



WATER GRANT APPROVED

The beginning phase of a proposed water project has been approved by the European Union.

This proposal has been made due to constant water problems that have been experienced by villagers. There will be a demand for more water because of the growing population, the school feeding project which would need lot of grown vegetables and each household is looking forward to growing a garden.

A village meeting was held with Mr. Martin Carto of Farfan and Mendes to discuss further technical

matters concerning the project.

At the meeting issues such as the cost of various things for the project, cost of the maintenance and methods of continuing maintenance were discussed.

It is required that the village contribute 25% of the value of the project. This is done by means of labor, providing local materials and building water trestles.

For this purpose Mr. Carto and biology professor Evan Chi-pouras, a researcher visiting Caiman House mapped the locations of all the water access points, the existing gardens and the houses that will access



water. This map will help Yupukari execute the water plan.

The next phase of the project will be to submit a more detailed proposal.

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NEW AT THE HEALTH CLINIC -getting visitor support

Yupukari Health Clinic is a center that helps with common medical problems.

For the past few months the clinic has and will still be getting help from visitors staying at Caiman house. Some of the visitors that have helped the clinic are Belinda Lock, a nurse from Australia, Sienna Williams a microbiology student from Canada and more recently Mr. Ramgobin Khemraj a Guyanese medical technologist living in the United States

Mr. Khemraj's visit here included some assessments of healthcare.

John Roberts, the local microscopist, and Sylvester Holden, the community health worker, reported that during his stay

Mr. Khemraj had discussions with the health workers and with local women and found out about the need for potential upgrading of health in the village.

When asked how they felt about when the volunteers they said "We are very much pleased about the moral support of Mr. Khemraj and the previous supporters, more help such as these would mean more upgrading for us and the clinic."

Some of the issues that Khemraj inquired about were malaria, teen pregnancy, family planning, maternity, sanitation and upgrading of furniture, cabinets and medical equipment of the clinic.

Before his departure,

Mr. Khemraj has promised to support the clinic with a high tech microscope that can be used at night and in cloudy weather. An instrument that determines the exact time of a childbirth was also on the list to be donated.

Recently the village council announced that the cutting of lumber for the clinic furniture is underway.

Sylvester with Mr. Khemraj's advice will be taking a survey on water sanitation and pit latrine uses. Other future steps include holding teen pregnancy prevention classes in the school.

People not properly taking their malaria medication

is a big worrying matter for John Roberts who works in the MCP department. He indicated that persons tend to stop taking treatment as soon as they are feeling a little better or drink alcohol while on treatment. That, he said, is why people get relapse of malaria.

Holden and Roberts also complained of an unsanitary situation where they said pigs were digging and splashing muddy water on the clinic and they ask that the owners take responsibility in looking after their animals properly.

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RUPUNUNI EXPO - December, 02nd-03rd



The annual Rupununi Expo held at the Triple R Rodeo site on December 02nd and 03rd started off with a very unwelcoming atmosphere. The late turning out of other participating villages and the expo officials to the site clearly showed how poorly the event was prepared and organized.

Some of the most interesting exhibits to be seen at

the Expo were the Guyana Bank for Trade Industry [GBTI], the first bank to be introduced in the region, Red Cross and USAID who were doing HIV/AIDS testing and showing videos on HIV/AIDS, Guyana Geology and Mines Commission [GGMC] and the Yupukari Crafters.

Addressing the crowd at the opening ceremony were Ministers of Tour-

ism Mr. Manniram Prashad, Robert Montgomery, the Agriculture Minister and Carolyn Rodrigues of the Amerindian ministry who made speeches about past and future developments in the region.

"I'm proud of the work shown from the Yupukari Crafters, it has progress over last year." said Alice Taylor when asked how she felt about the Expo.



READING RODEO FOR CHILDREN

A Reading Rodeo will be held for the children on December 08th. There will be a lot of enjoyable activities with fantastic prizes.

The activities that are in store are bookmaking, sewing alphabet toys, story telling, book lending, bookshelf making, drama, reading aloud and art projects about health.

Some of the prizes for successful participants are a free cake, a laminated family photo, a night out with the caiman catchers and a certificate for a free movie night with your family.

The Reading Rodeo is introduced to have children focus on reading and creating a reading environment. It also came

about as a result of the unsatisfactory result of the children in the national exams. The teachers and the librarians will be facilitating, but there are still vacancies for volunteers.

Everybody is invited to attend and be part of the reading rodeo.

For further information please contact Miss Cindy Lawrence.

Youth Corner

Continuation of "The Snake Who Wanted to Fly" by Ishea Jordon

From the last edition .

We will both carry you, that is what we will do.'

So the two birds went nearby to the desert and brought back a dried up. This stick was about six feet long, but very short and strong. Each bird took an end of the stick in their mouth and told the snake to follow them up a small hill When all three

were at the top of the little hill, the older bird said. 'Take a hold here in the middle of the stick, Brother snake with your mouth and we will take you.' The snake did as he was told, and the birds shook out their wings. 'Here we go, we're taking off.' they shouted. 'Be careful.'

And with that the two birds went running down the hill, flapping their

Wings and shouting to one another.

The snake dragged most of himself on the ground behind while he held on for dear life to middle of the stick with his mouth. As they neared the bottom of the hill, the two birds were at top running Speed. With a strong beat of their wings they rose together into the air, the birds, stick, snake, and were flying, flying higher and higher into the. The three had not gone far when ..[To be continued]