







## Editorial



### Alcoholism Is A Treatable Disease

While we appreciate that the use of crack/cocaine is a scourge in any community as addicts often engage in dishonest means to fund their addiction resulting in increasing crimes of dishonesty such as theft, burglaries and robberies, efforts to address this condition must therefore continue.

Notwithstanding however, in this community we are witnessing an increasing number of persons, obviously addicted to the alcoholic beverage known as extra strong rum.

While these persons' means to get the next pint of rum might not be as aggressive as the crack/cocaine addict, they are mainly known to be begging for a \$1 here and there to accumulate the funds for the next pint of rum, the abuse of this strong beverage however, continues to claim the lives of those addicted to it.

Just this week, another one of these known addicts was buried in San Ignacio following another just a few weeks ago.

While there are those who would jokingly ask which one of them will be next to go, we should not deviate from the fact that the abuse of this legal drug is claiming the lives of a son, a brother, a father, an uncle or cousin somewhere.

We are herewith calling the attention of officials from the National Drug Abuse Control Council and Alcoholics Anonymous to render a helping hand to these dependent souls who are desperately in need of their professional assistance as another life lost to this treatable disease is just another life too much.

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## Death Announcement

It is with profound sadness that  
we announce the passing of

**Mrs. Diega Patnett Card, 70**



which occurred in Los Angeles, California, USA  
on Friday, December 11, 2009

She is predeceased by her Husband  
Mr. Glenn Card  
and by Parents

Mr. Rosendo & Mrs. Teodora Patnett  
as well as two Sisters  
Chris Dougall Patnett & Sabina Requena Patnett  
and one Brother  
Damacio "Leto" Patnett

She is survived by four Sons  
Antonio Silva, Glenn Jr. Douglas & David Card  
and three Daughters,  
Rizzeria Silva, Mrs. Geraldine Gongora & Mrs. Idolly Polk

She is also survived by one Sister  
Rosita Mai Patnett  
and two Brothers  
Florentino "Panto" Patnett & Errol "Dowas" Gonzalez

She is also survived by three Sisters-in-law  
as well as a host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, other  
Relatives and countless Friends.

The body will be received at St. Ignatius Church  
in Santa Elena, Cayo at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday,  
December 24, 2009, for funeral services at 10:00 a.m.

The attention of ALL Relatives & Friends  
is called to this announcement.



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## PNP Condemns Artificial Border Statement And Calls For An Apology

BY: Wil Maheia

**PUNTA GORDA TOWN, Toledo District, Tuesday, December 22, 2009:**

The Peoples National Party (PNP) condemns the statements made by our Foreign Minister

while at the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington DC last week.

We consider our Belizean Border a very sacred reality, a very special place and a line that delineates our independent

aspirations as a nation.

As was evidenced by our trip to the Border in September, we went there to make a point, to show Belizeans that our border exists and to remind Belizeans that we must take care of our borders. Hence, we were

## The Latest Murder In Belize City Home Invasion Style - Another Young Life Has Ended

**BELIZE CITY, Tuesday, December 22, 2009:**

Belize City police reports that shortly after 2 this Tuesday morning, December 22, a report was received of a stabbing incident at #6743

North Creek Road in the city.

Upon arrival at the scene police encountered the motionless body of a male person who was identified as **Albert Morgan Jr**, 23, security guard, with apparent

stab wounds to the left side of the chest and left upper arm. Investigation revealed that Morgan was inside his home when an unknown male person entered and stabbed him. Police are investigating.



**Wil Maheia (L) and a team with the stone border marker at Gracias A Dios in the background**

appalled to learn via the press that our Minister had indicated to the OAS that our border was artificial.

We believe that our Foreign Minister spoke out of context and because he represents and speaks for all Belizeans we demand that he publicly apologizes for endangering our right to self determination.

In addition we are calling on Belizeans to be more vigilant and to demand that our government take more meaningful actions to address the illegal incursions on our borders. We do not buy the argument that we do not have the resources to man our border.

We are calling on the government to immediately initiate a process that seeks to identify an appropriate mechanism that ensures proper vigilance on our borders.

In addition to this we are also asking that the Minister of Defense deploy more soldiers along our border so that we can rest assured that every square centimeter of Belize remains in the hands of Belizeans.

We are very skeptical of the role the OAS is now playing because while they are acting as mediators, the illegal incursions by Guatemalans have continued unabated. Lastly, we are also calling on the socially conscious group, Citizens Organized for Liberty through Action (COLA) to take a stand and call for strong actions.

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*From the Hon. Erwin Contreras & Family*  
**We wish all residents of Benque Veijo, Succotz, Calla Creek and Arenal**

*Merry Christmas and the kind of Holiday Season that beautiful memories are made of.*

## "The Water From A Broken Dam Will Not Come Rushing Down The Macal To The Caribbean Sea" says Major Defour

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Culture Center, Saturday, December 12, 2009:**

In obvious compliance with the Order of the Supreme Court, the Belize Electric Company Limited (BECOL) today held a public education session as the final stage in the Dam Break Early Warning System.

At its peak, the attendance reached no more than a disappointing 20 persons

The panel of presenters included **Jevon Hulse** from the Department of the Environment, **David Reynolds** from BECOL, **Eludoro Lewis** from the Belize Water Services, **Rudolph Williams** from the Department of Hydrology, **Mirna Pinelo** from the Public Health Department, **Alhenry Westby** and **Major Sheldon Defour** from the National Emergency Management Organization, **Rowland Rivers** from the Public Utilities Commission (Water Sector) and **Dennis Gonguez**, from the Meteorology Department.

The session was described as the third and final phase in the Dam Break Early Warning System with the first phase being the setting up of the warning system, the second being the testing and the third the public education session on the system.

The team reported that they have held discussions in relevant schools, communities, resorts and were now moving into the Towns as they endeavor to educate the over 24 thousand residents in communities and distance from the Chalillo Dam as follows: Cristo Rey (30 miles), San Ignacio (32 miles), Santa Elena (32 miles), Bullet Tree (33 miles), Santa Familia (33 miles) and Calla Creek (34 miles).

The officials informed that while the dam is built to withstand an 8.0 earthquake, in the worse case scenario of a dam break, the water will take 2 ½ hours to travel the 32 miles to San Ignacio and Santa Elena. Therefore, to be on the safe side, evacuation from danger to safe zones should be effected within the hour.

The BECOL representatives went into details to explain the

physical construction of the dam as well as the automatic and manual activation of the warning system along with the sirens, the radio communication network and the power backup mechanism.

Those in attendance were advised that in the unlikely event of a dam break, the safe zone in Santa Elena is all that area on the right side of the highway when traveling towards Belmopan being Santa Cruz, La Loma Luz and Hillview areas.

In San Ignacio, residents along the Bullet Tree Road and other low lying areas and Independence Square should follow the evacuation route to Falcon Field.

All those residents in the downtown area of San Ignacio should proceed to the safe zone at the Victor Galvez Stadium.

In general all those persons gathered in the various safe zones should wait there for further instructions from NEMO.

The estimated time for anyone to be in safe areas should be in two to three hours.

Villagers along the Western Highway are advised to exercise caution and to monitor water levels along the Belize River.

Interestingly and contrary to public opinion, Major Defour informed that 2 studies conducted by Dr. Boles, an expert in the field, indicate, that in the event of a dam break, the water, all 24 million cubic yards from the Chalillo and 1.6 mil-

lion cubic yards from the Mollejon "will not come rushing down the Macal like a huge wave towards the Caribbean Sea" but rather it will take the form of a steady rise in water levels much like in flooding condition of the past and therefore residents down the river monitor the rise in water level and evacuate to higher grounds when necessary.

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*May the good Lord fulfill you all with His promises and bestow on you His many blessings.*



# Mexico City Moves To Legalize Same Sex Marriage

**MEXICO CITY, Tuesday, December 22, 2009:**

Mexican legislature passes a bill giving gay couples the right to marry, adopt children and enjoy the same status as heterosexual couples.

The Catholic Church and conservatives speak out against it.

A gay rights supporter rallies for passage of the bill in front of the Mexico City legislature. Lawmakers approved the bill, 39-20, and even removed a provision that would have barred gay couples from adopting children.

In a move that may put Mexico City at odds with the rest of the country, the local legislature approved a far-reaching gay rights bill Monday, voting to allow people of the same sex to marry and to adopt children.

The leftist-dominated legislature of this massive city of about 20 million people turned aside opposition from the influential Roman Catholic Church and

ended lively debate to approve the measure by a 39-20 vote. Mayor Marcelo Ebrard is expected to sign the bill into law.

*“Mexico City has put itself in the vanguard,”* said legislator Victor Hugo Romo. *“This is a historic day.”*

Mexico City’s initiative goes further than any other in Latin America by rewriting the law to redefine marriage as a *“free union between two people,”* not only between a man and a woman. It gives homosexual couples the same rights as heterosexual pairs, including the right to adopt, inherit, obtain joint housing loans and share insurance policies.

Several countries, most of them in Europe, and a handful of U.S. states have legalized same-sex marriage in recent years, and the issue is being hotly debated in parts of predominantly Roman Catholic Latin America. Uruguay was the first Latin American nation to recognize same-sex unions, as

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**Wish all Belizeans**  
**A Joyous Holiday Season**  
**And a New Year Filled**  
**With Love, Peace and Good Health**



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Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec at 1:00 p.m.	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> December 2009
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec at 1:00 p.m.	Monday 04 <sup>th</sup> January 2010

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## CHAPTER 194, LAWS OF BELIZE (REVISED EDITION 2000)

### NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13

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

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

  
(**ETHEL EMELISA GLADDEN**) (MS.)  
for **REGISTRAR OF LANDS**

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910259

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ALBERT/MESOP**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 415.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 1751/1989 dated 25th September, 1989 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 19 of 1989 at Folios 305-310 in favour of **HOMER DAKERS**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910596

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3871.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 3002/2007 dated 27th August, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 36 of 2007 at Folios 959-968 in favour of **HENRY TORRES**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910597

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcels No. 2617.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 400 of 1997 dated 26th August, 1997 in favour of **CLIFFORD RAMCLAM**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910587

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PORT/LOYOLAVILLE**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 74.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2366/1999 dated 31st August, 1999 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 28 of 1999 at Folios 383-392 in favour of **SAMEERAH MALIKA MORTIS**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910609

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcels No. 1915.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 297 of 1973 dated 29th December, 1973 in favour of **ZENAIDA POLANCO**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910659

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2137.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2819/2003 dated 15th August, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 38 of 2003 at Folios 727-742 in favour of **ROY EVERAT POLONIO**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910660

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2127.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2769/2007 dated 24th August, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 33 of 2007 at Folios 1337-1354 in favour of **SHANE ANDREW VASQUEZ**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910662

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2130.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 588/2008 dated 4th March, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 7 of 2008 at Folios 1493-1514 in favour of **THELMAALICET GARCIA** and **GUADENCIO CUS**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910665

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2153.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 637/2008 dated 5th March, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 8 of 2008 at Folios 1175-1198 in favour of **ISMAEL LAURENCIO GARCIA** and **ROXANA RUTH CHULIN**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910687

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **DANGRIGA NORTH**, Block No. 31 and being Parcels No. 454.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 53 of 1991 dated 12th February, 1991 in favour of **LEONIE RIVAS**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910669

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 325.

This parcel of land is the subject of an Indenture No. 647/1986 dated 13th July, 1986 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 1986 at Folios 985 to 992 in favour of **OSCAR MONTERO**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910705

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **DANGRIGA NORTH**, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 1410.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 624/1990 dated 9th March, 1990 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 7 of 1990 at Folios 1063-1074 in favour of **ENID COOPER**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910706

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **BENQUE VIEJO DEL CARMEN**, Block No. 23 and being Parcels No. 637.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 441 of 1981 dated 23rd September, 1981 in favour of **BARNABE ISMAEL COCOM**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910713

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SARTENEJA**, Block No. 3 and being Parcels No. 508.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 665 of 1979 dated 13th December, 1979 in favour of **JAIME SOSA**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910722

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcels No. 2675.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 2 of 1986 dated 9th January, 1986 in favour of **AUREA MARTINEZ**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910723

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcels No. 91.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 44 of 1991 dated 7th February, 1991 in favour of **ANTONIO MARTINEZ**.

#### APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910749

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## Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

### ARIES:

March 22 to April 20



This week will be about lying back and spending some time with your loved ones. You will have more than enough money in your hands but most of it is likely to be pumped into home improvement. Do not dwell too much on disappointments of the past. **Lucky Numbers: 06, 52, 97.**

### TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21



You sense a growing ambitiousness within you. It may actually be amazing to note the lengths to which you are willing to achieve your goals. Spare no efforts but be careful not to become involved in any illegal activity. You will be enjoying the year-end festivities. **Lucky Numbers: 08, 37, 64.**

### GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21



Fun times are round the corner. However, it is likely to be a busy time for you, especially for those in business. Home-makers may be entertaining guests. You can expect a favour returned to bail you out of a tough spot. If you give your best now, the gains will more than make up for the fun you lost out on. **Lucky Numbers: 03, 48, 79.**

### CANCER:

June 22 to July 23



You gain more stability of thought and a better grip over your routine. You understand the physical limitations and are now willing to be more considerate to yourself by slowing down your pace of work. An increased willingness to work on personal relationships is also there. **Lucky Numbers: 10, 54, 88.**

### LEO:

July 24 to August 21



It's year end and you will want to bring in the new year in the company of people who matter to you. You could be required to engage in team activities. Keep an even temperament and you should be able to have your way. Professionally, you will find strategising easier as you find yourself focussed and sharper. **Lucky Numbers: 09, 24, 67.**

### VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21



You will be rewarded in some form — appreciation or monetary gains for your efforts at work. You will be more creative and will like to take your operations to a larger scale. On a more personal note, you will be quite accommodative of others but you still need to keep away from being too judgmental. **Lucky Numbers: 11, 28, 57.**

### LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23



Wisdom lies in striking the iron when it is hot so that you can sit back and enjoy the rewards later. What you feel now is a curious mix of love and compassion for your loved ones and a tug to reach great heights at work. Muster up a sense of balance. **Lucky Numbers: 14, 45, 60.**

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21



If you simply concentrate on getting your part right, without focusing on the outcome, concrete gains are assured. Do not give into the temptation of fast results. You may have to organise an event. In any case, your public image gets a boost. Do not neglect your health. **Lucky Numbers: 02, 17, 63.**

### SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21



You find yourself turning deeply spiritual and possibly following some rituals too. Demands at work will continue. But you need to pay more attention to loved ones or resentment will begin to build up. Travel to places close are likely. Look after all your valuables with great care. **Lucky Numbers: 04, 33, 62.**

### CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20



The coming days give you a glimpse of where you could reach, if you work hard enough. There could be some huge expenditure that may upset you. Some procedures could get executed smoothly but do not become smug and let it go out of control. **Lucky Numbers: 01, 16, 47.**

AQUARIUS: January 21 to February 19



The next few days are a strange mix. You may, on one hand, be at sixes and sevens to muster up resources for meeting sudden monetary demands; you may have to ask for favours too. On the other side, life reveals who your real friends are. You let go of your reservations and let your hair down. **Lucky Numbers: 07, 25, 99.**

PISCES: February 20 to March 21



The going has been good for you in the past weeks, especially if you're engaged in creative pursuits. Keep your mind from going into an overdrive where interpersonal relations are concerned. Most complications are likely to resolve in good time. Sinus related problems may plague you. **Lucky Numbers: 12, 27, 75.**

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# STAR HUMOR

## An Unusual Funeral Procession

A woman was walking down Burns Avenue in San Ignacio Town when she noticed a most unusual funeral procession heading towards the Santa Rita Cemetery.

A first vehicle carrying a coffin was followed by a second one, about 50 feet behind, also carrying a coffin.

Behind the second vehicle was a solitary woman walking a pit bull on a leash. Behind her, a short distance back, were about 200 women walking single file.

The woman was so curious that she respectfully approached the woman walking the dog and said, *"I am so sorry for your loss, and I know now is a bad*

*time to disturb you, but I have never seen a funeral like this. Whose funeral is it?"*

"My husband's," replied the lady leading the dog.

"What happened to him?" asked the curious woman.

The woman replied, **"My dog attacked and killed him."**

She inquired further, *"Well, who is in the second coffin?"*

The woman answered, **"My mother-in-law. She was trying to help my husband when the dog turned on her."**

A poignant and thoughtful moment of silence passed between the two women.

*"Can I borrow your dog?"*

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9. It has a much shorter braking distance than the private car.

10. Unusual and alarming engine noises are easily eliminated by turning up the radio.

## New Uniforms For Benque Police Cadets

**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo District, Sunday, December 20, 2009:**

The Centennial Park in Benque Viejo Town was the venue this past Sunday evening for the official handing over and inspection of new uniforms for all 50 members of the Benque Viejo Police Cadet Corp.

On hand for the event was the Officer Commanding the Benque Viejo Police Sub-Formation **Inspector Claudio Mai** along with the formation former Commanding Officer **Superintendent Ms. Dizerie Phillips** who is now the Commander of Community Policing at the national level.

In addressing the gathering of Cadets and their families, Supt. Phillips commented on the progress achieved by the new leadership of the sub-formation since she was transferred from the Town just over a year ago.

The fifty cadets - 35 from Benque Viejo Town and the remaining 15 from the neighboring village of San Jose

Succotz- each received, free of cost, full uniform which included beret, shirt/blouse, pants/skirt, socks, and boots.

The new uniforms were acquired with assistance from the Area Representative **Hon. Erwin Contreras**; His worship the Mayor of Benque Viejo Town **Nicholas Ruiz**; parents of the Cadets and members of the committee from Succotz and Benque.

Also instrumental in making the event possible were Community Policing Instructors **PC #140 Joshua Mckoy** and **PC #22 Bernard Villanueva** as well as the officer in charge of Succotz Village, **PC #1165 Jemaine Young**.

The Officer Commanding Benque Viejo Police Sub-Formation, Inspector Claudio Mai took the opportunity to extend heartfelt gratitude to everyone who assisted in making the event a huge success, in particular all the Parents of the Cadets and the people of Benque Viejo Town on a whole.



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## Esperanza Farmer Caught Chicken Thieves In The Act One Of Whom Was Literally Found Holding The Bag

**ESPERANZA VILLAGE, Cayo District, Sunday, December 13, 2009:**

Alfredo Thompson, 39, Belizean farmer of Esperanza Village in the Cayo District reported that on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at about 2:00 p.m., his step son, **Angel Perriott**, alerted him of the presence of three suspicious male persons on the farm in the village.

Thompson rushed to the area where he encountered two male, creole persons standing in front of his chicken house. One of whom was holding a bag and the third person was standing a few feet away. They caught all three persons and when the bag was opened it was found to contain 3 chicken valued at BZ\$50.

They were escorted to the San Ignacio police station and handed over to the police.

They were identified as

Belizeans **Josue Winstor**, 20, labourer, **Barrington Lopez**, 28, unemployed and **Mark Gentle**, 24, farmer, all residing in Esperanza Village.

All three persons were subsequently arrested and formally charged for theft.

They all pleaded not guilty to the charge and were offered and met bail in the sum of \$500. They were ordered to return to court on Wednesday, February 10, 2010.

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## **CHAPTER 194, LAWS OF BELIZE (REVISED EDITION 2000) NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13**

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This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2119.

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This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1885.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 620/2008 dated 27th February, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 8 of 2008 at Folios 869-890 in favour of **TINA MARINA AUXILLOU** and **ILNA ISIDORA AUXILLOU**.

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**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, December 17, 2009:**

It was shortly after 11:30 this Thursday morning, December 17, 2009, when Benque Viejo

police nabbed a Guatemalan with marijuana as he was crossing into Belize from neighbouring Melchor De Mencos, Peten, Guatemala.

The alert Border Patrol Unit

(BPU) came upon the man acting suspiciously on the eastern bank of the Mopan River as he carried a green sports knapsack on his back. When the bag was searched it was found to contain 4 parcels of suspected marijuana wrapped in black plastic and bound with brown tape.

The man was identified as **Ramiro de Jesus Garcia Palencia**, 41, Guatemalan,

labourer from the village of El Cruzadero, Melchor, Peten, Guatemala.

He was transported to the Benque Viejo Town police station where the substance was weighed amounting to 1,800 grams. He was formally arrested and charged for drug trafficking, and subsequently arraigned at the Benque Viejo Magistrate Court where he pleaded guilty to the charge and was ordered to forthwith pay a fine of \$2,000.00 plus \$5.00 cost of court in default 1 year imprisonment



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Burglar Makes Double Haul In One Building

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Monday, December 14, 2009:

San Ignacio Police are yet to make an arrest or recover any of the property stolen from two broad daylight burglaries in the same building occupied by different persons.

In the first incident, **Lewin Samuels**, 42, Belizean Sales Tax Officer of a Cahal Pech Area, San Ignacio Town, address reported that sometime between 9: o'clock in the morning and 12:45 in the afternoon of December 14, the upstairs

cement house he rents from **Cesar Quiroz** who lives downstairs, was burglarized and that the only item missing was a plastic container with an undetermined amount of Belize dollars and coins.

Entry was gained by prying open the front main door.

Harder hit was the landlord, **Cesar Quiroz**, 23, Belizean Hotel Manager who lives downstairs and rents the upstairs to the first complainant.

Quiroz reported that sometime between 8:45 that same morning and 1: o'clock that afternoon his

house was burglarized.

The items listed as stolen include an assortment of jewellery and two men's wrist watch valued at BZ\$500.00.

Investigators observed that the thief or thieves entered the building by prying open a side door through which they might have also exited.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **CARLOS POPPER** is applying for the renewal of his **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **FIVE SISTERS LODGE** located in the Mountain Pine Ridge Range in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MALCOLM McCORMICK** and **NICOLE DANIELS** are applying for the renewal of their **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **ORLEANITO'S** located in Savanna Area, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **IRIS MAHMUD** is applying for the renewal of her **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **LOG CABINS** located on the Western Highway between San Ignacio and Benque Viejo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JOSE ARMANDO RIVERA** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **EL CAMINO BAR & GRILL** located in Duck Run 1 in the Cayo District.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ROSALILIA CASTILLO & PERLA MAZA** are applying for the renewal of their **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **ROSES & PERLA'S GYM REFRESHMENT PARLOUR** located at #8 Carillo Puerto Avenue, Santa Elena Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **SAMO MLAKAR** is applying for the renewal of his **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **D SPOT RESTAURANT & BAR** located on Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **SONIA & ORLANDO CASTELLANOS PERLA** are applying for the renewal of their **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **ROLSON COCINA, CANTING & HOTEL** located at #24 Crenshaw Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **RAMON VARGAS** is applying for the renewal of his **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **MUNCHIES** located in the Hillview Area, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ORLANDO MADRID** is applying for the renewal of his **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **SANDALS RESTAURANT & BAR** located in the village of Cristo Rey in the Cayo District.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JOHN LOPEZ** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **PALMS 2000** located in Esperanza Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MIRIAM & STEPHEN PLAYER** are applying for the renewal of their **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **FAIR BRIDGE RESTAURANT** located in Cristo Rey Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **AMALIA SILVA** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN GENERAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **ROSY'S STORE** located at #11 St. Joseph Street, Benque Viejo Town in the Cayo District. in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **CARLOS MONTALVAN** is applying for the renewal of his **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **MAYA GIAL** located in the Village of Blackman Eddy in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ANNA SUTTON** is applying for the renewal of her **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **CLUB VIETMAN** located in Blackman Eddy Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **TOM GALLAGHER** is applying for the renewal of his **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **MOON RACER FARM LODGING & TOURS** located at 9 Miles Mountain Pine Ridge Road in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **FERMINA DEPAZ** is applying for the renewal of her **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **MARLIN RESTAURANT** located in Duck Run II in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JUN YAN TAN** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **CARIBBEAN RESTAURANT& BAR** located on Kennedy Street, Benque Viejo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **FREDERICK WARRIOR** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **RIVERSIDE LODGE** located in the village of Bullet Tree Falls in the Cayo District.

LOST LAND/LEASE CERTIFICATES

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:-

NAME	CERTIFICATE NO.	REGISTRATION SECTION	PARCEL NO.
MIRTA BLANCO	14514/06	WARREE BIGHT/FRESHWATER CREEK	82/1
DORINE PERDOMO	5771/92	LAKE INDEPENDENCE	603

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

  
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## Belize & Guatemala Meet In Washington DC

**BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo District, Thursday, December 17, 2009:**

A release from the Government Press Office today informed that Belize's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Attorney General, the **Hon. Wilfred Elrington**, and Guatemala's Minister of Foreign Affairs, **His Excellency Haroldo Rodas**, concluded a one day meeting on December 16, 2009 in Washington, DC in which they reviewed the Confidence Building Measures between both countries in effect along the Adjacency Zone.

The meeting was held under the auspices of **His Excellency Jose Miguel Insulza**, Secretary General of the Organization of American States.

It was agreed that the OAS would deploy a technical team to the Belize Guatemala Adjacency Zone to undertake an evaluation of the implementation of the Confidence Building Measures, and to make recommendations on how to improve their effectiveness. It was also agreed in principle that the parties would establish a high level group with participation of the OAS, which would be mandated to deal with controversial issues that may arise along the Belize Guatemala border before they could escalate and lead to tension.

The Foreign Ministers of Belize and Guatemala reiterated



**Hon. Wilfred Elrington**

their commitment to advance the process established in the Special Agreement of December 8, 2008, in which they agreed to submit the territorial differendum to the International Court of Justice for a final resolution after obtaining the approval of the people of Belize and Guatemala via referenda. The Secretary General of

the OAS underscored the commitment of the OAS to continue assisting and accompanying the parties in these important efforts.

The Belize delegation to the meeting was led by **Foreign Minister Elrington** and included **His Excellency Alfredo Martinez**, Ambassador of Belize in Guatemala and

Chief Negotiator; **Ambassador Nestor Mendez**, Ambassador of Belize in the United States; Representative of the Leader of the Opposition; **Ambassador David Gibson**, **Ambassador Diane Haylock**, and **Ms. Cherie Nisbet**, Counsellor at the Embassy of Belize in Washington, DC.

Minister Elrington and the delegation return to Belize on December 17, 2009.

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# Israel Admits Harvesting Palestinian Organs

**Sumbitted by George Gonzalez  
Published on Monday,  
December 21, 2009 by The  
Guardian/UK  
by Ian Black**

Israel has admitted that pathologists harvested organs from dead Palestinians, and others without the consent of their families - a practice that it said ended in the 1990s.

The admission, by the former head of the country's forensic institute, followed a furious row prompted by a Swedish newspaper reporting that Israel was killing Palestinians in order to use their organs - a charge that Israel denied and called "antisemitic".

The revelation, in a television documentary, is likely to generate anger in the Arab and Muslim world and reinforce sinister stereotypes of Israel and its attitude to Palestinians. Iran's state-run Press TV tonight reported the story, illustrated with photographs of dead or badly injured Palestinians.

Ahmed Tibi, an Israeli Arab MP, said the report incriminated the Israeli army.

The story emerged in an interview with Dr. Yehuda Hiss, former head of the Abu Kabir forensic institute near Tel Aviv. The interview was conducted in 2000 by an American academic who released it because of the row between Israel and Sweden over a report in the Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet.

Channel 2 TV reported that in the 1990s, specialists at Abu Kabir harvested skin, corneas, heart valves and bones from the bodies of Israeli soldiers, Israeli citizens, Palestinians and foreign workers, often without permission from relatives.

The Israeli military confirmed to the programme that the practice took place, but added: "This activity ended a decade ago and does not happen any longer."

Hiss said: "We started to harvest corneas ... whatever was done was highly informal. No permission was asked from the family."

However, there was no evidence that Israel had killed Palestinians to take their organs, as the Swedish paper reported. Aftonbladet quoted Palestinians as saying young men from the West Bank and Gaza Strip had

been seized by the Israeli forces and their bodies returned to their families with missing organs. The interview with Hiss was released by Nancy Scheper-Hughes, professor of anthropology at the University of California-Berkeley who had conducted a study of Abu Kabir.

She was quoted by the Associated Press as saying that while Palestinians were "by a long shot" not the only ones affected, she felt the interview must be made public, because "the symbolism, you know, of taking skin of the population considered to be the enemy, [is] something, just in terms of its symbolic weight, that has to be reconsidered."

Israel demanded that Sweden condemn the Aftonbladet article,

calling it an antisemitic "blood libel". Stockholm refused, saying that to do so would violate freedom of speech in the country. The foreign minister then cancelled a visit to Israel, just as Sweden was taking over the EU's rotating presidency.

Hiss was removed from his post in 2004, when some details

about organ harvesting were first reported, but he still works at the forensic institute.

Israel's health ministry said all harvesting was now done with permission. "The guidelines at that time were not clear," it said in a statement to Channel 2. "For the last 10 years, Abu Kabir has been working according to ethics and Jewish law."

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## Salesman Fined Less Than Half The Amount He Admitted To Taking From His Boss

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, December 14, 2009:**

The case against a Belize City salesman, accused of making off with over \$2200 in monies collected from his employer, concluded today in San Ignacio's Magistrate Court.

**Miguel Mahitani**, 26, proprietor of Delta Store in Belize City, reported that **Lionel Anthony Jones**, 26, Belizean salesman, of a Fresh Water Pond address in the Belize District, between the months of September and November 2009, collected over \$2,200 from clients in the San Ignacio/Santa Elena area and failed to pay in these collections.

Documentary evidence presented in court by Mahitani revealed that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009, Jones, who has been working for him as a salesman just a little over a year, collected the sum of \$380.49 from Chen's Supermarket in Santa Elena.

The evidence further revealed that on September 29, 2009 he collected an additional \$898.08 from Huang's Super Store in

San Ignacio; \$389.80 from Tam's Store on October 9<sup>th</sup> and \$560.08 from PK Store in San Ignacio on November 10 amounting to \$2,228.45 without paying these monies in to Delta Store.

## Mexico City Moves To Legalize Same Sex Marriage

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well as adoptions by gay couples, and some cities in Argentina have adopted similar laws.

Proponents praised the bill as helping remove the stigma and discriminatory practices that hurt gays, while opponents decried what they called an affront to the institution of family.

*"This is wonderful,"* gay rights activist **Judith Vasquez** said from the noisy legislature floor, where proponents chanted, *"Yes, we could!"* and waved rainbow flags. Gay *"couples have effectively been together for years, decades, centuries,"* she said. *"But now it is our right."*

Jones was arrested in San Ignacio on Thursday, December 10, he was held over the weekend in police custody and was taken before Magistrate **Anna Rachel Montejo** on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December where

he pleaded guilty to the charge. He was fined \$1,000 plus \$5 cost of court being less than 50% of the amount he was accused of embezzling.

While the \$1,000 is to be paid into government's coffers, it is now up to Mahitani and Delta Store to proceed by way of civil suit for the full recovery of their missing monies.

Mexico City, as a rule, is less conservative than much of the rest of the country, relatively open to sexual freedoms and expressions.

Under Ebrard and his Democratic Revolution Party, or PRD, which controls the legislature, Mexico City has been at the forefront of social policy, often taking stances a far distance from other parts of the country.

The city, for example, legalized abortion in 2007, a decision that has since backfired and prompted states across Mexico to dig in their heels against abortion.

*"They have given Mexicans a very bitter Christmas,"* Armando Martinez Gomez, president of the College of Catholic Attorneys, told The Times.

Most of the opposition in the city's legislature came from President Felipe Calderon's conservative National Action Party, which has threatened to take the city to court if Ebrard does not veto the measure.

Also opposed was the Roman Catholic Church, which labeled the proposal immoral, saying marriage must hold the promise of procreation. Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera said the law created the *"perverse possibility"* that *"innocent children"* would be adopted by gay couples.

*"It is an aberration,"* said activist **Jorge Serrano Limon**. *"Marriage cannot be between men. That is absurd."*



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## Donation of Medical Equipment & Supplies Received

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, CAYO DISTRICT, Friday, December 18, 2009:**

**BY: Robert Trausch**

The Doroteia Pathways Foundation through the efforts of its representative, **Robert Trausch** assisted by **Michael Martin**, this week supervised the importation and donation of over \$300,000 worth of medical equipment and supplies for distribution to the various hospital across the country.

In this humanitarian venture, there are so many I must personally thank for helping to make this donation of medical equipment and supplies to the people of Belize possible.

Any person or organization I



**(L-R) Robert Trausch and Michael Martin**

have forgotten to recognize, I truly apologize.

First Doroteia Pathways Foundation would like to thank

the Minister of Economic Development, **Hon. Erwin Contreras** and his knowledgeable staff for their help and guidance.

Also, thanks to **Dr. Jorge Polanco** and the Minister of Health, **Hon. Pablo Marin** and Prime Minister, **Hon. Dean Barrow** in his capacity as Minister of Finance for their speedy work in responding to our requests for assistance.

Thanks to Mayor **Nicholas Ruiz** of Benque Viejo Town for his helpful input.

Customs Broker **Mr. Melvin Torres** who made our experience receiving the shipped supplies from the Port of Belize as smooth as possible. Thank you!

To **Mr. Hector Silva Jr.**, Manager of the Cayo Center for Employment Training for generously allowing us to store, sort and deliver these much needed medical equipment and supplies to the appropriate hospitals and clinics.

To all the people who helped move the supplies from the Port of Belize to CET in San Ignacio, we couldn't have done it without you.

A very special thank you to **Mr. Richard Tzul** and **Ms. Luciel Sosa** for their guidance, support, knowledge, compassion and just for being there for us throughout this first attempt to ship goods internationally.

I would also like to recognize **Janice Walker** of Project Save and her amazing staff for helping me to gather the medical equipment and supplies for the people of Belize.

Again, thanks to all the people who worked so hard.

## A Popular Boledo/Lottery Vendor Robbed AGAIN!

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motorcycle he rides and other personal documents.

Armed with the identity of one of the suspects, a team of policemen rushed to Georgeville where they conducted a search inside a house on a nearby citrus farm.

The search led to the discovery of the knapsack along with the 7 books, the tools, personal documents and about \$14 in change. The recovered items were identified by the complainant to be his property.

These items were found alongside two dark masks, a green 16 gauge cartridge and a home-made chrome contraption bandaged with black electrical tape.

According to the police, the contraption is designed to discharge 16 gauge cartridges.

No one was found inside the house at the time of the search leading police to further suspect



**The 16 gauge contraption and the single cartridge**



**The 5 lottery and 2 jackpot books**

that one of the robbers is a Guatemalan who is wanted on similar reports.

Tillett is a boledo/lottery vendor for Lin's Super Store, 164 Western Highway in Santa Elena. Each of the five lottery books carry one sheet with 20 pieces of number from 00 to 99. A review of the books shows of the total 100 available pieces of 69, that Sunday's winning number, there was still 50 pieces in the books - two of them with the full sheet intact while a third one had half of the sheet, being ten pieces missing. The complete



**The 2 masks**

sheet from the other two books were missing.

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