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CAUGHT ON CAMERA ATTEMPTING TO PAWN A STOLEN LAPTOP COMPUTER

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, January 27, 2010:

Over the past several weeks and months laptop computers and jewelry have become the primary objects of choice in reported incidents of burglary within San Ignacio, Santa Elena and surrounding communities.

San Ignacio police this week are claiming a major break through with the apprehension of one person caught on camera in the act of attempting to dispose of a reported stolen laptop

computer at a pawn shop in Benque Viejo Town.

It was shortly after 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010, when **Leopoldo Arguelles**, 28, Belizean bar manager, of #8 9th Street, San Ignacio Town, visited the San Ignacio police station and reported that sometime between the hours of 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20 and 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, someone entered his house through an unlocked

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Wayne Gabb Jr., 23, Belizean labourer
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Benque Viejo Police Makes Another Drug Arrest

BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, January 26, 2010:

Benque Viejo Police is this week reporting yet another drug trafficking arrest in that western municipality.

A team of alert police officers patrolling the town on Monday, January 25, reportedly observed a male person acting suspiciously whilst walking in town. He was detained and when searched, was found in possession of two plastic wrapped parcels containing suspected marijuana.

The detainee was transported to the police station where he was identified as **Jose Hermelindo "Chimis" Ich Ical**, 47, Guatemalan farmer from the neighbouring Barrio El Caoba, Peten, Guatemala. The substance was weighed



Jose Hermelindo "Chimis" Ich Ical, 47, Guatemalan farmer

in his presence amounting to 927.2 grams. He was formally arrested and

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Editorial

Expecting To Get Something From Doing Nothing, Except Begging, Is Not Something That Should Be Propagated

This one might bring some heat to bear, notwithstanding we will proceed.

We fully support the idea of caring and sharing with fellow human beings especially in times of need.

However, when we get that feeling like someone is trying to take us for a ride then it gets somewhat upsetting.

Let's get straight to the point. The seemingly unending and now almost daily presence of the people from the Salvation Army at commercial establishments and at vehicular check points soliciting cash is, in our view, becoming a nuisance to the community.

The local branch of the Salvation Army, it appears, has now taken over the booth abandoned by the police at Red Creek. We were driving behind a passenger bus just this week when it stopped at the check point, imagine our surprise when, being of the impression that it was a police operation, we saw people from the Salvation Army, kettle in hand, exiting the bus. It obviously took quite a while for these people to approach each passenger on the bus. In our view, no fare paying passenger should be subjected to this kind of undue delay. The bus driver should have never subjected those passengers to this treatment.

In fairness to the driver of the bus, he might have likewise been of the view that it was a police operation and by the time the Salvation Army people invaded the bus, it was too late to halt them.

With only one bridge presently in operation as the link between San Ignacio, Santa Elena and beyond, the motoring public, in addition to the inconvenience of having to burn expensive fuel while going nowhere as they await their turn to cross the bridge, coupled with traffic wardens checking for insurance, registration and asking for driver's permit; the kettle,

rammed in our faces, is now becoming a regular feature.

We have always supported the Salvation Army's Annual Christmas Kettle Appeal. However, of late it is becoming anything but annual with the accompanying catch phrase "There is no season for giving". The "Christmas" kettle is now a permanent fixture inside some of the banks in town.

In our humble opinion, the regular expectation to get something from doing nothing except begging, is not the kind of example that we would want to propagate.

Frankly, instead of going out there begging for a hands out, we would really like to see the Salvation Army organizing a little bake sale, a little bar-b-q sale, a little fair, a little anything which would show that they are working for something instead of just expecting to get something from doing nothing.

Yes, the local Rotary Club does the same thing but with far less frequency. The first difference being however is that from time to time we hear of the Rotary Club making meaningful contributions to the police, to the center for senior citizens and to other social organizations.

The Rotary Club was recently collecting funds with the expressed request to assist the earthquake victims in Haiti

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while the Salvation Army was out soliciting cash with no expressed purpose other than to get the money.

Ask yourself these two basic questions:

a) Where does a person in need go for assistance from the Salvation Army in this community? and

b) When was the last time you heard of the Salvation Army making any meaningful contribution in this community?

The element that triggered this writing is the presence of persons with questionable characters soliciting funds on behalf of the Salvation Army.

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 charged for drug trafficking.

The accused appeared before Magistrate **Anna Rachel Montejo** in Benque Viejo magistrate's court on Tuesday, January 26, where he pled guilty to the charge.

He was ordered to forthwith pay a fine of \$1,005, including

cost of court, in default of payment, he would spend one year in jail.

He was unable to come up with the fine and was consequently transported to the central prison in Hattieville until the fine is paid or until the jail term expires, whichever comes first.



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In Support Of The Hon. Wilfred "Sedi" Elrington

By: Wellington C. Ramos



From the time I was a child growing up in Belize it was always the (NIP) National Independence Party that was fighting for Belizean nationalism under the leadership of their highly respectable leader the late **Philip S.W. Goldson**.

For its part, the People's United Party, under the leadership of their leader **George Cadle Price**, was accused by the British Government of selling out Belize to Guatemala *lock, stock and barrel*.

I remember attending several "No Guatemala" demonstrations organized by the NIP with my mother the late **Josephine Sampson** in Dangriga Town.

Over the years the National Independence Party evolved into the United Democratic Party (UDP) but the party's political philosophy remained unchanged.

I remember most of the families that attended those demonstrations in Belize City and the Elrington's were at the heart of these demonstrations.

Recently, our current Foreign Minister, Hon. **Wilfred "Sedi" Elrington** who comes from that family made a remark about Belize's border resulting in some members of the People's United Party asking for him to step down as Foreign Minister.

The argument is over his use of the word "artificial" in reference to Belize's Western border with Guatemala.

I do not know in what context he was using this word but the fact of the matter is that all borders under European Colonization are man made whereby rendering them artificial.

Prior to the Spanish and British coming to Belize and Guatemala, the Mayas owned all

that area known today as Belize and Guatemala. The Mayas roamed from one place to another without worrying about Immigration Officers and Checkpoints. Even up to today, the Mayas are still going in and out of Belize and Guatemala to visit their relatives in these two countries with no respect for law enforcement agencies on either side of the border.

Some members of the People's United Party are saying that the Foreign Minister's statement will strengthen Guatemala's arguments to justify their claim for our territory. I tend to disagree. Belize can argue that prior to the Spanish landing in Central

America, a Maya Civilization existed in Belize with its own unique monarchical system of government separate from the government that administrated the country of Guatemala.

When the Spaniards arrived, they slaughtered the native Indians. They created political upheaval and destroyed the governmental structures of the Mayas.

In his capacity as Belize's Minister of Foreign Affairs, the **Hon. Wilfred Elrington's** job is to defend Belize's sovereignty and territorial integrity. I have known Mr. Elrington for over thirty years. I also know several members of his family and therefore I can say without

hesitation that they are prepared fight and to die if necessary for their beloved country. Therefore, for anybody to imply or suggest that this Minister is disloyal and cannot be trusted in negotiating on our country's behalf that is the furthest thing from the truth.

Prime Minister Dean Barrow has publicly stated that he will neither fire nor seek the resignation of his Foreign Minister. He has my support on that bold stance.

When George Price was suspected of dealing secretly with Guatemala to sell out Belize to them, it was the parents of some of these same PUP's who were saying "Contact Or No Contact Que Viva George Price. George

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PRESS RELEASE

The Belize Bank Limited & British Caribbean Bank International Donates to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Effort in Belize

January 22nd 2010



Today, the Belize Bank Limited and British Caribbean Bank International Limited - subsidiaries of BCB Holdings Limited, made a donation to the Red Cross Haiti Earthquake Relief effort at the Belize Red Cross headquarters on Gabourel Lane, in Belize City.

Marketing Manager, for the Belize Bank Limited, Misty Michael, and Manager for Product Development at British Caribbean Bank International, Alina Gonzalez, presented the cheque for \$22,000 to Director General of the

Belize Red Cross, Lily Bowman. The donation was made to assist the Belize Red Cross with its local fundraising efforts to help Haitians affected by the record 7.0 magnitude that hit the nation on January 12th.

After the news of the devastating earthquake broke, the sister financial institutions immediately began exploring ways in which they could provide assistance. Employees of the Banks were also eager to assist, and of today's donation more than \$4000 came directly from the pockets of staff countrywide.

Both the Belize Bank Limited and British Caribbean Bank International Limited are dedicated to giving back to the communities which they serve, and in times such as these are more than ready and willing to assist in whatever way they can to make a difference. Both institutions hope that this donation will help to provide some of the much needed necessities for the people of Haiti affected by this disaster.

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Understanding The Dispute In Citrus Citrus Growers Association Responds To Banks Holdings Limited

On the Wednesday, January 27, 2010 edition of the Channel 7 News Belizeans may have seen and heard these two gentlemen *“weigh in on the citrus dispute”*.

They represent Banks Holdings, a company out of Barbados that owns 46.5% of Citrus Products of Belize Limited (CPBL).

The Citrus Growers Association (CGA) notes that Banks Holdings has taken the interest to comment on the problems facing the Citrus Industry in Belize. It is unfortunate, however, that in doing so Banks Holdings has chosen to do so not in the interest of its partner, the CGA and the CGA's Investment Company Limited that represent the interest of all Citrus Growers who are its members, but to support CPBL's Chief Executive Officer, **Dr. Henry Canton**.

From the CGA's perspective it is apparent that Banks Holdings does not fully appreciate the gravity of the situation facing all parties.

In an effort to bring the point across in a real and practical way the CGA on behalf of all its members hereby poses the following questions to these gentlemen in an effort for Banks Holdings to get a better appreciation of the position of all the Growers who are members of the CGA and in effect their business partners:

FIRST QUESTION

Sir Allan, as Chairman of Banks Holdings Limited, what would you do if **Mr. Richard Cozier** as CEO of Banks Holdings sued Banks Holdings Limited?

Would you instruct Banks Holdings' attorney to not defend Banks Holdings and have Mr. Cozier's attorney proceed to take action against Banks Holdings and the rights of its shareholders?

Would Mr. Cozier still be gainfully employed as the CEO of Banks Holdings?

We ask this because, Dr. Henry Canton, the serving CEO of CPBL has taken the following court action against CPBL,

a) **Claim No. 661 of 2009**

The purpose of this legal

action was to place an injunction against CPBL from calling the shareholders meeting requested by the CGA's Investment Company Ltd. so that it could remove and replace three of its appointed directors namely **Mr. Michael Duncker, Dr. Henry Canton and Mr. Frank Redmond**.

In this particular instance, may we remind you Sir Allan, that you and Mr. Cozier along with the other two members of the Banks Holdings representatives on the CPBL Board (**Bob Ramchand & Dan Stoute**) along with Mr. Michael Duncker, Dr. Henry Canton, and Mr. Frank Redmond, acting as the Board of CPBL, instructed CPBL's attorney not to defend CPBL or the rights of its shareholders but

to maintain a *“watching brief”*.
b) **Claim No. 860 of 2009**

SECOND QUESTION

Does Banks Holdings have contracts with its CEO's private companies? If so, do these companies provide the same core services to Banks Holdings that Banks Holdings subsidiaries currently do on their own? If so, does the scenario as explained by Mr. Michael Duncker on Channel 7 News occur?

We ask this because Dr. Henry Canton's private company, Agricultural Development & Services (ADS) has contracts with CPBL to do the following:

a) Provide CPBL groves with young citrus plants. (*He closed*

the nursery owned by CPBL and outsourced this to ADS)

b) Provide maintenance service for the CPBL vehicles (*which CPBL's garage provided for many years*)

c) Provide grove management services (*which CPBL grove management services provided for years*).

Back to the scenario we referred to in question #2, Mr. Duncker explained and we quote, *“At the last board meeting that we had, we had a very good look at all the contracts that ADS has with the company. The company itself manages certain groves and ADS manages some and it was found that the production from the ADS managed groves was better than the company managed groves and also the cost was less from the ADS managed groves than the*

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company managed groves. So what was done that we switched the groves around to try to bring up the other groves to the ADS ones”

Does this mean that as CEO of CPBL, Dr. Canton is unable to put the structure and people in place to achieve the same level of results as he does with ADS?

Does this mean that the hard working and competent professionals at CPBL who manage groves are managing the worst groves as compared to the groves ADS is managing? Or, does this mean that in his private capacity outside his contract as CEO of CPBL, Dr. Henry Canton is somehow able to provide better services to CPBL?

Isn't this a terrible indictment against Dr. Henry Canton? Whatever the case may be shouldn't a company with some 10,000 acres of groves have as a core competency, grove management expertise?

THIRD QUESTION

As Chairman of Banks Holdings, what would you do if your CEO, Mr. Cozier, started a private company that has as one of its objects, to acquire, own and operate a beer processing plant? (*Note to readers – Banks Holdings manufactures beer*). Furthermore, what would be your reaction if along with starting this new company your CEO would also have one of his partners in that new venture in the media speaking on behalf of Banks Holdings and taking that opportunity to promote this new competing venture?

We ask this because Dr. Henry Canton is a founder of a new private company set up purportedly to represent Citrus Growers who choose to become part of that venture. Objective five of that company's articles of association reads as follows, *“acquire own and operate citrus processing plant”*. Furthermore on at least two occasions in the Belizean media one **Mr. Ernest Raymond** was present discussing CPBL related issues seemingly on behalf of CPBL. This is curious noting that Mr. Raymond has no official ties to CPBL but is a co-founder along with Dr. Canton and Mr. Michael

Duncker of this new private entity established purportedly to represent Growers. As a matter of fact that new entity is actually registered to Mr. Raymond's address.

As Chairman, Sir Allen, would you do like Mr. Duncker to join the CEO in being a part of a venture that has visions of directly competing or owning the company you represent?

Now let us remind you that you, Mr. Cozier, Mr. Ramchand, Mr. Stoute, Mr. Duncker, Mr. Redmond and Dr. Canton, acting as the Board of CPBL, did decide for the farms owned by CPBL to resign their membership from the CGA following Dr. Canton's sinister plan to close down the CGA. Furthermore, even when very high ranking Government of Belize officials, as part of a mediation process recommended that this action be reversed, you and the gentlemen mentioned directly above, did not reverse the decision fully. Instead you decided to have the subsidiaries pay membership fees to CGA but not rejoin. Is this to leave the door open to have these subsidiaries join the private company established by Dr. Canton, Mr. Michael Duncker and Mr. Ernest Raymond to represent growers?

As to the matter of fiduciary responsibility, Sir Allan with your learned corporate experience, would you see the following as an example of fiduciary responsibility? What would be your reaction be if your CEO led Banks Holdings into a situation like this (below)?

v Dr. Henry Canton, as the chief proponent of the Investment Agreement and a former Director of the Belize Citrus Growers Association Investment Company Limited (*ICL*) (*the company owned by CGA that owns the shares in CPBL*), at the time of the Investment Agreement, concocted a transaction that saw ICL sell off 46.5% interest in CPBL and get only 4 million dollars in return while owing some 12 million dollars for purchasing CPBL?

Incidentally, Mr. Raymond was the Chairman of the Investment Company at that time as well.

Mr. Cozier you questioned what was done by Mr. Denzil Jenkins

and his group with the dividends that were received by the CGA?

Well firstly, Mr. Jenkins is a member of the Board of CGA and the Chairman of the Board of CGA's Investment Company Ltd. Contrary to your insinuation; none of these Boards is a *“Denzil Jenkins Group”* or anyone's group for that matter. The members are qualified, experienced and hard working professionals who are looking out for the best interest of the Citrus Growers they represent and the profitable sustained development of CPBL to be enjoyed by all shareholders.

In regards to how CGA used the dividends received, note the CGA does not question how Banks Holdings uses its dividend income. However, CGA refers you to Mr. Frank Redmond who was the Chairman of CGA and who went to great lengths to ensure that CGA only met the minimum required obligations on its loans and then paid out all the remaining funds. You should also know that most of this money went right back to CPBL as it produces the most fruit and the monies were paid pro-rata on fruit delivered to the factory. We remind you that this is the same Mr. Frank Redmond who collaborates with Banks Holdings' representatives on the CPBL Board.

For the record, during the seven month tenure of the current CGA Board, no dividends have been declared by CPBL. Furthermore, Mr. Jenkins' comment was that no dividends were paid for the last two financial years even though the retained earnings position of CPBL allows for dividends to be paid.

He further stated that he understood that the company plans not to pay dividends through 2013 as a deliberate strategy to strangle CGA and its

Investment Company Limited.

It was questioned why CGA/ICL refuses to increase the Board to 10 directors giving Dr. Canton a seat?

It is bad enough that even with five out of the nine directors we can't make a decision, why would ICL want to have a five-on-five scenario?

Furthermore, in the case of Dr. Henry Canton and his actions against CPBL and the majority shareholder, he has outlived his welcome as CEO of CPBL! Why hasn't Banks Holdings used one of its four seats to ensure Dr. Canton has a seat on the Board?

Sir Allan and Mr. Cozier, what does the following mean?

Clause of the Investment Agreement 9(1) reads, *“The board of directors of the Company shall consist of no more than nine (9) persons of which five (5) shall be nominated by the Majority Shareholder and four (4) by the Investor and each party shall have the absolute right to remove and replace any of their respective directors at any time.”*

For the members of the CGA and its Investment Company it means that ICL has absolute right to appoint and remove its directors at any time. Why did Banks Holdings continue to obstruct ICL from changing its directors? The CGA and the Investment Company are confident that the Court will rule it its favour on regarding this matter.

CGA's Position

Dr. Henry Canton was given an opportunity to serve in the best interest of the Growers. The way he crafted and manipulated the Investment Agreement has resulted in the Growers losing control of their company. He has also demonstrated that his

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Why We Built The Bomb; Why We Dropped The Bomb

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The world changed irretrievably on July 16, 1945, when, in a New Mexico desert near Alamogordo, the first atomic bomb was tested.

On August 6, Little Boy, a gun-type uranium bomb, was dropped on Hiroshima, and on August 9, Fat Man, an implosion-type plutonium bomb, on Nagasaki. Japan surrendered six

days later, and World War Two ended, officially, on September 2, 1945. Germany had previously surrendered.

To understand these dreadful series of events, we need to pose two important questions:

- 1) why did we, the USA, build the bomb, and
- 2) more importantly, why did we feel we had to drop the bomb.

I will give what I consider to be the short answers, and then proceed to develop each, more

fully. Keep in mind these are my views, and they do not represent any official standing of the US government.

We built the bomb because we thought Germany had the potential to do so with its many brilliant scientists, and would have no qualms to use it on Great Britain, and later, on the USA.

We dropped the bomb because we felt this would save, conservatively, tens of thousands of American lives by not having to invade and capture the island of Japan.

Now to proceed on why we built the bomb. For this, we need to go back to the end of WW1, and to the Treaty of Versailles which imposed near unbearable conditions upon the German people, especially the one that made them accept full blame for the start of WW1, and for the loss of millions of lives. These impositions created great anger and resentment among the German people, and made it easy

for a charismatic and eloquent **Adolph Hitler** to become absolute leader (Fuehrer).

He had shown in his earlier writings (*My Struggle*), his views on the need for a pure Germanic race which would need more land for expansion, and a great distrust for Jews and Bolsheviks. So he rearmed, rebuilt his economy, retook his lost lands, gave pride back to the German people, and took part of Czechoslovakia. He proceeded to take Poland in spite of an agreement with Chamberlain, and then found himself at war with England and France on September 1, 1939. In six weeks he captured most of Europe with England being the only survivor.

A Couple important events took place in Germany outside of the build up of the war machine in the 1930s. First of all, Germany led the world in Nobel Prize scientists in the first

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JOSE GONZALEZ** is applying for the renewal of his **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **HAPPY IGUANA** located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **GEORGE RECINOS** is applying for the renewal of his **CONVENIENT STORE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **COST LESS MART** located on Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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Price All the Way". They even lifted him up on their shoulders and paraded him through the principal streets of Belize City.

My advice is for **Eamon Courtney, John Briceno, Mark Espat** and these young PUP newcomers go study Belize's political history or speak with older Belizeans who lived during those days of Guatemalan contact with Belizeans.

It is nice to make fancy speeches but those making these speeches should ensure that their speeches bear some semblance of truth and substance because we are listening and some of us are recording them.

I am writing this article to publicly inform that I stand behind the Prime Minister's decision to retain the Hon. Wilfred Elrington as Belize's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chief Diplomat.

The People's United Party have suffered the worst defeat in its political history in two of the most recent elections, being the 2008 general elections and the 2009 municipal elections. Now we see them mischievously seeking attention.

I strongly urge the leadership of the PUP to concentrate on reuniting their badly fractured party in the hope of offering at

least some semblance of challenge in the next round of national elections.

The PUP can discuss the present and the future as much as they want but they cannot run from the harsh reality of the dismal record they left in the wake of those ten years of the **Said Musa/Ralph Fonseca** regime. This is a reality that Belizeans will never soon forget.

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Government Is Serious About Poverty Alleviation

BELIZE CITY, Wednesday, January 27, 2010:

The Ministry of Economic Development, Commerce and Industry, and Consumer Protection, hosted a National Consultation Workshop at the Radisson Fort George in Belize City on Tuesday, January 26, to brief stakeholders on the findings of the draft Country Poverty Assessment Report 2009.

The Draft Report has been prepared with financial assistance from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the process was overseen by the National Human Development Advisory Committee (NHDAC) which is a multi-sectoral body mandated to provide informed advice to the Government of Belize and the general public on socioeconomic policy development, with special emphasis on sustainable human development and the elimination of poverty.

The Draft CPA report assesses the current conditions contributing to poverty, and identifies policies, strategies, action programmes and projects that can reduce the extent and severity of poverty in Belize.

Once the report is finalized, it will be used by the Government of Belize and development organisations to enhance social development and improve overall quality of life for all social groups.

The process to prepare the CPA Report has been highly participatory and inclusive. Halcrow Ltd., the consultants who were hired to do the report, worked closely with a National Assessment Team that was comprised of members from

Why We Built The Bomb; Why We Dropped The Bomb

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where the first bomb was exploded. Germany surrendered on May 8, 1945, and the US had only Japan to worry about who was fighting fiercely in the South Pacific, and was not about to surrender. Truman had taken over from Roosevelt who had died of a stroke in April. At Potsdam in July, meeting with Churchill and Stalin, Truman sent an ultimatum to Japan, "**unconditional surrender**". Japan wanted to protect Emperor Hirohito who was a "**god on earth**" to them; so they refused. And so, on that fateful morning on August 6, Paul Tibbets set out from Tinian Island in the Enola Gay (B-29 plane) and dropped the bomb that changed history forever. Many reasons have been given for the dropping of the bomb besides saving of American lives (**and, ironically, Japanese lives**): revenge for the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, show Russia we had a terrible weapon (**they already knew from spies**), display the effects of our \$2B gadget on a protected city (**no previous bombing**) for full impact, break Japan's will to continue and to surrender to us instead of the Russians. Were there other voices against the bomb in the US? Yes, there were, even among some scientists from Los Alamos, and certain military and political men, but they were overruled by a thought that Truman could have been impeached if more Americans died, (**400,000 had already died**) and we had a mechanism to save them. We must remember Japan fought to the death, literally, in places like Midway, Guadalcanal, Saipan, and the last two bloodiest, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, where tens of thousand of Americans died. They not only remembered this, but Pearl Harbor, where 1,177 soldiers met an entombed watery death in

three decades. They ushered in Quantum Physics (Planck), Relativity (Einstein), the Uncertainty Principle (Heisenberg). When they were refused Chilean nitrate fertilizer in WW1, they manufactured ammonia (Haber Process); when they were refused oil in WW2, they made oil from coal (Fisher-Tropsch Process). But most importantly, two German scientists, Hahn and Strassmann, discovered fission, which led to the atomic bomb. Lise Meitner, an Austrian-born Jew working with them, related to them the fact that they had split the uranium atom by hitting it with neutrons, which caused a chain reaction. The implication was that huge amounts of energy could be got according to Einstein's famous equation since matter was lost which was then converted into energy. This fact, however, was not lost upon other European non-Germans, like Leo Szilard and Niels Bohr, who took the message to England and the US, and finally to Roosevelt through Einstein, who had migrated to the USA, along with many other Jewish scientists.

Thus started the Manhattan Project in various sites across the USA under General Leslie Groves and Prof J. Robert Oppenheimer in an attempt to beat Germany to the bomb. Ironically, this project hired many of the same Europeans fleeing German and Italian tyranny (Bethe, Teller, Fermi). Roosevelt gave permission to increase funding on December 6, 1941, and Japan attacked Pearl Harbor the following day. The US spent \$2 billion then, employed tens of thousands, and manufactured in about two to three years both types of bomb, uranium-235 in Oak Ridge, TN, and plutonium-239 in Hanford, WA. Their headquarters and brain trust was in Los Alamos, NM, not far from the Trinity site

government, non-government, civil society and the private sector.

Both teams worked to carry out the three main components of the CPA. being:

(i) the Living Standards Measurement Survey

(ii) a series of Participatory Poverty Assessments (PPAs). and

(iii) an Institutional Analysis (IA).

The results of each component were used to formulate the Program of Action section of the CPA that contains recommendations for policy interventions covering all aspects of poverty reduction.

The workshop had representation from a wide cross section of government, non-government, donor community, and civil society organizations.

the USS Arizona (**over 2,400 died**); they remembered the Death March in the Philippines, and the terrible treatment and gruesome execution of American and Filipino POWs. Previous to that Japan had shown no mercy to Chinese soldiers and civilians before the war, and held over 100,000 Chinese women as sex slaves. The point is that the view in America in 1945 was greatly anti-Japanese. As a matter of fact over 80% of the American populace agreed with the dropping of the bomb right after the war.

Time has tempered that feeling somewhat. We now know how terrible the bomb was, and that it should never be used again.

We know that Japan was defeated and more time could have possibly led to surrender. Possibly! Some wonder whether we had to drop the second bomb. Could we not have let them preserve their emperor which we ultimately did anyway? Did we really have to take the Island of Japan, and probably lead a proud nation into mass suicide?

I guess the moral of the story is that war should be avoided at all costs. After all its entire objective is to kill the other guys with no, or minimum loss on your side. What better way than the use of the atomic bomb. When the Zulus came after the British in Africa, the British had no qualms using their machine guns against their spears.

No such thing as a just war exists when one nation is militarily superior. We fire-bombed over 60 cities in Japan, and killed more than those in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but it was the insidious nature of a one-bomb attack that rocked the world, and left us with a dubious legacy. Hopefully, never again!

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Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20



The coming week, there is excessive focus on material aspects. You will be preoccupied with increasing funds at your disposal and looking at acquiring some gadget or asset. You will be under pressure to organize a function at home. There could be hope for revitalizing an old project. **Lucky Numbers : 07, 44, 83.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21



You are likely to be motivated by two strong reasons for going full steam. One is the comfort and happiness from loved ones and second is the strong desire to get things happen according to you. There could be some dabbling in the stock market. **Lucky Numbers: 03, 41, 96.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21



The coming week is more likely to be a challenge of sorts. You will desire quick completion of your projects but there will be roadblocks waiting for you to lose your calm. Consider all parameters in mind while committing to a partnership. Keep away from anger at any cost. **Lucky Numbers: 02, 35, 61.**

CANCER:

June 22 to July 23



This is one period that will require you to put your emotions in the back seat and work like a real handler with relationships. People could be really difficult around you and it may not be easy to move through the days without getting affected. **Lucky Numbers: 05, 27, 92.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21



There will be some unusual meeting/s this week. You will find it exciting as new people bring new dimensions to your social life. If you have had any new plans for implementation, now is the time for implementing them. There is a big possibility of renewing your bonds with your roots and family. **Lucky Numbers: 09, 14, 54.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21



There could be a number of disturbances to your plans but the outcome will depend on how you decide to deal with situations. Don't get touchy about it. Instead, move on. This will help transform seemingly disadvantageous situations in your favour. Finances will improve and you will widen your focus to diverse areas. **Lucky Numbers: 18, 31, 95.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23



Actions and activities carried out this week will be spurred by a need for change. There are increased chances for romantic meetings and social interactions. Heightened emotions could lead to some volatile situations. Try to deal with matters as calmly as possible, but don't compromise on your ideals. **Lucky Numbers: 04, 28, 76.**

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21



You will feel the need for more funds. Even if you strive now, money is likely to come in slowly. You will have to put in hard work if you desire to make any gains at all. Also, interpersonal relationships will be strained and there could be some sharp exchange of words. **Lucky Numbers: 24, 70, 88.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21



Your networking skills come into play this week. You need to approach resourceful people in order to seek funding for your projects. Avoid confrontation or breaking a law. Health will need to be taken care of and alternative medicine and healing techniques could help. **Lucky Numbers: 49, 68, 72.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20



Money matters will preoccupy your attention. You could be interested in multiplying your gains through trading in stocks. Although, do not undermine the risks. Some changes in personal life occur that set you thinking about serious issues you have been ignoring until now. **Lucky Numbers: 22, 58, 90.**

AQUARIUS: January 21 to February 19



An eventful phase for you where you take some rather exciting decisions. You may also rework your plans about the future and the people you wish to be associated with. Differences arise in close working relationships too, but the damage can be contained by focusing on the long term goals. **Lucky Numbers: 37, 86, 98.**

PISCES: February 20 to March 21



You may have to try extra hard to pay attention to detail, especially when it's related to finance. Write down all details systematically. Laxity or relying upon memory will backfire. You may be tempted to handle some very difficult situations on your own but you will need people to help you. **Lucky Numbers: 08, 33, 78.**



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VARIATION UNDER SECTION 4

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Made this 26 day of January, 2010.

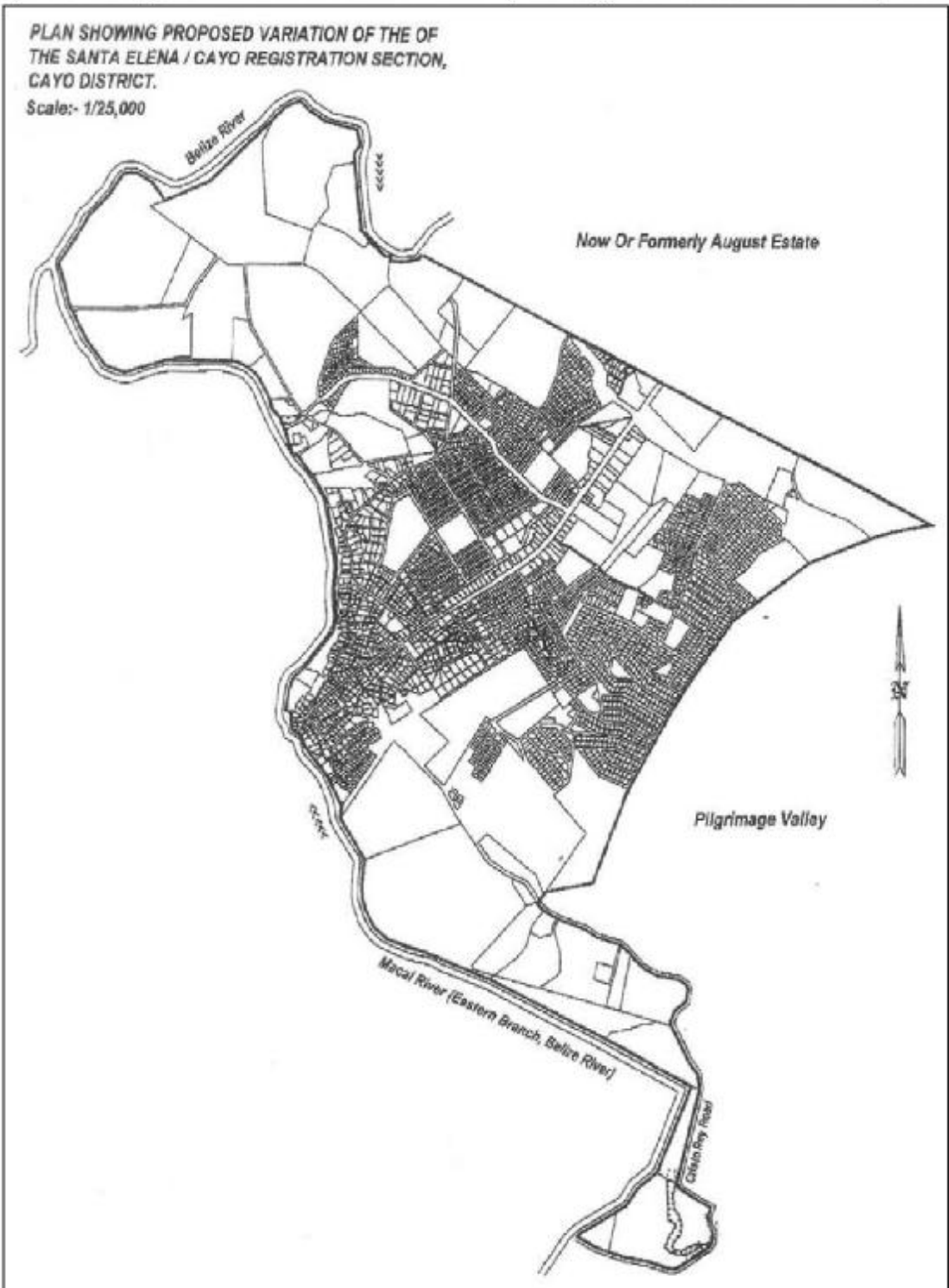

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STAR HUMOR

In the mind of a Politician

NASA was interviewing professionals to be sent to Mars. Only one could go, and he couldn't return to Earth.

The first applicant, an engineer, was asked how much he wanted to be paid for going. **"A million dollars,"** he answered, **"because I want to donate it to M.I.T."**

The next applicant, a doctor, was asked the same question. He asked for two million dollars. **"I want to give a million to my family,"** he explained, **"and**

leave the other million for the advancement of medical research."

The last applicant was a politician. When asked how much money he wanted, he whispered in the interviewer's ear, **"Three million dollars."**

"Why so much more than the others?" the interviewer asked.

The politician replied, **"If you give me \$3 million, I'll give you \$1 million, I'll keep \$1 million, and we'll send the engineer."**

All that glitters is not gold

After shopping for most of the day, a couple returns to find their car was stolen.

They go to the police station and made a full report.

A detective drives them back to the parking lot to see if any evidence can be found at the scene of the crime.

To their amazement, the car has been returned.

There is an envelope on the windshield with a note of apology and two tickets to a music concert.

The note reads, **"I apologize for taking your car, but my wife was having a baby and I had to hot-wire your ignition to rush her to the hospital. We apologize for the inconvenience. Here are two tickets to**

attend tonight's Big Concert at the Bliss Institue in support of the earthquake victims in Haiti."

With their faith in humanity restored, the couple attend the concert and return home late. They find their house has been burglarized. The place ransacked from the attic to the basement. All their cash, jewelry and electronic equipment gone.

Then they find a note on the dining room table.

And the note reads **"Hello again. Hope you enjoyed the concert. At least you still have your car. I have a new born kid and I must now buy milk, pampers and save for the kid's healthcare and education, don't I?"**

Smooth Operator

Bumping into a woman on the sidewalk, the Tom Cruise look-alike apologized, **"Pardon me!"**

"That's quite all right," the woman replied. **"You look just**

like my fourth husband."

"Wow!" he said. **"How many times have you been married?"**

She winked at him and said, **"Three."**

Understanding The Dispute In Citrus

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allegiance is to himself and his apologists. For too long, the best interests of Growers have not been properly represented.

The position that the Growers find themselves in is in large part due to following the leadership and vision of the likes of Dr. Henry Canton, Michael Duncker, Frank Redmond and Ernest Raymond.

Banks Holdings must realize that its partner in this venture is not Dr. Henry Canton - it is the CGA, its Investment Company Limited and citrus growers who they represent. Dr. Canton is not the only talented individual in Belize qualified and capable of leading CPBL. In fact he is not the most talented or qualified. There are many talented individuals in Belize who would put their talents to good use and demonstrate the sort of ethical behaviour that would not create a scenario embroiled in conflicts of interest. These individuals would discharge their functions in the best way possible for the company and its shareholders instead of seeking to divide an industry and in essence hold hostage the members of the CGA, the majority shareholders of CPBL.

Furthermore, Banks Holdings needs to honour Clause 9(1) of the Investment Agreement and respect the absolute right of CGA Investment Company Limited to remove and appoint its five directors on the CPBL Board at any time.

As Banks Holdings largest investment outside Barbados, we advise to not put your fate in the hands of any one man.

In this case, take a step back, reflect on this situation and learn from what has turned out to be a

grave mistake on the part of the members of the CGA who followed the vision of Dr. Henry Canton.

The members of the CGA are fed up with the actions of Dr. Henry Canton, Mr. Michael Duncker and Mr. Frank Redmond, and call on them one last time to respect the rights of the members of the CGA and in so doing remove themselves from the CPBL Board.

Banks Holdings by your vote on August 12, 2009, in essence created this turmoil, and with your recent actions at the December 4, 2010 CPBL Board meeting in Miami, you continue to display a blatant disregard for the rights of the members of the CGA, who are the majority shareholders of the CPBL.

The members of the CGA and their forefathers toiled very hard and developed a vibrant citrus industry and a CGA that achieved the acquisition of the processors in Belize.

After nearly 100 hundred years of work the members will not sit idly by and watch Dr. Canton and Banks Holdings destroy this achievement and take absolute control of CPBL.

Citrus is how they feed their families, educate their children and live their lives. What they are seeing now is their life work being controlled by a foreign entity, their national juice Caribbean Pride has now, locally, become a product of **"Pinehill"** and wonder what next will be taken over by Pinehill of Barbados?

We urge Banks Holdings to look at the big picture and start working with CGA and the Investment Company Limited.

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Social Investment Fund Hosting World Bank Workshops

**BY: Mike Hernandez Jr. J.P.,
Director of Public Relations,
Social Investment Fund
BELMOPAN CITY, Monday,
January 26, 2010:**

The Social Investment Fund (SIF) and its consultants responsible for the execution of the social assessment of the Belize Municipal Development Project

(BMDP), in collaboration with the Ministry of Economic Development, Commerce, Industry and Consumer Protection, is hosting a series of half-day workshops in seven municipalities countrywide.

The series of workshop is the second round of consultations in connection with the social

assessment consultancy of the BMDP. It aims to provide stakeholders with feedback and

offering the opportunity to propose necessary adjustments to the documents prepared during the research phase of the social assessment consultancy.

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Ministry Of Health - Promoting Healthy Living

BELMOPAN CITY, Thursday, January 28, 2010:

The Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, the National Sports Council, the Police and Transport Departments held a WALKATON for principals, teachers, students and guardians of all schools participating in the FRIEND PROGRAM (*Focusing Resources in Education and Nutrition Development*).

The walkaton began at 6:30 on Thursday morning in Corozal Town.

Minister of Health, **Hon. Pablo Marin** and the Chief

Executive Officer in the Ministry of Health, **Dr. Peter Allen** participated in the event which was held to promote and encourage physical activity in support of the FRIEND Programme.

The programme is a skill based approach to health and nutrition education which will focus on the development of knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to make and carry out positive health decisions through nutrition education and physical education.

FRIEND's target group is primary school students. Nine Standard 4 classes in Corozal

Town are participating in the pilot project.

Objectives of the programme include are:

a) To improve knowledge, attitudes and behaviour that are directly related to healthy living. To lay a foundation for lifelong health eating based on acquiring skills and knowledge.

b) To improve nutritional status and reduce the likelihood of children developing chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes and hypertension.

c) To emphasize the importance of physical activity and promote increased physical activity in children which can

lead to lifelong practices and

d) To increase public awareness and encourage health living practices.

The program emphasises that regular physical activity can add many health benefits such as strengthening the heart, improving blood flow, improving mood, boost energy levels, reducing stress and the risk of chronic diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease.

The walkaton took off from the Social Security Office in Corozal Town and ended at the Corozal Civic Centre.

The Ministry of Health takes this opportunity to thank all those who participated and or contributed to making the event a success.

Social Investment Fund Hosting World Bank Workshop

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All suggestions will be incorporated in a final document of the consultancy, which will be presented at a national workshop along with the disclosure of two frameworks prepared under the BMDP. These include:

a) Land acquisition and Resettlement Policy Framework and b) Environmental and Social Management Framework

The series of workshops began in Belmopan, on Wednesday January 27, at the George Price Centre for Peace and Development.

On Thursday, January 28, the workshop moved to San Ignacio Town where approximately 15 persons participate in the session at the San Ignacio Resort Hotel.

From San Ignacio it moves to Benque Viejo Town where the session will be held during the afternoon hours.

The participants in San Ignacio Town included **Mayor John August, Deputy Mayor Bernadette Fernandez** and **Councilors Desol Neal, and Eduardo Cano.**

Other participants included Rev. John Tzib from the Nazarene Church, Luis Pulido from the Octavia Waight Center for Senior Citizens, along with a representative from the Belize Bank, Tour Guide Association and other private citizens including **Martin Galvez Sr., Juan Polanco, Cecilia Flowers, Marcel Bedran** and **Eulogio Cano** among others.

From Benque Viejo Town the workshop moves north, first to Orange Walk Town and later to Corozal Town. The team then heads deep south to Punta Gorda Town.

The nationwide series of workshops ends on Thursday, February 4 with the final stop in Dangriga Town.

The sessions are conducted by **Evan Dakers**, consultant for the Belize Municipal Development Project Social Assessment.

The series of workshops is in preparation for the World Bank financed BMDP, which will be implemented, later this year, by the Social Investment Fund.

On March 17th 2009, The



(L-R) From the Private Sector: Juan Polanco and Martin Galvez Sr.

World Bank's Board of Directors endorsed a new Interim Strategy Note for Belize, which outlines the Bank's assistance over the next two years (*March 2009 to June 2011*), and supports the country's strategy to spur economic growth and reduce poverty.

The program will provide analytical and advisory services to assist the Government in the design and implementation of current policy initiatives. It will also provide modest investment lending.

As part of the BMDP project, the World Bank will make available up to 30 million Belize dollars, geared towards improving service delivery in the targeted municipalities on the following three key pillars of the Government's development strategy:

a) Reduce vulnerabilities and support sustainable livelihoods;
b) Strengthen governance and accountability; and
c) Address critical infrastructure needs to support economic development.

The World Bank last prepared a Country Assistance Strategy

(CAS) for Belize in 2000. In the wake of the February 2008 elections, **Prime Minister Dean Barrow**, specifically requested that the World Bank re-engage with the country as part of its efforts to mobilize low-cost multilateral financing and avoid costly commercial borrowing.

Further information on the project can be obtained by contacting the Project Consultant **Mr. Evan Dakers**, at telephone 622-4365 or **Mike Hernandez Jr. J.P.**, Director, Public Relations, Social Investment Fund, Tel: 822-0239/0508; Fax 822-0279 or via email at mike.hernandez@sifbelize.org



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It's High Time For New Leadership In The National Garifuna Council

By: Wellington C. Ramos



I grew up beside Logan Field on the north side of Dangriga Town.

In those days there were two vibrant Garifuna Associations working on behalf of our people namely; the CAC and the CDS. Their home base were located about two blocks away from my house.

These two associations used their buildings as gathering places for the Garinagu people to assemble and seek assistance for the problems confronting them.

Hurricane Hattie destroyed these two buildings and **Mr. Bill Flores** opened up a grocery store downstairs of CDS. While, **Mr. Matthew Miguel** did likewise downstairs of the CAC building.

Mr. Flores remained at that location until he departed for the United States of America.

Mr. Matthew Miguel remained at his site until he passed away.

Many years later, the National Garifuna Council (NGC) acquired title to the CDS property and built a small headquarters on the land and named it the Pablo Lambey building.

In 2005 I lived in Dangriga for six months and I observed that this building was dormant and remained closed everyday like a ghost house with nothing happening inside.

One day when I was passing the building, I was informed that a group of Garifuna women were inside the building making sandwiches to take on a PUP trip

to the Cayo District.

This was during the time when the People's United Party and the United Democratic Party were gearing up for the March 2006 Municipal Elections.

I was very angry to discover that, as a proud Garifuna, the association that was supposed to represent us was actually engaged in partisan political activities on behalf of one political party for the benefit and self interest of a few individuals in the association.

When I brought this to the attention of my relatives and friends in Dangriga, they told me that the National Garifuna Council was infested with many supporters of the People's United Party.

They said the infestation was so bad that it was hard to tell the differences between PUP and the National Garifuna Council (NGC).

Our Garifuna elders have always warned us about using our associations to engage in partisan politics, for fear of the negative backlash it would bring to our people and the divisions it would create in our families. It is my understanding that this situation remains the same up to this day.

On November 25, 2009, a letter to the Editor, titled "**Stop Using The National Garifuna**", was published in the Amandala. The letter was written by a highly respectable Garifuna Political Activist and Politician by the name of **Luke Palacio** voicing his concerns over the activities of the National Garifuna Council.

I have known Mr. Luke Palacio from childhood and he is a person who will speak out against all forms of injustice he sees.

There are many Garinagu people who are afraid of the National Garifuna Council because whenever the Council is criticized they go after the individuals who criticizes them. Yet it is only through constructive criticisms that we can better our associations to serve our people.

I agree with the idea of having a National Garifuna Council but I am in complete disagreement with the strategies and methods

used by most of the individuals running this association over the years as they have not accomplished anything of major significance for the Garifuna people.

I think the National Garifuna Council would do better as an Advocacy association with on-going proactively funded programs to provide for the social, political, cultural and economic development of our people and especially our disadvantaged and displaced youth.

When we look at the current living conditions of the Garinagu it is worst than when most of us were growing up in our respective communities in the Stann Creek and Toledo Districts. In those days we had our own family lot, house, farm land and other visible means of subsistence.

In those days the Garinagu were respected and looked up to for their self-reliance and resilience.

Today in Belize there is a major difference between then and now. If we allow these conditions to go on under the stewardship of this current National Garifuna Council, future generations will lose respect for us and question our sense of existence and purpose during our time on earth.

The Association is not bad, it is the people who are running it. They need to step aside and do something else because they are currently not doing much to take our people and culture back to the glory days of self-sufficiency and independence.

Leadership is about having visions and accomplishing your dreams to benefit your people and your culture.

The longer we wait and do nothing, the more our people and youth will suffer and continue to hope and live with false promises and dreams.

Our ancestors must be turning in their graves to see us wasting all of their accomplishments.

We need many more Garinagu like Mr. Luke Palacio to see the urgency of this issue and join the call for an immediate meeting of the National Garifuna Council to address these issues now, before it is too late.

CAUGHT ON CAMERA ATTEMPTING TO PAWN A STOLEN LAPTOP COMPUTER

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door and made off with his black Gateway laptop computer bearing serial number N1976K1000952 along with accessories valued at \$2, 500 Belize dollars.

Police visited the scene and reportedly observed no sign of forced entry.

In the process of the investigation, police received information of an individual entering a pawn shop in Benque Viejo town at about 1:30 p.m. also on Thursday, January 21, attempting to pawn the laptop computer and accessories.

Police visited the pawn shop where they were facilitated with a copy of the video on CD. The individual was instantly identified as **Wayne Gabb**.

Gabb was detained by the officers on the night shift on Monday, January 25 and on Tuesday morning he was given a front row seat to view the CD after which he took the police to the High Speed Internet Shop on Far West Street in San Ignacio Town where the computer was retrieved.

While police were unable to come up with any evidence implicating the accused in the actual burglary of Arguelles' house, armed with the video evidence, they proceeded to formally arrest and charge him for the crime of handling stolen goods.

The accused, Wayne Gabb Jr., 23, Belizean labourer of a 6th Street Address in San Ignacio Town, appeared in court on Wednesday, January 27 and when the charge was read to him by **Magistrate Anna Rachael Montejo** he instantly plead guilty to the charge. However, the he expressed disagreement with the facts of the case as presented by the prosecution. Magistrate Montejo consequently entered a not guilty plea and offered the accused bail in the sum of \$5,000. The case was adjourned until Monday, April 19, 2010.

The accused was unable to meet bail and was subsequently transported to the Hattieville Prison where he is awaiting either bail or the April 19 date for reappearance in court.

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