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## CAYO COPS CAPTURE OVER 20 KILOS OF COCAINE

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, February 18, 2010:**

Hot on the heels of last Wednesday's major discovery of a cache of weapons and ammunition of war and the capture of a 3 ½ year fugitive of the law, San Ignacio police today netted what is considered to be the largest cocaine haul in recent times.

It was exactly 10:30 this Thursday morning, February 18, when San Ignacio police received information of a suspicious white, single cab Chevrolet pickup truck, with Corozal license plates C-15397,

crossing the western border into Benque Viejo heading towards San Ignacio Town.

A team of Crimes Investigation Branch Officers, under the command of **Sergeant #718 Reymundo Reyes**, headed up the Western Highway towards Benque Viejo Town.

The team had barely reached the San Ignacio Texaco Service Station at the top of the hill, when the Chevrolet pickup truck sped by.

They set chase behind the speeding truck as it passed in front of the San Ignacio police station, over the Hawksworth Bridge and into Santa Elena



### The Accused, Carlos Jonathan Gibson, 28

Town. It was eventually intercepted in the vicinity of the Social Security Branch office in Santa Elena Town on the Western Highway where it was pulled off the side of the road and the lone male driver was ordered out of the vehicle.

A cursory searched of the interior of the truck led to the discovery of only 3 bottles of Corona beer on the floor on the passenger side.

The driver was identified as **Carlos Jonathan Gibson, 28**, Belizean Businessman of #14 B-Street, Alta Mira Area, Corozal Town. A search of his person resulted in the discovery of a single point 45 prohibited ammunition in the front right pocket of the pants he was wearing.

Gibson was instantly detained, handcuffed and transported,

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## Education Minister, Hon. Patrick Faber On The Removal Of Corporal Punishment As A Form Of Discipline In Schools

I wish to address the matter of the removal of corporal punishment from our schools.

There are those who claim that we are removing corporal punishment from our schools simply because of international agreements we have signed.

Indeed, in 1990 Belize was among the first five nations that's ratified the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*.

Since then, Belize has lagged behind in its legislative, administrative and educational measures to protect children from all forms of physical or mental violence, in particular corporal punishment.

But let me assure you now, that the main reason why we are advocating the removal of corporal punishment from our schools has less to do with the signing of any convention or agreement and more to do with what we think is in the best interest of our children and our nation.

There has also been the claim that corporal punishment has been with us since our colonial past and that it is a part of our culture. I am cognizant of the fact that culture does not change overnight. But I am also aware that it will never change if we do not take concrete steps to change it. In South Africa, leaders recognized this by also outlawing corporal punishment in their schools after they succeeded in ending apartheid in which beating children to control them was standard practice in schools.

We firmly believe that to create a more democratic, less authoritarian society it is necessary to encourage the development of self-disciplined citizens of high self-esteem rather than passive citizens who have been intimidated, physically or otherwise, into submission.

Since corporal punishment is based on instilling fear in our children it does not build self-discipline, self-confidence or self-esteem. It is based on the belief that if children are made to suffer for doing wrong they will not repeat their inappropriate behavior. It focuses on what is wrong with behavior rather than what ought



(Photo: Mike Hernandez - SIF)

to be the right behavior.

I am gratified, therefore, that the Belize National Teachers Union finally agrees with the removal of corporal punishment from our schools. However, I must respectfully differ with them on how long it must take for us to remove it.

I have heard their call to delay the removal of corporal punishment until such time that **ALL** the structures and alternatives are in place and until **EVERYONE** is on board. However, there will never come a time when enough structures and alternatives are in place and everyone is on board.

There will always be new structures and alternatives and there will always be those who will keep asking for more time and more time. We must provide the necessary motivation for the change to take place.

Perhaps a bit of history might shed light on my position in this regard.

In 1999 just before the current Handbook of Policies and Procedures for School Services (*otherwise known as the Education Rules*) was signed into law, the BNTU and others at the time clamored for retaining corporal punishment in our schools to allow time for alternatives to be put in place. The argument then was the same as it is now. It has been ten years since that time and save for a few initiatives here and there, no alternatives have been put into place. Of course, some are quick to lay blame at the feet of the Ministry of Education for this, pointing out that it is the Ministry's responsibility to so do. Yet when we do take

leadership in the exercise of our responsibility the most resistance often comes from among the very groups with whom the Ministry has consistently consulted and sought input from. Indeed, it is as though we must ask permission each time we seek to exercise our responsibility. So what are we to do? When will change come?

I agree with the former South African Minister of Education, **Professor, Kader Asmal** when he wrote:

*"There is no doubt about the need for alternatives for corporal punishment. If we are to have a positive culture of learning and teaching in our schools, the learning environment must be safe, orderly and conducive to learning."*

Therefore, as Minister of Education, I am mindful of the concerns raised by the BNTU and others with respect to the removal of corporal punishment

from schools.

I have listened to the BNTU's call that as we seek to remove corporal punishment from schools we ensure that alternatives are put in place. In this regard, some time ago I proposed the establishment of a task force made up of Ministry of Education officials and education stakeholders whose task would be to identify, recommend and devise a plan for the introduction of alternatives approaches for achieving discipline in our schools and developing self-disciplined citizens. The Ministry of Education is currently establishing this task force with representation from various stakeholder groups including the BNTU, National Organization for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (**NOPCAN**), National Committee for Families and Children (**NCFC**), Managing Authorities and Parents.

Some time ago I also gave my pledge to the BNTU to work with them and other stakeholders to ensure the protection and safety of teachers and schools in general by amending relevant laws to provide for stiffer penalties for those, including disgruntled parents, who attack teachers or schools. I remain committed to this pledge.

Therefore, to facilitate the work of the task force, I have decided that while the bill should proceed as planned, the relevant sections dealing with the removal of corporal punishment shall not come into effect immediately. This will allow for a period of not more than six months for the task



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## CGA Praises Canton



*"In contemplating the kind of leadership and experienced background envisioned in the CEO, your name came readily to mind, your extensive and successful work experience in the citrus industry ... is a valuable and necessary qualification."*

This is what Denzil Jenkins, the then Chairman of the Citrus Growers Association, wrote about Dr. Henry Canton, when the CGA recruited Canton as Chief Executive Officer/ Managing Director of its newly acquired processing facilities, Citrus Products of Belize Limited (CPBL), back in 2002.

Jenkins also enthused that Canton had *"demonstrated leadership skills in being able to not only create a shared vision, but to lead its complex implementation process"* and he praised Canton's *"ability to listen to others, to foster teamwork through a participatory management style even as you demand performance from those around you"*. These were qualities that Jenkins and the CGA deemed necessary for the new company.

As a sweetener to Canton's contract, and to avoid any future suggestion of a conflict of interest, the CGA agreed that one of the pre-conditions of the contract offered to Canton was that *he be allowed to continue the management of his company (ADS), which was established to provide a wide variety of much needed services to the industry.*

Those were risky times for the citrus industry of Belize. The world citrus markets had taken a downturn. The Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC) company Del Oro was up for sale. CDC's London headquarters had made a policy decision to discontinue certain overseas investments, and that affected the citrus industry in Belize.

But it also provided an opportunity at last for the industry to be owned and controlled by Belizeans – even in difficult market conditions. Sceptics in the industry were hesitant about making an investment in the purchasing of Del Oro. After all, the processing end of the industry had gone through a staggering array of foreign ownership since the first processing plant, the Citrus Company of British Honduras Limited, was established in the Pomona Valley in 1913.

That was a subsidiary of a Jamaican company (*Trout Hall*). The next processing company was set up a few miles up the Valley Road at Alta Vista. This was a Canadian investment by Salada Foods. It was later bought by Jamaican and Belizean interests and renamed Belize Foods Products. In 1998, the (*British*) Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC) bought over the Citrus Company of Belize, acquired huge citrus acreages through its Barton Creek purchase in the Cayo District, and then went on to acquire Belize Food Products, thus creating Del Oro Belize Limited. By the turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the processing end of the citrus industry was predominantly foreign owned – until CDC's momentous decision to divest.

To the credit of the Citrus Growers Association, they finally decided to take the bull by the horns and formed the Belize Citrus Growers' Association Investment Company Limited (BCGAICL). This move was to set the stage for the acquisition of Del Oro, which was concluded in 2002. Del Oro became Citrus Products of Belize Limited (CPBL), with majority shareholders being the Citrus Growers Association. The entire industry had come home.

And the man chosen to move it forward was Dr. Henry Canton. Under Canton, the citrus industry has expanded, consolidated, diversified, and established its presence on the world citrus market, not only as a primary producer of concentrate, but as a potential leader in the increasingly expanding natural juices market.

Now Mr. Jenkins and his few disgruntled friends are doing their best to remove Dr. Canton and his team from the management of the Citrus Company of Belize Ltd. (CPBL).

There is more to this story than meets the eye.



# Focusing On Crime Reduction And Increased Economic Development For A Better Belize

BY: Wellington Ramos



Belize and the other English speaking Caribbean countries are all experiencing a significant increase in their crime and unemployment rates.

The time is now right for these countries to conduct a comprehensive study in order to examine the impact that chronic unemployment has on crime.

I have looked at some studies conducted over the years in most of the large urban cities in the

United States of America and they have all revealed that there is a direct relationship between crime and unemployment.

There are too many idle, unemployed and displaced young persons in Belize.

Currently in Belize many of these young persons are associated with violent gangs and are engaged in criminal and anti-social activities that is making our country unsafe and discouraging people from other countries to come to Belize as tourist to spend money and boost the economy.

The last time I was in Belize I saw a gentleman dressed in a policeman's uniform on a motorcycle. He had neither regulation number on his shoulder nor name tag on the breast pocket of his shirt.

I was told by a person that he is a Tourism Police, a new thing that they started in Belize. This Police Officer was chasing a

suspect around the main bridge in Dangriga town and he pulled out a loaded 38 revolver to shoot at the suspect. Luckily, he did not fire the gun at the time because he probably would have shot an innocent civilian pedestrian passing by and we would have had no way of identifying this Policeman.

This might be the right time for all Police Officers to have their name attached to their uniforms in addition to their numbered shoulder badges.

This also seems like the right time for Government ministers along with the Businesses and Industry sector to sit around the table and convene an Economic Development summit to plan for the next ten years.

This will be to the benefit of the government and the private sector. When citizens of a country become employed they will possess the means of purchasing their commodities from the businesses and industries and pay their taxes to the government to increase revenues.

I am not living in Belize permanently and it is hard for me as a Belizean to comprehend how our Ministers can go to bed at night only to wake up and hear that a member of their political constituency have lost a love one. Also, for the business owners to hear that another business was robbed at gunpoint and the owner of the business was shot and killed. How long must we all wait until we ourselves become victims of this on-going madness.

The government of Belize should consider bringing back the Traffic Department into the main stream Police Department because it will help to generate more income for the economy and reduce the crime rates.

In conjunction with the Traffic Department, the police Toll Stations on our highways to conduct searches for drugs, weapons, ammunition, wanted criminals, illegal immigrants, stolen goods and other contraband items. The revenues from the tolls would pay for the maintenance of the highways and salaries for Traffic Police Officers. When I attended the Police Academy years ago the

two most difficult areas of law I had difficulty with were traffic and immigration.

I still cannot understand how the decision was made to remove these two departments from the Police Force and convert them into civilian institutions. It is easier to control Police Officers than civilians because these branches of law enforcement requires disciplined personnel. There is nothing wrong with admitting that a mistake was made and acknowledge that something is not working. Admitting one's mistake is all a part of the development agenda.

Many of our young people who are unemployed could seek employment as Traffic Officers while the business and industry sector will be able to transport their commodities and cargoes safely throughout the entire country.

Belize, like other countries, is confronted with many challenges but crime and unemployment are the two major thorns they must address quickly.

Belizeans are becoming very impatient and intolerant. When our people have had enough of something they will take action. Pretty soon they will begin to ask themselves: Is this UDP Government doing their best to address these two important issues. If they come to a negative conclusion they will not hesitate to put back the government in the hands of the People's United Party or another political party.

Remember, that these killings and crimes have Belizeans venting their emotions and some people are not rational thinkers when expressing their emotions. Many nights before I go to bed, I sit in the United States and wonder if our leaders in Belize ever listen to the advice that the people living abroad are offering or they just do not give a darn about what we think. Politicians and lawmakers should remember that although we are living abroad, we have close relatives and dear friends in Belize and most, it not every, Belizean has a family member living in the United States.

Let us now conduct this Economic Development Summit to provide employment to our unemployed citizens and reduce these killings and robberies.



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### U.S. Embassy Offers Summer Exchange Programs to Secondary School Educators

The Embassy of the United States of America in Belmopan invites Secondary School Educators to apply for a six-week course that starts in mid-June, 2010 at a U.S. institution. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of U.S. society, education, and culture – past and present. The programs will be organized around a central theme or themes in U.S. civilization and will have a strong contemporary component.

The program covers participants' costs, including international and domestic travel, ground transportation, books, cultural events, mailing and incidental allowances, housing, and a subsistence allowance.

Candidates should be highly motivated and experienced mid-career secondary school educators (classroom teachers, teacher trainers, curriculum developers, textbook writers, Ministry of Education officials, etc.), typically between the ages of 25 – 50 with little or no prior experience in the United States. Ideal candidates will also work with a home institution that is seeking to introduce aspects of U.S. studies into its curricula, to develop new courses in the subject, to enhance and update existing courses on the United States, or to offer specialized seminars/workshops for education professionals in U.S. studies.

If you are interested in applying, please fill out an application form and return it to the U.S. Embassy, Public Affairs Office, Floral Park Road, Belmopan by 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 26.

A copy of the application form is available on the Embassy's website at <http://belize.usembassy.gov>. You may also write to the Embassy for more information at [Embbelize@state.gov](mailto:Embbelize@state.gov).

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# Education Minister Accommodating Wishes Of Teachers And Other Education Stakeholders

Submitted by: Arlette Gomez  
Education Information Officer  
Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education acknowledges the letter dated February 15, 2010 from the Belize National Teachers Union (BNTU) to **Hon. Dean Barrow**, Prime Minister, and copied to the **Hon. Patrick Faber**, Minister of Education, calling for a delay in the third reading of the Education and Training Bill to allow time for: *‘the Ministry of Education in consultations with Education partners; including managing authorities and BNTU, be charged with the responsibility of putting in place, necessary structures and mechanism to address the issue of “School Safety” and “School Discipline,” including Corporal Punishment, in our education institutions, prior to removal of Corporal Punishment from the Education Rules 2000 and as being proposed in the present Education and Training Bill, 2009.’*

The Ministry of Education and in particular the Minister of Education is mindful of the concerns raised by the BNTU and others with respect to the removal of Corporal Punishment from schools. In this regard, the Minister had proposed the establishment of a working group made up of Ministry of Education officials and education stakeholders whose task would be to identify, recommend and devise a plan for the introduction of alternatives to corporal punishment for achieving discipline in our schools and developing self-disciplined citizens. The Ministry of Education is currently establishing this working group by seeking representation from various stakeholder groups including the BNTU, Managing Authorities and Parents. The Minister of Education had also given his pledge to the BNTU to work with them and other stakeholders to amend relevant laws to ensure the protection and safety of teachers and others in schools from attack by parents and others by amending relevant laws to provide for stiffer penalties for those who attack teachers or schools.

To facilitate the work of the



Education Minister, Hon. Patrick Faber  
with Primary School Students in St. Ann's Village  
(Photo: Mike Hernandez - SIF)

working group, the Minister of Education has decided that while the bill should proceed as planned, that provision will be made in the bill for the relevant section dealing with the removal of corporal punishment from schools not to come into effect immediately upon the passage of the bill. This will allow for a period of not more than six (6) months for such plans for the introduction of alternatives to corporal punishment in schools

to be developed by the working group and for implementation of such plans to commence. It is anticipated that at the completion of such plans the relevant sections of the bill having to do with the removal of corporal punishment shall come into effect thus providing not only the framework but the incentive for alternatives to be implemented.

The Ministry of Education believes that in order to create a more democratic, less authori-

tarian society it is necessary to encourage the development of self-disciplined citizens of high self-esteem rather than passive citizens who have been beaten into submission.

In this endeavor the Ministry of Education calls on all stakeholders to come together to ensure that we develop such citizens and such a more democratic and less authoritarian society.

The Minister and the Ministry of Education are desirous of continuing its very open and engaging dialogue with stakeholders while ensuring that continuous progress is made in seeking to implement change for the betterment of our education system and for the betterment of Belize.

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HARLEY WHITEHURST, MARY WHITEHURST & ELAINE HARELL (JOINTLY)	Placencia North 36/816	8992/2003 dtd. 22/12/2003
PERLA PERDOMO	King's Park 45/23	173/2000 dtd. 11/1/2000
CHARLES LAWRENCE	Chan Chen 1/76/1	1821/2004 dtd. 18/2/2004
CONSUELO URBINA	Belmopan 20/200	7222/1992 dtd. 23/12/1992
GEORGE MEGGS	King's Park 45/281	1019/1992 dtd. 28/3/1990

It is proposed to cancel the above Land/Lease 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.

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## Belize & Mexico - Cooperating In Security Matters



**BELMOPAN CITY, Monday, February 15, 2010:**

A delegation of government officials from Belize met with government officials from two separate offices in Chetumal on Wednesday, February 10th to exchange ideas on a wide range of security-related issues.

The delegation from Belize

was led by Chief Executive Officer from the Ministry of National Security, **Allen Whyllie**, and included senior officials from the Police Department, the National Forensics Services, the Attorney General's Ministry, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the first encounter, the Belize delegation met

with a delegation led by the Quintana Roo Attorney General, **Bello Rodriguez**, and included the Mexican Ambassador to Belize, **Luis Lopez**, and senior officials from the State Attorney General's office, the Police Command, and the Crimes Investigations Unit.

The meeting discussed ways

by which government officials from both sides could jointly improve their system of intercommunication, including identifying contact points within the government structure and establishing a standard protocol for the exchange of information.

Both heads of delegation reiterated their support for ongoing bilateral efforts aimed at arriving at the final draft of a proposed mutual legal assistance treaty between the two nations. The treaty once signed will allow both nations to have legal recourse to prosecute criminals who flee across the border.

Attorney General Bello Rodriguez offered to receive police officers from Belize to have them undergo capacity enhancement training at the police training academy in Chetumal. He also renewed his invitation to the Authorities in Belize for the training in Chetumal of students of investigative forensic sciences.

During the second encounter, the delegation from Belize met with the Under Secretary for Public Security of Quintana Roo, **Diddier Vazquez**, and officials from his office to discuss the subject of police communications.

The Belizean delegation received a briefing on the operations of a communications center and techniques in electronic surveillance and intelligence gathering.

At the end of the visit both sides committed to use their best efforts to sustain and enhance the dialogue and collaboration process.

## Belize & Mexico - Cooperating In Sports



**BELMOPAN City, Thursday, February 18, 2010:**

The Embassy of Mexico informs that on February 17, government officials from Sport and Youth agencies of Belize and Quintana Roo met for the first time in order to exchange ideas and experiences, to strengthen cooperation and to propose joint initiatives for Belizean and Mexican young people.

This first ever Meeting on Youth and Sports Belize-Quintana Roo was held in Chetumal, Mexico. Government officials from both countries attended. The event was led by **Mr. Marco Antonio Lozano**, President of the Youth and Sport Commission of Quintana Roo, **Mr. Luke Ramos**, Acting Director of Youth for the Future, **Mr. Carlos Slusher**, National Sport Council Coordinator of Belize, and **H.E. Luis Manuel Lopez-Moreno**, Ambassador of

Mexico.

The representatives of the Youth and Sport Commission of Quintana Roo explained to their Belizean counterparts the Student Sport Program in Quintana Roo, the recovering and promotion of sport facilities, training and support for talented young people, community empowering programs, as well as the *"Young Power"* card which provides discount and facilitate access to cultural activities for young people.

Officials from Belize's Youth for the Future (YFF) presented the structure and sections of this government initiative, the Youth National Service and the 4-H program. They also explained to Mexican representatives the different activities available for young people in Belize like the National Youth Week, the youth councils and forums, the AIDS program and the promotion of

technology, employment and entrepreneurship. Additionally, Mr. Slusher explained the sport programs in Belize, as well as the different national championships in several sports.

Officials from both countries will promote bilateral agreements for cooperation on Youth and Sport between Mexico and Belize. They also agreed to hold another meeting on March 30 in order to exchange technical information on their different programs. Additionally, the group will visit sporting and youth facilities in both countries.

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### **AN OPEN LETTER TO SIR ALLEN FIELD AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BANKS HOLDINGS**

#### **1. Respect our rights as the majority shareholder**

The Citrus Growers Association was the sole owner of Citrus Products of Belize Limited, and today remains the majority shareholder of Citrus Products of Belize Limited. We are simply insisting on our right, as the majority owner of the company to choose who represents us on the company's Board of Directors.

#### **2. Respect us as your partner**

The Citrus Growers Association is your partner – not Doctor Henry Canton. How can you countenance our employee using our money to pillory and sue us, his employer? This goes beyond irony and is a travesty that is wounding our relationship, perhaps irreparably. Simple good business sense should dictate that not only is this not a desirable state of affairs but one from which there can be no good outcome. Today it is us, tomorrow it may be you.

#### **3. Respect the Investment Agreement**

The Citrus Growers Association has been a good partner, and has acted in good faith, respectful not only of the Laws of Belize but of the international norms long established as good business practice. We ask not only that you abide by the terms of the Investment Agreement, but that you also return to abiding to the amendments you agreed to as proposed by the Committee of Five. To do anything less is to support Dr. Canton's betrayal of the growers.

#### **4. Let us dialogue as equals**

The Citrus Growers Association stands ready to dialogue and discuss with our partners, Banks Holdings, as equal partners engaged in the same enterprise with similar objectives. Dr. Henry Canton does NOT and CANNOT speak for the Citrus Growers Association, and neither do Mr. Michael Duncker and Mr. Frank Redmond.

The Committee of Management of the Citrus Growers Association categorically states for the record that it is always willing to openly and honestly discuss our mutual objectives, negotiate our agreements, and mediate our differences at all times, but we should not have to go to Barbados to do so.

We have represented the majority of Belizean citrus growers, large and small, for many, many decades now, and will continue to do so. As our partner in the enterprise of extracting and processing the juice of the fruits of our labours, Sir Allen Fields, you and your board members are always welcome to come visit us and meet our hard working members at any time, and thereby ensure that you know exactly who we are, the growers who are the members of the Citrus Growers Association, and your partners in industry.

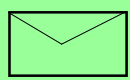
If you believe that we are small in number, only 20 men and women you said, the next time we choose to demonstrate we would be only too glad to meet with you personally.

We will continue to insist on our rights, and if necessary will speak that message throughout the world. Our demonstration this week was simply to give a public face for you to see and understand that the growers and industry stakeholders are the people who, perhaps because until now were anonymous ciphers in this matter, are your true partners in enterprise.

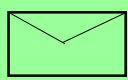
We know who signed what and when – it is there as a matter of public record. You should know these things, and if you do not, you should make the effort to educate and inform yourself so as to be accurate when you speak and cite the terms and clauses of these agreements and contracts.

We have been good partners and hold no animus in this matter. We simply want our rights as the owners, the majority shareholders of the Citrus Products of Belize Limited, and as your partner in enterprise, respected.





## Readers Write



### The Good, The Bad and the Ugly

This is a story we wish we didn't have to write but it happened and it happened in Belize but it could have happened anywhere in the world.

The heroine and ultimate victim of the tale is **Lola**, a well-known, much-respected international artist eking out a living by painting in the small village of Seine Bight on the Placencia Peninsula. She is Belizean by birth, grew up and was educated in Belize City and chose to live and work in Seine Bight.

We met Lola a few years ago and hit it off from the get-go. Last year we attended her one-woman show in the Government House in Belize City. We bought a couple paintings, shared with Lola the happiness of opening night and shortly thereafter returned home to Canada.

Sometime in the spring of 2009 we received very upsetting news from her agent, the very same agent who had taken our money for Lola's paintings and after the show was over packed and shipped them to us. The email message was to the point: Lola was very sick and needed to raise some money for surgery. Because she had to have the money right away, Lola and her agent came up with the idea of asking her patrons to support her by advancing her some money which would be redeemable in the future for the equivalent amount in Lola's art.

It seemed like a good idea to us. It was an opportunity to help someone with an urgent need while at the same time allowing the artist to repay the money in paintings at a later date. In other words, it was a business deal; it wasn't charity.

We immediately sent BZ\$1,000 by western union. We are not rich by any means but we figured we could meet Lola's immediate medical needs and over a period of time redeem our investment in her with her paintings.

Our mistake was that the agent advised us to send the money directly to the agent, as Lola was not well enough to deal with financial matters at that time. Why not? The agent was the one we dealt with at the art show. The agent appeared to have Lola's total trust.

Many patrons responded and the money began to flow in. Lola and her agent set up a ledger identifying the benefactor and the amount received, and in return sent the benefactor a gift certificate redeemable for Lola's art for that amount. A very good plan, except for one thing: **the agent was a thief**, or so it has been alleged; she has not been charged or convicted of any crime as yet but it appears as though she was not passing on to Lola and recording in Lola's ledger all the money that she received. Our 500 dollars U.S., for example, was never received by Lola but the agent did send us via email a gift certificate for Lola's art to the tune of BZ\$1,000.

The agent expressed Lola's great appreciation for the assistance and subsequently apprised us of Lola's condition.

As the months passed, the agent kept us up-to-date and then finally advised us that Lola had failed to raise the money for surgery (**short by US\$500!**) but the monies raised were being put to good use for treatments and medicine.

And that, as they say, was that, until we returned to Belize for our 11<sup>th</sup> annual vacation and, after a pleasant stay at the Aguada in Santa Elena, moved on to Placencia Village.

At the annual Placencia Village art show, we looked for and found Lola who had a booth displaying her paintings. We were so looking forward to seeing her and her work.

We were proud sponsors of Lola and were eager to show her the gift certificate we had received and to make arrangements at a later date to visit her studio in Seine Bight and pick out a painting or two we had coming to us.

I'm paraphrasing the dialogue that followed but it went something like this:

Lola, picking up the coupon we had printed off our computer **"What's this?"**

Me, laughing, **"It's the coupon you sent recognizing that we sent you \$1000bzd."**

Lola, not laughing, **"I have no record of this. Who sent you the coupon?"**

Me, suddenly getting a little bit anxious, **"Your agent."**

Lola, **"I recognize the coupon but I have no record of any such transaction."**

Me, starting to get very, very angry, **"Oh, great, so it was a scam? We send you the money in good faith and you say you didn't receive it? I've got the coupon but you have no record of it?"**

Angry, embarrassed, humiliated, I stalked off. As I stomped down the sidewalk, I thought of the shakedown we had to shake off a few years ago somewhere in Belize. Stories from friends about misplaced trust and betrayal flooded over me. I recalled the words of a friend who said **"Every time I reach out someone's there to slap me down."**

After we took a few hours to cool down, we went back to Lola's booth. Upon reflection, we could not accept the likelihood, the remotest possibility that Lola would ever stoop so low. She would never allow her good name to be jeopardized by such a petty con. She was visibly shaking as I approached her; she was so upset. "I can only think of one thing" she said. **"I have been betrayed! I have been betrayed by my own agent!"**

We had agreed before we went back to Lola's booth to offer Lola a compromise. **"We know you played no part in this fraud but we hadn't planned on donating \$1000bzd either, so let's compromise and divvy up our losses."**

Lola said **"Okay"** but her heart wasn't into it, we could tell. On the other hand, she was in the middle of an art sale and had to concentrate on what was going on. She said, "I'll pick you up on Monday and we'll go to my studio and settle up."

She picked us up on Monday and we headed out to her studio in Seine Bight. On our way, she said, **"I've got to tell you something"** and I thought, **"oh, boy, here we go"**.

Then Lola said, **"I couldn't sleep last night. I tossed and turned. You reached out to me in my time of need and now, through no fault of your own, or mine, for that matter, we're negotiating a settlement? No way! You guys believed in me, and I believed in my agent and my agent betrayed all of us but I can't live with myself unless you accept full value for your gift certificate. That's it. No debate. No ifs ands or buts."**

Lola's gallery in Seine Bight

was full of beautiful paintings. We spent a full morning looking over her art, talking about it, exclaiming over it. What a talent she has and what a pleasure it is for us to share it and bring it back to Canada so that others can appreciate what she does.

So, that's the story, a Belizean story on universal themes of greed, betrayal, anger and redemption.

Who is the **"Good"**? It is undoubtedly Lola. She had the strength of character, the full-blooded integrity, to take something upon herself that she could have sloughed off on another. She is also the only victim of the alleged fraud, so far as we know at this point in time.

Who is the **"Bad"**? Why, the alleged agent, of course, the agent who insinuated herself into Lola's life to gain the total trust of the artist and then parlayed that trust into a position where she could con others. How pathetic is that? How low can you go?

The **"Ugly"**? The Ugly is the situation we find ourselves in all too often when those who can't take the time to do it honestly and who cannot accept that the golden ring is beyond their grasp must resort to betrayal, theft, and any kind of skullduggery to get what they think they have to have, to get what they think they deserve without any effort and by any means, by hook or by crook. Isn't it sad when the Belizean notion of **'Big'N Up'** reflects the universal notion of **'If I can't have it, you are not going to get it; and if you try to get it, I'm going to bring you down.'**

Let's face it. We got stung for BZ\$1000 because we trusted the wrong person. As a result, for a scary moment in time, we lost our trust in others. Then Lola, the struggling artist (**and believe us, all artists are struggling right now**), came along and said, **"I'll take the sting. You take back your trust"**.

Thanks to Lola and her incredible integrity and sense of self, we have taken back our trust. We are going to be ever more vigilant, as we should always be, but we are not going to let frauds and cheats suck the love and compassion out of us.

So, we are back in the saddle again, moving from town to town in Belize, our favourite vacation land. And, we are feeling just fine, thank you very much.

**Brian and Evelyn Babineau**  
**Canadian Travelers**



## 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, PATRICIA ROBATEAU PEREZ**, for 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.

  
(PATRICIA ROBATEAU PERES) (MRS.)  
for REGISTRAR OF LANDS

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001053

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PORT/LOYOLAVILLE**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1662.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 61 of 1996 dated 6th March, 1996 in favor of **IAN GILLET**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001067

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **QUEENS SQUARE WEST**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 631.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3093 of 2008 dated 22nd October, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 37 of 2008 at folios 983-996 in favour of **VINOD MOTILAL CHAWLA**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001068

These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, **QUEENS SQUARE WEST**, Block No. 45 and being Parcels No. 629 & 630.

These parcels of land are the subject of a Conveyance No. 3094 of 2008 dated 22nd October, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 37 of 2008 at Folios 997-1010 in favour of **VINOD MOTILAL CHAWLA**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001086

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **XAIBE VILLAGE**, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 587.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 842 of 1999 dated 10th October, 1999 in favor of **LEOCADIO HOY**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001088

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **ST. MARTIN DE PORRES WEST**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 675.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 368 of 2008 dated 6th January, 2009 in favor of **MARY ANN THURTON ARRIOLA**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001108

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SARTENEJA**, Block No. 3 and being Parcel No. 407.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 106 of 1990 dated 24th April, 1990 in favor of **GALINDO PEREZ**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001132

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **CAROLINA/ CALCUTTA**, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 332.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 25 of 1985 dated 19th February, 1985 in favor of **BERNARD HUDSON**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001201

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **TRIAL FARM**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 575.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 166 of 1994 dated 19th September, 1994 in favor of **ROLANDO NABET**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001202

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **QUEEN'S SQUARE**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 315.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Vesting Assent No. 2091 of 2008 dated 14th July, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 24 of 2008 at Folios 1313-1320 in favour of **UNICY USHER**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001221

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **FORT GEORGE/ PICKSTOCK**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 647.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Vesting Deed No. 1095 of 1986 dated 29th September, 1986 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 10 of 1986 at Folios 1057-1086 in favour of **VERONICA OCTILIA TUCKER, ZELMA EDGELL, LAURA LONGSWORTH & CHAUNCEY BARRINGTON TUCKER**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001281

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1760.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2757 of 2000 dated 6th July 2000 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 41 of 2000 at Folios 1099-1104 in favour of **ELADIO MOGUEL & ALAIN MOGUEL**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001282

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **DANGRIGA SOUTH**, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 1352.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 190 of 1997 dated 13th May, 1997 in favor of **PASQUALA BERNADETTE LEWIS as Administratrix of the Estate of Anthony Lewis (deceased)**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001294

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SANTA ELENA/ CAYO**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 251.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 22 of 1980 dated 28th January, 1980 in favor of **ROSEL CANAQUIE**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001301

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2312.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 222 of 2002 dated 28th March, 2002 in favor of **LYDIA CASTELLANOS**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001304

These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, **PORT/ LOYOLAVILLE**, Block No. 45 and being Parcels No. 1736 & 1737.

These parcels of land are the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 546 of 1993 dated 18th March, 1993 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 7 of 1993 at Folios 9-18 in favour of **BELIZE ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001320

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1817.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1490 of 1977 dated 23rd November 1977 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 15 of 1977 at Folios 1481-1486 in favour of **CARLOS MARCHAND**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001329

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **BURDON CANAL**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 127.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1381 of 2008 dated 13th May, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 17 of 2008 at Folios 881-894 in favour of **RAVI NANDLAL NANDWANI**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001332

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ALBERT/MESOP**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 920.

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## Roger Bowen Is NOT An Employee Of Pro Belize Service Corp.

**SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Tuesday, February 16, 2010:**

We were among the first to arrive on the scene of a traffic accident, last Friday morning,

where a Toyota Land Cruiser ran into the A&S Glass Shop in Santa Elena Town.

On the scene we spoke with the driver **Roger Bowen** who told us, among other things, that he

was an employee of Pro-Belize.

This past Tuesday afternoon we received a call from the Director of Pro Belize Service Corp. who told us that, despite what Bowen said to us, he is **NOT AN EMPLOYEE** of Pro Belize.

The Director informed that

Bowen lives in the building housing Pro Belize's office on Victoria Street in San Ignacio Town and that on the morning of the accident, Bowen illegally took possession of the key to the vehicle and without authority moved it from where it was parked ultimately crashing the vehicle.

Recognizing that "*Bad publicity is not good*", the Director informed that he advised Bowen to contact us and request for the record to be set straight.

A few hours later, Bowen visited our office requesting for the information to be corrected.

It is in this light that, regardless of what Bowen told us last Friday morning at the scene of the traffic accident, **HE IS NOT EMPLOYED BY PRO BELIZE!**

## Five Pounds Of Weed Without Owner

**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Sunday February 7, 2010:**

Benque Viejo Police continues the weekly reporting of marijuana discoveries suspected to be coming from across the border in Melchor De Mencos, Peten, Guatemala.

It was shortly after 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, February 7, when a team of patrolling policemen boarded a Valencia commuter bus, heading towards

San Ignacio Town, between miles 71 and 72 on the Western Highway, near the western village of San Jose Succotz.

A search of the bus led to the discovery of a blue, NIKE brand, knapsack under a seat.

When the bag was opened it to contain suspected marijuana. Police were unable to ascertain the owner of the merchandise.

The marijuana, all five pounds of it, now sit inside the police



exhibit room labeled as found property.



### TENDER FOR THE JANITORIAL AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

#### MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT, BELMOPAN



The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment invites tenders for the provision of cleaning and janitorial services of its office premises situate at Cohune Walk, Belmopan.

1. The tender shall be for a period of two (2) years (12th April 2010 to 31st March 2012)
2. The successful tender will be expected to provide the following services:-
  1. Daily cleaning and dusting of all floors, walls, ceilings, stairways, entrance and exit access.
  2. Clean and sanitize all bathrooms daily.
  3. Clean all kitchens and kitchenettes and all appliances, kitchen equipment crockery, cutlery and all other kitchen items.
  4. Sweep, mop and polish office floors.
  5. Clean and deodorize office carpets.
  6. Dust and polish office furniture, fixtures and telephones.
  7. Clean and polish glass doors, panels and windows.
  8. Remove cobwebs from building.
  9. Empty and clean waste paper baskets and all garbage containers.
  10. Maintain all waste paper baskets and all garbage containers with garbage bags.
  11. Clean all vertical blinds and windows.
  12. Upkeep of all plants.
  13. Unclog, clean and wash drains.
  14. Provide a cleaner for three (3) hours daily to clean bathroom, emergency spills or leakages Provide and pay for all tools, equipment, transportation, permits, taxes supervisors, labour and all other necessary services to complete the above described works.
  15. Provide all cleaning materials, deodorizers, cleaning agents, chemical equipment and any other materials or tools necessary for the cleaning maintenance of the building and its compound.
  16. The Contractor shall open the building and the main entrance to all Departments at 7:00am Monday through Friday.

All submissions must include the following:

1. Number of employees required to provide the service.
2. Cost indicated by hour, week and year.
3. Description of cleaning products to be used (materials, deodorizers, cleaning agents, chemicals).

Submission of tender must be made in a sealed envelope to:

**Chief Executive Officer**  
Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment  
Market Square  
Belmopan, Belize

The envelope must be marked "*Tender for the Janitorial and Maintenance Services at the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, at Cohune Walk, Belmopan*".

The deadline for the submission of tenders is Friday 5th March 2010 at 4:00 pm. Any tender received after this deadline will not be considered. Costs incurred for visiting the facilities to be maintained and the preparation of the tender bid are the sole responsibility of the tender.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender and reserves the right to accept or reject any tender, and to annul the process and reject all tenders, at any time prior to award of contract, without incurring any liability to the affected prospective contractor or any obligation to assign any reason for the rejection of any tender.



# COMMENTARY

Tuesday, February 16, 2010:

Today's demonstration by some members of the Citrus Growers' Association (CGA), who no longer represent all citrus growers, is just one more round in the escalating confrontation between some producers and the processors of citrus products.

This was an orchestrated move by those who wish to control both the growing and the processing aspects of the industry. They have managed to manipulate and control some of the honest members of the CGA and the Board of Directors of what is fast becoming a dysfunctional CGA; and to enlist the support of their political fellow-travellers.

These are the same people who have already profited from the earlier virtual collapse of the citrus industry; the same people who profitted by selling off unproductive farms to Belize Food Products under their management for millions of dollars.

Just a few years ago, the Citrus Growers Association was an organization to be reckoned with under the dynamic leadership of Mrs. Bridget Cullerton. She earned the respect and the admiration of her Board of Directors, and all citrus farmers for her vision and business acumen, in stark contrast to the current management of the Association. It was Mrs. Cullerton who encouraged the CGA to seize the moment and to invest in the processing side of the industry. Some were faint-hearted. The world market for citrus was at its lowest for 30 years; and the local industry was grossly mismanaged.

Like Mrs. Cullerton, Dr. Henry Canton, the Managing Director of the Citrus Company of Belize Limited (CPBL) – although they did not always agree – had the vision to improve and modernize the citrus industry. He was given the opportunity to put his vision into action when he was hand-picked by a responsible team in the CGA at the time, to rescue this major industry from abysmal mismanagement and imminent collapse. He and his capable team have done just that; and more.

Enter Banks Holdings of Barbados and Blue Waters of Trinidad and Tobago. They are serious investors who are excited at the prospects for the future of the industry under Canton's leadership. They have stimulated growth and diversification in the industry by investing millions of dollars in CPBL.

Now, because of a scarcity of ideas and the absence of financial know-how, the new managers of the CGA and their Board, spurred on by their personal rivalries and conflicts, are looking too deeply into the mouth of the gift horse to be able to see the bigger picture. They have inappropriately used some of their first disbursed dividends of \$4 million dollars from the CGA investment in CPBL to help bail them out of bankruptcy. They have jammed the courts with vexatious and frivolous lawsuits. The current Chairman of the CGA/ICL still has lawsuits pending against the CGA management Committee and Mrs. Cullerton. They try to block any progressive development that would benefit citrus farmers, the industry, and the country.

On the other hand, the company, CPBL, continues to make more investments to improve and modernize the processing plants and expand their markets. This week, alone, CPBL exported its first shipment of 550 thousand pounds of cattle feed to the Dominican Republic – feed made from citrus waste. This represents another investment of \$12 million dollars.

The investors are not sitting idly by expecting to suck dividends from the Company; instead they continue to ensure that money is pumped into the industry for long term returns.

Today is a sad day for Belize and the citrus farmers as well as the citrus industry, where decent farmers are misguided and used to fuel the bitterness and anger of others, and turn their perhaps legitimate misunderstanding into potential belligerence and hostility.

It is a sad day for the country's future prospects in other industries, when a few unscrupulous persons for their own personal gain, attempt to whittle away what little is left of investor confidence.

It has become obvious that the gathering of some citrus farmers, employees and others in front of the citrus factory today is part of a larger scheme by a few to once again try to frustrate foreign investors (*this time those in the CPBL*); to usurp the CGA and to set the stage for an eventual hostile takeover of the industry for their personal profit.

The losers in such a likely scenario in the citrus industry will primarily be the small and medium citrus farmers who have been innocently and unwittingly drawn into the battle of egos.

These small and medium citrus farmers are not interested in the politics of control of the citrus industry being waged around them. They are interested in getting reasonable returns from their groves. They have suffered long enough from industry mismanagement, tumbling citrus prices, and the other vagaries that have plagued the industry during its hundred-year history. Under CPBL and Henry Canton, they are now seeing a revitalization of the industry and a gradual return to better prices for their fruits. They are also seeing tangible investments in the future of the industry.

Bottom line is that the citrus farmers want their Citrus Growers Association to focus on the issues they have been neglecting. Some of these issues are

- provide more and improved services to them;
- find ways to increase the production of citrus;
- recover monies owed to the Citrus Growers' Workers Credit Union;
- reduce the financial burden on small and medium-sized farmers;
- and, get the Government to provide citrus farmers with duty free fuel as they do for the sugar farmers.

The most important lesson of today's protest, and one which should not be lost on any section of the population, is that the Citrus Growers' Association has a fundamental responsibility to citrus farmers which they do not discharge by staging demonstrations and deluding their members that such actions are in their best interests. They can only truly and effectively discharge their obligations to their members by cooperation – not confrontation. Have faith in the justice system in this country – with all its flaws, justice prevails in the end. Work with the processors and foreign investors to achieve the greatest returns in the greater interest of the citrus industry and the farmers themselves. Resist the intrigues of those whose agenda is not the same as those of the citrus growers, but who do business in your name and at your expense, but for their own benefit.

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# BDF Cadets - Football Marathon Champs

BY: Claudio Mai, Inspector of Police, OC, Benque Viejo Police Sub-Formation

**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Monday, February 15, 2010:**

On Saturday, February 13, 2010 between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm the Benque Viejo and Succotz Cadets, under the leadership of Community Policing Officer P.C # 140 Joshua Mckoy and P.C 1165

Jermaine Young held a football marathon at the Marshalleck Stadium in Benque Viejo Town.

The four participating cadet teams came from Belize Defence Force, Bullet Tree, Santa Familia and a combined Benque/Succotz team.

After a full day of fierce competition trophies were awarded as follows:

First prize trophy was

captured by Belize Defence Force Cadets. Second place trophy went to Bullet Tree cadets and third spot and trophy was captured by Benque/Succotz selection.

The organizers of the event extends appreciation to all the participating players for the enthusiasm and discipline displayed during the games.

A special thank you is

also extended to the STAR Newspaper for donating the trophies.

The event was fund-raiser for The Benque/ Succotz Cadets to assist in purchasing uniforms for the upcoming National Sports Camp to be held in Independence Village, Stann Creek District between from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Police Corporal #166 Elroy Carcamo in his capacity as National Youth Cadet Corp Coordinator.

Trophies were presented to the winning teams by Police Inspector Claudio Mai in his capacity as the Officer Commanding the Benque Viejo Police Sub-Formation

On a final note, the Benque Viejo/Succotz Cadets extends a personal thank you to all participating players and to everyone who attended the event. The group stands ready to participate in similar fund raising events organized by the other cadet in the area.

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## MINISTRY OF HEALTH NOTICE

### Reactivation of the Venezuela/Belize Mission Miracle Program

The Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Belize in conjunction with the Ministry of Health, Government of Belize, informs the general public that Mission Miracle International (*the social and humanitarian programme promoted by the Government of Venezuela*) has been reactivated.

All those persons with eye cataracts or Pterigium who are interested in receiving surgery under this programme must receive medical consultation by the Venezuelan team of doctors. This includes all those who previously received medical consultation from the team of doctors last year in April. Each person is asked to attend the consultation that will be held in their area at the following dates, times and venues:

Applicants from the **Belize District and the Cayes** should report to the **Belize City Centre** between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 24, 2010.

Applicants from the **Stann Creek and Toledo Districts** should report to the **Helpage Building, Dangriga** between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 25, 2010.

Applicants from **San Ignacio and Benque starting from Unitedville** should report to the **Centre for Employment Training – San Ignacio** between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on Friday, February 26, 2010.

Applicants from the **Orange Walk District** should report to the **Northern Regional Hospital** between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on Saturday, February 27, 2010.

Applicants from the **Corozal District** should report to the **Corozal Community Hospital** between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on Sunday, February 28, 2010.

Applicants from **Belmopan and surrounding areas up to Blackman Eddy Village** should report to the **Venezuelan Institute for Culture and Cooperation at the corner of Floriana and Orchid Garden Avenue in Belmopan** between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on Monday, March 1, 2010.

All are reminded that persons approved for travel to Venezuela must have the following:

- Applicants must be a **BELIZEAN** and must present a valid form of identification when they go for their consultation in their respective area.
- 1 luggage item per patient to include clothes and personal items including toothpaste, deodorant, soap, sanitary napkins, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, bath towel, comb etc.
- A small bag, purse or backpack is optional.
- Female patients are being asked **NOT** to carry make-up as they will not be encouraged to use it after the operation in order to better facilitate the healing process.
- Once the patient's operation has been completed, they will be brought back to Belize free of charge.

For further information, please contact representatives of your Town/City Council, Ministry of Health or the Embassy of Venezuela.



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This parcel of land is the subject of an Indenture dated 26th May, 1947 in favour of **GEORGE GRAHAM** as administrator of the Estate of **Eileen Voila Lord (Deceased)**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001333**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **BELIZE RURAL NORTH I**, Block No. 11 and being Parcel No. 834.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1055 of 1990 dated 25th May, 1990 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 12 of 1990 at Folios 193-200 in favour of **LISBURN EARL PETERS**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001336**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PORT/LOYOLAVILLE**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1038.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 532 of 1992 dated 28th October, 1992 in favor of **GEORGE GRAHAM** as Administrator of the Estate of **Eileen Viola Lord (deceased)**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001352**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **DANGRIGA SOUTH**, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 1011.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 0014 of 2007 dated 29th August, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 1 of 2007 at Folios 149-158 in favour of **ROBERT JOSEPH**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001367**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration, Section, **PORT/LOYOLAVILLE**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1282.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 669 of 1992 dated 14th January, 1993 in favor of **RODWELL WILLIAMS**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001376**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 451.

This parcel of land is the subject of an Indenture No. 2721 of 2003 dated 14th October, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 36 of 2003 at Folios 473-482 in favour of **ERNESTO JAMES AZUETA**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001442**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1835.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 228 of 1984 dated 29th August, 1984 in favor of **ELUMINDA PALMA**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001445**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1711.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 107 of 1986 dated 21st August, 1986 in favor of **ELODIAROMERO**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001451**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **KING'S PARK**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1080.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 885 of 1980 dated 10th July, 1980 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 8 of 1980 at Folios 636-648 in favour of **ZELMA INEZ EDGELL nee TUCKER**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001485**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1898.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2233 of 1997 dated 27th August, 1997 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 24 of 1997 at Folios 956-961 in favour of **ELDRIGE MCDUGALL**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001501**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ST. MARTIN DE PORRES WEST**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 770.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 53 of 1998 dated 20th January, 1998 in favor of **GLENNIS PALMERSTON**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001531**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PLACENTIA SOUTH**, Block No. 36 and being parcel No. 1406.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 1273 of 2003 dated 5th May, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 17 of 2003 at Folios 1-24 in favour of **BUCCANEER PARTNERS L.P.**

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001541**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PORT/LOYOLAVILLE**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1715.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 189 of 1999 dated 17th April, 1999 in favor of **CARLOS CAMBRANES**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001561**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **VALLEY COMMUNITY/ALTA VSTA**, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 376 & 377.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 267 of 1993 dated 10th May, 1993 in favor of **PETER WILLACEY**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001563**

These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcels No. 916-925.

These parcels of land are the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 331 of 2003 dated 14th March, 2003 in favor of **TIMBER HOMES LIMITED**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001576**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1699.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 2427 of 2008 dated 7th August, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 29 of 2008 at Folios 735-748 in favour of **JUAN RAFAEL CHUC, JOHNIE ORLANDO CHUC, YCELA YESENIA CHUC & LUCY YASMIN CHUC (JOINTLY)**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001577**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 108.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 4489 of 2000 dated 18th December, 2000 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 63 of 2000 at Folios 779-792 in favour of **VALENTIN TORRES**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001578**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1785.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 2425 of 2008 dated 7th August, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 29 of 2008 at Folios 707-720 in favour of **JUAN RAFAEL CHUC, JOHNIE ORLANDO CHUC, YCELA YESENIA CHUC & LUCY YASMIN CHUC (JOINTLY)**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001579**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1780.

This parcel of land is the Subject of a Deed of Gift No. 2426 of 2008 dated 7th August, 2008 and recorded in Deed Book Volume 29 of 2008 at Folios 721-734 in favour of **JUAN RAFAEL CHUC, JOHNIE ORLANDO CHUC, YCELA YESENIA CHUC & LUCY YASMIN CHUC (JOINTLY)**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001580**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1732.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 2424 of 2008 dated 7th August, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 29 of 2008 at Folios 693-706 in favour of **JUAN RAFAEL CHUC, JOHNIE ORLANDO CHUC & YCELA YESENIA CHUC & LUCY YASMIN CHUC (JOINTLY)**.



# Taxi Driver Injured In Robbery

**SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Friday, February 19, 2010:**

The search continues for two persons believed to be responsible for the attack on a taxi driver and his female passenger.

It was shortly after 9:30 am on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 when **Otoniel Martinez**, 42, naturalized Belizean Taxi driver, left his home village of Cristo Rey, with a lone female passenger, on one his hourly trips to San Ignacio Town.

The female passenger, **Elda Pech**, 28, Belizean waitress, also residing in Cristo Rey village was seated in the front passenger seat of the Toyota Min-van with Cayo license plates CY-C-3548 on the trip to San Ignacio when upon reaching about mid-way on the three mile journey, in the area of Monkey Falls Hill, they came upon two male Creole persons on the side of the road.

One of the male persons waved and Martinez stopped and picked them up. They were each carrying a long object wrapped in white plastic sacks and each with a knapsack on their back. One of them reportedly sat



**Otoniel Martinez, 42,  
at the San Ignacio Community Hospital**

immediately behind the passenger and the other took to the very last seat at the back of the van.

Upon reaching the junction of

the Cristo Rey Road and Linda Vista Street, the man seated immediately behind the passenger, with a machete, stabbed the driver in the right shoulder and instructed him to take to the Linda Vista Street and to continue until he is told to stop, telling the driver that he had a ranch in the area and that he wanted him to take them to the ranch. Martinez drove his van up to a dumpsite in the area where the machete man told him to stop.

The driver was instructed,

in Spanish, to come out of the vehicle. He complied with the instructions and the machete man also got out of the vehicle meeting the driver in front of the van and reportedly pushed him with the machete. The other person also with a machete exited the van, approached the passenger and demanded that she hand over all her jewelry. The female passenger reportedly handed over her \$1200 gold chain and medal. While the female passenger was relieved of her chain a struggle reportedly began between the driver and the first machete man.

The driver reportedly fell to the ground and the man began lashing him with the machete. The driver got up and began to put up a fight with the machete man. This was when the machete man reportedly shouted for assistance from his partner. When the partner went to his assistance, the female passenger reportedly took the opportunity to escape barefooted. She visited the police station where she filed a report.

After struggling with the driver for a while the two attackers fled the scene after which the bleeding driver boarded his vehicle and drove himself to the San Ignacio Hospital where the police found him with the stab wound to the right shoulder and a chop wound to the left foot along with abrasions to the left arm and left foot.

Statements were recorded from both victims as the police continue to look for at least one suspect believed to be responsible for this and at least two other reported criminal acts in recent weeks.



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# Why, Doctor Canton, why?

Belizeans are now witnessing the wrath and fury of CEO Dr. Henry Canton who seemed to have lost all sense of professional conscience. He has launched a furious and desperate political attack on the CGA members and all stakeholders in the Citrus Industry that the CGA has represented for over 50 years.

In his latest efforts at self aggrandizement he is trying to distract the attention of Citrus Growers and all who are witnessing his arrogance, and, in his words, his mindset of "greed, envy, bitterness and control" by casting aspersions on the Chairman of the CGA Investment Company Ltd., the company which is the majority shareholder of CPBL.

In all his misguided media forays he has failed to address:

- Why the Chairman of CPBL in 2006 refused to sign the Investment Agreement.
- Why did he as CEO representing the interest of the growers, negotiate an agreement that in the first instance required the Investor to approve the Board members to be appointed by the CGA.
- Why the original Investment Agreement did not include the Value Added business although growers were told that the deal would allow them to move into value added.
- Why his Agriculture Development & Services Ltd. (ADS) groves' contract has expanded to include more acreages; why in his private capacity he can manage CPBL groves but as CEO the groves he manages can't produce as well; why the CPBL groves are losing money; why CPBL lost \$11m for the 2008 -2009 fiscal year; why he closed down the CPBL nursery and started to buy plants from his personal nursery; why despite the recommendation of the Committee of Five and the agreement of all parties, he refused to renegotiate the clause in his contract that states he must sit on all the boards of CPBL and its subsidiaries; and why he has created a private company to compete with CGA to represent growers and to "acquire own and operate citrus processing plant".
- Remind everyone that he told the CGA when he was the Minister of Citrus that he wanted to be the CEO of CPBL and that is why he left the Cabinet (See what he is doing to the CGA now when he is an employee, we can only wonder what he would have done as Minister of Citrus if CPBL had not given him the job).
- Why as the mastermind behind this agreement, he as a then director of the Majority Shareholder, convinced and voted for the Majority Shareholder to give up 46% of CPBL for \$4.00
- Why he is on television saying that the CGA does not have to repay the European Investment Bank when the audited financial statement clearly states that the loan has to be repaid.
- Why the investors sent out a press release saying they paid \$32million dollars for their stake in CPBL when CPBL only got \$25million.

Dr. Henry Canton, this is not a political campaign. Your efforts at self promotion, character assassination of those standing up for the growers, and disrespect for the dearly departed do not change the fact that:

"9(1) 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 its **absolute right** to remove and replace **any** of their respective directors at any time."

The CGA calls on Banks Holdings Ltd. to step back and see how they are being manipulated. It happened to the growers and look at the position they find themselves in. Be careful that it does not also happen to you. Let's work together as partners.



## Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



### **ARIES:**

**March 22 to April 20**

There will be a strong desire to conquer challenges of the material world and chart new highs in spiritual growth. You may have to accept a few harsh truths where interpersonal relationships are concerned. In case of a long term relationship, understand the long term ramifications before you commit. **Lucky Numbers : 06, 43, 60.**



### **TAURUS:**

**April 21 to May 21**

The week involves juggling of financial liabilities and answering to some metaphysical or spiritual questions. New contacts and breakthroughs may come about in work related matters. You will need to take care of your health and avoid getting into an argumentative mode. **Lucky Numbers: 02, 24, 87.**



### **GEMINI:**

**May 22 to June 21**

You will contemplate many offbeat courses of action when it comes to work and feel adventurous enough to travel and explore some new and creative avenues for work. A long pending matter will be settled because of your consistent efforts. **Lucky Numbers: 03, 16, 35.**



### **CANCER:**

**June 22 to July 23**

Things have been edgy, but with the coming week, they begin to look up. There will be a breakthrough if you have been looking for employment. Steer clear of getting involved in any money related arguments as your financial situation will automatically improve soon. **Lucky Numbers: 08, 52, 71.**



### **LEO:**

**July 24 to August 21**

Pending projects acquire momentum in the coming week. There are indications of financial gains and an enhancement in your public image. You might redecorate your office or home. Personal relationships might be a bit tricky as you may have difficulty in figuring out what is on your spouse's mind. **Lucky Numbers: 05, 64, 95.**



### **VIRGO:**

**August 22 to September 21**

You will be on cloud nine professionally. There will be a temptation to make money. But, explore your options carefully. Change in your financial situation is a possibility. It will pay to take charge of your work situation firmly. Travel is likely. There could be a reason for

celebration at home. **Lucky Numbers: 12, 27, 48.**



### **LIBRA:**

**September 22 to October 23**

There is calm and a certainty that drives your life now. You are more willing to invest time and efforts in spiritual pursuits and mediation. Finances will be good. Relationships need to be handled with a calm and rational mind – if you are not overly keen, try not to come across as cold or indifferent. **Lucky Numbers: 18, 66, 90.**



### **SCORPIO:**

**October 24 to November 21**

Your mood remains quite upbeat at work as encouraging signs continue to outweigh the dampeners. A successful new endeavour could lead to increased confidence in your abilities. However, you need to be careful about expenses that seem to be spiralling upward. **Lucky Numbers: 32, 57, 92.**



### **SAGITTARIUS:**

**November 22 to December 21**

It will be week of ironies. While you try and iron out differences with certain people, you will be tempted to launch an offensive with regard to others. Any confrontation or stand-off will promptly start up a storm that you definitely should to avoid. **Lucky Numbers: 09, 54, 78.**



### **CAPRICORN:**

**December 22 to January 20**

Professional links will be explored. You may reach out to your subordinates and mentor them. Your opinions will be valued. However, you need to take care that every individual is entitled to their choices. Do not try to change them unless they are themselves forthcoming. **Lucky Numbers: 07, 28, 50.**



### **AQUARIUS:**

**January 21 to February 19**

The new moon in your sign is likely to make you a bit more withdrawn and introspective. You could be contemplating newer ways to achieve the ambitious targets that you have set for yourself with regard to your career. Health may suffer on account of stomach related problems. **Lucky Numbers: 19, 33, 65.**



### **PISCES:**

**February 20 to March 21**

You will achieve a lot of success at work but don't allow it to go to your head. There will be clarity of thought and vision in this phase that allows you to go further than what you expected. Make sure that you do not mix up being confident with being harsh and steamroll over other people's sensitivities. **Lucky Numbers: 15, 21, 76.**

## BELIZE WATER SERVICES



### **INVITATION FOR THE SUPPLY OF INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BELIZE WATER SERVICES**

Belize Water Services invites interested firms to submit bids for the supply of Insurance Coverage for the period April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 with the option to extend to March 31, 2012.

The document detailing the schedule of services can be picked up at the office of Belize Water Services at #7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City between the hours of 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Details are also available electronically upon request.

For more information please contact Jennifer Schnarr at 222-4757 Ext 233 or email [corporate@bws.com.bz](mailto:corporate@bws.com.bz).

Deadline for application is Tuesday, 02 March, 2010.

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## Another Southern Man Caught With Western Weed

**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Sunday February 14, 2010:**

As marijuana continues to be smuggled into Belize across the western border from Melchor De Mencos, Peten, Guatemala, into Benque Viejo, Cayo, Belize, law enforcement officers continue the regular reporting of drug trafficking arrests with the product usually destined for villages in the Stann Creek District, Belize.

Another of those days was Sunday, February 14, 2010, when a joint Police/Belize Defense Force Army patrol along the banks of the Mopan river in Benque Viejo, detained a man carrying a suspicious pagakage on the crossbar of a bicycle.

When opened the green plastic bag was found to contain suspected marijuana.

The man, the bicycle and the package were transported to the Benque Viejo Police Station where the detainee gave his name as **Noe Javier "Chino"**



**Noe Javier "Chino" Garcia, 22**  
**Garcia**, 22, laborer, residing in Bella Vista Village, Stann Creek District.

The suspected marijuana weighed in at 236.3 grams.

Garcia was subsequently arrested and charged for drug trafficking.

He was arraigned in San Ignacio Magistrate Court, before **Magistrate Anna Rachel Montejo**, on Monday, February 14, 2010 where he pleaded guilty to the charge.

He was ordered to pay \$605.00 fine inclusive \$5.00 cost of court.

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In accordance with Section 8.24 of the Environmental Compliance Plan (ECP) of April 5, 2002, the Belize Electric Company Limited (BECOL) advises that it will host Public Information Sessions on the Macal River Upstream Storage Facility, also known as the Chalillo Hydro Project.

The first session will take place on February 25, 2010 in Cristo Rey Village at the Village Community Center, at 7:00 p.m. On February 26, 2010, the session will take place in San Ignacio Town at the Cultural Center at 7:00 p.m.

The sessions will focus on the project description; the critical issues identified in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), the assessment of their impacts and the mitigation measures outlined in the Environmental Compliance Plan (ECP).

[For more information please contact BECOL at 824-3016.](tel:824-3016)



# Robbers "Visit" Sierra Friends Bar

**SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, February 17, 2010:**

San Ignacio police are investigating a shooting incident which has left a Santa Elena businesswoman with two gunshot wounds to the foot.

Reports reaching us indicate that five armed male persons entered the Sierra Friends Bar located in the Bradley's Bank area of Santa Elena Town at around 10:45 p.m. on Monday, February 15, 2010.

**Arnold Cano**, 18, Belizean high school student, was alone inside the bar when five armed men reportedly entered and attacked him.

His mother, **Narcisia "Nancy" Orellano**, 53, reportedly heard the commotion and when she entered the bar from the family dwelling quarters located on the same property, she was confronted by the group of armed men one of whom pointed a gun to her head. She reportedly saw her son crushed under a table behind the counter and this was when she reportedly told the attackers that they could take whatever they want and leave.



**Narcisia "Nancy" Orellano, 53**

The one with the gun held to her head reportedly lowered it and squeezed off two shots, the first of which struck Ms. Orellano in the ankle of the right foot and the other further upwards in the region of her thigh leaving the victim with entry and exit wounds on her right foot.

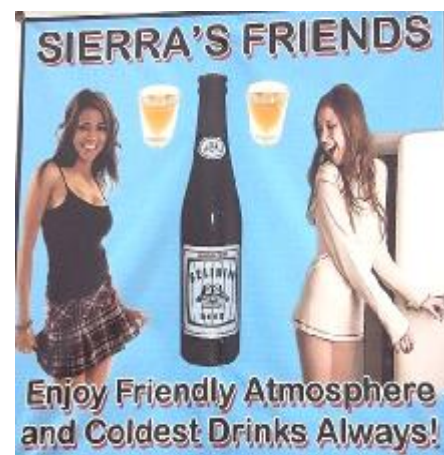
The assailant reportedly proceeded to take down items from the shelves and place them into knapsacks they carried.

After the attackers left, the injured Ms. Orellano was transported by her son, first to

the San Ignacio police station where she filed an initial report. She was subsequently transported to the San Ignacio Community Hospital and later to La Loma Luz Hospital for an xray.

She is currently recuperating at home where we found her on Thursday evening.

Despite being injured and



robbed, she explained that she holds no personal hard feelings against those who would want to cause her and her business harm.

All she is asking is for those engaged in these kinds of activities to simply have some compassion on hard working persons like herself who are just simply trying to make an honest living for their families.

An inventory of the bar stock later revealed that the assailants made off with several bottles of whisky, one cartoon of cigarette, a case of chicken sausage, several cups of noodle soup and an assortment of soft drinks all to a total value of \$1,300.

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# CAYO COPS CAPTURE OVER 20 KILOS OF COCAINE

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along with the vehicle, to the San Ignacio Police Station for a more thorough search.

After almost 4 hours of removing the rear bumper, tail gate and pan liner, the search, headed by Sgt. Reyes, and witnessed by the driver, resulted in the extraction of 18 compact packages of pure cocaine, tightly wrapped with grey duct tape, neatly stacked between two floor corrugate panels in the back of the truck.

By its very design, police suspect that the vehicle was specifically customized for

the purpose of moving illegal merchandise.

The packages were weighed in the presence of the detainee for a total of 20,725 grams.

A review of the Belize passport in his name, found in his possession, revealed that the accused, Carlos Jonathan Gibson, made numerous trips across the western border between Belize and Guatemala with the latest Belize departure stamp being Wednesday, February 17, returning on Thursday, February 18.

Investigators suspect that the illegal cargo might have been

loaded in Santa Elena, Flores,  
Peten, Guatemala.

As we go to press this Friday morning, San Ignacio police

were still framing charges against the accused drug trafficker. He is scheduled to appear before San Ignacio's Magistrate, **Anna Rachel Montejo** later today.

# Education Minister, Hon. Patrick Faber On The Removal Of Corporal Punishment As A Form Of Discipline In Schools

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force to devise such plans for the introduction of alternative approaches to discipline in schools and for implementation of such plans to commence. At the completion of such plans the relevant sections of the Act having to do with the removal of corporal punishment shall come into effect. This will provide not only the framework but the necessary incentive for **ALL OF US** to ensure that alternatives are implemented therefore avoiding a repeat of the last ten years.

Finding an alternative to corporal punishment is not an academic exercise, nor is it just something that must be done because the law demands it; it is

ultimately what must be done for the sake of our children - it demands the commitment and passion of educators who care deeply for our children and who want what is undoubtedly best for them.

I therefore call on the Belize National Teachers Union, all teachers and all other stakeholders to work together with us in doing what is undoubtedly best for our children.

Even in the face of many challenges, I remain confident that together we can all be the change we need.

Change we must and change we can.

May God continue to Bless us  
all.

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The Central Bank of Belize advises the public that the prescribed selling rate one United States (US) dollar remains fixed at a maximum of BZ\$2.0175, which includes the commission of the Authorized Dealers.

For example on the sale of one (1) US dollar, the following is payable:

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Any person who has a complaint regarding the selling rate charged on US dollar sales may lodge a report to the Central Bank of Belize at 223-6194 with the Manager, International Payments Unit.

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