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## Editorial



### Fonseca Gives A Glimpse Of What A PUP Government Would Have Been Like Today

The debate on the Appropriation Bill 2009 - 2010, (*aka the Budget Debate*) normally produces an exciting exchange in the House of Representatives.

This year's debate was slated for two days but as it drew near to a close on the first day, it became apparent that only one day would suffice.

Of the six opposition PUP representatives, five of them showed up but only three of them actually participated in the debate. Former Prime Minister and member of Fort George, **Said Musa** was conspicuously absent.

A reporter on one of the evening's TV newscasts informed that the day (*March 19*) is his birthday.

The reporter expressed the opinion that he might not have wanted to subject himself on his birthday to the usual heckling his mere presence attracts in the House of Representatives and so he might have decided it best not to even show up.

Leader of the opposition **John Briceño** was the first of opposition members to speak. Corozal South's PUP Area Representative, **Florencio Marin Jr.** spoke with his head buried in the paper from which he was reading and did not really say much. Albert and Lake Independence Area Representatives, **Mark Espat**

and **Cordel Hyde** respectively both showed up for the debate and remained in their seats just long enough to listen to their Party Leader's presentation after which they resigned themselves to the members' room in the back portion of the House where they remained until around mid-day before altogether leaving.

Espat and Hyde's probable intention was to return and make their presentation on the second day of the debate but this was not to be as the debate was wound up in a day.

The short comment for the purpose of this editorial is the contribution to the debate presented by PUP Freetown Area Representative **Francis Fonseca**.

In his presentation Fonseca chastised the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for bucking heads with the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) over the electricity company's desire to increase electricity rates.

Fonseca's words revived an instant sense of accomplishment and appreciation in the minds of that majority of voters who went to the polls in the last general elections as well as the recent municipal elections and voted overwhelmingly for the United Democratic Party.

The vast majority of Belizeans are excited and satisfied in the fact that at long last the nation has a PUC that is truly looking after their interest, a Commission much unlike the ineffective one of the Musa/Fonseca era.

In his remarks, Fonseca gave Belizeans a frightening glimpse of how things would have been under a PUP government as it pertains to the PUC protecting the interest of the Belizean people.

Many are the Belizean Voters who are truly happy that they contributed in booting the PUP out of office on February 7, 2008.



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# National Agriculture & Trade Show 2009 This Year's Farmers Of The Year Selected

**BELMOPAN CITY,  
Thursday, March 19, 2009:**

This year's National Agriculture and Trade Show will be held from May 1 to May 3 at the traditional showgrounds in Roaring Creek Village.

While the official ceremony is traditionally held during the evening hours on the first day, the organizing committee informs that this year's opening ceremony will instead be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 2 due to the May 1, Labor Day holiday.

The National Agriculture and Trade Show Committee likewise announces the various Farmers of the Year for 2009 as follows:

## **SENIOR FARMER OF THE YEAR OSCAR FIGUEROA**

Mr. Figueroa hails from the village of La Gracia in the Cayo District.

He farms with his family on a 80 acre plot of land where he owns and manages a diversified farm consisting of field crops,

vegetables, livestock, fruit trees, bees and aquaculture.

He is ambitious and confident in whatever activity he ventures because he understands the concept of agri-business. He knows the market opportunities of the crops he produces, therefore, he organizes his planting cycle to capture the best prices. He always has produce for the market throughout the year due to the level of investment he has made in irrigation facilities.

He is very receptive to adopting new technologies such as the use of covered structures and protein/energy banks to feed his livestock, which enhances the sustainability of his farming activities. His farm provides employment within the surrounding area of the village.

## **LADY FARMER OF THE YEAR**

### **MRS. ROSA RAMIREZ**

Mrs. Ramirez is from the area of Quash Savanna in Maskall

Village, Belize District. Mrs. Ramirez is an exemplary woman farmer of strong character who is not afraid to make decisions. She operates a diverse farm, planting crops at different times of the year to ensure a steady flow of produce to provide a steady source of income.

She has made a series of investments on her farm because she is confident that farming is a profitable business. She has a very good understanding of the market for her produce and possesses the ability to bargain the best price for her products.

She keeps up-to-date with modern technologies therefore trying innovative ideas such as supplementary feeding and formulating her own livestock feed. She believes in having a continuous sequence of crops planted throughout the year in order to mitigate the risks involved in the business.

## **JUNIOR FARMER OF THE YEAR**

### **MR. JOEL CORADO**

Mr. Joel Edras Corado is originally from the village of San Carlos in the Orange Walk District.

He comes from a farming family. He is very ambitious, confident and likes the work he does.

He has a business orientation towards agriculture because he understands the principles of agri-business. He demonstrates a good knowledge of the market outlets for his produce in his district. This well honed knowledge gives him the assurance to expand his farming activities in the future.

Mr. Corado exhibits a very sound knowledge of agriculture at a young age, therefore, allowing him to manage and make the daily decisions of his farming activities.

The Ministry extends a special thank you to the three judges who were instrumental in selecting this year's FARMERS OF THE YEAR. The judges are **Mr. Elvis Requena** from BEST, **Mr. Luke Ramos** from the 4-H Center and RUTA Coordinator, **Mr. Francisco Tzul**.

## BELIZE TOURISM BOARD **TOURISM NEWS**

### **9th National Tourism Awards**

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- ◆ Corporate Organization of the Year
- ◆ Education Award of the Year
- ◆ Environmental Organization of the Year
- ◆ Receptive Service of the Year
- ◆ Hotel of the Year
- ◆ Restaurant of the Year
- ◆ Small Hotel of the Year
- ◆ Tour Operator of the Year
- ◆ Tour Guide of the Year
- ◆ Frontline Person of the Year
- ◆ Cultural Award of the Year
- ◆ Small Vendor of the Year



We are asking tourism stakeholders and the general public to visit our website at [www.travelbelize.org](http://www.travelbelize.org) to review the various categories and submit your favorite nominee.

Deadline for nomination is midnight March 15th, 2009. For further information or clarification please call the Belize Tourism Board at 227-2420 ext. 226.

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# Penner Promoted - Cardona Demoted

## These First Changes In The Composition Of Cabinet Touch The Lives Of Four UDP Area Representatives

**BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo District, Wednesday, March 11, 2009:**

A swearing in ceremony was held today at the Belize House in Belmopan where, acting on the advice of **Prime Minister Dean Barrow**, Governor General **Sir Colville Young** officially swore in a full rank minister of government and a minister of state.

The swearing in ceremony came one day after the government press office issued a release informing that the Hon. Prime Minister has advised His Excellency the Governor General of the first change in the composition of his cabinet since taking over the reigns of government thirteen months ago, on February 7, 2008.

The release informs that the following ministerial changes are made in the interest of the



**Hon. Elvin Penner,**  
**Minister of Youth, Sports,**  
**Information and**  
**Broadcasting**

smooth functioning of business of Government.

Minister of State in the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, **Hon. Elvin Penner**, was elevated to a full rank ministerial position



**Hon. Manuel Heredia,**  
**Minister of Tourism, Civil**  
**Aviation and Culture**

with portfolio responsibility for Youth, Sports, Information and Broadcasting.

With this promotion, Minister Penner becomes a member of Cabinet replacing Orange Walk East Area Representative, **Hon. Marcel Cardona** who has been stripped of the ministerial portfolio he once held.

Secondly, **Hon. Manuel Heredia**, Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation, is being assigned additional portfolio responsibility for Culture which was previously linked to the Ministry of Youth and Sports. With this addition, the ministry will now be called **Tourism, Civil Aviation and Culture**.

Thirdly, the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, **Hon. Marco "Mark" Pech**, Area Representative for Orange Walk South, is being appointed to fill the vacant position created by the promotion of the Hon. Elvin Penner.

In addition to continuing as the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Hon. Mark Pech is now the new Minister of State in the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment.

Simply stated, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment now falls under the command of two representatives from the Orange Walk District with the Hon. Mark Pech now serving as the Minister of State in the Ministry of **Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Gaspar "Gapi" Vega** who is the Area



**Deputy Speaker of the House**  
**of Representatives**  
**Hon. Marco "Mark" Pech,**  
**Minister of State in the**  
**Ministry of Natural**  
**Resources and the**  
**Environment**

Representative for Orange Walk North.

These changes in the composition of Cabinet took effect on Tuesday, March 10 2009.

The release ends by informing that all other Ministerial appointments remain unchanged.

Minister Penner's promotion comes as no surprise to residents of the Cayo District in general and in particular to those many residents who were affected by Tropical Depression #16 last October when the Hon. Elvin Penner came out and labored long hours for several weeks in an effort at making life as comfortable as possible for those affected.

As one voter in the Cayo Northeast Division said "**Elvin Penner is a worker. Elvin Penner is to Cayo Northeast, what Edmund "Clear The Land" Castro is to Belize Rural North, and like what the Hon. Anthony "Boots" Martinez is to Port Loyola and the Ministry of Works**".



**Hon. Marcel Cardona,**  
**Area Representative,**  
**Orange Walk East**

### BELIZE TOURISM BOARD

## TOURISM NEWS

### Belize Hosts Top Wedding & Honeymoon Publications

Representatives from various media houses in the United States visited Belize from March 2nd-5th, on a four-day familiarization tour exploring the unique charms of the country. The main theme of the visit focused on Belize Weddings and Honeymoons.

The media's itinerary took them first to Cayo, where they were hosted to a warm welcome reception and cocktails on the terrace of the San Ignacio Hotel and Resort where they were joined by members of the tourism private sector and wedding planners in the area. On the second day, they toured the ancient Maya City of Xunantunich and they also engaged in a relaxing luxury day spa at two of Cayo's well-known hotels, Ka'ana Boutique & Resort and San Ignacio Hotel & Resort. Also in their itinerary was a visit to Ambergris Caye where they enjoyed activities such as snorkeling at Hol Chan and Shark Ray Alley and a day at the Black Orchid Spa located in the heart of San Pedro Town, followed by a sunset cruise along the second largest barrier reef in the world, The Belize Barrier Reef. The group was also hosted to an evening of cocktails and had an opportunity to meet with wedding planners on the island.

The group of six represented a combination of various magazines in the United States, namely Bride Magazine (circulation: 140,474), Destination Weddings and Honeymoons Magazine (circulation: 175,000), Modern Bride Magazine (circulation: 378,881), Stir Magazine (circulation: 20,000), Real Simple Magazine (circulation: 2,026,466), Long Island Bride & Groom Magazine (circulation: 70,000), Cosmopolitan Magazine (circulation: 2,937,861), and Women's Day Magazine (circulation: 3,876,483).

"Mounting the awareness level of Belize as a vacation destination continues to be of crucial importance to us," comments Director of Tourism, Mrs. Tracy Pantón. "The exposure received by these niche wedding and travel magazines contributes to the increased awareness of Belize as a premier vacation destination."

The media tour was organized by the Belize Tourism Board and its Marketing and Public Relations Firm, BVK in Milwaukee. Participating private sectors partners included San Ignacio Hotel and Resort, Yute Expeditions, Ka'ana Boutique Resort, Las Terrezas, sea-Duced by Belize, The Victoria House, Black Orchid Spa, Azul Resort, Hummingbird Café, and Island Ferry.



For more information on events taking place in Belize's tourism industry, please contact the Marketing Department, Belize Tourism Boards at 227-2420, via email: [btbb@btl.net](mailto:btbb@btl.net) or visit our website [www.travelbelize.org](http://www.travelbelize.org).



## Corozal Hospital Now Offering Imaging Service

**BELMOPAN CITY, Thursday, March 12, 2009:**

The Ministry of Health informs of the inauguration of a new *"Imaging Center"* at the Corozal Town Community Hospital.

The release informs that the new diagnostic imaging center was pressed into action in an effort at providing quality health care services to all.

The investment of over \$100,000.00 now provides the service of an x-ray machine and ultrasound services.

The Ministry of Health's investment in the new imaging

center will be complemented with the installation of a DEXA (*Dual Energy X-ray Absorptiometry*) Scan machine which is a commonly used test to measure bone mineral density. It is one of the most accurate ways to diagnosis Osteopenia or Osteoporosis.

While the x-ray and the ultrasound machines were founded by the Government of Belize through the Ministry of Health, the DEXA Scan machine was donated to the hospital by **Dr. Judy Jennrich** of Loyola University, Chicago.

centre in line with international standards.

The Ministry of Health takes this opportunity to encourage Belizeans to make maximum use of these new services.

## ★ STAR HUMOR ★

### BE EVER MINDFUL OF THE GADGETS YOU USE

Carlos is on the bus when he suddenly realized that he needs to fart.

The music is really loud, so he times his farts with the beat.

And with every beat he releases a fart which is drowned by the music.

After a couple of songs, he starts to feel better as he approaches his stop.

He is getting off the bus, but people are really staring him down, and that's when he remembers: The loud music he was hearing was coming from his ipod .

### THE CAR WON'T START

Ms. Jones came home late last Monday evening from work and when her husband asked why she was late, she responded, "It's the car. It just won't start. I think there's water in the tank."

"How do you know?" said Mr. Jones. "When did you become a mechanic? I doubt you even know

where the tank is."

"I'm telling you," repeated Ms. Jones, "I'm sure there's water in the tank."

"We'll see," mocked Mr. Jones . "Let me check it out. Where's the car?"

"I ran off the temporary wood bridge it's in the river"

### SOME NEWSPAPER HEADLINES

"Sacred Heart High School Dropouts Cut In Half"

"Police holds Suspect In Circus Fire"

"Squad Helps Dog Bite Victim"

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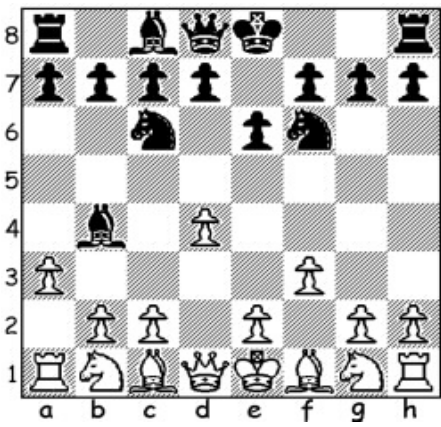
The Weekly  
Chess Column

BY: David Coombs,  
Cayo Chess Coordinator



This week we take a look at the King. The king is the most important piece on the board, it is never captured, the game is finished if the King is trapped and cannot be saved.

A method of thinking about saving the king is C.P.R. This means Capture, Protect or Run.



In the above example, after three moves each the black bishop on b4 is attacking the King (*the King is in 'check'*) to

save the King there are three things that can be done, capture the bishop with the pawn on a3, protect or '*block*' the attack by moving the pawn on c2 to c3 or Knight on b1 to c3, move the bishop from c1 to d2 or the King can run from e1 to f2.

Note that his position is just to demonstrate the three ways of escaping from '*check*' and normally the black bishop would not move to b4, it is easily captured by a3.

Some rules about the king, 1. The king is never captured. 2. If the King is in check it *must* be saved. 3. Two Kings can never be next to each other as they would both be in check at the same time which is illegal. 4. The King can move one square only in any direction. 5. The King must not be put in check (into danger). 6. The King can capture any other piece (*except the opposing King*) as long as it is not moving into check.

Next week we will look at castling.

Reporting On The Cayo Primary School Chess Finals

BY: David Coombs,  
Cayo Chess Coordinator

The Cayo Primary School Chess District Finals held on Saturday, March 14 at the Convention Hotel in Belmopan, was a resounding success.

The event was organised by the East and West Cayo Chess Associations with main sponsorship from the Belize National Youth Chess Foundation (*belizechess.org*)

There were 36 participants taking part in the event. The youngest participant was 6 year old **Gabriel Cocom**.

Each participant played five games and each game could last up to 50 minutes, in all games the chess clock was used thereby ensuring that each player was afforded equal time available. If a player uses more than 25 minutes (*for this tournament*) they will '*lose on time*'.

The first round began promptly at 9.00am with each player demonstrating lots of nervous energy. Some games were won after only a few minutes while

others lasted about 30 minutes.

Between rounds the players were afforded the option to either work with coaches, enter a puzzle competition or to just simply relax.

In the third round of the 11 years and over section participants had to '*notate*' or write their game down, this is done to record the whole game and then the players and coaches can look over the game to see where players can improve their game. This slowed the player down and three games were lost on time.

At the end of the three rounds the winners were:

In the 8 years and under category: The youngest participant, 6 year old **Gabriel Cocom** walked away with the 1st place prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Jeremy Chiang** and 3<sup>rd</sup> **Jaheed Palacio**.

9 and 10 years, 1<sup>st</sup> **Joshua Chiang**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Brent Coombs**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Eric Lee**.

11 and 12 years. 1<sup>st</sup> **Jamir Sanchez**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Cesar Gonzalez** and 3<sup>rd</sup> **Gareth Martinez**.

13 and over 1<sup>st</sup> place **Akeem Jenkins**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Clifford Coleman** and 3<sup>rd</sup> **Said Awe**.



A portion of the 36 participants in the Cayo Primary School Chess District Finals



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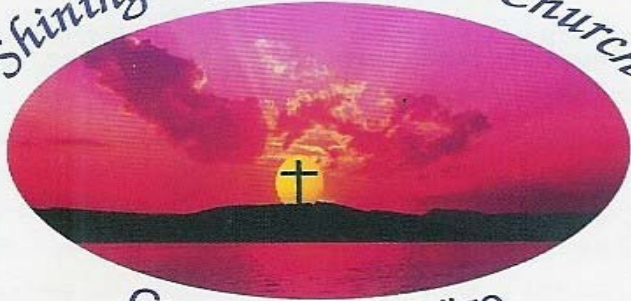
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Recounting My Encounter With A Robber

I was robbed on Friday night March 6, my encounter with the robber starting about 10:30 and lasted almost two hours until 12:15 on the morning of Saturday March 7.

An intruder with a 16 gauge shotgun cut my porch screen and entered through french doors into my bedroom.

At about 10:15 I heard what I thought were horses munching on the bananas and I turned on all the outside lights, I looked out of all the windows, but saw no horses and the dogs weren't barking at a horse like they usually do. I think now that what I heard was the scrunching of the screen being cut.

I returned to bed and read a bit more and thought I could go to sleep and turned out the only remaining house light near my bed. No dogs were barking. Usually the neighbor's dogs patrol my house and all the neighbor's dogs bark at everything that moves from about 8 - 12 every night. I remember thinking how nice it was that the dogs weren't barking tonight.

I wasn't fully asleep but did not

hear anything except what sounded like the dog under the house or the cats bumping around. The intruder was so quiet that I didn't know anything until he punched me with the gun barrel and said "Wake up!".

He was a dark Hispanic; about 5'6" to 5'8", slim build, not skinny, not big and muscular; he understood English, he spoke English and Spanish; he was probably somewhere between 18 and 25 years old; he spoke in a low "tough guy" voice; he wore dark pants or dark blue jeans; a navy blue (I think short sleeve) tee shirt with fancy white script arched on the chest (I couldn't tell what it said - incomplete view); navy blue bandana with the common paisley print; the top of his head was smooth and dark, either close cropped hair or a warm cap.

I brushed the gun barrel away from me several times and at one point I stuck my thumb in the end of it. I wanted to see if it was a real gun or piece of pipe. I decided it was real because it was blue-black, a shotgun because I could put my thumb in it, and the metal was as

thick as a gun. I also think I saw the stock which looked like dark green. I didn't think he was going to shoot me as much as I was afraid of being beaten with the barrel.

It is a long story because he had me controlled with the gun barrel for about 1 1/2 hours. He allowed no lights so that I could not see him. I also could not see what was in my wallet or jewelry drawers and he pushed me to the bathroom where a night light was on.

I tried to see him in my peripheral vision, but I wear thick glasses and cannot really see anything beyond the lenses. Any time I came close to turning toward him, he batted me with the gun and controlled my head movements. He ask me for duct tape.

Finally there came a moment when I was inside the bathroom at the sink and for some gracious moment he was out of the door frame. I knew that was my best chance and with one motion I slammed the door and turned the lock.

He rammed the door, but by then I was moving furniture to block the door. I moved a heavy 5 shelf wooden storage unit in front of the door and piled everything in the bathroom against it. I even took down the adjustable curtain rod and expanded it against the walls.

I stayed there while he ransacked the house. I could hear him inside the house and I could hear him through the bathroom window when he exited. He tried keys in the house to fit the truck, but ended up just breaking the ignition turning thing.

There are several reasons I think he was local, that I was targeted, and that I was not a random house of opportunity.

It was things he said that clued me that he knew ABOUT me, but did not really know me. He was fully expecting that I was rich and had lots of things to sell. He asked specifically for \$10,000. He asked me if I knew a specific person in the village. He said he had come to my house one time for a job. The dogs didn't bark. He asked me when was I going back to my country. He asked me where my husband was. I said he is coming right back, and he laughed. He knew I lived alone.

He took a Dell laptop, bank card, cell phone, passport, the cash I had which was about \$10. He took fashion jewelry and a valuable ring. It is made of thick old gold with a heart. He ransacked the house. He took out food from the fridge and opened a can of salsa, which he dumped around and wiped his

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Pursuant to Section 37(3) of the Registered Land Act, Chapter 194, Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, notice is hereby given of the loss of the following Land and Lease Certificates:-

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It is proposed to cancel the above Land Certificates after the expiration of twenty-one (21) days from the appearance of this notice. Any person in possession of the above-mentioned certificates is required to return it to the Belize Land Registry, Ministry of Natural Resources & the Environment, Belmopan.

(CESAR DIAZ) (MR.)  
for AG, DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF LANDS



# Local Business Community Donates To Benque Police

**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo District, Tuesday, March 17, 2009:**

Another instance of the business community working in partnership with the police manifested itself today by way of a donation from the Benque Viejo Chamber of Commerce.

A brief presentation ceremony was held at the Benque Viejo Police Station, between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m., on Tuesday March 17, 2009, where representatives from the Benque Viejo Chamber of Commerce handed over several gift items.

Officer Commanding Benque Viejo's Police Sub-Formation Superintendent of Police **Deziree Phillips** was on hand to personally received the donation on behalf of the detachment.

The gift items included a Vehicle Dash Video Camera which comes in handy to assist the police in the recording of incidents during traffic stops and other duties. It will also serve to



**(L-R) OC Benque Viejo's Police Sub-Formation Superintendent Deziree Phillips receiving gifts from Chamber Representative, Samuel Bruce**

assist in the investigation of allegations of wrong doing on the part of the police in the execution of their duties.

The other items included a 16 gigabytes flash drive which

comes is to be used for the storage of electronic data.

Among the items also was a pair high powered field binoculars.

Director of the Benque Viejo Chamber of Commerce. **Mr. Michael Ruge** also made a personal donation of a Toshiba laptop and **Mr. Jonathan Lohr** from Cieba Reality donated a 360 gigabytes external hard drive.

In accepting these generous gifts, Supt. Phillips expressed gratitude

on behalf of the detachment to Chamber Representatives

## SPEAK OUT About Haadtime Issues!

**BELIZE CITY, Tuesday, March 17, 2009:**

**BY: Florence Goldson**

How are you coping with haad times?

As part of the activities for Women's Month, the Women's Circle of Belize is hosting its second Speak Out entitled "*Haad Times*" on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at the Samuel Haynes Institute of Excellence on Mahogany Street, (*the building formerly known as the Lake I Community Centre*).

"*Haad Times*" is an opportunity for women to speak out about how they are coping in these challenging economic times.

The Speak Out is also a time to share ideas on how women

Samuel "Sam" Bruce, Michael Ruge and Jonathan Lohr.

Supt. Phillips informed that as the detachment concentrates more on community policing in its crime reduction drive, the computer will be pressed into service by the detachment's community policing unit while the remainder of the equipment will be utilized by other sections of the detachment in areas where maximum benefits will be achieved.

In his remarks during the brief ceremony, Mr. Samuel Bruce informed that despite its very limited resources, the chamber recognizes the detachment's material needs in combating crime which will ultimately produce a safer community. He informed that members of the chamber are committed to continue assisting the police in its crime fighting efforts.

can be a force for change in these difficult times.

There will be practical discussions on ways women can help themselves, their families and their communities.

The Women's Circle of Belize is a group of women who have come together to make a meaningful difference in their community.

Women's Circle is committed to the empowerment of women, to gender equality and to improving the living conditions of women through education, advocacy, and community outreach.

For further information about the Speak Out, please feel free to email us at any time via [womenscirclebelize@gmail.com](mailto:womenscirclebelize@gmail.com).



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## **CHAPTER 194, LAWS OF BELIZE (REVISED EDITION 2000)**

### **NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13**

In accordance with Section 13 of the Registered Land Act Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000, **I, CESAR DIAZ**, Ag. Registrar of Lands, hereby serve notice that within one month from the date hereof, I intend to register the following parcels of land listed below for which application for first registration have been received.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registering of these parcels must get in touch with me before expiry date of this notice between Mondays to Fridays at the Land Registry, Belmopan.



(CESAR DIAZ) (MR.)  
for REGISTRAR OF LANDS

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900088**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN PEDRO**, Block No. 7 and being Parcel No. 4315, 4312

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 828/2001 dated 19th March, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 12 of 2001 at Folios 593-600 in favour of **CHARLTON KEITH NEWTON & RASHELL SUSAN NEWTON (Jointly)**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901387**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration **FORT GEORGE/ PICKSTOCK** Block No. 45 and being Parcels No. 125

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1455/1993 dated 10th July, 1993 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 17 of 1993 at Folios 675-686 in favour of **MIGUEL ARMANDO VALENCIA**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901392**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **CARMELITA**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 9

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 1057 of 2006 dated 3rd November) 2006 in favour of **LUIS A CARBALLO**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901399**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2265

This parcel of land is the subject of a Indenture No. 358/1961 dated 9th November, 1961 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 2 of 1961 at Folios 1121-1128 in favour of **OCTAVIO ROSADO**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901400**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2728

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 0969/2005 dated 2nd May, 2005 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 13 of 2005 at Folios 595-606 in favour of **HERMAN O. WADE**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901401**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **QUEEN SQUARE WEST**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 51

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#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901403**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **QUEEN SQUARE WEST**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 52

This parcel of land is the subject of a Assent No. 237/2008 dated 21st January, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 3 of 2008 at Folios 861- 870 in favour of **MELESSE BALDERAMOS**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901405**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2842

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 0592/2006 dated 6th March, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 8 of 2006 at Folios 269-283 in favour of **DAVID MANUEL MEDINA JR.**

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901407**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1444

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1133/1999 dated 2nd May, 1999 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 13 of 1999 at Folios 359-366 in favour of **OMAR ADRIAN GONZALEZ**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901408**

This parcel of land are situated in the Registration Section, **MILLER'S BIGHT**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 439

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 743 of 1999 dated 13th August, 1999 in favour of **DAVID MORENO**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901436**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2848

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 474 of 2001 dated 15th July, 2001 in favour of **LUIS ANTONIO CARBALLO**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901474**

These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 676-681, 684, 683, 722-728, 734, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2176

These parcels of land are the subject of a Conveyance No. 1646/1990 dated 27th August, 1990 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 18 of 1990 at Folios 709-718 in favour of **DALT LIMITED**.

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This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ALBERT/MESOP**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1532

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 267/1995 dated 7th February, 1995 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 4 of 1995 at Folios 327-332 in favour of **BAO YUAN LIN**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901479**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration section, **FORT GEORGE/ PICKSTOCK**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 563

This parcel of land are the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 151/1988 dated 3rd February, 1988 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 2 of 1988 at Folios 575 - 584 and Deed of Conveyance No. 232/1994 dated 28th December, 1993 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 3 of 1994 at Folios 1231-1244 in favour of **BROTHERS HABET LIMITED**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901480**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration **FORT GEORGE/ PICKSTOCK** Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 565

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 3455/2007 dated 11th August, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 42 of 2007 at Folios 471 - 478 in favour of **BROTHERS HABET LIMITED**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901489**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1030

This parcel of land is the subject of a Indenture No. 259/1996 dated 19th January, 1996 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 3 of 1996 at Folios 1091 - 1096 in favour of **MARCO ANTONIO FIGUEROA**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901497**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 988

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 1282 of 2007 dated 8th January, 2008 in favour of **LILIAN MARGARITA AVILEZ**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901498**

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## Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

### ARIES (March 22 TO April 20)



There will be new responsibilities put on your shoulder and it might just push you to the wall. If you have been facing problems in making your stand clear to people, maybe its time to make a few changes in the way you communicate. **Lucky numbers:** 9, 47, 86.

### TAURUS (April 21 to May 21)



You are likely to be on a different trip altogether. It's about making changes that increase efficiency. You will require the assistance of your loved ones. You need to be ready for travel as impromptu plans may be made. There will be a touch of aesthetics in your surroundings. **Lucky numbers:** 6, 27, 53.

### GEMINI (May 22 to June 21)



You are working towards resolving certain financial tangles. You try to seek out newer avenues. There will be an edge of risk in the activities that you undertake. But be careful that a lot is riding on it. Expenses continue to be high but there will be support from loved ones. **Lucky numbers:** 5, 63, 91.

### CANCER (June 22 to July 23)



You are likely to be under a financial crunch. But it will not be bothersome as money is likely to be engaged in a fruitful task. The other area of focus is matters of the heart where you need to simplify your relationships. Demanding affection will lead you nowhere. **Lucky numbers:** 2, 48, 57.

### LEO (July 24 to August 21)



You are advised to be conservative in your spending. Continue looking around for bargains. There will be property related matters that need to be settled. The other emphasis is on relationships where you try to organise interesting leisure moments for your partner. **Lucky numbers:** 1, 38, 66.

### VIRGO (August 22 to September 21)



There will be efforts concentrated on making your loved ones feel special. On the professional front, there will be success in all fields you dip your hands into. You

need to be careful though, that overworking even if it is fetching you success, could take a serious toll on your health. Take breathers whenever you can and slow down and enjoy. **Lucky numbers:** 18, 52, 97.

### LIBRA (September 22 to October 23)



There will be a few worries to cope with that you may feel is taking away your personal time. But thats the way it is. When you have responsibilities, you have to deal with them first. On the professional front, you will also have to play the crisis diffuser. **Lucky numbers:** 8, 15, 71.

### SCORPIO (October 24 to November 21)



The first half of the week is filled with commitments. You will be loaded to the point of bursting, but your faith keeps you going. The reward comes in the second half of the week in terms of love. People

around you will overwhelm you with warmth for all your efforts. **Lucky numbers:** 4, 16, 50.

### SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)



You will be pondering over sources that you can tap for increased income generation. You will be preparing yourself for business meetings and may be entering into partnership agreements. You must realise though that it is not the best time to take a loan. **Lucky numbers:** 3, 22, 81.

### CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 20)



You are likely to apply yourself completely to the profession you are dedicated to. Other people could end up feeling as if they are not being given a chance to do much. You need to rein in your over enthusiasm and opt for equal play. You have to consciously make time

for your partner. **Lucky numbers:** 10, 25, 70.

### AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 19)



There will be a lot of focus on exploring new areas of knowledge. You could be interested in taking up a new area of study. There will be gains of a more personal nature from this. You will be quite happy with the clarity that comes to you. You are able to take on even difficult interpersonal dealings because of your inner strength. **Lucky numbers:** 11, 14, 77.

### PISCES (February 20 to March 21)



You need to be prepared as work piles up both on the professional as well as the domestic front. You suddenly find that people around you are becoming demanding. However, you rely on one thing hard work. There is satisfaction, despite the goings on in your immediate environment. **Lucky numbers:** 12, 46, 55.

## NICH Announces Billie Jean Young In Belize

**BELIZE CITY, Wednesday, March 18, 2009:**

The National Institute of Culture and History (NICH) announces tomorrow's arrival in Belize of **Billie Jean Young.**

She is scheduled to arrive on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> on a 10-day visit during which she will perform in Belize City, Belmopan and Dangriga.

She is also slated to conduct workshops for members of The Belize Theatre Company, CYDP Youths and Cayo Teachers.

She will perform the one-woman show **Three Women Talking**, a fun-filled poignant running commentary based on the life and times of a Caribbean woman, a southern rural African American woman, and Billie Jean Young, playwright and actor, in which the three women cover a variety of familiar topics: politics, religion, children, love and relationships, men, finances, dress, woman talk, and historical events.

Billie Jean is performing at the invitation **NICH President, Ms. Diane Haylock.** This is not her first trip to Belize. In the 80's, she lived in Dangriga, for two years where she wrote poetry and directed theatre as a volunteer in public schools.

It is from her Belize experiences and from travel throughout the Caribbean that the material for the Caribbean character has been



**Performing Artist,  
Billie Jean Young**

gleaned.

A good deal of her life's work has been in the Blackbelt of Alabama from whence she hails. She is in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of her career with over 700 performances of her one-woman show, **Fannie Lou Hamer: This Little Light.** She has traveled extensively as a solo dramatist.

**Three Women Talking** performed by Billie Jean Young will run at the Bliss Centre on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Women's Month.

Billie Jean is an Artist-In-Residence on the faculty of Judson College in Marion, Alabama where she guides her students in creating

culturally significant theater through workshops, group discussions, and improvisational theatre.

She is the first Black graduate of Judson College and holds a Juris Doctorate from Sanford University's Cumberland School of Law.

Her personal papers have been selected for archiving in the University of Alabama's W.S. Poole Special Collections Library. She serves on the board of trustees of the Alabama School of Fine Arts and the Alabama Humanities Foundation. Her work has been featured in regional and college theatres in southern USA. Her film credits include **MISSISSIPPI BURNING**, and the NBC Monday night movie, **BLUE BAYOU.**

Besides performing, Billie Jean Young is founder/director of The Drama Project/Child Abuse Project in Drama (CAPID), which uses improvisational drama to help women and young people to identify and respond to child abuse.

She has taught at several universities in a variety of capacities, among them, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University and the University of Southern California.

She has worked for more than twenty years in organizing rural women around improving their quality of life and circumstance of health.



## Belize To Celebrate World Met Day

**BELMOPAN, Thursday, March 19, 2009:**

The Belize National Meteorological Service, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the international meteorological community will be celebrating World Meteorological Day on Monday, March 23rd, 2009.

The theme for this year's World Meteorological Day is *"Weather, Climate and the Air we breathe"*.

The air we breathe is constantly changing due to Urban growth, surface changes and climate change exacerbated by an explosion in population growth.

Atmospheric scientists and medical professionals are becoming increasingly aware of the critical linkages between weather, climate and the composition of the air we breathe and their effects on human health.

Numerous scientific studies link air pollution to respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses, cancer and nervous systems disorders as well as airborne diseases.

In Belize; however, as

population and wealth grow, there will be significant increases in vehicle and energy usage which require the combustion of fossil fuels, releasing reactive gases and particulates into the atmosphere.

The potential would thus increase for the likelihood of disease such as asthma to be exacerbated by this declining air quality.

As weather patterns shifts due to climate change, the prospect of altered rainfall events paint a more ominous picture of arid expanses of land where dust and other aerosols from dry land wildfires clog the air- the same air we breathe.

Meteorological variables such as relative humidity and temperature have proven to play

a significant role in the worsening of asthma and other pulmonary diseases. The correlation between these two variables and pulmonary disease indicates that it is the combined effect rather than a single one acting independently which leads to significant changes in respiratory symptoms during weather associated with high levels of airborne water droplets. Rising temperatures and changes in moisture content of the air due to global warming, all make for potentially hazardous breathing environments for the very young, elderly and those with pre-existing pulmonary problems.

This year the National Meteorological Service of Belize celebrates World meteorological Day and World

Water Day by once again holding the successful *"Aspiring Meteorologist"* essay contest for High School Students.

The topics for the competition are from the theme for World Water Day *"Shared Waters-Shared Opportunities"* and World Meteorological Day *"Weather, climate and the air we breathe"*. Entries to the contest can address either or both themes.

World Meteorological Day is the commemoration of the WMO convention on 23rd March 1950 officially establishing the World Meteorological Organization. The World Meteorological Organization is comprised of 188 member states and territories.

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*Readers Write - Continued From Page 7*

## The Humane Society Expresses Concern

The San Ignacio Humane Society has received several phone calls reporting that the circus in town, Hermanos Ponce, has been paying for healthy dogs as animal food.

According to the callers the circus uses the dogs as food for

circus animals and that they will not take mangy or sick dogs.

If this is true, it may be possible that people would attempt to profit by bringing healthy dogs to the circus. If your pet is not secure in your yard or home it may be a target.

## Recounting My Encounter With A Robber

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hands on a curtain.

He smelled like alcohol and weed. He was jacked up, but not crazy jacked up.

### How did I get help?

I suspected he had left when I heard the truck door dinging, the back doors scraping, and then I heard dragging and scraping. I wondered what he had found that was so heavy he was dragging it. Later I noted that my shopping cart with wheels was missing. It is a black cloth shopping bag on wheels with cloth handles. That is what I heard dragging.

I waited a good long time (*anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes*) without any sounds and unblocked the door. I peeked out, prepared to slam it again. I was sure he was gone and so I went out and started screaming everybody's name.

I screamed *"thief, man with a*

*gun, police, help me, ayudame"*,

At first I tried the truck and discovered it was disabled. I'm too lame to try to run on a dirt roads in the dark, but then I realized that the truck horn would still work and so I honked it over and over.

Within just a few minutes people began to arrive. The Police were called and came out pronto. Lots of help, lots of professionalism by the police. OK, so this is the story and it may help with identifying and hopefully catching the robber. The police have been great. The neighbors and everyone who knows me have been so loving and supportive.

The questions are not what I did wrong, or what I should have done. The questions are not what more layers of protection I should have. The question is: *"Is it safe to live here? Maybe the question is: Are criminals punished?"*

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## A Word To Our Local Politicians

The eagerly anticipated Town council election came and is now gone.

We thank God that democracy is still very much alive in Belize. There was no reported political violence and for this I thank the Man above.

I also give thanks to God for the UDP victory and for guiding the people in making the right choice.

I want to seize this opportunity to send a message to all the candidates who contested this election. First of all I want to congratulate them for the courage displayed in participating in such an important national event.

From my vantage point it looks like the PUP is dead. However, the individual PUP candidates are not to be blamed for the poor showing of their party. The bulk of the blame rests squarely on the shoulders of the likes of **Said Musa, Ralph Fonseca, George Price and Johnny Briceño**.

As long as these people remain at the forefront of the PUP, that party will never stand a snow ball chance in hell at winning any election in Belize.

To that wannabe mayor, **Luis Ayala**, I just want to let you know that it is quite OK for you to continue making a fool of yourself. After all, in the heat of any election, we all need a good laugh.

To the wannabe mayor **Alfonso Cruz**, your evil heart caught up with you. How dare you tired to deceive the people about running for the UDP. You succeeded in fooling a few voters. I am one of those voters who will never vote for you especially because of your

evil ways.

To the duly elected **Mayor John August** and councillors, I say: The people gave you another chance, make much of it as you might not have another chance if you do not do what you were elected to do. Your manifesto must become your bible. Be always mindful that you were elected to be servants and not masters of the people.

As our newly elected political leaders, I bring to your attention the plight of all those children attending the Bishop Martin Primary school on the road leading to the village of Bullet Tree Falls.

When the weather condition is dry, there is no problem, but with just a little rain we find our children walking on slippery and muddy streets.

I beg you to get out of your vehicles and take a walk on these back streets on a rainy day. I bet that when you experience the hardships confronting our children on a daily basis, you will realize how important is to maintain our streets in good condition for use by the very same people who voted for you and their children. I hope this is not asking for too much.

I am one of those voters who never expect miracles all I am asking is for the upgrading of our streets to become a priority of our new municipal government.

I end by wishing you all the best and at the same time encourage you to work for all the people regardless of color, creed, race or political persuasion and without fear, favour, ill will or affection.

*Antonio C, San Ignacio Town.*



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# Bush Appointed Pro-Tem President Of Benque Viejo's New Artist Association

**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo District, Saturday, March 14, 2009:**

The Benque Viejo Artist Association (BVAA) was officially founded today, March 14, during ceremonies at the Marshalleck Cancha in Benque Viejo Town.

A talent variety show competition was the first public event of the Association. During the competition several local artists competed for three prizes.

Some of the special invited guests who assisted the contestants in the competition included Bass Impact which is know as the best reggeaton group in Belize, Musician, **Pablo Callado**; Ventriloquist, **Jack Bush**; Poet, **Hamner Bush** among other artists.



**Zone Captain, Samuel "Sam" Bruce accepting Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Benque Viejo Police**

Prizes were awarded in three categories: Music, Singing and Dancing.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to **Hamner Bush** and **Cruz Garcia** who were appointed protem President and Vice President respectively.

In accepting the position, Hamner Bush informed that he will labor to the best of his ability *"to make your talent shine throughout the country."*

Protem Vice President, Cruz Garcia informed that *"This is not politics, or a racial movement. This Association has two main purposes, to assist children in reading, creative writing, math, grammar and other areas of education especially those children whose parents do not have the resources to provided them with a solid educational foundation."*

A certificate of appreciation

was also awarded to the Benque Viejo Police detachment for their valuable support especially provided by Zone Captain/Special Constable/Businessman, **Samuel "Sam" Bruce** who donated a gold ring for a surprise raffle.

A certificate of Appreciation was also presented to Elmer Guerra from *"Sure Rentals"* for providing support and sponsorship for the event.

The Association also extended a special thank you to other sponsors including **Mystic Jungle Resort** for donating one of the first prizes; **Juanita's Beauty Secrets** likewise for donation one of the prizes as well as **Mrs. Yvonne Arnold, Bamboo Studio Productions, Plus TV, Amado Chan, Shadira Store, M&M's Store, BRC Printing, Angelus Ice Cream & Deli. Pasteleria De Doña Laurez Rosado, Radio FM and Radio Limite.**

## The Government Of Belize Will Not Be Bound By Any Ruling Of A Foreign Arbitral Tribunal...

The Government of Belize informs that it has learnt, through reports in the local media, that a ruling has been made by a London Arbitration Panel awarding Belize Telemedia Limited \$38.5 Million in damages to be paid by the Government for failing to honour the secret Accommodation Agreement signed by former Prime

Minister Said Musa.

That Agreement, among other things, prevented the introduction of telecommunications competition in Belize; outlawed voice over Internet Protocol as a way of bringing down rates; and exempted Telemedia from paying taxes under Belize law whenever it claimed not to have made the minimum 15% rate of return that

the Accommodation Agreement, without any reference to the PUC as the only legal rate setting authority in the country, gave Telemedia.

The government has not received a copy of the reported ruling, but can state the following:

1. It has been and continues to be government's position that the Accommodation Agreement is illegal and invalid. In that connection government notes that our local courts have already rejected the Agreement to the extent that the Agreement purports to authorize Telemedia not to pay its taxes.
2. The government of Belize will not be bound by any ruling of a foreign arbitral tribunal where that ruling conflicts with a position taken by Belize's superior courts.

3. Any damages award made under the umbrella of the London Court of International Arbitration must be brought to Belize for enforcement by our Supreme Court before it can have any practical effect. Government is completely confident that it can successfully resist any attempt at local enforcement. Indeed, that is one of the reasons government chose not to spend millions of dollars on representation before a foreign tribunal. We will defend the national position on national soil.

Finally, government reiterates its commitment to the continued protection always of the interests of Belize. Arrangements that are immoral, made in secret and that defy our very democracy, will continue to be resisted at all costs.

## Small Fire On Maya Street, San Ignacio



**The burnt remains of the sofa outside the house on Maya St.**

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, March 16, 2009:**

The local fire service responded to a report of a fire in San Ignacio Town but upon arrival found that the situation was addressed.

Fire Officers and the police

visited #23 Maya Street, San Ignacio Town where **Giovanni Garcia**, 32, reported that he fell asleep and was awakened by smoke coming from a brown sofa inside his house.

Investigations revealed that Garcia's 4 years old son used a cigarette liter to set fire to the sofa. Fortunately Garcia was alerted by the smoke and managed to extinguish the fire before the arrival of the fire service but not before it created and estimated damage of about \$5,000.00bcy.

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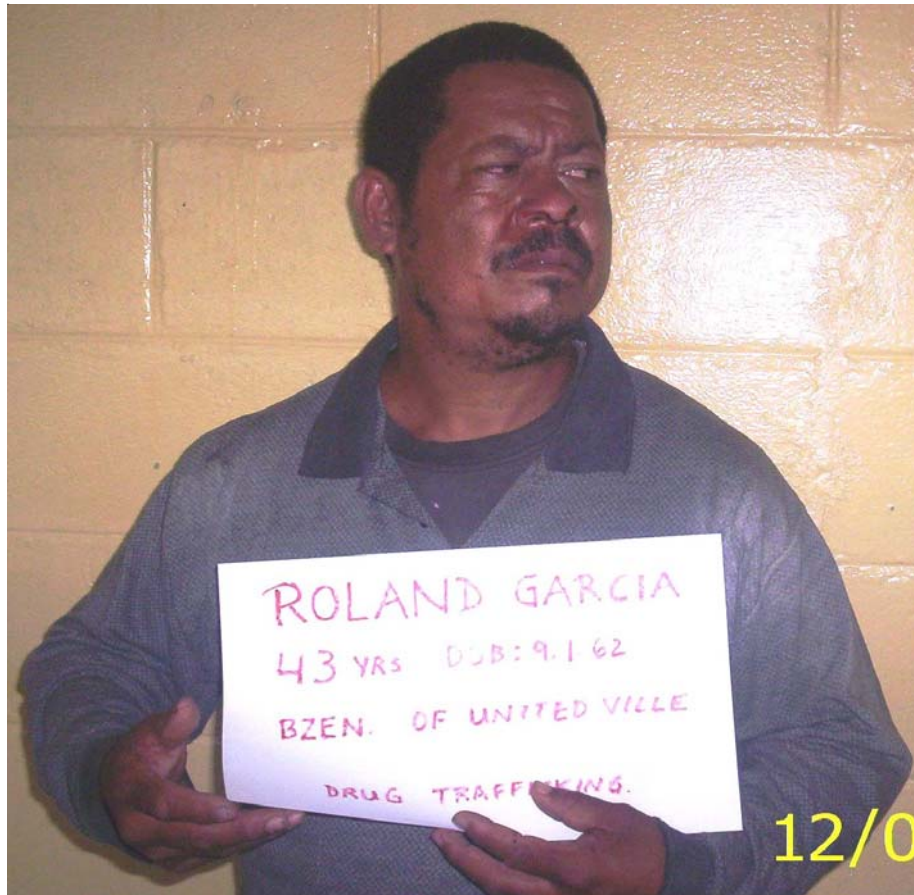
# Garcia, With A Sack Of Weed, Attempts To Flee From Police

Benque Viejo Police reports the discovery of a sack of marijuana and the arrest of a Belizean couple from the village of Unitedville.

The report informs that on Thursday, March 12, 2009, an alert police mobile patrol between miles 70 & 71 on the Western Highway spotted a blue, 5 door, Toyota Tercel station wagon car with Cayo license plate No.CY-C-26591 travelling towards San Ignacio.

Police set chase behind the car and when they caught up with it they found **Roland Garcia**, 43, Belizean Farmer behind the steering wheel and in the front passenger seat was his common-law wife, **Bernadine Elizabeth Myers**, 34, Belizean domestic both of Unitedville Village, Cayo District.

A search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of a crocos sack



**Roland Garcia, 43, Belizean Farmer, pled guilty to drug trafficking charge**

on the back seat containing marijuana.

8,550 grams (19lbs) of

Garcia and Myers were

## UB Students Celebrate World Social Worker Day

**BELIZE CITY, Wednesday, March 18, 2009:**

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, the UB Social Work Student Association (SWSA) for the first time joined the International Federation of Social Workers in celebrating World Social Worker Day.

In commemorating the day, the Association undertook a series of community service activities.

With assistance from HelpAge Belize, the Association identified an older person in need of assistance. On Tuesday morning, March 17, at 9 a.m., SWSA members visited the home of

eighty-eight year old **Icenie McKoy** of 3909 Causarina Street, Belize City. The team undertook to making improvements to her residence.

The improvements included fixing her fence, painting her house, cleaning her yard, revitalizing her garden, and handing over a food hamper.

Older persons in Belize and around the world are often neglected as younger members of society consider them to be useless and having nothing else to contribute to our society. This activity seeks to follow the

Association's mandate of assisting individuals, families and communities who are disadvantaged to address challenges and positively impact changes in their lives.

World Social Worker Day is this year celebrated under the theme: "*Social Work and Social Development: The Agenda*," reflecting the current challenges the global society is confronted with and the need for planning to ensure that humanity thrives despite the troubled times.

Social workers make an essential contribution to the promotion of social cohesion, both through preventive work and their response to social problems. Social work is therefore an investment in the current and future welfare of our communities.

The Social Work Student Association was formed in September 2008 by students enrolled in the social work program at the University of Belize.

The Association's Executive Committee comprises President, **Kendra Griffith**; Vice President, **Yolanda Martinez**; Treasurer, **Cynthia Williams**; Secretary, **Pamela Stamp**; Community Service Chair, **Roxanne Jones** and Faculty Advisor, **Starla Acosta**. For further information on the Association, please feel free to contact President, Kendra Griffith at 662-1252.



**Bernadine Elizabeth Myers, 34, Belizean domestic, pled not guilty to drug trafficking charge and released on bail**

formally arrested and jointly charged for drug trafficking. They appeared in Benque Viejo Magistrate Court where Garcia pleaded guilty as charged and Myers pleaded not guilty.

Garcia was sentenced to (3) years imprisonment and fined \$15,000.00 plus \$5.00 cost of court to be paid by March 30, in default (3) years imprisonment. Sentences are to run consecutively.

Bernadine Myers was offered and met bail of \$2,500.00 plus a surety of the same amount to re-appear in court next Wednesday, March 25.

On the request of the prosecution, the 1985 Toyota Tercel Blue small wagon was confiscated by the court to the government of Belize.

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# Eden High's Ronesto Pinedo Captures First Prize In Environmental Poster Competition

**BELMOPAN, Thursday, March 19, 2009:**

The Department of the Environment announces the top three winners selected from countrywide submissions made for both the environmental poster and project competitions for high

schools and primary schools students.

For the poster competition, the first place winner is **Ronesto Pineda** from Eden SDA High School; the second place winner is **Phaedra Mohammed-Ali** from Wesley College and the third place

# The Fire Season Is On

**BELMOPAN, Thursday, March 19, 2009:**

The Forest Department, the Agriculture Department and the Toledo Cacao Growers Association informs the general public that the fire annual season officially started on the 15th of February and will run right up to July 15th.

Many areas around the country are prone to wildfires during that time because of dry grass and bush.

The public is advised that under existing legislation, namely the Agricultural Fire Act, and Forest Fire Protection Act, anyone planning to burn garbage, pastures, or milpa are to ensure that there is a fire pass at least 6 feet wide surrounding the garbage pile or the milpa to be burnt.

In addition, the person is to apply for a burning permit at the nearest Agricultural Office (*or Forest Office*).

Every year because of poor planning and no fire pass, many people suffer financial losses as well as other valuable resources such as houses, pastures, crops, fruit trees and conservation protection areas.

The public is advised that anyone convicted to causing damage to property due to fire or negligence in burning , is liable to a maximum fine of \$1,000.00 or to 6 months imprisonment or to both fine and confinement.

For more information the public is advised to call the nearest Forest Office or Agriculture Office in their respective district.

winner is **Jair Pasos** from Corozal Community College. A consolation prize in this competition was awarded to **Rebecca Stirm** from Belize Christian Academy.

In the project competition, the first place prize went to St. Matthew's Government School, the second place winner is Sarteneja Nazarene Primary School and the third place winner is St. Andrew's

# Beware Of Bogus Bowen Cheques

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of **Sylvin Bodden** and a cheque in that name for \$489.23.

The creole man presented a Social Security Card in the name of **Reknicle Hemmans** and a First Caribbean Bank cheque in the sum of \$512.67.

It was when the store owner, **Xiong Yanm Li**, 25, took the cheques to the bank he was

Anglican School.

All the posters that were submitted will be displayed at the House of Culture in Belize City throughout the month of April.

The Department of the Environment congratulates the winners and expresses its sincere appreciation to all participating students and schools for their thoughtful and well put together submissions which serves to inform others about the importance of protecting our environment.

informed that they were not genuine.

Police investigation revealed that there is neither a Sylvin Bodden nor a Reknicle Hemmans on any Bowen & Bowen payroll in any part of the country.

Police has since been on the lookout for Sylvin Bodden and Reknicle Hemmans as investigation continues.

## PUBLIC ADVISORY FROM THE FOREST DEPARTMENT

IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FOREST DEPARTMENT THAT THERE IS AN ALARMINGLY HIGH RATE OF INDIVIDUALS HUNTING AND SELLING GAME MEAT WITHOUT THE NECESSARY LICENSE OR PERMIT.

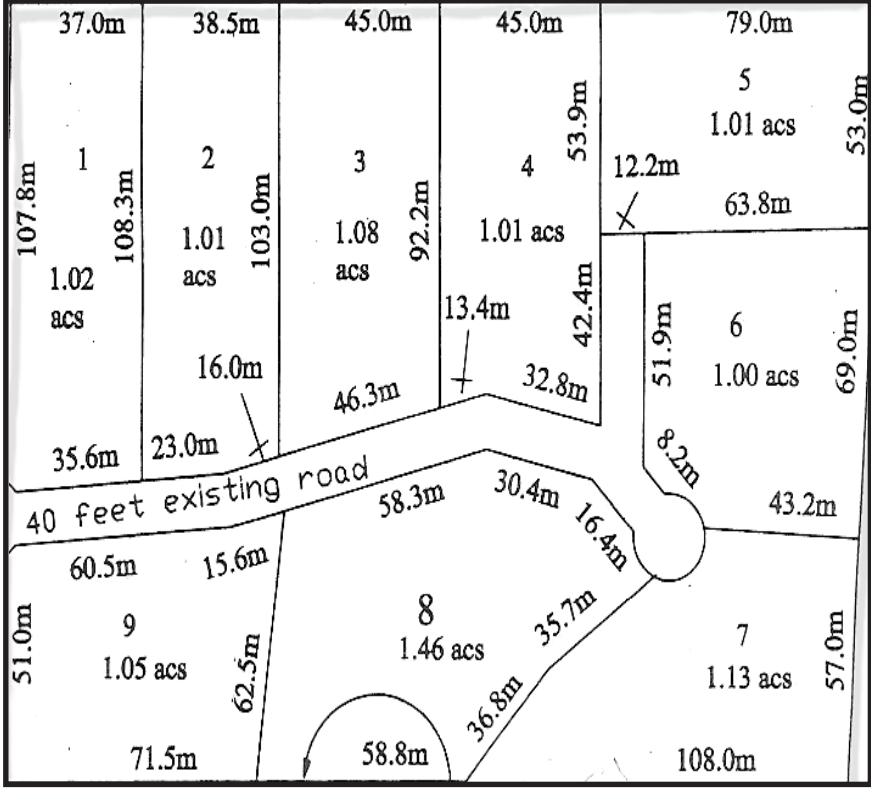
THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE FOLLOWING LAWS AS STIPULATED IN THE WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT; CHAPTER 220 (REVISED EDITION 2000):

- \* NO PERSON SHALL HUNT ANY SPECIES OF WILDLIFE WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE;
- \* NO PERSON SHALL HUNT, BUY OR SELL ANY SPECIES OF WILDLIFE WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE;
- \* ANY PERSON APPLYING FOR A HUNTING OR DEALER'S LICENSE MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF A VALID GUN LICENSE.

ALL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE HUNTING, BUYING OR SELLING OF GAME MEAT ARE ASKED TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY PERMITS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE FOREST DEPARTMENT AT 822-1524 OR E-MAIL [fdsecretary@mnrei.gov.bz](mailto:fdsecretary@mnrei.gov.bz)

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## **CHAPTER 194, LAWS OF BELIZE (REVISED EDITION 2000)**

### **NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13**

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This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 903

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 1382 of 2003 dated 19th December, 2003 in favour of **LILIAN AVILES**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901509**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **GRANT'S LAND**, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 643

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2743/2001 dated 21st June, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 34 of 2001 at Folios 1267 - 1274 in favour of **WILLIAM RONALD HOWARD**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901512**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **GRANT'S LAND**, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 603-608, 611, 612, 613, 635, 636, 637, 640, 641, 642, 645-649.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2804/2000 dated 7th July, 2000 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 42 of 2000 at Folios 533 - 540 in favour of **GEORGE RUSSELL**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901513**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN PEDRO**, Block No. 7 and being Parcel No. 4316

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2260/2002 dated 8th August, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 27 of 2002 at Folios 715 - 726 in favour of **PREVISOR LIMITED**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901517**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ALBERT/MESOP**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 852

This parcel of land is the subject of an Indenture dated 3rd March, 1932 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 30 of 1932 at Folios 697-698 in favour of **ESTATE OF ELORINE DOROTHY GLADYS COFFIN**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901528**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 684

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2161/1993 dated 25th October, 1993 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 23 of 1993 at Folios 897-904 in favour of **DAVID GARCIA**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901537**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1633

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 876/1993 dated 8th April, 1993 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 10 of 1993 at Folios 783-788 in favour of **BELIZE SUGAR CANE BOARD**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901547**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **CHAN CHEN**, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 267

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 4393/2000 dated 21st November, 2000 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 2000 at Folios 1409-1416 in favour of **ISHWARLAL NANWANI & KAMAL KUMAR NANDWANI**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901571**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 220

This parcel of land is, the subject of a Conveyance No. 1776/1990 dated 28th September, 1990 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 19 of 1990 at Folios 1047 - 1060 in favour of **MELEESE T. BALDERAMOS (as sole survivor of a joint tenure)**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901589**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN JOAQUIN/ SAN MAXIMO**, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 403

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1130/1994 dated 6th June, 1994 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 14 of 1994 at Folios 127 - 132 in favour of **MERRIBALDO PECH**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901595**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **DANGRIGA NORTH**, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 1665

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 292/1972 dated 9(1) March, 1972 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 3 of 1972 at Folios 541- 548 in favour of **EDLEY JEROME POWELL**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901596**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **DANGRIGA NORTH**, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 1666.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 293/1972 dated 6th April, 1972 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 3 of 1972 at Folios 549-556 in favour of **EDLEY JEROME POWELL**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901603**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2088 & 2089

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2917/2004 dated 15th November, 2004 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 38 of 2004 at Folios 1287-1298 in favour of **LOUIS SEGALOFF & JOYCE O. SEGALOFF**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901604**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2090 & 2091

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2918/2004 dated 15th November, 2004 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 38 of 2004 at Folios 1299-1310 in favour of **LOUIS SEGALOFF & JOYCE O. SEGALOFF**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901605**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2194

This parcel of land is the subject of an Indenture No. 933/1965 dated 11th October, 1965 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 1965 at Folios 537-542 in favour of **MARGARET SALAZAR**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901690**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **GEORGE/PICKSTOCK**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 326

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 653/2003 dated 21st February, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 9 of 2003 at Folios 429- 438 in favour of **JENNIFER F. LONGWORTH**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901697**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **VISTADELMAR**, Block No. 16 and being Parcel No. 114 & 115

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 30 of 1990 dated 8th February, 1990 in favour of **GUIDO GUERRERO**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901701**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **TRIAL FARM**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1974

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 601 of 1997 dated 4th November, 1997 in favour of **ARTEMIO OSORIO**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901702**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2733

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2571/2008 dated 28th August, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 31 of 2008 at Folios 51-64 in favour of **ARCELIANA ORIO**.