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# BURGLARY AT RUNNING W MEATS OVER 25 GRAND GONE MISSING

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Friday, March 12, 2010:**

San Ignacio police are questioning several persons in connection with a weekend burglary at the Home of Running W Brand Meats located at mile 63 on the Western Highway near Central Farm, Cayo.

During the morning hours on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, the company's office manager, **Carla Requelme**, 36, Belizean, residing in Kontiki Area San Ignacio Town, visited the police station and reported that after finishing the week's work on Friday, March 5, 2010, she

secured the company's sales, locked up the office and left the workplace shortly after 5:00 p.m. Upon reporting for work shortly after 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, she found the upstairs office burglarized and in a ransacked state.

Police visited the scene where preliminary investigation revealed that entry was gained by cutting the burglar bar from an upstairs window on the western side of the building. An aluminium "A" frame ladder, found on the scene, is suspected to have provided access to the



**Home of Running W Brand Meats, Mile 63, Western Highway, Central Farm, Cayo**

upstairs window.

Among the scattered papers and office supplies, police were

directed to a file/supplies storage room where the

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## Fatal Motorcycle Accident In Spanish Lookout

**SPANISH LOOKOUT, Cayo District, Wednesday, March 10, 2010:**

A motorcycle accident in Spanish Lookout resulted in the almost instant death of a Mechanic/Special Constable residing in that Mennonite community.

San Ignacio police reports that it was shortly after 9 o'clock on the night of Wednesday, March, 10, 2010, when they responded to a report of a fatal traffic

accident in Spanish Lookout.

A team of police officers rushed to the scene where, about 30 feet from the side of the road, they came upon the apparent lifeless body of a male person, laying face upwards, on the ground in the grass inside a barb wire fenced pasture.

The victim was found with a large cut wound to the throat almost severing the head. Police also found a blue Meilum, 125 cc, Motorcycle, on the ground



**The Victim's Meilum, 125 cc, Motorcycle On The Scene**

about 10 feet from the body.

The individual was identified as **John Weibe**, 27, Belizean

Mechanic from the Green Hills Area in Spanish Lookout.

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## An Approaching Category 5 Hurricane

Confronted with allegations of the presence of a death squad operating inside its ranks, the general feeling is that the top brass of the Belize Police Department is hardly doing anything to dispel these serious allegations.

At the forefront of these allegations is the December 22, 2009 shooting death of **Christopher Galvez**. The call for answers coming from the victim's aunt and father prompted the commissioning of a three member investigative team from within the Ministry of National Security.

The announcement of the formation of this team instantly injected a ray of hope in the minds of many Belizeans as, while the ministry is parent to the police department, it was perceived at least as a shifting from the tradition of the Police investigating the Police.

The three member team concluded its *"investigation"* and called a press conference last Friday to present its finding which was summarized in eight points.

Interestingly, it was revealed that the team was not tasked to find out who killed Christopher Galvez, but rather to determine if there were any breach of procedures in the handling of the investigation.

The bottom line is that a 23 year old businessman was shot to death, who the hell cares if, in the process of handling the investigation, someone allowed someone to remove a license plate from a vehicle or that someone did not make a proper entry in a police diary prior to releasing a detainee. All of which, in the eyes of the victim's family and the larger community, are irrelevant. The family wanted to know who killed their loved one. The public wanted to know if a citizen, paid for with their tax dollars to preserve life and property, was the person who actually pulled the trigger.

Adding insult to injury, the team informed that ***"There are strong indications that various police officers have passed information on the case to members of the Galvez family, either on their own initiative or at the request of the family. This breach may also suggest that information could have also been passed to other persons."***

Now, what on earth is wrong with passing information to the relatives of the victim? What is all this secrecy about? The police should have established official channels for all information to be shared with relatives of the victim.

Secrecy and the lack of information lead to mounting suspicion and speculation. It would have been more palpable if the team's finding would have revealed that: Various police officers were passing **INACCURATE** information on the case to members of the Galvez family.

If there is nothing to hide why on earth would it be considered irregular or a breach, for information to be passed to the family?

These kinds of arrogant statements, blatantly paraded as irregularity and breeches, specifically contribute to the casting of dark shadows over the Police Department.

In an effort to get to the very bottom of these serious allegations, the principal players from the Galvez family should have been invited to form an integral part of the investigative team especially since they are the ones who suffered the greatest loss in this incident.

During that press conference, a member of the Galvez family should have been sitting at the head table satisfied with the result of the investigation whichever way it went and by extension allaying the concerns of the greater community as it pertains to growing suspicion of the existence of killers within

the ranks of the Belize Police Department.

The investigation appears to have done absolutely nothing to appease the nation's concern on a matter as serious as the one at hand.

An email has been floating around over the past 10 days, purportedly written by a youth coming out of the belly of the underworld, so-to speak.

The first few paragraphs of the mail were somewhat taunted provoking until it reached the point where it ventured into impugning the integrity of the nation's Governor General and the Hon. Prime Minister thereby begging the question: ***What on earth can it possibly profit the nation's two maximum leaders to be condoning the wave of violence affecting the citizens of the very nation they lead.***

Belize's ambassador to Guatemala, **H.E. Alfredo Martinez** just this week informed of investigations conducted by United Nations Anti-Corruption agents stationed in Guatemala which resulted in the sacking of that nation's Internal Affairs Minister and two of his deputies coupled with the incarceration of two police chiefs while, amidst these bold revelations, the maximum leader of that neighboring republic has emerged with his nose clean from any involvement or sanctioning of irregularities.

It is in the best interest of national security to get to the very bottom of all allegations of death squads operating within the ranks of our small Police Department. The time has come for the nation to move beyond the practice of commissioning the police to investigate the police. A good starting point could probably be to invite an independent group, as is the UN agency stationed next door, to assist us in nipping this one in the bud.

Allegations of death squad operating within the ranks of our Police Department should under no circumstance be treated as a storm brewing in a teacup but rather as an approaching category 5 hurricane.

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# Results Of The 13th Running Of La Ruta Maya

PHOTO: Leslie Kearns at Belize Affordable Web Design



Team Zip Rider, Winners of the 13th Annual La Ruta Maya River Challenge

## SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Friday, March 12, 2010:

With a total of 67 teams making it across the finish line in the 13th running of La Ruta Maya River Challenge, **Team Zip Rider** was crowned champions after recording a mere 0.2 seconds lead across the finish line over the defending Champions, **Belize Bank**.

This year's La Ruta Maya River Challenge was triggered off in the presence of a large gathering at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, March 5, from San Ignacio and so began the race down the Macal River into the Belize Old River with final destination at the Belcan Bridge in Belize City, four days later, on Monday, March 8, 2010.

Although the race to the finish line was narrow, 1) **Zip Rider** (18:41:07) emerged as the overall champions with an accumulated advantage time of 1 minute 27 seconds ahead of the defending Champion 2) **Belize Bank** (18:42:34).

This year's Champion **Zip Rider** was victorious over the other 22 teams in the Male

Division.

The other top nine finishers, all in the Male Division, were:

#3 **Team Caribbean Pride CPBL** (18:54:45);

#4 **Reagan International**

(19:04:15) ;

#5 **NICH** (19:30:07) ;

#6 **Belize Coast Guard Redemption** (19:35:21) ;

#7 **Cool Step** (19:37:40);

#8 **Is it worth it** (19:43:02);

#9 **Jus Du It** (20:05:21);

#10 **Belize Coast Guard Cutter** (20:10:41) and

#11 **Cobb's Arm Happy Cow Cheese** (20:24:00).

Of the 11 teams participating the Mixed Division #12 overall **No Limit Soldiers** (20:33:00) captured top honours while 2nd and 3rd place went to #13 **Lost & Found** (20:34:54) and #26 **Born to Rule** (21:55:18),

First place among the 17 teams in the Pleasure Craft Division was captured by #15 **Print Belize** (20:43:49) and in 2nd position was #16 **Crime Fighters** (21:01:23) and the 3rd place finishers in the Pleasure Craft Division was #23 overall, **Koop Sheet Metal** (21:44:47)

Of the 2 entrants in the Master Division, first place went

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# Over 7 Months To Pay A One Thousand Dollar Fine For Drug Trafficking

**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, March 11, 2010:**

A resident of Belmopan was arrested and charged for drug trafficking as he was found transporting a bag of marijuana on board a commuter bus.

Benque Viejo Police reports that it was around 5:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 11 when a D&E public transport bus, heading towards San Ignacio Town, was stopped at a police check point just outside the Village of San Jose Succotz, between miles 72 and 73 on the Western Highway,

Upon boarding the vehicle the



The Man

police observed a suspicious male person seated in the mid section of the bus.

A search of his person revealed nothing incriminating. However, police found a knapsack on the



The Weed

seat immediately behind the passenger.

The individual acknowledged ownership of the bag and when it was searched, the bag was found to contain suspected



And The Bag

marijuana.

The bag and its owner were transported to the Benque Viejo Police Station where the individual was identified as **Efren Ramirez**, 18, Belizean laborer of a Chile Street address in Salvapan on the outskirts of Belmopan City.

When weighed the substance amounted to 1,360.7 grams.

The detainee was subsequently arrested and charged for drug trafficking.

He appeared in the Benque Viejo Courtroom of Magistrate, **Anna Rachel Montejo** where he pleaded guilty to the charge. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000.00 plus \$5 court cost by October 29, 2010 in default 1 year imprisonment. The man walked right out the court and went about his happy way.

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*capacity to more effectively address the grave narcotics situation in Guatemala.”*

**Journalist Alexia Rios** contributed to this report for CNN.

## Top Guatemalan Officers Arrested

**GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala (CNN) March 4, 2010 2:57 a.m. EST—**

Guatemala’s national police chief and the country’s top anti-narcotics official have been arrested in connection with the drug trade, **Attorney General Amilcar Velasquez** announced.

**Police Chief Baltazar Gonzalez** and anti-drug czar **Nelly Bonilla** were arrested Tuesday and charged in connection with a shooting last year over some stolen cocaine that left five police officers dead, Velasquez said Wednesday.

The arrests come just days before **U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton** is to arrive for talks with the Guatemalan government — talks that are expected to include a discussion of Guatemala’s current anti-drug efforts.

A police officer, **Fernando Carrillo**, also was arrested.

The arrests were the result of an 11-month investigation by the International Commission Against Impunity, or CICIG by its Spanish initials.



Mexican Drug Gangs Are Said To Be Increasingly Operating Through Guatemala

The three are accused of heading a criminal network that infiltrated and corrupted the police force, dedicated to robbery and drug trafficking.

The investigation stemmed from the shootout between police and drug traffickers last year. The shootout was the result of an attempt by police officers to rob 750 kilos of cocaine from the traffickers, CICIG found.

Guatemala is at the epicenter of the drug threat.

U.S. State Department report on narcotics

These kinds of robberies were commonplace and were carried

out with the blessing of police higher ups, the investigation found.

In addition to heading the ring, Gonzalez, Bonilla and Carrillo are accused of trying to cover up the shooting incident.

The arrests shook the government of **President Alvaro Colom**, as drug trafficking remains a key issue in his country.

*“Guatemala is at the epicenter of the drug threat,”* according to a U.S. State Department report on narcotics released this week. *“Corruption and intimidation of law enforcement continue to be major challenges. Combined with multiple changes in senior positions ... there was no perceptible improvement to institutionally strengthen law enforcement or give law enforcement agencies the*

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to **#19 Jon Canu (21:08:21)** with **#30 Grumpy Old Men (22:21:27)** settling for second place.

The #21 overall finisher, **St. Francis Xavier School (21:16:44)**, walked away with first place honours from among the 11 teams in the Intramural Division while **UB Jaguars (21:50:42)** took 2nd honours and **Natius Is Back (21:51:06)** sped across the line in a close 3rd place.

In 22nd position overall, the only female team to cross the line, **Peace Makers (21:18:40)**,

naturally captured the first place prize in that division

In 28th position overall and finishing first in the Dory Division was **Can’t Ketch Me Down (22:13:05)** while #40 overall, Santa Familia **(24:07:45)**, the only other team in the Dory Division to cross the finish line had to settle for 2nd place.

The organizers of this year’s event congratulate the winners and applaud all the teams that participated in this year’s event as well and the various sponsors and supporters for making this year’s La Ruta Maya a growing success.

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# Getting Ready For The National Municipal Development Project

**BY: Mike Hernandez Jr. J.P,**  
*Director of Public Relations,  
Social Investment Fund*

**BELMOPAN, Wednesday, 10 March, 2010:**

A two-day workshop on good governance and improving public services delivery will be held on 12 and 13 March, 2010 at the Radisson Fort George Hotel in Belize City.

The workshop is being held as part of the preparatory phase of the Belize Municipal Development Project (**BMDP**) aimed at improving municipal service delivery and maintenance capacity across Belize.

The workshop will include the participation of all Mayors along with senior administrative staff in the nine municipalities. It will be conducted by local consultant, **Carmen Barrow**. It is aims to train participants in methodologies and approaches for achieving good public sector delivery.

The workshop will cover topics such as:

a) Principles of Good Governance

b) The role of the Municipal Councils, within the context of the new policy on local government

c) The importance of Good Local Government in managing the affairs of the Council

d) Roles and Responsibilities of the Town Councils in practising Good Governance at the local level and

e) Strategies for developing a good public sector service delivery system among others.

The BMDP has four main components including:

i) Investment infrastructure (*i.e. drainage, traffic management, social infrastructure, etc*);

ii) Town Council Capacity Building (*i.e. improving council accountability, citizen participation, revenue strengthening, financial management,*

*and town planning and disaster management*);

iii) Assistance with Central Government framework for municipal development, *i.e. improving the transfer formula, land ownership information system, and land use framework, and Project Management.*

The project will be funded by the Government of Belize through a 30 million Belize dollar loan from the World Bank. It will be implemented by the Social Investment Fund of the Ministry of Economic Development.

For further information please contact **Mr. Mike Hernandez Jr. J.P**, Director of Public Relations, Social Investment Fund at Tel: 822-0239 or via email at [mike.hernandez@sifbelize.org](mailto:mike.hernandez@sifbelize.org)

Additional information on the project can be found at [www.sifbelize.org](http://www.sifbelize.org)

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## GENERAL NOTICE TO MOTORISTS

The Ministry of Works hereby informs the General Public, specifically motorists, that the Ministry of Works will be conducting several Traffic Surveys in San Ignacio and Santa Elena Towns from the 15 – 20 March 2010, in connection with the proposed New Macal River Crossing Project.

Motorists are advised to expect a slower than usual commutes during this period. The public is also asked to cooperate with traffic surveyors who will be responsible for collecting basic origin and destination data, vital to ensuring proper traffic forecasting, which will lead to a better river crossing project scheme.

In addition, the Ministry of Works requests that all motorists take due care and attention while traversing this area during this period as surveyors will be on the roadside conducting interviews.

For additional information, please contact the office of the Project Execution Unit,  
Ministry of Works in Belmopan at 822-0562.

**Ministry of Works  
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9th March 2010**

# Belize Needs A Long-Term Plan To Become Competitive In International Sports

BY: Wellington C. Ramos



In a talk show last week on one of Belize's most popular radio station Love F.M., the owner of the radio station **Rene Villanueva** made a comment that without a long term plan Belize will never play a major role in international sports when competing among other nations of the world.

This is a statement of fact and the sooner Belize's Minister of Sports accept this fact the better

it will be for Belize and for all Belizeans involved in sports.

In a country like Belize the Ministries of Sports, Youth and Education should be under one Minister because they are all related to issues affecting our children who are the people we should prepare to become our future athletes in amateur and professional sports.

Before I attended Sacred Heart School in Dangriga Town, I was introduced to two sports, football and cricket.

I grew up in the central part of the town in an area called Logan Field. We were not children from rich families and so we could not afford to buy the equipment to play football and cricket.

Even though this huge field was beside our house, we could not play the sport without a football.

We had to kick "**Dolly-Head**" or wrap up paper in plastic bags

and kick it all over the field.

To play cricket we would cut up rubber from bicycle tubes and wrapped it around white lime for the ball and we made our bats from wood or coconut husk.

We played these two sports before school and after school hours but our parents made sure we did our chores and school work first.

In the neighborhood where we lived, there were no After School Programs where we could have access to equipment and facilities to improve our skills and knowledge in these two sports and even to learn other sports.

There was no Children League for football and cricket where we could compete among ourselves and get our parents and the community involved to help us perfect our skills in these sports.

Luckily, in Dangriga Town every community had their own football team and so we arranged matches among ourselves from time to time on Saturday or Sunday mornings after church. Sometimes we would bet against each other for money or sugarcane.

When we started Sacred Heart School the Principal of the school hired a coach for the football team by the name of **Roy "Pele" Ellis**.

Our school had the largest population of students in the whole of Stann Creek District at the time. The coach had more than enough players to choose from because the pool of players was large.

Our parents had to supply our uniforms because the school had no money.

We practised everyday from 2:00 p.m. to about 4:00 p.m.

The first organized Primary School Competition that I can remember was founded by **Carl "Kewi" Ramos**, father of known Punta Rock Star, **Chico Ramos**. He use to go around collecting money for the trophies. He made sure that teams from the valley were transported town and play. He got referees for the games. He wrote the news on the Blackboard and he made sure that the football field was ready for 3:00 p.m. games on Thursdays. I witnessed him doing this

all by himself.

I played football along with **Anthony "Garincha" Adderly Roy "Brazilian" Velasquez**, **Philip "Buck" Palacio** and several other players who later became superstars in Belize's National Football Competition.

I also played against **Orin Orio**, **Teen Age Cacho**, **Chicken Cacho**, **Dean Lewis**, **Wayne Olivera**, **Peru** and several other national stars when I played for All Orange Walk, Police Invaders and Chito's Eleven.

We won several championships until later on when Holy Ghost School started to take over from Sacred Heart School. The foundation for my football career was already set in my childhood years. In every community in Belize, we should have After School Programs equipped with all the various sporting equipment and staff to teach our children various type of sports.

Our schools should have teachers who teach Physical Education and are versed in the rules of most sports to teach our children the rules and how to play the games.

In every community in the country of Belize they have a football team. Each community should be encouraged to form Sports Clubs. These clubs will then be in a position to teach the young children in their communities how to play football and other sports. A competition could be arranged for the children to compete among themselves before they start primary school. After school programs will then add to their development as youths while there are on-going competitions throughout the country of Belize in various sports in primary, elementary and college. Professional players could then be picked from this talented pool of individuals to attend Try Outs at the National Sports Training Center to be selected and represent Belize on our national teams. This would reduce the favoritism that now exists when selecting our best players to represent our country. Without a plan like this, Belize will be competing in the international arena for more years to come, just for competing sake with no hopes of winning the World Cup or being seen as a force to reckon with in the world of sports.



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Por Alejandro Rios

El Marshaleck Stadium de Benque Viejo del Carmen, recibio la segunda semana futbolera, del torneo del Ministro Hon. Erwin Contreras, con una triple jornada de accion pura, el dia sabado 5 de marzo.

Arranco la accion entre Deportivo Santa Cruz, que fue goleado por unos veteranos, que parecian rejuvenecidos con 8 goles a cero, las anotaciones fueron de **Nestor Segura** al minuto 22, 10 minutos despues **Guillermo Castellanos** aprovecho a una defenza que se quedo clavada y los clareo con el 2 x 0, para colmo **Juan Enriquez** anotaria en su mismo arco al 35, con ese marcador se fueron al descanso, pero **Luis "yogui" Aldana** los mando en busca de mas, cosa que hizieron cuando al 59 y al 61 **Ronald Guerra Jr**, les anotaba el cuarto y quinto de la tarde, 5 minutos despues **Ramon Reyes** no les tuvo piedad y marco el sexto tanto con un excelente gol al 66, la faena la remato **Ronald Guerra jr**. Con dos goles mas a los minutos 70 y 75, poniendo el marcador final de 8 goles a cero, con esto Reggae Boyz esta pitando fuerte tambien como favorito, su couch **Luis Aldana**, piensa que este año si se campionizan, el arbitro del encuentro fue **Geovany Pinelo**.

Para las 7 de la noche Jaguars FC todavia flamante campeon del torneo anterior, aparecio frente al cuadro de Pumas FC, el encuentro fue marcado por el dominio del campeon, poniendo el marcador de 3 goles a 1, pero la directiva del torneo decidio por medio de una protesta, quitarles los puntos, por violar la regla 13 y 14, que ordena que solo pueden jugar 3 jugadores de afuera del area en cada equipo, en caso contrario perderian los puntos, cosa que sucedió en la mesa del comité y por votacion de todos los representantes de los equipos, con esto Pumas FC se adjudico los 3 puntos y tres goles a favor.

Para el domingo 7, Benque United derroto 2 goles a 1 al cuadro de Arenal Jrs, las anotaciones fueron por conducto de **Valentin Garcia** al minuto 6, poniendo a los de Benque United arriba, pero 10 minutos despues, **Juan Carlos Gudiel** les calmo

los animos con una pelota rebotada, que aprovecho para anidarla en las redes y poniendo el empate a 1, pero para la parte complementaria, recién iniciado el partido, **Johnny Morales** anoto el gol de la victoria cuando solo corria el minuto 2 de la segunda parte, Arenal Jrs. intento reaccionar pero Benque United logro una merecida victoria de 2 goles a 1, el arbitro del encuentro fue **Geovany Pinelo**.

En el segundo partido del domingo, Arenal FC no tuvo piedad para el joven cuadro de Falcons Jrs, a quienes golearon por el abultado marcador de 9 goles a cero, las anotaciones corrieron a cargo de Allan Najarro al minuto 9, un minuto despues **Josue Sanchez** ponía el segundo, al 13 **Allan Najarro** de nueva cuenta, **Miguel Angel Aguilar**, colaboro con los dos siguientes al 22 y al 37, antes de terminar la primera mitad **Josue Sanchez** de nuevo puso el 6 x cero.

En la segunda parte no cambio mucho el panorama para los Jrs. pues al minuto 53 **Allan Najarro** que ya conocia el camino, anotaba el septimo y segundo en su cuenta, el mismo **Allan Najarro** se encargo de poner el gol 8 y 9 del partido, poniendo el marcador final de 9 goles a cero sobre Falcons Jrs, esto prende las luces de emergencia para todos los de su grupo, ya que Arenal FC se perfila como favorito para este campeonato, el arbitro fue **Anwar Hegar**.

En el tercer partido, la adrenalina estuvo al por mayor, Border Team aparecia como favorito ante el Deportivo Arenal, pero al final dividieron los puntos, marcando el primer empate del torneo, 2 tantos a 2, por Border Team, anotaron **Auner Carriaz** y **Agustin "Suko" Smith**, por los de Arenal anoto **Saul Moran**, el arbitro fue **Roland Kuylen**.

El lunes dia feriado en nuestro pais, fue celebrado con tres encuentros mas, Falcons FC quien jugo un gran encuentro, no pudo contrarestar con el temprano gol de **Ismar Gonzalez** desde el minuto 4 del encuentro, poniendo el que seria el marcador final de 1 gol por cero para Riverside FC, a pesar que Falcons ataco insesante,

**Romeo Leon** no dejo pasar nada, y hay quien diga que de tal palo, tal astilla, haciendo remembranza a su sr. Padre **don Jorge Leon**, quien fuera uno de los mejores guarmetas de Belice, el arbitro fue **Roland Kuylen**.

En el otro partido Flamengo, quien parecia que se adjudicaria un gran partido, termino callendo por 4 goles a 3, de los botines de Benque Fire, el encuentro fue muy parejo hasta el minuto 33 que **Lucky Omoruyi** ponía el 1 a cero, lo acrecento **Victor Miranda** al 36, de esa manera parecia que todo estaba escrito en la primera parte, pero para despues del descanso, cuando solo corrian los primeros 3 minutos de la parte complementaria, **Javier Meda** los pondria peocupados al 48 con el dos a uno, para colmo **Elder Perez** anotaba un autogol, decretandose el 3 por a 1, pero mas tarde apareceria la imagen de **Jonathan de la Rosa** al 56, al 62 el experimentado **Smart Osarobo**, recibio tarjeta roja lo que debilito la defensa de Flamengo y fue aprovechado por **Victor Castillo**, que anoto el definitivo de 4 goles a 3 dandole una victoria sufrida pero justa, al cuadro de don **Rafa Dominguez** Benque Fire, el arbitro fue **Julio Ayala**.

En el ultimo partido Juventus FC aprovecho sus oportunidades, y despacho a un Green Machine que sin jugar mal, no supo anotar las que tuvo y perdio por 4 goles a 2.

**Rudy Puc** abrio la cuenta al 31 y 39 respectivamente, al minuto 41 **Michael Arnold** puso el tres por cero, para la segunda parte **Claudio Toralla**, anotaba el de la esperanza, pero **Michael Arnold** lo acrecentaba con el cuarto de la tarde, 1 minuto despues al 84 **Melvin Contreras** anotaria un golazo para Green Machine, solo que no le dio y perdieron al son de 4 goles a 2 con un Juventus que mostro un buen futbol, el arbitro del partido fue **Roland Kuylen**.

Para esta semana juegan: Sabado 13 de marzo a las 5:30pm, Pumas FC vs Benque United.

A las 7:00pm, Real Benqueño vs Green Machine.

En San Jose Succotz juega a la 5pm, La Jube vs Arzenal, para el domingo 14 de marzo, 2:30pm Juventus vs Flamengo, 4:15pm Riverside vs Reggae Boyz.

En San Jose Succotz 3pm D'Revolutions vs Corozalito y a las 5:30pm River Plate vs West Boyz, descansa La Tribu.

Durante esta jornada se entregaron un total de 9 balones para cada equipo del torneo, tanto para los cuadros de San Jose Succotz como para los del Benque Viejo, esto cortesia del Ministro **Hon. Erwin Contreras**, en su representacion el presidente del Comité de Deportes de Benque Viejo sr **Luis Aldana**, las presento a los equipos del torneo, con el mensaje del ministro, que continuen con el deporte en el area, fortaleciendo una juventud mas sana.



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## Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



### **ARIES:**

**March 22- April 20**

The coming week augurs a phase where you get more evaluative and focus on planning ahead. You may be doing a veritable stocktaking of your strategies and professional endeavors. Also, you may be looking at utilizing your other skills to enhance your productivity at work. Short trips are also indicated. **Lucky Numbers: 12, 47, 62.**



### **TAURUS:**

**April 21 to May 21**

You are quite likely to get more philosophical and might turn into an introvert. There is a deep seated desire for some fundamental changes in life. A subsequent change in attitude and thought is likely. Attaining peace of mind is indicated, but through discipline. **Lucky Numbers: 04, 22, 89.**



### **GEMINI:**

**May 22 to June 21**

You are likely to overcome some serious personality issues and make rapid visible strides,

both personally and professionally. You will be able have a better perspective on relationships and take proper decisions related to work as well. Respiratory problems might affect you. **Lucky Numbers: 07, 31, 58.**



### **CANCER:**

**June 22 to July 23**

You aim for increased earnings. You might take up an extra job or opt for freelance work. Be cautious and steer clear from options that promise quick gains. Increasing expenditure will only propel your desire to supplement your income but temptation must be avoided. **Lucky Numbers: 03, 72, 98.**



### **LEO:**

**July 24 to August 21**

The coming week sees the genial side of you. Since you seem to realize the individual importance of people in your life, you engage yourself in helping them in whatever way is feasible to you. There will be new additions to your circle of friends. You will also try to

harness your inbuilt charisma to improve your image. **Lucky Numbers: 08, 33, 65.**



### **VIRGO:**

**August 22 to September 21**

Individuals born under this sign of the zodiac are raring to go. There could be new plans for business, new employment opportunities sought or possibly a new hobby taken up. You feel the need to explore opportunities and use your creativity on a larger scale **Lucky Numbers: 04, 33, 65.**



### **LIBRA:**

**September 22 to October 23**

There is a great deal of mental stability restored. There could be some anxious moments, but more or less your days are filled with ample work and spiritual undertakings. You are likely to reach out to more people to include them in your support group. Open up to the world and it will soon prove to be a friendlier place. **Lucky Numbers: 14, 27, 52.**



### **SCORPIO:**

**October 24 to November 21**

Apart from your regular routine, the coming week will steer you mysteriously towards higher spiritual practices. Of course there will be everyday affairs, but you deal with them with a greater self-assurance. Do not get irritated when people come to you for help. **Lucky Numbers: 10, 36, 84.**



### **SAGITTARIUS:**

**November 22 to December 21**

When things are working fast and smooth in your favor, it is

but natural to get a bit complacent. Keep your eyes open for details so that you do not falter on account of minor mistakes. It is vital that you keep safe all important documents, especially accounts related. **Lucky Numbers: 09, 45, 93.**



### **CAPRICORN:**

**December 22 to January 20**

You are likely to be putting pressure on your own resources — mental as well as physical and all this, to match your own expectations. You will need more monetary resources to reach that level. Lot of travelling within the city you live in and short trips are likely **Lucky Numbers: 18, 76, 97.**



### **AQUARIUS:**

**January 21 to February 19**

The coming week sees the extrovert in you coming to the fore. There will be many social do's that you attend, increasing your circle of friends. Until now, people have known you as a successful and professional individual. Now, they also recognise you as a warm human being. **Lucky Numbers: 02, 30, 61.**



### **PISCES:**

**February 20 to March 21**

There is some monetary gain indicated to begin with. With this aspect secured, you achieve harmony and success in other spheres of relationships, family and work. Old projects could be completed and new ones could be launched. Those looking for change of job could come across something interesting. **Lucky Numbers: 16, 42, 70.**

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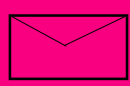
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## Readers Write



### It's Time For George & Candy To Give BECOL A Rest

Dear STAR;

I read with much interest last week's letter from George & Candy Gonzalez on BECOL'S public education campaign regarding the Chalillo Dam Break Emergency Procedure.

I believe that the time has come for Candy and George to give BECOL and the Chalillo Dam a rest, at least for now.

BECOL's public meeting was well publicized on the radio, newspapers, television and even with flyers stapled to light poles around San Ignacio & Santa Elena and yet the people did not bother to show up.

I am told that there were more officials in attendance than members of the public, in fact my understanding is that only George, Candy and two other members from their UBAD group attended along with maybe two other persons for a total of about 6 or 7 persons.

In their letter to the editor last week, George and Candy came

up with all kinds of excuses to explain why the people stayed away and all their excuses were aimed at BECOL.

I wonder if George and Candy have ever given any thought that maybe the people have had enough to them being at BECOL'S throat and that the people are satisfied with the actions and explanations given thus far by BECOL.

The people chose to stay away from the Gonzalez' meeting and instead turned up in large numbers for the FLEX concert that was held next door. Is this not enough indication for George & Candy to pick another fight, find another rallying point and give BECOL a rest?

We must thank George and Candy for lighting the flame, it has served its purpose. The fire has now gone out and so there no longer need for them to be fanning the ashes

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## Touched By An Angel

By: Maya Angelou



*We, unaccustomed to courage  
exiles from delight  
live coiled in shells of loneliness  
until love leaves its high holy temple  
and comes into our sight  
to liberate us into life.*

*Love arrives  
and in its train come ecstasies  
old memories of pleasure  
ancient histories of pain.  
Yet if we are bold,  
love strikes away the chains of fear  
from our souls.*

*We are weaned from our timidity  
In the flush of love's light  
we dare be brave  
And suddenly we see  
that love costs all we are  
and will ever be.  
Yet it is only love  
which sets us free.*

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# Mexican - The Richest Man In The World

He doesn't bother with private jets, he shuns flashy offices, and for most of the 1990s he made do with a plastic watch.

While he does have a laptop, he is adamant that he does not use it, saying: "I'm a paper man, not electronic."

Not the kind of attributes you might expect from someone who has now been named the richest man in the world by Forbes magazine.

Mexican tycoon Carlos Slim is now worth US\$53.5bn (£35.8bn). That puts him above Bill Gates and Warren Buffett, but unlike his US rivals, he remains relatively unknown outside of his native Latin America.

### Family empire

There, he controls more than 200 companies. These range from telecoms, where he first made his fortune, to infrastructure, banking and retail.

In order to maintain his influence over his expanding empire, his sons and sons-in-law have been put in charge of many businesses.

One of the most significant in Mr Slim's empire is America Movil, Latin America's largest mobile phone company, which operates in 11 countries and serves more than 150 million



Mexican tycoon Carlos Slim is now worth US\$53.5bn

customers.

His telecoms interests also extend to Telmex - the company he fought to take control of in 1990 when it was nationalised. It now operates around 90% of Mexico's telephone lines.

Mr Slim, whose heavy-set figure belies his name, also owns the Inbursa financial group and the Grupo Carso industrial conglomerate, whose interests range from retail stores to restaurants.

Meanwhile, the infrastructure firm he owns, Ideal, is working on a project to develop a shopping centre, schools and a hospital in Mexico City.

The baseball-mad engineering graduate made enough money

from working in property early in his career to invest in the stock market.

By the age of 26, he was worth \$40m, but it was during the Latin American economic crisis of the early 1980s that Mr Slim made a name for himself as a man who could make money in a recession.

He was able to buy a number of struggling companies at very low prices before transforming their fortunes.

Like Mr Buffett, Mr Slim has done some canny deals in the stock market - not least, buying shares in Apple when they were \$17 each. They are now worth well over \$200.

### Philanthropy scepticism

The son of Lebanese immigrants, Mr Slim is known for his philanthropy - though not on the scale of Mr Gates or Mr Buffett.

Most recently, he linked up with former US President Bill Clinton and Canadian mining figure Frank Giustra to launch an anti-poverty campaign in Latin America, and in March pledged \$6bn for his three charitable foundations.

In Mexico where, according to World Bank data, about 50% of people are living in poverty, many feel that he has not donated enough, especially given how ubiquitous his companies are in day-to-day life. However his supporters say that some of that criticism is unfair, not least because of his relatively recent elevation to the ranks of the mega-rich. And Mr Slim, has said he is not convinced that philanthropy is the best way to help people. "(Bill) Gates has to study how he can (fight poverty) in the same way that Microsoft...succeeded in business, because charity has not solved the problem," he told USA today.

"It's based on my conviction that poverty is not fought with donations, charity or even public spending, but that you fight it with health, education and jobs."

Still working, the tycoon has indicated he has no desire to retire from business to concentrate more on charitable work, as Mr Gates has done. As he said in a recent interview: "Wealth is like an orchard. You have to share the fruit, not the trees."

### Foreign expansion

If you have yet to hear of Carlos Slim, that may be about to change. In recent years the tycoon has sought to expand his businesses abroad, including investments in 2008 in the New York Times newspaper and in the struggling bank Citigroup.

In the UK he has been linked with investments in company behind the Independent and Independent on Sunday newspapers.

Analysts suggest he is trying to replicate his Latin American success on a global scale. That remains to be seen, but his rise to the number one spot on the world rich list shows that a global economic downturn is unlikely to slow his progress.

## CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE

### NOTICE

#### Sale of US Dollars by Authorized Dealers

The Central Bank of Belize advised the public that the prescribed selling rate for one United States (US) dollar remains fixed at a maximum of BZ\$2.0175, which includes the commission of the Authorized Dealers.

For example, on the sale of one (1) US dollar, the following is payable

Basic rate	BZ\$2.00
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- . stamp duty of 1.25% on the Belize dollar equivalent of foreign currency purchases that are greater than BZ\$100.00 in value
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- . bank draft cost
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Any person who has a complaint regarding the selling rate charged on US dollar sales may lodge a report to the Central Bank of Belize at 223-6194 with the Manager, International Payments Unit.

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# Talks Between Mexico And SICA In El Salvador

**MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Tuesday, March 9, 2010, Press Release #070:**

Mexico and Central America, including Belize, Agree to Take Steps to Improve the Operational Capacity of their Security Forces

They expressed their repudiation of all manifestations of violence against women, especially trafficking in women and sexual exploitation.

The fourth dialogue between Mexico and the Central American Integration System (SICA) on Democratic Security took place on March 8-9 in San Salvador, El Salvador.

The meeting was convened by Panama as President Pro Tempore of SICA.

All member countries of the organization participated in the talks.

The Mexican delegation was headed by the Foreign Ministry's Undersecretary for Latin America and the Caribbean, **Salvador Beltran del Rio**, and included members of the Defence and Public Safety Ministries, the Navy, the Attorney General's office and the National Security Center (CISEN).

Undersecretary Beltran del Rio said that one of the most urgent demands of Mexican society is an increase in the level of public safety and the elimination of impunity in our country. He said that "*As a neighbor of the Central American nations, it is*

*essential to ensure that our region is strengthened and becomes a permanent zone of peace, stability and security, to promote the development of our population.*"

The participating delegations agreed to strengthen coordination in order to improve the operational capacity of their respective security forces, and they accepted with pleasure Mexico's offer to host the fifth dialogue in 2011.

Some of the results of the meeting were:

- a) consultations on possibly convening a conference of donors to finance the Security Strategy for Central America and Mexico,
- b) establishing an operational working group on chemical precursors and pseudoephedrine,
- c) seeking close cooperation between Mexico and the Central American Small Arms and Light Weapons Control Program (CASAC) on the issue of registering and controlling firearms, and
- d) exploring trilateral cooperation programs between Canada, Mexico and SICA.

The progress made in connecting the SICA member countries to the Mexico Platform was stressed; this allows for a more effective coordination and exchange of regional information in fighting transnational organized crime.

The SICA-Mexico dialogue on Democratic Security has been

held since 2004. The document underlying the dialogue is the Security Strategy for Central America and Mexico.

To date, this forum has met four times: three times in San Salvador, SICA headquarters, and once in Mexico City.

The delegates also ratified their commitment to promoting gender equality within the security forces and they thanked the Council of Ministers for Women in Central America (COMCCA) for their offer to collaborate on issues related to gender equality.

In addition, they expressed their repudiation of all forms of violence against women, especially trafficking and sexual exploitation, which affect the security of our region.


SICA Secretary General **Juan Daniel Aleman** said that the line between the domestic and international security of our countries was not a clear one and that therefore we should construct a regional security policy based on shared values and on the complementarity of

our national capacities.

Panamanian Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs **Meliton Arrocha**, as President Pro Tempore of SICA, urged those present to unite in making the forum a success based on the principles of solidarity and cooperation.

In addition to Undersecretary Beltrán del Río, the following individuals headed their countries' delegations: for Belize, the CEO of the National Security Ministry, **Allen Whyllie**; for Costa Rica, Vice Minister of the Presidency, **José Torres**; for El Salvador, the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Integration and Economic Promotion, **Carlos Alfredo Castañeda Magaña**; for Guatemala, the Vice Minister of National Defense, **Roberto Campos**; for Honduras, the Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs, **Mireya Agüero de Corrales**; for Nicaragua, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs **Manuel Coronel Kautz**; for Panama, the Vice Minister of Public Safety, **Alejandro Garúz**; and for the Dominican Republic, the ambassador of the Dominican Republic in El Salvador, **Roberto Victoria**.

## Happy Birthday



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# TOURISM NEWS

## Travel Agent Magazine in Belize



Travel Writer for Travel Agent Magazine, Joe Pike, is currently in Belize traversing both inland and island on a 4 day familiarization trip.

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Joe first visited west of Belize, San Ignacio. There he did site inspections, enjoy the Green Iguana Project, and engage in a Waterfall Cave Expedition. He then had the opportunity to visit the ancient Maya City of Xunantunich where his journey entailed a passage across the scenic Mopan river via a hand-cranked ferry and climbed the spectacular "El Castillo" which provided a breathtaking view of the towns of San Ignacio, Benque and the Guatemalan countryside. The final stop of his itinerary will take him to La Isla Bonita, San Pedro where he will snorkel Hol Chan & Shark Ray Alley, swim with the nurse sharks and rays and encounter the large green moray eels and parrotfish before leaving the country.

"The travel agent community is an important distribution channel for Belize," comments Ag. Tourism Director, Shakira Oxley-Tsal. "The visit of Travel Agent magazine will serve to further compliment our marketing efforts with the trade to grow the demand for Belize and its service providers."

Participating private sector partners who assisted in making this trip a success included San Ignacio Hotel & Luxury Day Spa, Yute Expeditions, Ian Anderson's Caves Branch, Portofino Beach Resort, Azul Resort, Island Ferry, SEA-duced by Belize, Victoria House and Tropic Air.

The Belize Tourism Board currently launched its Belize Specialist program that aims at certifying 4,000 travel agents.



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# Senior Public Officers Training At The San Ignacio Resort Hotel

**BY: Mrs. Jacqueline E. Gillett Joseph**  
**Ministry of the Public Service**  
**Tel: 822- 2204/2206**

The Ministry of the Public Service, Governance Improvement and Elections & Boundaries will next week be hosting a developmental training on Change Management.

This forms part of its continuing efforts to enhance the performance and efficiency levels of senior and middle managers in the public sector and is being held in collaboration with the Governance & Institutional Development Division (GIDD) of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

This training is geared specifically at Heads of Department and individuals in the Public Service, who are directly responsible for Human Resource Management.

The objectives of this training are to:

i) Develop techniques to manage the various levels of change and behaviours.

ii) See change not as something to be feared and resisted, but as an essential element of the world to be accepted.

iii) See change as an opportunity for self - motivation and innovation.

iv) Identify strategies for helping change to be accepted and implemented in the workplace and

v) Apply hands on experience by developing a change management strategy.

The training will run from March 15th to 17th, 2010, at the San Ignacio Resort Hotel and will be facilitated by **Dr. Joan**

**Imhoff- Nwasike**, Regional Advisor for the Caribbean Region of the Governance and Institutional Development Division, Commonwealth Secretariat.

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## Hablemos Claro

**POR: Alejandro "Alex" Rios**

El pasado 8 de marzo, se conmemoro el Dia Mundial de la Mujer en todo el planeta, y aunque solo se reconoce ese dia oficialmente, edificar un reconocimiento a las mujeres, no deberia tener ni fecha, ni año.

En nuestro pais de Belice, bajo la tutela de la **Hon. Faith Babb**, quien funjia como ministro de estado, en el Ministerio de Recursos Humanos, fue que nacio el departamento de Women's Affairs en el año de 1986, este espacio buscaba dignificar la equidad y justicia en las mujeres de Belice, esto era para adoptar derechos que eran nesarios en el ordenamiento de las leyes protectoras de la mujer, la reforma legislativa de ese entonces, introdujo programas y servicios, que mejoraron la vida social y mejores condiciones economicas para la mujer belizeña.

Aunque existia la Union de Desarrollo de la mujer desde 1979, lo que se buscaba era establecer un mecanismo, que contara con el soporte gubernamental para las iniciativas y esfuerzos, que integraran a la mujer al proceso de desarrollo del pais.

En el año de 1982, la Comision Nacional de la Mujer preparo iniciativas para preparar programas a nivel nacional, pero fue hasta el año de 1986 bajo la direccion del entonces **Primer Ministro Hon. Manuel Esquivel**, que nacio el Departamento Relacionado a la Mujer (*Department of Women's*

*Affairs*).

Es en 1993 cuando el gobierno de Belice asigna especificamente, una responsabilidad a este portafolio ministerial, con ello los beneficios y derechos protegian a las mujeres, especialmente el de las mujeres mas marginadas de las zonas rurales.

A lo largo de los años aparecieron diferentes NGO'S relacionadas con la mujer, el gobierno de Belice, promovio los derechos de la mujer atraves de la Convencion de las Naciones Unidas, en la eliminacion de todas las discriminaciones contra la mujer.

En 1992 el gobierno adopto el acta contra la violencia domestica, hoy en dia el Departamento de la Mujer, esta bajo el Ministerio de Desarrollo Humano, dirigido por el **Hon. Eden Martinez**.

Hoy por hoy, la mujer esta presente en la vida publica de nuestro pais, cada dia vemos con orgullo a mas mujeres empresarias, doctoras, maestras, mujeres lideres en sus comunidades, cada dia existen mas grupos comunitarios formados y dirigidos por mujeres, incluso mujeres agronomas, que trabajan arduamente de sol a sol, enalteciendo el progreso agrario del suelo beliceño.

Sin embargo falta mucho por hacer, todavia existe cierto rezago en el desarrollo de la mujer en el acontecer diario, cada dia a comparacion de otros

países, nos sentimos mas aliviados en la violencia domestica, y esto se debe a que ahora, la mujer conoce mas de sus derechos y responsabilidades, ojala que siempre, la mujer consiga el beneplacito de el apoyo y la solidez familiar, atrás queda el rezago y la marginidad, hoy la mujer tiene las mismas oportunidades para desarrollarse, sin reservas o

impedimentos, y el mundo entero habre su horizonte a un planeta mas plural y sin reservas malinchistas, adelante mujeres que ustedes fueron la cuna de nuestras vidas, y han sido el arquitecto de nuestra formacion, adelante y sin reservas, siempre para adelante nunca para atrás. Pero sera el tiempo... el implacable tiempo, el que nos de la razon o el beneficio de la duda, solo el tiempo, usted que opina?

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The Management of Prosser Fertilizer informs the General Public that with effect from Thursday, April 1, 2010 our outlet will be relocated from West Street in San Ignacio Town to Rod Allen's Hardware Building on the Western Highway in Santa Elena Town, Cayo.

We look forward to continue providing you with the same high quality of Goods and Services from our new location.



# STAR HUMOR

## Following The Doctor's Advice

Mr Jose Garcia walked into Joe's Cool Club on the Western Highway in Santa Elena. He strolled straight up to the bar and said to the bartender "Let me have a quart of Less, please."

"Sorry buddy," said the bartender looking slightly puzzled,

"In all the year that I have been bartending, I have never come across that one yet. Tell me, is it a rum, a gin or a whiskey?"

"I have no idea," replied Garcia.

"I went to see my doctor last week and he told me that I should drink Less."

## Jose Garcia The Ambulance Chaser

After spending several hours inside Joe's Cool Club, Mr. Jose Garcia staggered out of the bar just as the ambulance was racing past, siren wailing and lights flashing.

Immediately, the obviously drunk Jose Garcia rush out of the club and starts chasing the ambulance. He speeds down the Western Highway,

running as fast as he could until he eventually collapsed near the Social Security Branch Office, gasping for breath.

In a last act of desperation he shouts after the ambulance, "If that's the way you want it, you can keep your bloody ice creams!"

## The Man From Above

When the new patient was settled comfortably on the couch, the physiatrist began his therapy session, "Since this is your first visit I must begin by finding out what your problem is," the

doctor said. "So perhaps, you should start at the very beginning."

"Of course," replied the patient.

"In the beginning, I created the Heavens and the Earth..."

## A Final Confession

On her deathbed Ms. Alice called her husband, James and instructed him to look under their bed and open the wooden box he found.

James was puzzled by the 3 eggs and \$7,000 in cash he found in the box, so he asked his wife what the eggs were for.

"Oh those", she replied, "every

time we had unsatisfactory marital relations, I put an egg in the box".

Not bad, thought James to himself, after 35 years of marriage, then he asked, "But what about the \$7,000?"

"Oh that", replied Ms. Alice, "every time I got to a dozen I sold them."



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## The Belizean Adventure Showcased in the Big Apple



Belize had the distinct pleasure of being a part of the New York adventure this past weekend at New York Times Show at the Jacob J. Javits Convention Center in downtown Manhattan, February 26th through February 28th, 2010. Representing the Belize Tourism Board were Gale Ozeata and Karina Cunil. Private sector representative included Belize Tourism Industry Association and the Belize Hotel Association.

The floor of the Jacob Javits Convention Centre was the venue for the show and attracted more than 7,000 trade professionals and 28,000 attendees during the two and a half days. The seventh annual New York Times Travel Show, presented by American Express, is a passport to discovery, a dynamic, interactive experience where everyone passionate about travel could explore premier destinations, properties, products and services.

February 26th was a trade-only show offering travel agents an opportunity to meet with travel executives. February 27th and February 28th were both open to the public and had a steady flow of passionate individuals wanting to learn more about Belize. The show also brought together hundreds of destinations, resorts, outfitters and gear manufacturers from around the globe to showcase the best in adventure travel. It is a US\$115 billion dollar a year industry and growing.

Request for information from the Belize toll free number has demonstrated that New York, California and Florida are the top three states in the United States that continue to show interest in Belize as a tourism destination. Noteworthy to mention that New York is also the third largest and the most populated city in the United States.



For more information on events taking place in Belize's tourism industry, please contact the Belize Tourism Boards at 227-2420, via email: [btbb@btl.net](mailto:btbb@btl.net) or visit our website [www.travelbelize.org](http://www.travelbelize.org)

# BELIZE TOURISM BOARD

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## BTB Conducts Educational Presentations to Delta Agents in Atlanta, Georgia



Representatives from the Belize Tourism Board had the opportunity to conduct an educational Belize presentation to over 300 Delta Reservations Agent on March 2nd, 2010 at Delta Reservations office in Atlanta, Georgia.



The full day educational presentations highlighted Belize's reef, rainforest, archaeology and culture. The main objective is to provide education and awareness of the Belizean Product to those engaged in the sale of travel related products. This is provided to the agents through destination and niche market seminars, destination specialist programs, and organization web-sites.

Delta Airlines is the world's largest airline. From its hub in Atlanta, Cincinnati, Detroit, Memphis, Minneapolis-St. Paul, New York-JFK, Salt Lake City, Amsterdam and Tokyo-Narita, Delta, its Northwest subsidiary and Delta Connection carriers offer service to 368 destinations in 66 countries and serve more than 170 million passengers each year.

Delta's marketing alliances allow customers to earn and redeem either SkyMiles or WorldPerks on more than 16,000 daily flights offered by SkyTeam and other partners. Including the SkyTeam and worldwide codeshare partners, Delta offers flights to 567 worldwide destinations in 112 countries.

Noteworthy is Georgia is rated as the tenth highest state where U.S. visitors to Belize originate.



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

### **NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13**

dated 19th February, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 39 of 2001 at Folios 919-924 in favour of **PETER HANCOCK**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001793**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PORT/LOYOLAVILLE**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1987.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's fiat Grant No. 802 of 2004 dated 12th January, 2005 in favour of **LLOYD WAITE**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001794**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ST. MARTIN DE PORRES WEST**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1140.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2173 of 2008 dated 23rd June 2008 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 26 of 2008 at Folios 157-166 in favour of **SEIFUDDIN MUSTAFA**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201001806**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **DANGRIGA NORTH**, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 1411.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 780 of 1985 dated 27th August 1985 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 8 of 1985 at Folios 1125-1138 in favour of **LINDSAY YEARWOOD & THERESE YEARWOOD**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201002126**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1830.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 980 of 1976 dated 11th August 1976 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 8 of 1976 at Folios 1063-1082 in favour of **LEOPOLDO BRICEÑO, ELIJIO BRICEÑO, GRACIANO BRICEÑO & EUDALDO BRICEÑO**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201002130**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1632.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2146 of 1998 dated 31st July, 1998 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 25 of 1998 at Folios 1342-1349 in favour of **SEFERINA E. HERRERA**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201002134**

This parcel of land are situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3604.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 1063 of 1998 dated 4th November, 1998 in favour of **ABELINA T. ALAMILLA**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201002137**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1789.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 167 of 1989 dated 10th October, 1989 in favor of **MOISES CAL**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201002140**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PROGRESSO**, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 796.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 104 of 1989 dated 21st June, 1989 in favour of **EDITA COWO**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201002143**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SARTENEJA**, Block No. 3 and being Parcel No. 1309.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 345 of 2005 dated 31st May, 2005 in favour of **RAUL COCOM**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201002146**

These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, **DANGRIGA SOUTH**, Block No. 31 and being Parcels No. 955 & 956.

These parcels of land are the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 98 of 2000 dated 30th December, 1999 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 2 of 2000 at Folios 665-672 in favour of **GILBERT MARIN & VALENTINA MARIN (Jointly)**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201002149**

This parcel of land are situated in the Registration Section, **BURDON CANAL**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 146.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 88 of 2000 dated 19th March, 2000 in favour of **LEOPOLDO SILVA**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201002151**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3954.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 671 of 2004 dated 30th July, 2004 in favor of **ANGELICA LESLIE**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201002229**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2442.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 746 of 2008 dated 3rd November, 2008 in favor of **SERGIO CIUC**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201002230**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN JOSÉ/ SAN PABLO**, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 602.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 354 of 1996 dated 17th September, 1996 in favor of **RODRIGO ESCARRAGA**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201002242**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PLACENTIA NORTH**, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 4.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 605 of 1997 dated 20th February, 1997 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 7 of 1997 at Folios 587-602 in favour of **THOMAS SZEWCZYK & CLAIRESE SZEWCZYK**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201002243**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **MILLERS BIGHT**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 453.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Minister's Fiat Grant No. 669 of 1998 dated 23rd June, 1998 in favor of **ADILIA ALVARADO**.

**APPLICATION NO. LRS-201002271**

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2514.

This parcel of land is the subject of an Indenture No. 0672 of 2005 dated 21st March, 2005 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 9 of 2005 at Folios 779-788 in favour of **EARL NICHOLSON**.



# Dark Clouds With Silver Linings

**SANIGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, March 11, 2010:**

While a dark cloud lingers over the head of the Belize Police Department amid allegations of the presence of killers within its ranks, there are other less serious suspected infractions which do no good

for the ailing image of the Department.

A group of policemen are expressing dismay at an incident that unfolded today inside a municipal court whereby charges were dismissed against two persons accused of trafficking in drugs.

## BURGLARY AT RUNNING W MEATS OVER 25 GRAND GONE MISSING

**From Front Page**

company's empty metal safe, on a shelf, with its door sawed off at the hinges, was pointed out to them.

The complainant informed that the safe contained three transparent plastic bags with cash and cheques from sales for Thursday, March 4 and Friday March 5, 2010, amounting to BZ\$18,012.45 in cash and BZ\$7,035.13 in cheques all for total of BZ\$25,047.58, the property of Running W Brand Meats.

Police suspect that after rummaging through the upstairs office, the burglar(s) descended into the downstairs sales point area by way of an interior stairs and proceeded to ransack the area and in the process emptying the cash register.

While there are several pieces of expensive computer and other office equipment, in open view, inside the building, the only reported missing items were the cash and cheques.

At the scene, inside the upstairs



**The black Nike warm cap/mask**

office, on one of the desks, police recovered a black Nike warm cap converted into a mask along with a hacksaw bracket fitted with a blade. Police believe that the hacksaw was used to cut the burglar bar and the door off the safe.

As the investigation continues, police is asking anyone with information to contact the San Ignacio Crimes Investigation Branch at telephone 824-2022. Investigators reiterate that all information received will be held in the strictest of confidence.

The accused persons enlisted the services of a highly qualified and competent attorney who has been appearing on their behalf and today, after several adjournments, both accused persons walked free of the charge not because of the efforts of their skilled attorney but for want of prosecution when, after several adjournments, the arresting constable, despite being repeatedly summoned to appear in courts, has consistently failed to obey the summons although he is stationed at the very same police formation where the trial was held all along.

There is also the case of the individual who is awaiting trial on trafficking charges when he was found transporting a large quantity of drugs. He was also

charged with possession of ammunition. If convicted on the drug trafficking charge, the accused gets off by paying a fine as the crime does not carry a custodial sentence. However, convictions on ammunition charges carry a mandatory custodial sentence. There are disturbing allegations that some policemen are working behind the scenes to have the ammunition charge disappear.

Like most things in life, if left unchecked, these less serious irregularities could balloon into more serious criminal behavior on the part of those who are sworn to uphold the Constitution and the Law.

The silver lining behind these two dark clouds is that the Commanders of these two formations are known to have little tolerance for irregular behavior. It is expected therefore that these matters will be thoroughly investigated.

## Fatal Motorcycle Accident In Spanish Lookout

**From Front Page**

An inspection of the area revealed a long skid mark measuring almost 50 feet on the right side of the gravel road. Police suspect the victim was travelling alone at a high speed on the motorcycle and when he was unable to take a steep curb in the road, he applied the brakes thereby producing the long skid mark which eventually led to him losing control of the motorcycle landing into a single

strand of barbed wire which almost severed his head.

The victim was transported to the San Ignacio Community Hospital where he was officially pronounced dead.

The body was placed inside the morgue as it awaits the legally required post mortem examination.

The deceased was well known in Spanish Lookout where he served as a volunteer Special Constable for several years.

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