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RRESTED AND OR HARMING AN INFANT CHARGED

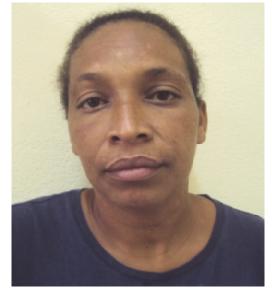
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Friday, August 15, 2010:

The police search for a San Ignacio woman who is accused of harming a baby boy ended at around 9 o'clock on Thursday night when police found the accused at her mother's house in the Santiago Juan Layout Area in San Ignacio Town.

The accused Melanie Marcia Moody, 33, was detained and transported to the Police Station where an arrest warrant for harm was waiting for her.

The charge against Moody resulted from a report on Monday, August 9, in which a two year old male child emerged with burns and bruises to various parts of the body.

Acting upon information received police visited the emergency unit at the San Ignacio Community Hospital at around 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, where they were directed to the child undergoing treatment for burns and bruised to various parts of the body including the inner right



The Accused Melanie Marcia Moody, 33

thigh, right arm, lower portion of the left foot, left side of the back, abdomen, fingers and with both eyes bruised and swollen.

The child's mother, Chrispula Margaret Lisbey, 24, Belizean, assistant auditor of a Domingo Cruz Street address in San Ignacio Town reported to the police that she strongly suspects the injuries to her infant son were caused by the person in whose care she left him before leaving for work that morning.

The mother identified **Melanie** Marcia Moody, 33, Belizean, unemployed as the person who injured her child. She informed that about six weeks ago she took Moody into her house with a common-law-

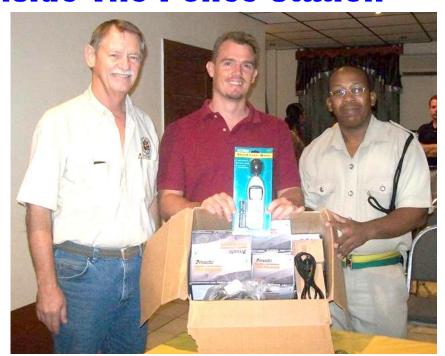
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Improving Police Conduct - Coming Soon Cameras Inside The Police Station

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, August 11, 2010:

In an effort strictly geared towards improving police conduct, at least inside the San Ignacio Police Station, a project is well underway for the installation of Digital Video Recording Devices within various sections inside the station.

Members of the proactive People's Coalition of Cayo (PCC), held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 10 inside the conference room at the San Ignacio Police station where they presented a 4 channel Digital Video Recorder (DVR) with night vision



(L-R) Coalition Members Mike Green and Julian Sherrard along with Sr. Supt. Chester Williams cameras along with a portable The Decibel Meter will be Decibel Meter.

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Talk With The People

With bids now in for the replacement of the Kendal Bridge on the Southern Highway, the conversation has resurfaced regarding the construction of a permanent carriageway linking the western twin towns of Santa Elena and San Ignacio.

Amidst the apparent lack of consultation with residents of these two communities who will be most affected one way or the other by the project, the recent official pronouncement from the Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Works is that the bridge will span the Macal River from one end of Santa Elena, off La Loma Luz Boulevard, to the other end of San Ignacio Town emerging somewhere in that area near the Golden Orange orchard.

While there is no denying that a permanent bridge, less susceptible to floods, between the twin municipalities, is overdue, the very least one would expect is some form of dialogue with the residents of both communities on such a major undertaking, especially from a government that prides itself for consulting with the people prior the implementing major policies and projects.

Granted that engineers are expert in their field and might have conducted detailed analysis ultimately resulting in selecting this particular site, this information should be shared with area residents who might have opposing views but, through dialogue, can be afforded a logical explanation as to why this site was chosen instead of giving the impression of being totally ignored which could lead to area residents harboring the feeling of the presence of ulterior motives on the part of those ultimately responsible for executing the project.

For the information of those on whose shoulders the final decision rests, the major concern surfacing since the announcement of the proposed project, is that a bridge beginning at the eastern end of Santa Elena Town will pose major difficulties for all those residing further up the Western Highway in Santa Elena given that all vehicles coming into San Ignacio from the east, including commuter buses and other public transport, will divert at La Loma Luz Boulevard resulting in those living further up the western Highway in Santa Elena either having to pay a taxi cab or walk the almost one mile into Town. This will be difficult especially for those workers and students who commute to Belmopan and beyond on a daily basis returning home tired and hungry in the evenings after working or studying all day long.

Furthermore, the motoring public residing in the heart of Santa

Elena, who must make this crossing several times each day in the normal conduct of their business, will be required to drive an extra mile to reach the bridge and another mile to reach San Ignacio Town.

Assuming that the Hawksworth Bridge will continue in service, the condition will remain unchanged when crossing into Santa Elena from the deep west as there will be no need for workers and students to deviate from their usual location when departing from Santa Elena en-route to places



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eastward and beyond.

There might very well be a logical explanation as to why this particular site was chosen so why not open the conversation while simultaneously listening to the people's ideas, suggestions and comments on a project of this magnitude and importance?

MELANIE MOODY ARRESTED AND CHARGED FOR HARMING AN INFANT

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husband and a three year old child as they were reportedly experiencing hardship after having been evicted from the place where they were staying due to their inability to pay the rent.

The mother further informed that as she has normally done for the past few weeks, she left her child in Moody's care and departed for work shortly after 8:00 a.m. that Monday morning and that at around 3:00 p.m. Moody reportedly visited her workplace at Codd and Associate's located on the third floor of Codd's Drugstore on the Benque Viejo Road, near the San Ignacio police station. Upon arrival, Moody reportedly informed the mother that the child had sustained a burn and that it was nothing serious. She reportedly stayed with the mother at her workplace for over four hours until she left her workplace at around 7:00 p.m. All this time, the child was reportedly left at home in the care of Moody's common-lawhusband.

The mother told the police that upon arriving home at around 7:30 p.m., she was shocked to see the extent of injuries to her son. When she further questioned her, Moody insisted that it was an accident caused when the child stumbled upon a

hot iron she was using to press some clothes. The mother rushed the child to the hospital with Moody accompanying her. Upon arrival the child was initially examined by the medical officer on duty, Dr. David Pacheco. Obviously not convinced that it was an accident, a member of the medical staff on duty indicated that this was a matter for the police and was in the process of contacting the police when Moody reportedly left the hospital and was not seen until she was captured on Thursday night.

Moody was charged for harm as a result of the extent of the injury caused to the child as certified by **Dr. David Pacheco** via the legally required medico forms.

The child's mother along with his father, David Molina, a traffic warden employed by the San Ignacio/Santa Elena Traffic Department, are still trying to understand what could have triggered the incident especially since they were extending a helping hand to Moody and her family in their time of need. After initial treatment at the San Ignacio hospital, the child was taken to the Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Santa Elena for further treatment and is now recuperating at home.

His Name Is Actually Tylan Gay Matthews

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, August 3, 2010:

He was hardly a stranger in the community. In fact he was considered active in the local tourism sector and so when the US Federal warrant arrived in town for his arrest, San Ignacio police knew exactly where to find him.

The community knew him as **Mickey Masterson** owner of the Misty
Mountain Resort in the Mountain Pine
Ridge. We processed his annual liquor
license application for several years
under that name.

He was a man of very few words and today he is in prison in Grays Harbor County, Washington, reportedly a fugitive of US laws on drug related charges and other convictions.

While he conducted business under the man **Mickey James Masterson**, the warrant carried his real name as **Tylan Gay Matthews**, 52, US National.

He was arrested by San Ignacio police on Monday, August 2 and on that same day he was issued with an emergency travel document by the US Embassy, placed on board a commercial aircraft and delivered to US Marshall in Houston Texas at in one day.



Tylan Gay Matthews, 52

Our research revealed that on June 10, 1996, **Tylan Gay Matthews**,

was sentenced to a term of confinement and 24 months of community supervision after a conviction for manufacturing marijuana. Matthews appealed the conviction. As a condition of release pending appeal, the trial court ordered Matthews to be on community supervision.

In March 1997, Grays Harbor County Drug Task Force (DTF) received a letter containing information associating him with medical marijuana distribution. According to the letter, Matthews had contacted an answering service requesting assistance to mail out to interested callers an information packet on how to obtain marijuana for medical use from Switzerland.

Early in May 1997, The Lewis County Unified Narcotics Enforcement Team (UNET), informed that Matthews had been linked to an advertisement in an Arizona newspaper regarding medical marijuana use.

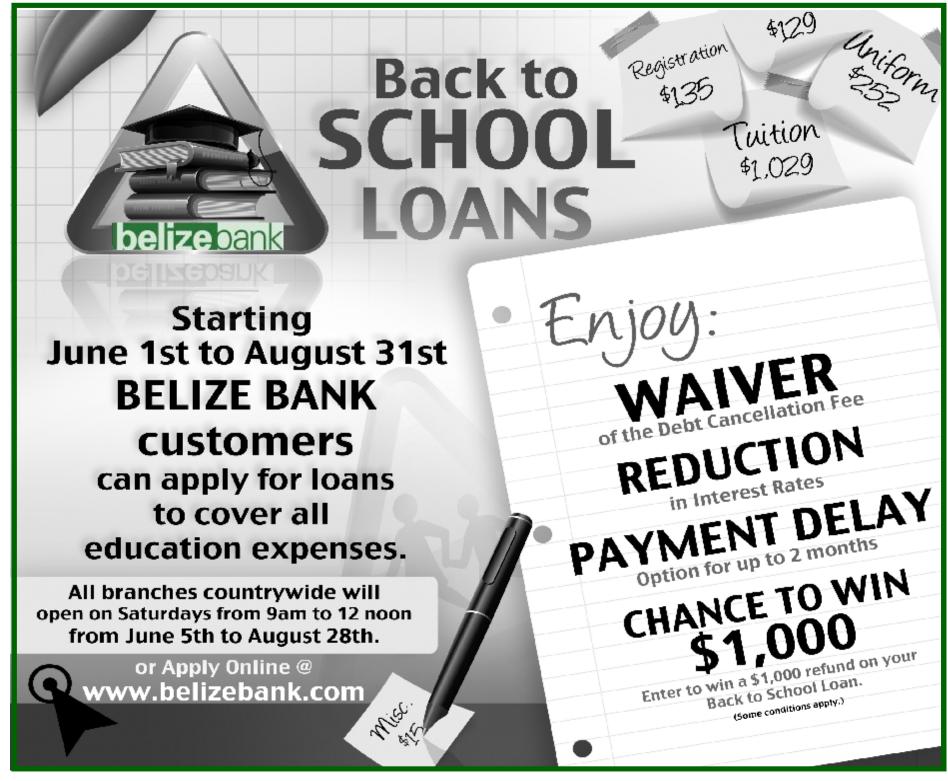
The advertisement listed a post office box number that law enforcement traced to him. It was uncertain whether the

advertisement offered for sale marijuana or marijuana-related literature. That same day authorization was obtained to conduct an administrative/supervisory search of Matthews' residence with the assistance of a drug-sniffing dog.

At 8:00 a.m. on May 5, 1997, the next business day, the team proceeded separately to Matthews' residence. After gaining entrance and handcuffing him, the officers searched the residence and found small amounts of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

A member of the search team in 1995 conducted a search of Matthews' residence and knew that marijuana had been growing in the basement beneath the mobile home at that time. That officer located the basement door, which was padlocked. Both Matthews and his ex-wife, Jamie Matthews, were at home at the time but they claimed they did not know where the key was. The Officer pried the hasp from the door with a crow bar and opened a second plywood door leading to the

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CITY OF BELMOPAN, Cayo Wednesday, August 11, 2010:

The Ministry of Education and Youth (MoEY) wishes to state its plans for Excelsior High School in order to avoid any misunderstanding that may have come about due tomisinformation that has been spread via call-ins to talk shows.

On June 2, 2010, the Government of Belize launched the **RESTORE BELIZE** Programme which is intended not only to address the crime and violence situation in our communities in the short and medium term but ultimately to make a better Belize for all Belizeans by developing our people, our communities and our nation.

Faced with an emergency situation where crime and violence have been out of control for many, many years now, there is a need to take some immediate steps to bring the situation under control. At the same time, there is a need to work on those preventative, more long term measures that would mitigate against the situation repeating itself in the future and would lead to a better Belize for all Belizeans.

The Ministry of Education and Youth, as does the larger Government of Belize, realizes that it must simultaneously address the immediate emergencies to bring the situation under control while addressing the long term development of our people, our communities and nation. In this regard, the Ministry is initiating a number of measures to address both the short term, immediate concerns as well as the long term development goals.

In this regard, the Ministry of Education and Youth sees an opportunity at Excelsior that would help us to address some of the immediate factors with the potential to contribute to the increased crime and violence and other social ills. The number of disengaged youth (who are not in education, in training, or employment) is a cause for concern as these are youth who are more prone to engage in risky behavior. Therefore, it is the intention of the Ministry of Education to maximize and strengthen the we have at Excelsior to afford opportunities for more young people (including those currently enrolled at Excelsior) to benefit from the resources we have at Excelsior. Therefore, the following steps will be taken at Excelsior:

1. The curriculum will be streamlined and strengthened (across the board- first to fourth form) and adequate support services will be strengthened. This will include remedial support as well as appropriate life-skills. This will form the basis of a first shift at Excelsior.

- 2. Although the curriculum will be streamlined, ways in which students may also pursue training in different practical skill areas will also be explored through ITVET, the planned Skills Training Center, and perhaps even through Excelsior where facilities already exist.
- 3. In order to maximize resources and seek to engage as many 'out of school' youth, the Ministry of Education and Youth will also seek to place in Excelsior youths who are eligible to go to high school or who may have dropped out of high school recently.
- 4. Third and Fourth form will be

phased out. Students in third and fourth form will have the OPTION of transferring to other schools if they do not wish to participate in a streamlined curriculum. The Ministry of Education and Youth will assist with such transfers by providing assistance for uniforms and the difference in the cost of fees between what they would have paid at Excelsior and what they would be paying at the school to which they are transferring. Information from parents wishing to transfer students to other schools have been taken down and the Ministry of Education and Youth will be working to facilitate such transfers.

5. A second shift will operate in the latter part of the day. The second shift will focus on life skills, literacy, numeracy and other

practical skills. The Ministry of Education and Youth (working with other Ministries and agencies) will seek to identify and place in this second shift youth who have been out of school for a while and therefore might not be able or wish to transition to a traditional formal school. These efforts are being coordinated under the umbrella of the RESTORE BELIZE Programme.

In addition to this effort, the Ministry of Education and Youth is working with other

Ministries and agencies to place as many 'out of school youth' back into school at primary and secondary levels where feasible. Some of this will be supported through the Ministry of Human Development and Social Transformation's planned expansion of its Social Assistance Programme that will target indigent

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Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment

COURT DATE - 26TH AUGUST, 2010 THE LAND TAX ACT CHAPTER 158 OF 2000 BELIZE TO WIT: CAYO JUDICIAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Complaint has this day been laid before the undersigned, one of her Majesty's Justice of the Peace in and for the said Country of Belize, that the persons named in Column 1 of the schedule hereto, being the owner or owners of certain land described in column 1 of the schedule, and within the jurisdiction of the court, did neglect, and do still neglect to pay arrears of Land Tax, on such land other than in Town, in the Cayo District for the amount set out in column 2 of the schedule.

These are therefore to command you in Her Majesty's name to be and appear on **THURSDAY**, **26th August**, **2010** at 9:00 AM in the forenoon at the District Court in San Ignacio Town before such Justice of the peace for the said country as may then be there, to answer to the said complaint, and be further dealt with according to law.

SIMON JOSEPH GARCIA for Commissioner of Lands and Surveys

S C H E D U L E

(1) Description and Situation	(2) Amount of Taxes	(1) Description and Situation	(2) Amount of Taxes
20.14 Acres situated at Society Hall now or formerly of DANIEL BUFFINGTON	\$209.46	0.182 Acre situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of ABRAHAM CAYETANO	\$1,350.30
2647.71 Acres situated at Mile 43-45 Western Highway, now or formerly of BELMOPAN LAND DEV. CORP. LTD.	\$262,717.56	2.713 Acres situated Northeast of Benque Viejo, now or formerly of CIRIACO CONTRERAS	\$912.01
10 Acres situated at Eastern Branch Belize River, now or formerly of CARMEN COCOM	\$997.70	96.837 Acres situated at Calla Creek, now or formerly of GARY CHIEN	\$11,687.07
0.697 Acres situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of DALTON ANDREWS	\$1,180.15	50.059 Acres situated at Mount Pleasant, now or formerly of CAROLYN CARR	\$4,173.97
0.697 Acres situated at Unitedville Village, formerly or now of DALTON ANDREWS	\$1,243.67	12 Acres situated at Santa Rosa-Esperanza Village, now or formerly of CLAUDIO CRUZ	\$1,247.67
11.02 Acres situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of DANIEL CHI	\$874.12	2404.13 Square Yards situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of CHIU CHUNG CHUN	\$5,860.72
Parcel 845 situated at Mount Pleasant, now, or formerly of AMADEO BOTES	\$532.40	20.006 Acres situated at Kay Works, now or formerly of CATHAY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED	\$72,198.30
Parcel 844 situated at Mount Pleasant, now or formerly of AMADEO BOTES	\$266.20	9 Acres situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of CHERRYMAE AVILEZ	\$424.80
Parcel 842 situated at Mount Pleasant, now or formerly of AMADEO BOTES	\$532.40	0.1542 Acre situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of DANIEL BELLINI	\$154.00
Parcel 847 situated at Mount Pleasant, now or formerly of AMADEO BOTES	\$532.40	0.1543 Acre situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of DANIEL BELLINI	\$154.00
99.961 Acres situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of CRISPIN BLANCO	\$9,860.72	0.533 Acre situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of ALEJANDRO ARTHURS	\$162.75
17.393 Acres situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of DANIEL BUFFINGTON	\$201.40	0.3715 Acre situated at Esperanza Village, now or formerly of NORA EILEY	\$478.31
666.73 Square Yards situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of CLAUDETTE COLEMAN	\$159.60	15 Acres situated at Roaring Creek Farm Layout, now or formerly of CECILIA BANNER	\$154.50
1068.15 Square Yards situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of CLAUDETTE COLEMAN	\$398.40	0.1238 Acre situated at Esperanza Village, now or formerly of BETTY AUGUST	\$325.55 Turn To Page 6

*STAR HUMOR

Another Mother-In-Law Joke

A man with a gun went into a bank and demanded money from the teller.

After getting the money, he turned to a customer and asked, 'Did you see me rob this bank?'

The man replied, 'Yes sir, I did.' The robber points the gun at him and shot him in the head,

killing him instantly.

The robber then turned to a man and an elderly woman standing next to him and asked the man, 'Did you see me rob this bank?'

The man replied, 'No sir, I didn't, but my Mother-In-Law here did.'

Bar Talk

Two guys are sitting at a bar on Burns Avenue in San Ignacio. One starts to insult the other one. He screams, "I slept with your mother!"

The bar gets quiet as everyone listens to see what theman would do.

The first man again yells,

"I SLEPT WITH YOUR MOTHER AND I AM GOING TO SLEEP WITH HER AGAIN!"

Customers in the bar patiently await the man's reaction.

The other gets up, look the other man in eyes and says, "Go home dad you're drunk."

Wanting Out Of The Army

General Arthurs noticed one of his soldiers behaving rather strange.

The soldier would walk around the BDF compound pick up any piece of paper he found, look at it and say: "That's not it" and put it down again.

This went on for a few days until the General arranged for a

psychologist to evaluate the soldier.

The psychologist arrived at the camp, examined that soldier and concluded that the soldier was deranged. He wrote out the soldier's discharge from the army. The soldier picked up the paper from the desk smiled and said: "Finally, this is it."

Phasing Out Excelsior High School

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families (in the first instance) but require them to uphold co-responsibilities such as ensuring 85% attendance of their children in school each month (Families will get cash to assist with living expenses as long as they keep their co-responsibilities). Other efforts, such as an apprenticeship programme and a planned Skills Training Center on Magazine Road will also be targeting disengaged youth who are more prone to or are already engaging in risky behavior.

At the same time that we address the urgent situation through immediate short-term interventions, we must also ensure that we also plan for the long term. The Ministry of Education and Youth has a number of other initiatives in this regard including:

a.the Reform of secondary education financing and curriculum-including establishing a standard curriculum with options including, but not limited to, technical and vocational options. This will improve efficiency, effectiveness and equity at thesecondary level.

b. providing needy first and second form students with a \$300 Education Start-Up Subsidy.

c. investing in teacher training: the efforts (Certificate in Primary Education) to provide training

for as many of our teachers to increase the number and percentage of trained teachers in our system.

d. establishing the National Teaching Services Commission to safeguard the rights of teachers, students and others and to improve the quality and public confidence in the teaching profession.

e. the Ministry of Education and Youth in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Development is working on an Early Warning and Response System for at risk youth. This will involve collaboration and coordination between other relevant ministries and agencies.

These are just a few of the initiatives of the Ministry of Education and Youth and these are supported by and through collaborative efforts with other Ministries such as the conditional cash transfers by the Ministry of Human Development and Social Transformation.

For further details please contact: **Ms.** *Arlette Gomez,* Ministry of Education and Youth, Belmopan. Tel: 501-822-2329.

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Commercial Building On Burns Avenue, San Ignacio. In Front Of Venus Hotel Call: 824-2101

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Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment

(1) Description and Situation	(2) Amount of Taxes
1.663 Acres situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of AUGUSTIN GORDON	\$304.86
0.708 Acre situated at Succotz Village, now or formerly of DAVID CHAN	\$232.40
0.281 Acre situated at Esperanza Village, now or formerly of AMIN AUGUST	\$232.40
1.006 Acres situated at Mile 71 Western Highway, now or formerly of CHRISTOPHER AIRD	\$213.96
0.3751 Acre situated at St. Matthew Village, now or formerly of DOLORES ALVARADO	\$172.10
0.1889 Acre situated at Esperanza Village, now or formerly of ALEXANDER CRAWFORD	\$296.40
10 Acres situated at Cotton Tree Village, now or formerly of ADOLFO BAIZA	\$222.10
0.0115 Acre situated at Succotz Village, now or formerly of ARNALDO CHUC	\$210.00
0.1148 Acre situated at Succotz Village, now or formerly of BENIGNO CHAN	\$237.40
0.75 Acre situated at Santa Rosa- Esperanza Village, now or formerly of OLIVIA EWING	\$126.75
0.2090 Acre situated at Bullet Tree Falls Village, now or formerly of SAMUEL ESCALANTE	\$172.10
14.685 Acres situated at Unitedville Village, now or formerly of DAVID CLARK	\$2,211.40
398.958 Acres situated at Young Gal/Mcrae now or formerly of DEVON BROOKS	\$7,779.69
5 Acres situated at society Hall, now or formerly of DYLAN BARROW	\$570.60
200 Acres situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of TARAH FARMS LIMITED	\$4,476.51
2101.28 Acres situated at Mile 40-42 Western Highway, now or formerly of UNIVERSAL INVESTMENT LIMITED	\$119,682.56
24.999 Acres situated West of Calla Creek Village, now or formerly of CLEOFAS BROASTER	\$1,472.40
5995.796 Acres situated at Mile 37 Western Highway, now or formerly of BELIZE TAIWAN MARICULTURE LIMITED	\$422,843.17
Parcel 634 situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of ALFONSO CASTELLANOS	\$260.20
43.5 Acres situated Northeast of Succotz Village, now or formerly of ALFRED BAUTISTA	\$5,102.92
11.02 Acres situated at Society Hall, now or formerly of DANIEL CIENFUEGOS	\$2,665.57

ANTHONY NORALES JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

What's Behind

STAR - Tel: 626-8822 & 626-3788 -

BBC NEWS, Sunday, August 8, 2010:

Cuba's former President, Fidel Castro, has continued his return to the public eye with a speech to the country's parliament. The BBC's Michael Voss was there to analyse what the "Comandante" said.

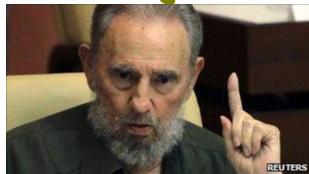
At the stroke of eleven a hush descended over the National Assembly chambers. More than 600 deputies all appeared to be holding their breath in anticipation of Fidel Castro stepping back out

onto the political stage.

Then they sprang to their feet and cheered. "Viva Fidel! Viva *Fidel!*", they chanted. "Long live Fidel."

The last time that Cuba's former leader addressed the assembly was in June 2006,

just a month before he underwent major surgery and ceded the presidency to his younger brother,



Cuba's former President, Fidel Castro

Raul Castro.

After a long period of convalescence and seclusion, Mr Castro re-emerged last month.

Since then he has given television interviews, launched his memoirs, seen a dolphin show at the National Aquarium and talked to selected groups of intellectuals and young communists. But this was his first government act.

Fidel Castro, who turns 84 next week, walked slowly but steadily towards the podium with an assistant at his side to support him.

The man who led the Cuban revolution and ruled this island for almost half a century was once

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BELIZE TOURISM BOARD

Belize Attends Outdoor Retailer Show With ATTA

Belize had the distinct opportunity to attend the Outdoor Retailer Show in Salt Lake City, Utah from August 3rd - 6th, 2010. The show brought retailers and media together with over 1,000 brands in the business of producing and selling the active outdoor lifestyle at the Salt Palace Convention Center.

The Outdoor Retailer Show is the world's largest outdoor sports industry gathering in the world with an attendee of over 21,000 people; bringing retailers and media together with over 1,000 brands in the business of producing and selling the active outdoor lifestyle. Brands include Timberland, The North Face and thousands of other retailers. Media players included Outside Magazine, National Geographic, Men's Journal and hundreds more, including non-endemics like WSJ, Forbes and Newsweek.

The BTB team had several meetings with the Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA) and the retailers of outdoor adventure products from well-established brands such as ExOfficio, Briggs & Riley, Keen, JanSport and other major players. The main objective of the meetings was to bridge the gap between outdoor and adventure travel industries by fostering successful partnerships between outdoor gear manufacturers and adventure destinations. "This is a great opportunity to tap into a relatively unexplored market that reaches the consumers in a non-traditional way. Gear manufacturers and retailers are always looking at destinations to test their product and they have a well-established distribution outlet across the U.S.," comments Shakira Tsai, Director of Marketing & Public Relations.

A unique feature of the show this year was the introduction of the Travel Hub which is an initiative of the Adventure Travel Trade Association which featured 3 Destinations, Belize being one of them. The Belize hub featured a prize wheel where participants had the chance to spin for prizes and a Belize Night where tales of adventure from as far south as the Toledo District were recounted to an audience of over 300 by Tour Operator Dennis Garbutt. The grand finale of the night was the raffle of a 7 night getaway adventure package to Belize.

Belize was represented at the show by Marketing Officer Karina Cunil, its Marketing Communications Agency, BVK and Tour Operator, Dennis Garbutt.

BTB Awards 2010 Tourism Scholarships

After the tremendous task of sifting through a slew of applications, winners were finally chosen for the 2010 Scholarship offerings by the Belize Tourism Board. The Jean Shaw Scholarship, in memory of tourism pioneer the late Jean Ursilla Shaw, awarded each year specifically to a Belizean female who has been accepted in the University of Belize's BSc Program in Tourism Management, was won by Orange Walk native Vanessa Jacobs. Her scholarship entails total coverage of all tuition, books and miscellaneous fees for the next two years. Vanessa commences studies towards her degree in September.

Nashla Guerra and Dearsy Villanueva have both been selected for two year tuition scholarships towards an Associate's Degree in Tourism Management, at Sacred Heart Junior College and Saint John's Junior College respectively. "Applications submitted by all three ladies definitely captured the vision and passion that we feel is critical to build our tourism industry," commented Seleni Matus, Director of Tourism.



Minister of Tourism & Civil Aviation, Manuel Heredia, Jr., Nashla Guerra, Vanessa Jacobs and Director of Product Development - Laura Esquivel-Frampton)

Over the past five years, the BTB has invested, to the tune of approximately a quarter million dollars, in assisting over 150 industry hopefuls in achieving academic success. Many BTB scholarship recipients, after successful completion of their studies, have gone on to significantly boost the human resource capital of the tourism industry of Belize. Today many hold positions such as Hotel Managers, Dive Masters, Tour Guides, and Front Desk Receptionists; Restaurant Owners, Chefs, Bartenders and Wait Staff, just to name a few. One such example is homegrown Belizean Executive Chef Bernard Blades, who started out as a kitchen hand, washing dishes in Belize City's once famous Blades Ice Cream Parlour. With the aid of scholarships from the BTB, Blades has successfully completed culinary training at home and abroad and has become one of Belize's premier Executive Chefs.

"Charged with mapping the way forward for the development of tourism in our country, it is imperative that the BTB continues to provide assistance to those who display sincere interest, talent and drive; all the tools necessary for significant contribution to our tourism product," says Belize's Director of Tourism, Seleni Matus.

The BTB is proud to recognize American Airlines on the celebration of its 20th anniversary of service to Belize. AmericanAirlines on achieving this great milestone and we look forward to a continued and prosperous partnership.

ur Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



The coming week continues to be favorable. You need have confidence and exhibit it too. Do not let anger overpower you. You will earn a good image along with professional success. Get your work done but without coming across as too dominating or aggressive. Lucky Numbers: 05, 43, 73.



There is a mental battle that remains to be fought and only you can deal with your issues. You may be disillusioned and low in spirits and this may have you questioning all your actions. However, there will be one great business opportunity coming your way. Lucky Numbers: 18, 22, 86.



You will be able to initiate some action towards change at work, which will have long-term implications. You will be in an upbeat mood and the force of this phase will be such that people will conform or go along with

your ideas with minimum or no resistance at all. Lucky Numbers: 16, 49, 61.



CANCER: June 22 to July 23

You get more adventurous in your pursuits as you are drawn to explore new areas of interest or fields of study. Travel for a religious purpose is likely. As you start appreciating art, do not forget your objective the real reason why you are pursuing the field. Lucky Numbers: 01, 33, 69.



LEO: July 24 to August 21

Things are moving smoothly for you both personally and professionally. You must realise that all days are not the same. Some additional funds could flow in, giving you the opportunity to indulge in lesser known pleasures like buying an extra home or planning an extravagant holiday. Lucky Numbers: 06, 54, 95.



There is a definite desire as well as effort made in the direction of improving your position in life. You not only undertake knowledge

improvement, but make efforts to increase efficiency. You will gain additional income if you are sincere. Some decisions regarding investment need to be made wisely. Lucky Numbers: 15, 65, 82.

LIBRA: September 22 to October 23

You put your life under the microscope. Your worldly goals and spiritually goals will be analysed. It may be a trying time for you as some confusion prevails. When you are unable to see clearly, the best way is to wait patiently for the fog to lift and use this time of trial for prayer and meditation. Lucky Numbers: 27, 62, 78.



SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21

The coming week is likely to throw up complicated situations and dilemmas. While you remain quite self assured and grounded, your levels of contentment with the way things are, go down drastically. However, it will be beneficial if you strive to better yourself. Lucky Numbers: 03, 44, 94.



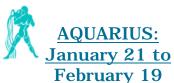
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You are likely to set very high standards for yourself. Push yourself to pursue novel ideas at work. Do not be too critical of yourself at this juncture. There is a difference between being cautious about details and being hypercritical. Lucky Numbers: 07, 46, 64.



It could be a greatly rewarding week in terms of professional as well as financial aspirations. You also engage in some improvement plans in life wherein you optimally utilise all resources made available to you. Lucky Numbers: 30, 55, 81.



Some new developments are likely to happen for those seeking to enter into matrimony. It is a good time for relationships. You are likely to bond better with your partner and may even discover shared interest in something new. Plans maybe afoot about relocating for work too. Lucky Numbers: 10, 21, 89.

PISCES: February 20 to March 21

It is a matter of shifting focus and reassessing your priorities and this is what you do deftly in this phase. You are willing to take on challenges life has in store. There will be a great deal of running around to be done in order get a loan sanctioned or get tax-related paperwork through. Lucky Numbers: 32, 48, 87.

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What's Behind Castro's Speech?

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again wearing his trademark olive green fatigues, but without any military insignia.

This was not the full dress uniform of the "Comandante", the Commander-in-Chief.

He smiled and waved to the crowd as he lapped up the warmth of their applause, before launching into his speech.

Fidel had asked for this special session of the assembly so that he could discuss his repeated warnings that the United States, along with Israel, has plans to attack Iran and target North Korea.

It is a theme that has preoccupied him for several months; he has issued regular warnings that the world is about to be dragged into a nuclear war.

"They would be ordering the instant death of hundreds of millions of people and amongst them an incalculable number of their own people."

"He has absolute confidence in Raul. He is only talking about international affairs"

But instead of a vitriolic attack

on his arch nemesis, the Unites States, Fidel appealed to **President Barack Obama**, saying that it was within his power to avert disaster.

The whole speech lasted just over 10 minutes and then, seated, he fielded questions for another hour. In his prime the bearded revolutionary had been famous for four- and five-hour tirades.

It was a short but polished performance from the lively and healthy-looking Fidel Castro, his voice stronger and more assured than at any point since re-emerging into the public eye.

At no point did he touch on domestic issues.

There was no mention of the island's struggling economy, which is the major preoccupation for the majority of Cubans these days.

He did not comment on any of his brother's policy changes, such as allowing workers to be self-employed instead of being controlled by the state or the decision to release political prisoners.

President Raul Castro was on the podium listening to the speech, the first time the two have appeared in public together since 2006. Yet the two barely acknowledged each other's presence.

At every assembly session for the past four years Fidel's desk has remained unoccupied, as if waiting, symbolically, for the return of the "Maximum Leader". Raul sits at the same place he has always had, one chair in from the head of the table.

Yet Fidel Castro did not return to his old seat, preferring to sit at the next table, beside the parliamentary head, **Ricardo Alarcon.**

For weeks now Havana has been rife with speculation about why this series of appearances has taken place, after a long period in seclusion.

Ask four foreign diplomats here and you are likely to get five conflicting answers.

Is this a bid to return to power or is it simply that he is well enough to be back in the limelight once again?

By making no mention of domestic politics is he deliberately trying not to undermine his brother's authority or is his presence giving weight to hardliners who are opposed to the changes currently underway?

Before the speech I asked the minister of culture and politburo member, Abel Prieto, how he saw Fidel Castro's return to politics.

"I think that he has always been in Cuba's political life," he told me. "But he is absolutely not interfering in government matters. He has been very careful about that. His big battle is international affairs."

Another deputy, the internationally-acclaimed pianist **Frank Fernandez** agreed.

"He has absolute confidence in Raul. He is only talking about international affairs," Mr Fernandez said, adding that he thought the plain military fatigues were significant.

"There are a series of signs. He's not wearing the Comandante's stripes on his uniform. This suggests that he doesn't want any involvement in the organised politics."

Fidel Castro may have given up the presidency but he remains head of the powerful Communist Party.

Now it seems he may have found a new mission in later life - to save the world from nuclear destruction.



Prime Minister Hon. Dean Barrow Visits Belizeans In Los Angeles

By: Wellington C. Ramos



There has never been a Prime Minister of Belize who made it his business to visit Belizean Americans living the United States of America like this current Prime Minister, Hon. Dean Barrow.

Since becoming Prime Minister of Belize in February 2008, Mr. Barrow, has visited; New York City, Miami, Houston and Chicago. Belizean Americans have turned out in large numbers to greet him and his delegation on all his visits.

Prior to the United Democratic Party (UDP) coming to power in February 2008, the People's United Party (PUP) was in power for ten years. Under the leadership of the then Prime Minister, the government of Belize was plagued with public accusations of corruption and the gross mismanagement of public funds. It was an era where nepotism and croinism ruled.

The government of that era benefited and represented the interest of a few Belizean families and mostly Belizeans of Arab extraction and those related to the then Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. George Cadle Price and his successor, Rt. Hon. Said W.

Their political party (PUP) received most of its funding from a British billionaire Michael Ashcroft who in return was given many tax breaks and other deals which drained the country's already meagre resources. In the face of such blatant abuse, Belizeans felt powerless and in February the voted the People's United Party out of power and overwhelmingly elected a government of the United Democratic Party by a margin of 25 to 6 seats in the House of Representatives.

When the history of Belize is written, Said Musa will be remembered as the worst Prime Minister Belize has ever had. He his family, friends and cronies ran the country as if it was their personal estate with no regards for

the average Belizean citizens.

The situation was so bad that after they lost the 2008 general elections, members of his own party who thought that their party's assets had belonged to them, were shocked to discover that Musa/ Fonseca has claimed ownership of the PUP headquarters building, its radio station, and its newspaper press. This, among other disagreements, is causing the party to be in it'scurrent fragmented state today. Still, since the UDP came to power to clean up all the mess they inherited from them, the PUP has

embarked on a litigation program to hire their Lawyers to go to court to stop this government from implementing many new initiatives. This action on their part is stifling progress in Belize and is causing frustration among Belizeans.

It is no secret in Belize that these actions are designed to mislead Belizeans against their government with intent to seek a return of the PUP to government.

I have always maintained, that the PUP and the Republican Party in the United States behave the same way in their greed, abuse and obsession of political power for the interest of a few over the majority of citizens.

There are some Belizeans who foster the idea that the UDP and the PUP are the same thing. That line of thinking is so very far from the truth.

The UDP is committed to have Belizean Americans get involved in all aspects of Belize's development while the PUP represents the interest of a few families and want the rest of Belizeans to continue living in a state of perpetual dependency.

Belizeans must realize that citizenship means making opportunities available for all and not just a select few.

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<u>PUBLIC NOTICE</u>

Public Utilities Commission (PUC)



The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby serves notice that in accordance with the Water Industry Act, No. 1 of 2001, Sections 15 and 19, the Commission has modified the license granted by the PUC to the Belize Water Services Limited (BWS) on March 22, 2001.

Modification to the License:

The PUC modified *Part IV* (*Authorized Services Act*) of the BWS License as follows:

A. In Belize District Service Areas:

- It deleted the words "San Pedro Town including San Pablo, San Pedrito, San Juan, Boca del Rio, Sal Telmo, Mosquito Coast and Escalante Areas" and substituted therefor the words "Ambergris Caye".
- It added the words "the Belize River Valley area extending beyond Burrell Boom and through the Ranch Dolores Village, inclusive of Scotland Halfmoon, Flowers Bank, Bermudian Landing, Isabella Bank, Lemonal, Double Head Cabbage, Willows Bank, St. Paul's Bank, and Ranch Dolores".
- **3.** It deleted the words "The new satellite town in La Democracia."
- B. In Cayo District Service Areas:
- 1. It added the words "Cotton Tree, St. Matthews and Franks Eddy Villages and along the Western Highway from Mile 36 to Belmopan".

Reasons for the Modifications:

- The Government of Belize, with BWS as Executing Agency, has entered into a loan agreement with the Caribbean Development Bank to fund a full feasibility study for the expansion of water and sewerage services on Ambergris Caye.
- The Government of Belize has entered into a loan agreement with the Caribbean Development Bank to provide potable water to villages and communities in the Belize River Valley. BWS has been selected as the Executing Agency. The agreement specifies that the systems and expansions constructed will be managed and operated by BWS.
- The Government of Belize has entered into an agreement with BWS to provide potable water to c. the entire area described in B (1) above.
- BWS does not provide services to Mahogany Heights, being the "satellite town in La Democracia". d.

License Availability:

The full text of the LICENSE GRANTED UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE WATER INDUSTRY ACT, 2001 TO BELIZE WATER SERVICES LIMITED AS AMENDED AUGUST, 2010, is available to the public on the PUC website, www.puc.bz and at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, #41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City.

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Vacancies – Village Councils

Please Quote:

The general public is hereby notified that in accordance with Part 111, Section 7 of the Village Council Act, Chapter 88 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2003 the following Village Council has declared vacancies within its council as follows:

District	Village	Name	Position	Reason
Toledo	San Vicente	Jose Tzalam Emilio Caal	Member Member	Disqualified Disqualified

By-election - San Vicente Village

The general public is hereby notified that in accordance with Part 111, Section 7 of the Village Council Act, Chapter 88 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2003, by-election to fill the vacant posts of members in the **San Vicente Village Council** is scheduled for Sunday September 5th, 2010 from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. at the Community Center.



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PM Barrow Travels To Los Angeles For Meeting With Belizeans In America

CITY OF BELMOPAN, Cayo, Thursday, August 12, 2010:

The Office of The Prime Minister today, Thursday, August 12, informed of the departure of Prime Minister Hon. Dean Barrow, as he travels to Los Angeles, California, USA where he will participate in meetings and other gatherings with members of the Belizean Community and meet with local officials.

Prime Minister Barrow will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Kim Simplis Barrow. They



Prime Minister Hon. Dean Barrow

are scheduled to return home on Tuesday, August 17. Prime Minister Barrow will be supported during his visit to Los Angeles by personnel of the Belize Embassy in Washington, DC, and the Belize Consulate-General in Los Angeles.

Minister of Education and Youth, the Hon. Patrick Faber, will act as Prime Minister until August 16th when Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Gaspar Vega, returns to the country. The Deputy Prime Minister will then act as Prime Minister until Prime Minister Barrow returns to Belize on Tuesday, August 17.

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when the issue of race is injected into the political debate. For me, I see it as a legitimate issue in the discussion especially at this time when the distribution of wealth is not in the best interest of

Afrobelizeans.

Americans to be proactive for

I strongly urge all Belizeans in the United States of America to attend these functions and to ask any question they feel strongly about to the Prime Minister and his delegation.

Belize to become a major

industrialized nation in the world.

After all, it does not make any sense whatsoever for Belizeans to be proud of their Belizean heritage and have no role or say in what is taking place in their homeland.

Ciitizenship comes with responsibilities for both the government and the people of their respective countries. Belize's current Prime Minister is the first Afro Belizean Prime Minister of Belize and his people are leaving Belize in record numbers. If they do not take advantage of his appeal now, Belize might not see another Afro Belizean as Prime Minister for

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Dean Barrow Prime Minister Hon. Visits Belizeans In

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The current UDP Government recently launched an ambitious new program titled the "Diaspora Initiative" under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The purpose of this program, is to make Belizeans eligible to all the benefits Belize has to offer and to collaborate with Belizeans who live abroad on an on-going basis to be involved in the development of their homeland.

Belizeans living abroad should now take the opportunity to start demanding of this government their basic fundamental rights as Belizean American citizens.

The Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. Dean Oliver Barrow, will be available to meet all Belizeans at a breakfast meeting on Friday, August 14 and at at a banquet on Saturday evening. The official visit ends with a grand Town Hall Meeting during the evening hours on Sunday, August 15. Where the Hon. Prime Minister is scheduled to address the gathering on major issues affecting Belize and provide an update on activities and initiative of his government after which the flloor will be opened for questions to the Prime Minister and members of his delegation.

Many Belizeans living in the United States of America do not own land or homes in Belize. In Belize land ownership determines everything. A recent report from the Auditor General of Belize documents the fire band dispensing of national lands by the previous PUP administration in the weeks and days prior to being kicked out of office. The report outlines instance whereby hundreds of acres of prime land, including Cave lands, were parceled off to a choosen few in total violation of the established legal procedures.

While the previous Minister of Natural Resources from the northernmost District of Belize was playing freey with the national patrimony, many Belizeans who applied for simple house lots and small parcels of farm lands havestill have not gotten any over the years. Loans that were available to the general public, were given to a select few and they refused to make good on their obligation to repay these loans resulting in the **Development Finance Corporation** DFC declared bankrupt and insolvent.

In terms of its overseas obligations, the current government is doing a lot to improve Belizeans demand for passports and other documents from their local Counsels in their respective cities throughout the United States. A recent study conducted by the US State Department has concluded, that countries like Belize need the involvement of Belizean

a long time to come.



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District	Village	Name	Position	Reason
Toledo	Bladen	Petrona Ico	Member	Resignation

By-election - Bladen Village

The general public is hereby notified that in accordance with Part 111, Section 9(1) of the Village Council Act, Chapter 88 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2003, by-election to fill the vacant posts of members in the Bladen Village Council is scheduled for Sunday September 5th, 2010 from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. at the Fabian Cayetano R.C. School.



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Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby serves notice that in accordance with the Public Utilities Commission Act Section 32 and the Water Industry Act Section 13, the Commission has amended the *FINAL* DECISION (2009 FULL TARIFF REVIEW PROCEEDING) for the Belize Water Services Limited March **2010**, to include approved tariffs, fees and charges for the operation of the Caye Caulker Water System for the Full Tariff Period (FTP) April 1, 2010, to March 31, 2015.

Approved Tariffs, Fees and Charges for Caye Caulker Water System:

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Approved Water Tariffs, Fees and Charges for the Caye Caulker Water System for Full Tariff Period (FTP) April 1, 2010, to March 31, 2015 are as follows:

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Minimum Bill for Consumption less than 1,000 US Gallons	23.00

Service Classification		Approved Fee/Charge
Reconnection fee (Caye Caulker)		25.00
Transfer of Account		20.00
Transfer of Service (location)		20.00
Transfer New Connections		20.00
Water Connection Fee	Residential	100.00
	Commercial	300.00
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All other tariffs, fees and charges for the remainder of the country remain the same as issued in the **Final Decision** on 30th March, 2010 and are effective April 1, 2010, through March 31, 2015.

The full text of the FINAL DECISION (2009 FULL TARIFF REVIEW PROCEEDING) for Belize Water Services Limited March 2010 (Amended April 2010) is available to the general public a the office of the Public Utilities Commission, 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, and on the PUC website, www.puc.bz.

His Name Is Actually Tylan Gay Matthews

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basement. He recognized the smell of growing marijuana and saw a metal halide light and shield covering 129 marijuana plants. Matthews and Jamie were arrested but charges were later dropped against Jaime.

Two detectives subsequently prepared an affidavit and obtained a search warrant. They reentered the residence and conducted a search. The officers seized the plants, other equipment, several jars of marijuana, a personal computer and other evidence.

The officers obtained a warrant to search the contents of the computer. They allegedly found marijuana and hemp literature and order forms for ordering marijuana for medical use by mail. Lists of persons who had allegedly ordered marijuana from Matthews were also found, as well as information on organizations involved in campaigns to legalize marijuana and hemp-growing in the U.S.

Matthews was charged with

manufacturing marijuana in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. The trial court accepted Matthews' waiver of attorney and allowed him to represent himself.

On July 21, 1997, the trial court granted the State's motion to amend the information. The amended information charged Matthews with the additional count of possession of more than 40 grams of marijuana.

Matthews waived reading of the amended information in open court. Notwithstanding, the trial court explained the contents of the amended information to him. The court set an arraignment on the amended charge for the following week, but apparently the arraignment never took place.

On August 22, 1997, Matthews filed a motion to disqualify the Judge. He argued that the Judge was prejudiced and had stated that "the search was good" before the motion to suppress was heard. The court denied the motion as untimely

because it had already made discretionary rulings in the case.

On December 19, 1997, the court held a suppression hearing. Two detectives testified for the State. They said that the officers first gained entry to the residence and then radioed other officers, who were waiting outside, to come in and assist. Matthews and Jamie testified that all of the officers entered together. According to the team, they knocked on the door and identified themselves, and then Jamie opened the door. According to Matthews and Jamie, the officers knocked and then, without waiting for an answer, forced the door open, cracking the door's strike plate. Matthews submitted into evidence a photograph and videotape of the damaged door frame.

The trial court denied the motion to suppress and entered findings of fact and conclusions of law. The court found that:

- (1) Matthews was informed that he was subject to searches as a condition of his community supervision;
- (2) the team did not enter the residence until radioed by the others from inside:
- (3) Jamie Matthews voluntarily opened the front door and admitted the officers; and
- (4) no force was used by the officers to gain entry.

The court concluded that:

- (1) Matthews was lawfully subject to the search;
- (2) The Detective had sufficient information to provide a well-founded suspicion in support of the search; and

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(3) all evidence seized was admissible.

A jury trial had been set for January 13, 1998. On that morning, the court granted the State's motion in limine to preclude Matthews' defenses of religious use and medical necessity at trial. Matthews made an offer of proof for the

He waived his right to a jury trial and submitted the case to the trial court on stipulated facts. The trial court found Matthews guilty of both counts.

He was sentenced to twelve months and one day on the manufacture count and two months on the possession count, to be served concurrently. Matthews appealed conviction after which he is reported to have fled the country.

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Contractors from Corozal, Orange Walk and Belize Districts will attend the workshop in Belize City and contractors from Toledo, Stann Creek, and Cayo Districts will attend the workshops in Belmopan City.

Contractors interested in attending the workshop must complete a pre-registration form available at the Social **Investment Fund.**

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For further information please contact:

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Dr. Al Decarvalho Addressing Faculty of **Galen University**

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Galen University has joined a prestigious group of private universities who utilize the Harvard School of Business Case Studies program.

The regional universities selected for this program include Universidad Francisco Marroquin and Universidad del Valle in Guatemala, INCAE Business School in Costa Rica, and Universidad Tecnologica de Honduras.

The well known Harvard Case Studies program is designed for partner business schools to tap into the vast knowledge base accumulated through the Harvard Business School. It is a proven way to learn from business issues on a case by case basis. The real-life business cases are studied by groups of students in business classes. The students then deliver their solutions to the problems and defend their answers. Their answers are then compared to what actually occurred. Case studies from all over the world will be used in the newly formed Professional Master's Business Administration (PMBA) program offered at Galen, as well as in the undergraduate business courses.

Mr. Al Decarvalho, Regional Manager, Latin America and East Asia at Harvard Business School Publishing, spoke to the faculty at length about the benefits this new affiliation will bring to Galen. He also mentioned that high quality cases produced by Galen University would be considered for addition to their international collection.

Galen University's goal, in addition to expanding the global exposure of its students, is to create an environment for local businesses to be studied and supported through these learning processes. Students will reach out to our Belizean businesses for opportunities problem solve through the case study method. Plans are in the works to begin publishing findings in a bi-annual journal for Belizean businesses. nother outcome of this learning style that it will create Galen University graduates with proven business practices and broad problem solving skills that will add value to their terprises and workplaces.

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and paid for this equipment, the PCC recently donated \$500 to the Police's "Du Di Rite *Ting*" program.

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