

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Hawaiian Sweet Potato Casserole

INGREDIENTS

½ cup chopped onion
2 cloves garlic minced
1 tablespoon cooking oil
1 16-ounce can pork and beans with tomato sauce
2 15-ounce cans pinto beans, rinsed and drained
½ cup chili sauce
½ cup diced fully cooked ham
¼ cup maple or maple-flavored syrup
1 tablespoon brown mustard
¼ teaspoon ground allspice
¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground ginger

METHOD

In a small skillet cook onion and garlic in hot oil till tender; drain.

In a medium mixing bowl combine pork and beans, pinto beans, chili sauce, ham, maple syrup or maple-flavored syrup, mustard, all spice, red pepper, cinnamon, ginger and onion mixture.

Transfer bean mixture to a 2 quart casserole dish.

Bake, covered for 30 minutes in a 375 degree oven. Uncover and continue baking for 15 to 20 minutes more or till hot and bubbly.

Focus - Population Growth the food Crunch

Join the elite group, the farmers. The folks who challenge all odds to make sure there is food on the table.

Why do we need to participate?

As a result of advances in communication technology, we have been able to follow what’s going on not only in your neck of the woods but worldwide. There are rumors of war everywhere. This will create food shortage. Other factors that contribute to food shortages are high cost of energy; erratic weather patterns; political indecision and buying patterns.

We then need to examine how other societies have minimized the effect of food shortage. They have done so by:

1. producing more
2. storing up time of abundance
3. efficient utilization of the natural resources for the beneficial to all
4. processing packaging and marketing distribution to earn foreign exchange

He who controls the food controls the Revolution.

In this developing nation we are blessed with land space and an abundance of sunshine.

FIRST QUARTER WILL BE ON Aug. 27

Planting Dates

Planting Dates for above the ground:
August 24, 25, 26

Planting Dates for below the ground:
September 3, 5, 13

Planting Dates for Flowers:
August 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Best Days to Destroy Weeds:
August 21, Sept. 10, 11

Best Days to wean babies:
August 28

Best Fishing Days:
August 24, 25, 26
BPFL FOOTBALL COMING TO A VENUE NEAR YOU!!!


Press Release
19th August 2009

Last week was for International Basketball. The Belize National Basketball team played in the COCABA competition against national teams from Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Honduras.

Belize played superbly and was it not for an obvious intentional wrong call by the referee, Belize would have won. The Belize Team played admirably and the whole country was proud even though some were more involved in the controversy over whether some of our boys who were born of Belizean parentage were considered Belizean citizens under FIBA rules. That issue, however, caused more people to become excited with each game being played.

No one can deny the heart and determination of our players. The Belize Premiere Football League (BPFL) is most proud of them and joins the rest of the country in congratulating them.

The success of our National Basketball Team is the result of many components. It shows that we have the abilities and the talent to compete in sports internationally. The other disciplines, however, need the same support that was given to the National Basketball team.

A conjectural figure that the Government spent on this team is in excess of $200,000.00. If the BPFL would obtain only $50,000.00 of that amount, that is, $25,000 in each of its next two competitions, it can make a meaningful representation in the CONCACAF competition next year. The support of the business community, including the media is necessary. Football is the most popular sport in the world but recently businesses have refused to assist BPFL clubs.

The media has even declined to announce in the news the games to be played on Saturday and Sunday. All over the world sports news comes at the end of the general news.

Praises and honours were bestowed on the National Basketball Team from all quarters. To name a few, the Prime Minister emphasised unity; the Reverend Canon Flowers in his Tuesday morning devotion mentioned the pride with which the team played; Rosalie Staines on her Sunday morning show, “Open Paki”, labelled our boys the “Dream Team”; and Ambassador Bert Tucker commented that fan support came from the desire of the Belizean people to win.

Unity is the primary ingredient for the growth and continued success of the BPFL. Football in Belize is the most dominant and loved sport, but we need to unite. The BPFL is an autonomous body but it is affiliated to CONCACAF and FIFA through the local football entity, the Football Federation of Belize (FFB). The FFB is under attack by many and the BPFL is caught in the crossfire. We have to listen to the media.

The BPFL is the most organized league which it is doubted, it means the sport that most Belizeans love. Football in Belize is the most dominant and loved sport, but it needs support. The BPFL second competition for this year commences on the 29th and 30th of August 2009 with a minimum of eight teams. Support from all is a necessity!