





## Outstanding Police, Special Constables, Justice of The Peace And Private Citizens Receive Special Recognition From The Police

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, April 19, 2010:**

An Award Ceremony/Social event for San Ignacio Police personnel was held on Friday, April 9, at the Garden of Eden Resort on the Western Highway between the towns of San Ignacio and Benque Viejo.

Master of Ceremony for the occasion was **Alberto August**, Publisher of the **STAR Newspaper**. The program began with the singing of the national anthem followed by an opening prayer delivered by **Inspector Dinsdale Thompson**, Deputy Commander, Cayo (Police) District.

The welcome remarks was delivered by the Commander of the Cayo (Police) District, **Senior Superintendent of Police Paul Wade**.

Guest Speaker for the event was **Mr. George Gomez**, Prosecutor, San Ignacio's Magistrate Court.

The program continued with the distribution of Certificates of Recognition and prizes after which **Commissioner Crispin Jefferies** was invited to share a few words with the gathering of police personnel, civilian staff, special constable and invited guests.

The vote of thanks was delivered by **Inspector Dinsdale Thompson**

Those singled out for special recognition included **PC #450 Santos Marin** as Officer of the Month for January; **PC #1213 Andy Tun** as Officer of the Month for February and **Sgt #718 Reymundo Reyes** as Officer of the Month for March. Each of the three officers of the month received gift certificated from the Lodge at Chaa Creek, Crystal Paradise, Mr. Greedy's Pizzeria and Hode's Place.

Special Commendation Awards were presented to the following officers in connection with the February 10, 2010 successful



**Sgt #718 Reymundo Reyes (L) receiving Certificate from Compol Crispin Jefferies (R)**

apprehension of Belizean Fugitive **Gary Seawell** and the confiscation of several high powered arms and ammunition at the time of his arrest: **Sgt #718 Reymundo Reyes**, **Sgt #137 James Cayetano**; **Detective Constable #557 Solomon Mas**, **Detective Constable #1146 Sotero Salam** and **PC #299 Santiago Hernandez**.

Commendation Awards were also presented to the following officers in connection with the February 18, 2010 successful seizure of 20.725 kilos of cocaine resulting to the apprehension of **Carlos Jonathan Gibson**: **Sgt #718 Reymundo Reyes**, **DC#649 Miguel**

**Martinez**, **DC# 557 Solomon Mas**, and **DC#1146 Sotero Salam**

Outstanding Special Constable Awards were presented to **SC Jaime Pinelo**, **SC Alvan Wagner** and **SC Steve Donuche** while the Outstanding Justice of the Peace Award went to **Mrs. Desol Neal**.

The presentation of awards ended with certificates of appreciation presented to the following outstanding members of the community: **Mr. Escander Bedran**, **Mr. William Butcher**, **Mr. Julian Sherrard**, **Mr. John Escobar** and **Mr. Jose Choto**.

The official portion of the event ended shortly after 7:00 pm, after which the bar was officially declared opened by the MC.

The gathering was entertained with music provided by **DJ Diamond**.

It was indeed a fun time for Police Officers, Special Constable, Civilian Staff and Special Invited Guests.



**Detective Constable #557 Solomon Mas (L) receiving Certificate from Compol Crispin Jefferies (R)**



**Detective Constable #1146 Sotero Salam (L) receiving Certificate from Compol Crispin Jefferies (R)**



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# BELIZE TOURISM BOARD BTB TOURISM NEWS

## Writer for Frommer's Travel Guide currently in Country

Travel writer, free lance journalist and poet Eliot Greenspan is currently in country for a three-week stay working on updating the Frommer's Belize Travel Guide. Eliot Greenspan is author of Frommer's Belize, the popular Frommer's Costa Rica, Frommer's Guatemala, Frommer's Cuba, Costa Rica for Dummies and the chapter on Venezuela for Frommer's South America.

Frommer's Travel Guides feature reviews and advice from recognized authors such as Greenspan and include complete and in-depth destination guides covering the world through daily e-mail newsletters reporting on the latest travel news and vacation deals. Frommer's Travel Guides are distributed to consumers throughout the United States and much of the written content on the destinations is also featured online. Frommer's online would typically get more than 489,000 visitors per month.

His stay in Belize will see him visiting destinations across the country to include Belize City, Corozal, Cayo, Punta Gorda, Hopkins, Placencia and Ambergris Caye, just to name a few. His itinerary was developed by the Belize Tourism Board in collaboration with its Private Sector partners; Radisson Ft. George Hotel, Tony's Inn, Ka'an Resort, Table Rock, Portofino, Blue Tang, Coral House Inn, International Expeditions, Turtle Inn, Chaa Creek, Robert's Grove, Hamanasi, St. George's Caye Resort, Iguana Reef Inn and Ian Anderson.



## Tourism Sector Hosts Workshop on Multi-Hazard and Contingency Planning

The Belize Tourism Board and the Belize Tourism Industry Association, in collaboration with the Organization of American States, held a two day workshop focusing on Multi-Hazard and Contingency Planning, which would assess and prepare private and public sector tourism satellite interests for natural and man-made hazards on Friday April 16th and Saturday, April 17th at the ITVET Conference Room.

The objective of the workshop was to prepare and train tourism associations covering critical areas such as an institutional framework for management and planning for emergency response and recovery, mitigation for emergencies, damage and needs assessment after an emergency, public relations (national and international) and emergency systems and procedures for individual properties. During the training there was mention of the inception of a tourism emergency management committee that would feed into the national system already in place via NEMO, utilizing local destination committees/clusters for effectiveness.

The Contingency planning process was designed by the Organization of American States, in collaboration with their international partners and implemented in countries across the Caribbean. Day One of the Workshop included an overview of the Project and Institutional Framework for Multi-Hazard Contingency Planning by OAS Country Representative, Kim Osborne. Mrs. Osborne reiterated the need for each establishment such as hotels and craft markets to institute a mechanism within their establishment "to prepare for, respond to and recover from not only from natural disasters, but man-made disasters as well. The day's activities also included the structure of Belize's emergency framework via the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) and hotel security. Day two included a table top emergency simulation exercise and the necessary steps needed to realize an institutional framework for tourism.

Security Specialist for several international tourism entities chaired the sessions on Multi-Hazard Contingency Planning & Hotel Security. Mr. Chin has chaired the Hotel Association of New York City's Safety & Security Committee since 1993, is a member of the American Hotel & Lodging Association Loss Prevention Committee and was certified as an Anti-Terrorism Specialist by the FBI Citizen's Academy.

Present at the two day sessions were Board representatives from the Belize Hotel Association, Belize National Tour Operator Association, Belize National Tour Guide Association, BTIA Destination Chapters, municipal councils/governments, BERT, Belize Tourism Police Unit and several other private sector entities.



## BTB Educates Agents in Fort Lauderdale

The books are now closed on what was one of the best travel industry events of the year – the 2010 Home Based Travel Agent Show and Conference held from April 14th – 17th at the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Convention Center. Representing the Belize Tourism Board were Karina Cunil and Alyssa Phillips.

This blockbuster event gave suppliers a unique opportunity to meet face-to-face with ideal customers and prospects. Over 1,200 of the leading home based agents attended the show to learn about what Belize has to offer. The original tradeshow was especially developed for home based travel agents who wanted to expand their knowledge and grow their business enabling the agents to build relationships and connect face-to-face with more than 200 domestic and international suppliers.

While there, the Belize representatives took full advantage of educating the agents on the Belize Specialist Program. This Program allows travel agents across the globe especially those from the U.S. and Canada to enroll and introduce Belize to newcomers and provide travel agents that are already familiar with the destination, the ability to see Belize from new angles.

"The travel agent community is an essential distribution avenue for Belize," comments Tourism Director, Seleni Matus. "We are excited about the opportunity of securing new business from travel agents in the Ft. Lauderdale area and will continue to build relations with international tour operators who are interested in increasing business to Belize," commented Matus.

Last month, Travel Writer for Travel Agent Magazine was in currently on a 4 day familiarization trip. Travel Agent Magazine boasts a circulation of 49,795 and is the leading publication servicing travel professionals for almost a century.



## New Director of Tourism & Chairman Visit with Stakeholders in Hopkins and Corozal

As part of its ongoing commitment to reach out to stakeholders, the BTB's new Chairman of the Board, Lindsay Garbutt and new Director of Tourism, Seleni Matus in conjunction with the Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation & Culture, the BTB's Board & Management Team all travelled to meet with stakeholders in Hopkins and Corozal on April 10th and 19th respectively.

Stakeholders in Hopkins and Corozal had an opportunity to personally meet with the BTB's new management team & Minister of Tourism to discuss tourism & tourism related matters that are affecting their respective destinations.

The BTB will continue to travel throughout the various destinations in Belize and will be conducting similar stakeholder visits as it grows and strengthens its relationship with the industry.



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](mailto:btbb@btl.net) or visit our website [www.belize tourism.org](http://www.belize tourism.org).







# Election and Boundaries Department

## VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS - APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 ELECTION REPORT

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
TRIAL FARM, ORANGE WALK on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Maria Rita Cocom	Chairman	811	Elected
2	Pilare Urizar	Councillor	797	Elected
3	Dalia Vanessa Mai	Councillor	792	Elected
4	Aldeir Lima	Councillor	791	Elected
5	Natalie Waight	Councillor	789	Elected
6	Avertano Marin	Councillor	788	Elected
7	Deisy Wesby	Councillor	783	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
SAN ESTEVAN, ORANGE WALK on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Fidelmar Hernandez	Chairman	Uncontested	Elected
2	Ronulfo Palomo	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
3	Marcos P. Osorio	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
4	Ean Rodriguez	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
5	Necelia Sandoval	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
6	Emmanuel Flores	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
7	Ignacio Muniz	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
SAN JOSE PALMAR, ORANGE WALK on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Orlando Balam	Chairman	409	Elected
2	Orlando Ayuso	Councillor	416	Elected
3	Blancanida Cantun	Councillor	410	Elected
4	Hugo Tzul	Councillor	409	Elected
5	Filomeno Cantun	Councillor	400	Elected
6	Cesar Conchi	Councillor	387	Elected
7	Tareila Pol	Councillor	380	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
SAN ANTONIO, ORANGE WALK on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Elenzar Espejo	Chairman	111	Elected
2	Martin Urbina	Councillor	148	Elected
3	Doni Espejo	Councillor	146	Elected
4	Abram Bodadilla	Councillor	146	Elected
5	Jose Manuel Jones	Councillor	146	Elected
6	Claudia Bermont	Councillor	145	Elected
7	Josue Castillo	Councillor	142	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
SAN LUIS, ORANGE WALK on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Javier Marin	Chairman	89	Elected
2	Wilber Hernandez	Councillor	90	Elected
3	Odilia Marin	Councillor	90	Elected
4	Brigido Chi	Councillor	90	Elected
5	Basilio Chi	Councillor	90	Elected
6	Aurelio Marin	Councillor	89	Elected
7	Angel Chi	Councillor	89	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
SAN ROMAN, ORANGE WALK on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Ismael Villamil	Chairman	Uncontested	Elected
2	Carlos J. Aragon	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
3	Gicely Margely Cajun	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
4	Graciliano Figueroa	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
5	Eduardo Aguillo Jr.	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
6	Nancy Yadria Aguirre	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
7	Jose Manuel Novelo	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
SANTA CRUZ, ORANGE WALK on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Victoriano Howe	Chairman	95	Elected
2	Tomas Mucul	Councillor	107	Elected
3	Gabino J. Chi	Councillor	106	Elected
4	Prudencia Chi	Councillor	106	Elected
5	William A. Morales	Councillor	103	Elected
6	Enrique Morales	Councillor	98	Elected
7	Saturnino Chi	Councillor	97	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
BIG FALLS, TOLEDO on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Juan Garcia	Chairman	346	Elected
2	Ravina Reyes	Councillor	327	Elected
3	Andres Coh	Councillor	322	Elected
4	Julio Chub	Councillor	321	Elected
5	Juana Choe	Councillor	320	Elected
6	Francisca Rash	Councillor	318	Elected
7	Pedro Pop	Councillor	302	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
BOOM CREEK, TOLEDO on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Jairo Morales	Chairman	22	Elected
2	Samaria Sanchez	Councillor	26	Elected
3	Sindy Sanchez	Councillor	24	Elected
4	Israel Sanchez	Councillor	23	Elected
5	Rasaura Arce	Councillor	23	Elected
6	Andrea Coc	Councillor	21	Elected
7	Oswaldo Rax	Councillor	18	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
CATTLE LANDING, TOLEDO on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Elbert Pratt	Chairman	62	Elected
2	Douglas Westby	Councillor	65	Elected
3	Gilbert Smith	Councillor	64	Elected
4	Sharlette Sarita Chavarria	Councillor	60	Elected
5	Troy Gonzalez	Councillor	59	Elected
6	Lynette Pratt	Councillor	51	Elected
7	Bernadette Ramclam	Councillor	40	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
ELDRIDGEVILLE, TOLEDO on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Evert Mangar	Chairman	140	Elected
2	Densford Mangar	Councillor	140	Elected
3	Norman Williams	Councillor	139	Elected
4	Brithney Briceño	Councillor	139	Elected
5	Melva Parham	Councillor	138	Elected
6	James Williams	Councillor	136	Elected
7	Linsford R. Williams	Councillor	135	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
FOREST HOME, TOLEDO on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	David Duncan	Chairman	95	Elected
2	Dernell Guy	Councillor	102	Elected
3	Manuel Jacobs	Councillor	96	Elected
4	Denise Menzies	Councillor	92	Elected
5	Shirma Ramclam	Councillor	92	Elected
6	Kenisha Romero	Councillor	88	Elected
7	Carmen Vellair	Councillor	87	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
SANTA ANA, TOLEDO on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Manuel Bo	Chairman	23	Elected
2	Marcello Bo	Councillor	40	Elected
3	Filiberto Rash	Councillor	36	Elected
4	Daniel Choe	Councillor	34	Elected
5	Isaias Cal	Councillor	29	Elected
6	Domingo Chub	Councillor	27	Elected
7	Mateo Rash	Councillor	27	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
AGUACATE, TOLEDO on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Salvador Ical	Chairman	19	Elected
2	Domingo Cucul	Councillor	38	Elected
3	Marcos Choe	Councillor	37	Elected
4	Marcos Kuk	Councillor	35	Elected
5	Ernesto Cal	Councillor	32	Elected
6	Alberto Kuk	Councillor	31	Elected
7	Louis Cucul	Councillor	31	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
BLUE CREEK, TOLEDO on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Eusebio Pop	Chairman	40	Elected
2	Heraldo Pop	Councillor	56	Elected
3	Pablo Ical	Councillor	52	Elected
4	Heronimo Pop	Councillor	46	Elected
5	Marcellino Chiac	Councillor	43	Elected
6	Ramon Ical	Councillor	39	Elected
7	Clara Sho	Councillor	36	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
JORDAN, TOLEDO on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Mariano Choe Sr.	Chairman	11	Elected
2	Juan Teul	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
3	Domingo Teul	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
4	Celestino Choe	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
5	Orlando Choe	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
6	Valeria Choe	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
7	Julia Ico	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected

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# ★ STAR HUMOR ★

## Liver and Cheese

Three handsome male dogs are walking down the street when they see a beautiful, enticing, female Poodle.

The three male dogs fall all over themselves in an effort to be the one to reach her first, but end up arriving in front of her at the same time.

The males are speechless before her beauty, slobbering on themselves and hoping for just a glance from her in return.

Aware of her charms and her obvious effect on the three dogs, she decides to be kind and say to them, *"The first one who can use the words 'liver' and 'cheese' in an imaginative, intelligent sentence can go out with me."*

The sturdy, muscular black Lab speaks up quickly and says, *"I love liver and cheese."*

*"Oh, how childish,"* said the Poodle, *"That shows no imagination or intelligence whatsoever."*

She turns to the tall, shiny Golden Retriever and says *"How well can you do?"*

*"Um. I HATE liver and cheese,"* blurts the Golden Retriever.

*"My, my,"* said the Poodle, *"I guess it's hopeless. That's just as dumb as the Lab's sentence."*

She then turns to the last of the three dogs and says, *"How about you, little guy?"*

The last of the three, tiny in stature but big in fame and finesse, is the Taco Bell Chihuahua.

He gives her a smile, a sly wink, turns to the Golden Retriever and the Lab and says.... *"Liver alone. Cheese mine."*

## Where is the Manager?

A rather attractive woman goes up to the counter in a quiet rural bar. She gestures alluringly to the barman who comes over immediately. When he arrives, she seductively signals that he should bring his face close to hers. When he does so, she begins to gently caress his beard which is full and bushy.

*"Are you the manager?"* she asks, softly stroking his face with both hands. *"Actually, no"* he replies.

*"Can you get him for me? - I need to speak to him."* she says, running her hands up beyond his beard and into his hair. *"I'm afraid I can't"* breathes the barman - clearly in trouble. *"Is there anything I can do?"*

*"Yes there is. I need you to give him a message"* she continues huskily, popping a couple of fingers into his mouth and allowing him to suck them gently. *"Tell him that there is no toilet paper in the ladies room."*

## What is Sex?

An 8-year-old girl went to her dad, who was working in the yard and asked him, *"Daddy, what is sex?"*

The father was surprised that she would ask such a question, but decided that if she's old enough to know to ask the question, then she's old enough to get a straight answer. Steeling himself to leave nothing out, he proceeded to tell her all about human

reproduction and the joys and responsibilities of intercourse. When he finished explaining, the little girl was looking at him with her mouth hanging open, eyes wide in amazement.

Seeing the look on her face, the father asked her, *"Why did you ask this question, honey?"*

The little girl replied, *"Mom says that dinner will be ready in just a couple of sex."*

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# A Colleague In The Media Laid To Rest

**SANIGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Friday, April 23, 2010:**

It is with profound sadness that we join with the rest of the county in expression of sincere sympathy at the sudden passing of a colleague in the news business, **Keith Kevin Swift, 30** which occurred on Monday, April 19.

Reports indicate that his lifeless body was discovered by a roommate at around 5:30 pm inside his Lizarraga Avenue residence on the north side of Belize City.

The post mortem examination conducted between 2:50 and 4:00 pm on Tuesday, April 20, by police forensic specialist **Dr.**



**Keith Kevin Swift, 30**  
**SUNRISE: Nov. 30, 1979**  
**SUNSET: April 19, 2010**

**Mario Estradabran** certified *“the cause of death to be right side heart failure as a consequence of trombo embolism cerebral hemorrhage”*. When translated into layman’s terms by a medical professional who has always been available to offer advice, it can be interpreted to mean the presence of a blood clot which produced bleeding in the brain possibly associated with failure of the right side of the heart. This condition is reportedly not

common in young persons unless there are other underlying medical conditions such as high cholesterol, diabetes or hypertension.

We started in the news business in 2000, two years after Keith started with Channel 7 in 1998. He was the kind of person who, on assignment, would always seek us out and link up with us in covering the news while we were in Dangriga and he continued this practice as we moved up to Cayo.

It was always a pleasure to work with Keith. His passing is a tremendous loss to all of us in the news business.

Keith is survived by his parents **Greta Mossiah** and Father **Robert Clifton Swift**. He is also survived by several brothers and sister and his extended family at Channel 7.

Keith was laid to rest in Belmopan today following 10:00 am funeral services at St. Ann’s Anglican Church in Belmopan. May the soul of this friend and colleague rest in peace and rise in eternal glory.

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The Belize Bank Limited takes this opportunity wish its customers and all Belizeans a safe and happy **Labour Day**.



## Press Release



**(Pomona, 22 April)**-Citrus Products of Belize, (CPBL) has received notice of a ruling based on a complaint taken to the Supreme Court last year by the Citrus Growers Association (CGA), challenging the removal of certain CGA appointees to the Board of Directors of CPBL.

CPBL notes that the Courts ruling, handed down this week by Madame Justice Hafiz, basically refused to grant any relief sought by the claimant, CGA and ordered all parties in the case to bear their own cost.

More substantially however, the Court ruled that under the Articles of Association of CPBL, that the said Articles did not apply for the removal of the three Directors - Henry Canton, Frank Redmond and Mike Dunker.

The Judge also ruled that she was unable to rule in favour of the CGA on the removal of these three Directors at this time, as this would serve no useful purpose since the next Annual General Meeting is to be held within the next few weeks and that the removal of the directors, at this time, would create administrative difficulties. This has been the position taken by Bank Holdings, the Strategic Investor, at a recent Press Conference held in February of this year.

The Judge advised that both parties to the dispute must work together to make suitable amendments to the Articles of Association, the Share Purchase Agreement and the Investment Agreement.



## Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



### ARIES:

**March 22- April 20**

It might feel as if someone has betrayed you but as you will soon find out, their actions were with your best interests at heart. For that reason, don't jump to conclusions. **Lucky Numbers: 55, 73, 85.**



### TAURUS:

**April 21 to May 21**

Finding yourself in unfamiliar or foreign territory is no bad thing. All of a sudden you might realise how dull your life has been and it is time to make some positive changes. **Lucky Numbers: 22, 67, 92.**



### GEMINI:

**May 22 to June 21**

Accept the chance to use your talents to better your financial situation. The end of the week brings change for the better. A small gamble could pay off. **Lucky Numbers: 26, 41, 96.**



### CANCER:

**June 22 to July 23**

A breakdown in communications could get interesting when someone reveals something they've been trying to keep secret. You feel more confident about the plans you are making for the long term future. **Lucky Numbers: 07, 33, 62.**



### LEO:

**July 24 to August 21**

You aren't likely to lose money on a deal if you think carefully about it. Common sense will keep you right. You get more freedom to move around and experiment with new

friendships later in the week. **Lucky Numbers: 03, 18, 78.**



### VIRGO:

**August 22 to September 21**

You will enjoy new job experiences and might expect more success in your career. Some dramatic news is likely at the very start or the very end of the week. **Lucky Numbers: 24, 77, 81.**



### LIBRA:

**September 22 to October 23**

Someone isn't taking you seriously and expects you to change your mind about important plans. You need to drill the message home and let people see that you are firm in your opinions and you do know what you're doing. **Lucky Numbers: 02, 16, 49.**



### SCORPIO:

**October 24 to November 21**

A reunion you hadn't really been looking forward to could have that extra sparkle and surprise. Renewing old contacts could bring you luck in the not too distant future. **Lucky Numbers: 09, 28, 82.**



### SAGITTARIUS:

**November 22 to December 21**

A great week for creative efforts. Legal and publishing concerns could bring you a degree of good fortune. There is better scope for diversifying your range of social contacts. **Lucky Numbers: 05, 36, 64.**



### CAPRICORN:

**December 22 to January 20**

Be sensible and realistic. Fortunes could be won and lost if you allow a stroke of luck to go to your head. A sudden journey is likely as the week comes to an end. **Lucky Numbers: 06, 51, 70.**



### AQUARIUS:

**January 21 to February 19**

Getting involved in a new project seems like a good idea

but there is something holding you back. If you do get involved, you need an exit strategy, just in case! **Lucky Numbers: 10, 42, 54.**



### PISCES:

**February 20 to March 21**

Work and other responsibilities get the priority. Money may need to be spent on equipment you require as back up. Take a chance on romance in the weekend. **Lucky Numbers: 12, 31, 95.**

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# Election and Boundaries Department

## VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS - APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 ELECTION REPORT

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
MALBIHA, TOLEDO on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Mateo Salam	Chairman	Uncontested	Elected
2	Miguel Sam	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
3	Jose Salam	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
4	Santiago Salam	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
5	Abraham Tush	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
6	Abelino Cahabom	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
7	Marcos Salam	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
MAFREDI, TOLEDO on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Denfil Rodriguez	Chairman	32	Elected
2	Romel Parham	Councillor	31	Elected
3	Carla Rodriguez	Councillor	27	Elected
4	Daniel Parham	Councillor	26	Elected
5	Burton Caliz Jr.	Councillor	26	Elected
6	Demetrio Sotz	Councillor	24	Elected
7	Belkis Medina	Councillor	22	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
SAN BENITO POITE, TOLEDO on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Pablo Rash	Chairman	54	Elected
2	Pedro Ack	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
3	Jose Malkin	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
4	Carlos Cucul	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
5	Dario Quib	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
6	Raimundo Batz	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
7	Pedro Rash	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
SANTA TERESA, TOLEDO on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Pedro Ack	Chairman	67	Elected
2	Pablo Max	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
3	Jacinto Ical	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
4	John Do	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
5	Jacinto Max	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
6	Vicente Choco	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
7	Manuel Ack	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
SILK GRASS, STANN CREEK on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Rosendo Benrio Bol	Chairman	167	Elected
2	Tishann Ashley Whyte	Councillor	157	Elected
3	Aretha Garcia	Councillor	155	Elected
4	Kenworth Brooks	Councillor	152	Elected
5	Eric Pixabaj	Councillor	152	Elected
6	Harold Arthurs Sr.	Councillor	149	Elected
7	Sheldon Castillo	Councillor	141	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
MAYA CENTRE, STANN CREEK on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Domingo Pop Jr.	Chairman	119	Elected
2	Francisco Pop	Councillor	120	Elected
3	Anselmo Paul Choe	Councillor	120	Elected
4	Emiliano(Leonardo) Pop	Councillor	119	Elected
5	Isidro Cucul	Councillor	118	Elected
6	Antonio Carlos Bolon	Councillor	117	Elected
7	Paula Sho	Councillor	114	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
PLACENCIA, STANN CREEK on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Charles Leslie Jr.	Chairman	198	Elected
2	David Vernon	Councillor	278	Elected
3	Dean Ferrel	Councillor	274	Elected
4	Isla Villanueva	Councillor	256	Elected
5	Harold Wallen	Councillor	210	Elected
6	Iricia Hernandez	Councillor	140	Elected
7	Lyodia Caballero	Councillor	134	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
HOPKINS, STANN CREEK on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Albert Nunez	Chairman	265	Elected
2	Troy Coleman	Councillor	299	Elected
3	Paul Nunez	Councillor	282	Elected
4	Charlton Castillo	Councillor	275	Elected
5	Ashford Miranda	Councillor	267	Elected
6	Catherine Zuniga	Councillor	252	Elected
7	Damien Casimiro	Councillor	239	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
SANTA CRUZ, STANN CREEK on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Pablo Matute	Chairman	185	Elected
2	Alba Madrid	Councillor	188	Elected
3	Rigoberto Cruz	Councillor	185	Elected
4	Elsa Madrid	Councillor	184	Elected
5	Pedro Cal	Councillor	184	Elected
6	Luis Mejia	Councillor	184	Elected
7	Guadalupe Villeda	Councillor	180	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
SITTEE RIVER, STANN CREEK on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Duncan McPherson	Chairman	74	Elected
2	Darren Ramirez	Councillor	104	Elected
3	Byran Andrews	Councillor	92	Elected
4	Isaac Kelly Jr.	Councillor	82	Elected
5	Windell Mc Dougal Jr.	Councillor	76	Elected
6	Sylvia Williams	Councillor	72	Elected
7	Enfield Andrews	Councillor	70	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
SEINE BIGHT, STANN CREEK on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Francisco Palacio	Chairman	146	Elected
2	Hassan Evan Palacio	Councillor	159	Elected
3	Muriel Moriera	Councillor	141	Elected
4	Ellis Guzman	Councillor	125	Elected
5	Franz Ramirez	Councillor	124	Elected
6	Sinclair Diego	Councillor	120	Elected
7	Joyce Menn	Councillor	118	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
BERMUDIAN LANDING, BELIZE on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Curlin Flowers	Chairman	Uncontested	Elected
2	Hortence Sutherland	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
3	Hipolito Torres	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
4	Frank Young	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
5	Geraldine Joseph	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
6	Renee Joseph	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
7	Jessie Young	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
CAYE CAULKER, BELIZE on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Albeto Villanueva Jr.	Chairman	253	Elected
2	Laura Beatriz Che	Councillor	352	Elected
3	Miguel Angel Neal	Councillor	308	Elected
4	Erico Novelo Jr.	Councillor	295	Elected
5	Marilyn M. Alarcon	Councillor	265	Elected
6	Francis Staine	Councillor	252	Elected
7	Fernando Sosa	Councillor	215	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
DOUBLE HEAD CABBAGE, BELIZE on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Ardeth McFadzean	Chairman	Uncontested	Elected
2	Dinsdale Thompson	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
3	Ethel Garcia	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
4	Claude Jones	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
5	Hank Thompson	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
6	Rose Flowers	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
7	Winsford Broaster	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
FLOWERS BANK, BELIZE on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Clinton Rhaburn	Chairman	26	Elected
2	Doris Rhaburn	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
3	Shedrock Hendy	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
4	Norval Flowers	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
5	Kenisha Rhaburn	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
6	Sharon Robinson	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
7	Winston Flowers	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected

Elections Held in the Village/Community of  
ISABELLA BANK, BELIZE on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Dudley Archibald Hendy	Chairman	39	Elected
2	Fredrick Guy	Councillor	47	Elected
3	Orlando Salas	Councillor	44	Elected
4	Melanie Revers	Councillor	42	Elected
5	Marcia Banner	Councillor	41	Elected
6	Jonathan Madril Sr.	Councillor	41	Elected
7	Jonathan Madril Jr.	Councillor	40	Elected

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## Aton Writes From The Big Apple

**Greetings,**

My name is **Aton Avila**, I'm a proud Belizean originally from San Ignacio, Cayo, currently residing in Brooklyn, NY, USA. I read the **STAR** via the net, on a regular basis and must commend you guys on the wonderful job you're doing. Keep it up.

I read an article in the April 18th issue entitled '*From the Prospective of a Female Artist*'

by Belizean Artist **Nehanda Higinio** and found it to be very rare and intriguing.

I'd like to know if she has a website I can visit, to check out and perhaps purchase pieces of her work.

Thanks for keeping us informed and once again, keep up the good work.

God bless,

**Aton Avila**

**Brooklyn NY, USA**

## We Want To Take Back Control Of Our Park

**Dear Editor,**

The majority of us living in the Oscar Sabido Area are very much concerned about recent criminal activities taking place in our area.

There is a park in the neighbourhood that should be used for recreational purposes but because of the lack of proper lighting, the park is very dark after sunset.

The park had some fancy lights but these were destroyed a few weeks after they were installed.

The park has become a dangerous place and so we do not use it.

This recreational facility is instead used as a hang out, weed smoking spot every night by a group of young boys and men. Those of us living in the area can smell the aroma of burning marijuana from a distance because it saturates the air we breathe.

There is a strong possibility that these weed smoking boys and men are the ones destroying the light fixtures in the park so they can engage in their criminal ways under the cover of darkness.

Over the past two month, many are the children that have been held up in this area. Their bicycles have been taken away. Many women have been held up and relieved of their purses

and other personal possessions. Most of these incidents go unreported because of the level of mistrust that the community has for the police.

Now we hear that Tams Supermarket was held up and the proprietor robbed at gunpoint in BROAD DAYLIGHT. What else should we expect?

Information circulating within the area indicates that a young man who was recently released from prison, and a former security Guard from Sacred Heart High School, are recruiting boys and organizing criminal activities in the area.

Those of us residing in the area are concerned about the fact that the police is not hearing our pleas for assistance. We are also concerned that politicians are not hearing our cries for help.

We are asking the police to please conduct frequent patrols in the area as we are aware that instituting preventative measures is more desirable than expending time and energy in apprehending criminals

We are asking the police to make regular visits in the area from 8:00 p.m. onward.

We call on political leaders to PLEASE install adequate lighting in the park.

We the law abiding citizens of this community want to feel safe when we go to the store after

sunset.. We want to see our children using the park for its intended recreational purpose.

There are times when we would like to take our children to play in the park. We would like to do some walking around the park but the presence of these men

prevent us from doing so.

We want to take back control of our park and so we are calling on the relevant authorities to assist us in this noble endeavour.

**(Please Withhold My Name)**

**San Ignacio, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

## Recognizing Local Talent In Sports

**Dear Editor,**

Please allow me space in your newspaper to share an issue that has been paramount on my mind and one dominating many of my recent conversations.

Competitive sports has been on the back burner in Belize for many years. We hear of a few good athletes who emerge and disappear just as quickly.

Many Belizeans will remember when **Marion Jones** won all those medals in the Olympics as she carried the Belizean flag in her victory lap, showing her love for this great country. We recall with great pride our fervent support for a woman who "*put Belize on the map*". We were so eager to support an American-Belizean, but less enthusiastically embrace one of our own rising athletes, a born and raised Belizean who has adequately proven she is competitive in her own rights!

Each year for Easter, North American and several Central American cyclists come to Belize to take part in our Annual Cross Country Cycling Classic. I vividly recall 2003 and 2004's winner **Chris Harkey** from the U.S., and while we rallied for him for his victory, how much more would our joy have been if it had been one of our own boys.

From 1974 to 2007, 20 foreigners have dominated the sport, riding across the finish line either in first or second place. Let us not forget, though, Belizeans who have "*shown up*" such as **Ernest Meighan**, **Shane Vasquez**, and **Michael Lewis**. These are a few of the Belizeans who have patriotically

participated as well to add to the competitiveness of this prestigious race.

In this list of great athletes, does the name **Shalini Zabaneh** ring a bell? Shalini has been an able and strong competitor in cycling for 5 years. And while one may say that the field of competitiveness is not as wide in female cycling, Shalini came from nowhere, and has certainly carved her niche on the plaque of that sport, entering as a rookie among names that we had been accustomed to hearing, joining their ranks and surpassing their efforts to win or place in our races.

My pressing issue is this. It seems as though we recognize talent but don't do much to foster it. Shalini has shown enormous potential in the cycling world. She is consistent and eager. She trains diligently and often alone. We need to rally behind a winner, someone who has proven herself on the national and international scene. Let's send her to compete internationally and bring honor home. She is bursting at the seams. Let's support her, financially and emotionally, recognizing the potential we have simmering in our midst. Belize has colossal talents but it is up to us to maintain and rally behind local athletes. It is high time we recognize talents right in our own back yards instead of living vicariously through many international athletes we beckon to this great country.

Curiously,

**Janel J. August**

**San Francisco, Calif., USA**

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## Press Release

### Victory for CGA and its Members

The Court issued its ruling in the case of the Belize Citrus Growers Association Investment Company Limited (BCGAICL) vs. Citrus Products of Belize Limited, Henry Canton, Banks Holdings Limited, Frank Redmond and Michael Duncker. In her determination the Hon. Madam Justice Minnet Hafiz-Bertram found the following:

“In my view, the Claimant being desirous of removing Henry Canton, Michael Duncker and Frank Redmond and to replace them with Rosella Zabaneh, Denzil Jenkins and Antonio Zabaneh, had an absolute right pursuant to Clause 9(1) of the Amended Investment Agreement to inform the Directors by the letter dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2009 that the Claimant had properly exercised its right to remove them as Directors of the CPBL.”

“Accordingly, I disagree with the Second Defendant (Henry Canton) that he was duly appointed by the First Defendant (BCGAICL) as a director of that Company and can only be removed as a director of the Company in accordance with Articles of Association of that Company”

“Further, the court cannot help noticing the confusion which was created as a result of necessary amendments that had to be made to the Articles of Association to incorporate the Investment Agreement. The Company, Citrus Products of Belize Limited ought to seriously scrutinize the Articles of Association, the Initial Investment Agreement and the Amended Investment Agreement and make the necessary amendments to the Articles of the Association.”

“Before addressing these provisions, I must consider the argument by the third Defendant (Banks Holdings Ltd.) that his matter should have been submitted to Arbitration pursuant to Clause 30 of the Investment Agreement and so the Claimant (BCGAICL) is therefore precluded from pursuing this claim. In my view, Clause 30 is not applicable to the dispute before the court. The Claimant is therefore, not precluded from pursuing this claim.

The Citrus Growers Association and its subsidiary Belize Citrus Growers Association Investment Company Limited views this as a resounding victory and vindication of the position it has held in this matter. It has the absolute right to remove and replace its directors and it did so by letter on July 10<sup>th</sup> 2009. In the case of Dr. Henry Canton the ruling is clear that BCGAICL does not have to appoint him and did in fact remove him by letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2009.

Further the Court’s comments on the need to clean up the articles of CPBL is further testament that those individuals who were instrumental in crafting and spearheading the Investment Agreement by not fully and properly implementing agreed recommendations put forward by the Committee of Five has forced the CGA to incur much cost to ensure that the rights of Growers under the Investment Agreement are preserved.

In the case of Banks Holdings Ltd. the Court findings clearly demonstrate that Banks Holdings decision to undermine and not respect the rights of the CGA and its members in appointing its directors was contrary to the Investment Agreement. The allegations made by Banks Holdings in the media and in their petition to the Court, that this was a matter for arbitration and that the CGA was going against the Investment Agreement by referring this matter to the Court, was totally rejected. Also Banks Holdings’ comments in the Barbados press that the CGA was acting contrary to the Investment Agreement by removing Henry Canton as a director and taking this matter to the Court is now baseless.

The CGA and its members look forward to continue exercising their rights under the Investment Agreement and to providing the proper governance required to develop both the producer and processing capacity of our Citrus Industry.



# Disaster Averted By Heroes Of The Hood

By Phyllis Lane, SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo Received on Thursday, April 22, 2010:

Just before midnight on Saturday, April 17, an electrical fire broke out in a Land Rover parked inside the walled courtyard at the Fox Club on George Price Avenue in Santa Elena, Cayo.

The fire started while the owner and another tenant were soundly sleeping and unaware of what was happening, it did not go unnoticed as **Valerio “Junior” Estrada** who lives across the street, smelled the heavy aroma of burning rubber and he began to investigate the origin. Most fortunately, at the same time, the Guzman brothers who lives next door arrived with their friends and heeded Junior’s warning.

With last week’s fire, only two blocks away, still fresh in their minds, they didn’t hesitate, and made a dash for the entrance gate.

It took several precious minutes of pounding on the gate and yelling for the owner before they were heard and the magnitude of the situation was



The fire damaged Land Rover and 6 of the brave fire fighters  
Photo by Leslie Kearns

discovered, but once the gate was open they poured through like a well-trained SWAT team and took control of the situation.

Using a hose from the faucet and buckets of water from the rain vat, they were able to lower the heat enough to pop the bonnet and tackle the blaze under it.

Others threw water inside to control that inferno, and it was nothing short of a miracle they were able to remove a full, 10-gallon tank of butane that was at risk of exploding, and would have incinerated everything within the compound and

possibly the houses on both sides. Within another few minutes the flames were dying out, but exploding glass and searing steam were still hazards they withstood without any fear or concern for their own safety.

When the Fire Department arrived they let them finish the job, but only smoke and sizzle were left for them to fight.

The “*heroes of the hood*” had saved the day, and sauntered on home like it was something they do every day. And as magnificently as they handled things, it wouldn’t be surprising if they do. The whole neighborhood is

fortunate to have these outstanding lads around to lend a hand when disaster strikes.

Though all were not available or too shy to be in the photo, the heroes are: **Valerio “Junior” Estrada**, **Javier “Biejo” Guzman** , **Jesus “Tesoro” Guzman Jr.**, **Joe “Big Bird” Marr Jr.**, **George “Banny” Rosaro**, **Henry “Tablas” Velasquez**, **Giovanni “Jack” Lucero**, **Ian “Big Blue” Young**, **Rudy “Diego” Neal**, **Linbert Tate** and **Sean Flowers** . To all of you, and any others who was inadvertently got left out, THANKS AND GOD BLESS!!!

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Residents of Cristo Rey Village, San Ignacio Town, Santa Elena Town and stakeholders along the Macal River, are invited to a presentation and information sharing meeting on Mercury in our Environment and the health risk associated with high levels of mercury in fish.

The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 in Cristo Rey Village at the Community Center, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The second meeting will be on Thursday, April 29, 2010 in San Ignacio Town at the Cultural Center, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

These meetings are being coordinated by the Chalillo Public Participation Committee.

For more information please contact BECOL at 824-3016.



# "Domestic Violence In The Golden Years"

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The call came into our office at 10:25 A.M. I could barely hear what she was saying, so I told her to try to relax and speak a bit slower. *"Mi husband di beat mi"* was what I heard her whispering on the telephone line. I stopped for a second; I could now recognize that I was speaking to an elderly woman. So I asked her if she had called the Police, she told me that she had done so several times and no one had come to her aid. I proceeded to ask her how old she was and how I could assist her, she told me she was eighty seven and her husband was seventy five. She told me she lived on the Southside of the city and that she had been dealing with abuse for a number of years. The abuse came because of her inability to perform sexually as she was diagnosed with cervical cancer. Engaging in sexual intercourse, she told me, could mean death for her. After I got over the initial shock of knowing that women of all ages in Belize have to deal with Domestic Violence and that a seventy five year old man was still sexually capable, I gathered my thoughts and proceeded to see what could be done to assist this woman.

I somehow felt an instant connection with this woman; I wanted to know her story. I just could not imagine my grandmother going through domestic violence. Even thinking about how easy it would be for her to sustain injuries, she was in her golden years, and should be relaxing, enjoying her life. I felt that from my

experiences in life this would be one of the cases that would stand out in my line of work. I asked her for her address for I had to intervene. After all, the Police would not assist; perhaps they had more pressing issues to deal with. I was not afraid, besides a seventy five year old man would have a hard time putting his hands up to me. So I got in my car and drove to the house. When I got there a frail, crying and scared woman greeted me. She had no family members in Belize, no children; she was all alone with this man. They had been married for fifty years, he was the *"only man"* she knew. It is so unfair for this woman to suffer for such reasons beyond her control when in essence there comes a time in a man's life where he too becomes unable to perform as per normal. It leaves one to wonder if as women, even in our golden years we have to worry about our safety from the very men we've lived to care for. Should we call her years the brass years? Surely does not sound golden.

After this experience, I learned that we are all vulnerable at different times in our lives, I was a victim myself. It was not physical, but it was everything else. If I got home from work five minutes late I was cheating, everything that was heard about me was automatically true and all my days became unpredictable. The judge, jury and court of public opinions were in that one person. I did not know who I would meet home; sometimes I was scared to go home, always thinking if my partner would be in a good or bad mood. I was the

breadwinner in the house, yet I was subjected to emotional and psychological abuse. Every object dashed across the room was my fault, I had to put on reserve whatever I was feeling, and I could not even get mad without my partner getting more upset than me. I did not leave the relationship because of what I was going through, I chose to stay. I cannot tell you why I stayed. I had all the information, I knew where to go, who to call, yet I did nothing.

Some women experience domestic violence throughout their lives or at different times in their lives, while we are often quick to judge women it is good to be supportive and understanding of their plights. Women stay in domestic violence for different reasons. Some women are quick to brag that they don't

get beaten so they believe they do not suffer abuse. There are five different forms of abuse; physical, financial, verbal, emotional and sexual. While some women experience varying degrees of abuse, generally, when one form of abuse exists, it is coupled with other forms as well.

It is important for women to know where they can get assistance if they are experiencing abuse. Women should call the domestic violence unit at **227-2222** and the Women's Department at **227-7397**. There is no reason for women to suffer in silence, abuse often turns deadly. Anyone can be a victim of domestic or family violence, family background, age, race, or economic status have very little to do with ones vulnerability to abuse. Speak out about abuse; Silence has a price!

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### VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS - APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 ELECTION REPORT

#### Elections Held in the Village/Community of RANCHO DOLORES, BELIZE on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Alden Rhaburn	Chairman	71	Elected
2	Raymond Reyes	Councillor	73	Elected
3	Carlos Sutherland	Councillor	70	Elected
4	Sherston Brown	Councillor	69	Elected
5	Herlet Clarke	Councillor	67	Elected
6	Lindel Pook	Councillor	67	Elected
7	Godfery Pook	Councillor	65	Elected

#### Elections Held in the Village/Community of LEMONAL, BELIZE on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Rodney Banner	Chairman	Uncontested	Elected
2	Olive Banner	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
3	Michael Moody	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
4	Maggie Perez	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
5	Marlin Musler	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
6	Carolyn Anthony	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected
7	Gloria Banner	Councillor	Uncontested	Elected

#### Elections Held in the Village/Community of SCOTTLAND HALFMOON, BELIZE on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Olivia Rhaburn	Chairman	57	Elected
2	Olivia Flores	Councillor	58	Elected
3	Dean Humphreys	Councillor	57	Elected
4	Marvin Pook	Councillor	56	Elected
5	Sharlet Flores	Councillor	56	Elected
6	Noah Vasquez	Councillor	55	Elected
7	Orlando Dawson	Councillor	55	Elected

#### Elections Held in the Village/Community of WILLOWS BANK, BELIZE on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Eugene McFadzean	Chairman	45	Elected
2	Juliet Roca	Councillor	42	Elected
3	Dorian Gabb	Councillor	40	Elected
4	Caroline August	Councillor	36	Elected
5	Derrick McFadzean	Councillor	35	Elected
6	Dwight Gabb	Councillor	33	Elected
7	Celia Sutherland	Councillor	30	Elected

#### Elections Held in the Village/Community of ST. PAUL'S BANK, BELIZE on SUNDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

No.	Candidate Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Elected
1	Clifton Neal	Chairman	42	Elected
2	Brian Casasola	Councillor	41	Elected
3	Pamela Fermin	Councillor	40	Elected
4	Ivor Thompson	Councillor	39	Elected
5	Tricia Casasola	Councillor	39	Elected
6	Yvette Joseph	Councillor	38	Elected
7	Velda Batty	Councillor	38	Elected

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## U.S. Ambassador to Belize "Preaches to the Choir" at Galen University

**GALEN UNIVERSITY, Central Farm, Cayo, Tuesday, April 20, 2010:**

United States Ambassador to Belize **His Excellency Vinai Thummalapally** today visited Galen University where he spoke on the issues of climate change and the United States of America's role in international efforts to develop methods to manage the environmental impact in the Western Hemisphere.

*"It (climate change) almost fools us as if it is not happening."* remarked the university's Vice President Planning, **Mr. Marion Cayetano**, in his brief welcome address.

For his part Ambassador Thummalapally spoke about the upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day, April 22nd. (*Galen students will be participating in this event by supporting the Green Walk from San Ignacio to Belmopan.*) .

Ambassador Thummalapally went on to say that, *"In a small way I feel like I'm preaching to the choir,"* as he was very impressed with the sustainable practices already in place at Galen University.

He particularly liked the bioremediation system for solid waste installed last semester. This system is designed to eliminate contamination of ground water by sewage discharge while using the nutrients within the wastewater



**U.S. Ambassador to Belize H.E. Vinai Thummalapally**

to grow ornamental plants.

As Galen's student body grows, there are plans to implement additional sustainable practices including solar and wind power systems to provide renewable energy for the university.

Ambassador Thummalapally ended his presentation by reminding us that the effects of climate change *"will not discriminate between rich and poor, will not make distinctions between race and religions, and will not leave any country unaffected."* More importantly, he said *"climate change is a global issue and as such, we all have a responsibility in curtailing its effects."*

At Galen, all students are required to take a sustainable development course and being sustainable is one of the foundations of the university. Students in the Applications of Sustainable Development course

this semester will present their community projects on Friday, April 23, 2010. These Projects include Environmental Education at St. Barnabas Primary, Shop Green Initiative, Dis Da Fi Wi Football – HIV/AIDS Education, San Ignacio Oral History website and more.

The goal of these projects is to offer students the unique

chance to interact with important issues concerning Belize as they leave with a learning experience offered nowhere else but at Galen University.

Also on Friday, April 23, Galen University will be hosting a forum with Horizon 2030 to present our students' vision of a *"Green"* 2030 Belize. Topics include: energy efficiency, poverty alleviation and general sustainability practices.

## Making It Easier For Belizeans

**BELMOPAN CITY, Wednesday, April, 21, 2010:**

A release from the Embassy of Mexico in Belize today informs that Mexican Customs has

confirmed that the inspection schedule for passenger buses crossing the border to Chetumal, Mexico, has been extended from Monday to Sunday from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The new schedule will allow any type of passenger buses to cross into Mexico any day of the week, including Saturdays and Sundays.

Buses arriving between 6:00 am and 9:00 am will be visually checked by customs officers at the Mexican border, while buses crossing from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm will be scanned by the Gamma Ray System that was implemented at the beginning of this year.

The extension of the time, especially on weekends, will facilitate the entrance of Belizean buses and passengers and at the same time it will enhance security and safety for visitors at the border between Mexico and Belize.

The Embassy of Mexico also reminds the public that **Belizean nationals DO NOT require visa to travel to Chetumal or to any other part of Mexico. In order to cross the border, Belizeans can use either their passport or their visitor's card (FMVL).**

Belizeans are encouraged to apply for the FMVL card at the Mexican Immigration office at the border. The card makes the entrance into Mexico faster and allows traveling within Quintana Roo, including Chetumal, Playa del Carmen and Cancun up to 3 consecutive days.

For more information please contact the Consular Section of the Embassy of Mexico at 223-0193 or 223-0194 or write to [consular@embamex.bz](mailto:consular@embamex.bz) or visit the Embassy's web page at [www.sre.gob.mx/belice/](http://www.sre.gob.mx/belice/)

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# Shish Caught Red Handed Breaking Into One Of Two Vehicles

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Wednesday, April 21, 2010:**

A San Ignacio man was today arrested and charged with two counts of theft and one count of damage to property after he was caught red handed breaking into one of two vehicles.

At around 12:30 am on Tuesday, April 20, San Ignacio police were called out to #18 Back Street, San Ignacio Town, where **Oliver Sedasey**, 41, Belizean businessman handed over a battered male person he caught red handed after breaking into his locked gold color Ford Focus car with



**Ian Shish, 25**

San Ignacio/Santa Elena license plates 01054 which was parked on the street in front of his house.

Upon arrival, almost an hour

after receiving the call, police observed that the accused had removed several personal items from inside the car including the vehicle's CD player and other items that Sedasey had, earlier that day, purchased in Spanish Lookout valued at \$791.00.

The man was identified as **Ian Shish, 25**, Belizean labourer, residing on the neighboring Macal Street.

Further investigation revealed that a grey Toyota Hilux, belonging to **Juan Ortiz**, 22, Belizean businessman also of #18 Back Street, parked on the same street side in front of the house, was broken into and

personal property valued a \$1,251 were missing. The investigation revealed that entry into the Hilux was gained by damaging the lock on the passenger side of the vehicle.

After he was detained, the accused led police to his house nearby where the items stolen from the Hilux were recovered.

The accused appeared before **Magistrate Anna Rachel Montejo** in San Ignacio's magistrate court on Wednesday, April 21, where he pled guilty to the two counts of theft. He was fined \$505.00 on each count one to be paid by May 31 and the other to be paid by July 31, in default of payment, 1 year imprisonment. While he initially pled guilty to the charge of damage to property in relation to the door lock on Juan Ortiz' Hilux, the accused did not agree with the facts as presented by prosecutor **George Gomez** consequently prompting Magistrate Montejo to enter a not guilty plea. He was granted bail in the sum of \$1,000 and ordered to return to court on Friday, May 14, 2010.

## Cracking Down On Burglary Reports San Ignacio Police Arrest Parham

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, April 19, 2010:**

As San Ignacio police continue to crack down on the increasing reports of burglary committed within the twin towns another man stands accused, this time not for burglary, but for handling goods reported stolen from the home of an American Professor.

**Ron Wikins**, 64, American Professor of a Sankar Street address in San Ignacio reported to police that he departed Belize on April 6, 2010 enroute to Los Angeles, California. He was only gone for two days when he received an email from an acquaintance informing him that his house was burglarized. He returned to Belize two days later, on April 10, and confirmed that his house was indeed burglarized and that entry/exit was gained by damaging the locks of two doors.

An inventory revealed the loss of \$12,730 worth of missing property including several pieces of electrical tools, a flat screen Sony television set and an air conditioning unit. All insured



**The Accused, Owen Alexander Parham, 33**

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Police investigation led to the arrest, five days later, on Thursday, April 15, of **Owen Alexander Parham**, 33, Belizean, unemployed of a Perez Street address in Santa Elena Town. A search of Perez's house led to the discovery of an air conditioning unit and a compass which were positively identified by the professor as his property.

Further investigation also led to the recovery, on the following day, Friday, April 16, of several pieces of electrical tools including a skill saw, an electric drill and other items

from a house also in Santa Elena. The person found in possession of these items reportedly told the police that Parham visited his home a few days earlier and told him that he has completed a construction job and was getting rid of the tools which he offered for sale for \$200.

In view of the lack of evidence connecting him to the burglary, Parham was merely arrested for two counts of handling stolen goods, being one count for the items found

in his house on Thursday, April 15 and the other for the items found at the other location the very next day, Friday, April 16. The accused appeared before **Magistrate Anna Rachel Montejo** on Monday, April 19 where he entered a not guilty plea. He was offered bail in the sum of \$5,000 and ordered to return to court on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. He was unable to meet bail and was transported to the central prison in Hattieville.

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