By Orlando Augustine

Earlier this month, teachers convened at the Fr. Philip Marin Parish Hall in Dangriga for two important events. The first was the Belize National Teachers’ Union eighth consultation to discuss the Teacher’s Service Commission. It was followed by the Dangriga Branch annual general meeting that was held the afternoon of the same day. Among other matters discussed, the highlight of the afternoon meeting was to elect officers for 2009-2010.

It is anticipated that the Ministry of Education proposed commission is expected to be implemented during the next school term. It has been reported by a number of media houses that public consultations throughout the country have been poorly attended but the Belize National Teachers’ Union Dangriga Branch proved otherwise. The executive members did an excellent job to ensure that a considerable number of teachers were present. It was remarkable to see the great turn out; the Parish Hall was filled to capacity.

Although it was an honour to be graced with the presence of the National President, Mr. Jaime Panti and Executive Secretary, Mr. George Frazier, the attendance of a member of the proposed commission and the managers of schools in the district would have been a blessing. No doubt, they will be the individuals tasked with the responsibility to assess the development and implementation of this only one of its kind teacher identifier system and to suggest changes to the originally proposed document. But for whatever acceptable reason they opted not to participate.

It appears ironic that National Teachers’ Union who said in a press release that there must be some key changes to the current structure of the proposed commission seems to be on board with the ministry’s program. Although the judgment of the National executive members should be trusted, I am personally not comfortable with their decision because they held consultations with the general membership after falling in line. Hope the union’s leadership is convinced that whatever is agreed upon is in exchange for fairness and improvement in quality education than what is being presently delivered to our children. Moreover, that the commission has neither bias nor political responsibility but to ensure that our teachers are prepared to produce a considerable number of educated citizens in a new system that is expected to be more productive than whatever is in place.

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Minor Carnally Known

Belmopan Police are investigating a case of Carnal Knowledge reported by a 14-year-old female of the Toledo District on the October 21, 2009. The minor reported that on the October 16, 2009 she arrived in Belmopan City along with her boyfriend with whom she has been living and having sexual intercourse. A medical examination was conducted on the minor certified that she is sexually active.

Police are investigating.

Chinese businessman robbed at airstrip

Dangriga

Police are investigating a robbery report made by Xineng CHEN, 58 yrs, businessman of George Price Boulevard, Dangriga Town who reported to police that whilst he was sitting inside Maya Island Air terminal building waiting for a flight, three male persons entered the building one of whom was armed with a firearm proceeded to robbed him of $20,000 in cash. All three male persons then made good their escape.

By Manila Roosevelt

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Belize City Police and Fire Officials investigate house fire

Belize City, BELIZE

Police and fire officials are investigating a house fire that occurred on the October 25, 2009, at #6460 Periwinkle Street, Belize City where a concrete structure with zinc roofing was destroyed by fire. The owner of the house Marcelo MONTEJO, a welder, reported that at 10:10pm, he saw sparks then fire coming from one of the outlets inside the living room, thereafter the entire room became engulfed in flames. The value of House and Household items are yet to be determine, however the house was insured.

By Orlando Augustine

Hubert Tillett was found floating face up and partially decapitated along with his ashes back cremated October 27 2009. His wife will take his ashes back in Hattieville. Tillett was found floating in a dug out pool in his backyard located in a deserted area of the Dollar Bank Road in Hattieville. Tillett was cremated October 27 2009. His wife will take his ashes back to the United States with her.

Police say they have suspects who they are still questioning. Robbery appears to have been the motive as the house was ransacked and his DVD player, TV, and radio were stolen. Hubert Tillett was a retiree living in Belize.
A Scarlet Letter for Zenaida

The public trials of Zenaida Moya Flowers bring to mind the suffering of the biblical Eve and that of Hester Prynne, the protagonist of The Scarlet Letter, considered by many to be Nathaniel Hawthorne’s greatest novel.

What these women have in common is their refusal to behave in the manner prescribed by the patriarchal society they inhabit and the price they pay for being themselves. All three are made to suffer for being themselves.

Nathaniel Hawthorne’s greatest novel.

Whatever you do, when you are allowed into the old-boys’ club, you are granted a privilege not as a right and not as equals. When political power and reproductive rights are denied for them, the price they pay for being themselves.

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When the body has too much glucose and too few nutrients, cancer cells can multiply faster than healthy cells. To prevent this, people with cancer should avoid sugar and sweets.

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The BNTU agreement statement states that there is an urgent need for fairness, improvements and change in the education system is cynical. Being the largest Teachers’ Union which represents the majority of the teachers in the country and a significant contributor to the development of teachers and the education system, it should have done something to this long time ago. Why wait for the formation of a commission to do something? The teachers’ union national executive should have been working in schools alongside teachers and district branches to assist and to give presentations to inexperienced principals and managers, to speak at staff and Parent Teachers Association to make sure that the quality of education is improved in this country. Is this one of the responsibilities of the commission?

Whilst the government ambitious plan to renew the education system is accepted in principles, it is expected to see the expansion of infrastructure development in order to improve the enrollment and safekeeping of our children in schools, especially the poor and deprived children. It is equally important to understand that children enjoy learning in an environment where the teachers and students alike have access to good resources. If these factors are not taken into consideration, my personal opinion is that there is no need for a commission because these are geared towards fixing the problem with teaching services in this country.

It must be emphasized that the education system does not require a commission who is responsible to listen to gossips about teachers and to fire and hire. Although, the union executive does not believe that the Teaching Services Commission is a threat to the Church’s authority, it needs to think again. This is Belize. Although, the Teaching Services Commission is a noble idea, we must be reminded that the members are appointed; Belize is a small country and we know one another political, religious and ethnic background.

Liquor License Notices

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that OBITA ARANDA WILLIAMS is applying for the renewal of RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2010 to operate WHISTLING SEA located at Hopkins Village, in the Stann Creek District.

USA Garifuna Non Profit Organizations

By Jose Francisco Avila

As part of the immigration process, the Garifunas have tried to establish and adapt their traditional community organizations to the USA environment; these organizations represent an important socialization factor and social development. These organizations have a long history in the representation of social development activities. Nevertheless, this experience has not been documented; therefore, it has not been utilized to increase their project design and fundraising capacity.

The nonprofit sector is the collective name used to describe institutions and organizations in American society that are neither government nor business. Other names often used include the not-for-profit sector, the third sector, the independent sector, the philanthropic sector, the voluntary sector, or the social sector. Outside the United States, nonprofits are often called nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) or civil society organizations.

These other names emphasize the characteristics that distinguish nonprofits - voluntary sector to acknowledge the importance of volunteers and voluntary action; independent sector to distinguish nonprofits from business and government, and social sector to underscore how the activities of nonprofits enhance the social fabric of our country.[4]

Garifuna not-for-profit corporations:

A search of the New York Department of State Corporation and Business Entity Database produced a total of 50 Garifuna not-for-profit corporations. The first Garifuna organization was registered under the name of The Carib American Association, Inc. on July 10, 1946. A search of the California Department of State website indicates that the first Garifuna nonprofit was incorporated in 1980 under the name The Preservation of the Garifuna Culture Society Inc. followed by the Garifuna Cultural Association in 1991, The Garifuna Settlement Day Group in 1994, Garinagu Empowerment Movement Inc 1999, The Garifuna Council of Northern California and the Garifuna Organization for Cultural and Economic Advancement, Inc in 2001, The Garifuna American Heritage Foundation, Inc in 2005 and The Garifuna Hope Foundation in 2007. Three of these corporations had their powers, rights and privileges suspended or forfeited in California, one was dissolved and four are active.

Search of the other states of incorporation, only produced one each in Florida, Garifuna Church, Inc; Georgia, The Atlanta Garifunas Association, Inc and Louisiana, The Evangelical Garifuna Church, Inc.

Tax Exempt Status

Only incorporated organizations can apply for a tax ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Tax exempt organizations are exempt from federal income tax, and are able to receive tax deductible contributions from individuals and businesses. 501(c)(3) organizations must operate “exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, or educational purposes” and serve the common good.[2]

While many Garifuna nonprofits have been incorporated, only seven nationwide have received tax exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. A search of the IRS website lists the following Tax Exempt Garifuna organizations:[3]:

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British-funded security project in Guyana scrapped

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GEORGETOWN, Guyana, October 28, 2009

Britain has scrapped a security sector reform project for Guyana over what it says was disagreement on management of the programme but the Bharrat Jagdeo administration is claiming the move was taken after the government refused to bow to a UK request to carry out a live firing exercise on its western border.

Britain said it abandoned the £3 million (US$4.9 million) programme after the two countries failed to agree on ownership.

In a statement issued by the Office of the President last night, a different angle was given to the development.

This decision by the UK Government is believed to be linked to the administration's refusal to permit training of British Special Forces in Guyana using a design offered by an American community on the western border with Brazil and Venezuela," it said.

Head of the Presidential Secretariat and Cabinet Secretary Dr Roger Luncheon, who had responsible for engagement with the British government's representatives in the matter and had been very outspoken about changes to the design of the programme, said yesterday that it was possible that there was such a link.

Dr Luncheon noted that in December 2008, the two parties had submitted a design, but the Guyanese version was advised in April this year about a redesign that was "unilaterally" carried out by Britain.

He said that alternation compromised Guyana's ownership.

"This design violated the sovereignty of Guyana. It was drawn to the attention of the British High Commission here in Guyana and after efforts it was agreed that the government would submit its revised version of the British design. The President was involved in that activity and ultimately the British High Commission was presented with a document that in great detail outlined what was the Guyanese version of the model to be used and ultimately to implement the Security Sector Reform project," he explained.

However, he said President Jagdeo President was involved in the discussion surrounding the new design submitted by the Guayanese team when he was informed that the project had been halted and the UK government said it was not interested in pursuing an agreement with the Government of Guyana.

It is tempting to believe that this about face from the December 2008 joint agreement to what happened in the middle of 2009 might have been associated with some decision that the Guayanese Government made with request to training by the UK Special Forces on a Western border location with live firing to which the government was unprepared to support," Dr Luncheon said.

He added that it was regrettable that the plug had been pulled on the project, but pledged that the government would not stop the government from going ahead with its plans to reform the security sector.

"It's unfortunate because our joint position, at the beginning, was that Security Sector Reform in its entirety was to be implemented in Guyana. Security Sector Reform will continue in Guyana, maybe at a different pace and the scope and the design will be different but the implementation of that will be from public funds from the Government of Guyana," Dr Luncheon said.

The reform project had been aimed at building the operational capacity of the police force, strengthening policy-making across the security sector to make it more transparent, effective and better coordinated; mainstreaming financial management into the security sector into public sector financial management reform; creating substantial parliamentary and other oversight of the security sector and building greater public participation and inclusiveness in security sector issues.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the two countries was signed in August 2007 and the plan was to be implemented over a four-year period.

MIAMI, Florida, October 28, 2009

Fidel Castro's sister has revealed in a stunning memoir that she worked against her brother by collaborating with the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Juanita Castro, in her memoirs entitled 'Fidel and Raul, My Brothers, the Secret History', said she used the code name Donna and helped foes of Fidel flee the island following the Cuban revolution in the early 1960s.

In her memoirs, as told to Mexican journalist Maria Antonieta Collins, Ms Castro said she initially supported her brothers in the struggle but quickly became disenchanted after Fidel Castro began to increasingly persecute opponents and turned to communism.

"Did I feel remorse about betraying Fidel by agreeing to meet with his enemies? No, for one simple reason: I didn't betray him. He betrayed me," she wrote.

"He betrayed the thousands of us who suffered and fought for the revolution that he had offered, one that was generous and just and would bring peace and democracy to Cuba and which, as he himself had promised, would be as ‘Cuban as palm trees’," Ms Castro said she was recruited to be a CIA operative by her friend Virginia Leitao da Cunha, the wife of the Brazilian ambassador to Cuba, and agreed to work for the CIA under the noses of her brothers. But she said she did it on the condition that she was not asked to participate in any violent acts against them or any other member of their government.

The 76-year-old went into exile in Mexico in 1964 before emigrating to the US and has remained a firm critic of communist rule in Cuba.

Barbados Opposition leader puts leadership on the line

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It was a warm Halloween night. Five boys hurriedly put on their Halloween costumes while chattering away with delight in anticipating the fun they would have for the next few holidays. There will be friends, filled with giggles and smiles and parents holding on tight to little hands as they walk the streets of their neighborhood. The neighbors’ doors will eagerly hold out their bags and nervously say, “trick-or-treat” for the first time. These five boys, far from toots...Logan, Kyle, Colby and Conner were all eight and couldn’t wait for the festivities of the evening to begin. Tonight they would trick-or-treat to their hearts’ content, raking in the goodies. Then they would all go back to Logan’s home. His mom and dad would be happy to see their tricks.

They would gobble up their candy, with a tall glass of milk by their sides and a bowl of freshly made lemon popcorn in the middle of their loot.

The boys’ parents had decided it was alright for the boys to trick-or-treat down streets in their friendly neighborhood, without their parents standing by their sides. They would leave them to have a little bit of fun by themselves. They needed to be back promptly at 8:00. Logan was dressed as Dracula with a long flowing black cape, lined with red satin. Kyle donned a Larry Boy outfit, Colby wore a Spiderman suit, Conner transformed into Wolverine from the X-Men and was dangling his rubber latex glove to resemble something. He leaned over and knocked on the Butcherites’ door, then the Klebecks and then the Wells.

There was another house on that street too. It wasn’t like the others, well kept with a manicured lawn and cute Halloween decorations outside. It was the old Johnson’s house. The door looked like it was ready to fall off, and the whole house was sorely in need of some paint. It was legend that the house was haunted but the boys didn’t think twice in that spooky stuff. They did, however, agree that old Mr. Johnson, who lived in the place, was as mean as they came. Mr. Johnson was known for his grumping and grouching at anyone that looked twice at him. Someone once said he ate worm sandwiches for lunch. YUCK! That’s one door they wouldn’t be knocking on tonight.

The wind kicked up again, this time it was Logan’s mask that was moving. The boys ran after the mask as it skittered across the sidewalk, tumbled over the bushes and floated through the air. Before they knew it, they were standing in the yard of the old Johnson Place. Conner’s mask had become stuck on a nail that protruded from the window frame as the boys tried to get it off. The boys were all thinking the same thing but no one said it, ‘who was going to walk up there and get it?’

Finally, Skyla spoke up, “Conner you better go get your mask.”

“I don’t really need it”, Conner replied in his most grown up voice. Kyle whispered, “Why don’t we all go get it together?”

The boys looked at the mask, then at each other. “Let’s do it”, they all said, in unison and began to slowly move toward the porch.

The boys could see a dim light, from a distant room, within the house. They were at ease with the thought Mr. Johnson was probably in bed for the night. Upon approaching the window frame, Conner plucked the mask from off the rail. All five boys let out a sigh of relief at having accomplished their task. Suddenly, the light inside the house flicked on and went out. A long whiny, squeaking sound, to their right, drew their attention to the front door, blown open and now flapping in the wind. Their hearts were racing and their voices were heavy, as if they were stuck in cement. From inside the house they could hear someone moaning, almost as if they were in pain.

“Do you think it’s Mr. Johnson”, said Skyla.

“What should we do?”, croaked Conner. “Mean as they say he is, we can’t just let him suffer.”

“Let’s all just stick together and we’ll be okay, after all there’s five of us”, said Logan. Quietly the boys slipped in and shut the door. Mr. Johnson, Colby called out, “Mr. Johnson, can we help you?” Kyle tried the light switch but it didn’t work. He stepped in something mushy, that let off a horrible stench.

“Smells like someone died”. The boys felt their way around, grabbing on to furniture and walls as they groped about and called out to Mr. Johnson. SPLAT! ‘OOOooo GROSS’

“Whoa, whoa, whoa!”

“I don’t know feels like worms”

“Hey, you think the thing about the worm sandwiches is true?”

“Let’s just find Mr. Johnson and get out of here, everybody stay focused”, said Skyla.

Finally, the boys were kicking off something. He leaned over and picked it up. It was cold as ice, upon feeling around, it seemed to have a numb and four fingers but no arm…

“YIKES” choked out Skyla,

“I think I’m holding onto someone’s hand but there’s no arm…this is getting freaky!”

A second later, Colby blurted out, “It feels like I picked up someone’s eyeballs but I dropped them and they’re rolling around on the floor. Let’s get out of here!”

As he turned a tray clattered to the floor and the Rubber Bands of plink, plink, plink echoed through the house. Scrambling to pick up what was beneath him, he was just sure they were bones, probably belonged to some poor, helpful, unsuspecting soul. ‘Would they be next?’

The boys turned to run Logan slipped on something wet, he strained to peer through the darkness, there was blood on his pants and now on his hands. ‘AHHHHH, blood’, he screamed and dove for the door. Just then the lights came on, the boys froze and there in the doorway was Logan’s dad.

“What are you boys doing?” The boys all tried to talk at once, each one breathing heavily, running down and shut the door. They tried desperately to get out. In the background, they heard laughing. It started out small, like a bee, bee, bee, then got bigger like a hee, hee, hee, then it was all out laughing hysteria!

Who could be laughing at a time like this? The boys turned and there was Mr. Johnson laughing his guts out! His house was a shamble with all the running and diving that had just taken place and there was stuff all over the floor. The boys began to point and jump about in glee, only until they realized just what was all over the floor. Spaghetti! Meatballs! Peed grapes! A rubber latex glove filled with ice, now laying melted in the middle of the hardwood floor.

The boys looked at Mr. Johnson, they looked at each other, then they looked at Logan’s dad, who was also laughing. As they put it all together, they realized what had happened. In the few minutes they were in the Johnson’s place they had completely destroyed Mr. Johnson’s dinner. They also noted that Mr. Johnson was walking with canes.

He pointed to his knee and aside his laughter squealed out, “the frozen glove is for my bum knee, hurt it yesterday trying to fix the door.”

“But the moaning”, cried Skyla, “we heard someone moaning.”

“That would be Fritz, my dog, he hates it when I chain him up, especially when he knows there’s a can of wet dog food with his name on it.”

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“Why do you peel your grapes?”

“Never did like the way the skin would get caught in my dentures”, replied Mr. Johnson, still laughing.

“But what about the blood?”, tried Logan.

“You mean the spaghetti sauce that was sitting in that bowl?”

Logan looked over and saw the bowl, had it spilled and was lying upside down on the floor oozing everywhere. One thing nagged at Logan till he just couldn’t help but ask, “Why didn’t you come when we called?”

“When the lights went out, I had to go down to the basement to flip the switch, takes me awhile to get around with the knee. While I was down there I heard a bunch of stuff falling over, muffled voices, thought it was a robber but by the time I got up the stairs and saw all of you and your dad there, I started putting it all together, you think I don’t know that my house is legend to be ‘haunted’?”

Speechless, the boys stared at Mr. Johnson, until Logan said, “Gee, we’re sorry Mr. Johnson, we thought you were hurt and we needed to help you.”

“That was awfully kind of you boys.”

“You know though”, said Logan’s dad, “You should have come and talked to me about building a house alone, what if something had been amiss?”. We’ve learned our lesson dad, we promise.”

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What’s On The Mind:

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What if your child (or you) has been sexually abused?

I must first begin by apologizing to the readers for the column’s self-imposed hiatus. Unfortunately, in the last two weeks I, along with the rest of my family, was sick with the flu and then most recently I was travelling for my job. Anyway, I’m back to my column and picking up where I left off. I have been discussing sexual abuse. So far, the topics have included recognizing child abuse, its impact on behavioral learning who the abusers are and how to talk to children about sexual abuse. This week the series continues with a discussion about what could be done if your child discloses sexual abuse or if you were sexually abused as a child.

First and foremost, if your child reports any incident of sexual abuse, believe your child. It is rare that a child would make up a lie about being sexually abused. Do not doubt or ignore your child. It is always better to be safe than sorry and err on behalf of your child. Next, reassure your child that what occurred is not their fault and they are not to be blamed. Let your child know that you are glad that they told you. Reassure your child that they will be safe and that you will do everything in your power to protect them and to keep the abuser away. Do report the incident to the appropriate authorities, that is, the police. Remember that a person cannot be penalized for making a report even if it’s found to be unproven as long as the report is not being made maliciously. Next, you will want to have your child medically examined. This is important for the health of your child as well as to uncover any evidence of the abuse. The doctor will check for any sexually transmitted diseases or pregnancy, as is appropriate. You may also want to seek some professional help for your child. That is, someone who is knowledgeable about sexual abuse and its traumatic effects and who can help your child, you and your family work through any issues or difficulties.

If you are an adult who was a victim of sexual abuse when you were a child, you may benefit from some assistance sorting out your feelings and experiences. A person who has been sexually abused as a child may continue to experience feelings of guilt and shame, feeling isolated or different from others, low self-esteem, difficulty trusting others, difficulty trusting the wrong people, unable to become close to others. The person may continue to be re-victimized, such as getting into physically, sexually or emotionally abusive relationships. One may engage in self-defeating behaviors, such as promiscuity or risky sex, alcohol or drug abuse. Other effects include a tendency towards depression as well as suicidal tendencies, difficulty saying “no” to others and sexual problems, such as being unable to enjoy sex and feeling guilty or ashamed about sex.

Perhaps you are currently coping adequately with the situation, however, keep in mind that each person at some time or another needs assistance coping with their experience. Don’t think that because it happened a long time ago that you should have ‘got over it’. Perhaps it can be argued that you never get over it, you just learn to live with it. It is okay to seek assistance in learning how to live with the experience and not let it take over your life or who you are.

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The establishment of the Teaching Services Commission continues to be a hotly debated issue among educators in the country of Belize. This commission was established or conceived some years ago and ever since its coming into reality, continues to be worked at. As it is, the commission will comprise stakeholders in education such as the churches, personnel from the Ministry of Education the Trade Union etc which will make up a sixteen member commission that, in essence, will oversee the administration of education in Belize. On the other hand, this commission will take over duties in education that was previously assigned to the Minister of Education. One cannot run away from the fact that as it is the final decision/say in the employment of educators rests in the hands of the Minister of Education.

Presently, the Belize National Teachers Union which is the voice of the Teachers in Belize has been going around the country to meet with its members. The purpose of these consultations is to hear from the members what they feel about the Teaching Services Commission. As someone looking in at this commission this is, I would like to categorically state that it is a very good idea and should be supported for its merits. As Belizeans we keep crying about the excessive powers of our elected representatives, I believe that this commission is an alternative and a very good attempt at putting power into the hands of the people. Take it how we may, the Minister of Government regardless of whatever political party is in power has excessive powers and getting someone to relinquish power is one of the most difficult things that could be done. If we like it or not, the Ministry of Education under the leadership of the Minister of Education and his CEO, Chief Education Officer and his support staff represents the foundation of education since Government of Belize pays the salary of the primary school teachers and all the salary of some secondary school teachers. However, in most secondary schools, government pays 70% of their salary. This is also the case in most Junior College s in Belize. Therefore that is the reason why schools cannot deny personnel of the Ministry the opportunity to enter any school within Belize on official duties.

One of the biggest criticisms being levied at the Teacher’s Services Commission is that it will take away from the powers of the churches to do their jobs such as hiring, managing students, dictate who they employ in their classrooms etc. Others are saying that they fear political interference on decision making. To me this concern is only natural but I think that with time these bears will be addressed. I do not think political intervention is likely because the make-up of the commission caters for real negotiation and careful planning into education. If we are to improve the quality of teachers difficult believe that there must be a check and balance and accountability.

I believe that the commission will do a wonderful job as it will convene regularly to address some of the concerns that teachers presently have. Remember, teachers were arbitrarily transferred to different parts of the Stann Creek District. Some became frustrated and resigned. Had the Teaching Service Commission been established, this body would have been able to sit and make an ultimate decision.

In conclusion, I will say that as an educator who has been in the profession for quite some time, I in principle think that the Teachers service Commission is a very good idea and will support it because I think it is a very good initiative and will only improve the quality of education that our children will get. While I would in no way like to sway the minds of my readers in one direction or the other I would like to urge you to engage your leaders in discussions about the topic. Likewise, I urge all educators to read up about the commission over the internet or hard copies and not to parrot what someone else said before they make the final decision on the topic.
As the world turns around Dangriga it continues to show that the situation is still not yet for the better. It is as if though we are sliding deeper and deeper into this recession. This thought, that there is no better ahead, opens the need to question our leaders as to where we are going. This is only a knee jerk reaction to this situation but it spurs the survival instinct. There is a will to seek for a better situation.

The cost of fuel is up again, the prices at the market place keep going up, at the stores it is the same with prices, the utility providers want their payment on time and the house is refinanced so the rent is up. Wherever you turn in Dangriga it is this replay of how difficult it is to live the life we were accustomed to. It is a life that is now filled with laugh lying, stealing, con games and guns. A life we must live based on prices, the utility, the town. And then there are the leaders, our politicians.

It is the responsibility of our leaders to find the balance, with what is available to us, in the benefit of all the people living a life in Dangriga. As our leaders are elected and so close to lead, they must come forward with the plan of how life will get better.

If our leaders will do nothing to help relieve this hard time, the people will only reflect the will of their leaders. The time for answers is now and in the absence of leadership a leader is born, for better or for worst.

Sin is Not a Laughing Matter

I’m forwarding a post from Justin Taylor that I think is applicable to the church today. Too many men in the pulpit and those leading worship try to be funny in an attempt to win the audience. But worship is never a time to be funny. We come together in a sense into the presence of God to honor and give thanks for what he has done and this is the apex of the worship service. Preaching is not the time to crack jokes or attempt to be humorous.

Here is an account of what happened recently when John Piper spoke to the American Association of Christian Counselors. I think it is very telling that a group of counselors would so easily laugh at that which is of no laughing matter.

If you didn’t know Piper, some of it could probably come across – at least initially – as unintentionally funny. But it is quite clear soon after that Piper was not cracking jokes but was being dead serious about sin.

Greg Gilbert <http://blog.9marks.org/2009/10/how-to-train-your-church-not-to-take-anything-seriously.html>, calling it “one of the most bizarre things I’ve ever heard,” sees in this an “incredibly important and massively undervalued lesson”:

Do you see, at root, what had happened at that conference? Out of the cool of a couple of days, those conferees had been trained to expect humor from the speakers and therefore to react to what the speaker said. John Piper was being serious in his confession of his sin. You can quibble with whether the first couple of Piper’s statements were (unintentionally, it seems) kind of funny. I happen to think they were. But the time he began to talk about the 3-minute mark, though, there’s nothing funny left, and he’s moved into very serious stuff. Yet the atmosphere of humor and levity at that conference was so thick – the training so complete – that the people were incapable of seeing it. So they laughed at Piper’s confession of his sin.

Apparently the conditioning of that audience to think everything is funny took no more than a couple of days. How deep do you think that conditioning would be for a church who sat under a funny-man pastor every Sunday for fifteen years?

That last question is sobering. If a congregation sat under a pastor who constantly used humor, what would the congregations perception of sin and God truly be? I find it interesting that the Bible has no reference of Jesus laughing, yet tells us that he wept. That does not mean he did not laugh or that he was not a joyful man, for we know he is the source of joy.

However, Jesus was keenly aware of the devastating impact of sin on mankind. The Savior of the world felt the weight of mankind’s blindness to sin, and it produced sorrow, not laughter. For His Glory,

Pastor Rick
Calvary Community Church
www.cccctn.org

1. What about the town meetings? People are not interested of can’t get the people attention?
2. Lots available north of Griga? 500?
3. The no entry for buses over the Havana Creek continues. Will the bridge crash first?
4. The grass at the court house is high. Who is responsible, DTC or Works or Court has its own money? Downtown looks bad!
5. The budget money still can’t be spent on the building day old public works or the Aranda Crescent. Is the budget just wishful thinking?
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8. Columbus Day and no park fest; Private interest over public service
9. 19th and beg again to start. Our leaders are there for how long?
10. First family deportee receives media attention and a reserve floor at the Radisson. How life is unfair. Welcome!

By: Alecia Dixon

Thought for the Day:

“Passion makes the world go round. Love just makes it a safer place.”

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.”
THE PROCESS OF SELECTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR BELIZE
AND MOST ENGLISH SPEAKING CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

By: Wellington C. Ramos

Under the constitution of Belize the Attorney General can only be selected in two ways. The first way is for the Prime Minister of Belize to recommend an elected lawyer from his party to be a member of his or her cabinet to the Governor General to become a Minister in his cabinet as our country’s Attorney General. The second way is for the Prime Minister to appoint any lawyer as a Senator to the Senate and then make him a Minister in the cabinet and then recommend him or her to the Governor General as his choice for Attorney General. Under these two conditions, the party in government will always benefit because the Prime Minister will more than likely pick a person that is a member of his party or one who supports all the goals and objectives of his political party. Currently, in a constitutional amendment that is under consideration, the government in power is recommending a third way to give the Prime Minister the authority to select any lawyer to become the Attorney General without being a member of the National Assembly or Cabinet. Still, even though it would widen the search pool, the possibility of loyalty to the party in power will still exist. Since the Attorney General position is the most powerful position in most countries, I would like to recommend a fourth way to the debate.

That the Attorney General be elected by the Belizean people in a nationwide election every five years when our General Elections are being held. That way the citizens of Belize can hold the Attorney General accountable for not doing his job when crimes are out of control, our laws are violated and it would embolden the Attorney General with the power to indict Ministers of Government and Public Officials when they violate the constitution and the laws of Belize. In this way the Attorney General will be seen as the true person to go and seek justice when injustice is committed against them. Under this arrangement, a lawyer who is of a certain age and has practiced law for a specified period of years will be eligible to file his or her candidacy for the office of Attorney General and run for office.

The Attorney General will only be accountable to the people of Belize and the Governor General of the country. If the Belizean people are dissatisfied with his or her performance, they will have their opportunity to vote him or her out of office in the next general election. A provision will also have to be made in the constitution that a percentage of the budget be allocated to the Attorney General to run his administration to avoid the possibility of the party in power refusing financial allocations to the Attorney General to undermine his or her functions. Throughout these constitutional discussions that are taking place, I have not heard any of our politicians or legal experts propose this amendment to our constitution.

However, in looking at what happened in our past political administration and to prevent future occurrences of those types to resurface, this amendment is worthy of being considered to benefit our citizens and country. Belize and the Caribbean countries are growing democracies that should be thinking long term when amending the constitution of their respective countries.

Amending a constitution is something a government does not want to do a lot because it is a lengthy process. Most people act based on what is good for their self-interest. We need a legal system that is in the best interest of the general public where the people can hold the Attorney General accountable to them on Election Day. There will be some people who would argue that this could lead to the politicization of the Attorney General Office. However under the current system and the one that is being proposed it will still not be free from politics because in small countries like Belize almost everything is political. I applaud this government for recommending this third option to the process and would like them to include this fourth option in the debate. This article is not being written to criticize the functions of the current Attorney General or his government but rather to put something in place that will be to the benefit of our people and country in the long term future.

In the United States of America in all the states, the Attorney General is elected by the people of the state and his functions are independent form that of the legislative and executive branches of government. In fact during the Watergate Scandal under President Richard Nixon, he instructed the Attorney General to conduct an illegal act and the Attorney General refused and resigned in protest. A federal judge for the District of Columbia that President Nixon appointed to the bench by the name of John Sirica, even ordered Nixon to surrender the secret recordings of the Watergate Tapes to the Special Prosecutor that was investigating the president. Under the current legal system of Belize and the Caribbean countries, the chances of this happening are slim to none. Many Ministers have been accused of high crimes and have yet to be brought to justice, convicted and sent to prison like the average citizens of their countries. The laws of our countries must be executed and be upheld by all the citizens of our countries and not just a few.

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Amidst the difficult financial times that the Belize Premier Football League’s (BPFL) Clubs are experiencing, the League and the Clubs are determined to continue playing the highest level of football in the country. The BPFL appreciates any organisation that directs its energy towards the world’s most popular sport. Football in Belize is also the most popular sport, but it needs more support from the business community, the Government and fans.

Our players need international exposure, and the most effective method for achieving that is through the Champion of Champions competition organised by CONCACAF. Last year, Belize’s champion Club did not participate because the country lacks a proper stadium and facilities. The BPFL has not been expelled from CONCACAF’s competition; it has only been suspended from participating in competitions until a suitable stadium exist in the country to host the matches. The Government has promised the League that a suitable stadium will be ready for the next CONCACAF competition in July 2010. Though times are hard financially, a country that invests in football will develop and include all its people - rich and poor.

The assistance the BPFL needs from the business community does not have to be full or direct sponsorship. Businesses that want to contribute can help teams with uniforms, T-shirts, and balls to name a few or by having games to be played announced after their commercials on radio or television--that this is not done or not done. Is it lack of foresight by the media--print, radio and television--that this is not done? Today, Belize must be the only country in the world where that is not done. Is it lack of foresight by the media--print, radio and television--that this is not done or is it because of the lack of interest in sports? If the news would include sporting events, the income to the media houses would increase as more fans would attend games. Many businesses would leap to advertise, from the smallest to the largest.

The BPFL must publicly thank Channel 5 and Mr. George Tillett for televising BPFL games regularly and providing television highlights on the Monday night newscast. The BPFL forges ahead.

**Week 9**

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|               | 4:00PM Edwin Nassario vs Deon McCauley      | 2     | Vallan Symms 89min.

**Weekend games:**

**Week 10**

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**The Scariest Thing**

By Mairi Teresa Gallagher

Some things are scary
Others are not, like ghosts and goblins, and things that rot.

Cats and dogs are not scary at all, All they do is play chase And catch a ball.

But the scariest thing Creeps around at night, Looking for victims To scratch and bite.

It hides its face It's too ugly to see, It rules all the monsters, Both tall and wee.

Those who’ve seen his face, Their eyes burst and bleed, They beg for mercy “Spare us, spare us,” they plead.

But he’s not a giver He takes what he finds, All sorts of people Both sightseers and blind.

You’ve got the picture, That he is the king Of everything scary, Every little scary thing.

So watch out at night ‘cause if By him you’re seen, He’ll give you an evil grin And say...
Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that DAVID KROUSKOFF/ANDREW USHER are applying for a renewal of a PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2010 to operate HAMANASI ADVENTURE located at Hopkins Village, in the Stann Creek District.

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John Hopkins Hospital Update

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12. Meat protein is difficult to digest, contains a 100% of digestive enzymes. Undigested meat remaining in the intestines becomes putrefied and leads to more toxic buildup.

13. Cancer cell walls have a tough protein covering. By refraining from or eating less meat it frees the body’s own killer cells to more toxic buildup.

14. Some supplements build up the immune system (Ip6, Flor-sseence, Essiac, anti-oxidants, vitamins, minerals, EFAs etc.) to enable the bodies own killer cells to destroy cancer cells. Other supplements like vitamin E are known to cause apoptosis or programmed cell death, the body’s normal method of disposing of damaged, unwanted or unneeded cells.

15. Cancer is a disease of the mind, body and spirit. A proactive and positive spirit will help the cancer warrior be a survivor. Anger, un-forgiveness and hate create a stressful and acidic environment. Learn to have a loving and forgiving spirit. Learn to relax and enjoy life.

16. Cancer cells cannot thrive in an oxygenated environment. Exercising daily and deep breathing help to get more oxygen down to the cellular level. Oxygen therapy is another means employed to destroy cancer cells.

1. No plastic containers in micro.
2. No water bottles in freezer.
3. No plastic wrap in microwave.

John Hopkins has recently sent this out in its newsletters. This information is being circulated at Walter Reed Medical & nbsp; Center & SPAN as well. Dioxin chemicals cause cancer, especially breast cancer. Dioxins are highly poisonous to the body’s cells. Don’t freeze your plastic bottles with water in them as this releases dioxins from the plastic. Recently, Dr. Edward Fujimoto, Wellness Program Manager at Cast le Hospital, was on a TV program to explain the health hazard. He talked about dioxins and how bad they are for us. He said that we should not be heating our food in the microwave using plastic containers. This especially applies to foods that contain fat.

He said that the combination of fat, high heat and plastics releases dioxin into the food and ultimately into the cells of the body. Instead, he recommends using glass, such as Coming Ware, Pyrex or ceramic containers for heating food. You get the same results, only without the dioxin. So such things as TV dinners, instant ramen and soups, etc., should be removed from the container and heated in something else. Paper isn’t bad but you don’t know what is in the paper. It’s just safer to use tempered glass, Coming Ware, etc. He reminded us that a while ago some of the fast food restaurants moved away from the styrofoam to paper. The dioxin problem is one of the reasons.

Also, he pointed out that plastic wrap, such as Saran, is just as dangerous when placed over foods to be cooked in the microwave. As the food is nuked, the high heat causes poisonous toxins to actually melt out of the plastic wrap and drip into the food. Cover food with a paper towel instead.
**MAKE YOUR DAY**

**Zombie Mistaken for Murder Victim**

Passengers on a train thought that a Halloween reveller, who was dressed up as zombie, was actually a murder victim. They were alarmed because his hands and face were smeared with what looked like blood. Because they suspected foul play, fellow passengers on the train called the police and also alerted the ambulance service.

When paramedics arrived they soon realized that the 24-year old man was in a drunken slumber rather than dead. A little later the police boarded the train, questioned man and asked him to remove his frightening make-up. He was then allowed to continue his train journey home.

**HOLLOWEEN Jokes**

Q. What does a weevil say on Halloween?
A. Tick or Tweet

Q. What’s a monster’s favorite play?
A. Romeo and Ghouliet

Q. What do witches put on their hair?
A. Scare spray

Q. What do you get if you crossed a werewolf with a dozen eggs?
A. A very hairy omelette!

Q. What did the ghost say about the green spot on his shirt?
A. What?? It’s just a little boogie man!

Q. What do you call a skeleton that won’t work?
A. Lazy Bones

Q. What does a hungry ghost want??
A. Ice scream

Q. What do you call a witch that likes the beach?
A. A Sand-Witch!

Q. What kind of mistakes do spooks make?
A. Boo boos

Q. Where do baby ghosts go during the day?
A. Dayscare centers

Q. What’s the ratio of a pumpkin’s circumference to its diameter?
A. Dayscare centers

Q. What’s a monster’s favorite play?
A. Romeo and Ghouliet

Q. What do you call a pumpkin’s favorite snack?
A. Pumpkin Pie

Q. How can you tell a vampire likes baseball?
A. Every night he turns into a bat.

**From Ground to Table Mother Earth is Able**

Recipe prepared by: Michele Irving

powa2grow@yahoo.com

**Pumpkin Pie**

**Ingredients**

- 5 oz. sugar
- ¾ pint milk
- 2 eggs, (slightly beaten)
- 10 oz. mashed cooked pumpkin
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 tsp ginger
- 8 oz. short crust pastry

**Preparation**

Preheat oven to Mark 7 or 400 F Add pumpkin, salt, sugar, milk and spices to beaten egg. Line pie pan with pastry dough and pour in filling. Bake for 10 minutes in a hot oven (Mark 7 or 400 F). Reduce temperature to Mark 3 or 325 F and bake 35 minutes longer or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool.

**Watermelon Juice**

**Ingredients**

- 1 small watermelon
- 2-3 large limes or lemons
- 8-10 cups of water
- to desired consistency
- Sugar to taste

**Preparation**

Scoop out red pulp. Remove seeds. Crush with potato masher or clean bottle. Add water and lime juice. Strain and add sugar to taste. Serve cold.

**Agriculture Vibes Unity – Power of One**

Presentation: John Antonio

**Farming like Nation building is a task for Giants. Small men see it and walk away.**

The last quarter of the planting season is upon us. We have been spared the intense rainfall and extreme flooding. We must be ready for the Global Trade. In an effort to ready ourselves we need to communicate and unite in the effort to overcome our common problem. Trade is buying and selling. We must emphasize our commitment to feed the other nations in the Caribbean. Our advantage is our arable land space and unique climate condition. The small producer can only participate if those in authority take their job seriously as Belizeans. What I have noticed is that those in authority create hate for those who want to help in the way forward. Stop the ignorance. Identifiable problems in the areas are:

1. High cost and economical availability of inputs – fertilizer, insecticide and herbicide 2. Persistence of wild animals to destroy crops e.g. quash, picarry, prey on cassava, yam, corn, oranges, fruits (you name it). How can we survive individually? 3. Attitude of individual producers to progress. 4. Marketing – presentation, packaging and processing.

Your choice of crops to grow are:

- Wangla, cabbage, cilantro, culantro, pumpkins, sweet potatoes and cucumber.
- I would not recommend tomatoes on a large scale because of the white fly infestation and the high level of husbandry necessary for production.

**Harvest** all root crops when the moon is growing old. They will keep better and longer.

**Vegetable seed planted in the barren or wrong signs of the moon produce plants that are deficient in the vital cell.**

Salts are needed for health of the plants. By planting at the proper time you can have bigger yield and profits.

Contact John Antonio at 2108 Papa Mena Street Rivas Estate, Dangriga Town, or at the market in the mornings for more information on Agricultural Production, Agricultural Politics, Resources and Services. We buy and sell information.

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John Gone

**Planting Dates**

**Planting Dates for above the ground:**

- October 29, November 6, 7, 14, 15, 25, 26
- November 4, 5, 8, 10, 11
- Best Days to Destroy Weeds:
  - November 1, 17, 18, 22, 23, 27, 28
- Best Fishing Days: October 29, November 6, 7, 14, 15, 25, 26

**Planting Dates for below the ground:**

- October 29, November 6, 7, 14, 15, 17, 18

**Planting Dates for Flowers:**

- October 29, November 6, 7, 14, 15, 25, 26

**Best Days to wean babies:**

- October 30, 31, November 1, 17, 18, 22, 23, 27, 28

**Best Fishing Days:**

October 29, November 6, 7, 14, 15, 25, 26

**FULL MOON WILL BE ON Nov. 02**
Halloween

by Mary Jane Carr

Witches flying past on broomsticks,
Black cats-leaping here and there,
White-robed spooks on every corner,
Mournful moaning in the air,

Goblins peering out of windows,
Spirit-things that rap and run,
Don't be scared-it's just October,
Having one last hour of fun.

Five Little Pumpkin Sitting On A Gate

by Mary Jane Carr

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate,
The first one said,
"Oh my, it's getting late."
The second one said,
"But we don't care."
The third one said,
"I see witches in the air."
The fourth one said,
"Let's run, and run, and run."
The fifth one said,
"Let's get ready for some fun."

Then whoosh went the wind,
And out went the lights,
And five little pumpkins rolled out of sight!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!