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SERGEANT FRANCISCO PATT'S ENCOUNTER WITH GUATEMALAN VIGILANTE JUSTICE

BELIZE'S WESTERN BORDER STATION, Benque Viejo Town, Cayo, Wednesday, August 13, 2008:

A retiring sergeant with almost 29 years of service in the Belize Police Department is today thankful for the intervention of his elderly parents when he was attacked by an angry mob of Guatemalans in front of the Guatemalan border station in Melchor De Mencos Guatemala.

Police Sergeant #170 Francisco Patt who was posted at the Benque Viejo Police sub-formation before proceeding on pre-retirement leave a

few weeks ago, departed his home in San Ignacio at about 9:00 am on Wednesday, August 13, for a planned trip to neighboring Melchor De Menco, Guatemala along with his 71 year old mother, 76 year old father and two brothers-in-law.

At his parents' request Sgt. Patt agreed to drive the vehicle transporting them across the border to purchase medical and food supplies.

"This was an ideal opportunity for me to find out if I could purchase a suspension arm and two bushings for my vehicle" said

Sgt. Patt.

According to Sgt. Patt, he arrived at Belize's Western Border Station and drove the vehicle across the border point while his parents took in his passport for the necessary departure stamp. He circled around the chain link fence and parked the



Police Sergeant #170 Francisco Patt

Mayor Lopez & His Team Victorious In Belmopan

BELMOPAN CITY, Sunday, August 17, 2008:

Almost 1/3 of the over 6,000 registered voters in the Belmopan constituency turned out on Sunday, August 17, to vote in the municipal convention of the United Democratic Party (UDP) to select a mayoral and six councilor candidates to contest the March 4, 2009 Municipal Election on the party ticket.

The voting process, under the guidance of UDP Secretary General **Phillipa Griffith Bailey**, began on schedule at 9:00 am. The stream of voters remained constant right up to the 4:00 pm close of the polls.

There were three mayoral candidates each with their individual 6-member slate all for a total of 21 candidates on the single ballot.

Incumbent **Mayor Simeon Lopez** led a slate consisting of 4

serving councilors and 2 newcomers.

The second slate of new candidates was led by newcomer **Khalid Belisle** and the third set of candidates was led by councilor **Eugene Michael Brown**.

After seven hours of voting and five hours of counting, the results were announced by UDP National Executive Committee Chairman, **Douglas Singh** with Mayor Simeon



Mayor Simeon Lopez

Lopez and all members of his team pulling through with the majority of the

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vehicle facing the Belize Border Station on Belizean soil as he had no intention of taking the vehicle into Guatemala.

"I parked the vehicle and got out while waiting for my parents to exit the Belize Border Station with my passport. In the right hand I had the stabilizer bar and in the other hand I was holding a plastic bag with the two bushings. I was taking these old parts to match them with the new ones.

I was standing up in the middle of the roadway facing Belize's Border Station looking for my parents to exit the building. They were taking a bit longer than usual this was when I saw a handcuffed male person running towards me with some fellow policemen in pursuit. They were shouting at me to detain the person as he was escaping. The person continued heading directly in my path. When he was a few yards in front me, I raised my two hands, with the bar and the bag

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Editorial

With Zero Seats In The March 4, 2009 Municipal Elections, This Could Be The Final Straw That Will Break Johnny Briceño's Back

Realizing that the People's United Party (PUP) stands a very, very slim chance of winning any seat in the March 4, 2009 municipal elections, many are the numbers of persons seeking to enter the race on the United Democratic Party (UDP) ticket.

Applications currently before the UDP national screening committee are many in numbers. In some municipalities as many as 40 persons have submitted applications to contest conventions on UDP slates.

UDP conventions in the weeks and months ahead will therefore be fierce and furious as most of the prospective candidates realize that a victory at the convention is almost tantamount to a seat on the new municipal councils.

Contrary to the mass rush to be identified with the UDP, very few are those who are willing to step forward as sacrificial lambs for the PUP especially realizing that the leadership is now expecting them to come forward at a time when that very same leadership is largely responsible for bringing the party to its knees by their corrupt wheelings and secret dealings over the past ten years.

Just this past weekend in Belmopan for example, there were 3 full slates of candidates seeking election in the UDP convention, while it is common knowledge that in this same constituency, the PUP are having a very hard time finding anyone who is even willing to be nominated, not elected, as a

candidate on their ticket.

The recent PUP divisional convention in Cayo Central should serve as a classic example. The PUP's initial intention was to hold a big show to elect a full slate for their divisional committee.

The big guns of the PUP like National Campaign Manager, **Carolyn Trench-Sandiford** and Secretary General, **Servulo Baeza**, came to town for the show. However the turnout was not surprisingly very, very low. In an effort to save faces, it was agreed that the field to select credible candidates was severely limited, and so they were forced to proceed with merely electing a divisional chairman. The turnout was so shamefully low that the PUP organ, the Belize Times, did not even care to mention the number of votes obtained by each of the two candidates both of whom are virtually unknown politically within the community. The "elected" chairman was charged with the responsibility to appoint a committee whenever he can find credible persons who will be willing to step forward.

The constant reminder and exposure in the House of Representatives regarding secret land deals is making the situation even more difficult for PUP leader Johnny Briceño. His intervention on any matter brought before the House of Representatives will continue to be overshadowed and ridiculed by the mountain of questionable land and other natural resources deals perpetuated under his watch in the Ministry of Natural Resources.

This situation is further compounded by the fact that Johnny Briceño was serving as the deputy prime minister of Belize at the material time when **Said Musa** and **Ralph Fonseca** were wreaking havoc with the national economy and the finances of the nation yet he stood idly by and did nothing to protect the interest of the people of Belize.

While the PUP might have captured only 3 of the 67 seats in the March 2006 municipal elections, despite the advantage of being in the seat of government with a full 2 years before the general elections



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were constitutionally due, this time around it will be much more difficult especially given that several of their corrupt deals have now been brought to light of day.

It could therefore be safe to predict that the PUP, under the leadership of Johnny Briceño, will not even capture a single seat in the March 4, 2009 municipal elections.

There is a strong possibility

therefore that this could very well be the final straw that will break Johnny Briceño's back as it will create fertile grounds for yet another leadership crisis within the PUP as other ambitious officials of the party, who are waiting in the shadows like hungry tigers for the first opportunity to pounce, will be making that long awaited move to unseat him.

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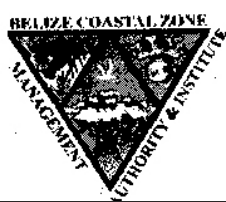
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VACANCY

POST: Chief Executive Officer

LOCATION: Belize City, Belize.

Duties and Responsibility

Reporting directly to the CZM Board of Directors, the CEO will have the opportunity to spearhead the revitalization of the Authority and Institute. He/She will administer the implementation of the Act, function as Secretary to the Board, advise the Minister on the formation of policies regarding the coastal zone, and will oversee the finalization and implementation of the Belize Coastal Zone Management Plan (including the zoning of coastal and marine areas). In the longer term he/she will help ensure that the results of the CZMI's research and monitoring programmes translate into continual improvement of Government policies relevant to the marine and coastal environment, and resulting in sustainable development of coastal resources. The CEO will cooperate with government departments, statutory boards, non-governmental organizations and the private sector on matters that are likely to have an impact on the ecology of the coastal zone. He/ she will prepare the budget and work programme of the CZMAI and will assist in identifying and mobilizing additional finances for the Authority and Institute. Of key importance will be the promotion and building of public awareness of the unique nature of the Belize coastal resources and the importance of its effective conservation and sustainable management and utilization for the benefit of present and future generations of Belizeans.

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LOCATION: Belize City, Belize.

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- 1) Providing information and advice to the CEO and Board in the formulation of policies relating to the coastal resources;
- 2) Convening the CZM Advisory Council established to facilitate and encourage the sharing of information among government agencies, non-governmental, organizations and educational institutions with regard to coastal zone matters;
- 3) Instituting a public outreach programme to raise awareness generally of the importance of the coastal zone to Belize's ecological and economical well being;
- 4) Providing advice on development activities within the coastal zone, including participation on the NEAC;
- 5) Coordinating marine and coastal research and use the results to minimize possible conflicts over resource use and promote sustainable use;
- 6) Collaborating in the maintenance of a centralized accessible centre for information and research related to the coastal zone;
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Mayor Lopez & His Team Victorious In Belmopan

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votes cast.

In the mayoral contest, **Mayor Simeon Lopez** received 898 votes in comparison to 767 for **Khalid Belisle** and 196 for **Eugene Michael Brown**.

The six top ranking candidates all from Mayor Lopez' team in order of the highest number of votes received is: **Victor Perdomo** - 945; **Shanna Banner** - 886; **Olga Myers** - 883; **Pedro Carrillo** - 841; **Amilcar Umana** - 827 and **Tita Balona** - 798.

The two new candidates on Mayor Lopez' slate were **Shanna Banner** and **Amilcar Umana** replacing **Celso Carcamo** who did not seek reelection and **Eugene Brown** who was challenging for the mayoral spot.

On Khalid Belisle's team votes received by individual candidates are as follows: **Jacklyn Burns** - 778; **Anthony Lewis** - 763; **Norma Zetina** - 755, **Bernard Ozaeta** - 687; **Donny Quiroz** - 643 and **Emma Ramirez** - 596.

The ranking of candidates on Eugene Brown's slate were as follows: **Ana Guy** - 345; **Ramon Aleman** - 205; **Nelson Link** 186; **Miguel Pop** - 185; **Adolfo Romero** - 168 and **Climaco Oh** - 155.

It was no secret that Belmopan's Area Representative, **Hon. John Saldivar**, was fully supporting the candidacy of newcomer Khalid Belisle. There was also support for Belisle from Education Minister **Patrick Faber** and Works Minister, **Anthony "Boots" Martinez** (*mostly out of ministerial loyalty to Hon. Saldivar*).

In the end, Minister Saldivar raised Mayor Lopez' hand in victory as they both made a public pledged to work in partnership for the greater good of the residents of Belmopan.

In congratulating Mayor Lopez on today's victory, Khalid Belisle pledged to work with Mayor Lopez to secure a victory for the UDP in the March 2009 municipal elections. Belisle also urged his supporters and

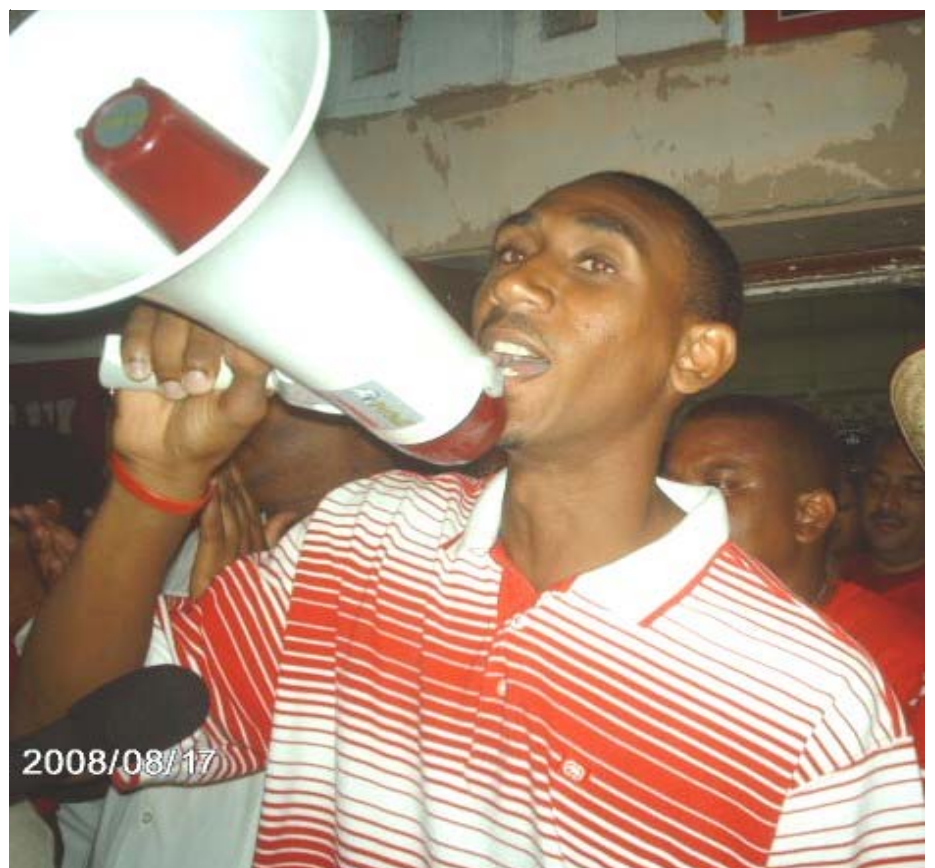
campaign team to begin focusing and working towards a big victory for the UDP in 2009.

The convention, no doubt, divided the party especially during the final three weeks leading up to today's convention. However, in a subsequent interview with the **STAR Newspaper**, Minister of the Public Service, Governance Improvement and Elections & Boundaries, Hon

John Saldivar informed that he will be actively seeking to work along with Mayor Lopez first to mend political wounds in the constituency resulting from the fierce campaign over the past several weeks and then moving on with the planned developmental programs and projects aimed at improving the lives of the people of Belmopan as outlined in their individual manifesto pledges.



"The work towards victory 2009 has only just begun"
said Mayor Lopez (L), Hon. John Saldivar (R)



"We must now put our differences aside and begin to work with Mayor Lopez and his team to ensure victory for the UDP in 2009"
said Khalid Belisle

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


(ETHEL EMELISA GLADDEN) (MS.)
AG. DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF LANDS

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200805970

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **BELIZE RURAL NORTH II**, Block No. 11 and being Parcel No. 1017

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200805986

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200805985

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200806082

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200806115

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200806137

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200806232

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200806233

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200806234

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200806235

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200806236

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200806286

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Readers Write

Parents/Guardians Must Be Present

BY: Al Eastmond, Bermuda, W.I.

I recently wrote a letter to the editor here about children getting in trouble with the law and ending up in court to answer for their transgressions.

I noticed that in every case the child was in court alone, without any kind of representation or support.

Parents/guardians are, by law, responsible for the minor children in their charge, and when these children end up in court the parents/guardians have a duty/responsibility, under the law, to be there with them.

I am pleased to report that the Minister responsible for such things read the letter and made a big thing about it; actually going much too far with it, suggesting that the

parent/guardian should be charged along with the child.

The final outcome is that whenever a minor has to appear before the courts their parent/guardian must be present and acknowledged by the court and have to answer certain questions, like, why was this child out wandering the streets at 1.30 in the morning.

If the parent/guardian is not there the judge will summon them to appear.

I do not think that Parents/Guardians should be charged with the crimes of their children but they should be there to explain why they think the child has gone off the track and give some indication of what they intend to do to remedy the situation.

Outstanding Contributor To Tourism In The Cayo West

Exclusive to the STAR Newspaper
By: Ray Auxillou, August 15th, 2008 FALCONVIEW BACKPACKERS ADVENTURE HOSTEL

John August, telephone 607 2642 was the most outstanding contributor to tourism in the CAYO WEST venue, for our 8 month tourist season this year.

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Last season and a few before that, the day trip had fallen into negative, bad karma territory. Partly because of the bad roads and partly because of the gasoline prices, when tour operators had raised the price to \$60 usa a person and were actually cutting back the number of places they visited, to a 4 or 5 hour day trip.

As a low budget accomodation, we were unhappy and so were our customers.

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Visits are usually to Big Rock Falls, Seven Sisters time permitting, Rio On Rapids, Rio Frio Cave and Thousand Foot Fall.

Particularly we wanted included, Cooma Cairn Lookout, on the high mountain ridge overlooking the interior.

We tried John for the first time this year and have been extremely happy. He takes off early around 8 a.m. and does not get back sometimes until after dark.

Our guests swim at Big Rock Falls, they take a dip in the pools of the Rio On Rapids, do the botany trail at the Rio Frio Cave and so on.

For booking directly with John, our low budget guests knock US\$20 off the Tour Operator prices and get the trip for \$40 usa a head.

Considering sometimes, only one or two people want to go, the gasoline is a big part of the trip cost. John also supplies free lunch and we feed them breakfast (FREE).

Anyway as long as John August keeps running this trip, we will continue using him, and recommend him to other low budget and mid budget accommodations around Cayo West.

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This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 0447/2005 dated 29th December, 2004 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 2005 at Folios 1347-1364 in favour of **JOHN MULLARKEY**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200806293

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200806298

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SARTENEJA**, Block No. 3 and being Parcel No. 319

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-200806301

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PLACENCIA NORTH** Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 1839 & 1842

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BEATRICE GARBUTT	3866/2000	PUNTA GORDA	1424
GUADALUPE TERRY	4664/2006	BELMOPAN	4673
ALMA PINKARD	3852/2000	QUEEN SQUARE	97
MARNI MATYCHUK	LRS-200802033	PLACENCIA NORTH	98

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


(ETHEL EMELISA GLADDEN) (MS.)
AG. DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF LANDS

Registered Land Act
Chapter 194-Revised Edition 2000
Section 140 (1)

OWNERSHIP BY PRESCRIPTION

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
Ida Bain	Albert/Mesop	45	1200

The attention of the General public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of **Ida Bain** as proprietor with absolute title for **Parcel No. 1200 Albert/Mesop** Registration Section containing 201.5 square meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to **Ida Bain**.


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AG. DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF LANDS

Registered Land Act
Chapter 194-Revised Edition 2000
Section 140 (1)

OWNERSHIP BY PRESCRIPTION

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcel No.
MIGUEL ARMANDO VALENCIA	Albert/Mesop	45	832

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in **Albert/Mesop** Registration Section has been received from **Miguel Armando Valencia**, being Parcel No. 832 containing 595.2 S.M.

The attention of the General public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of **Miguel Armando Valencia** as proprietor with absolute title for **Parcel No. 832 Albert/Mesop** Registration Section containing 595.2 square meters is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to **Miguel Armando Valencia**.


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Wrong Bank

A man entered Scotiabank on Burns Avenue in San Ignacio Town with intention to pull off a discreet robbery.

He got a withdrawal slip, pulled out a pen and pretending to be writing a withdrawal, he wrote: *"This iz a stikup. Put a stak of \$100 in dis bag."*

Then he stood in line. But he got nervous thinking that someone might have seen him write the note.

So he got out of the line, left Scotiabank, walked across the street and into Atlantic Bank.

This time he made sure that he had

the note properly concealed. He joined the line and when his turn came he handed the withdrawal slip to the teller.

After reading the note, the teller realizing that the man was not very bright, said to him *"Sir, I cannot honor this request because this is Scotiabank withdrawal. You will need to go back to Scotiabank to make this withdrawal."*

Looking somewhat confused the man said, **"OK,"** and returned to Scotiabank where the police pulled up on him a few minutes later as he was waiting his turn in the line.

Running From The War

A soldier ran up to a Nun and out of breath he asked, *"Please, may I hide under your skirt. I'll explain later."*

The Nun agreed.

A moment later two Military Policemen ran up and asked, *"Sister, have you seen a soldier?"*

"He went that way", the Nun replied, .

After the MPs ran off, the soldier crawled out from under her skirt and

said, *"I can't thank you enough Sister You see, I don't want to go to Iraq."*

The Nun said, **"I understand completely."**

The soldier added, *"I hope I'm not rude, but you have a great pair of legs."*

The Nun replied, **"If you had looked a little higher, you would have seen I don't want to go to Iraq either."**

Instant Recognition

Mrs. Mary Jones went to a pet shop on Hydes Lane where she spotted a large, beautiful parrot. The price on the cage indicated that the bird was going for \$50.00.

"Why are you selling the parrot so cheap," asked Mrs. Jones.

The owner looked at her and said, *"I should tell you first, that this bird used to live at Raul's Rose Garden, that infamous prostituion house on the Northern Highway, and it has a tendency to sometimes say some really vulgar things."*

Mrs. Jones thought about this, but decided she would buy the bird anyway. She took it home and no sooner had she hung the cage up in her living room when the bird looked

around the room and said, **"New house, new madam."** Mrs. Jones was a bit shocked at the implication, but then thought *"that's really not so bad."*

An hour later her two teenage daughters arrived from school. Immediately upon spotting them the bird said, **"New house, new madam, new girls."**

Mrs. Jones and the girls were a bit offended but then began to laugh about the situation considering how and where the parrot had been raised.

Shortly thereafter, Mrs. Jones' husband, Keith came home from work and burst into the living room. The bird took one look at him and said **"Hi Keith!"**

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Chema Gets Life Imprisonment For Killing his Common-Law-Wife

BELIZE CITY, Monday, August 11, 2008:

After spending the last 44 months in jail remanded on a murder charge Police Constable #395 **Jose Maria “Chema” Zetina** was, on July 11, 2008 found guilty of the capital charge and today, one month later, he was sentenced to spend the rest of his life in jail.

The STAR was a relatively new newspaper in Cayo, in fact our records show we had produced only 17 previous editions of the newspaper when, during the early hours on that fateful Monday morning, November 29, 2004, word began spreading like wild fire of the gruesome chopping murder of **Rosa Isabel Mejia** at the hands of her policeman common-law-husband, in the Hillview area of Santa Elena Town.

When San Ignacio Police arrived on the scene they came upon the horrible sight of the victim drenched in blood on the floor inside the bedroom of their small bungalow wooden house. Also at the scene was PC Zetina who at the time of the incident was posted to the Benque Police Sub-station.

Mejia was found with a large cut would in the center of the head, another large cut wound from the lower lip to the bottom of the chin, her left arm cut off at the wrist, a large cut on the left arm midway between her wrist and elbow, a large cut wound on the left side of the face from the edge of the eye to the temple and a large cut wound on the right arm.

Police also found a 10 inch kitchen knife with a 7 inch blade stuck almost 5 inches into her throat. In a nutshell, the scene was horrific.

The post mortem examination also revealed that the victim was about five weeks pregnant at the time of her violent death.

Also inside the house at the time of the incident was the couple’s 1 year old daughter along with Zetina’s four other children from a previous relationship (an 8 year old girl and three boys ages 7, 3, and 2 at the time).

Although the couple had been living together for less than two years, the relationship was described as a troubled one.

The victim was celebrating her 19th birthday the day before with a little social event at their home.

It is alleged that an argument erupted when the victim got up early that Monday morning and told Zetina that she was leaving him for a second time and that she was returning to her live with her parents in Maskall Village.

The argument got out of control and this was when Zetina armed himself with sharp machete he kept in the

bedroom and knife from the kitchen and went about chopping and stabbing Mejia while she cried out in vain for help.

The incident took place with seven children inside the house including the victim’s 7 and 2 year old brothers.

The case, before **Justice Herbert Lord** was prosecuted by Crown Counsel **Trenia Young** while the accused was defended by **Attorney Leo Bradley**.

Just before passing the life sentence, **Justice Herbert Lord** heard mitigation pleas from Leo Bradley as well as from two character witnesses, **Maria Moh**, sister of the convicted murderer and **Eduardo Alvarez** a Justice of the Peace from Santa Elena Town.

Maria, testified that her brother took care of their eighty-five year old father and seventy year old mother and asked for the court to be lenient

with the sentence. Alvarez, a family friend, testified that Zetina was the

provider for his nine children and for his elderly parents. After listening to mitigation pleas Justice Lord ordered a sentence of life imprisonment.

The victim was buried on her family farm in Maskall Village on December 1, 2004



Jose Maria “Chema” Zetina, 45, serving life imprisonment



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Government of the Republic of Cuba, under the Belize/Cuba Government Scholarship Programme, is once again awarding scholarships to the Government of Belize for the Academic year 2008-2009. Qualifying Belizean students would pursue a medical degree.

Tenure of Scholarships

The Scholarship is normally for the duration of the programme of studies and requires the scholarship holder to maintain above average passing grades at the aforementioned University.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- 1) Be a citizen of Belize
- 2) Must be between the ages of 18 and 25
- 3) Complete a Scholarship Application Form (in **triplicate**) which can be obtained at the Ministry of Education in Belmopan or District Education offices in the six districts.
- 4) Present certified copies of Associate Degree and Diploma as well as Transcript from Junior College and Secondary level studies. These documents are to be authenticated by the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, and the Embassy of Cuba in Belize City.
- 5) Present a recent (not older than 6 months) Medical Certificate indicating good health, including the results of an HIV/AIDS test.
- 6) Present an updated police record.
- 7) Provide CXC and/or other equivalency examination results.
- 8) Provide 3 recent passport size photographs.

The Ministry of Education, has established a Selection Committee, which includes representatives of the Cuban Embassy in Belize, Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. The process of selection will include a programme of orientation for the successful applicants.

Completed application forms and other documents **MUST** be submitted to the attention of the Chief Education Officer in the Ministry of Education no later than August 22nd, 2008. It is anticipated that selected applicants will be invited for an interview in August 2008.

God Versus Science

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EVIL is therefore the absence of GOD**

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Part II - THE STUDENT CONFRONTS THE PROFESSOR

The student stands quietly for a moment, before asking a question of his own.

“Professor, is there such thing as heat?”

“Yes,” the professor replies. “There’s heat.”

“And is there such a thing as cold?”

“Yes, son, there’s cold too.”

“No sir, there isn’t.”

The professor turns to face the student, obviously interested. The room suddenly becomes very quiet.

The student begins to explain. “You can have lots of heat, even more heat, super-heat, mega-heat, unlimited heat, white heat, a little heat or no heat, but we don’t have anything called ‘cold’. We can hit up to 458 degrees below zero, which is no heat, but we can’t go any further after that. There is no such thing as cold; otherwise we would be able to go colder than the lowest -458 degrees. Every body or object is susceptible to study when it has or transmits energy, and heat is what makes a body or matter have or transmit energy. Absolute zero (-458 F) is the total absence of heat. You see, sir, cold is only a word we use to describe the absence of heat. We cannot measure cold. Heat we can measure in thermal units because heat is energy. Cold is not the opposite of heat, sir, just the absence of it.”

Silence across the room. A pen drops somewhere in the classroom, sounding like a hammer.

“What about darkness,

professor? Is there such a thing as darkness?”

“Yes,” the professor replies without hesitation. “What is night if it isn’t darkness?”

“You’re wrong again, sir. Darkness is not something; it is the absence of something. You can have low light, normal light, bright light, flashing light, but if you have no light constantly you have nothing and it’s called darkness, isn’t it? That’s the meaning we use to define the word. In reality, darkness isn’t. If it were, you would be able to make darkness darker, wouldn’t you?”

The professor begins to smile at the student in front of him. This will be a good semester. “So what’s the point are you making, young man?”

“Yes, professor. My point is, your philosophical premise is flawed to start with, and so your conclusion must also be flawed.”

The professor’s face cannot hide his surprise this time. “Flawed? Can you explain how?”

“You are working on the premise of duality,” the student explains. You argue that there is life and then there’s death; a good God and a bad God. You are viewing the concept of God as something finite, something we can measure. Sir, science can’t even explain a thought. It uses electricity and magnetism, but has never seen, much less fully understood either one. To view death as the opposite of life is to be ignorant of the fact that death

cannot exist as a substantive thing. Death is not the opposite of life, just the absence of it. Now tell me, professor. Do you teach your students that they evolved from monkey?”

“If you are referring to the natural evolutionary process, young man, yes, of course I do.”

“Have you ever observed evolution with your own eyes, sir?”

The professor begins to shake his head, still smiling, as he realizes where the argument is going. A very good semester, indeed.

“Let me tell you sir - No one has ever observed the process of evolution at work and cannot even prove that this process is an on-going endeavor. Are you therefore then not teaching your opinion, sir? Are you now not a scientist, but rather a preacher?”

The class is in uproar. The student remains silent until the commotion has subsided.

“To continue the point you were making earlier to the other student, let me give you an example of what I mean.” The student looks around the room. “Is there anyone in the class who has ever seen the professor’s brain?”

The class breaks out into laughter.

“Is there anyone here who has ever heard the professor’s brain, felt the professor’s brain, touched or smelt the professor’s brain? No

one appears to have done so. So, according to the established rules of empirical, stable, demonstrable protocol, science says that you have no brain with all due respect, sir.” “So if science says you have no brain, how can we trust your lectures, sir?”

Now the room is silent. The professor just stares at the student, his face unreadable. Finally, after what seems an eternity, the old man answers. “I guess you’ll have to take them on faith.”

“Now, you accept that there is faith, and, in fact, faith exists with life,” the student continues. “Now, sir, is there such a thing as evil?”

Now uncertain, the professor responds, “Of course, there is. We see it everyday. It is in the daily example of man’s inhumanity to man. It is in the multitude of crime and violence everywhere in the world. These manifestations are nothing else but evil.”

To this the student replied, “Evil does not exist sir, or at least it does not exist unto itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is just like darkness and cold, a word that man has created to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is the result of what happens when man does not have God’s love present in his heart. It’s like the cold that comes when there is no heat or the darkness that comes when there is no light.”

There Is No Light

On The Hawksworth Bridge - There is Fear When Crossing At Night

This concern is being expressed by concerned residents via this petition which when it reached our office this Wednesday morning already had over 50 signatures. We trust that the relevant authorities will take appropriate action to rectify this troubling condition.

There is a great fear when crossing the Hawksworth bridge in the twin towns of San Ignacio and Santa Elena. As the lights has been out since two months ago. This matter was reported to the Cayo Police Department and the Officer in the Town Council’s office responsible for parks and amenities, who then called B.E.L Customer Service Department, where two of ten lights were lit. We are still presently faced with the problem where all lights are not functioning. A new report of this same issue was made today at the Town Council’s office where told that four letters has been written and sent to the Ministry of Works, as it falls under their jurisdiction. Too much protocol concerning a serious matter of public safety. We the public would not like to anticipate hearing something drastic and outrageous such as; RAPE – MUGGING – MURDER – or of one being thrown off the bridge into the river, imagining the worst.

We appeal to all parties responsible to resolve this matter once and for all in the interest of public safety. Positive action creates positive reaction.

Sign by concern citizens

Cc: San Ignacio Police Dept.
Cc: B.E.L San Ignacio
Cc: San Ignacio Town Council Board
Cc: Star Newspaper
Cc: Ministry of Works



Signatures of concerned citizens: Tonye Galindo, Nelson Z. Smith, Carlos, Bradley, August, Juan Velazquez, Edurda Esquivel, Francisca Garcia, Sergio, Pauline, Christopher Lowe, Daniel Cano, Julio, Rotanne Richards, Jason Rodriguez, Marilou Esq, P. Wright, Mr. Bradley West Thomp, Francisco Mendez, Edelio Cano, Juanito Cano, Maria Z...

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BELIZE CITY, Tuesday, August 12th, 2008:

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and L&E International, it's new fulfillment house.

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communications campaigns for their clients. BVK has won local, regional national and international awards for excellence and outstanding achievement in public relations, marketing and advertising.

L & E International Service Inc. is a 19 year old freight forwarder and procurement entity which services a wide range of US and foreign customers in the trade, promotional and shipping industries. The mission of L&E is to become partners with

the companies they represent and as such are fully committed to customer satisfaction and excellence in service.

"We are confident that our new Marketing & PR Agency, BVK and our Fulfillment House, L&E, will both serve to compliment the industry's goals of building a strong relationship with the tourism private sector in an effort to achieve greater efficiency in the continued development of this vibrant industry," comments Tourism Director, Mrs. Tracy Panton. *"We welcome BVK and L&E as our new partners in tourism and look forward to working with them in accomplishing the objectives and goals of the Board,"* Panton noted.

For more information on the developments and events in Belize's Tourism Industry, please contact the Marketing Department at the Belize Tourism Board at (501)-227-2420, via email: btbb@btl.net or visit our website www.belize tourism.org.

Stroke Killed Singer Isaac Hayes

According the death certificate, Soul legend **Isaac Hayes**, died from a stroke on Sunday, August 10. He was 65 years of age.

His medical history indicate that the 1971 Oscar Award Soul Legend was was undergoing treatment for a high blood pressure stroke he suffered in 2006.

Members of his family found him at his Memphis home lying next to a treadmill which was still switched on.

Several Police officers were among the first set of emergency service personnel responding to the call. He was rushed to the hospital where he was officially pronounced dead.

According to an official from the Sheriff's office the medical report certifies that the artist suffered no head injuries or any other trauma in the fall.

A memorial service for the late Isaac Hayes was held at the Hope Presbyterian Church in Cordova, Tennessee on Monday.

His family issued a statement on Tuesday which said: *"While he was an iconic figure to many, to us he was husband, father and friend. We will ever miss his love, wisdom, humour and the familiar comfort of his voice."*

The great Isaac Hayes, won an Oscar in 1971 for the theme from the film Shaft.

He was inducted into the US Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2002.

He provided the voice of Chef in South Park.

He was married four times and is

the father of dozen children.

The passing of this international musical icon prompted a wave of tributes from fellow musicians, including singer **Gloria Gaynor**, who refered to him as **"a gentleman and an extremely warm and talented artist"**.



The Legendary Isaac Hayes during the 2002 ceremony when he was inducted into the US Rock & Roll Hall of Fame (photo AP)

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Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



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March 21 - April 20

People are impressed by your charm; Friendship activities are fun. Purchase jewelry and antiques as a form of investment. Pay extra attention to everyday chores as the week draws to a close. Your lucky day is Tuesday and your lucky numbers are 14, 47, 59.



CANCER

June 22 - July 22

Some dreams do come through and by the end of the week you will feel you have moved a step closer to achieving a special goal. A change in plans could turn out to be lucky for you now. Your lucky day is Thursday and your lucky numbers are 18, 25, 64.



LEO

July 23 - Aug. 23

You might pull out of social arrangements to devote more time to a personal project or you just want to put the finishing touches to a job that is almost completed. Your lucky day is Friday and your lucky numbers are 19, 31, 83.



TAURUS

April 21 - May 21

Despite a few problems early in the week, things should work out better than you expected. You could meet with some interesting money making opportunities while out visiting friends. Your lucky day is Wednesday and your lucky numbers are 30, 63, 87.



GEMINI

May 22 - June 21

Pleasing news should come via a telephone call, text message, email or letter. Deceptive trends suggest you should exercise care when mixing with people you've only recently met. Your lucky day is Monday and your lucky numbers are 22, 37, 93.



VIRGO

Aug. 24 - Sept. 22

Be assertive! Don't hold back on making new moves and new doors will open up for you. Romance is highly favored this week. Your intuitive powers are especially high in the evenings. Your lucky day is Wednesday and your lucky numbers are 07, 34, 80.



LIBRA

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

You might help others through doing some voluntary work or fund-raising. Your generosity and big heartedness is likely to attract good fortune and this will come about in a strange way. Your lucky day is Tuesday and your lucky numbers are 28, 43, 52.



SCORPIO

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

A turning point is reached and all of a sudden your financial or job situation seems so much stable than it did a little while ago. Agreements are easily reached with others. Your lucky day is Friday and your lucky numbers are 05, 17, 23.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 23 - Dec 21

This is a very good time to catch up on a backlog of work. This should lead the way clear for you to go after what you really and truly want. Dealings with your supervisors and other higher ups in the organization are favored now. Your lucky day is Monday and your lucky numbers are 08, 26, 41.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You will get through a huge amount as your energy is high but take care you don't overtire yourself by the weekend. Joint efforts are successful now and mixed trends affect your social picture. Your lucky day is Wednesday and your lucky numbers are 00, 55, 72.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 21 - Feb. 18

Someone you need to talk to may be hard to pin down. This is likely to be a busy week socially; you still intend to make time for personal interest. If you are looking for romance, you radiate charm! Your lucky day is Tuesday and your lucky numbers are 03, 21, 29.

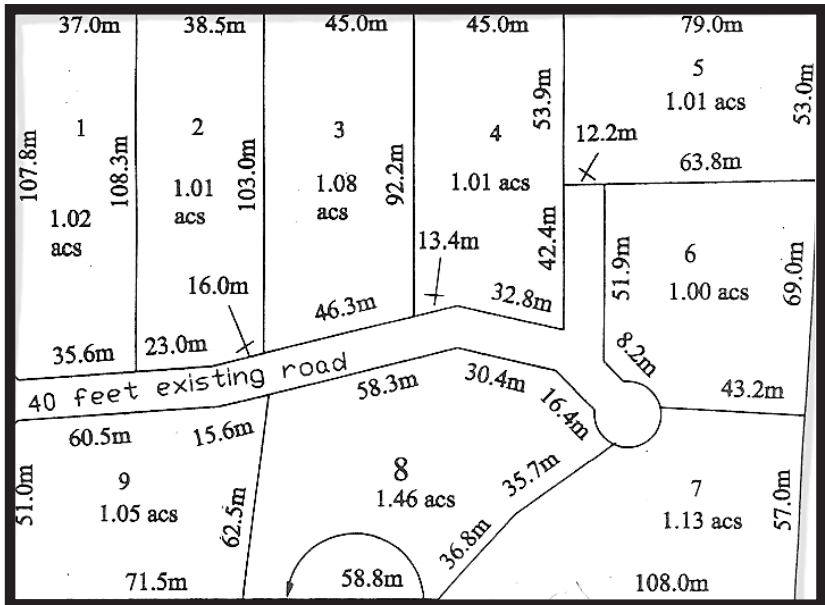


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Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

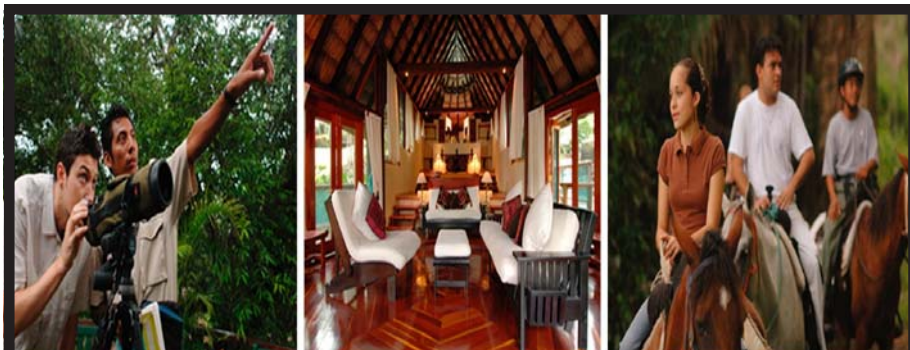
The key to furthering your progress and getting more out of life is by developing the skills you already or learning new ones. In being willing to advance your personal development you will attract luck and success your way. Your lucky day is Thursday and your lucky numbers are 16, 39, 91.

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Come Join The Neighborhood Watch Group

BY: Cynthia Reece

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How To Organize A Neighborhood Watch Group

Submitted By: Cynthia Reece

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Neighborhood crime facts:

Ways to keep your Neighborhood Watch active:

* Burglary, auto theft, domestic violence, theft, and graffiti are the most prevalent neighborhood crimes.

* Household burglary is a crime of opportunity, the easiest to prevent but the hardest to solve.

* Residential burglary is one of the most increasing crimes in the nation.

* Most burglars are either juveniles or young adults who need to support a drug habit.

* Half of all home burglaries occur during the day.

* A majority of residential burglaries occur because someone has left a door or window unlocked.

* People who interrupt a burglar are apt to be seriously injured and risk death.

Organizing a Neighborhood Watch

Step #1 - First ask your neighbors. Visit your neighbors and ask for their support and participation in forming the neighborhood watch.

Step #2: Register your

GOALS:

The goals of the Neighborhood Watch Group are to:

a) reduce the incident of crime in the Society and increase the level of safety and comfort of all citizens.

Neighborhood Watch Group with the local Police Head Station.

Step #3: Distribute invitations to your neighbors requesting they attend and participate in the next scheduled Neighborhood Watch (NW) training workshop. All households, and residents in the proposed NW area should be invited to attend the NW workshop training.

Step #4: Attend training workshop. The Neighborhood Watch workshop trains all participants in areas of Watch techniques, complete NW forms, prevent home burglary and ID theft.

Step #5: After the training schedule your first NW meeting and complete the forms presented at the workshop.

Step #6: After evaluating strengths and weaknesses of members of the group make the selection for leadership roles in the group. Every NW must have a Block Captain. You may also consider having a Co-Captain, or an assistant Block Captain.

Step #7: Install NW signs at the entrance of your NW area.

b) provide a community service which earns the respect, confidence and active support of the community.
c) Help develop strong, vibrant and wholesome communities.

OBJECTIVES:

The main objectives of the Neighborhood Watch group is to:

a) promote a better understanding of the role of the police in the community.

b) develop closer working relationship with the police.

c) maintain open lines of communication between the Police Department and citizens.

d) help develop and maintain a positive police/citizens relationship.

e) collaborate with members of the community.

f) to work with educational organizations to improve relations with youths in the community.

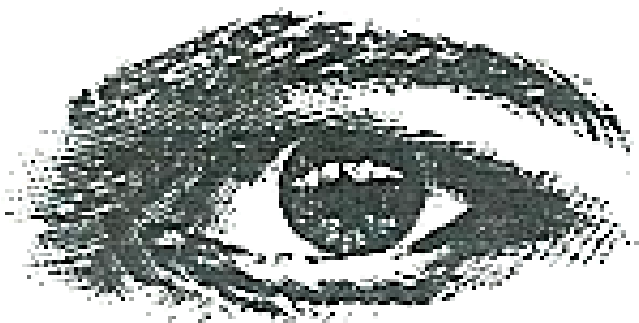
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President Of Pakistan Steps Down

BBC News, For Monday, August 18, 2008:

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, facing impeachment on charges drawn up by the governing coalition, has announced that he is resigning.

Musharraf went on national TV to say that while he was confident the charges would not stand, this was not the time for more confrontation.

He is accused of violation of the constitution and gross misconduct.

Mr. Musharraf has been a key ally of the US in its *"war on terror"* since he took power in a bloodless coup in 1999.

Reaction in Pakistan is overwhelmingly one of relief that a bruising and lengthy impeachment battle has been avoided.

The key issue now is whether the ruling coalition, which had pushed for Mr. Musharraf's exit since winning the February election, can stay united and deliver on its promises.

It will have to agree on a new president, then persuade allies like the US and UK, and its neighbors like India and Afghanistan, that it will be committed to defeating militancy and terrorism.

International reaction to Mr. Musharraf's resignation was mixed, with the US hailing him as strong ally against terrorism but Afghanistan



Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf

welcoming his departure as a boost to democracy.

Looking calm and dressed soberly in a dark suit and tie, President Musharraf said he had decided to resign after consulting his allies and advisers.

In a defiant speech, he said he had believed it was his destiny to save Pakistan, helped by God, and that he had prevented it from being declared a terrorist state.

In a clear reference to his political opponents, he accused unnamed elements of putting themselves above the country and seeking to betray it. *"Not a single charge can be proved against me,"* he said, while conceding he had made mistakes.

An impeachment process would have plunged the country into more uncertainty, he said, and it was no time for *"individual bravado"*.

The outgoing president listed social, economic and infrastructural improvements made during his rule.

"I leave myself in the hands of the people," he concluded.

After making his speech, the former military leader inspected a guard of honor outside his white palace in Islamabad, stepped into a black limousine and left the presidency.

Cheering crowds poured into the streets of Pakistan's big cities to celebrate Mr. Musharraf's departure. In Karachi, lawyers danced in jubilation.

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According to Pakistani law, once Mr. Musharraf's resignation letter is received and accepted by the speaker of Pakistan's lower house of parliament, the speaker of the upper house will take over as acting president.

The current speaker of the upper house is **Muhammad Mian Sumroo**, a member of the pro-Musharraf faction of the Pakistan Muslim League.

The new president must be elected by both houses of Pakistan's parliament and the four provincial assemblies.

Reacting to news of the resignation, US Secretary of State **Condoleezza Rice** praised him as a *"friend to the United States and one of the world's most committed partners in the war against terrorism and extremism"*.

She said the US would work with Pakistan's new leaders, pressing on them the need to stem *"the growth of extremism"*.

The UK government wished Mr. Musharraf well but stressed that relations did not depend on one individual.

India said it had no comment to make on the resignation since it was an internal matter of Pakistan.

Neighboring Afghanistan, whose own President, **Hamid Karzai**, had a very fraught relationship with Mr. Musharraf, hoped his departure would boost democracy in both countries.

Mr. Musharraf's resignation followed more than a year of turbulence.

This is shame for Pakistan; Musharraf was cleaning the 49 years old mess.

The unrest began last March when he confronted the judiciary, suspending the chief justice. After widespread strikes and protests, his decision was overturned by the Supreme Court.

Mr. Musharraf won the presidential election in October - but the Supreme Court refused to confirm the result.

In November, he declared a state of emergency, citing increasing attacks by militants but eventually stood down as head of the army, giving up his main power base.

The parliamentary election this February, handed a clear victory to the two main opposition parties.

The coalition struck a deal to impeach the president earlier this month and finalized their charges against him hours before he stepped down.



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On Friday, August 15, 2008, Rotary Belize along with Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry will host the 1st Annual Employer of the Year Awards Ceremony at the Best Western Belize Biltmore Plaza.

The Employer of the Year Competition was launched in March 2008 and employees were encouraged to nominate their employers for the prestigious Paul J. Harris Award.

There were four categories, Most Environmentally Concious Employer,

Best Tourism Employer, Best Industry Employer and Best Overall Employer of the Year. Ten companies made the final cut and will be introduced at the gala tomorrow night.

Both Rotary Belize and the BCCI agreed that all proceeds from the Awards Ceremony would benefit Youth Business Trust Belize, an IADB funded program offering young persons between the ages of 18 and 35 assistance in starting their own businesses. The program offers loan financing, training and the valued component, mentoring, which guides the young persons' businesses on the

road to success. The sponsors for the night's event are Belize Tourism Board, Protected Areas Conservations Trust, Belize Biltmore Plaza Hotel, Rotary Belize, Raul Villanueva and the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Thanks for their vision and support. Thank you Rotary Belize and

Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry for your generous contribution to Youth Business Trust Belize and for those who attend to support us. Tickets are being Sold at Rotary, the Chamber or at Youth Business Trust Offices for a contribution of \$50.00 each. Come out and support youth enterprise in Belize!



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SERGEANT FRANCISCO PATT'S ENCOUNTER

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of bushings, and I shouted an order for him to stop but the Hispanic man continued heading towards me. Just as he was about to collide into me I stepped aside and struck him with the bar. He fell to the ground. I jumped on top of him and pinned him to the ground. The Belizean policemen ran up to the spot where I had the man on the ground. I then released him into the custody of the police. They placed him a vehicle and drove off. By this time my parents had already exited the building and we walked towards the Guatemalan border. My parents took the passports to be checked by the Guatemalans and I

boarded the front passenger seat of a Guatemalan taxi. My parents hopped into the back seat and my two brother-in-laws were well on the way walking into Melchor. Before the taxi could move off a mob of about 15 to 20 angry Guatemalan male persons, armed with sticks, stones and pieces of board stormed the taxi and began attacking me. Two of them punched me in the face and they began ordering me to get out of the vehicle. My mother rushed out from the back seat and placed herself between the angry mob and myself still seated in the front passenger seat. She told them that if they were going to kill her son they will have to kill her too. An

acquaintance told me to stay in the car because they would kill me if I got out. Some of the angry mob began threatening to set the car on fire if I did not come out. This was when I realized that the individual I had assisted to detain was not a Belizean from Benque but actually a Guatemalan from Melchor and a relative of several of the persons who were attacking me. I learnt that one of them was his brother and another was his uncle. They were joined by other relatives, several Guatemalan coyotes (those engaged in crossing illegal immigrants) as well as a few peseros (Guatemalan money changers).

My father was hit with a stick on the hand as he attempted to shield me from the attack. While the attack was in full swing, two Guatemalan policemen arrived on the scene and they took command of the situation. They escorted me to the nearby police station. The angry mob followed still armed with sticks, stones and pieces of board. They began demanding the release of the individual whom I had earlier assisted the Belize Police to detain on Belizean territory in exchange for my release. Although I was bleeding and those responsible for the injury were right there, the Guatemalan policemen were not interested in the injuries nor in the persons responsible for injuring me, instead they were threatening to take me to their head station in Santa Elena, Peten. They were unable to tell me on what charge I was being held but insisted that all they needed was for only one from the angry mob to file a report against me. Despite my request, they were not interested in recording a statement from me."

Sgt Patt informed that he was locked up in a cell at the police station where he was kept for about 10 minutes until a policeman who appeared to be the person in charge arrived and ordered that he be taken out of the cell.

"By this time Inspector Orlando Mai, Belize's Border Liaison Officer arrived on the scene along with the Guatemalan Consul residing in Benque.

Assistant Commissioner Crispin Jefferies at Police Headquarters in Belmopan was apprised of the situation by Inspector Mai and the instruction was issued for the exchange to take place. I was brought from the police station to the Guatemalan Border Station. The Guatemalan detainee was brought from the Benque Station to the border point and the exchange was made.

I later found out that the Guatemalan was carrying several suspected fraudulent traveling documents hence the reason for his initial detention.

My parents and I returned to San Ignacio without food, medicine or vehicle parts.

This was an experience of a lifetime. In my almost 29 years of service in the Belize Police Department I have never experienced something like this. Vigilante Justice appears to be very much alive and prospering in that land immediately west of our border. As Belizeans, we must not fool ourselves; we enter that foreign land at our own risk. Our rights evaporate into thin air the moment we lift our feet off the soil of our blessed Belizean land. Guatemala, at least Melchor, will not see me again in a very long time," concluded Sgt. Patt.

Immediately upon returning from the border, Sgt. Patt obtained a pair of police medico legal forms and visited the San Ignacio Town Hospital where he was treated for injuries to the face and both arms. The injuries were irrelevantly classified as harm. *"Irrelevantly classified as harm"* we say because since the attack took place in Guatemalan jurisdiction, a related trial cannot be held in Belize. Secondly, arresting and charging fellow Guatemalans for an act committed on Guatemalan soil appears to be the furthest thing, according to Sgt. Francisco, from the minds of Guatemalan officials.

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