







## Editorial



### A Truly Magnanimous Move On The Part Of The New Government

This week we were tempted to write about the recent incident in which a 53 year old single mother was arrested and charged, along with her daughter, for drug trafficking in connection with the discovery of a plastic wrapper containing a small quantity of marijuana which the police saw someone throw into her yard.

We are refraining from commenting any further on this matter as it is presently before the court, and in commenting thereon we run the risk of being arrested and charged for contempt.

We have therefore decided to let the matter follow the due legal process. We promise however, to comment on it as soon as the court dispenses with it.

Shifting gears, we turn to the matter of the announced changes within the senior ranks of the Belize Police Department.

In making the initial announcement, it was indeed refreshing to hear **Prime Minister Dean Barrow** expressing government's concern about the level of crime and violence confronting the nation as well as government's magnanimous decision in selecting **Assistant Commissioner of Police Crispin Jefferies** to assume command of the Police Department.

Frankly speaking in the heat of the 2005 public demonstrations in Belmopan when we were at the front lines

swallowing tear gas by the mouthful and dodging rubber bullets dispensed by Jefferies and his riot squad, when, apart from the chain and barbed wire, Jefferies and his squad were keeping us from getting at those who were destroying our country, at that time Crispin Jefferies was enemy #1.

In the view of many of us at the front line, Jefferies would have surely had to go along with those he was protecting as going was the obvious destiny of the PUP Government of the day.

None of us would have shed a tear if, with the change of government, Jefferies was put to pasture.

However, not withstanding his reaching the retirement age last year, the new United Democratic Party Government kept him on contract.

Prime Minister Barrow and the new government obviously saw good qualities in Commissioner Jefferies and, as usual, in putting the interest of the nation before any other personal consideration, the new government decided not only to retain his services but instead to now elevate him to a higher position.

This is indeed a magnanimous undertaking as we all know that when a government is intent on victimizing any public officer, it does not matter how good you are. It does not matter how much that public officer can contribute to the greater good of the nation. All such considerations are thrown out the window as that victimized public officer is given the marching orders.

We cannot continue to turn a blind eye on the increasing number of murders and other violent crimes plaguing our nation.

A change was inevitable and if Jefferies is the man to bring about that change then let us move ahead.

The decision to withhold confirmation of the appointment those senior



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officers that will be acting as Assistant Commissioners of Police is an excellent one and one that is long overdue.

We have always maintained that elevation in any aspect of life must be the product of performance.

It was indeed troubling in the past to see policemen promoted left, right and center as crime and violence spiraled out of control.

In fact, we still recall during the heights of an escalating wave of crime in the heat of public unrest and the impending general elections, the largest set of promotions ever in the history of the Belize Police Department took place when a whopping 120 policemen were promoted in a single instance all for obvious political purposes.

Commissioner Jefferies has a tall order to fill. We wish him only the best as the spotlight now shifts in his direction.

We also wish Commissioner Gerald Westby and Chief Executive Officer Lloyd Gillett all the very best as they

proceed into retirement.

We encourage the high command to lend their full support to their new Commissioner and indeed their new Chief Executive Officer, **Allen Whylie**, when they take up command in the next few days.

We especially congratulate Mr. Whylie as he is a prime example of that which can be achieved through hard work and dedication. He studied hard and did well in school and so when he enlisted into the ranks of the Belize Police Force, Allen Whylie bypassed the ranks of constable, corporal and sergeant and entered as a Cadet Officer. He was a hard working and dedicated police commander. None are the allegations of corruption against Allen Whylie and so he is now bypassing the office of Commissioner of Police and is being appointed as the Commissioner's superior.

We wish CEO Whylie all the very best in his new appointment.

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## 9th Annual Tourism Awards - BTB Honors Key Tourism Pioneers

**BELIZE CITY, Wednesday, April 22, 2009:**

On Wednesday evening, April 22nd, a host of industry stakeholders, distinguished guests and tourism friends gathered to honor recipients of the 9th Annual National Tourism Awards, held at the Belize Biltmore Plaza Hotel.

The National Tourism Awards Ceremony recognizes and honors organizations and industry partners who have made outstanding contributions to the industry. A total of 14 awards were presented in various categories.

**1.** For their extensive work in promoting and preserving Belize's cultural heritage through the arts, **Althea Sealey and the Belize Dance Company** was presented with the **Cultural Award of the Year**.

**2.** **Craig Hayes, Ali Flota and Mike Heusner** received the **Environmental Award of the Year** for their work in getting the Catch & Release Legislation passed for the protection of Bonfish, Permit, and Tarpon in Belize.

**3.** The **Educational Organization of the Year Award** went to **The Belize Zoo & Tropical**

**Education Center** for their advocacy in building awareness for conservation and their provision of educational programs scores of Belizean students over several years.

**4.** **BRC Printing** of Benque Viejo Del Carmen was bestowed the title of **Corporate Organization of the Year** for excelling in product and marketing innovativeness, quality of product experience and operational performance.

**5.** An elated **Pamela Roberts** of the Radisson Fort George was named **Front Line Person of the Year** for her over 15 years working the frontline and positively influencing and serving both local and foreign guests to the hotel.

**6.** **Receptive Service of the Year** went to **Placencia Tourism Center** for their consistent quality services to the tourism industry.

**7.** **Eworth Garbutt** of the Inn at Roberts Grove took home the **Tour Guide of the Year Award** for his dedication and commitment to sustainable tour guide practices and excellence in service.

**8.** **SEAduced by Belize** of San

Pedro, Ambergris Caye received the **Tour Operator of the Year Award** for their dedication in providing a variety of quality water-based tours for the industry.

**9.** The quaint establishment of **Sun Creek Lodge** in Punta Gorda received the **Small Hotel of the Year Award** for its personalized service and a authentic Belizean experience.

**10.** The **Hotel of the Year Award** went to **Hamansi Dive & Adventure Resort**, for setting international standards and expectations and for creating an atmosphere of paradise and luxury as well as a strong commitment to their local community.

**11.** **Small Vendor of the Year Award** went to **Lola's Art** in Seine Beight for offering quality and locally made art.

**12.** For the first time, a **Restaurant of the Year Award** was introduced. The recipient of this award was **Hidden Treasures** of San Pedro, Ambergris Caye.

**13.** The **Minister's Award** is presented to someone whose work and interest in the tourism industry is grounded in community service and activism. This awardee is

usually not boastful or arrogant about achievements but continues working below the radar as a stellar player within the tourism industry of the local community. The year's recipient was **Ms. Rosita May**, hotelier and tourism pioneer of Corozal District.

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## Hospital Administrator Returns From Taiwan Workshop

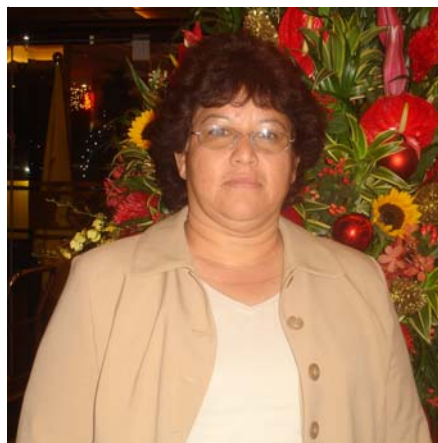
**TAIPEI, Republic of China (Taiwan), Monday, April 13, 2009:**

Belize's Northern Regional Hospital Administrator **Ms. Guadalupe Longworth**, returned to Belize on April 9 after completing a 2-week Healthcare Management training in the Republic of China (Taiwan).

The primary objectives of the workshop were:

(1) to teach the participants new concepts on healthcare management, particularly as they relate to the efficient and effective delivery of health care services in these days of diminishing financial resources, and

(2) to introduce to the



**Northern Regional Hospital Administrator  
Ms. Guadalupe Longworth**

participants new financial tools applicable to healthcare management, with the aim of making a medical institution

financially sustainable.

At the conclusion of the workshop, Ms. Longworth took time out to meet with Belizean students who are studying nursing and healthcare management in Taiwan.

She encouraged the Belizean scholars to continue to excel in their studies so that when they return to Belize they can be part of government's effort to develop the country's healthcare system to a higher level.

The Taiwan/International Cooperation and Development Fund sponsored the training course under its International Human Resource Development program.

## 9th Annual Tourism Awards.....

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14. As name suggests, the recipient of this year's **Lifetime Achievement Award** has worked an entire lifetime within the tourism industry. This person is seen as a tourism icon and whose work over the years is synonymous with true Belizean hospitality. **Ms. Elvira Staine** of Elvis Kitchen is San Pedro is the proud recipient of this prestigious award.

"Tourism has become a way of life for many of our Belizean people. It is an industry that has seen much development and received colossal recognition," comments Tourism Minister, **Hon. Manuel Heredia Jr.** "The Annual National Tourism Awards serves to acknowledge our industry personnel who are dedicated to

the development of tourism in Belize over the years. Tourism is the only industry that spreads so far into our communities making each of us a part of the extraordinary experience that we call Belize."

The BTB hosted approximately 350 people at the Award Ceremony on Friday night at the Best Western Belize Biltmore Plaza. Musical Entertainment was provided by **Jacklyn Castillo** and Belize Music Agency Jazz Band. MC's for the night's event were **William Neal** and **Gwen Nunez Gonzalez**.

The Minister of Tourism, Board of Directors, Management and Staff of the Belize Tourism Board salutes all winners on their **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS!**



**H.E. Efrain Novelo, Belize's Charge d'Affairs/chief of mission in Taipei (L) along with Ms. Guadalupe Longworth (C) as they visited with Belizean students studying nursing and healthcare management in Taiwan**



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# The Isabel Palma Polyclinic Inaugurated In San Antonio, Toledo

**San Antonio Village, Toledo District, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009:**

The Ministry of Health, Government of Belize in collaboration with the Caribbean Development Bank inaugurated the Isabel Palma Polyclinic in San Antonio Village, Toledo District on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009

This inauguration marks the achievement of a major milestone in the provision of health care for the people of the Toledo District. The facility was constructed under the Belize Health Sector Reform Project, by the Government of Belize through the Ministry of Health, and was funded through loan funds from the Caribbean Development Bank.

The final cost of the project is two million, six hundred and ninety thousand, nine hundred and forty three Belize dollars and sixty four cents (**BZ\$2,690,943.64**). The Architectural and Engineering Consultant for the project was DIEMA Consulting Architects and Engineers and the contractor was Usher Construction.



**Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin, delivering the keynote address during the inauguration ceremony**

During special remarks, Toledo West Area Representative, **Hon. Juan Coy** expressed his appreciation along with his constituents for the opening of the long awaited medical facility. He thanked the many contributing partners who lobbied to ensure that the residents would have this Polyclinic reducing the inconveniences of having to travel all the way to the hospital in Punta Gorda Town to seek medical attention. To close off his remarks, Minister Coy pledged his commitment to continue the transformation to improve the lives of the residents of the Toledo District.

The Keynote Address was delivered by the Minister of Health, **Hon. Pablo Marin**. He discussed the initial difficulty in the building of the Polyclinic but assured the people of the south of his commitment to ensure that the mandate of the Ministry of Health which is to reform the healthcare system of Belize will reach the people of the Toledo District. He encouraged the resident to take advantage of the services of the new clinic. He informed however, that transportation to other hospitals, if necessary, will be provided by means of an ambulance that will be provided to the Polyclinic by the Government of Belize.

The Polyclinic was named in honour and memory of **Ms. Isabel Palma** and the unveiling of the plaque was done both by the Administrator of the Polyclinic, **Ms. Eva Middleton** and the daughter of Ms. Isabel Palma, **H.E. Ms. Kamela Palma**.

In addressing the gathering of dignitaries and special invited guests, H.E. Kamela Palma expressed her appreciation on behalf of her family and her mother who served as a nurse practitioner for almost thirty years beginning in the 1960's as she served in many far reaching communities of the Toledo District.

The Isabel Palma Polyclinic is single storey structure measuring approximately 10,000 sq. ft. and is located at the entrance to San Antonio Village in the Toledo District.



**The new and impressive health facility named the Isabel Palma Polyclinic in San Antonio Village, Toledo District**

**The facility encompasses the main Polyclinic Building with specialized areas for**

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- \* X-Ray Room,
- \* Delivery Room
- \* Maternity Ward,
- \* Dressing Rooms,
- \* Pharmacy
- \* Laboratory,
- \* Red Waste Building,
- \* Morgue,
- \* Generator Room and
- \* Ambulance Garage

In the continuing quest to provide quality and accessible health care to all Belizeans, the Isabel Palma Polyclinic will offer the following services: General Medicine, General Consultation, Out Patients Mobile Clinic, Maternal Child Health, Obstetrics, Pediatric Care, Minor Surgery, Detection and Monitoring of HIV/AIDS, Family Planning, Counseling and services, Early detection of breast cancer (for women 40 years and older), Early detection and screening of prostate cancer (for men 50 years and older), Detection and Control of Tuberculosis, Hospitalization for deliveries only, Eye care for children and elderly, Detection, Monitoring and treatment of patients with hypertension and diabetes (type 1 and 2), Access to necessary diagnostic tests, Access to medication to treat your condition, Counseling, both nutritional and medical to improve your health

The new Isabel Palma Polyclinic will serve the following twenty eight southern communities:

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**(L-R) Hon. Eden Martinez, H.E. Ms. Kamela Palma, Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin, Hon. Juan Coy and CEO in the Ministry of Health, Dr. Peter Allen**



# Art In The Park

The Macal River Park in San Ignacio Town was the place this past Saturday, April 18 where Galen University, in collaboration with DuPlooy's Jungle Lodge Resort, hosted an art program called, *Art in the Park*.

The event was a half-day activity where members of the local business community were invited to participate in free art sessions.

The activities were all geared towards aiding students in discovering their artistic talents and skills and using them in a positive way.

Businesses participating in the event included **Back to My Roots, Belize Botanic Garden, The Lodge At Chaa Creek, Cayo Tour Guide Association and Galen University.**

We are happy to report that the event was a resounding success. We had children ranging from the very young to the young at heart as they came out to take advantage of the opportunity to express their creativity through art.

Some of the activities included face painting, rock

painting, puppet making, and learning about our country in an artistic manner.

At the end of the event, children returned to their homes not only with their fine art, but also with an experience that should motivate them to continue being involved in arts, which was the expected outcome of the event.

We extend a sincere thank you to the participants and helpers for making the event such a great success! Those who assisted in this worthwhile endeavor include, Back to my Roots,

## Sub-Regional Meeting In Belize On Sexual Elpoitation Project, ends

**BY: Kendra Griffith**  
**ILO/IPEC Media Consultant**  
**BELIZE CITY, Thursday,**  
**April 23, 2009:**

This morning more than thirty local stakeholders attended the final activity of the ILO/IPEC Sub-regional project *"Contribution to the prevention and elimination of the commercial sexual exploitation of children and adolescents (CSEC) in Central America, Panama and the Dominican*



**Some of the young artists at work**

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*Republic."*

The event featured an overview of the projects conducted in country to combat CSEC over the last three years and saw the launch of a regional documentary on the cyclical care model used in the care of victims and adopted by Belize.

In delivering the opening address, Belize's First Lady, **Mrs. Kim Simplis-Barrow**, applauded the efforts of the social sector and pledged to add her efforts to the fight against what she referred to as the *"destroyer of innocence and the innocent unfortunately,"* she said *"seems to be gaining ground in our society.* The First Lady went on to inform that she is *"so very pleased to be associated with actions that are designed to eradicate CSEC... CSEC will be one of the focus areas of my activities as I will be undertaking public education and advocacy initiatives and I am vigorously pursuing the possibility of hosting a Central American First Ladies Conference on the topic in 2010."*

Sub-regional CSEC Project Officer for Belize from the ILO office in Costa Rica, **Nidia Zúñiga**, presented an overview of the sub-regional project, which began in 2002. For those seven years, the ILO/IPEC has been trying to combat CSEC through activities geared at horizontal collaboration, institutional strengthening, increasing awareness and social mobilization. Belize was included in the project in 2006. According to Zúñiga, a lot of effort has been put into

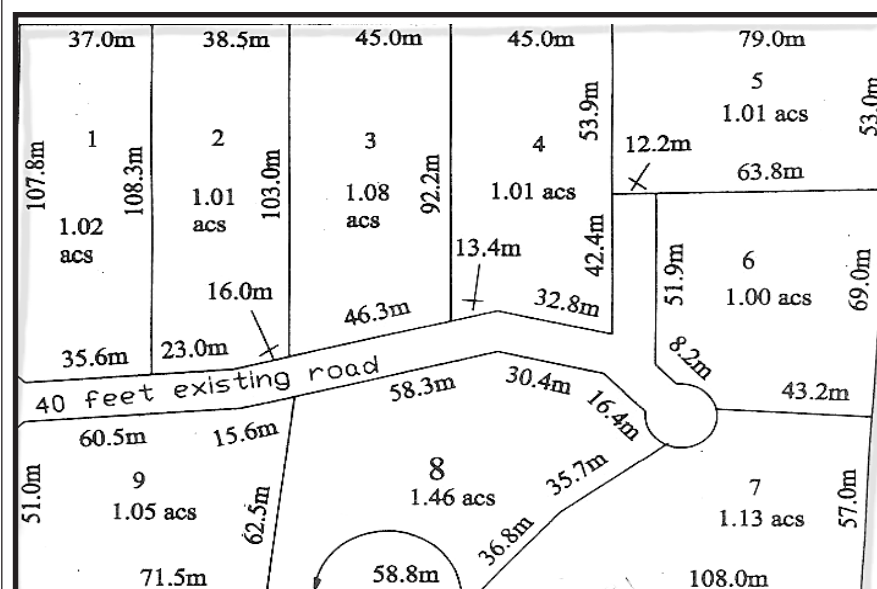
creating awareness with different stakeholders, health professionals, caregivers, labour officers, media, teachers, and the NGO community.

Other achievements in Belize include intervention in the lives of over a hundred adolescents at-risk or already engaged in CSEC; the adoption of the Cyclical Care Model for victims of CSEC; and the development of CSEC legislation which seeks to make commercial sexual exploitation a crime. *"Belize is now one of the more specialized countries in the region in relation to the issue of CSEC because of the information disseminated and the infrastructures that are in place and about to come on line,"* said Zúñiga.

Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Human Development and Social Transformation, Judith Alpuche, closed the proceedings by speaking on the issue of sustainability and the way forward while simultaneously pledging the ministry's commitment to continue the progress made thus far by linking it to existing efforts in child protection, child labour and human trafficking. CEO Alpuche made public several projects in the works including the establishment of semi-independent homes for teenage victims of child abuse and neglect and continued training and collaboration with Civil Society and NGO's.

At the conclusion of the workshop, the participants were hosted to an appreciation luncheon.

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## Readers Write



### Keep Up The Good Work At The San Ignacio Hospital

**Dear Editor;**

Please allow me space in your widely circulating newspaper to express my innermost feelings about the San Ignacio Hospital which in the near future will be known as the San Ignacio Community Hospital.

On the advice of **Dr. Fidel Cuellar**, my wife was recently admitted for 4 days at the San Ignacio Hospital. At first I had reservations but Dr. Cuellar convinced us, and what a wide decision we made.

The age of the hospital, notwithstanding, does not matter as it is kept spanking clean at all times. The staff treats each other like family.

Let me say without hesitation that those working at this institution are indeed devoted and highly trained. They are professionals and treat all patients professionally.

Dr. Fidel Cuellar is a newcomer to San Ignacio. I spent long hours with my wife and had the opportunity to observe the dedication of his

work. He treats all patients with dignity and respect.

The services at this hospital, considering the financial constraints, are second to none in this country.

It is a pity that with the move to the new location and with the downgrading of the facility from a hospital to a polyclinic some of these services might disappear as it is my understanding that the new facility is not designed to keep patient for any extended periods of time and as such residents in this area will be faced with the inconvenience of having to be moved either to Belmopan or to Belize City whenever this service becomes necessary.

I close by asking all the people who provide services at the San Ignacio Hospital to keep up the good work and may God bless all of you.

**PS: I am copying this letter to the Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Health for his information.**

**Leopold Waight, San Ignacio.**

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**Dear Editor;**

About a year or two ago, the **Reporter** and the **STAR Newspaper**, published my article entitled: **“Belize can go Solar”**. Since then I have had the opportunity to speak with Belize’s Minister for International Trade, **Hon. Wilfred “Sedi” Elrington**, who indicated his support for the idea.

The electrical monopoly, Belize Electricity Limited (BEL), however, wasn’t too convinced that commercial solar energy would help in securing Belize’s economic future, provide better quality of life and higher standards of living for Belizeans.

I said it then, and I am saying it again, **Solar Energy is the way forward.**

Solar Energy is cleaner therefore environmentally friendly and is in sync with the nature tourism that Belize is currently marketing.

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it is sustainable...the sun is the oldest star in the universe, hence, we expect for it to be with us for a while; it is much cheaper than fuel generated electricity and it will become cheaper in the medium and long term range as more people is connected.

Thirty years down the road, we can be facing the same electrical crisis of today, if we don’t change our mind set.

The Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago brings added hope to Solar Energy, considering that the USA has boldly recognize that cleaner sources of energy, including solar can help to combat Global Warming. The topic therefore is on the agenda for the Summit.

In order to secure its economic future and provide a better way of life for its people and for those visiting its shores, Belize can and must assume the regional leadership role in small and commercial scale Solar Energy.

**Leo A. Obando (PhD)**  
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# Mr. Greedy's Santa Elena Franchise Closed

BY: Mary Cariddi

**SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, April 23, 2009:**

First let me introduce myself, I am **Mary Cariddi** the mother of the two young men who fought off those two armed robbers who tried to rob Mr. Greedy's Pizzeria in Santa Elena last month.

The robbers came in, one armed with what initially looked like a gun and the other with a machete.

The gunman pointed the object at my eldest son and when he stood up to get the money they demanded, he was shoved to the ground and the object was placed to his head.

The gunman then pointed the thing at my youngest son's daughter. Upon seeing this, my youngest son jumped the gunman and when he was fighting with the gunman he was chopped three times by the machete man landing him in the hospital.

My sons fought for their lives. A customer at the Chinese super-

market across the highway called the police. The police arrived shortly thereafter and promptly took the two men into custody. The object was found to be an imitation pistol bearing true resemblance to the real thing.

The police did a magnificent job. They secured the crime scene and kept it under their control until all the evidence was gathered.

The accused were taken to court and were remanded to prison by our magistrate.

In their wisdom however, the Supreme Court later proceeded in granting them bail. It obviously did not matter to the Supreme Court that subsequent to their arrest these two men have threatened to kill my sons. It goes even further as some members of their family have also threatened to kill my sons during the time their relatives were in prison.

It does not matter that our local shops have been robbed allegedly by two thieves, one with a gun and the other with a

machete and coincidentally or otherwise, since these two individuals have been in jail none is the crime reported to have been committed by a gunman and a machete man.

It is in this light, that before one of my sons is killed, as was their grandmother at her farm on the Hummingbird Highway, **we have come to the painful decision of having to close the doors of Mr. Greedy's in Santa Elena.** God help our country.

In my humble opinion, it might not be a bad idea for judges of the Supreme Court to come down here and see the conditions under which we live as we labor arduously, sometimes more than 12 hours every single day, just to survive while these two individuals come in and by means of force, threatening bodily harm and maybe even death, endeavor to deprive us of the little fruits of our hard labor.

We somehow get the feeling that the law in our land is not backing us up.

Our police and our courts here in Cayo did their jobs and they did it well. What a slap in their faces the release of these individuals must be.

Here in Cayo we have honest, hardworking and honorable people being terrorized by thieves, robbers and rapists.

We put bars on our windows, install surveillance cameras in our business places, fence our property and put dogs in our yards just to create a safety zone for ourselves and our families. We are converting our homes and places of business into mini prisons while the thieves and rapists roam the streets freely.

This brings me to the next point, what about all those poor people who can ill afford the burglar bars, the cameras, fences and guard dogs?

When did our community get this way? When did the world turn upside down?

When are going to stop the empty promises of hanging murderers and truly put these promises to action by hanging the first one?

## Chairman of Barbados & Jamaica Youth Business Trust Visiting Belize

**BELIZE CITY, Wednesday, April 22, 2009:**

A release from the Youth Business Trust Belize (YBTB) today informed that the Trust is pleased to be hosting **Mr. David Clarke** LVO (Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order), the Chairman of both the Barbados Youth Business Trust (BYBT) as well as the Jamaica Youth Business Trust (JYBT), who is on a short visit to Belize.

On Friday, April 24, 2009, Mr. Clarke will be appearing on Channel 5's Morning Show, Open Your Eyes, along with the Chairman of Youth Business Trust Belize (YBTB), **Mr. Shaun Finnetty**.

Mr. Clarke will also meet with the Board of Directors and the Board of Patrons of YBTB at a breakfast meeting at the Radisson Fort George Hotel and Marina at 7:30 also on Friday.

At this meeting it is expected that Mr. Clarke will be discussing issues affecting the Caribbean Group of Youth Business Trusts and sharing best practices as he has been involved

with BYBT from its inception in 1997 and became the Chairman of JYBT in 2006.

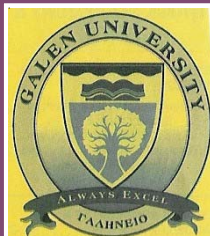
He will then meet with Mentors and Entrepreneurs at a Mentor Motivational Mixer following his meeting with the Boards.

Youth Business Trust Belize is a program offering young persons between the ages of 18-35 assistance in starting their own businesses.

The program offers loan financing, training and the ever important component, mentoring, which guides the young persons business on the road to success.

Those who have pledged their commitment to the program, which is being funded by the Inter American Development Bank, have made a serious investment in the future of Belize.

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### **NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13**

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

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



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

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200 02090**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **FORT GEORGE/PICKSTOCK**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 936 & 937

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 146/1981 dated 3rd February, 1981 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 2 of 1981 at Folios 899 - 914 in favour of **WILLIAM QUINTO & JIMMY QUINTO**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902100**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN** Block No. 4 and being Parcels No. 1759

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 781 of 1998 dated 21st July, 1998 in favour of **CRISPINA CAWICH**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902115**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3680

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 1095 of 1998 dated 4th November, 1998 in favour of **BARBARA L. MELENDEZ ALONZO**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902118**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3791

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 487 of 1996 dated 11th December 1996 in favour of **RICARDO ESCARRAGA JR.**

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902119**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3328

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1367/2007 dated 21st April, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 17 of 2007 at Folios 301 - 308 in favour of **EVITA YADIRA MAI & IDOLY MARILYN SMITH**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902130**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1133

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 741/1999 dated 22nd March, 1999 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 8 of 1999 at Folios 969- 972 in favour of **MARGUERITE C. MILES & MICHAEL HEUSNER**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902142**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PORT/ LOYOLAVILLE**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 2075

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 285 of 2005 dated 9th August, 2005 in favour of **JOAN GUNNELS**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902144**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN FELIPE**, Block No. 13 and being Parcel No. 505

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 554 of 1992 dated 4th December, 1992 in favour of **EMETERIO CRUZ**.

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This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1480

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1239/2008 dated 29th April, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 15 of 2008 at Folios 1129-1138 in favour of **YUECHAO HUANG**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902170**

This parcel of land are situated in the Registration Section, **DANGRIGA NORTH** Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 1405

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 1315/2008 dated 10th May, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 16 of 2008 at Folios 1159 - 1170 in favour of **DARRYL DEEANN LONGSWORTH**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902196**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PORT/ LOYOLAVILLE**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1432

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 0258/2006 dated 25th January, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 4 of 2006 at Folios 213-222 in favour of **SHANNON A. POLLARD & ANTHONY E. POLLARD**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902197**

These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, **PORT/ LOYOLAVILLE** Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1431

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 0257/2006 dated 25th January, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 4 of 2006 at Folios 202 - 212 in favour of **BRANDON J. POLLARD & ANTHONY E. POLLARD**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902220**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PORT/ LOYOLAVILLE** Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1046

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 1608/2008 dated 30th May, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 19 of 2008 at Folios 1459 - 1470 in favour of **SEAN NICHOLAS**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902222**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 681

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 32 of 1967 dated 14th January, 1976 in favour of **NICHOLAS PINEDA**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902223**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 685

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 494 of 1978 dated 8th January, 1979 in favour of **DAILA PINEDA**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902226**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PATCHAKAN**, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 217

This parcel of land is the subject of a Assent No. 2364/1992 dated 3rd November, 1992 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 28 of 1992 at Folios 1062-1069 in favour of **ADOLFINA PATT as Administratrix of the Estate of PETRONILO PATT Sr.**

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902234**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration **FORT GEORGE/ PICKSTOCK**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 76

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 3121/2003 dated 25th October, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 42 of 2003 at Folios 1365 - 1372 in favour of **ROBIN McCUTHEON**.

#### **APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902296**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **QUEEN'S SQUARE**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 314

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 5/1982 dated 5th January, 1982 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 1 of 1982 at Folios 33-40 in favour of **DELFIN SIDNEY SANCHEZ**.

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# This Saturday Evening It's The First Annual "Festival Of Lights" In Cristo Rey Village

The Winsom Foundation Presents First Annual "Festival Of Lights" with this years slogan "KEEP IT IN THE LIGHT" on April 25th, at the Cristo Rey Football Field, Cayo District.

This event is to raise funds for the scholarship program so that every child from Cristo Rey, who has good grades and wants to continue their schooling, will be able to do so.

The Festival of Light will turn the football field into a blaze of lights with lighted lanterns made by the children and adults.

There will be amazing Fire Spinners and Capoeira Dancers, burning sculptures made by artists and the children of Cristo Rey.

There will also be games with prizes, food and a surprise Fire Extravaganza to top off the evening.

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The Winsom Foundation is an official non-profit organization of

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### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902305

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This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2690/1995 dated 15th December, 1995 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 29 of 1995 at Folios 375 - 382 in favour of CLAUDINE RAMIREZ.

### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902306

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3414

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2691/1995 dated 15th December, 1995 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 29 of 1995 at Folios 383 - 390 in favour of MISAEEL HECTOR RAMIREZ.

### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902354

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3271

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 940/2004 dated 14th April, 2004 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 13 of 2004 at Folios 561 - 568 in favour of FREDDIE DOMINGUEZ & AURDETTE DOMINGUEZ.

### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200902707

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1858

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Every morning she would plead with him to stop the habit because it was making her sick. He told her he couldn't stop it and that it was perfectly natural.

She told him to see a doctor as she was concerned that one day he would blow his guts out. The years went by and he continued the habit.

One Christmas morning as she was preparing the turkey for dinner and he was upstairs sound asleep, she looked at the innards, neck, gizzard, liver and all the spare parts, and a malicious thought came to her.

She took the bowl and went upstairs where her husband was sound asleep and, gently pulling the bed covers back, she pulled back the elastic waistband of his underpants and emptied the

bowl of turkey guts into his shorts.

Some time later she heard her husband waken with his usual trumpeting which was followed by a blood curdling scream and the sound of frantic foot steps as he ran into the bathroom.

The wife could hardly control herself as she rolled in the sofa laughing, tears in her eyes! after years of torture she reckoned she had got him back pretty good.

About twenty minutes later, her husband came downstairs in his bloodstained underpants with a look of horror on his face.

She bit her lip as she asked him what was the matter.

"Honey" he said, "you were right. All these years you have warned me and I didn't listen to you."

"What do you mean?" asked his wife.

"Well, you always told me that one day I would end up farting my guts out. Well today it finally happened..... but by the grace of god, with some vaseline and two fingers ..... think I got most of it back in.

## SOMEONE WILL ALWAYS SHOW UP

A Scout Master was teaching his boy scouts some basic jungle survival skills.

"What are the three most important things you should bring with you in case you are alone a you get lost in the jungle?" he asked.

Several hands went up, and many important things were suggested such as food, matches, etc.

A little boy in the back eagerly raised his hand. "Yes Davey, what are the three most important things you would bring with you?" asked the Scout Master.

Davey replied, "A compass, a canteen of water, and a deck of cards."

"Why is that Davey?" asked the Scout Master.

"Well," answered Davey, "the compass is to find the right direction, and the water is to prevent dehydration."

"And what about the deck of cards?" asked the Scout Master impatiently.

Davey replied, "Well, Sir, as soon as you start playing Solitaire, someone is bound to come up behind you and say, 'Put that red nine on top of that black ten'."

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## GOB Has Granted US Capital Permission To Enter The Park

The Forest Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment has since late 2006 and early 2007 engaged SATIM on the matter of the permit held by US Capital to enter and conduct seismic testing in the Sarstoon-Temash National Park.

The department has made available to SATIM copies of all documentation US Capital has provided in its request to enter the park. In addition, the Forest Department has written to SATIM on several occasions and these correspondences were faxed and hand-delivered.

To date the Forest Department has received only one official response from SATIM in which they objected to the granting of the permit to US Capital and warned the Forest Department not to issue the permit since it would precipitate court action.

The Forest Department has followed due process in making information regarding the US Capital permit available to SATIM, even though their co-management agreement has expired.

The Forest Department is satisfied that it has reasonably consulted with SATIM on this

matter.

The Government of Belize, as per the Supreme Court ruling, has the responsibility to chart the best way forward, and in this case, has granted US Capital permission to enter the park to conduct seismic testing.

The Forest Department is confident that with regular monitoring, there will be minimal damage to the systems in the park, as stipulated in the approved environmental impact assessment.

Furthermore, mindful of the Supreme Court ruling, the permit excludes the communal lands claimed by residents of Conejo Village.

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## Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

### **ARIES**

March 22 - April 20



You will be close to winding up some projects. There will be good cheer as well for you to get affection from dear ones. There will be an amazing realization of how well you are loved. There could be some hectic traveling, but this does not necessarily mean out of the place where you live. **Lucky numbers: 9, 13, 45.**

### **TAURUS**

April 21 to May 21



There will be a lot of tension, but there will be patience in surfeit also. Do maintain cordial relations even if you feel that things are getting out of hand. The second half of the week is better and you engage in fixing things around the house. The focus is on property. **Lucky numbers: 6, 37, 42.**

### **GEMINI**

May 22 - June 21



Your good work inspires confidence in you and you set about the tasks with enthusiasm. You are also able to turn tables on your opponents. The feisty individual in you comes to the fore and makes you act practically. There will be social gatherings where people are naturally drawn to you. **Lucky**

numbers: 5, 46, 73.

### **CANCER**

June 22 to July 23



There will be plenty of negotiations to be handled. You are likely to be snowed under with work professionally, so be prepared to deal with exasperating issues and difficult people as well. The good part will be that you will be able to maintain a tactful approach. **Lucky numbers: 2, 64, 81.**

### **LEO**

July 24 to August 21



There will be a sense of rejoicing when you have earned your fair share of success. You will be excited about some new project that you want to get involved with. There will be increase in the inflow of finances. There will also be an extreme sense of duty towards a social cause. **Lucky numbers: 1, 15, 27.**

### **VIRGO**

August 22 to September 21



This week requires you to address some of the larger issues including domestic affairs and property related issues. There will be success at work and it works out to be a huge morale booster for you. There will be some great

bonding at home and you will need to work on the areas that have been left neglected. **Lucky numbers: 19, 39, 68.**

### **LIBRA**

September 22 to October 23



This week is full of challenges but will be quite exciting. There are good chances of success in the tasks undertaken by you. For now it will do you well to keep your plans to yourself as there could be people who envy your progress. Domestic issues will also draw their bit of attention. **Lucky numbers: 20, 41, 76.**

### **SCORPIO**

October 24 to November 21



There will be volatile situations at home and in your workplace. It is a tough situation to be in but you should take it as a challenge rather than fall into the trap of getting angry. You need to be careful about not letting external issues affect your interaction with your dependents. **Lucky numbers: 10, 34, 59.**

### **SAGITTARIUS**

Nov. 22 to Dec. 21



This is a more people centered week. You will be meeting many old friends and colleagues. If you have wanted to seek help but have shied away for the sake of pride, you can go

ahead and state what is in your mind. You will be able to look at people with more kindness. **Lucky numbers: 3, 55, 81.**

### **CAPRICORN**

December 22 to January 20



There will be interactions with loved ones that will determine your peace of mind. However, do be careful that you remain unaffected by the environment while taking decisions. You must strive for personal growth at all times. **Lucky numbers: 8, 44, 97.**

### **AQUARIUS**

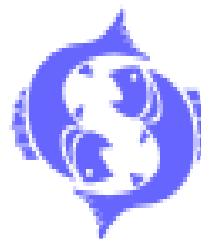
January 21 to February 19



This week sees your dreams taking concrete shape. There will be some deals to be handled at work. Try to make them unambiguous. There will be demands from loved ones. Take a compassionate view of things and deal with all people with understanding rather than aggression. **Lucky numbers: 32, 56, 70.**

### **PISCES**

February 20 to March 21



There will be accomplishments galore. You will also be able to work out a deal that will lay solid foundations for the future. This week spells social interactions. In total this is a week where you get to enjoy the fruits of your labor in the recent past. **Lucky numbers: 12, 47, 83.**

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# The United States Of America Should Normalize Relations With Cuba

By: Wellington C. Ramos,  
International Correspondent  
New York City, USA

The United States of America should normalize relations with Cuba before China take advantage of its relations with that Caribbean Island State

Cuba has played a vital role in the social, economic and political development of many countries throughout the Caribbean, Latin America and in the liberation of several African nations.

Cuba has also offered scholarships to citizens of most of these countries in areas of medicine, engineering and other needed professions.

I know several Belizeans who received their degrees in Cuba. Many of these students recount their living experiences in Cuba and they have a different account from what is posted in the American media from time to time. Yet despite this, the United States Government for some strange reason, continue to refuse to normalizing relations with this country.

Cuba is a country that has paid its dues when reaching out to other underdeveloped countries in the world and it is now time for the United States to acknowledge and reward them for their efforts.

When my country, Belize was trying to obtain its political independence from Britain back in the early !970's, Cuba was among the countries that supported Belize's push for independence and was even willing to make a military commitment to defend

Belize if necessary against Guatemala if every they would launch a military attacked. This was at a time when Cuba was also assisting Angola and Mozambique, two countries known as the Frontline African States, from external aggression.

These countries were constantly under attack by the racist apartheid regime in South Africa that was trying to eliminate the liberation forces of Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC) that was fighting to end apartheid in their country and achieve their independence.

At that time the US Government was, for many years, supporting this racist regime and was also refusing to impose an embargo on the South African Apartheid Government.

The United States severed relations with the Cuban government in the 1950's because **Fidel Castro** normalized relations with Russia.

Most Historians and Cuban Experts believe that Castro's action were based on threat by the United States against his life and security of his country. Since that time, new information is being constantly released and confirmed that Fidel Castro obtained these information and moved closer towards Russia and the Warsaw Pact nations for security reasons.

The Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1963 ended all hopes of the US normalizing relations with Cuba and pushed them into the Warsaw Pact Nations Defense Alliance.

After the break up of the Warsaw Pact Alliance in the early 1990's, there have been several countries in Europe, like Poland, Georgia and others that have shown interest in becoming members of the European Union (G-20) formerly known as the North Atlantic Treaty Organizations ( NATO). This organization is accepting them, while the United States is still refusing to accept Cuba as a sister nation in the Latin American and Caribbean community of nations.

Most organizations in this region, have accepted Cuba as a sister nation and are improving trade, economic, educational and cultural relations with Cuba.

When the Republican Party was in power in the US, they had a vested interest in refusing to normalize relations with Cuba because it was beneficial for them to get the Cuban American vote in states like Florida, New Jersey and elsewhere to maintain political control of the Presidency of the United States.

The Republican Party maximized their rhetoric, to win those states until the Cuban Americans got disgusted with them and voted for the Democrats in the last Presidential Election that helped to give **President Barack Obama** a resounding victory in the 2008 elections.

When the United States imposed a trade embargo against Cuba, they also froze their assets which is probably now worth millions of dollars, being monies which should be paid back to the Cuban people.

Cuba has a vast amount of

untapped oil and natural resources, off the coast of Florida, into which China and other countries are trying to tap into.

If the United States Government continue to drag its feet and stay complacent with Cuba - China, Russia and other nations hostile to the United States will normalize relations with Cuba thereby re-ignition the ambers of a Cold War between Russia, China and the United States over Cuba.

The United States must realize that China is an overpopulated country with an urgent need more land for its people. China will stop at nothing to spread its influence throughout other regions of the world.

US President Barack Obama should therefore not hesitate in normalizing relations with Cuba as doing so will bring added benefits to the US in areas of commerce and industry among others.

If the United States sit at the table for talks with Russia, China, North Korea and Iran, which are nations that pose a more serious threat to American survival, then why not Cuba?

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

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

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



# Galen University Launches Bachelor of Education Degree Program With Corozal Junior College

The importance of ensuring that our children are receiving the highest quality of education in Belize cannot be emphasized enough in a context in which the challenges of social and economic development are characterized by rapid change and increasing uncertainty and complexity.

There is no doubt that these challenges are demanding higher levels of innovation and creativity and that the education system of Belize must rise to this challenge.

Our education system needs to become responsive, dynamic and innovative. It cannot wait for waves of educational reform but rather renewal must be built into it at all levels.

In essence Belize's education system must become a learning organization populated with people with adequate training and the ability to constantly innovate and learn at all levels but especially at the school and classroom level.

Unfortunately, our system is



(L-R) Dr. Nancy Adamson, Provost & CEO, Galen University  
Mr. Mai, Dean of Corozal Junior College, and Dr. Filiberto Penados, Director, School of Education, Galen University

plagued by the fact that a large number of our teachers do not have the minimum teaching credentials. As part of its commitment to the sustainable development of Belize, Galen University has undertaken to make a positive contribution by launching a campaign to

attract highly able young people into the teaching profession, providing teachers with the highest quality of education and delivering its programs in a manner that is flexible and accessible. It launched its Associate and Bachelor Degree in Primary education at its Central Farm Campus offering the opportunities for teachers to specialize in key curricular areas including Mathematics, Science, Language and Social Studies.

The Primary Education degree builds on the Associate Degree offered at Junior colleges around the country, at the University of

Belize and at Galen University and it can be completed on a part time basis in three years. Galen's programs are designed for both full-time and part-time study.

Galen University is now partnering with Corozal Junior College (CJC) to offer the opportunity to teachers in the northern districts to pursue a Bachelor Degree.

The program will be offered at the CJC campus during Saturdays, evenings and during summer times in a way that accommodates working teachers and allows them to balance the demands of teaching and studying.

Galen University invites all interested teachers to enroll in the program. We offer a variety of financial aid opportunities.

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## First Caribbean Donates To Youth Business Trust

**BELIZE CITY, Friday, April 24, 2009:**

Youth Business Trust Belize received its second tranche of BZ\$10,000 from First Caribbean International Bank.

**Glen Smith**, representing the bank, made the presentation this morning on Channel 5's Morning Show, Open Your Eyes. He presented the check to the Chairman of Youth Business Trust Belize (YBTB), **Shaun Finnetty**.

The first tranche of BZ \$20,000 was delivered in January 2008 at YBTB's first official fundraiser which was held at the Brown Sugar Marketplace. First Caribbean International Bank pledged its commitment to Youth Business Trust Programmes, not only in Belize, but throughout the Caribbean. The commitment of \$10,000 will again be delivered in 2010 as a three year commitment totaling \$40,000. First Caribbean sees the benefits of youth

development through poverty and crime alleviation. This money will be used to bridge the counterpart funding gap for the programme.

Youth Business Trust Belize is a program offering young persons between the ages of 18-35 assistance in starting their own businesses. The program offers loan financing, training and the ever important component, mentoring, which guides the young persons business on the road to success.

Those who have pledged their commitment to the program, which is being funded by the Inter American Development Bank, have made a serious investment in the future of Belize. The program, which follows the Youth Business International model started by Prince Charles of Wales, boasts of a vast network of thirty eight countries worldwide.

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# SWIFT JUSTICE FOR A GUATEMALAN BANDIDO

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gunshot wounds below the right eye, the chest, and on the right arm and the left leg.

A post mortem examination later revealed the cause of death as hypovolemic shock due to gunshot wounds to the face and chest.

**Jesus “Chush” Ponce** was laid to rest in Benque Viejo Town on Wednesday, April 22.

Benque Viejo police conducted a fruitless search in the area at the Mopan River crossing into neighoring Melchor De Mencos, Guatemala, after which they concluded that the robbery and murder was the actions of a Guatemalan who illegally crossed into Belize and returned to his country after pulling off the crime.

The search was subsequently abandoned. However, at around 3:30 pm on Tuesday, April 21, the Policia Nacional Civil from neighboring Melchor De Mencos informed Benque Viejo Police of the reported sighting of a dead body under the water near the Belize Water Services

Limited pumping station.

According to the Guatemalan police, they received the report at around mid day when two Guatemalans, diving for fish in the river, made the discovery and reported it to them.

The Guatemalan police visited the scene but realized that the body was inside Belizean territory and so they passed the information on to Benque Viejo Police.

With the assistance of the persons who made the initial discovery, the body was retrieved from the water and pulled onto the western bank of the Mopan river. It was found to be fully clothed in a dark blue long pants, plaid long sleeve shirt and black belt. The body also had an obvious injury to the right eye.

Police also found a 38 revolver tied with a shoe lace hanging around the neck and resting on the back of the person.

The chamber for the revolver was found to contain 4 expended and 2 live rounds of ammunition.

A further search of the person led to the discovery of 10 live rounds of ammunition, for the revolver, in the front left pocket of his pants along with a Guatemalan cedula in the name of **Juan Noe Suchite**, 22, Guatemalan farmer residing in the Suchitan Barrio of Melchor De Mencos, Guatemala. The photograph on the cedula was determined to be that of the deceased.

In his shirt pocket, the police found 134 Quetzales in denominations of 1’s, 5’s, 10’s and 20’s along with BZ\$105 in \$2, \$5 and \$10 denominations.

The body was positively identified by one of the victims of the Monday night robbery as that of the person who pulled off the robbery and murdered Jesus “Chush” Ponce. This was further corroborated by the discovery of the revolver and the 4 expended shells.

# New Justices Of The Peace In Cayo Northeast

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The brief swearing ceremony began with a prayer by **Rev. Onesimo Pot** from the Nazarene Church.

The welcome address was

Police suspect that in the haste to flee the scene in the darkness, the deceased might have injured his right eye when he plunged into the river as he attempted to escape. The injury might have disoriented him thereby resulting in his drowning.

Apart from the injury to the right eye, the body had no other visible sign of injury. It was subsequently transported to the morgue at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize where a post mortem examination, conducted on Thursday, April 23, revealed the cause of death as asphyxia due to drowning.

The body was later transported back to Benque Viejo Town and handed over to a relative who was on hand during the post mortem examination, for transportation to the Guatemalan Barrio in Melchor from whence he originally came.

delivered by Daniel Waight while the cadre of new Justice of the Peace and Senior Justices of the Peace were officially sworn in by **Ms. Elisa Montalvo**, Legal Draftsperson and Deputy Solicitor General in the Attorney General’s Ministry.

The vote of thanks was delivered by retired Magistrate and serving Commissioner of the Supreme Court, **Mr. Leopoldo Waight**.

# LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **LISA MANCIAS** is applying for a **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **MOM’S PLACE** located at #185 Joseph Andrews Drive, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.



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