

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT CLAIMS THE LIFE OF A UNITEDVILLE MOTHER

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, March 29, 2010:

A 22 year old Belizean farmer from Bullet Tree Falls Village is today out on bail after appearing in San Ignacio's Magistrate Court where he was formally arraigned on five charges in connection with a fatal road traffic accident which claimed the life of a mother of two boys.

It was shortly after 7:30 pm on Friday, March 26 when San Ignacio Police responded to a reported traffic accident between miles 64 and 65 on the Western Highway – *entering Esperanza*

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Ford Escort was travelling in the opposite direction, exiting Esperanza Village and heading eastward.

Reports indicates that in the process of overtaking the Freight Liner, the Isuzu pickup suddenly appeared in

the pathway of the oncoming Ford Escort car resulting in a head on collision between both vehicles.

> The hit reportedly caused the car to spin out of control, slamming into the driver's side of the



truck and eventually landing in an overturned position on the right side of the road when traveling eastward.

Investigation revealed that the Freight Liner, heading to Benque Viejo Town, was driven by

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Leticia Marva Garcia, 46 SUNRISE: May 19, 1963 SUNSET: March 26, 2010

Village from Central Farm.

On the scene of the accident police encountered a gold color Ford Escort car, a grey Isuzu pickup truck and a silver in color Freight Liner towhead with a lowbed trailer attached.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the Isuzu pickup was travelling behind the Freight Liner as they were entering Esperanza Village heading in a westward direction while the

The Accused, Rafael Caranza, 22, Facing 5 Traffic Related Charges

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BANK ROBBERY/MURDER IN SPANISH LOOKOUT

SPANISH LOOKOUT, Cayo District, Tuesday, March 30, 2010:

Just as we were preparing to go to press this Tuesday morning, reports surfaced of a bank robbery/murder in the usually peaceful and quiet Mennonite Community of Spanish Lookout.

Sketchy reports reaching us indicate that around 8:30 a.m. this Thursday morning, a group of five male persons, four of dark complexion wearing masks and the fifth unmasked assailant is reported to be of Hispanic des cent.

The armed assailants entered

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo,

Monday, March 29, 2010:

the Scotiabank Spanish Lookout Branch where the manager, **Michael Mena**, and a teller where held up and forced into the vault. In complying with the robbers demand an undisclosed amount of cash was handed over to them.

Just as they were exiting the bank, a customer who had arrived in a brown Ford Ranger was relieved of a bag containing over \$10,000 which the customer had reportedly intended to deposit.

Two other persons in a black Geo Prism car where entering the compound when they were shot at by one of the robbers. The driver of the car identified as Clifford "Guana" Swasey of a Santa Elena Town address reportedly sustained a gunshot wound to the head while the passenger emerged with a gunshot wound to the shoulder. They were subsequently transported by BERT ambulance to the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan where Swasey is said to be in critical condition.

Another customer rode into the compound on a motorcycle and upon hearing the gunshots he reportedly jumped off the motorcycle resulting in him fracturing a leg, he too was transported to the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan.

The unarmed bank KBH security guard reportedly exited

the bank and ventured to the side of the road only to be confronted by a bullet in the chest from a 16 gauge shotgun one of the robbers carried. The security guard was identified as **Steven Lopez** a resident from the village of Unitedville. He reportedly died on the spot.

The Scotiabank Spanish Lookout Branch is located next door to the Spanish Lookout police sub station. The lone constable on duty, reportedly intervened in the action by firing several shots at the departing white Suzuki Sidekick in which the robbers departed the scene. Information reaching us indicates that this vehicle is on rental from Matus Auto Rental located on Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio.

Five Defenseless Females Robbed

The search continues for two robbers reported to have made a clean sweep in the Friday, March 19, robbery at Vivian's Café located near Sacred Heart College on Joseph Andrews Drive in San Ignacio Town.

Proprietor of the establishment, Piola Lorenzo, 46, Belizean business woman of an Eduardo Juan Street address in Santa Elena Town, reported that at about 10:50 pm on Friday, March 19, she left her residence in Santa Elena along with her 13 year old daughter and an adult female person. She drove her Toyota Hilux to Vivian's Café. The child and the adult remained inside the vehicle while she exited that vehicle, lifted the shutter and entered the café.

The two female employees were inside after having closed for the day. The cashier handed over a transparent plastic bag containing \$552.50 from the day's sale. Lozano reported that she had barely taken possession of the cash when a lone male person of dark complexion, armed with a small black gun, stormed into the café and order her lay on the floor and not to move.

She reported that shortly thereafter a second, male person, this one unarmed, entered the establishment and the one with the gun turned his attention to the employees demanding that they hand over their jewelry and money. He then proceeded behind the counter, opened the cash drawer and removed the \$140 it contained. He also took possession of a cellular telephone, value unknown, from one of the workers as well as an additional \$602.50 in cash from Lozano along with her wedding ring, valued at \$1,500 and her cellular telephone, valued at \$500. She additionally complied with the assailant's instructions of remove and hand over the pair of gold earrings she was wearing, valued at \$200.

After raiding all females inside the café, the assailants exited the establishment and turned their attention to the female child and the female adult who were seated inside the vehicle parked in front of the café. They reportedly made off with the pair of gold earring that the child was wearing; valued at \$250 as well as the \$150 gold earring the female adult was wearing along and \$125 from the female adult





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San Ignacio police is asking anyone with information that could assist in apprehending the two bandits responsible for preying upon these five defenseless females, to kindly inform the Commanding Officer or the Sergeant in charge of the Crime Investigation Branch at the San Ignacio Police Station. While reminding everyone that it is a criminal offence to be handling and dealing in stolen goods, local crimes investigators are enlisting assistance from the business community and the general public to be on the lookout for these stolen items. The police further advise that all information will be kept in the strictest of confidence.



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Force Ripe Mangoes - Sexual Abuse Of Little Girls

BY: Florence Goldson WIN-Belize, Windows Article MONDAY, March 22, 2010:

In a particular village in Belize, it is a norm for adult males to molest little girls. It's not written on any wall, in any book or any slab of stone, it just

It would seem that in addition to the sun shining, the rain falling, or the waves of the Caribbean Sea washing the shores, it is also natural for a man, usually a relative, to engage in sexual acts with little girls.

At the same time, girls are taught not to question these things, not to say anything, to 'ride along with the program.' Mothers hold the view that since it happened to them, it will inevitably happen to their daughters. They believe they can do nothing about it.

When a health worker began educating the children and brought several cases to the attention of the Human Services Department, men in the village attacked her and threatened her life. Women in the community, including elders, told her that what she met in the village should be left in the village. She was criticized for daring to speak

Some girls were able to assert themselves after receiving the necessary information about 'good touch, bad touch' but for many, their cries for help fall on deaf ears and they remain victimized by men they trust – fathers, cousins, uncles, neighbours, teachers, friends of the family.

In this village, many of these girls have become teenage mothers, high school drop-outs, victims of domestic violence, and mothers of children who also become victims of child sexual molestation. The vicious cycle whirls in this village.

It does not stand out from other villages around this country. Any survey done in communities of Belize will reveal that an alarming percentage of Belizean females have been molested in some way as a child, whether it was before they reached puberty or before they reached 18.

Some men hold the twisted notion that as long as the girl weighs 90 pounds, she is ready to be had. Others believe that as fathers, they should be the first to sample their daughters. Even more men believe that little girls want to be sexually molested, assaulted or violated. They claim that girls enjoy the experience. Some men even believe that having sex with a virgin will cure them of diseases. Some men use their culture to justify the violation of girls.

The potential of our girls is undermined when they are forced into sexual activities before they are mentally and physically mature to make such a choice.

Like force ripe mangoes, many Belizean girls are introduced to sex before they are mentally prepared for it. They become promiscuous, confusing sex with love. They have low self-esteem and often do not achieve their life goals. They are deprived of the opportunity to finish school and they are blamed by the society for their circumstances. Many girls suffer in silence.

The time is long passed for this silence to be broken. The time has come for girls' stories to be told.

Social Security Belize City Branch Office Robbed \$1,500 Stolen

BELIZE SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD HEADQUARTERS, Belmopan, Friday, March 19, 2010:

The Social Security Board (SSB) is now in a position to publicly release more specific information on the March 15th robbery of the Belize City Branch Office.

SSB confirms that two persons with guns entered the premised at Princess Margaret Drive in Belize City and made away with just over \$1,500 in cash.

Contrary to what was

expressed in certain segments of the media, at no time whatsoever do we have substantial amounts of cash at any Social Security Office. Even on the busiest days, as it was on the day of the robbery, our transactions are done primarily by cheques and on-line banking. The value of the cash on that day was typically minimal, as very few of our clients pay by cash.

Social Security Board is moving towards on-line and non-cash transactions, which is much more convenient for the

customers, and safer for the staff and the institution. This is why we recently launched the Noncontributory Pension payments through the Atlantic Bank, it ensures that our customers do not have to line up on peak days at the office. Instead, they can go straight to the bank or conduct business transactions from their offices or homes.

SSB would like to assure contributors that we have continuously been engaged in measures to increase security at the offices, which included the installation, last year, of the security cameras that provided critical evidence to the Police. These safety measures continue.

We would like to refute statements in the media that a member of staff was threatened, as this has no basis in fact. The Board is thankful that no employee was hurt during this hold-up, as the safety of our employees is of the highest importance in these matters. Counseling will be provided to all employees requesting or needing it.

The Social Security Board as a customer centric organization continues to keep the safety of our customers and the fund as a high priority.



BELIZE TOURISM BOARD TOURISM NEWS

The BTB Announces Tour Guide Certificate Course

The Belize Tourism Board wishes to inform all interested Belizeans of the commencement of enrollment for Tour Guide Training. The course, being offered by the University of Belize, is designed to train participants in both theoretical and practical techniques of the profession. Classes will now include basic swimming, snorkeling and boating skills.

Upon completion of the course, the Belize Tourism Board will certify each successful participant, making you eligible to apply for a tour guide license.

PRICE: \$ 600.00

VENUE: University of Belize **DURATION:** 10 Weeks STARTING DATE: April 19th, 2010 FINISHING DATE: June 25th, 2010 APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 12th, 2010

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hree Minors And One Adu For Bing's Supermarket Robbery

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cavo, Monday, March 22, 2010:

While an arrest is yet to made in the March 5-9 burglary at Running W Brand Meats resulting in the lost to the company of over 25 thousand dollars, San Ignacio police are reporting the arrest of three male minors and a male adult in the March 17 robbery at Bing's Supermarket in Santa Elena Town.

The investigation revealed that the plan to "jack" the shop began during the daytime hours on Sunday, March 14, as the gang made regular visits to the supermarket, each time reportedly to purchase a cigarette requiring change just to check if the cash drawer was "fat".

It was just before closing time on Wednesday, March 17, when word came back that the drawer was "fat" and so the move was executed resulting in the robbers making off with over \$700.

The three minors, one of



The Accused Adult Ervin Enfield Martinez, 20

whom was reportedly the sawed off shot gun man, along with the adult male, identified as Ervin **Enfield Martinez**, 20, Belizean laborer of an Eve Street address in Santa Elena Town, appeared in San Ignacio's Magistrate Court on Monday March 22,

where they pleaded not guilty to the charge and were remanded to the Central Prison in Hattieville until Tuesday, April 27 when they should return to court.

While it is alleged that the robbery was actually committed by only two persons, the prosecution informed that the investigation revealed that the other two co-defendants were actually involved in the conspiracy and were therefore jointly charged in accordance with section 20 (2) of the Criminal Code, Chapter 101 of the laws of Belize which, under the heading "Abetment and Conspiracy" states that "Every person who abets a crime shall, if the crime is actually committed in pursuance or during the continuance of the abetment, shall be deemed guilty of the crime."

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH REPORTS ON ITS ACTVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2010



PAHO/WHO Country

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Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo

Marin and Director of Health

Services, Dr. Michael Pius

MOH LAUNCHES POLICY DOCUMENTS & REYAMPED WEBSITE



Hon. Pablo Marin. Minister of Realth

The Ministry of Health in its continuing efforts to provide a comprehensive overview of its performance as well as evidence based infor-

mation that can be used to monitor and evaluate our health system has produced policy documents regarding its different programme areas.

These documents serve as a guide. to our health planners, programme managers and other social sector partners as we strive to achieve better health for all Belizeans. These include



Montal Health Policy. Strategie Plan, Belize

Health Systems Profile, and Incident Report Policy to name a few. To this end, an official Launch was held to sensitize stakeholders and the general public on the availability of these documents.

The Launch was held at the Belize Institute of Management on March 3, 2010. Simultaneously, the revamped Ministry of Health website was launched at the ceremony. The site www.health.gov.bz is an important tool through which members of the public can be appraised of the work of the Ministry



Villagers receiving kealth education

MEDRETE WORKING FOR OUR OMMUNITIES

Health Region) once again has embarked on a partnership. initiative with the United States Military Liabon Office in improving the Health of communities through Medical Team

light of the above, the Medical Readiness Training (MEDRETE) which comprised of the US Air Force offered. services on Tuesday March 2nd and Wednesday March 3rd, 2010 in the villages of St. Margaret and Armenia respectively. The Medrete Team was supported by

the presence of Medical and Public health personnel from the Western Region. The MEDRETE Team was comprised of: 1 Dentist, 2 General Practitioners and 2 Public Health Educators, The Western Health Region Team was comprised of a medical officer. dentist, dental assistant, psychiatric nurse practitioner, environmental assistant-vector control, rural health nurses, health educator and community health worker.

The MEDRETE Team commenced work in the village of St. Margaret where they provided the following services to a total of 258 villagers. Pap Smear, Dental services and General



Villagers in line to receive

checkup. Health education was given to all persons who accessed the services in the following areas: personal hygiene, tobacco, hypertension, dangue, malaria, environmental satitlation and

The team worked in the community of Armenia on March 3, 2010 where services were provided to a total of 320 persons. The Western Health Region, Ministry of Health expressed it gratitude to the MEDRETE team for its continued collaboration in providing services to the

GASTROENTERITIS ALERT

At this time of the year there is usually an increase in the number of gastroenteritis cases countrywide. Gastroenteritis is defined as diarrhea with or without fever, dehydration or vomiting. Persons in the age group less than 5 years are predominantly affected.

Recently there were outbreaks of rotavirus (a virus that causes diarrhea) in Mexico and Guatemala mostly affecting children. This disease is generally transmitted by food, water, hands and other surfaces that have been contaminated with feeal material, and also possibly by respiratory transmission such as through coughing or succeing.

The Ministry of Health would like to advise the public to observe strict hand washing after using the bathroom, and before handling, preparing, or consuming food or water, and to observe strict respiratory hygiene, such as covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and hand washing after coughing or sneezing.

Frequent hand washing is particularly important among caretakers of sick individuals. It is also advised to regularly clean surfaces with chlorine, such as kitchen surfaces, bathroom surfaces, and any other surfaces within the household that are commonly touched or handled. These simple actions can minimize the spread of

ANTI RABIES CAMPAIGN IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN REGIONS

The Public Health Department at the Western and Central Health Regions, Ministry of Health is conducting its anti-rabies vaccination campaign from February 24 to March 31*, 2010.

The anti-rabies campaign continues to target dogs and eats who are 3 months and older in the rural areas of the Belize

Vaccination location in Villages. Schools/Community Center and also house to house visits is being conducted from 8

The following villages will be visited through March 31, 2010: Monday 15-Double Head Cabbage, Tuesday 16-Bernrudian Landing, Wednesday 17 Lemonal/Isabella Bank, Thurs-

day 18—Scotland Halfmoon/Flowers Bank, Friday 19&: 22-23 Burrell Boom, Wednesday 23-Freetown Sibun/Rockville, Friday 25-26—Hattieville, Tuesday 30-31 Gracie Rock, La Democracia and Mahogany Heights.

In the Western Region total of 3,074 dogs and 416 eats have been vaccinated against Rabies in localities including the following: Yalbac, La Gracia, Santa Teresita, Tambos, San Marcos, Solona, Buena Vista, Billy White, San Antonio, Cool Shade, Mountain Pine Ridge, Barton Creek, Duck Run, Spanish Lookout, Santa Familia, Benque, Arenal, Succotz, Bullet Tree, Calla Creek and Santa Rosa.

FOCUSING ON NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Pan American Health Organization hosted a two-day workshop on "Diabetes Quality of Care Project" at the Institute for Technical & Vocational Education & Training Conference Room on Wednesday and Thursday March 10-

The main objective of the workshop was to introduce the Chronic Care Model as a tool to address the quality of care for diabetes in Belize and to develop interventions based on the Chronic Care Model to address issues of quality of care identified in health

Topics discussed included: The Chronic Care Model

The role of nutrition on Diabetes Control The role of education and self care in diabetes

Assessment of Chronic Illness Care Strategies for Improving Diabetes Care

Commitments on Interventions for Improving

The workshop was facilitated by international and local health care providers.

In related news, the Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin officially launched the "Belize National Commission on Non-Communicable Diseases" (BCNCD) on March 10, 2010 at the ITVET Conference Room, Belize City. The formation of the BCNCD is in keeping with the Ministry's commitment to the health and wellness of the people of Belize.

The roles and functions of the Commission include; Advise the Minister of Health on Non-Communicable Disease (NCDs) policies and legislation.

Ensure that appropriate policies and guidelines are put in place for the prevention and control of NCD risk factors and for the management of NCDs

Advocate for continuous revision and implementation of legislation embodying the National Policy on NCDs.

Foster a multi-sectoral approach for addressing the NCDs epidemic.

Membership of the BCNCD will comprise of 16 representatives from health related NGOs and other key stakeholders.

The Commission will be chained by the Director of Health Services.

ACTVITIES IN THE NORTH

Health fair on the 19th February 2010 at Corozal Central Park. The fair had participation from the following departments and institutions:

Health

- Red Cross

- Police -Youth group

- Religion group

- Social Security

Women Department

Human Services

 NDAC Agriculture

Women group

Cancer Society

- Education Department

On 26th February Inauguration ceremonies between Belize/Mexico was held at Chetumal Quintana Roo for Bi-national Health Week - Belize/Mexico which was celebrated from 27th February to 5th March 2010 with the Theme: CUIDALOS,

QUIERELOS, VACUNALOS. "Vaccination for H1N1 Vaccine for all essential workers was held from 18th - 28th February 2010 groups are Health Workers, Customs, Immigration, Border Management, BAHA, Police, BDF and DEMO.

MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS WORKSHOP

The Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Mental Health Consumers Association hosted a workshop for patients and their families on February 17,

2010 at the ITVET in San Ignacio Town. Presentations on social security benefits, understanding mental illness, the role of the Ombudsman and the Mental Health Association and the use of compliance medication was discussed. The goal of the workshop was to increase patients' awareness on the resources available to them in their community.

BELIZE TO BE A PART OF REGIONAL HIV/AIDS RESPONSE

The Ministry of Health has signed on to a partnership framework document to support the implementation of the Central American Regional HIV/AIDS response with the US Government. This initiative is part of a regional initiative signed on by the seven Central American countries that would allow for funding coming through PEPFAR in support of regional initiatives for HIV/AIDS.



The signing of this framework seeks

to further strengthen a 5 year strategy (2010-2015) to jointly implement regional goals. to reduce transmission of HIV and to minimize the negative impacts on the people of the Central American Region. The document was signed as part of a COMISCA meeting held on March 3rd, 2010 in San Jose, Costa Rica and within the week of the sixth CONCASIDA meeting held during that same week.

Signing the document were representatives of the Ministry of Health of the seven Central American countries and the US Ambassador to Costa Rica, H.E. Anne Andrews. Signing on behalf of the Ministry of Health, Government of Belize was Director of the National HIV/AIDS Programme, Dr. Marvin Manzanere.

Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



The coming week is not just about work and finances but also about personal relationships. You could have a wonderful time with loved ones and even sort out some old relationships that had gone sour. The success of your efforts depends on how well you handle sensitive issues. Lucky Numbers: 03, 18, 88.



You are poised to make some radical decisions especially at work. To others it may seem that you are making some really doubtful choices but even as you take on initial trouble, the move may work in your favour. Travel is likely and so are some legal wrangles. Lucky Numbers: 07, 35, 67.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21

Make sure that you keep your health in good shape as you'll be required to pay equal attention to work as well as family. Handle young people, especially children with sensitivity. You could seek out additional sources of income or may start taking your hobby more seriously. Lucky Numbers: 09, 24, 48.



The pressure at work builds up. There are targets, expectations of superiors and you have from yourself that need to be met. You could get tensed, which will drain you out and spoil your relationship with loved ones, as you fail to make time for them. Lucky Numbers: 05, 51, 73.



This week, you are bubbling with excitement and energy. You draw up plans to be executed in the near future. It could have you exploring possibilities of higher education and deeper research into your areas of interest. Your sincerity is likely to earn you a favour with higher authorities. Lucky Numbers: 04, 33, 96.



VIRGO: August 22 to September 21

The coming week brings greater closeness and camaraderie between loved ones. Successful travel is also indicated. It's a good week for you as it engages you in constructive work. The only word of caution is not to lose your head with all the joy or else you might just make an mistake somewhere.Lucky Numbers: 14, 62, 95.

LIBRA: September 22 to October 23

Matters related to finance and interpersonal relationships come to fore. You will have to work out ways to resolve a legal matter or negotiate terms of a deal. This involves a lot of work. Therefore, keep a balanced head on your shoulders to tackle it all. Be cautious while driving. Lucky Numbers: 28, 64, 80.



Be ready to deal with lots of challenges. To add to it, legal matters and short distance travel. This phase requires you to

handle the mess you are in with dignity. Close family and relatives will also try your patience. Just find time to relax your nerves and handle it all well. Lucky Numbers: 22, 47,

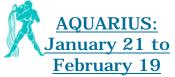
SAGITTARIUS: November 22 to December 21

You keep your focus on strengthening bonds with people. You may even sit back and reconsider interactions with family members. There are indications of romance or a pleasant social interaction. Some of you may even consider marriage. Avoid an impulsive decision. Lucky Numbers: 02, 40, 54.

CAPRICORN: December 22 to January 20

Now that harmony has been restored at home and your extended family has been given enough attention, you channel all your resources towards additional revenue generating sources. Health will

need to be taken care of as money matters may have a negative effect on you. Lucky Numbers: 08, 27, 84.



You will strive towards becoming a more balanced individual in the eyes of people around you rather than coming across as headstrong. This will reflect in your decisions, as you opt for the softer and 'less stern' options. Celebrations at home are indicated.Lucky Numbers: 10, 42, 86.

PISCES: February 20 to March 21

You acquire a more stable and a practical outlook. The reason for the stability could be a new person who brings about the change within you. This balanced approach and genial interactions with family and at work enhance harmony in your surrounding. This week is going to be pleasant. Lucky Numbers: 19, 45, 57.

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The Elections and Boundaries Commission, in accordance with Part II, Sections 6 and Part VI, Section 35 of the Village Councils Act, Chapter 88 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2003, hereby release the official schedule for Village/Community Council Elections 2010.

In all villages nomination opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 10:00 a.m.

* Denotes Poll closes at 5:00 p.m.

** Denoted Poll closes at 3:00 p.m.

In all other villages poll closes at 1:00

COROZAL DISTRICT

APR	IL 25	MAY	16	MAY	/ 23	MAY 30		JUN	JUNE 6	
VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	
Calcutta* Ranchito* San Joaquin* Carolina	Community Center Community Center Community Center Health Post	San Pedro* Cristo Rey* San Roman* Santa Clara* Louisville* Patchakan* Chan Chen* Yo Chen	Community Center RC School Community Center RC School RC School Community Center School Community Center	Sarteneja* Concepcion* San Victor* San Andres* Xaibe* San Antonio Consejo	RC School Community Center RC School Community Center Community Center Community Center Church	Progresso* San Narciso* Paraiso* Buena Vista** Copper Bank		Libertad* Caledonia*	Community Center RC School	

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT

APRI	L 11	APRIL 18		APRIL 25		MAY 16		MAY 23	
VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE
San Jose* San Fablo** Douglas** Nuevo San Juan	Primary School Community Center Community Center Primary School	Palmar*		Santa Martha Tower Hill			RC School School Govt School School Govt School	San Lazaro* Yo Creek* Trinidad** Fire Burn	RC School Community Center School Govt School

BELIZE DISTRICT

APRIL 18		APRIL 25		MAY 16		MAY 30	
VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE
Caye Caulker* Bermudian Landing** Double Head Cabbage Flowers Bank Isabella Bank Rancho Dolores Scotland Half Moon St. Paul's Bank Willows Bank Lemonal	RC School Multi-Purpose Building Community Center Community Center Community Center RC School Community Center RC School Community Center Community Center Community Center	Freetown Sibun Gales Point Gracie Rock	Community Center Community Center	Gardenia May Pen	Government School Government School Community Center Mount Vernon SDA School Anglican Primary School	Ladyville* Maskall* Crooked Tree** Bomba Boston Corozalito Lucky Strike Rockstone Pond Santana St. Anns 8 Mls. Community	Community Center Community Center Community Center Pentecostal Church Adventist Church Community Center Community Center Community Center Community Center Community Center Community Center Community Center
						JUNI	E 6
						Sand Hill* Lords Bank*	Community Center Community Center

CAYO DISTRICT

APRIL 25		MAY 16		MAY 23		MAY 30	
VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE
Esperanza* Valley of Peace* Unitedville** El Progresso** Blackman Eddy Buena Vista	Community Center Community Center Community Center Community Center Community Center New School Building	Roaring Creek* Camalote* Teakettle* San Antonio* Cristo Rey** Duck Run I Duck Run II	Primary School Community Center Community Center Community Center Community Center Community Center Community Center	Santa Familia* Bullet Tree* Arenal** Calla Creek** Cotton Tree** St. Matthews** Franks Eddy	Community Center RC School Health Center Community Center Commity Center RC School RC School	Succotz* Armenia** St. Margaret San Marcos Selena Los Tambos Duck Run III	Cancha Community Center RC School RC School Government School Government School Community Center
MAY 9		Billy White	Community Center	More Tomorrow	RC School	. (E38628 p. 5094195)	
Georgeville**	Community Center	Ontario	Community Center	Yalbac La Gracia Santa Teresita	RC School Government C/C Community Center		

STANN CREEK DISTRICT

APRIL 11		APRIL 18		APRIL 25		MAY 16	
VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE
Independence*	Independence RC Primary School	Placencia*	Community Center	Alta Vista	Community Center	Pomona**	Multi-Purpose Building
Red Bank*	Community Center	Hopkins*	Hely Family School	Hummingbird	Community Center	Hope Creek	Community Center
San Juan (Cowpen**)	Community Center	Santa Cruz*	Hernandez Building	Middlesex	Middlesex RC School	New Mullins River	Community Center
Maya Mopan	Muti-Purpose Building	Seine Bight**	RC School	Steadfast	Community Center	Sarawee	Community Center
Georgetown	Cultural Building	Maya Center	Community Center	Valley Community	Community Center	G	I O D 10
Red BankSan Roman	Community Center	Silk Grass	Community Center		1.00046.57.100446. <u>4</u> 1.4876.480.400.1	Continu	ed On Page 10
Santa Rosa	Community Center	Sittee River	Methodist School				

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Security Guard Charge For Carnal Knowledge

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, March 29, 2010:

The life of a 33 year old security guard/former policeman was radically changed at around 11:30 pm on Friday, March 26, 2010, when he was hauled into the San Ignacio police station and later slapped with a carnal knowledge charge allegedly committed against his 8 year old step daughter.

The mother and child visited

the police station where the mother reported to police that shortly after 11:00 pm that night she returned home from work. She told the police that she knocked on the door and whilst waiting for it to be opened, she reportedly peeped through a crack in the door and saw some suspicious movements. She said that when questioned, the child allegedly told her that the accused was fondling her private parts. The child further informed that on at least two previous occasions the man had sexual intercourse with her.

The mother and child were escorted to the San Ignacio Community Hospital where the Medical Officer on duty certified no evidence of actual recent sexual intercourse. The examination revealed however that the hymen was not intact thereby indicating prior sexual activity.

The accused appeared before San Ignacio's Magistrate Anna Rachel Montejo on Monday, March 29, 2010, where a single carnal knowledge charge was read to him. No plea was taken as the matter is slated for trial in the Supreme Court. The accused was remanded to the Central Prison in Hattieville until Tuesday, June 29, 2010.

In an effort to protect the child's identity we are publishing neither the name nor the photograph of the accused.

VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2010

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CONTINUED TOLEDO DISTRICT

APRIL 18		APRIL 25		MAY	16	MAY 23		
VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	VILLAGE	VENUE	
Big Falls* Boom Creek Cattle Landing Elridgeville Forest Home Santa Ana Aguacate Blue Creek Jordan Mabil Ha Mafredi San Benito Poite Santa Teresa	Community Center RC School Community Center School School Community Center Community Center Community Center Community Center Community Center	San Antonio* San Jose** Barranco Conejo Creek Crique Sarco Midway Sunday Wood Crique Jute Jalacte Naluum Ca Puebo Viejo San Vicente Santa Cruz Santa Elena	Community Center School Community Center School School School Community Center Community Center Community Center Community Center School Community Center	San Pedro Colombia* Corazon Creek Dolores Otoxha San Lucas Golden Stream Indian Creek Medina Bank San Miguel Silver Creek	Community Center Community Center School Community Center School Community Center Community Center Community Center Community Center Community Center	Bella Vista* Bladen (CC) Monkey River Punta Negra Trio Jacintoville Laguna San Felipe San Marcos San Pablo Yemeri Grove	RC School Fabian Cayetano RC School Anglican School Anglican School Primary School Community Center Community Center Community Center Community Center RC School Toledo Christian Academ	

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Belize Hosts Sports Author and Writer

Sport journalist and author Michael Sandrock is currently in Belize. Mr. Sandrock is the sports editor for the Colorado Daily Newspaper and a freelance writer for the Daily Camera Newspaper and The Running Times magazine among others. As a serious, long time runner he is also the founder of the "Shoes for Africa" project where runners donate new and used running shoes and clothes for underprivileged athletes in several countries worldwide.

With a circulation of 116,426, the Running Times magazine looks to inform, entertain and inspire serious runners with its insightful content. The Daily Camera is a daily newspaper published for the residents of Boulder CO. and holds a circulation of 29,151.

After his arrival to Belize City Mr. Sandrock's itinerary will whisk him off to the Cayo district where he will visit the archeological site of Xunantunich and then stop by the Lodge at Chaa Creek for lunch and a tour of the Butterfly Farm and Natural History Center. The last stop on his itinerary will take him to San Pedro for an afternoon snorkeling tour.

Apart from his destination piece, Mr. Sandrock is covering a story about volunteers traveling to Belize to donate running shoes to local athletes and facilitate a run for the Special Olympics through his "Shoes for Africa" project.



The Belize Tourism Board announces winner for the "Clean Schools Competition"

Last year, as part of the BTB's local public awareness campaign entitled "I am Belize" the "Clean Schools Competition" was launched. The campaign is an initiative of the BTB and has the participation of representatives from BTIA, BHA and other interested private sector partners.

Last November a total of thirteen schools from across the country registered to compete in the "Clean Schools Competition" and the BTB visited all the participating schools for judging. The judging criteria were: general cleanliness, individual classrooms, bathroom facilities, before and after pictures to show the progress of the school and general beautification efforts among others.



Minister Heredia with School principal Mr. Thomas Oliver

Yesterday the BTB presented the Burrell Boom Methodist School with a plaque and a cheque for \$7,500 worth of school equipment and so recognizing them as the winners of the "IAm Belize, Clean School Competition". The school community's work paid off as they all worked towards the betterment of their buildings and compound in an effort to make it a nicer environment to learn in. The school's effort is an example to all about how individuals come together as a group and can make a difference.

The "I Am Belize" campaign seeks to sensitize and educate Belizeans on how their individual actions impact the country's image.

Apart from the "Clean Schools Competition", the "I Am Belize" Campaign also carried out other activities such as the "I Am Belize" logo competition and the "Singing of the National Anthem Competition".



(from right to left) Minister Heredia with Dir. Of Product Development, Mrs. Laura Esquivel Frampton, Principal Mr. Thomas Oliver and students of Burrell Boom Methodist School

Belize showcased as a Wedding and Honeymoon Destination in Puerto Rico

For the very first time Belize was able to say 'present' at the Caribbean Bridal Expo and Marketplace. From Saturday March 27th to Sunday the 28th San Juan Puerto Rico was the place to be at as over 12,000 visitors and 450 wedding professionals came together for this magnum event. Representing the Belize Tourism Board were Marketing Officers Melecia Banks and Michelle Bowers.

With over ten years of experience the Caribbean Bridal Expo has managed to place itself as the greatest and most influential bridal market in the Caribbean. The CBE seeks to connect an audience of serious buyers and sellers of wedding planning and services. The Bridal Expo's aim is to get under one roof, all the information, tips, services and advice couples, event planners and industry suppliers in the United States and the Caribbean Islands need to put together that big day. With that in mind, thousands of soon- to -be wed couples made their way to the Puerto Rico Convention Center to access over 450 exhibitors showcasing wedding services and destinations with everything they would need for their wedding, and honeymoon.

While at the Caribbean Bridal Expo the BTB hosted innumerable couples seeking information on the destination and honeymoon opportunities, locales and packages. In addition, the BTB had the opportunity to meet with a few wedding

planners who specialize in destination weddings and sought Belize as an ideal destination. Belize has the opportunity to develop new markets as a versatile, year-round destination that can cater to different expectations especially for those seeking a unique experience for that big day or that prefect, romantic honeymoon.



Belize Showcased as a premier dive destination in New Jersey

Belize was highlighted in Secaucus, New Jersey this weekend, at one of North America's largest consumer, scuba diving, and travel exposition, Beneath the Sea 2010.

This year Beneath the Sea saw approximately 400 exhibitors from all corners of the world as well as 70 plus seminars and workshops by specialists and experts. The show also saw diving demonstrations, exotic destination presentations, social events, an International Film Festival on Saturday evening, product demonstrations, and workshops designed to entertain, inform and incite all dive enthusiasts from the experienced diver to the new diver and even the non diver.

The show opened with a special session for the Trade allowing for an intimate meeting with exhibitors before the Saturday and Sunday rush that saw thousands of dive enthusiasts from New York, New Jersey and neighboring states clamoring to the Meadowlands Exposition Center for information on the dive industry.

Research indicates Belize's marine attractions rank as the highest motivational factor for travel to Belize. With the second largest barrier reef in the world and three of the four coral atolls in the Caribbean, this was an important show to showcase Belize's niche dive market.

Beneath the Sea is a "not-for-profit" public service, membership organization dedicated to educating the public about the oceans of the world and the preservation of the marine environment. It also affords the public the opportunity to meet the destinations and explore the travel and tourism opportunities as they consider their vacation options.

Representing the Belize Tourism Board were Mr. Neil Bradley, Board Member and Mr. Alvaro Ramirez Hotel Inspector.

For more information on events taking place in Belize's tourism industry, please contact the Belize Tourism Board at 227-2420, via email: btbb@btl.net or visit our website www.belizetourism.org



*STAR HUMOR

The Tell-Tale Clock

Anthony was invited out for a night with the guys.

He told his wife that he would be home by midnight. "I promise!" he said before walking out the door.

Well, the hours passed quickly and the beers were tasting so good.

At a few minutes to 3 am, drunk as a skunk, Anthony headed for home.

Just as he got inside the door, the cuckoo clock in the hall started up and cuckooed three times.

Quickly, he realized his wife would probably wake up, so he cuckooed another 9 times.

The Best Guard Dog

Sam and George owned a store in San Ignacio.

The store has been burglarized several times in recent months and Sam decided to buy a guard dog.

Shopping for one, Sam found a man selling dogs at the market last Saturday morning. The sign boasted, *The Best Guard Dogs That Money Will Buy*.

He approached the man and to his disappointment, all the dogs were Pot Lickers'

"Excuse me", Sam said to the man, "Your sign says you sell guard dogs. Where are they?"

The man, an elderly Chinese, replied, "Oh, but these are highly trained guard dogs. They all know karate."

"Yeah Right!." exclaimed Sam.
"I'll show you", said the man.
He took one of the dogs out and put it in front of a cement brick.
The dog stood absolutely still.
The man gave a command,
"Karate! Brick!"

In complete astonishment, Sam saw the dog perform a perfect karate chop, splitting the brick in half. Totally amazed, he bought the dog and took it to the shop.

He showed the guard dog to George, who thought he was completely mad and told him to return it immediately.

"But, he is a trained guard dog." protested Sam

"Yeah, sure!" responded George.

Sam put the dog on the floor and said, "He knows karate!!"
With a speer George should

With a sneer George shouted, "Karate! My Foot!"

George will be released from the hospital in a few week's time.

He was really proud of himself for having such a rapid solution to escape a possible conflict.

The next morning his wife asked, "What time you get in Anthony?"

"At the stroke of midnight," responded Anthony.

The wife didn't seem disturbed at all and so Anthony thought he had gotten away with that one until the wife continued.

"We needed a new cuckoo clock" said the wife.

When Anthony asked her why she said, "Well, last night it cuckooed 3 times, then said, 'Oh crap,' it cuckooed 4 more times, cleared its throat, cuckooed another 3 times, giggled, cuckooed twice and then farted."

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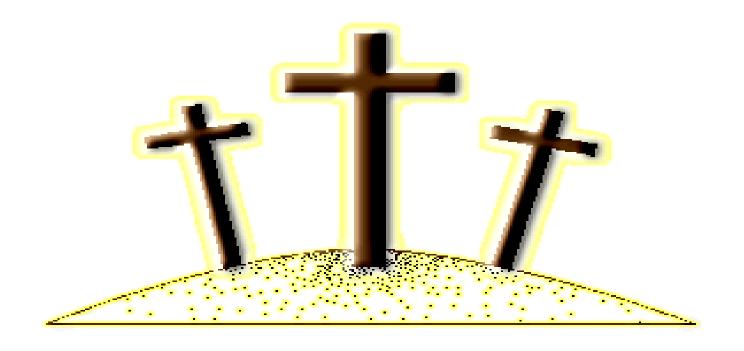
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Boledo/Lottery Vendor Robbed Again

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, March 22, 2010:

We are, on a third occasion, reporting another robbery committed against boledo/lottery vendor **Godfrey Tillett**, 65, father of the Police Officer, 2nd in command of the Orange Walk (Police) District, **Inspector Selvin Tillett**.

Police reports that shortly after 9:00 am on Sunday, March 21, 2010, Godfrey Tillett, of a New Area address in Santa Elena Town, was standing in the yard of Cecil Myvett in Esperanza Village, Cayo, attending to a customer when he was reportedly approached by a male person with a short gun in his hand. The assailant was reportedly wearing matching brown shirt and pants. He reportedly had a black warm cap on his head and a pair of black sunglasses on his face. The



The Victim Godfrey Tillett, 65

assailant reportedly pointed the gun at the victim and demanded that he hand over the bag he was carrying.

Fearing for his life, the victim handed over his black bag reportedly containing 4 lottery books, valued at 880 dollars along with approximately 300 dollars

in cash. The man grabbed the bag, ran a short distance away and boarded a waiting blue/grey pickup truck with San Ignacio/Santa Elena license plates number C-01163.

Rapid response on the part of San Ignacio Police resulted in the spotting of the vehicle near the ferry leading into the Mennonite community of Spanish Lookout. Before the police could approach the pickup truck, the passenger, suspected to be the robber, jumped out of the vehicle and escaped into nearby bushes.

The driver, identified as **Joseph Gentle**, 23, Belizean laborer residing in Esperanza was detained and transported to the San Ignacio Police station. Sources close to the investigation informed that Gentle is not

cooperating with the police. He was formally arrested and charged for conspiracy to commit robbery.

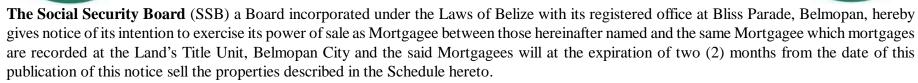
He appeared in San Ignacio Magistrate Court on Monday, March 22, 2010, where he pleaded not guilty of the crime and was remanded to prison until Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

A few days later, the victim's black bag, containing personal documents and the few pieces of tools he carries to repair the motorcycle he rides, was found, by a farm worker, in a nearby orange orchard in Esperanza Village. Police strongly suspect that the assailant might have taken the cash and lottery books out of the bag, hurled it over the fence into the orange orchard before proceeding to the area near the ferry where the driver was apprehended.



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ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL of land being Parcel No. 2800, Block No. 20 situate in Belmopan Registration Section Cayo District being at **No. 19 Altun Ha Street, Piccini Area Belmopan**, Registration Section Belmopan, Parcel No. 2800, Block No. 20, being a bungalow house of reinforced concrete, fenced, situate at No. 19 Altun Ha Street, Piccini Area, Belmopan and being the **freehold property of Jacqueline Wagner.**

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL of land being Parcel No. 2813, Block No. 20 situate in Belmopan Registration Section, Cayo District being at **No. 15 Lubantun Street, Piccini Area Belmopan,** Registration Section Belmopan, Parcel No. 2813, Block No. 20, being a bungalow house of reinforced concrete, fenced, situate at No. 15 Lubantun Street, Piccini Area, Belmopan and being **the freehold property of Melva Garbutt.**

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL of land comprising 8,000.00 sq. ft. and forming part of the property known as **Otro Benque** situate in **Orange Walk** and numbered Lot No. 193 on a plan made by H.C. Fairweather, Chartered Land Surveyor and dated 2nd August, 1978 and recorded in the Surveyor's Plan Book No. 7 at folio 143 a copy of which is attached hereto. Together with all buildings, erections and developments standing and being thereon, **the freehold property of Cynthia Singh.**

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL of land situate on the North Side of the **Town of Stann Creek on Commerce Street** and being the Lot No. 81 on the Official Plan of Stann Creek. Together with all buildings, erections and developments standing and being thereon, **the freehold property of Augustine Liu.**

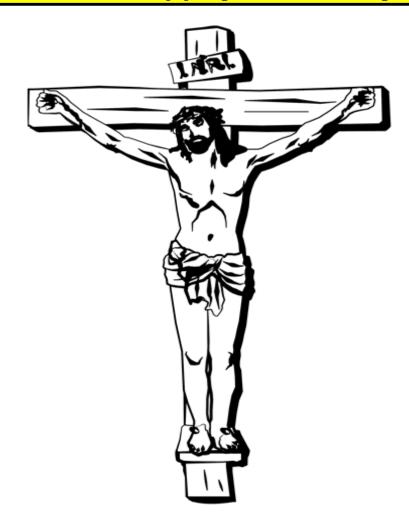
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ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL of land being Lot No. 674 situate in the **Luisiana Farm Extension**, **Orange Walk Town**, **Orange Walk District** and bounded as shown on Plan No. 1968 at the Office of the Commissioner of Lands and Surveys, Belmopan. Together with all buildings, erections and developments standing and being thereon, **the leasehold property of Francis Sanchez**.

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL of land being Lot No. 8424 situate in the **San Martin De Porres Area, Belize City, Belize District** bounded and described as shown in a Minister's Fiat Lease No. 1555 of 2000 and recorded at the Land Titles Unit in Belmopan. Together with all buildings, erections and developments standing and being thereon, **the leasehold property of Lucilla Bailey.**

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL of land being Lot No. 8282 situate in the St. Martin de Porres Area, Belize City, Belize District bounded and described as shown in a Minister's Fiat Lease No. 274 of 1996 dated September 17, 1996 and recorded at the Land Titles Unit in Belmopan. Together with all buildings, erections and developments standing and being thereon, (being an incomplete concrete structure and lot situate at the corner Cumberbatch Street and Mckay Boulevard, St. Martin de Porres, Belize City the leasehold property of Rosemarie Flowers.





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Cock Fighting In The Municipal Fair Dear Editor, but maybe you already 1

I heard that they will be having a cock fight at the Easter Fair.

Unfortunately I don't have very much more information, but maybe you can research a bit more, if you are interested.

The organizing committee obviously have permission from to do it.

I cannot understand how they could give permission to something so awful.

I am not sure how to proceed from here, but I think it is very inhumane and it sends out a wrong message to the people who do dog fights (which is even more horrible).

All in all I think it gives a very bad impression for the town itself to allow this.

Most of all I am concerned about the roosters getting themselves killed so people can have "fun" is just wrong.

Please, can you write something on this topic? I don't have enough background information to make a statement, but maybe you already know more.

Thanks a lot,

Author's Name Withheld as we were not sure if she wanted her name published ED NOTE:

Yes we heard the announced "Cock Fight" on the radio ad for the fair.



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matter from the police and Inspector Dinsdale Thompson, the officer 2nd in Command of San Ignacio Police, confirmed having likwise heard the advertisement on the radio.

He said that the act is illegal and that he will accordingly advise the Mayor and the Fair's Organizing Committee.

Rob Is Coming To Town And Hopefully To The Pages Of The STAR

Dear Editor;

My name is **Robert Wheeler.** I am a psychotherapist and educator who will be moving to your lovely Cayo in May.

I wonder if your paper would be interested in an occasional articles involving psychology, parenting, substance abuse, etc. Perhaps a regular column with same?

I look forward to hearing

whether this idea interests you. Best regards,

Rob Wheeler

ED RESPONSE:

Robert,

Welcome to Cayo. Sounds like you are coming with some positive contributions.

We certainly look forward to accommodating your column. Regards

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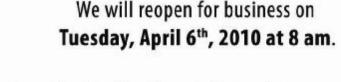
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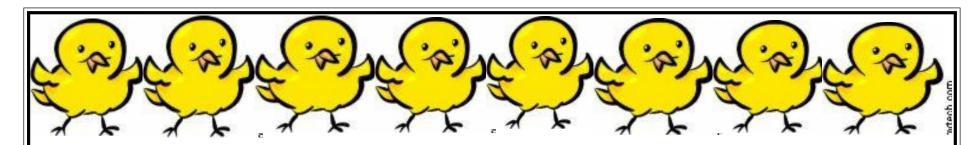
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Coleman Convicted In Absentia

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, March 29, 2010:

He was arrested and charged for the November 3, 2007 burglary of a church in San Ignacio. He was accused of making off with a musical keyboard and a sound mixer. A few days later he walked out of court, on bail, never again to return to face the music.

It was shortly after 8:00 am, almost 29 months ago, on the morning of Saturday November 3, 2007 when **Lionel Fuentes**, Pastor of Life Ministries Church on Joseph Andrews Drive in San



Ryan Coleman, 25
Ignacio visited the police station and reported that his church was broken into and that a grey,

Yamaha brand, electronic keyboard, valued at \$2,000 along with a 16 channel, grey and black, PV brand, sound mixer, valued at \$1,800 were missing.

Police visited the scene and observed that entry was gained by the removal of four wooden louvers from a one of the windows on the side of the building. One of the louvers was found leaning against the wall just below the window while the remaining 3 were found around the corner of the building, also leaning against the wall.

The louvers were found with clear finger print impressions and they were brought to the police station for further examination by the Scenes of Crime Technician. The prints were lifted and were found with characteristics similar to those on file belonging to one Ryan Coleman.

Investigators obtained a search warrant and proceeded to Coleman's residence at #17 Minerva Lane in San Ignacio Town where they found the Yamaha keyboard and the PV brand sound mixer. The recovery of the items led to the arrest of **Ryan Coleman** - 23 at the

time, now 25 years of age - on a single burglary charge. He pleaded not guilty to the charge. He was offered and met bail and has since failed to show up in court.

Despite his absence, the trial proceeded in absentia. The prosecution closed its case before **Magistrate Anna Rachel Montejo** on Monday, March 29, Magistrate Montejo ruled that the accused was guilty as charged. She ordered the payment of \$1,000 court fine. In default of making the payment by April 30, the convicted burglar would spend one year in jail.

The keyboard and the sound mixer have since been returned to the church.

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From Front Page

Hector Jeovanni Pech, 29, Belizean driver of a Benque Viejo Town address.

The driver of the Isuzu pickup truck was identified as Rafael Caranza, 22, Belizean farmer of a Bullet Tree Falls Village address. He was reportedly traveling in the company of two passengers.

The Ford Escort car was driven by Victor Moreno, 50, Belizean, Air Traffic Control Officer working at the Phillip Goldson International Airport with the Civil Aviation Department of the Government of Belize. Moreno, residing with his family in the village of Unitedville, was driving in the company of his common-lawwife of 20 years, Leticia Marva Garcia, 46, Belizean domestic, seated in the front passenger seat and the couple's 12 year old son seated in the back seat of the car.

Within minutes of the accident, two ambulances from the Spanish Lookout Branch of the Belize Emergency Rescue Team (BERT) arrived on the

scene. Leticia is reported to have died almost on impact from severe head and body injuries while Victor Moreno and his son were placed in one ambulance and rushed to the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan where Moreno was treated and released while the son, suffering from a broken right leg, was transported to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital where he is slated to undergo surgery.

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Rafael Caranza was placed inside the other ambulance and also transported to the Western Regional Hospital where he was treated and released into the hands of the police.

The body of the Leticia Marva Garcia was removed from the scene and transported to the morgue at the San Ignacio Community Hospital where it was officially pronounced dead.

While, they await the results of a urine sample from Rafael Caranza, San Ignacio Police nonetheless proceeded to lay five charges against him as follows: i) Manslaughter by negligence, ii) Causing death by



Victor Moreno's Overturned Ford Escort Car

careless conduct, iii) Drove motor vehicle without due care and attention and iv) Negligent grievous harm upon Victor Moreno and v) Negligent grievous harm upon Moreno's 12 year old son.

Caranza appeared before San Ignacio's Magistrate, Anna Rachel Montejo, on Monday, March 29, 2010, where the charges were read to him. No plea was taken as the matter will be heard on indictment at the Supreme Court level.

The accused was offered and met bail, just at the close of the business day, in the sum of \$8,000 plus 1 surety of the same amount. He was released on the condition that he surrenders all travel documents to the Clerk of Court until the date of the Preliminary Inquiry (PI). He will be returning to court on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 when the PI is slated to commence.

While there is no report of injuries caused to the other two persons reportedly traveling with Caranza, the driver of the Freight Liner is said to have emerged somewhat shaken but with no apparent injuries.

The body of Leticia Marva Garcia was transported to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital on Monday, March 29 for the legally required post mortem examination.

Reports reaching us indicate that Leticia's brother Balbino, who lives next door, worked most of the day on repairing the car and when he was finished, Victor drove into San Ignacio Town to update the insurance and at the same time the family did some grocery shopping. They were returning home when tragedy struck.

Leticia Marva Garcia is predeceased by father Balbino Garcia and one brother Reynaldo Garcia. She is survived by her mother, Gloria Perez; brother,

Balbino Garcia Jr.; Sisters, Martha Lemus, Brinette Garcia and Odette Robateau. She is also survived by Victor Moreno, her common-lawhusband of 20 years as well as two sons Joshua and Dishon Moreno.

She will be laid to rest on Wednesday, March 31, in Unitedville, the place where she was born, grew up and lived all her life. The funeral service will be held at 3:00 pm at the Church Pentecostal Unitedville Village. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

At the request of the brother, Balbino Garcia Jr., the Moreno and Garcia families express heartfelt appreciation to the Unitedville community for their expression of sympathy especially to Area Representative, Hon. Ramon Witz and Village Chairman, Michael Juan for all the support provided during these difficult times.



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