

The Pros And Cons Of Making Parents Liable For Crimes Of Their Children

SUBMITTED BY: Al Eastmond, San Ignacio Town

A controversial new law making parents civilly liable for the crimes of their children will go before Parliament next month. But can it work in Bermuda? The Royal Gazette looks at the pros and cons of the Parental Responsibility Bill 2010.

When Home Affairs Minister **David Burch** first mooted the idea of punishing parents for the misdemeanours of their children, he stressed that he was sharing his personal opinion and not that of the Cabinet.

"If a child is charged with a crime it is my view that the parent should be standing in the dock charged with them," he told a press conference in February 2008.

Fast forward two years and it appears that the outspoken Senator has persuaded his political colleagues of the merits of such a stance.

It's perhaps no surprise given that crime — especially gang and gun violence perpetrated by young men — is the public's number one concern.

The Parental Responsibility Bill — modelled in part on the UK's Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 — will be tabled in Parliament on February 5.

If approved, it won't mean parents will face a criminal trial for the actions of their offspring — but they may have to go before a magistrate and suffer financial penalties if their child is guilty of wrongdoing. Parents who are proven to be complicit in a crime committed by their child could be fined as much as \$10,000. And those who encourage or contribute to a child's criminal behaviour could be looking at a bill of up to \$5,000.

Social workers will compile reports for magistrates, who will have the ability to make orders compelling parents to attend counselling including drug rehabilitation, parenting classes and anger management.

Similar laws exist around the world, including in the US, Canada, Australia and Britain, and opinion on their appropriateness and effectiveness is often starkly divided.

The town of Silverton in Oregon was the first place in the States to hold parents legally accountable in such a way. It reported a significant reduction in juvenile crime and truancy after it passed an ordinance in the mid 1990s which meant parents could be charged with failing to supervise a minor.

But critics argued that it was dangerous to give the courts so much power and questioned whether the state ought to be able to define the meaning of a good parent.

In Bermuda, the question of whether bad parenting is the primary cause of juvenile delinquency and whether the latter can be stamped out by legally forcing parents to be more accountable is a contentious one.

Attorney General **Kim Wilson** is convinced legislation can make a difference. *"Being the mother of an eight- and five-year old, I know firsthand the challenges involved in raising responsible children who we pray will grow into responsible adults,"* she told The Royal Gazette.

"In most cases a child's behaviour is a complete reflection of how they are being raised. As children get older, it's acknowledged that we cannot be everywhere our children are, but what we can do is make sure as best as possible that we honour and adhere to our duty to teach our children right from wrong."

We may do all that we can as parents to give our children the tools and guidance necessary to



keep them on the right path; however, we all know of cases where despite the parents' best efforts, the child ends up on the wrong side of the law. The proposed legislation is not geared at those parents."

Senator Wilson added: *"I am of the belief that this legislation will make parents take a more active role in their children's lives and start to ask questions about their child's activities and whereabouts."*

Others are less sure. Family campaigner **Sheelagh Cooper** opposes the new law, believing it would punish single mothers already struggling to make ends meet and raise a family.

"My initial reaction is that this is grandstanding," she said. *"It's an attempt to create the illusion that something is being done. The legislation exists to do this already and they rarely use it."*

It's clear that the Government misunderstands the problem and is not really


particularly interested in looking in any great depth at what's going on in the lives of parents."

Ms Cooper argues that minors are not the ones largely responsible for gang and gun violence. *"What we have been witnessing over the last several months — these people are not children."*

These are grown adults. The law is targeting a population that should still be in school. Given that, we ought to be delivering programmes in class that address some of these problems and increasing the number of school counsellors."

Martha Dismont, executive director of the Family Centre, wants Government to consult widely before passing a parental responsibility law.

"How are you going to make parents responsible?" she asked. *"I would love to work with legislators to find ways to put in healthy and positive*

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Ministry Of Works Grader Reported Stolen

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Friday, February 5, 2010:

San Ignacio Police, in conjunction with their Guatemalan counterpart, the Policia Nacional Civil (PNC) in neighboring Melchor De Mencos, Peten, Guatemala, are working over time in an effort to secure the safe return of a Ministry of Works, 120H Caterpillar grader which was reportedly stolen shortly after midday on Wednesday, February 3, 2010.

According to the grader operator, **Dwayne Arthurs**, of a Roaring Creek Village address in the Cayo District, he had just resumed working, after having his midday meal, when he was held up at gunpoint by three spanish speaking male persons, whilst working on a feeder road in the Young Gial Area near Teakettle Village.

Arthurs was reportedly ordered off the machine and was stripped of his pants, shirt and other personal belongings after which he was tied to a tree. He was reportedly instructed to stay



The 120H Caterpillar grader, similar to the one reported stolen from the Ministry of Works

put as the assailants drove off with the grader. It was not until more than three hours later that he was able to report the incident.

Police investigations revealed that the assailants drove the grader out of the Young Gial Road to its junction with the Western Highway in Teakettle village. They then proceeded through the villages of Ontario and Blackman Eddy before exiting the Western Highway at

its junction with the Iguana Creek Road subsequently travelling from Spanish Lookout all the way up to Bullet Tree Falls before crossing into Guatemala.

Investigation revealed that whilst travelling on the Western Highway the grader was escorted by a pickup truck with three armed male persons seated in the back of the pickup truck.

Investigation further revealed that upon crossing the border

into Guatemala, the grader was mounted onto a trailer attached to a towhead for the remainder of the journey deeper into Guatemala.

Information reaching us indicates that investigators came upon a similar looking machine in Guatemala but when the numbers were checked it turned out not to be the stolen grader.

Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Works, Engineer **Cadet Henderson**, informed, in a radio interview, that the equipment has a replacement value of \$350,000 and that it recently underwent major repairs. He further informed that, with the absence of this piece of equipment, the Ministry of Works grading capability has been reduced by 50%. The Ministry is therefore anxious for the safe return of this vital piece of equipment and hopefully for the prosecution of those responsible for pulling off this brazen criminal act.

Announcing The Winners of Rotary's Voice Of The West Elocution Contest

BY: Rotarian John Acott

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, February 1, 2010:

The 8th annual Voice of the West elocution competition was held on Thursday 21st January at Hode's Place in San Ignacio.

This very popular Rotary project, open to all high school students in the Cayo District, is held annually to encourage public speaking in our high schools and is carried out in front of a large audience of parents, teachers, Rotarians and the general public.

There are four categories for the students to choose from: Impromptu Speech; Published Poems & Excerpts; Original Poetry, and Essay Writing.

The standard of entries this year was, as usual, very high and it was indeed a tough task for judges **Dr. Delita Tonti**, former Rotarian; **Dr. Lydia Balderamos Loskot** from Galen University and **Armando Leiva**, Rotarian and Education Officer, to choose the winning entries.



Melanie Magdaleno from Eden High School receiving 3rd Prize in the Published Poems and Excerpts category

Cash prizes are awarded for each category and the following students earned 1st place prize: In the Essay Writing category - **Matthew Gomez** from Our Lady of Guadalupe High School; Original Poetry - **Isai Garcia** from Eden SDA High School; Published Poems & Excerpts - **Joshua Pech** from Western Nazarene High School; and

Impromptu Speech - **Reynaldo Romero** from Sacred Heart College.

The organisers, Rotarians **Maria Estella Recinos**, **Ruth Gutierrez** and **Pia Durham**, take this opportunity to extend heartfelt thank you to **Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Burns** from Hode's Place and all of the sponsors for making the competition possible.

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Princess International (San Ignacio) Ltd. In The Haiti Earthquake Relief Effort

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The event featured live performances by San Ignacio’s **Jade Band**, the General himself, **Supa G**, alongside DJ Scanless all of whom donated their time and talent for the worthy cause.

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to the satisfaction of all of us in attendance.

As the event came to a close, the Casino Manager, **Bulent Yesilyurt**, took to the stage and announced that the event yielded slightly over \$10,000 in cash which, he said, is going directly to the relief effort. He also took the opportunity to issue certificates of appreciation to sponsors which included the San Ignacio Hotel Resort, Running W, Shell San Ignacio, Bismillah Stores, Supa G, Jade Band, DJ Scanless, Javier Gutierrez, Belize Telemedia Limited, Amandala, STAR Newspaper among others.

Two Brothers Charged For Handling Stolen Goods

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The accused brothers, **Jaime Martinez, 19** and **Morris Martinez, 17**

After searching several houses in the area, at around 6:00 a.m. the team arrived at the Society Hall Road, Blackman Eddy Village, residence of **Jaime Martinez, 19**, where the team encountered Martinez and his 17 year old brother, **Morris**

Martinez, relaxing in a red Geo Prism car with Belmopan license plates C-1110 which was parked in the yard near the house.

Jaime was reportedly relaxing in the driver’s seat and his younger brother was sprawled



Jaime Martinez’ red Geo- Prism car with Belmopan license plates C-1110 at the San Ignacio Police Compound



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off in the back seat. They initially told the police that they were relaxing and listening to music on the car’s sound system.

A search of the interior and the trunk of the car resulted in the discovery of a large quantity of previously reported stolen items

including laptop computers and accessories and one 18 karat gold bracelet.

A search of the Martinez house led to the further discovery of more reported stolen items

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Eulogy For Cecilio Ignacio Neal Jr

BY: Eduardo "Dito" Juan

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Cecilio Ignacio Neal Jr. was the missing piece of the puzzle that would complete their small family. Giving birth to their two elder daughters, **Josephine** & **Cecilia** was great; having a son was the icing on the cake.

Cecilio grew up right here in Santa Elena, he began his formal education at Ms. Rosado's Pre School in San Ignacio, Sacred Heart Primary School and then Santa Elena Primary School.

"**Letch**", as he was affectionately called was always more comfortable with the outdoor



Cecilio Ignacio Neal Jr., 34

life, so he decided to abandon his post primary education which he was pursuing at the Eden S.D.A High School in Santa Elena Town and began fending for himself. Though only in his early teens "**Letch**" chose to become a man and put his shoulder to the wheel.

He tried his hands at various jobs from land clearing to

logging to working at forestry and Big H.

He then began working for his brother-in-law whom he looked up to as his very own brother. This job, among other things afforded him the privilege of encountering many individuals with whom he developed many formidable and lasting friendships both at home and abroad.

In his spare time "**Letch**" enjoyed watching football and also played feechee. As a matter of fact he excelled in the latter. This is evident in the many trophies displayed on his mantelpiece at home.

After attempting various ventures, and being so determine, he finally took his younger sister's advice and initiated his own operation by owning a dump truck of which he was proud.

He sure had accomplished a lot in his life, growing in the Baptist faith he knew the Lord well. Brother Cecilio, the father, confirmed that just before

"**Letch's**" final trip, he quizzed his son on his standing with Jesus Christ. "**Letch**" made a fist and thumped his chest, "**He's right here Dad, right here!**" On January 30th, being as hard working as he was and whilst on the job, the Lord, looked down, greeted him with a smile and with outstretched arms, welcomed him home. He now joins his daughter **Keilyn** who predeceased him by a few years.

"**Letch**" will be long remembered by his parents Cecilio and Desol Neal, two sisters **Josephine** and **Cecilia**, four children, **Karim**, **Shannel**, **Chantal** and **Lasha**, his common law wife **Dorita**, his niece **Aidian** and two nephews **Zamir** and **Elbert Jr.**, Brother in Law **Elbert Flowers Sr.**, grandfather **Theodoro Neal** and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

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Dangriga Man Pleas Guilty To Drug Trafficking

BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, February 4, 2010:

Benque Viejo Police this week found over 900 grams of marijuana on a commuter bus resulting in the arrest of a man from Dangriga Town.

It was around 5:30 am on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, when a team of law enforcement officers, comprising Police, BDF and Immigration officials manning a checkpoint between miles 71 and 72 on the Western Highway just outside of the village of San Jose Succotz



Jermaine Zuniga, 23

stopped and checked a D&E Bus.

A male person on the bus was reportedly acting suspiciously and when he was searched nothing incriminating was found on his person. However a check under the seat where he was sitting resulted in the discovery of a black plastic bag containing suspected marijuana.

The man and the merchandise were taken off the bus and transported to the Benque Viejo Police station where he was identified as **Jermaine Zuniga, 23**, Belizean laborer of #3 Rice Street, Dangriga Town, and when weighed, the substance tipped the scale at 907 grams.

Zuniga was subsequently



The weed

arrested and formally charged for Drug Trafficking.

He was taken to court later that same Wednesday where he pleaded guilty to the charge and was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,005.00 cost of court inclusive in default on year imprisonment.

Fined Almost \$500 For A Sprite Crack Pipe

BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, February 4, 2010:

Police on routine patrol in Benque Viejo Town shortly after the midnight hour on Wednesday conducted a search in a private car resulting in the discovery of a contraption designed for the smoking of crack cocaine.

A dark green Daewoo four door car with Belize City license plate C-32836 driven at the time by Gregori Vilensky, 20, Israeli Manager of mile 63 Western Highway, Esperanza Village, who was alone in the vehicle.



Gregori Vilensky, 20

the police saw a small heat twisted green plastic bottle with a piece of foil attached to in on the vehicle floor between between the driver's feet.

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Vilenski informed of the the offence committed. He was escorted to the Benque Viejo Police station where he was formally arrested and charged for "Possession of Pipe".

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


(PATRICIA ROBATEAU PEREZ) (MRS.)
for REGISTRAR OF LANDS

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000575

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ALBERT/MESOP**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1548.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Assent No. 1036 of 1992 dated 7th May, 1992 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 12 of 1992 at Folios 273-284 in favour of **HALIMA SHOMAN, SABAH DINA SHOMAN, JOSE SHOMAN JR., YASMIN SROMAN & (RUTH SHOMAN-deceased)**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000581

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ALBERT/MESOP**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 426.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 273 of 2008 dated 18th January, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 4 of 2008 at Folios 181-192 in favour of **MELBA ARGENTINA ALVARADO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000588

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000633

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000645

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This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 302 of 2000 dated 16th May, 2000 in favor of **AVIS NICASIO & (EDWARD JAMES NICASIO - Deceased)**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000648

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3395.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 1472 of 1994 dated 11th July, 1994 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 17 of 1994 at Folios 1147-1154 in favour of **KENNETH DAWSON**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000655

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **DANGRIGA SOUTH**, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 1660 & 1661.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 4098 of 1996 dated 13th September, 1996 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 23 of 1996 at Folios 53-64 in favour of **ERNEST CARTER**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000659

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2456.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2803 of 2008 dated

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000660

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2457.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2804 of 2008 dated 3rd September, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 38 of 2008 at Folios 803-814 in favour of **CAROLYN MAE HALL & CAROLYN MAE HALL IN TRUST FOR ALEXANDER VAUCROSSON & DANIEL VAUCROSSON**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000693

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN ESTEVAN**, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 300.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 4632 of 1996 dated 25th November, 1996 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 28 of 1996 at Folios 1087-1096 in favour of **JOVITA CASTILLO & AMELIO CASINO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000714

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1888.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1170 of 2008 dated 25th April 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 14 of 2008 at Folios 1293-1312 in favour of **CYNTHIA YORKE**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000718

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 815.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2175 of 2005 dated 4th July, 2005 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 29 of 2005 at Folios 287-300 in favour of **JUDITH WILLIAMSON & LOURDETTE USHER as Administratrices of the Estate of RICHARD HOARE**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000739

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **VISTA DEL MAR**, Block No. 16 and being Parcel No. 1207.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 1730 of 1993 dated 24th August, 1993 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 20 of 1993 at Folios 903-920 in favour of **HUANG, TUNG-YANG**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000743

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **DANGRIGA SOUTH**, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 808.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 821 of 2000 dated 24th September, 2000 in favor of **EZEKIEL VELASQUEZ**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000744

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **DANGRIGA SOUTH**, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 1900.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2373 of 2005 dated 5th October 2005 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 31 of 2005 at Folios 1275-1286 in favour of **REYNA ESPINAL & ISABEL ESPINAL (Jointly)**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000763

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2035.

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000764

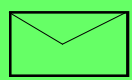
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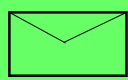
APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000765

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Dear STAR;

The recently released Country Poverty Assessment (CPA) revealed astounding data about a sizeable sector of Belizeans living in extreme poverty.

What is extreme poverty? Who are these Belizeans? Where did they come from? Who is responsible? Is poverty

an intentional replay of society's intolerance and incapacity to build the bridges that keeps them poor?

The questions are numerous and the solutions are few. The contradiction is that Belize is a rich country with 350,000 people or less, with a per capita income that shrinks, yearly.

As an Applied Linguist, my recommendation is that we stop playing cheap politics with Belizeans lives.

We need a 30-year economic and educational plan that will help build the bridge to move us into the future.

In 30 years, we can revamp our educational system, agricultural, tourism and petro base, creating a multi-lingual society. A society that is verse in English, Spanish, Mandarin, etc. Language is power! It is via the

aquisition of new languages and the good use thereof that Belizeans can meaningfully escape poverty.

Latin America, The United Kingdom, among other countries, offer Belizean numerous scholarships and good paying jobs every year.

To this end I say, NO MORE CHEAP POLITICS! Belizeans should not be treated like animals in a cowpen.

Leo Obando,
Applied Linguist

Agriculture Minister Holds Meetings In San Antonio Toledo

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo, Thursday, February 4, 2010:

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries the **Hon. Rene Montero** held a meeting with the Maya Green Growers, the Women's Group of San Antonio and the Oxmulkaa Women's group all from San Antonio Village, Cayo District.

The Minister stated that the purpose of the meeting was to implement a way forward for the two women groups and assist them in projects that will benefit the villagers in generating employment in that village and surrounding rural communities.

At the meeting, it was also discussed and agreed upon that both groups will get involved in the processing of Hot Pepper for commercial and sale purposes and that assistance will be provided to them by the technical staff of Ministry of Agriculture and the Republic of China. The San Antonio Women's Group will be involved in the production of

broiler and the Oxmulkaa group, comprised of 18 women, will be involved in the production of bread for sale. Production will be dealt by one group and the other group will manage the processing.

While with the Maya Green Growers it was agreed that the farmers will receive training and assistance from the technical staff from Ministry of Agriculture to start commercializing their organic products. The Maya Green Growers who are composed of 30 young farmers ranging from the age of 16 years to 35 years are presently involved under the Green House System using organic fertilizer.

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries aims to implement projects in order to generate employment in rural communities, increase small farmers' productivity and income and strengthen Belize's national capacity to provide improved extension service and promote good practices.

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APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000766

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **DANGRIGA SOUTH**, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 548.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 280 of 1983 dated 20th December, 1983 in favor of **SYLVIA FLORES**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000767

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PLACENTIA NORTH**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1977.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 746 of 1985 dated 18th July, 1985 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 8 of 1985 at Folios 681-688 in favour of **HARALD WALLEN**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000768

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3027.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 365 of 1990 dated 5th December, 1990 in favor of **MARTHA LOPEZ**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000776

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ALBERT/MESOP**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1525.

This parcel of land is the subject of an Assent No. 1526 of 1991 dated 8th August, 1991 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 17 of 1991 at folios 665-672 in favour of **ALICE MARGARET CRAIG**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000811

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 132.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 527 of 2008 dated 6th February, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 7 of 2008 at Folios 151-162 in favour of **MARCEL BEDRAN & ARITA BEDRAN**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000812

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2444.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 993 of 2002 dated 8th April, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 13 of 2002 at Folios 413-418 in favour of **MARCEL BEDRAN & ARITA BEDRAN**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000813

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 121.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2372 of 2003 dated 21st August, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 32 of 2003 at Folios 67-74 in favour of **MARCEL BEDRAN & ARITA BEDRAN**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000814

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2439.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2362 of 1997 dated 23rd September, 1997 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 26 of 1997 at Folios 191-198 in favour of **MARCEL BEDRAN**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000815

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 120.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 1063 of 2005 dated 10th May, 2005 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 14 of 2005 at Folios 797-806 in favour of **MARCEL BEDRAN & ARITA BEDRAN (Jointly)**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000816

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1665.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2146 of 2000 dated 30th

May, 2000 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 32 of 2000 at Folios 1433-1438 in favour of **MARCEL BEDRAN**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000817

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 123.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 0108 of 2005 dated 29th November, 2004 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 2 of 2005 at Folios 263-272 in favour of **MARCEL H. SEDRAN & ARITA E. BEDRAN**.

APPLICATION NO. 201000828

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2535.

This parcel of land is the subject of Minister's Fiat Grant No. 690 of 2004 dated 16th September, 2004 in favor of **DIANA CASTILLO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000839

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ALBERT/MESOP**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1550.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Assent No. 1718 of 1996 dated 24th July, 1996 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 17 of 1996 at Folios 71-80 in favour of **DWAIN DAVIS & CAMILLE DAKERS MATTLAND AS Administrators of the Estate of HOMER DAKERS (Deceased)**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000845

These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, **DANGRIGA SOUTH**, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 1626 & 1628.

These parcels of land are the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2362 of 1990 dated 11th December, 1990 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 25 of 1990 at Folios 1123-1128 in favour of **ALICE R. FRANCISCO & EATON E.W. FRANCISCO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000848

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **DANGRIGA SOUTH**, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 625.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 307 of 1991 dated 26th July, 1991 in favor of **AGNES MENA ARZU**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000884

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **FORT GEORGE/PICKSTOCK**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1161.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 162 of 1983 dated 13th July, 1983 in favor of **EVANGELINE GILLET**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000885

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ALBERT/MESOP**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 454.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 1638 of 1991 dated 9th September, 1991 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 18 of 1991 at Folios 731-738 in favour of **GLENDA FERGUSON**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000886

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1945.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 429 of 2006 dated 16th May, 2006 in favor of **MIGUEL ANGEL SARCENO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000892

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2148.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 3602 of 2001 dated 11th December, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 46 of 2001 at Folios 509-524 & Deed of Rectification No. 2567 of 2009 dtd 17th December, 2009 recorded in Deed Book Volume 30 of 2009 at Folios 789-802 in favour of **DIAMELA GARCIA**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000893

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2138.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 143 of 2004 dated 30th

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Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20



Things at work are functioning smoothly enough and you can afford to give yourself a small break. There will be a huge temptation to dabble in stocks and make a quick buck. However, you are cautioned that no matter how bright things appear, there is hardly any chance of making a gain during this time. **Lucky Numbers : 01, 12, 47.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21



You will suddenly begin to take notice of what really matters to you. There may also be changes in your surroundings and this could be unsettling for you. You may feel that you won't be able to handle it, but do not react. Think and delay your reactions, especially in volatile situations. **Lucky Numbers: 09, 31, 58.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21



There is a lot of difference between taking calculated risks and being downright reckless. You could take a few chances where making money off the stock markets is concerned. However, in personal relationships taking chances should be completely avoided. **Lucky Numbers: 06, 27, 62.**

CANCER:

June 22 to July 23



The coming week promises to stir up a lot of activity. You will be busy drawing up plans, contemplating a totally radical approach to life. You will be quite keen on discovering new ways to augment your income. Your interest in spiritual pursuits also increases. **Lucky Numbers: 18, 73, 88.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21



Life comes in different hues and the coming week is a proof of that. There will be great times with loved ones. But, there could also be some very agitated individuals who wish to draw you into a confrontation. Disputes, regarding property could be dragged in court and this could mean further delay in any resolution. **Lucky Numbers: 03, 52, 95.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21



Professional life takes an interesting turn. Projects or contracts you have been angling for, come to you. There could be an increase in the inflow of money. Make use of this favourable time to establish credentials in your field of work. Do this and see its positive effects on all aspects of your life. **Lucky Numbers: 05, 40, 68.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23



The coming week promises some good times. There is a promise of new romance. You may also be able to multiply your money with some sensible investment. However, guard against getting too involved with other people's problems or being too casual with your money. You could get involved with charity work. **Lucky Numbers: 08, 44, 96.**

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21



You have worked quite hard. Results of some of your efforts will come through positively and you can sit back and relax for a bit. People around you will offer comfort and support. Do not neglect gadgets or vehicles in need of service or repair. It could amount to larger expenses later. **Lucky Numbers: 15, 22, 56.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21



The coming week sees you in a go getter mode. Luck helps you gain some money or property through bestowal of some inheritance. People around you warm up to your efforts to bridge distances. Your efforts at stabilising and restoring harmony in relationships pay off. **Lucky Numbers: 33, 67, 84.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20



The week is characterised by a strong desire to achieve something concrete through your efforts. You will be willing to take your chances. You must not ignore the riders or conditions that come along with work. Do make sure that you have read through all the paperwork. **Lucky Numbers: 28, 77, 86.**

AQUARIUS: January 21 to February 19



There is an urge to do something different irrespective of the level of effort it requires. There is an increase in your self-confidence and charisma. You will involve yourself in assessing goals and objectives of your life. Only word of caution is that you keep your them realistic. **Lucky Numbers: 24, 41, 69.**

PISCES: February 20 to March 21



You can achieve anything if you do not give in to your tendency to drift. A little determination and firmness of mind will have you working towards goals and possibly achieving them in a short span of time. You are able to decide upon and juggle varied areas that you have chosen to work for. **Lucky Numbers: 16, 36, 82.**



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December, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 3 of 2004 at Folios 187-202 & Deed of Rectification No. 1579 of 2009 dtd 10th August, 2009 recorded in Deed Book Volume 19 of 2009 at Folios 1203-1216 in favour of MAURICE RODRIGUEZ.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000894

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO SOUTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1900.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 166 of 2008 dated 7th January, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 2 of 2008 at Folios 1091-1110 & Deed of Rectification No. 368 of 2008 dtd 31st January, 2008 recorded in Deed Book Volume 5 of 2008 at Folios 591-604 in favour of RIGOBERTA GREGORIA CAYETANO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000896

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ST. MARTIN DE PORRES WEST, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 126.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 989 of 2006 dated 26th September, 2006 in favor of MELVIN WILLIAMS.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000935

These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, SAN PEDRO, Block No. 7 and being Parcel No. 4272 & 4273.

These parcels of land are the subject of a Conveyance No. 3524 of 2002 dated 3rd December, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 41 of 2002 at Folios 247-258 in favour of BRIAN F. LUEPKE & SHARRON L. LUEPKE.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000936

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN PEDRO, Block No. 7 and being Parcel No. 4257.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 520 of 1999 dated 25th February, 1999 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 25 of 1999 at Folios 263-272 in favour of BRIAN F. LUEPKE & SHARON L. LUEPKE.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000937

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2813.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 3612 of 2001 dated 17th December, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 46 of 2001 at Folios 677-684 in favour of IGLESIA DE DIOS PENTECOSTAL MOVIMIENTO INTERNACIONAL LIMITED.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000949

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO SOUTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2165.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 273 of 2001 dated 13th May, 2001 in favor of ARITA EVETT BEDRAN.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000960

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, FORT GEORGE/ PICKSTOCK, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 855.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 139 of 1981 dated 29th January, 1981 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 2 of 1981 at Folios 837-848 in favour of LEONIE SONIA PINTO & (FRANCISCO BALDEMAR PINTO-Deceased).

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000970

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN ESTEVAN, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 427.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 1288 of 2003 dated 10th February, 2004 in favor of DAMIAN NOVELO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000973

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1664.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 1365 of 2008 dated 13th May, 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 17 of 2008 at Folios 627-636 in favour of BALDEMAR IIRAM GOMEZ.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201000987

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA NORTH, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 742.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 1017 of 1988 dated 5th July, 1988 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 12 of 1988 at Folios 347-354 in favour of ELSIE RAMIREZ.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001003

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2699.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 1389 of 2002 dated 10th March, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 18 of 2002 at Folios 1083-1096 in favour of ANTHONY SUTHERLAND & ELVIA SUTHERLAND.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001004

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA SOUTH, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 308.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 463 of 2000 dated 6th June, 2000 in favor of PAULINE CASIMIRO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001005

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3029.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 140 of 2000 dated 4th March, 2000 in favor of DANIEL LEIVA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001043

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1816.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 525 of 1990 dated 10th February, 1990 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 1990 at Folios 1025-1032 in favour of LUIS ALBERTO HYNES.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200910601

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PORT LOYOLAVILLE, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1885.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 1315 of 2007 dated 2nd March, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 16 of 2007 at Folios 755-772 in favour of ANGELITA SMITH.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200916846

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, BELIZE RURAL NORTH I, Block No. 11 and being Parcel No. 877.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Assent No. 231/2004 dated 4th February, 2004 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 4 of 2004 at Folios 335-342 in favour of DOYLE C. GILLET.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200904968

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1950.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 0715 of 2007 dated 1st February, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 9 of 2007 at Folios 697-704 in favour of DR. MARCO TULIO MENDEZ & DR. LESLY DIGNORA MENDEZ.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200904969

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1951.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 0715 of 2007 dated 1st February, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 9 of 2007 at Folios 705-712 in favour of DR. MARCO TULIO MENDEZ & DR. LESLY DIGNORA MENDEZ.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001091

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN FELIPE, Block No. 13 and being Parcel No. 173.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 818 of 1999 dated 28th August, 1999 in favor of GALEX ALLEN.

STAR HUMOR

Where Is Jesus Christ?

A Sunday School teacher of preschoolers was concerned that her students might be a little confused about **Jesus Christ** because of the Christmas season's emphasis on His birth.

She wanted to make sure they understood that the birth of Jesus occurred a long time ago, that He grew up, etc.

So she asked the class, "**Where is Jesus Christ today?**"

Steven raised his hand and said, "**He's in heaven.**"

Andrea was called on next and she answered, "**He's in my heart.**"

Waving his hand friously,

Enough Money For Two More Words

Mr. Guerra was forced to take a day off from work to appear in court on a minor traffic summons.

He grew increasingly restless as he waited hour after endless hour for his case to be heard.

When his name was called at around 4:30 in the afternoon, he stood before the magistrate, only to hear that court would be adjourned for the next day and he would have to return.

"**What for?**" he snapped at the magistrate

Hoya, Hoya, Hoya

With village council elections on the horizon, and in an attempt to show the leadership of his party that he is comeback material, a southern politician decided to start early.

His first stop was in one of the southernmost Mayan Communities to try to get them to support the village chairman of his choice.

A meeting was called in

Little Johnny, blurted out, "**Teacher, Teacher, I know! I know where he is! He's in our bathroom!!!**"

The whole class went very quiet. They all looked at the teacher waiting for a response.

The teacher was completely at a loss for a few very long seconds.

She finally gathered her wits and asked, "**How do you know this Johnny?**"

"**Well...Teacher...**" he said, "**Every morning, my father gets up, bangs on the bathroom door, and yells 'Jesus Christ, are you still in there?!'**"

Your honor, equally irked and tired by a tedious day, sharply protested, "**Twenty dollars contempt of court. That's why!**"

Noticing that Mr. Guerra was checking his wallet, the magistrate recanted. "**That's all right Sir. You don't have to pay now.**"

Mr. Guerra replied, "**Thank you your Honor I'm just checking if I have enough for two more words one beginning with an 'F' and the other with a 'Y'.**"

the community center and the villagers were excited to hear the speech.

"**I promise better educational opportunities for the Maya people**"

The crowd went wild, shouting "**Hoya! Hoya!**"

The politician was a bit puzzled by the native word, but was encouraged by their enthusiasm.

"**I promise major reforms so that you can get immediate title to your farmlands!**"

"**Hoya! Hoya!**" cried the crowd, stomping their feet.

"**I promise more social reforms and job opportunities for all of you!**"

The crowd reached a frenzied pitch shouting, "**Hoya! Hoya! Hoya!**"

After the speech, the politician was touring the village, and saw a herd of bulls.

Trying to fit in with the villagers he asked if he could get a closer look at the bulls.

"**Sure,**" said the Maya Chief, "**but be careful not to step in the hoyo.**"

Government Responds To Allegations Made By President Panti Of The Teachers Union

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo District, Thursday, February 4, 2010:

The Ministry of the Public Service, Governance Improvement and Elections & Boundaries on behalf of Government Negotiating Team, finds it necessary to respond to allegations made by the President of the Belize National Teachers Union, **Mr. Jaime Panti** that the Government is prolonging a response to the Unions on the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

On 12th September 2008, The Unions, Public Service Union (PSU), Belize National Teachers Union (BNTU) and the Association of Public Service Senior Managers (APSSM) along with representatives of the Government of Belize came to the table to initiate discussions for a New Collective Bargaining Agreement.

At this meeting, it was agreed that the Unions would submit their proposal to the Government within 90 days. It was also agreed that the proposal submitted by the Unions would be done jointly and that a costing would be done for all proposals which had financial implications.

The proposal was subsequently submitted by the Unions on 1st December 2008. That proposal did not provide any costing to the package which

included items with huge financial implications. The Unions were reminded of their commitment to indicate the financial value of their request and in September 2009, they resubmitted their proposal. Unfortunately, the proposal was still lacking in financial information.

Since the receipt of the revised proposal, the Government's Representatives have been working diligently to put a financial cost to the Union's proposal so that the negotiations can continue, however, this task has proven to be very time consuming.

The Government is appreciative of the patience of the representative bodies and is cognizant of the need to conclude the process of the Collective Bargaining Agreement in a timely manner. It reiterates, however, the need to provide a realistic costing of the proposals for effective dialogue and decision making.

The Government of Belize continues to work in harmony with the Unions on many other welcomed initiatives with the primary goal of increasing efficiency while addressing the needs and well-being of Public Officers and Teachers.

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Two Brothers Charged For Handling Stolen Goods

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including a large Belizean National Flag, a pair of black combat boots, a black Motorola brand mobile telephone with accessories and a silver hip flask as will as several other bits and pieces.

Further investigation led the Police/BDF team to an abandoned house in the Hillview community, on eastern outskirts of Santa Elena Town, where they found a black Dell Computer and accessories along with a red Horizon brand mountain bike.

The burglary reports on record includes one made by **Audrey Cuilling Newsham**, 53, retired British Army Officer, residing in Blackman Eddy Village.

The complainant reported that sometime between January 8 and 14, her plywood storeroom was burglarized and stolen therefrom were three pairs of black army boots valued at \$195, three sets of camouflage clothing valued at \$225, three camouflage bush hats valued at \$60, one sliver hip flask valued at \$300, one large special ordered Belizean flag valued at \$500 and one box of assorted regimental badges valued at \$400, all to a total value of \$1,600.

In an effort to promote discipline among the youth in Blackman Eddy Village, the complainant reportedly formed and runs a private Youth Cadet Corp. The younger Martinez brother, Morris, is reportedly a member of her Cadet Corp.

In the second report, **Dr. Maria Goncalves**, 55, retired medical doctor, reported that on January 20, 2010 at around 9:00 p.m. she secured her house and, along with her husband, retired for the night.



Some of the stolen items recovered



More of the stolen items recovered including the bicycle and Belizean national flag

She got up early the following morning and left the house. At around 8:30 that morning she received a call from her husband asking if she had removed the \$117 in cash, and his Scotia Bank card, from his wallet. She responded in the negative and rushed back home and upon making checks she found out that her Scotia Bank card and \$700 were also

missing from her purse along with an 18 karat gold bracelet valued at \$1,500 all of which were inside their bedroom.

Investigation revealed that entry was obtained through an upstairs backdoor and that, while the couple slept, the intruder entered their bedroom and stole their money, bank cards and jewelry. They also reportedly entered the kitchen and made off

with several food items. The intruder also entered the couple's upstairs home office/library and made off with one black Compact brand laptop computer and accessories valued at \$1,000. The office/library was found in a ransacked state.

In the third reported incident, **Gilberto Cocom**, 42, Principal

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Bob Marley Reggae Day

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BACK TO MY ROOTS

La Ruta Maya 2010 Set For 5 to 8 March

BY: Orlando Harrison
SAN IGNACIO TOWN,
Cayo, Sunday, January 31,
2010:

The Ruta Maya River Challenge 2010 is set from the 5th – 8th of March 2010.

The Pros And Cons Of Making Parents Liable For Crimes Of Their Children


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legislation that supports parents to do the right thing. You have to balance it [a parental responsibility law] with some legislation that requires and encourages healthy behaviour."

She said parental responsibility laws may have worked elsewhere — but might not translate to here.

"Bermuda may have similar issues but we are unique and we should be looking at it in relation to our own environment and the cultural aspects and the difficulties parents have.

I know the biggest difficulty is enforcement. We don't have the ability to go in a parent's home and teach them how to raise a child."

Edward Tavares, from fathers' rights charity ChildWatch, asked how the law could apply to fathers who had not been allowed to play a significant role in their child's life.

"How can they be made accountable for the crimes of their children?" he asked. "With the divorce rate at approximately 65 percent, this crosses over most households in our community. For years, fathers have been a throw away parent and their only requirement are their financial contributions, according to the court system."

Mr. Tavares said what was really needed was a system that aimed to heal families and helped parents bring up their children properly, especially after separation or divorce.

Defence lawyer **Rick Woolridge** said he could see the merits in the proposed legislation.

"Making parents civilly liable for the crimes of their children can't be a bad thing," he said.

All seems bright and promising for another blast to the finishing line.

Registrations is open and unlike other years the number of space is limited and registration will close on the 26th of

"If your 15-year-old breaks my window, he doesn't have a job and he's in school, so how do I get my window fixed? By making parents liable then it comes out of their pocket and money concentrates minds."

The new bill will come under scrutiny in Parliament, with both opposition parties concerned that the law may be draconian and difficult to enforce.

Shadow Home Affairs Minister **Michael Dunkley** said he was surprised Government didn't consult more widely and try to garner community support before tabling the bill.

"There are already bodies of law in existence on parental responsibility and powers of dispersal," he said. "We need to hear from the ministers in charge how this is going to work beyond what already exists on the books."

He said the UBP recently suggested that parents applying for free childcare places be enrolled in parenting classes at the same time.

"We are not assuming that they need it," he said. "You are not targeting them but you are saying: 'We are going to help you.' The parents have an opportunity to be responsible."

Sen. Dunkley said the practicalities of implementing the law could be difficult. *"Do we have enough social workers? How long does it take? Are these courses readily available? All we are doing is making a more bureaucratic situation."*

Donte Hunt, from Bermuda Democratic Alliance, agrees that good parenting is crucial in ensuring children grow up to be law-abiding citizens.

"Children first learn the invaluable lessons on how to conduct themselves appropriately in society within the confines of the home," he

February in an effort to better plan and organize the events surrounding the race and the race itself.

The committee will meet in session every Thursday in the weeks leading right into the race at the San Ignacio Hotel at 7:00 pm to consider any all issues brought about as a result of last year's race and to review the rules and regulations to make it more fun but also more safe and secure for the paddlers.

Please feel free to send us your comments at oharrison@bighjuices.com or roberto.harrison@bighjuices.com or fax 824-2646.

For additional information about the race you can also visit the web site at www.larutamayabelize.com

Two Brothers Charged For Handling Stolen Goods


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of St. Vincent Pallotti Primary School in the village of Unitedville, reported that at the close of the school week on Friday, January 29, he secured the building and left for the weekend to his Park Drive residence in San Ignacio Town.

Principal Cocom reportedly returned to the school at around 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 1, to begin the new school week. Upon approaching his office he observed that the door was open and when he checked inside he discovered that the school's black Dell computer and accessories, valued at \$1,400, along with one red mountain bike

said. But he points to many other root causes of crime: *"With the consistent increase in divorce rates, domestic abuse, drug usage by parents and sexual abuse committed against young children by members within the extended family, the family unit as we once knew it is on the demise."*

He worries that landing cash-strapped parents with tough fines will make it even harder for them to be hands-on, involved parents. *"Adding \$10,000 of debt to virtually anyone in this day and age is going to create stress. I don't think it's going to turn into: 'Hey, let me be a better parent.' It's going to be: 'I need another job.' We ought to be more heavy on encouraging parents to be good parents."*

where you can also register online or call 824-2646.

The committee plan to keep all the paddlers, sponsors and fans up-to-date with regular press releases and by updating the web site. So keep visiting and keep yourselves abreast of the latest developments.

Changes are planned to place the competition on a more level playing field and new controls are planned to eliminate unfair competition.

The friendly environment that is synonymous with the La Ruta Maya will be enhanced and the committee is planning several activities to expand on its environmental and cultural commitments as well as keeping to its theme *"it's more than just a race"*.

valued at \$300 and \$120 in cash were missing from inside his office.

Further checks revealed that entry into the office was gained by the removal of three metal louvers from a side window. Police suspect that those responsible for the burglary exited the building by way of the door which was left open.

The accused brothers, both Belizean laborers and neighbours of Dr. Goncalves on the Society Hall Road in Blackman Eddy village, are scheduled to appear in San Ignacio's Magistrate Court on Friday, February 5 to answer to a joint charge of handling stolen goods



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Opening More Doors For Higher Education

BY: Arlette Gomez,
Education Information Officer
Ministry of Education
Belmopan

BELIZE CITY, Friday, February 5, 2010:

A four year student exchange agreement between Belize's Ministry of Education and Bridgewater State University

THE SHOCKING, SUDDEN PASSING OF AN ONLY SON

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who enlisted assistance from the Arizona Highway Patrol.

A short time later they found the truck and trailer parked on the edge of the freeway with Letch, motionless, in the driver's seat. He was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was officially pronounced dead.

A post mortem examination conducted at a medical facility in Arizona attributes the cause death to an oversize heart, resulting in escalated blood pressure which ultimately ruptured a blood vessel in the

was this Friday morning signed by Education Minister, **Hon. Patrick Faber** on behalf Belize's Ministry of Education and officials from Bridgewater State University in Boston.

The historic ceremony, marking the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, began at 11:00 am at the ITVET head.

The body will be arriving at the Phillip Goldson International Airport in Belize at 3:00 pm on a Delta Flight and will be transported to Santa Elena, Cayo.

A wake will be held on Friday, February 5 at his parent's residence on Salazar Street in Santa Elena Town.

The body will be received at 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 6, at the nearby Baptist Church on Carillo Puerto Avenue for funeral service at 2:00 pm after which the procession will proceed to the Carmen Memorial Cemetery in

facility on Freetown Road in Belize City

Recognizing the educational and cultural value of international collaboration, Belize's Ministry of Education and Bridgewater State University have agreed to establish arrangements for the exchange of students and for Bridgewater State University to deliver undergraduate and graduate professional development courses, certificate programs and

Santa Elena where he will be laid to rest.

The eulogy is slated to be delivered by **Eduardo "Dito" Juan**, a former Minister of Natural Resources and close friend of the family.

Cecilio Ignacio Neal Jr., was born in Santa Elena Town, Cayo. Thirty four years later, his mother vividly recalls that he came into this world at exactly 6:45 on a bright and beautiful Sunday morning on August 14, 1975.

Apart from his parents, **Desol** and **Cecilio Neal**, Letch is survived by two sisters, **Josephine Neal** and **Cecilia**

Masters Degree programs on site in Belize. Bridgewater State University will accept up to 5 undergraduate education major students each fall beginning this year.

In exchange thereof, Belize's Ministry of Education will in turn accept up to 5 Bridgewater State University students for four to eight weeks experience in a Pre K- 12 setting in Belize commencing in the spring of 2011.

Neal-Flowers.

He is also survived by three daughters **Lasha, Chantal**, and **Shanell** and one son, **Karim**.

He is survived by his common-law- wife **Dorita Lopez**; one brother-in-law, **Elbert Flowers**; one niece, **Aidian Flowers**; two nephews **Zamir Guerra**, and **Elbert Flowers Jr.**

He is also survived by his grandfather, **Theodoro Neal**, as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and countless friends both in Belize and abroad.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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:-

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IRMA RIVERO as Executor of the Estate of John N. Rivero (deceased)	Belmopan 20/562	364/1990 dtd. 5/2/1990
CARLOS GUERRA	Santa Elena/Cayo 23/2507/1	8498/1998 dtd. 14/12/1998
MIGUEL URBINA	Consejo 1/481	629/2005 dtd. 4/2/2005
MIGUEL URBINA	Consejo 1/482	630/2005 dtd. 4/2/2005
MARTIN ALEGRIA	Caribbean Shores/Belize 16/4717	LRS-200801148 dtd 21/1/2008

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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