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Editorial



Any System Is Only As Good As Those Who Enforce It

While the issue of crime and violence continues to dominate the national debate, taking second place only to the state of the national economy resulting from the nation's huge foreign debt, many are the suggestions and recommendations coming forward to assist in curbing this national scourge of crime and violence.

Some of the suggestions include reinstatement of the death penalty, amending the laws to provide for stiffer penalties, revisiting the system of parole, employing more law enforcement officers, increasing the number of soldiers on the streets especially in Belize City, changing the system to slow down the revolving door of prisoners through the prison, placing policemen in schools, creating new employment, implementing mandatory conscription laws, strengthening truancy enforcement, making education more affordable and the list goes on and on.

For our part however, we continue to maintain that existing laws are adequate to address the crime situation. What we are lacking is the monitoring and enforcement capability stemming from negligence, incompetence, don't-give-a-damn attitude, downright corruption or a combination of any or all of the above.

How for example, can anyone explain the situation of **NO CASE FILE** for a whopping 80 to 85 percent of the cases on the calendar before a magistrate?

The nature of our business requires that we spend a considerable amount of time in court every day and it is with this knowledge that we say: **SHAMEFUL** is the number of cases that are thrown out of court every single day *"for want of prosecution"* simply because they reach the stage of *"Very Final Adjournment"* and arresting officers consistently fail to either produce mandatory case files or, although summoned, they fail to appear in court to give evidence. And no one seems to give a damn.

While we appreciate the notion that *"Justice delayed is justice denied"*, magistrates cannot be faulted for dismissing charges against accused persons as they run the risk of being accused of delaying justice.

We will never profess to be the ones to tell the emperor that he is naked, but there comes a time when a spade must be called a spade and, serious as it may seem, we are somehow getting the impression that some form of underhandedness is taking place to allow this major discrepancy to persist.

It is encouraging however to have learnt this week that a Police Commander has taken the bold initiative to stem this discrepancy in the police district he commands. We are told that this Commander is taking disciplinary action against those responsible for cases dismissed for want of prosecution in those instances when those under his command either fail to present a case file or fail to make an appearance in court to give evidence. We are told that those convicted disciplinarily for *"Prejudice to good order and discipline"* can be fined as much as 250 to 300 dollars. In this regard we offer three suggestions as follows: 1) That this initiative be immediately adapted in all six police districts across the nation and 2) that the disciplinary fine be made commensurate with the seriousness of the case since a 250 to 300 dollars disciplinary fine can be regarded as peanuts to pay for collecting one, two or even more thousands of dollars for a case to go down the drain and 3) that repeat offenders should be dishonorably discharged.

Let us make a start by cleaning up and clearing out those negligent and/or corrupt elements who are paid as guardians of national law and order.

As a point of departure, let us be forever mindful of the basic concept of life that any system is only as good as those who enforce it.



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Cruz Sentenced To Six Years Imprisonment

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he was in the Santa Cruz area when shortly after 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, 2009 the sound of a single gunshot resounded against the silence of the night. Upon rushing outside to investigate the matter, he saw a man staggering away with a shotgun. He reportedly pursued the man, caught up with him, detained him, and called San Ignacio Police for assistance. A team of police officers arrived shortly thereafter and took control of the situation.

The man was detained and transported to the San Ignacio police station where he was identified as **Calix Cruz, 24**, Belizean Mason of # 26 Perez Street, Santa Elena Town, Cayo District.

Cruz was subsequently arrested and formally issued with three charges, being: 1) *Keeping a firearm without a gun license*; 2) *Keeping unlicensed ammunition* and 3) *Discharging a firearm in public*.

Police investigation revealed that the man was drinking earlier in the night when he took possession of the shotgun and walked to the home of female acquaintance in the area. The female reportedly opened the door to her house whereby the accused reportedly asked her if she wanted to hear him fire a shot. He reportedly pointed the shotgun into the air, squeezed the trigger, the shot went off and the silence of the night in Santa Cruz was instantly shattered.

The accused appeared before San Ignacio's Magistrate **Rachel Montejo** on Tuesday,



Calix Cruz, 24

October 13, where he pleaded guilty to all three charges. He accepted the facts as presented by prosecutor **George Gomez** after which Magistrate Montejo proceeded to sentence him with 2 years imprisonment for each of the three counts. The shocker came when Magistrate Montejo ordered for the sentences to run consecutively. In effect, Cruz was sentenced to six years imprisonment.

The magistrate additionally ordered for the serving of the sentence to begin with effect from October 13, 2009 being the date when she issued the order.

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Belizean Soldier Hit By Vehicle Driven By Mexican Ambassador

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo District, Thursday, October 15, 2009:

A media release from the Embassy of Mexico in Belmopan, Belize today confirmed the occurrence of a traffic accident on the Boom/Hattieville Road in the Belize District.

The release informed that at about 4:40 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, on the Burrell Boom-Hattieville Road, a vehicle driven by Mexican Ambassador. H.E. Luis

Manuel Lopez-Moreno was involved in "an unfortunate accident" resulting in injuries sustained by Belize Defence Force Lance Corporal **Glenston Bermudez**.

According to the Mexican Embassy release "upon passing a military vehicle that was stationery on the road, Lance Corporal, Glenston Bermudez of the Belize Defense Force (BDF) suddenly jumped away to avoid a gush of steam and water from the truck and stepped onto the highway

directly in front of the vehicle being driven at the time by H.E. Luis Manuel Lopez-Moreno."

The release further informed that "The injured soldier was taken to the Universal hospital where he received medical care and Dr. Joel Cervantes personally informed Ambassador Lopez-Moreno that Lands (sic) Corporal Bermudez had suffered a cut to his head and dislocation of a finger."

The release ends by informing that "After the police took the corresponding statements and reviewed the scene of the accident, Ambassador Lopez-Moreno visited the soldier at

the hospital and they had a private conversation."

Ed. Note: Although it contained six items of news, today's daily police bulletin, issued almost 3 hours after the above release from the Mexican Embassy, made **ZERO** mention of the traffic accident involving a public figure as is a foreign diplomat resident in Belize.

Whilst, by its very wording, the Mexican Embassy might have been nudged to confirm the occurrence, we nevertheless thank them for issuing this public statement.

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Southern High School Students Now Have Potable Water

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo District, Wednesday, October 14, 2009:

A new water system, benefitting over 500 students and teachers of Julian Cho High School in the Toledo District, will be officially inaugurated at the school campus on Saturday, October 17.

The Social Investment Fund implemented project was constructed at a total cost of \$235,643.00.

It was financed through a grant from the Basic Needs Trust Fund (BNTF), a program promoting poverty reduction through socio-economic initiatives and community empowerment.

BNTF is jointly financed by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and nine beneficiary governments, including Belize.

The project entailed the extension of the Big Falls Village Water System to Julian Cho High School thereby providing potable water to the students, staff and faculty as well as to over 50 families along the Southern Highway.

Also included in the project was the installation of a submersible water pump to an existing well on the school's compound and the installation of a 2,000 gallon Rotoplast water tank, which will be used for agricultural purposes and to supply the school's bathroom facilities.

Students attending Julian Cho High School assisted in making the project a reality by digging trenches on campus as well as constructing the base on which the 2,000 gallon water storage tank sits.

The school's principal, Mr. Simeon Coc commented that *"The Board of Directors of Julian Cho Technical High School has over the years lobbied the Government of Belize for safe potable drinking water. However, it is only now that it has become a reality. This is therefore a most important milestone in the development of Julian Cho Technical High School and we are most sincerely proud of this development. The Board,*

students and staff of Julian Cho Technical High School are most grateful for this contribution for we are the direct beneficiaries of the new water system. This water system will positively impact the school's agricultural production capacity." concluded principal Coc.

Julian Cho Technical High School is situated in the Dump Area, a village along the Southern Highway in the Toledo District.

The high school was established in 2000 with the sole purpose of providing the indigenous people in the south with an opportunity to obtain a secondary school education.

The School provide instructions in the fields of Construction, Auto Mechanics, Basic Academy, Technical Drawing, Electrical, Information Technology, Principles of Accounting, Integrated Science and Agriculture among others.

The community's Area Representative, **Hon. Juan Coy** is slated to be the guest speaker at Saturday's official inauguration of the new water system. Other speakers scheduled to address the gathering include **Mr. Bonifacio Tut**, Chairman of the High School Board of Directors as well as representatives from the Big Falls Water Board and officials from the Social Investment Fund.

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For further information on this project or any other SIF project please feel free to contact Mr Mike Hernandez Jr. J.P., Director Public Relations, Social Investment Fund, Tel: 822-0239/0508 or by email at: mike.hernandez@sifbelize.org



SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND

TENDER NOTICE

TRIAL FARM DRAINAGE PROJECT, ORANGE WALK DISTRICT

The Government of Belize has received funding through the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of Economic Infrastructure Projects and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for Trial Farm Drainage Project, Orange Walk District.

The Social Investment Fund, a Statutory Corporation, established under the Social Investment Fund Act No. 3 of 1996 and located at Constitution Drive, Belmopan City, Cayo District, hereby invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for the construction of the following:

CONTRACT #003.0026 of 2009: Trial Farm Drainage Project, Orange Walk District

The project consists of the construction of an improved drainage system within the community of Trial Farm in order to alleviate flooding of the black water creek area situated on the west of this community.

This project consists of the following components:

- i) Construction of approx. 3,300 linear meters of earthen trapezoidal channels an average of 1.5 meters wide at the base and 2 meters wide at the top with 2 meters average depth,
- ii) Installation of pre-cast reinforced concrete culverts (30 units) being of 1.5 meters square in average size complete with inlets and outlets and reinforced concrete apron walls to the culverts,
- iii) Construction of 35 (4 feet wide by 7 feet long) reinforced concrete pedestrian access ramps as required across the new drains.

Tender documents can be obtained from the Social Investment Fund at the address below during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday for a **NON-REFUNDABLE** fee of **BZE\$150.00 per package** starting on October 20, 2009.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"Trial Farm Drainage Project, Orange Walk District."** addressed TO: **The Executive Director, Social Investment Fund - Constitution Drive P.O. Box 459, Belmopan City, Cayo District**

Tenders will be received at the above address no later than **2:00pm Friday, November 13, 2009.** A Public Opening will be held at the SIF Office in Belmopan at **2:15pm Friday, November 13, 2009.** **Onsite meetings** with interested eligible bidders will be held at **2:00pm Wednesday, November 4, 2009 in Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District** to address any queries that the contractors might have about the bidding documents. Contractors who have bought packages are urged to attend.

The Social Investment Fund reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

Zero Tolerance For Violence Against Women

WIN Belize Asks: "if our justice system really is doing its part to ensure women's safety."

BELIZE CITY, Tuesday, October 13, 2009:

As the escalating incidence of violence has shown us, Belizean women continue to be terrorized, injured and killed at the hands of Belizean men.

As violence on the streets and in our homes increases, it is imperative that we examine the true causes for this violence.

Women do not prompt, deserve or cause the violence inflicted upon them by men.

Our constitution, laws and

policies – as well as international conventions we have ratified – commit Belize to punishing the perpetrators of these crimes. However we must ask ourselves if our justice system is really doing its part to ensure women's safety.

Offering bail to repeat offenders, who continuously commit violent acts against women, surely contradicts any claim that the system protects women.

We must also ask ourselves

why we, as a society, sit idly by and allow the violence to continue. It is unacceptable for persons convicted of violence against women to be offered bail and allowed to be out on the streets to attack more women.

The Women's Issues Network of Belize (*WIN- Belize*) calls upon our justice system and our society to adopt a zero tolerance stance in opposition to violence against women

"This complex social and public health problem affects women at all levels of society,"

said Haven House Executive Director, Dorla Rosado, *"We must take measures to protect our women."*

The Women's Issues Network of Belize is committed to advocating for improving the quality of life of women and their families in Belize.

WIN-Belize continues in its commitment to be an agent of change working with the community, as well as with members and partner agencies to create a Belizean society that is safe for women, men and children. *For further information, contact WIN-Belize Secretariat at 227-1069.*



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This Week's Health Corner

Understanding Gallstones

Gallstones are small, pebble-like substances that develop in the gallbladder.

The gallbladder is a small, pear-shaped sac located below your liver in the right upper abdomen.

Gallstones form when liquid stored in the gallbladder hardens into pieces of stone-like material. The liquid, called bile, helps the body digest fats. Bile is made in the liver, then stored in the gallbladder until the body needs it.

The gallbladder contracts and pushes the bile into a tube called the common bile duct that carries it to the small intestine, where it helps with digestion.

Bile contains water, cholesterol, fats, bile salts, proteins, and bilirubin—a waste product. Bile salts break up fat, and bilirubin gives bile and stool a yellowish-brown color.

If the liquid bile contains too much cholesterol, bile salts, or bilirubin, it can harden into gallstones.

The two types of gallstones are cholesterol stones and pigment stones.

Cholesterol stones are usually yellow-green and are made primarily of hardened cholesterol. They account for about 80 percent of gallstones.

Pigment stones are small, dark stones made of bilirubin.

Gallstones can be as small as a grain of sand or as large as a golf ball.

The gallbladder can develop just one large stone, hundreds of

tiny stones, or a combination of the two.

The gallbladder and the ducts that carry bile and other digestive enzymes from the liver, gallbladder, and pancreas to the small intestine are called the biliary system.

Gallstones can block the normal flow of bile if they move from the gallbladder and lodge in any of the ducts that carry bile from the liver to the small intestine. The ducts include a) the hepatic ducts, which carry bile out of the liver.

b) cystic duct, which takes bile to and from the gallbladder.

c) common bile duct, which takes bile from the cystic and hepatic ducts to the small intestine

Bile trapped in these ducts can cause inflammation in the gallbladder, the ducts, or in rare cases, the liver.

Sometimes gallstones passing through the common bile duct provoke inflammation in the pancreas, called gallstone pancreatitis, an extremely painful and potentially dangerous condition.

If any of the bile ducts remain blocked for a significant period of time, severe damage or infection can occur in the gallbladder, liver, or pancreas. Left untreated, the condition can be fatal. Warning signs of a serious problem are fever, jaundice, and persistent pain.

What causes gallstones?

Scientists believe cholesterol stones form when bile contains

too much cholesterol, too much bilirubin, or not enough bile salts, or when the gallbladder does not empty completely or often enough. The reason these imbalances occur is not known.

The cause of pigment stones is not fully understood. The stones tend to develop in people who have liver cirrhosis, biliary tract infections, or hereditary blood disorders, such as sickle cell anemia, in which the liver makes too much bilirubin.

The mere presence of gallstones may cause more gallstones to develop.

Other factors that contribute to the formation of gallstones, particularly cholesterol stones, include

- **a) Sex:** Women are twice as likely as men to develop gallstones. Excess estrogen from pregnancy, hormone replacement therapy, and birth control pills appears to increase

cholesterol levels in bile and decrease gallbladder movement, which can lead to gallstones.

- **b) Family history:** Gallstones often run in families, pointing to a possible genetic link.

- **c) Weight:** A large clinical study showed that being even moderately overweight increases the risk for developing gallstones. The most likely reason is that the amount of bile salts in bile is reduced, resulting in more cholesterol. Increased cholesterol reduces gallbladder emptying. Obesity is a major risk factor for gallstones, especially in women.

- **d) Diet:** Diets high in fat and cholesterol and low in fiber increase the risk of gallstones due to increased cholesterol in the bile and reduced gallbladder emptying.

- **e) Rapid weight loss:** As the body metabolizes fat during prolonged fasting and rapid weight loss—such as “*crash diets*”—the liver secretes extra cholesterol into bile, which can cause gallstones. In addition, the gallbladder does not empty

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Ministry of Health



Public Service Announcement

The Ministry of Health informs the general public that the seasonal Flu vaccine for 2009/2010 is available for the following groups of people:

- * **Health Care Workers in contact with patients**
- * **Infants 6 months – 23 months**
- * **Elderly age 65 years and over**
- * **Persons aged 6 months – 64 years suffering from chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, pulmonary disease, HIV, and renal dysfunction.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE



BWSL FULL TARIFF REVIEW PROCEEDING SUBMISSION

BELIZE WATER SERVICES LIMITED (BWSL) HEREBY SERVES NOTICE this day, October 1, 2009 that, in accordance with the Water and Sewerage (Tariffs) Byelaws (Statutory Instrument 67 of 2002) as amended by Statutory Instrument 102 of 2004 and Statutory Instrument 89 of 2008, it has made its submission to the PUC for a Full Tariff Review Proceeding (FTRP) for the determination of Rates and Tariffs and a Business Plan to be approved for the Full Tariff Period (FTP), which runs from April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2015.

Summary of Issues

The Business Plan submitted by BWSL provides for some \$92.5 million in investments for the provision of water services over the Full Tariff Period (FTP) and for some \$8.6 million in investments for the provision of sewer services in its authorized areas of supply, and some \$14.9 million in other investments, for a total of \$116.1 million. BWSL expects some \$20.8 million of this total to be funded by Developers and some \$44.3 million to be funded by debt.

The Business Plan also projects operational expenditures and other costs related to the provision of services ranging from \$33.6 million for the first Annual Tariff Period (ATP) of the Full Tariff Period (FTP) to \$38.3 million for the last Annual Tariff Period (ATP).

As a consequence of the proposed investments and expected expenditures and costs contained in the Business Plan, BWSL has proposed adjustments to the approved Rates and Tariffs that would result in an overall average increase of 25.0% in order for the company to generate enough revenues to support the proposed Business Plan.

The Process

- a) The PUC held a meeting on Tuesday, October 13 at the Princess Hotel and Casino in Belize City at 7 pm, the Licensee and other interested parties attended and participated in the discussion.
- b) Interested parties may submit written comments and information on the Licensee's proposals by November 2, 2009.
- c) The PUC will deliver its Initial Decision no later than November 17, 2009.
- d) The Licensee and interested parties who represent 10% of the annual amount of water supplied may submit written comments on the decision within fifteen days of the delivery of the Initial Decision.
- e) Where there is no objection, the PUC will deliver a Final Decision adopting its Initial Decision.
- f) Where there is objection by the Licensee or interested parties representing 10% of the annual amount of water supplied, the PUC will appoint an Independent Expert within 15 days of such objection, to review the Schedules and Tariffs approved in the Initial Decision.
- g) Where the Licensee objects in writing to the Independent Expert proposed by the PUC, and if the PUC and the Licensee cannot agree on an Independent Expert, the International Chamber of Commerce shall appoint one within 14 days of the receipt of the Licensee's objection.
- h) The Independent Expert will issue a written report within 30 days of his appointment.
- i) The Licensee and interested parties who represent 10% of the annual amount of water supplied have 20 days to submit comments on the report.
- j) Where the comments challenge the conclusions of the report, the PUC shall within 15 days afford the licensee and other interested parties an opportunity to be heard.
- k) The PUC will deliver a Final Decision no later than 50 days after the delivery of the Independent Expert's report.

Comments

- a) Comments in writing may be sent to the Public Utilities Commission, P.O. Box 300, 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City; or emailed to info@puc.bz.
- b) Comments/information filed with the PUC on the Initial Decision shall be accompanied by a sworn affidavit on statements or information purported to be factual.
- c) BWSL and interested parties may request confidential treatment for any commercially sensitive information submitted to the PUC in accordance with the Byelaws.

Delivery of Final Decision

The PUC is expected to deliver its Final Decision on November 17, 2009, if there are objections to the Initial Decision; on March 10, 2010, if there is agreement between BWSL and the PUC on the appointment of an Independent Expert if required; or on March 23, 2010 if an Independent Expert has to be appointed by the International Chamber of Commerce.

Notes

- a) Throughout the FTRP, the PUC and BWSL shall maintain an updated Schedule of events which is to be made available to the public.
- b) The Schedules and Tariffs approved by the PUC shall become effective on April 1, 2010, regardless of the date on which the PUC's Final Decision is issued.

Public Access to Information

Members of the public may obtain up-to-date information on the schedule of the FTRP at the offices of the PUC and BWSL.

The proposed Business Plan is available at BWSL's headquarters, 7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City and at branches countrywide, and may be viewed at the office of the Public Utilities Commission, 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City.

British Privy Council Judges Are Tired Of Dealing With Cases From Belize And Caribbean Countries



By: Wellington C. Ramos

The headlines for the Caribbean Life newspaper which is published in New York City dated September 30th, 2009 was: **"CLEAN UP CARIBBEAN COURTS; JURIST"**. This article stated that British Judges who sit on the Privy Council Court in London has expressed their frustrations in presiding over cases that come from the Caribbean countries and colonies. One of the Judges on the court Lord Nicholas Phillips went further by telling the Financial Times of London that these cases are creating a financial burden for British Taxpayers and it consumes most of their time on the bench. This Lord must have forgotten that it was not the people from these Caribbean countries and colonies that voluntarily opted for the Privy Council Court but it

was a court that was imposed on them by the British for being their Colonial master when they were British colonies.

For the countries that are now independent, they have the option adapting the Caribbean Court of Justice as their court of last appeal and to submit cases to the Caribbean Court of Justice (C.C.J.) for final determination. Countries that are still colonies to Britain will have no choice but to allow their cases to continue going to the Privy Council in London.

Over the years Belize and other Caribbean countries have been experiencing a significant rise in the amount of senseless murders committed in their respective countries. In all these countries, the punishment for the crime of murder is Death by Hanging. However, before a person could be hanged that person must face trial before the courts in their country and a final appeal be made before the Privy Council Court in London. Many of these cases that have been taken to the Privy Council, have resulted in the death sentences be commuted to life imprisonment or to lesser sentences.

Caribbean nation states have made several complaints about the rulings of the Privy Council but have made no serious efforts to resolve this problem. Many Caribbean nation states have failed to amend their constitutions to adapt the ICJ as their nations' final appellant court.

While these countries remain complacent, their citizens are being murdered senselessly everyday in Belize and the Caribbean. The government of Belize is at the brink of completing its constitutional consultations to refer all their cases to the Caribbean Court of Justice (C.C.J.) in Port of Spain Trinidad. After this process is finalized, they will go back to the National Assembly to seek and approval to the amendment and implement the change to the constitution. Two of the major political parties in Belize; the reigning United Democratic Party (UDP) and the People's United Party (PUP), are both in support of this constitutional

amendment. Only two Guyana and Barbados have thus far adapted the Caribbean Court of Justice their court of final appeal.

I now call on all Caribbean citizens to urge their governments to halt the complacency and make a decision on this matter that now requires some prompt action. The seat of the court is in Trinidad which is also a Republic and the government of Trinidad where the court is seated, should lead the charge in making the Caribbean Court of Justice the court for all CARICOM nations RICO. Trinidad is also facing a huge increase in the number of murders and violent crimes.

The countries of the Caribbean will have to share the burden of the cost to ensure that this court prevail for their citizens.

As a Belizeans, it is hard for me to look at the internet every morning and see the faces of our young children being murdered viciously. Some will

say that changing the court arrangements will have no impact on reducing the rate of murders that are taking place in these countries today. The countries of the Caribbean can also look at forming a Commission of Inquiry with some experienced criminal and social experts to examine the root causes or murders and violent crimes in their countries. The wave of crime and violence sweeping across the Caribbean is deplorable and totally unacceptable to the citizens of the region and something must be done now.

Ed Note:

Mr. Wellington Ramos is a Belizean Columnist for Caribbean Net News.

He was born in Dangriga (formerly Stann Creek Town) in 1955 to Belizean Garifuna Parents. He is a former Corporal of the Belize Police Force and a US Army Veteran.

He is currently living in New York where he works as an Adjunct Professor of History and Political Science at Boricua College.

His hobbies include sports, politics and community upliftment.



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CHAPTER 194, LAWS OF BELIZE (REVISED EDITION 2000)

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13

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


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

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900736

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3743.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 1191 of 1998 dated 2nd January, 1999 in favour of **ILITA GRAJALEZ**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200907215

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PORT LOYOLAVILLE**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 34.

This parcels of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 247 of 2003 dated 10th April, 2003 in favour of **EMORY PERRERA**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200907219

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **BURDON CANAL**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 109.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1679/1993 dated 16th August, 1993 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 20 of 1993 at folios 37-48 in favour of **MICHAEL BOU-NAHRA**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200907989

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO NORTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1791.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 79 of 1988 dated 15th June, 1988 in favour of **ORLANDO TESUCUM**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908128

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PUNTA GORDA**, Block No. 42 and being Parcel No. 94.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 65 of 1979 dated 14th February, 1979 in favour of **NOEL L. RAMCLAM**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200208170

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **FORT GEORGE/ PICKSTOCK**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 625.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 1474/1992 dated 29th July, 1992 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 17 of 1992 at Folios 649- 660 in favour of **FLOYD ARKEL BROWN**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908219

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3702/2002 dated 27th December, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 43 of 2002 at folios 175-180 in favour of **ESTHER MATUS**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908237

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **CARMELITA**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 678.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 140 of 2004 dated 16th March, 2004 in favour of **HAROLD E. YOUNG**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908238

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **BURDON CANAL**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 133.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 268 of 1995 dated 3rd November, 1995 in favour of **DAVID MEDINA**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908245

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PLACENTIA NORTH**, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 1907.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 708/2002 dated 19th February, 2001 and recorded in deeds book Volume 9 of 2002 at folios 1307-1314 in favour of **ERWIN DOUGLAS WESTBY and GAIL GENNIEVE WESTBY**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908326

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **MILLER'S BIGHT**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 53.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Vesting Assent No. 333/1994 dated 4th February, 1994 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 4 of 1994 at Folios 1192 - 1199 in favour of **JOVITA CONCEPCION PREN**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908328

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **BELIZE RURAL NORTH II**, Block No. 11 and being Parcel No. 907.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 670 of 1999 dated 20th July, 1999 in favour of **JULIA GONZALEZ**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908330

These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, **SAN IGNACIO SOUTH**, Block No. 23 and being Parcels No. 2220 & 2221.

These parcels of land are the subject of a Conveyance No. 2236/2002 dated 30th July, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 27 of 2002 at Folios 279-284 in favour of **GEORGE GONZALEZ and CANDY GONZALES**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908357

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **FORT GEORGE/ PICKSTOCK**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 876.

This parcel of land is the subject of an Indenture dated 17th February, 1905 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 17 of 1905 at Folios 26 to 28 in favour of **HERBERT WATKIN PANTON as Executor and Personal Representative of the Estate of Gladys Alice Louise Panton and Maria McKoy**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908384

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **BELIZE RURAL NORTH I**, Block No. 11 and being Parcel No. 881.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 189/2000 dated 5th January, 2000 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 3 of 2000 at Folios 1190-1199 in favour of **GILBERT CANTON**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908385

These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, **BELIZE RURAL NORTH I**, Block No. 11 and being Parcels No. 875 & 876.

These parcels of land are the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 577/2002 dated 21st February, 2002 and recorded in deeds book Volume 7 of 2002 at folios 1277-1284 in favour of **GILBERT CANTON**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908386

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **BELIZE RURAL NORTH I**, Block No. 11 and being Parcel No. 879.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 171/2000 dated 7th January, 2000 and recorded in deeds book Volume, 3 of 2000 at folios 821-828 in favour of **GILBERT CANTON**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908387

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **BELIZE RURAL NORTH I**, Block No. 11 and being Parcel No. 871.

This parcel of land is the subject of an Indenture dated 25th October, 1972 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 10 of 1972 at Folios 81 to 86 in favour of **IRENE ELIZABETH CANTON as Executrix of the will of Gilbert William Canton**.

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Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

ARIES: March 22 to April 20



This week sees you turn into a more relationship-oriented person. There is a tremendous sense of responsibility that overtakes you. Children and dependents need to be indulged and entertained. In doing so, you realise that there is much joy coming your way. **Lucky Numbers: 09, 35, 67.**

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21



There will be added focus in restoring harmony in personal relationships. You are likely to be travelling to distant places and this will be more for recreation than for work. Increased income also allows you to extend your generosity to the lesser privileged ones. **Lucky Numbers: 06, 46, 74.**

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21



You gain in terms of self confidence as you do fairly well in the professional sphere. There will be inner strength that you derive from spiritual pursuits that further strengthens your belief in yourself. The only factor that could possibly put you on a back foot is your health. **Lucky Numbers: 05, 27, 84.**

CANCER: June 22 to July 23

There could be strife disturbing the peace at home. The comforting fact is that there will be a resolution and you



will be able to handle things fairly. It could be a trying time for you but you must be strong. Do not travel leaving urgent matters undecided. **Lucky Numbers: 02, 14, 53.**

LEO: July 24 to August 21



Your mood could be more upbeat as opportunities for expanding work, moving to a better job are foreseen. Another thing that will take up your attention will be improvements at home. One sure beneficiary of your good mood and good money will be family. Old people will require care and attention. **Lucky Numbers: 01, 23, 98.**

VIRGO: August 22 to September 21



There will be things you want to do for the people you love, and try to achieve perfection in each of them. You may even put your work on the backburner to achieve the same. Whatever the task you undertake remember to be kind to your own self. You realise how the different people in your life go on to aid your growth. **Lucky Numbers: 07, 44, 89.**

LIBRA: September 22 to October 23



You work hard pushing yourself to the limits. Apart from work, there are expectations to achieve a certain level of lifestyle and you could acquire some gadgets, arty objects to complete the look. The marvellous part about this phase is that whatever you desire, you will be able to achieve it. **Lucky Numbers: 04, 37, 70.**

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21



This week forces you to assess your position with respect to finances. There is increased inflow of money, making things more comfortable. However, you are more careful about investing extra money. There will be increased enthusiasm with which you approach work. **Lucky Numbers: 16, 72, 94.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21



There could be travel to your native place or a pilgrimage undertaken. You also work towards strengthening the bond you have with your family. A desire to provide them with comforts pushes you to pursue extra work. Avoid any unethical practices. **Lucky Numbers: 03, 47, 88.**

CAPRICORN: December 22 to January 20



You are in quite a relaxed state of mind. You are focussed on not letting trivial issues disturb your peace. There are demands on you from work but you try to handle them without getting hassled. Avoid confrontation at any cost. **Lucky Numbers: 12, 41, 73.**

AQUARIUS: January 21 to February 19



Much of the dilemma of the week gone by stands resolved as you prove to yourself that you can maintain inner peaceful and alongside, have appropriate dealings in the practical world. You could be making significant monetary gains. You experience a lot of kindness and compassion for the lesser privileged. **Lucky Numbers: 08, 17, 61.**

PISCES: February 20 to March 21



This week brings increased social interaction and subsequently increased dimensions of relationships are exposed. You will find some bonds very enriching and some to be important yet too strenuous. You discover ways of utilising your talents and creativity in the best manner possible. Take care not to antagonise the elderly. **Lucky Numbers: 10, 32, 59.**



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Uganda MP Urges Death For Gay Sex

BBC NEWS, Thursday, October 15, 2009:

A Ugandan MP has proposed creating an offence of "aggravated homosexuality" to be punishable by death.

Ruling party MP David Bahati wants the death penalty for those having gay sex with disabled people, under-18s or when the accused is HIV-positive.

Homosexual acts are already illegal, but the Anti-Homosexuality Bill proposes new offences and urges the toughening of existing penalties.

Earlier versions of the bill were widely criticised by rights groups.

The BBC's Joshua Mmali, in the capital Kampala, says the bill has a good chance of being passed as senior figures from the ruling National Resistance Movement are likely to back it.

President Yoweri Museveni has made several speeches outlining his own anti-gay views.

There are estimated to be 500,000 gay people in Uganda, from a population of about 31 million, according to gay rights groups.



Ugandan gay people have long alleged persecution

Gay activists have long alleged persecution and existing laws already allow large fines and life imprisonment for some homosexual acts.

Mr Bahati's bill proposes widening the definition of homosexual acts and wants to fine or imprison anyone found to be promoting homosexuality.

The bill states that its provisions are intended to

"protect the traditional family by prohibiting any form of sexual relations between persons of the same sex".

The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission has urged the bill to be dismissed.

They say it violates several

international agreements Uganda has signed up to - as well as contradicting the country's own constitution.

But John Otekat Emile, an independent MP, said he believed the bill had a "99% chance" of being passed.

"Members of parliament are overwhelmingly supporting this bill because homosexuality is illegal in Uganda, and we have that clearly in the penal code," he told the BBC.

Emmanuel Dombo, an MP with the ruling party, agreed and said it was an important issue to investigate.

"What we need to look at are the sentences - what kind of sentences or punishment should be prescribed for sexual offenders in this respect - that is the big question," he said.

But our correspondent says the authorities already find it difficult to prove cases under current laws because evidence is difficult to obtain.

Some people who have openly declared that they are gay have not been prosecuted because declaring sexual orientation is not a crime, our correspondent adds.

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Brutal Force And Ignorance

Did you hear about the bushman who went into the hardware store to buy a chain saw?

He said **"I want one that will cut down at least 10 trees a day."**

A couple days later he was back at the hardware store with

the saw complaining that it only cut one tree and that took all day.

The clerk at the hardware store started the saw to see what the problem was.

The bushman jumped back and said **"what the hell is that noise?"**

Convincing The Troops

Although many service personnel view the *Widows and Orphans Benefit Scheme* as useless, **Captain Andy Smith** was able to successfully convince many of them to pay into the scheme.

While reviewing the record, the Commanding General was impressed that Captain Smith had almost 95 of them paying into the scheme.

Rather than ordering Smith to explain how he did it, the Commanding General decided to find out on his own.

One day the General stood at

A Hasty, Costly and Wrong Decision

The owner of the company hired a new Manager to shake things up in order to increase profits

This new Manager was determined to cut the work force by getting rid of slackers and excess workers.

On a tour of the facilities, the new manager noticed a guy leaning on a wall.

The room was full of workers and he wanted to let them know that he meant business!

The new Manager walked up to the guy **"How much money do you make a week?"**

A little surprised, the young fellow looked at him and replied, **"I make \$300.00 a week. Why?"**

The Manager dug into his

pocket, pulled out a roll of money and counted out \$1,200 in cash and screamed, **"Here's four weeks' pay, notice and all. Now GET OUT and don't come back."**

Feeling pretty good about himself, the Manager looked

around the room and asked, **"Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-off did here?"**

From across the room came a voice, **"He was here to take our lunch orders. He's the pizza delivery guy from Mr. Greedy's Pizzeria."**

This Week's Health Corner Understanding Gallstones

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properly.

f) Age: People older than age 60 are more likely to develop gallstones than younger people. As we age, our bodies tend to secrete more cholesterol into bile.

g) Cholesterol-lowering drugs: Drugs that lower cholesterol levels in the blood actually increase the amount of cholesterol secreted into bile. In turn, the risk of gallstones increases.

h) Diabetes: People with diabetes generally have high levels of fatty acids called triglycerides. These fatty acids may increase the risk of gallstones.

Who is at risk for gallstones? People at risk for gallstones include:

i) Women: specially women who are pregnant, use hormone replacement therapy, or take birth control pills.

ii) People over age 60

iii) Overweight or obese men and women

iv) People who fast or lose a lot of weight quickly

v) People with a family history of gallstones

vi) People with diabetes

vi) People who take cholesterol-lowering drugs

What are the symptoms of gallstones?

As gallstones move into the bile ducts and create blockage, pressure increases in the gallbladder and one or more symptoms may occur.

Symptoms of blocked bile ducts are often called a gallbladder **"attack"** because they occur suddenly. Gallbladder attacks often follow fatty meals, and they may occur during the night. A typical attack can cause

a) Steady pain in the right upper abdomen that increases rapidly and lasts from 30 minutes to several hours

b) Pain in the back between the shoulder blades and

c) Pain under the right shoulder

Notify your doctor if you think you have experienced a gallbladder attack.

Although these attacks often pass as gallstones move, your gallbladder can become infected and rupture if a blockage remains.

People with any of the following symptoms should see a doctor immediately:

i) Prolonged pain—more than 5 hours

ii) Nausea and vomiting

iii) fever—even low-grade—or chills

iv) Yellowish color of the skin or whites of the eyes and

v) Clay-colored stools

Many people with gallstones have no symptoms; these gallstones are called **"silent stones."** They do not interfere with gallbladder, liver, or pancreas function and do not need treatment.

Ed Note: This is an extremely interesting and important article, but rather lengthy.

Next week we will publish the **DIAGNOSIS - TREATMENT and POINTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT GALLSTONES.**

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This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA SOUTH, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 1945.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 823 of 1999 dated 24th September, 1999 in favour of DOROTHY DAWN LONGSWORTH.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908398

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, MILLERS BIGHT, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 960.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 827/2002 dated 5th March, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 11 of 2002 at Folios 663-674 in favour of NORMAN NEAL.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908413

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2816.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2271/1998 dated 25th August, 1998 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 27 of 1998 at Folios 641-644 in favour of EDITH L. THORLEY and DAVID HAROLD THORLEY.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908418

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ALBERT/MESOP, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 779.

This parcel of land is the subject of an Indenture dated 28th March, 1949 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 37 of 1949 at Folios 512 to 513 in favour of CHARLES EVARISTO CHAVANNES.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908432

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, BURDON CANAL, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 113.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 206 of 1998 dated 23rd February, 1998 in favour of DORITA RAMSEY and HERLANDO RAMSEY.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908433

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, BURDON CANAL, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 117.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 517 of 1999 dated 13th June, 1999 in favour of DORITA RAMSEY and HERLANDO RAMSEY.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908441

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ALBERT/MESOP, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1421.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 853/1982 dated 31st August, 1982 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 9 of 1982 at Folios 263-276 in favour of ADDY CASTILLO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908462

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, BELIZE RURAL NORTH I, Block No. 11 and being Parcel No. 135.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 1299 of 1998 dated 21st March, 1998 in favour of GREGORY GABOUREL.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908483

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO SOUTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 830.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 431/2004 dated 27th February, 2004 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 2004 at Folios 350-357 in favour of IRENE McKOY.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908485

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ANN GABOUREL, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 253.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 30 of 1978 dated 6th March, 1978 in favour of PATRICIO ALPUCHE.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908520

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA SOUTH,

Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 1303

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 358/1998 dated 2nd February, 1998 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 5 of 1998 at folios 379-384 in favour of WILHEM HAMILTON.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908521

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA SOUTH, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 400.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 2507/2001 dated 3rd July, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 30 of 2007 at Folios 847-854 in favour of MICHELE IRVING.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200208552

These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA SOUTH, Block No. 31 and being Parcels No. 1918, 1920 and 1921.

These parcels of land are the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 33 of 1984 dated 14th February, 1984 in favour of HUBERT USHER.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908566

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, VISTADEL MAR, Block No. 16 and being Parcel No. 1194.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 415/1994 dated 24th February, 1994 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 5 of 1994 at Folios 1271-1288 in favour of CHEN CHANG, SHUN-LAN.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908583

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, CARMELITA, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1380.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 543 of 1998 dated 20th May, 1998 in favour of GASPER VEGA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908620

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, TOWER HALL, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 749.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 576/1992 dated 30th March, 1992 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 7 of 1992 at Folios 239-246 in favour of RAUL TILLET.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908631

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcels No. 612.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 1106 of 2004 dated 27th February, 2005 in favour of CARLOS DEPAZ.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908632

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1746.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 55 of 2004 dated 15th March, 2004 in favour of GLORIA TAYLOR.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908639

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3283.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3090/2005 dated 10th November, 2005 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 37 of 2005 at folios 529-536 in favour of JAVIER L. LINO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908665

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1036.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 1095 of 2003 dated 14th October, 2003 in favour of ELSA MAS.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200908666

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 313.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 1079 of 2006 dated 4th October, 2006 in favour of NELDA LOEWEN.

Belize Celebrates World Food Day '09

CENTRAL FARM, Cayo District, Friday, October 16, 2009:

Belize is this year celebrating World Food Day under the theme “*Achieving Food Security in Times of Crisis*”.

In commemorating the day, the National Food and Nutrition Security Commission and the World Food Day Committee today held a National Food Fair in Central Farm, Cayo.

The program of events was officially declared open at 9:30 a.m. by the **Hon. Rene Montero**, Minister of

Agriculture and Fisheries. The welcome address was delivered by **Melanio Pech**.

Other addresses were delivered by **Ricardo Thompson** of the FOA as well as Agriculture and Fisheries CEO, **Gabino Canto**.

A highlight of the event was a signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the University of Belize, and the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Other highlights include a presentation by the Tumulkin

Vocational School, cultural food preparation and competition, agricultural booth display by private and public institutions related to agriculture and food production.

The objective of this celebration is to promote the Belizean Food Cultures with a commitment to highlight the importance of consuming more of what we produce locally.

The event promoted the production of various fruits, vegetables, root crops, as well as preparation methods of indigenous dishes for building

healthier diets.

Additionally, it sought the promotion of new technologies utilized in Central Farm for food production.

The Ministry of Agriculture intends for the event to provide much-needed motivation for stakeholders to realize the importance of food protection and sustainability.

World Food Day aims at creating public awareness on the food problems worldwide and uniting all people to fight hunger, malnutrition and poverty.

It provides an opportunity to acknowledge the real difficulties that confronts us in these times, especially when 14% of the world's population does not have an adequate supply of food.

The recent increase in food prices and the related cost of agricultural inputs stemming from worldwide increases in fuel prices and the overall global financial meltdown has pushed governments to reconsider their agricultural policies and in particular that of food security.

Belize is no exception and some of the major activities which the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries is addressing are the concern of food security and greater farm efficiency by identifying priorities such as Integrated Farming System, the production grain, corn and beans for the export market.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez Nationalizes A Second Hilton Hotel

Adapted from the BBC NEWS, Wednesday, October 16, 2009:

Venezuelan President **Hugo Chavez** has ordered the obligatory acquisition of a Hilton-run hotel on the resort island of Margarita.

The move was ordered just weeks after the hotel housed Libyan leader **Muammar Gaddafi** and Zimbabwe's **Robert Mugabe** during the Africa-South America Summit.

The hotel would help develop tourism projects in a “*socialist*

framework”, a decree signed by Mr. Chavez said.

Hilton Worldwide, which manages the hotel, said it was analyzing the move.

The hotel “*remains a member of the Hilton system of hotels, and welcomes guests with the same level of service they have come to enjoy,*” spokeswoman **Karla Visconti** said in a statement from Miami, Florida.

Nationalisation drive

The hotel complex, on the Caribbean resort island of Margarita in Nueva Esparta

state, includes more than 450 rooms and suites, a casino, restaurants, shops and offices, as well as an adjoining marina.

It is owned by two local companies who are facing problems with the government's financial regulator, the Dow Jones news service reported.

The presidential decree said the forced acquisition of the Margarita Hilton & Suites Hotel Complex would be carried out without assuming existing liabilities, and the assets would be held by the tourism ministry.

It is President Chavez' second takeover of a Hilton-run hotel.

In 2007, the government assumed control of the Caracas Hilton, renaming it the Alba Caracas.

In the past four years, Mr. Chavez' government has nationalized industries it considers strategic to the state, including electrical utilities, cement, steel, oil services and banking.

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Guatemalan Congress Approves Partial Scope Agreement

From The Embassy of the Republic of Guatemala in Belize
DATED: BELIZE, October 15, 2009:

A press release from the Embassy of Guatemala in Belize states:

“The Embassy of Guatemala wishes to inform with great satisfaction that, in the context of good, fruitful and strong bilateral relations between Guatemala and Belize, the Honourable Congress of the Republic of Guatemala had

approve the Partial Scope Agreement subscribed by the Government of the Republic of Guatemala and the Government of Belize on June 26, 2006, through the Decree No. 31-2009 published in the Guatemala’s official newspaper on October 13th 2009.

This important instrument

will assist both countries to consolidate a new environment in commercial trade, stimulating the economies of both countries through the increase of investment, the sustained increase of production and the generation of employment opportunities. This decree will come into effect on October 21, 2009.”

CAPITAL CITY COPS ARREST THREE PERSONS ON MARIJUANA CHARGES

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be suspected marijuana.

Both persons were detained and transported to the San Ignacio Police Station where the substance was weighed tipping the scale at 246 grams.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as **David Simpson**, 50, Belizean Tour Guide who gave his address as Macaw Bank Area while the passenger was identified as **Alfredo August**, 48, Belizean Laborer who gave his address as Santa Familia Village.

Both Simpson and August were formally arrested and charged for drug trafficking.

They appeared before Magistrate **Rachel Montejo** on Wednesday, October 14 where the single charge was read to them.

August initially pled guilty to the charge but had an instant

change of heart when the Magistrate indicated the imposition of a \$10,000 fine. Both accused consequently pled not guilty and were offered bail in the sum of \$5,000. They were ordered to return to court on Monday, November 23, 2009.

In the second adjacent incident, police reports that whilst dealing with the occupants of the brown Ford Explorer on the Branch Mouth Road in San Ignacio Town, they observed a grey Nissan pickup, driven by a female with a male person sitting in the pan of vehicle on the driver’s side.

The Nissan was heading in the same direction as the Ford Explorer. The police reported that when the vehicle drove up to the scene of the police operation, they saw the male person in the back of the Nissan

reaching into his shirt pocket with his left hand and disposing of a black object into nearby bushes.

The driver was instructed to stop and the male person was ordered out of the vehicle. He was taken to the spot where he allegedly disposed of the black object. When it was retrieved it was found to be a knotted piece of black plastic bag containing suspected marijuana.

The accused was detained and teamed up with the other two persons . All three detainees were transported to the San Ignacio Police Station.

The third detainee identified himself as **Luis Enrique De La Fuente**, 44, Belizean construction worker of a Mariana Gonzalez Street address in Santa Elena Town, Cayo.

The substance, weighed in his presence, tipped the scale at 15.5 grams. De La Fuente was



Luis Enrique De La Fuente, 44, aka “Cheesey”

subsequently formally arrested and charged for possession of a controlled drug.

Like Simpson and August, De La Fuente appeared before San Ignacio’s Magistrate Rachel Montejo on Wednesday, October 14, where he pled not guilty to the charge. He was offered bail in the sum of \$2,000 and ordered to return to court also on Monday, November 23, 2009.

LOST LAND/LEASE CERTIFICATES

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

| NAME | CERTIFICATE NO. | REGISTRATION SECTION | PARCEL NO. |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|------------|
| OSCAR D. ROMERO | LRS-200907369 | CARMELITA | 1047 |
| GILBERTO HERNANDEZ | 15982/2006 | SAN ESTEVAN | 624 |
| MARK BROCKLANDER & MARGARET BROCKLANDER (JOINTLY) | LRS-200800181 | PLACENTIA NORTH | 110 |
| MARCO DEVILLE CHI & ESTHER EUNICE DEVILLE (JOINTLY) | 6651/2004 | SAN JOSE PALMAR | 724 |
| NORTHERN DATA PROCESSING LIMITED | 3249/2000 | SANTA ELENA | 442 |
| SHEILA T. ROBINSON | 11077/2007 | PROGRESSO | 399 |

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

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



BWS submits Full Tariff Review Proceedings (FTRP) application



BELIZE CITY, Belize. October 02, 2009:

On October 1, 2009, Belize Water Services Limited (BWS) submitted its Full Five-Year Business Plan (FFBP) report for the period April 1, 2010 through to March 31, 2015 to the national regulator, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for their review. This submission is in accordance with the provisions of the statutory regulations, which stipulates BWS should submit an FFBP review report to the PUC. This officially commences the proceeding for the company's second Full Tariff Review Proceeding.

Over the last 5½ years, BWS has invested in excess of \$30 Million in expanding and refurbishing assets, especially its eleven water supply and distribution systems country-wide, in order to ensure security and continuity of supply. Investments have also included major improvements to some of our treatment plants, storage tanks, pumping stations and water distribution systems. As a result of these investments, the company has been able to improve pressure and supply in all service areas. BWS supplies water to 45,000 customers or approximately 200,000 consumers country-wide - approximately 70% of the population of Belize.

Along with the Public Utilities Commission, we have implemented a Customer Codes of Practice to ensure transparent and fair treatment to you, our customers. We have invested in computer technology to ensure accurate reading and billing and prompt response to customers' requests. In a recent survey of over 2500 customers, BWS received top ranking, from among all the utilities, in quality, continuity, customer service and affordability.

At the same time, we have controlled operating costs despite accumulated inflation of over 17% and major cost surges due to oil prices. BWS has increased its efficiency in every operational area, included reducing water losses from 43.5% in 2004 to 30% in 2009. This level is far better than those in many water systems in even the most developed countries.

We have put great effort into keeping costs down to ensure that your water bill remains affordable. As most of you are aware, the amount you pay for your full month's water consumption is far lower than the other utilities providers and we intend to keep it that way. It is also far lower than is paid in most countries in the region and even in most parts of the U.S.

However, we have now reached a point where the sustainability of the Company is in jeopardy due to economic factors outside of our control. The company just does not earn enough to continue to provide the level of services to our growing nation without some assistance. In the past, we have managed to perform limited infrastructure investments with contributions from the Government and private developers; the Government has also had to make contributions to help the company meet its loan repayments. Unless remedied, this shortfall in cash will make it extremely difficult to maintain the operations. BWS, out of necessity, has therefore submitted a business plan requesting a tariff increase which averages 25% overall, but averages 14% to residential customers. The new tariffs are to be effective 1st April 2010.

The proposed tariffs have been specifically designed to minimise the impact on lower income and lower consumption residential customers. For the 5,000 households (11% of the customer base) who use 500 gallons or less of water monthly, their bill will actually REDUCE by an average of 20%. For an additional 21,500 customers (52%) who use between 500 and 3000 gallons monthly, the average increase would be around \$3 per month. Also, recognising the cries from San Pedro where the tariffs are higher than on the mainland, the percentage increase in San Pedro has been kept much lower.

For more information regarding this or any other BWS Release, please contact

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