

NEWS IN BRIEF

Robbed again

Archie Henderson was robbed in La Ceiba for the second time. Archie was crossing Serraping Bridge on his motorbike when the driver of a white truck drove across the road to block him. Two armed men jumped out of the back of the truck and told him to "pass the bag". Archie passed them the bag and the bandits took off.

Archie did not get hurt in the incident and all the robbers got was a bag full of paperwork, none of which were too important. Rosalita said, "No more Ceiba, we'll use the phone!"

Robbery in La Ceiba

Gerard, who runs Munchies with his wife, was eating at a restaurant in La Ceiba near the center on Tuesday the 7th at about 6.30pm. Two local males walked in and ordered a Coke and suddenly the two guys started yelling, pulled their guns and told everybody to get on the floor. Gerard moved towards the stairs and was told at gunpoint to get down.

They robbed about 3 people in the restaurant, all of them Latinos. Two taxi drivers were stripped of all their valuables plus their cell phones. During the robbery someone managed to phone the police but they failed to show up until 20 minutes after the robbers had left.

Wounded man taken to Ceiba

Jose Portillo was found outside Thompson bakery unconscious. "It looked like he had just fallen down and he strongly smelled of alcohol," said Dan Sweeney. Two tourist girls took the guy to the clinic. Jose was having seizures, he was vomiting blood and he had cuts and bruises on his forehead. He was stabilized at the clinic but he didn't regain consciousness. Dr. John took him to La Ceiba. Portillo's friends say that the victim woke up the following morning and walked out of the hospital. He claimed he was beaten up but Dr. John reckons it was alcohol related.



Car hits baleada stand

Larry aka Ruggie, LLM, Tumpie aka Grinche and Moises were talking when they suddenly heard a very loud noise. As they turned around they noticed one of Utila's delivery trucks coming straight at them, fast. Moises was standing behind a tree and didn't see the truck coming. Tumpie and Ruggie jumped out of the way. "I barely has time to step back and the car missed me by four inches and crashed through the Monkey Tail Inn sign, pulling it out of the ground," said Moises. It tore down Dona Hilda's Baleadas stand and finally came to a stop against a cement base. Fortunately, nobody got hurt.

Leg injury at BGA bank

Nathan Chambers, 27, from Australia pushed the BGA door to get out and stepped forward. Instead of opening, as you have to pull it instead of push, he hit the door with his leg. He didn't hit it hard but the glass in the door broke and sliced him instantly. "Everyone in the bank stared at me." Eventually the guard made him sit down. A lady in the bank suggested he go to the doctor and have his leg looked at.

He decided to go home and wash the wound. The cut didn't look too bad but it did hurt so he went to Dr. John. He cleaned it again and realized that a tendon had been severed. Nathan was sent to La Ceiba where he underwent general anesthetic and spent 1 night in the hospital. He is back on Utila now waiting to get his cast off in about 1 month.



Robbed on airport road

On Sunday the 29th of January Oscar Gabourel went to the airport with his wife Peggy to give her driving lessons. When they got to "the terminal" a Carib guy was waving at them to stop and they did. He asked them directions to Pumpkin Hill. They started explaining it to him and before they could finish the guy grabbed Peggy's purse and took off on his bike.

Back in town they reported the incident to the Policia Preventiva. The police went to the airport but couldn't find him. In the evening they brought in a guy and Mr. Gabourel identified him as the thief. He had taken all the cash out of the purse. "The guy was put on the boat the next day and told not to come back," said Mr. Gabourel. "We did get our I.D. back and thankfully nobody got hurt."

Bees removed

A swarm of appr. 10,000 bees were successfully removed from Rose's Supermarket last week. See next months paper for the full story.

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Dias después, El director de la salud de las Islas Bahías, Dra. Martha Medina, el presidente de sindicato Jorge Trochez y otros empleados que trabajan en el sector de salud en Roatan llegaron a Utila para organizar reunión y negociaciones.

Un cabildo abierto fue organizado en el centro del pueblo y los presentes votaron a favor del cambio de la junta directiva con la excepción de Lance Bodden quien recibió el apoyo de la comunidad y fue elegido de nuevo como presidente de la junta directiva.

Debido a la falta de madurez y profesionalismo, la reunión fue terminado abruptamente cuando Jorge Trochez, líder de la unión, tuvo una rabieta y bajo del la plataforma en una condición diferente. Algunas personas le siguieron mientras que la mayoría del público felicito a la nueva junta directiva.

Todavía hay algunas temas que no son resueltos con respeto al salud publico y en este momento el centro esta funcionando a base de un periodo de prueba de dos meses. Después de este periodo se tomaran mas decisiones, Hasta entonces el Centro de Salud continuara a servir la comunidad como ha hecho en los últimos anos.

Funky Town Library re-opens in different location

Funky Town Library is open again at Cross Creek in Dave's restaurant. Opening hours are 11.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. but not during restaurant hours! The library will be closed on Wednesdays and Sundays. Check out the selection of quality books. Good selection of German books available.

Locals and longterm stays pay a reduced fee on rental prices. If you like to receive a full list of books in electronic form, please sent an email to catch_nicole@hotmail.com.

Coming soon: Children's reading time

A weekly hour of reading to stimulate your child's creativity and interest in books, starting on March 10th, 3:00 p.m. A reading session is followed by a painting session to reflect on the written material. For children aged 5 to 10. Smaller children must be attended by a parent. Maximum of 5 children. 40 Lempiras each. We start with "The little Prince". For more information please drop by Dave's restaurant in Cross Creek.

Another accident

John Humenson (Doc Rail) and Kurt Whitefield were involved in an accident. Due to this Kurt received pretty serious wounds to his leg and had to be taken to La Ceiba by Celine. He is recovering well as is Doc's golfcart which was also injured. Doc Rail was the only one get out of the accident unhurt.

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