By: Orlando Augustine

Hopkins Village - Sept. 28, 2009

One year ago in the month of September, WABAGARI POST featured an article exposing the termination of eighteen employees at Jaguar Reef Lodge situated south end of Hopkins Village and we promised that we will monitor the situation. This year, the same time, the management strikes again. Every time before tourist season opens, it seems that it is the policy of the Lodge’s management to terminate a number of its employees for questionable reasons. According to the management, among a number of vague reasons for termination, the Lodge conveniently blames global recession that causes decline of tourists’ visits to their establishment and that they should reduce their staff. Strangely, it does not affect the surrounding Resorts in the area.

According to reliable sources, one of the new co-owners of the Jaguar Reef Lodge have an agenda to get rid of all the employees from Hopkins Village. Apparently, most of them are single parents from Hopkins Village who are accused as being non productive. Recently, No doubt, the axe has fallen on nine employees who have been terminated and six are expected to get their marching letters before the opening of the season. If in reality that the Lodge is downsizing it staff, who will provide the services for their guests this upcoming season? It is important for managers or employers to understand to be very respectful of what they say, and how they treat their employees from Hopkins Village.

Two charged with sheep rustling

Silk Grass, S/C – Sept. 27, 2009

Police have arrested and charged Michael Craig and Joshua Bailey with theft of cattle after a farmer from Silk Grass Village, Stann District reported to the police that when he visited his farm on Sunday, 27 September, he discovered the heads of 3 sheep. Each sheep was valued $700. Police checked a vehicle owned by Michael Craig a.k.a. Topsy which led to the discovery of an animal carcass which is believed to be one of the missing sheep’s head. The carcasses of the other 2 sheep are assumed to have been disposed of. As a result of their discovery, police arrested and charged Michael Craig for unlawful possession of the sheep carcass. Mr. Craig appeared in magistrate’s court and was offered bail of $3,000.

Two men arrested and charged with handling stolen goods

Dangriga, Stann Creek District - Sept. 26, 2009

Thirty-three year old David MEIGHAN of Sawai were arrested and charged with handling stolen goods.

In addition Eaton CARR was charged with using threatening words. Both men were sent to Hattieville prison until trial. The arrests were the result of pre-dawn operations conducted by Dangriga police at 2 residences in Wagirale Extension, Dangriga which led to the discovery of items believed to be stolen or unlawfully obtained.

Police find gun, ganja and ammunition in building occupied by 3 men

Dangriga, Stann Creek District - Sept. 26, 2009

On Wednesday, September 23 2009, police on mobile patrol searched a building near Riverside Area. Inside the building which was occupied by Kenan KERR, 22 yrs of Sarawee Village, Stann Creek District, Aniki LOPEZ 25 yrs of #19 Gumagarugu Road and Charles GAMBOA 23year-old of #9 Rear Pine Street, Dangriga police found in a bag of suspected marijuana and a .38 revolver with 1 live round and 2 shells.

Ilagulei Nightclub burglarized

Dangriga, Stann Creek District - Sept. 22, 2009

In the early morning of September 22, 2009 the proprietor of Ilagulei Night Club situated on George Price Drive, Dangriga, reported that his place of business was burglarized and stolen there from was an assortment of liquor all to the total value of $1, 324.

Investigations done by Dangriga Police shows no sign of break-in and it is believed that the intruder was locked in the night club after a function because no sign of breaking-in was found. It is also believed that he escaped by climbing through a window.
Women should know their place: Mayor Moya-Flowers’ Fall from Grace

The writing was on the wall from the time Zenaida Moya entered the public arena - that preserve of men - and became the first female mayor of Belize City. There were only two choices, two paths open to her after that, either she would fall in line and become a ceremonial mayor and let the men run things or she would take her job seriously and accept her responsibility as mayor, act accordingly and live with the implied dangers.

The Mayor made it clear what she was about: “I’ve heard certain people who I still respect, who feel that I because I’m a female more so, they see me as being a ceremonial mayor. And I have laughed at that because while I’m the mayor and I’m female, there’s not going to be only a ceremonial Mayor Zenaida Moya.”

She continued: “Even when I’m on the news or being interviewed, sometimes they won’t even listen to what I say, they will just look at or critique how I look or what I have on, how my hair is done, I just find those people ... shallow and they need to grow up.”

From the beginning Mayor Moya indicated that she had her own mind and her own ideas on how the city was to be administered and by April of her first term it was clear that the men around her could not accept the reality of a woman actually being their boss, that is, having a mind of her own and the ability and will to use it. The first to break was Councilor Mark King who threatened to resign, and may have in actuality turned in a letter of resignation. In an interview given on August 21, 2008 Councilor Mark King called Mayor Zenaida Moya a thief and a liar, stating that she has stolen taxpayer funds for her own personal benefit. But in the next breath King was saying that “We (the council) have always had a hard time, an extremely hard time with Mayor Moya acknowledging our decisions. Is it because of the mayor’s gender that her ideas were so hard to accept? Perhaps Mayor Moya’s real political sin however was that she rejected the controls of “senior” politicians who helped her win her seat. According to media reports, following their successful municipal elections bid, UDP Leader Dean Barrow had asked his former wife Lois Young-Barrow, Net Vasquez and Manuel Esquivel to head a team to guide their rookie Belize City Council. Allegations are that the Mayor and these senior advisors couldn’t see eye to eye and a few months afterwards, Manuel Esquivel and Net Vasquez withdrew in a huff.

Belize City’s first female mayor has been under attack from day one the attacks were incessant and more hostile every day. The question to be asked is why? Why the hatred for the Mayor. Why the public trial and conviction? There is definitely something wrong with a political system and society that orchestrates its legal and political might in an attempt to destroy one solitary female figure that has not been convicted or even tried for a single crime.

Up to this point Mayor Moya-Flowers’ only sin is that she has acted in the public political sphere as men have traditionally done; even the men who have committed illegalities while in office have not been so vilified. If the mayor is guilty of any crime let her face the music and answer the charges. She should not be tried however for expanding the public sphere for women to have an equal voice. That is madness.

Independence is a Highway

By Charles W. Mariano

Independence is a highway. On which the years go by, Sometimes the road is level, Sometimes it’s rough and bumpy With several hurdles to cross.

Yet as we travel onward, We face a future unknown, Together we carry the burden, Then hand in hand we advance With determined minds so strong.

Every mile advanced, Together we journey on. If every man and woman, Keep their eyes on the road Focused ever forward for all the bumps and cracks.

Belize, like all her neighbors, In 81 without second thoughts hit the road, Determined like all the other travelers, To face the monstrous journey Very determined as usual to complete the journey unharmed.

Stand firm Oh Lady Belize! Stand boldly my lovely country! Let your beacon shine on forward, As you travel along the highway, To better and brighter days to come.

Long Live, Belize

(Dedicated to Belize Independence 2007)
Jaguar Reef Lodge Strikes Again

By: Orlando Augustine
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The Lodge does not even have the courtesy to neither warn the employees nor appraise their job performance before they are terminated. It must be emphasized that the termination of these workers just because of their skin colour and language is heartened on the part of a cold-blooded management. Although the management denies the discriminatory termination, it is unreasonable to believe.

I am appealing to the residents of Hopkins and surrounding communities to join together to fight against this systematic ethnic discrimination targeted at them. Moreover, the management of Jaguar Reef Lodge should be summoned before the Human Rights Commission for violating the constitutional rights of these people.

Police find ammunition in open lot on Lemon Street

Dangriga - 28th September, 2009
On Monday, 28th September 2009, Police visited an open lot on Lemon Street, Dangriga Town and found (1) metal pipe with (1) single 20 gauge Augilla Brand Ammunition, and (1) 7.62 round, both items were labeled as found property.

Police Charge Francisco Galeas with Carnal Knowledge

Independence Village, Stann Creek District
Francisco GALEAS has been arrested and charged with carnal knowledge after a 9 year-old girl accompanied by her mother, a Guatemalan domestic of Independence Village, visited the police station and reported that on September 9, 2009 whilst at home between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., one FRANCISCO GALEAS, took the child into a room and had sexual intercourse with her. The child was taken to a doctor who certified that she was carnally known. As a result Police have arrested and charged FRANCISCO GALEAS with the offence of Carnal Knowledge.

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BELMOPAN, Belize, September 30, 2009
The Mayor of Belize City will face charges related to the misappropriation of BZ$275,000 (US$139,233) belonging to the City Council.

Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Cheryl Lyn Branker-Taitt said this week that she has instructed police to arrest Mayor Zenaida Moya-Flowers on charges that she failed to comply with City Council regulations. Moya-Flowers is currently on maternity leave after delivering a baby less than three weeks ago and it is unclear when she will be detained. If convicted, she could spend up to one year in jail or ordered to pay a fine.

Prime Minister Douglas said violence was also creating other problems in the region.

NEW YORK, United States, September 28, 2009
St. Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister Dr Denzil Douglas has called on the United Nations to reopen its office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in the Caribbean as the region seeks to deal with an upsurge in criminal activities.

Addressing the 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, Prime Minister Douglas said reopening the regional office, which was closed a few years ago, would signal the UN's commitment to developing an effective multilateral approach to crime and violence.

"Studies show that in increasing numbers, victims and perpetrators of crime are young men. The reality of coexisting in a global village, the prevalence and sophistication of modern technology, enhanced communication infrastructure and the free movement of capital and people have given rise to unprecedented escalation in crime and violence," Dr Douglas said in his 26-minute address. "Youth alienation, youth rage, and youth brutality are troubling global phenomena in urgent need of global analysis and action. And so, this moment demands that this body, with its unique capacities and capabilities and in our quest for international societal stability, marshal all available resources to better identify the underlying causative factors and to come to clear agreement as to how, individually and collectively, we halt and reverse this destabilizing trajectory."

Prime Minister Douglas said violence was also creating other problems in the region. "The human, social and financial costs of violence are unacceptably high. In addition to physical injury and death, violence has a serious and life-long impact on mental and physical health, including non-communicable diseases and HIV/AIDS and damages the social fabric leading to unsafe communities," he noted, warning that violence ultimately slows economic and social development in those countries which can least afford it.

The St Kitts leader called on the General Assembly to join the region in tabling a resolution in support of an integrated approach and multi-sectoral response to violence prevention.

UN urged to reopen office on Drugs and Crime in the Caribbean

UNCTAD's 2009 edition analyses the impact of the global economic and financial crisis on investment flows into the agricultural sector.

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, September 30, 2009
Barbados' Agriculture Minister Haynesley Benn has urged the Caribbean to invest more in their respective agricultural sectors, in order to bring about the transformation and diversification needed to give the industry a much needed boost.

"He was speaking at the launch of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) World Investment Report, 2009, this week at the United Nations House."

"(Although) we have put the policies in place and we have outlined the constraints to development in the Jagdeo Initiative, the region has still come forward with too few resources, much too slowly," Benn said.

"There has been a general decline in investment into the agricultural sector over the years. As a result, the region as a whole has seen technology and extension services practically wither away, with drainage and irrigation systems not being well maintained, while the global challenges facing our agricultural exports demand a change of emphasis in the agricultural sector."

Benn added that the increased debt challenges in some Caribbean countries demand greater attention to saving and generating foreign exchange, while the food security and health challenges require attention to food availability and food accessibility.

He said all these challenges call for increased investment in the agricultural sector.

UNCTAD's 2009 edition analyses the impact of the global economic and financial crisis on investment flows into the agricultural sector.

The Report, which has as its theme 'Transnational Corporations, Agriculture Production and Development', is the 19th in the series of Investment Reports published by UNCTAD since 1991.

It is aimed at providing an in-depth analysis of global and regional trends in Foreign Direct Investment as it relates to economic development.

Caribbean countries urged to invest more in agriculture
The raccoon rushed over to his neighbor the beaver and gasped, “Beaver, I have lots of trouble. I have more trouble than anyone else in the whole world. You know the beautiful home I had?”

Beaver said “I know yours is a beautiful home but did you say the beautiful home you had? What happened to it?”

Raccoon said “you wouldn’t believe it but the big storm we had knocked the tree down and my den along with it. Now I am homeless.

Where will I sleep tonight?” Beaver said “I know what you are saying but I want you to know that I have more trouble than you have. The wind broke my beaver dam all to pieces and now the entrance to my home is blocked. I will probably be homeless for a long time.”

Just then a gopher stopped by and they told their problems to the gopher.

The gopher said, “you think you have trouble, I want you to know I have more trouble than both of you. After the winds came heavy rains and all the water came rushing into my tunnels and I almost drowned. My home is all washed away and the ground is so wet I can’t build new tunnels. Now I will be homeless for a long time.”

Then the three of them began arguing about who had the most trouble. Each of them wanted to have the most.

Beaver had an idea. He said “let’s ask the owl. Owls are known to be wise, so I am sure the owl will know which one of us has the most trouble.”

The owl was on a tree nearby and heard them arguing. In fact, they woke her up from a sound sleep. The owl was tempted to say, ‘my big problem is you guys are arguing so much I can’t get. But she didn’t say that. Instead she told them that no matter how much trouble any one of us has, there is always somebody with more trouble. “Besides,” she said, “you have told each other all your troubles now and that will help you to cope better. Now you can help each other rebuild your homes and in no time you will all have forgotten about your troubles.”

The beaver said, “yes, let’s all help one another! In no time at all we will all have new homes.” “I agree,” said the raccoon. “We can’t let a bit of wind and rain spoil the day for us.”

They all went to work and before long they had done the repairs to the beaver dam and the raccoon found another tree for his new home. And the gopher had to be satisfied with a shallow tunnel because the ground was still wet.

Erwin Schalm

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**Five Little Birdies**

A finger play

Five little birdies, flying around our door, five fingers one hand up in the air, as verse is said other hand bends down each finger

The blue one flew away and then there were four.

Four little birdies sitting in a tree, The yellow one flew away and then there were three.

The little birdies didn't know what to do, So the red one flew away, and then there were two.

Two little birdies sitting in the sun, The Brown one flew away, and there was one.

The little green birdie felt so all alone, He/she flew away and then there was none.

Later on that very day, five little birdies came back to play.

**Working in Twos**

Sequence for reciting is: first child, second child, both together.

I’m the shoe brush
I’m the shoe
Polish one and polish two
Brush, brush, brush.

I’m the dustpan
I’m the broom
We can see a dusty room
Sweep, sweep, sweep

I’m the candle
I’m the wick
It’s getting dark now
Light up the wick, tsk, task, task.

I’m the letter
I’m the stamp
We stick together if we’re damp.

**If You're Happy (or Sad)**

Traditional Song

If you’re happy and you know it clap you hands
clap 2 times

If you’re happy and you know it then your face will surely show it

If you’re happy and you know it then your face will surely show it

If you’re happy and you know it then your face will surely show it

...tap your head
...jump up and down.

Variation: substitute sad for happy with appropriate actions.

**Los Pollitos**

Improvise a tune for this bilingual song / rhyme.

Spanish-English

Los pollitos dicen: pio, pio, pio.
Cuando tienen hambre; cuando tienen frio.
La Gallina busca, el maiz y el trigo.
Les de la comida, y les presta abrigo.
Bajo su dos alas acurucaditos hasta el otro dia duermen los pollitos.

Baby children are crying: pie, pie, pie.
Mama, we are hungry; Mama, we are cold.
Mama brings them wheat; Mama brings them corn,
She will feed them dinner;
She will keep them warm.

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If you have a parent who drinks too much or does drugs, there are some things you can do to help yourself. First, realize that it is not your fault. There is nothing that you did or did not do that caused this. Know that addiction is a disease and not a mere choice.

It is also important for you to know that you are not alone. There are many others who have been through and are going through the same experience. Perhaps your parents themselves had parents who were substance abusers. You must realize that you are not in this alone. In fact, some of those who have gone through it before, not only understand what you are feeling but also may be able to help.

The next thing to do is to tell someone. Denial is a big part of addiction because of the shame and guilt that is often attached. However, addiction is a disease and not anyone's fault and children in particular should not blame themselves. Find a grown up you trust, such as a teacher, pastor, relative, neighbor or family friend, to talk to. Talk with them about what you are feeling and don't hold anything back. Even if they are not able to do anything for your parents, they can be a source of support for you. You may think that this information is best kept as a secret but keeping things bottled up inside only makes things harder in the long run. You should not have to deal with this by yourself. Give others a chance to help and give yourself a chance to heal by confronting your sadness and anger.

The National Association for Children of Alcoholics suggests that children dealing with family addiction learn and use the following "7 Cs of Addiction:"

1. I didn't Cause it.
2. I can't Cure it.
3. I can't Control it.
4. I can Care for myself.
5. By Communicating my feelings,
6. Making healthy Choices, and
7. By Celebrating myself.

Remember that just because your parents made poor choices, it does not mean that you will too. Deal with the issue head on and get the support that you need so that you can make the best decisions for yourself.

Out-a-Wagierale

Remembering Baba John

It is not often that we take the opportunity to reflect on the lives of individuals until that is, they are no longer here. I will say that it is probably a cultural norm in many societies that we worship and adore individuals after they exit this earthly haven that we still inhabit. Therefore, for this article, I will reflect on my knowledge of the man we all knew as “Buyei John or Baba John.”

As a child, I had only vague knowledge of Baba because he lived since the early 1960s mostly in New York. I cannot say what sort of work he did there because we never used to discuss that aspect of his life. For some reason or the other, I should have found this out but I did not. I first saw him sometimes around 1975 or thereabout when he came to visit his mother the late great Garifuna composer Leocardia Leoncia Lovicia Mariano, better known as Aunt Digna.

During one of his visits from the United States, he visited the Garifuna community of Seine Bight where he saw the plight of his people as they awaited transportation to Dangriga. In response to the needs of his people, he established “Promise Land Bus Service” from his retirement money. The business was going well until other competition and probably problems in the management of the bus service forced him to abandon the business.

Baba was always very close to his culture. Regardless of where he went he echoed the sentiments of the Garifuna people. He represented Belize at several conferences and forums having to do with Garifuna survival and development. To ensure the continued survival of the Garifuna culture, he along with his wife set up Garifuna cultural groups and participated in events all over Belize, Guatemala and Honduras. Nothing that he ever did was focused on the generation of a profit but for the continued survival of the Garifuna people.

What most people do not know about Baba John is that he was ordained as a Buyei from a very young age and was appointed to fill that post since his birth. As a matter of fact, Buyei Sara was appointed because he opted to work abroad. At the death of Buyei Sara, he returned home to fulfill his task. I will say that he did his part effectively and efficiently up until time of his passing.

It is often said that a man must walk and yet leave his mark in the sand of time. Yes, Buyei John has walked and left his mark in the Garifuna people. For his valuable contribution to Belizean development, Baba John was appointed a Justice of the Peace. This was a job which he performed honestly and diligently. About five years ago Baba was selected as a Belizean Hero. Now that Baba has gone on to meet the eternal maker, let us reflect on his legacy that he has left behind for us which is peace, love, unity and harmony as one people under God. He has used his life as an example for all to see that together as a nation or people we can achieve more.

“Beiba ameragua Baba John! Adugabali Bidassii!”

May his soul rest in peace.
Loving the Church

It has been a couple of weeks since I’ve had the opportunity to write anything. Last week I was on vacation at the beach with my family which was a wonderful time of much needed rest. Now we are back to the routine of life with our church family. But before I go on, I want to mention that Pastor Ted turns 60 years old tomorrow. If you have time, send him an email or call to wish him a happy birthday. Tomorrow evening, following the Bible study, we will celebrate with some cake and ice cream, so join us if you have time.

I love the church and the people of CCC. The church is a precious part of the Christian life. Everyone who has been part of a church knows that it is not perfect, but it is what God has ordained to display His glory and to sanctify us. Today I came across an article entitled “Following in Love with the Church -- again” by Derek Thomas. It serves as a reminder that we all need the body of Christ. I hope it will encourage you as it did for me. I’ve posted it below or you can read it here: http://www.reformation21.org/blog/2009/09/falling-in-love-with-the-church.php.

Pastor's Corner

Boogie Man
Wabagari Post feeling effects of recession

Wabagari Post, too, is feeling the recession as new money is hard to come by and when the old money begins to disappear it is high time we look at ways to improve the situation. Regularity of appearance of the circulation is feeling the effect of this money drought. But this condition is hardened by our inability to get the local business establishments and the government to support us during these hard times, as they too must endure the loss of revenue.

As we welcome the news of the government swift takeover of the Belize Telemedia Limited and rate the use of “VOP”, we must sober up to the idea that it too has a cost. It will be old money going for the purchase of BTL or if it is the foreigners’ investment, the new money will only go to replace the old money, except for plenty new money. Therefore this hard time may only get harder as was signaled at the Independence Day service.

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

1. Regional Hospital! Regional Hospital and there are only ten numbers for patients. What is wrong? No doctors or no patience?
2. PM diagnosed with dengue fever in Florida. Weary of Belizean medicine? Follow the leader when sick.
3. Two Shuttle bus operators in town. One licensed by rural the other by DTC. One da dollar d other da two dollars. Who run the town?
4. Schools open so the cleanup stop and the flooding is not helping on the beach. No more money to keep the beach clean?
5. The two semi pro competitions are pressuring the use of the Carl Ramos Stadium- football regressing to 2001?
6. Clean up day in the Benguela Area was not productive. Foresight and organization were absent. The PR lacked motivation.
7. Bicycle theft is on the rise in Griga. Move from convenience to deliberate. Is there a market for these stolen bikes?
8. The patron to control the two flat night club? One year deal is over and the 19th is coming.
9. Is the DMX a private vehicle? Driven only by Griga’s first family. Put the back plate on?
10. Is the blackout as a result of no raise for BEL? There seems to be no warning is it because of the frequency of the blackout?
11. UDP to arrest Belize City mayor, 10 days after she gave birth, for missing money. This is their own red what if she was blue? Is her leadership a threat to anyone?
Recently Belize’s Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade the Honorable Wilfred Sadie Elrington initiated a program to involve Belizeans living in the Diaspora to participate and get involved in their country’s affairs. The foreign minister is aware of the vital role Belizeans living abroad play in the development of their beloved country Belize. Belizeans who live in the United States have met on several occasions with this foreign minister who has been visiting the United States many times since his election. Some of the concerns of the Belizeans living abroad are: obtaining lots of documentation from Belize. He also commended Belizeans who live abroad for sending their remittances to their loved ones in Belize to assist their families and help boost their country’s economy.

When the Foreign Minister first took office, his top priority was to negotiate with the country of Guatemala, the procedures for an attempt to resolve this old territorial dispute between Guatemala and Belize. The people and Government of Belize are now awaiting the Guatemalan Congress to pass a resolution in order to put the question of sending this dispute to the International Court of Justice (I.C.J). Once this is approved by the governments of the two countries, the question will then be put to the people in a Referendum for final passage and then proceed to the ICJ court. I have observed that since he completed his first task with the Guatemalan issue, he has stepped up his activities in the area of foreign trade to bring investments into Belize to revitalize the Belizean economy. In addition, he has also reached out to the Belizean community living in the United States to get involved in their country’s affairs to assist the government with its efforts to build the economy of Belize. The Foreign Minister of Belize is also Belize’s Attorney General and the Government is experiencing a series of litigation brought forward by members of the previous government in an attempt to stop or stall this new government’s policy initiatives.

The Mission of Belize to the United Nations along with other Belizean organizations, hosted the Belize Independence Dance on Saturday September the 27th, 2009 and the Foreign Minister was present. This was a good opportunity for Belizeans in the diaspora to meet with him and get a first hand report as to what is currently taking place in their country. Our Foreign Minister should be commended for the outstanding work he has done since assuming this position. Many Belizeans are amazed at how he can accomplish so much in such short space of time knowing what he inherited at the time he assumed the office of Attorney General, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. Bringing investors to Belize is good for the economy to provide jobs for our people. Honesty and integrity are two of the most important qualities this Foreign Minister possesses. He is a true Belizean and could be described as a Belizean Nationalist. You can trust him to negotiate on behalf of Belize and Belizeans. I can assure you that this government under this Foreign Minister will not sign any agreement that is not in the best interest of Belize and the Belizean people. The government of Belize cannot prevail without our continued support. They have made this clear on several occasions and this is why they are seeking our support because they are aware of the vast amount of human resources we possess. It is now time for the Belizeans who live in the Diaspora to step up and demand of their Belizean Representatives what they deserve as Belizean citizens.

Words Women Use

1.) FINE: This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.

2.) Five Minutes: If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five Minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.

3.) Nothing: This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in fine.

4.) Go Ahead: This is a dare, not permission. Don’t Do It!

5.) Loud Sigh: This is actually a word but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you about nothing. (Refer back to #3 for the meaning of nothing.)

6.) That’s Okay: This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. That’s okay means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.

7.) Sorry: A woman is thanking you, do not question or Faint. Just say you’re welcome.

8.) Whatever: Is a women’s way of saying F@!K YOU!

9.) Don’t worry about it, I got it: Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times but is now doing it herself. This will later result in a man asking, “what’s wrong”, for the woman’s response refer to #3.
Several months ago the Honduran military along with Congressman Roberto Micheletti overthrew the President of Honduras the Right Honorable Manuel Zelaya who was duly elected by the people in a Presidential Election. Since the overthrow of this President, this unlawful government has declared several curfews and martial laws restricting the free movement of their citizens to deny them of their basic fundamental and constitutional rights. In one instance this government had the nerves to close down a hospital that was established by the Garifuna people one of the largest African indigenous people living in Honduras numbering about six hundred thousand people. These people originally were deported from their native country Saint Vincent in all parts of Honduras and other countries in Central America since then. In the mid 1800’s there was an uprising in Honduras which led to the massacre of several of these people causing them to leave Honduras and many of them fled to Nicaragua, Guatemala and Belize. Today, the Garifuna people live in all those countries and maintain constant relations with all their relatives in these respective countries and continue to practice their Garinagu culture. When Manuel Zelaya became President of Honduras, he introduced several policy initiatives to improve the quality of life for the Garifuna people and he was liked by many of them. Since the military and this defacto President Roberto Micheletti came to power, they have revoked and cancelled all those initiatives that is now affecting these people. The United States and many other countries in the world has condemned the overthrow of the President and some countries have severed all diplomatic relations with this country. Yet, this unlawful government continue to act as if the government belongs to them and that they will not bow or listen to the democratic nations of the world. The Organization of American States (OAS) Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and other regional organizations have also plead to this unlawful regime to restore power back to the lawful President Manuel Zelaya but all those appeals have fell on deaf ears. Under the United Nations Charter, it is unlawful for other nations to interfere in the internal affairs of another country. However, when a democratically elected President or government is overthrown by the military or any other organized group against the aspirations of the citizens of that country, then it is the responsibility of the United Nations along with the other democratic governments of the world to take action and intervene to restore that government back into power. Failure for the United Nations to act, will set a bad precedent for other countries and could lead to the declining of confidence in the United Nations as a reputable institution. The whole world is watching how the United Nations is going to deal with this crisis at hand. The United Nations is not moving fast enough to rectify this problem and in my opinion they possess the means to end this crisis immediately. I am now calling on the United Nations to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council and the members of that body, to submit a resolution to this body that a United Nations multinational force be assembled to go to Honduras and restore President Manuel Zelaya back in power. Why should the United Nations and the Democratic Nations of the world be afraid to act lawfully? When, the defacto regime had no chance of winning the Presidential Election would the United Nations have intervened to restore the lawful President? The Belize Premier Football League will be having an emergency meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. All Owners are asked to make every effort to attend the meeting. The Belize Premier Football League Press Release 30/9/09 The Belize Premier Football League will be having an emergency meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. All Owners are asked to make every effort. By: Wellington C. Ramos
In The Way

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Wanting everyday to be a birthday
On the streets night and day
like some homeless stray
Productive society view you
as an obstacle blocking the way
Like dust having no material substance
to and fro you sway
Upstart and disorderly,
rules and laws you vacantly disobey.

Irrational, love to argue and guzzle imported brew
Your life - a mess, just like a cesspool stew
Out your mouth comes nothing true
All your utility bills are way pass due
Obscenities your filthy mouth constantly spew
Good home training you forgot you knew.

Morals and scruples gone out the window
All I see now is merely a shadow
Tragic how you cease to grow
You far from the person we use to know
Twisted! Your life now freak show
No self esteem, direct eye contact -
your head always hung low
Your eyes lifeless - like a living dead on death row.

No hope, you’re like a dope suspended
from a thin rope
Life spiraling downward
100 miles an hour along a slippery slope
You’re suicidal, no help in sight even from the pope
Everything and everybody you touch you destroy
no wonder you can’t cope
Like wild game you can’t tame, there you stand
in the middle of a police sniper’s scope
You’re in the way with no one to blame
so there is no need to mope.

Every human being has the power of choice
Choices determine your destiny
so listen to your inner voice.

Native Sun
MAK E YOUR DAY

Never tell a Lie

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There was complete silence for about a minute while the boys all looked at each other and wondered, “Alright, reverend,” the smallest boy gave a deep sigh, “we just pray to God about that and ask him.”

Two zebras pondering

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Little Billy looked puzzled. “Why didn’t you just keep them when you took their picture?”

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Belizean "Sweet Potato" Salad

Ingredients

5 lbs. sweet potato
1 med onion
3 hard boil eggs
1 med sweet pepper
14 ozs. Peas
1 bunch (1/2 oz) cilantro
½ cup mayonnaise
1 stack celery
½ cup evaporated milk
2 tablespoon season all
2 tablespoon salad cream
1 tablespoon black pepper
1 teaspoon mustard
1 teaspoon garlic salt

Preparation

Wash sweet potato and boil whole until tender, cool. In a large mixing bowl dice into 1/2 ins cubes. Cut up eggs and add peas. Set aside in a medium size bowl. Place finely chopped onion, sweet pepper, cilantro and celery and add mayo, milk, salad cream, mustard and seasonings and mix well. Lightly fold in cream and seasoning mixture into sweet potato blend – adjust seasoning for taste and texture.

Growth Dates

Planting Dates for above the ground:

October 2, 10, 19

Planting Dates for below the ground:

October 2, 10, 19

Planting Dates for Flowers:

October 4, 16, 17, 19

Best Days to Destroy Weeds:

October 8, 9, 12, 13, 14

Best Days to wean babies:

October 3, 20, 21, 22

Best Fishing Days:

October 2, 10, 19

FULL MOON WILL BE ON Oct. 04

Dreamland

Fairyland

Fictitious

Brownie

DAME

DAMSEL

Clouds

Castle

Imaginary Stories

Horoscope

October 02, 2009

Aires (March 21 - April 19)

Thoughts and motivations geared toward your inner world will reveal a lot today.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Someone who's always been strictly business reaches out. Give them a warm reply.

You are prepared for change -- in fact, you may be leading the way somewhat! It's a good time for you to show off your new ideas to those who are in a good position to help you implement them. Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

If you take a more impersonal point of view now, you'll learn a lesson in maturity.

Your job is more demanding than usual right now but that's not the worst thing in the world. In fact, if you play your cards right, you might end up with a promotion, raise or commendation.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

Requests for your time have declined. Take it as a good sign and spend time alone.

Listen to your gut -- it knows what time it is, and can guide you when you can be sure that people are ready for your insights.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

A friend needs to learn their own lesson today and you can't help them with that.

Your mood is volatile today, so you need to keep yourself in check if you want to avoid flying off the handle. (You do, don't you?) It may be the right way even if you're desperately confused! It's one of those days when you can be sure that people are ready for your insights.

Virgo (August 23 - Sept 22)

Observe and learn. The best lessons will come from watching other people today.

You've got to be firm and reject all new projects today -- or else you are sure to be overwhelmed! It's one of those days when things seem to spin out of control very quickly if unbalanced.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)

Having high expectations is pointless unless you give people clearer instructions.

Try hard to show your friends what you have to offer -- though they aren't exactly judging you! It's a good day for you to help them with that.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

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Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

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Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

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You're much closer to the top of this crest than you think, so keep on going!

Write down your dreams and make sure that you pay closer attention to them today -- things are still roiling around in your brain and now is the best time to get a clear understanding of what's going on.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

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Your mental energy is strong right now, even if your mood is a bit sour. Let your self dive deeply into philosophical or other issues that might be important in the future, if not immediately.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)

Many appealing opportunities will be dangled in front of you now: take only one.

Try not to worry too much about what's really going on today -- you should be able to come to terms with whatever is troubling you on your own time. It's a good day for spiritual pursuits.

Try not to let your routines distract you from taking care of yourself -- it's easier than ever right now! You may be able to put something right that has been a bit off for quite a while.