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## CITIZENS' ARREST AND BEATING ENDS RAMPAGE

**SAN IGANCIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, December 6, 2010:**

Two San Ignacio men, reportedly on a rampage with a gun, were halted, beaten and handed over to police.

The pair on a rampage were identified, as **Kevin "Midget" Manzanero**, 26 and **Alvaro Aldana**, 18, both Belizean laborers who told the police that they reside on Dalia Street in San Ignacio Town.

The rampage began to unfold at around 10:45 am on Friday, December 2, when San Ignacio Town residents **Johan Bermudez**, **Garnet Bermudez** and **Dudley**

**Smith** reported to police that they were sitting on the verandah at home when the men, riding separate bicycles, arrived in front of their house and fired a shot at them from a handgun, fortunately no one was injured.

The next encounter with the pair occurred about 15 minutes later. San Ignacio resident **Jose Guerra** reported that at around 11:00 am, he was walking on Bullet Tree Road in San Ignacio Town when the men rode up to him and one of them placed a handgun to the left side of his head after which they both rode off.

The third incident, ending the



**Kevin "Midget" Manzanero, 26**

rampage, occurred about 20 minutes later on 6<sup>th</sup> Street also in

parked the previous day. Latest information reaching us indicated that the vehicle was found in Orange Walk.



**Alvaro Aldana, 18**

San Ignacio Town. This time however, the pair chose a tougher target.

San Ignacio police say that they were called out to 6<sup>th</sup> Street where they found both men laying on the street with visible head injuries. Also on the scene were **Anthony Rodriguez** and his brother **Simon Willacy** keeping guard over the injured men.

Anthony Rodriguez told the police that the men arrived at his house on separate bicycles and that one of them pulled out a handgun, fired two shots into the air, he then pointed the gun at Rodriguez and pulled the trigger but fortunately the gun snapped after which Rodriguez and his brother Simon, grabbed them and administered a

## Cristo Rey Businesswoman's Vehicle Stolen In Belize City

**MUNICIPAL AIRSTRIP, Belize City, Wednesday, December 7, 2010:**

A nationwide search is underway as police are looking for a white 2006 Isuzu D-Max double cab pick-up truck with Cayo license plates C-27305 reported stolen from the Municipal Airstrip in Belize City the property of

In a statement to the police, the owner of the missing vehicle, **Nadege Thomas**, businesswoman residing in village of Cristo Rey, Cayo, informed that at around 3:30 pm on Tuesday 7th December, she parked and locked up the vehicle at the airstrip and left.



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# Rotary Club's Motorcycle Raffle And Spaghetti Day A Success!



Mary Lee Langlois (R) was the thrilled winner of the motorcycle as Rotarian William, "Bill" Butcher (L) looks on

BY: Cynthia Reese

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, December 1, 2010:**

The Rotary Club of San Ignacio hosted their Spaghetti Day and a Motorcycle Raffle at the San Ignacio Market Place on Saturday, November 27.

A rummage sale also raised funds for the Club's scholarship work.

With great support from the local community and club members, the raffle for the donated motorcycle was a big success. **Mary Lee Langlois** was the thrilled winner of the motorcycle. A special thank you goes to **Elias Awe** for being the official ticket drawer for the raffle.

Rotary focuses on Fellowship

## Women's Circle Launches Survey On Domestic Violence In Southern Belize

**BELIZE CITY, Tuesday, December 7, 2010:**

The Women's Circle of Belize hosted a launch promoting the recent survey conducted on the south side of Belize City.

The launch was held on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:00 am at the Samuel Haynes Institute on Mahogany Street in Belize City.

The survey encompassed more than 100 women in the summer of 2010 and was conducted to assess the current situation of domestic violence in our communities.

The findings of the study revealed that domestic violence is, indeed, an ongoing epidemic and that a great number of women are continuing to suffer in silence due to the stigma still attached to

between its members so the preparation of the spaghetti sauce was a great deal of fun on Friday night. The noodle cooking, serving the plates and managing the rummage sale brought more club members together. We had a few volunteers jumping in to help as well.

The Rotary Club of San Ignacio to everyone supporting our efforts during these events!

The proceeds raised from these activities support the Club's focus on "Educate our Youth," particularly in providing scholarship funds for deserving high school students.

Please stay tuned for other Rotary Club events.

victims.

The Women's Circle of Belize is a group of supportive, action oriented women who want to make positive changes in our lives, our communities, and our society.

The organization works for women's rights, gender equality, and for every woman to reach her full potential. The group works through member support, women's development, public awareness and advocacy.

Please contact **Joyce Flowers** at 222-5547 for more information regarding the launch e-mail Women's Circle at [womenscirclebelize@gmail.com](mailto:womenscirclebelize@gmail.com).

Women's Circle meets every Tuesday night at 5:30 pm at the St. Martin de Porres Preschool. Come, join us!

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## Coming Soon - Our Own Magistrate

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Friday, December 10, 2010:**

After going several months without a resident magistrate, we were today reliably informed that this situation will soon be addressed.

As of Monday, December 13, 2010, **Attorney Dale Cayetano** will be permanently assigned to San Ignacio's Magistrate Court.

**Dale Cayetano** is fresh out of Law School and, along with **Richard Bradley Jr.**, he is the latest addition to the magistracy.

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beating before calling the police. Rodriguez handed over the firearm to the police which turned out to be a silver and black, Sig Sauer brand pistol bearing serial number AE25605 fitted with a magazine containing seven 9mm bullets.

The injured men were transported to the San Ignacio Community Hospital where they were treated and released into police custody.

Interestingly however, whilst standard police procedures require all detained persons to be immediately and thoroughly searched upon detention, either the conduct of this procedure was totally omitted or not thoroughly done in the handling of Manzanero as a nurse at the hospital handed over a 9 mm bullet to the police which she said was retrieved from a front pocket of the pants Manzanero was wearing.

The investigation subsequently led to the formal arrest and joint charging of Kevin Manzanero and Alvaro Aldana as follows:  
 1) Attempt murder of Anthony Rodriguez;  
 2) Three counts of aggravated assault committed against Johan Bermudez, Garnet

Bermudez and Dudley Smith;  
 3) Kept unlicensed firearm; 4) Kept ammunition without a license in connection with the seven 9mm bullets; 5) Discharging a firearm in public.

Kevin Manzanero was additionally charged for possession of unlicensed ammunition for the single 9mm bullet reportedly found by the nurse in his pocket.

The accused Kevin Manzanero and Alvaro Aldana appeared before Magistrate Albert Hoare on Monday, December 6, where all charges were read to them after which they were remanded to central prison to be brought back to court on Wednesday, January 5, 2011.

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# Garifuna Celebration In Michigan, USA

By: Wellington C. Ramos



The Belize Garifuna Cultural Organization of Michigan had a splashdown in Southfield City in Celebration of Garifuna Settlement Day.

On Saturday, November, 19, 2010, the Belize Garifuna Cultural Organization of Michigan, USA, (BGCOC) under the leadership of its dedicated Chairperson Ms Sandra Ellis, held its annual Garifuna Settlement Day Cultural event in Southfield City Michigan.

People from throughout the state of Michigan and other parts of the United States travelled to Southfield to witness this historic event.

The day commemorated the 167<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the Garifuna people fled from Honduras and landed on the shores of Stann Creek and Toledo Districts in Belize Central America in 1823.

The Guest of Honor for the event was the Mayor of Southfield Michigan Honorable Brenda L. Lawrence.

The Mayor spoke about how proud she is to be the head of a city that prides itself for being a multicultural city.

A member of the organization was assigned to the Mayor on her arrival to give her a briefing on the history of the arts, crafts, food, language, religion and other aspects of the Garifuna culture.

“Garifuna” is used when referring to one person with “Garinagu” being the plural.

The scheduled events for the evening included cultural arts and crafts display as well as a re-enactment of the official landing of the Garifuna with their leaders Elijo Benni and Satulle to the shores of Belize. There was also Garifuna and Belizean food. The event ended with a grand dance.

Earlier this year, BGCOC

sponsored a Garifuna Youth Cultural Awareness Workshop for the youths residing in Michigan to teach them all the various aspects of the Garinagu culture.

We are conscious of the fact that if we do not make serious efforts to teach our children about the language, religion, arts, crafts and other custom traditions the cultural could be lost.

In addition, every year we make it our duty to produce an annual booklet that detail our activities, the annual goal and appreciation for the people and businesses that supported us throughout these years.

We intend to continue conducting these workshop annually on other issues all related to educating people especially our youths about the culture so that it could be preserved for generations to come.

The event was also to recognize and acknowledge some of the Garifuna women teachers who have contributed tremendously to the education of many Belizean citizens throughout Belize. The women who were acknowledged included; Mrs. Ethel Sampson-Ellis, Mrs. Felecia Ogaldez-Hernandez, Mrs. Juanita Castillo-Joseph, Ms. Regina Ogaldez, Mrs. Rita Servio-Palacio and Mrs. Sylvia Castillo-Sampson. These great women had to take care of their families while teaching in remote villages where transportation and living conditions were not up to today’s standards.

In the early 1970’s, Sarita Benguche-Ramos founded the Belize Association of Michigan to bring together Belizeans living in the state of Michigan in order to conduct several activities for the benefit of all Belizeans.

Sarita is the daughter of the late

Lorenzo Benguche one of the original founders of the Garifuna Settlement Day in Belize along with the legendary Thomas Vincent Ramos.

In the early years, the Garifuna people in Detroit and other parts of Michigan organized excursions from their cities to Chicago in order to join other Garinagu to celebrate their day. This pattern continued up until 2006, until Ms. Sandra Ellis assembled some Garinagu, Belizeans and African Americans to assist her in having our own annual celebration and dance. This led to the formation and development of the Belize Garifuna Cultural Organization of Michigan.

The Garifuna and Belizean community in the state of Michigan is not large so the association reaches out to other Americans, West Indian and African communities for support. Notwithstanding, the members of BGCOC are committed and dedicated to do everything in their capacity to preserve their resilient culture.

Among the officers of this organization are African Americans and people who are not Garifuna. BGCOC is appealing to the community at large to assist with contribution or donation.

Persons interested in learning more about the organization can do so by contacting the Chairperson at; [belizegrifunami@gmail.com](mailto:belizegrifunami@gmail.com). For me, a Belizean living in New York, it was a wonderful experience because I have not, in a long time, attended, in New York City, a Garifuna cultural event that was culturally diverse as this one. The message I got from the event is that, apart from the Garinagu people, there are others who are impressed and want to see this culture remain vibrant forever.



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# Five Of Six Lawmen Charged In Connection With Airplane And Colombian Cocaine

**BELIZE CITY, Thursday, December 9, 2010:**

The investigation into the November 13, 2010 landing of a drug plane on the Southern Highway and the discovery of almost 3,000 kilograms of Colombian cocaine off the highway about eight miles away, culminated today as five of the six accused were formally arraigned on the joint charge of abetment in facilitating the landing of an airplane with 2,921 kilos of cocaine between miles 56 and 57 on the Southern Highway.

The five individual so charged are (1) **Sergeant Jacinto Roches**, 42, residing at #22 Tangerine Street, Belmopan, attached to the Internal Affairs Department (IAD) at National Police Headquarters, Belmopan;

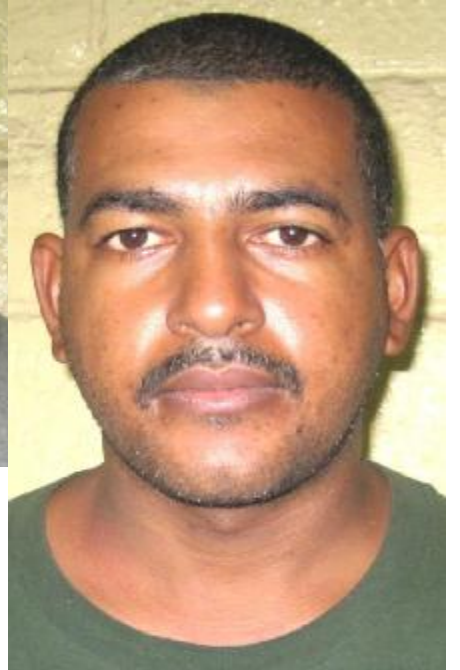
(2) **Sergeant Lawrence Humes**, 38, residing in the City of Belmopan where he is also



(1) **Sergeant Jacinto Roches, 42**



(2) **Sergeant Lawrence Humes, 38**



(3) **Corporal Renel Grant, 33**

posted;

(3) **Corporal Renel Grant**, 33, of a Libertad Village, Corozal District address, a former driver for the Governor General, now attached to Eastern Division's Traffic Department in Belize City;

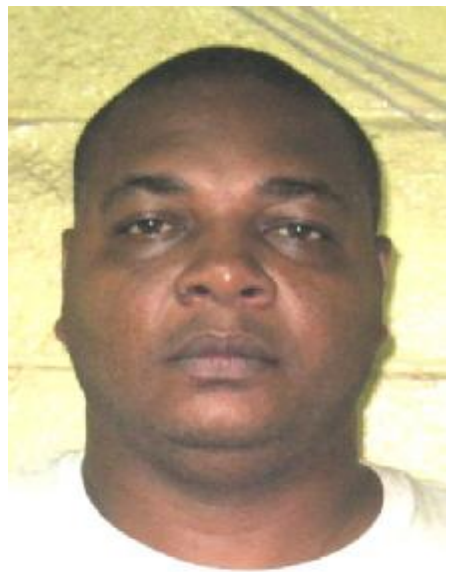
(4) **Corporal Nelson Middleton**, 39, residing in Camalote Village, Cayo District,

the assigned police driver for the Governor General and

(5) **Customs Boatman, Harold Usher**, 36, of a Finca Solana address in Corozal, a former policeman who was once attached to the Police Anti Drug Unit (ADU) before moving over to the Customs Department.

The sixth individual, **Sergeant Vidal Cajun**, 46, from the Intermediate Southern Formation (ISF), in Independence Village, Stann Creek District, has thus far managed to escape charges for direct connection to the airplane and the cocaine.

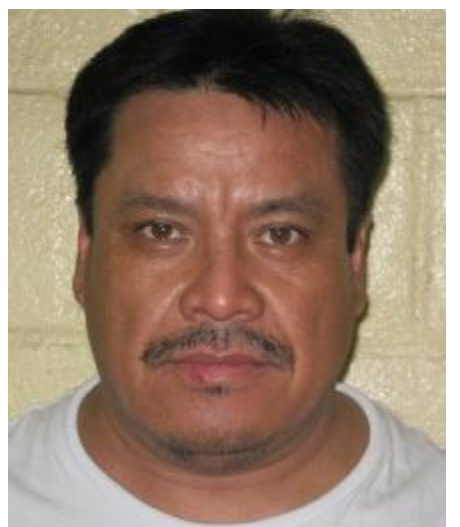
While **Dickie Bradley** continues as their lead attorney, he was not present in court for today's arraignment. The case was adjourned until Wednesday, February 9, 2011 which is the same date to which the previous firearm and ammunition charge



(4) **Corporal Nelson Middleton, 39**



(5) **Harold Usher, 36, Customs Boatman**



**Sergeant Vidal Cajun, 46**

against all six accused was adjourned.

While Sgt. Cajun was released on Supreme Court bail on Friday, the same process is underway for other four accused all of whom could be released in time to spend Christmas with their families.



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# Customer Service Rules Everyone Needs To Know Point # 3)

By: Jason Durran  
jason@xtremebusinessworld.com



Hello Fellow gurus, here is point 3 of the first 5 point series. Keep this in mind for all things you do in your business life. Good practice will make perfect production.

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To be good at what you do, you need to concentrate on the little things that will become your edge.

## Make good habits your Habit

When it comes to customer service, practice makes perfect. Make it a practice to perfect what you are trying to do.

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A little searching, and a little preparation to give people something that someone else isn't, that's the hook. All that's left now is to go out and do it.

Developing this habit will help you to **give them what they want**. And if you do that, they will coming back to you wanting more. Good for business, good for life in general.

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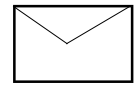
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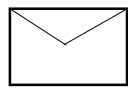
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## Readers Write



### Selling Unsatisfactory Products

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I also purchased a pair of shoes that did not even last a day. Same thing no refund only exchange for another pair which I did not like but had to take. I brought a BZ\$500 TV set and got 6 months guarantee. Four months later it blew up. I took it to back to the store, they told me to take it to the

repair shop which I did, only to find out that the model was old and they do not make the parts anymore.

The question I ask is: *Why am I forced to change one black dog for a monkey.*

The Health Department check stores for expired goods, so there should also be a public agency that checks these stores. If stores are charging high prices at least the products should be good. However, it looks like they are selling either rejects, counterfeit or low quality products.

In closing I have noticed that whenever I shop at COURTS the staff is very helpful. They know the products they are selling and they have good quality products, **SOMETIMES WHEN WE TRY TO SAVE MONEY IT ENDS COSTING US MORE!**

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*Issued by the Public Utilities Commission  
on November 30, 2010.*



# Your Weekly Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



**ARIES:**  
March 22 to April 20

The coming week sees you in a bit of frenzy. There is good work, inspiration is prodding you on and luck favors you too. Seek information on all aspects before sealing a deal. Also, frame your communication very clearly. You may achieve one major goal in this phase. **Lucky Numbers: 03, 82, 96.**



**TAURUS:**  
April 21 to May 21

You will experiment with your will power and look the challenges in the eye. Confidence as well as morale will be high. You could be taking a peek into the past for settling some issues as well as passing on lessons learnt. **Lucky Numbers: 18, 27, 99.**



**GEMINI:**  
May 22 to June 21

You will no doubt be working hard and all quite willingly. There will be good results coming in as rewards for your efforts. A general good mood will prevail keeping you up beat. Personal interactions and family relations will grant great satisfaction. Financial gains are also indicated. **Lucky Numbers: 25, 36, 50.**



**CANCER:**  
June 22 to July 23

Your professional work gains momentum. Use this favorable period to consolidate your position. You may even work towards getting a new image as you arrive at a greater understanding of what works for you. You may have a different experience with emotions as you do a reality check. **Lucky Numbers: 62, 77, 86.**



**LEO:**  
July 24 to August 21

The week begins with many tasks to accomplish. Your social calendar is likely to be full. Entertaining guests and striking up business deals over dinner may be just the thing. Preparations for kicking off a new project or policy measure may be on in full swing. **Lucky Numbers: 33, 56, 95.**



**VIRGO:**  
August 22 to September 21

This is one phase when you cannot afford to be laidback. Opportunities in all sectors of life are there. An old relationship may be rekindled. Apply yourself in the best manner to the tasks before you. Some amount of risk-taking will be required of you, but do keep a realistic picture in mind. **Lucky Numbers: 06, 24, 31.**



**LIBRA:**  
September 22 to October 23

This is a phase where you will be blessed with stamina and good health. Work shines brilliantly and you enjoy what you do. Collaborative works will set pace for better future opportunities. You may have to shoulder a few more responsibilities. You need to assert yourself, although gently if you wish to keep your peace. **Lucky Numbers: 48, 65, 73.**



**SCORPIO:**  
October 24 to November 21

The coming week brings rewards for you that are more material in nature. You will achieve success at work. You may receive some monetary benefit too. Professional activity will pick up pace. You will need to look at proposals carefully and see if you can handle them. **Lucky Numbers: 05, 10, 25.**



**SAGITTARIUS:**  
November 22 to December 21

The coming week will be hectic. Brace yourself for a professionally challenging time, where you will have to put in more hours and may have to diffuse some crisis situation too. However, you are able to fulfil all responsibilities within deadlines. **Lucky Numbers: 21, 70, 89.**



**CAPRICORN:**  
December 22 to January 20

One deeply introspective phase for you. You may be totally focused on self-improvement. You will reach out to people and show them that you

can be a better individual. Your interactions will therefore be positive and gratifying. **Lucky Numbers: 42, 55, 60.**



**AQUARIUS:**  
January 21 to February 19

You will have a new outlook and perspective towards life. You may realign your targets, especially professional ones, more realistically. You could also make some travel plans or a holiday with your loved ones. The highpoint is that you can

share your dreams with someone close to you. **Lucky Numbers: 44, 49, 52.**



**PISCES:**  
February 20 to March 21

Allow yourself to blossom and use your positive traits to increase your confidence. There could be an adventurous or unusual event in this week that will be the talking point for quite some time. Don't feed tendencies of self-pity and retrieving sad events from the past. **Lucky Numbers: 02, 67, 78.**

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Chaa Creek shares the distinction with only sixteen other world class eco resorts in Kenya, Australia, Morocco, India and other exotic

locales in Hitesh Mehta's new book, *Authentic Ecolodges*, which publisher **Harper Collins** describes as "*A must have reference guide, perfect for anyone interested in the future of tourism facilities, sustainable architecture, and the health and well-being of our planet*"

Chaa Creek's Owner/General Manager **Lucy Fleming** said that she was honoured to have her family's Belizean eco resort included in the distinguished list.

*"It certainly is an honour to share company with such eminent, beautiful resorts from around the world. To be honest, Chaa Creek evolved into what it is over a period of time, so this is more a recognition of fitting in with nature rather than following a strict building plan,"* Ms Fleming said.

Chaa Creek began life as a family farm started along the banks of Belize's Macal River by **Lucy** and her husband **Mick** in the 1970's. It has since grown into a private 365 acre nature reserve

and resort with a natural history centre, medicinal plant trail, stables, pool and spa.

With over 70 Maya archaeological sites catalogued on the property and located between the ancient cities of Caracol and Tikal, Chaa Creek is also a hub for Maya culture and research.

**Mr. Mehta's** new book is the result of 30 months research travelling through 46 countries around the world. As a board member of the International Ecotourism Society he also authored The International Ecotourism Guidelines, as well as other books, articles and papers. He is also a renowned speaker and photographer.

In addition to its natural beauty, Chaa Creek was noted for its conservation programs, such as the Black Howler Monkey Reintroduction Project; its Maya sites and ecoadventure activities such as canoeing, trekking, jungle mountain biking, caving, Maya exploration and cultural and eco-oriented tours and expeditions.

*"It is great to see that our labour of love is recognised internationally, and that there are other resorts around the world using sustainable practices in such beautiful ways,"* Ms. Fleming said.

For more information about The Lodge at Chaa Creek, contact the property at 824-2037, [reservations@chaacreek.com](mailto:reservations@chaacreek.com) or visit our website [www.chaacreek.com](http://www.chaacreek.com).

## Southern Regional to be certified as a Baby-Friendly Hospital

**CITY OF BELMOPAN, Cayo, Thursday, December 9, 2010.**

The Ministry of Health and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is pleased to announce that the Southern Regional Hospital will be certified as Baby-Friendly on **Monday December 13th, 2010 in Dangriga Town at 2:00pm.**

The Ministry is especially proud because this ceremony comes one month after Belize was honored with the Americas Award 2010 in the category of "*Improvement of Maternal Health*" attended by the Minister of Health, **Hon. Pablo Marin** at a ceremony on November 15th, 2010 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Southern Regional Hospital is the fifth hospital within the public sector that has met all criteria in the promotion, protection and support to successful breastfeeding.

No private hospital has yet achieved this important standard. Breastfed infants have a decreased risk of diarrhea, allergic skin disorders, respiratory and ear infections among others.

The Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (**BFHI**) is a global program sponsored by the World Health Organization (**WHO**) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to encourage and recognize hospitals that offer an optimal level of care for infant feeding.

The BFHI assists hospitals in giving mothers the information, confidence, and skills needed to successfully initiate and continue breastfeeding their babies.

The Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital, Corozal Community Hospital and Northern Regional Hospital were all certified in 2008. Punta Gorda Community Hospital was certified in the month of August 2010.

For More Information contact: **Dr. Natalia Beer**, Director, Maternal and Child Health, Ministry of Health, 501-822-2363 / 2325

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# STAR HUMOR

## The Strange Funeral Procession

A woman was leaving a restaurant on Burns Avenue last Friday evening when she noticed a most unusual funeral procession making its way down the street.

There was a first pickup truck with a coffin in the back followed by a second pickup truck with another coffin.

Behind the second pickup was a solitary woman walking a pit bull on a leash.

Behind her, a short distance back, were about 100 women walking in singlefile.

The woman was so curious that she respectfully approached the woman walking the dog and said,

*"I am so sorry for your loss, and I know now is a bad time to disturb you, but I have never seen a funeral like this. Whose funeral is it?"*

*"My husband's."*

*"What happened to him?"*

*"My dog attacked and killed him."*

*"And who is in the second coffin?"*

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

A long moment of silence passed between the two women.

*"Can I borrow your dog?"*

*"Get in line."*

## Misunderstanding The Pastor's Words

The Sunday before Christmas, a pastor told his congregation that the church needed some extra money.

He asked them to consider putting a little more than usual into the collection plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed stock of \$100 bills in the collection plate.

He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with the congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who

placed the money in the plate.

A very quiet, elderly, saintly looking lady all the way in the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come forward.

Slowly she made her way to the alter. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in keeping with his promise asked her to pick three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the church and proudly announced, *"I'll take him, him and him."*

## An Embarrassing Christmas For Granny Alice

After many years of shopping for Christmas gifts for the family, Granny Alice, now advanced in age, found that shopping for Christmas gifts had become too difficult, so she decided to shortcut the tedious process by sending checks instead to everyone on her list

On each card she wrote, *"Buy your own present,"* and she mailed them early.

It was a few days after Christmas as she was clearing things off the table that she was horrified to find, under a stack of papers, all gift checks, which she had forgotten to enclose with each card.

# LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ELVIA SEGURA** is applying for the renewal of her **SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **SEGURA'S GROCERY** located in Georgeville Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JAMES & ELIZABETH STOREY** are applying for the renewal of their **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **THE JUNCTION** located at Mile 9 in the Mountain Pine Ridge Area in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MARGUERITE BEVIS** is applying for the renewal of her **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **MOUNTAINEQUESTRIAN TRAIL** located at Mile 8, Mountain Pine Ridge Area in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **NADEGE THOMAS** is applying for the renewal of her **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **MYSTIC RIVER RESORT** located at Mile 6, Cristo Rey Road, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **HERNAN OCHAETA** is applying for the renewal of his **BEER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **HANGOUT EL CHE** located in the Market Area, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ALHENRY & ANDREA WESTBY** are applying for the renewal of a **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **CHAMPIONS BAR** located in the Savannah Area of San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ROSALILIA CASTILLO** is applying for the renewal of her **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **LA GATITA** located at #8 Carillo Puerto Avenue, Santa Elena Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JAVIER SILVA** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **REHAB @ PIACHE** located on Buena Vista Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ESTELLA ARMSTRONG** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **CARACOL BAR** located at Mile 62 on the Western Highway in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JOHN LOPEZ** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **PALMS 2000** located in Esperanza Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ROSITA FERNANDEZ** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **TRASH TOP** located in Esperanza Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **CARLOS JAVIER POPPER** is applying for the renewal of his **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **FIVE SISTERS LODGE** located in the Mountain Pine Ridge Area of the Cayo District.


## In Memoriam

In the Loving memory Of a Dear Father,  
Grandfather, Uncle and Friend

### Victor Modesto Valdez

Who departed this life 2 sad  
years ago on December 1, 2008,  
Sadly missed by Sons,  
Daughters, Nieces, Nephews,  
Other Relatives and Friends.

*Rest In Eternal Peace*



## MONEYLENDER'S NOTICE

In accordance with the Moneylender's Act Chapter 260(S) of the Laws of Belize Revised Edition 2000, I, **LIDI M. FLORES** of Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio Town do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the sitting be held at San Ignacio Magistrate's Court on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2010 next ensuing for a certificate authorizing me to obtain a Moneylender's Certificate in the name of the business carried on by me in the mane of **LEIDY'S PAWN SHOP** in the premises on Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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# Kazoku Shotokan Karate Dojyo Making Waves

On Sunday, November 28, 2010, the Martial Arts Academy, Belize City Branch held its annual tournament competition at the Civic Center in Belize City.

San Ignacio's Kazoku Shotokan Karate Dojyo made an impressive show by capturing 15 medals (*four gold, eight silver and three bronze*).

This was the second local tournament the Kazoku Shotokan Karate Dojyo (*KSKD*) has participated and its presence was felt in the tournament as its fellow karatekas demonstrated strength, skills, determination, and stamina with their adversaries.

This performance came on the heels of KSKD spectacular performance in an open tournament held in San Salvador where they also brought home medals.

The Kazoku Shotokan Karate Dojyo, located at #10 Awe Street in San Ignacio Town, Cayo, was established by **Sensei Rito Fernandez** on January 30, 2009 and since then the club has grown in numbers to over 30 students.

The KSKD proved to be a credible contenders for the members of Martial Arts Academy and other participating Shotokan Karate clubs. It is the first club that has stepped up its game and has competed on a whole new level against Martial Arts Academy (*Red Dragons*) and other Shotokan Karate Clubs.

Members of the KSKD competed in both individual and team events in kata and kumite. Through this medium, Sensei Rito Fernandez would like to give thanks to the fellow karatekas who participated in the tournament:



**Three of the young Karatekas participating in the competition**

- \* **Téa Sutherland** - k1 kata
- \* **Sayan Penados** - k4 kata and kumite division, and team kumite under 12 capturing third place in his kumite division

and second place in team kumite.

\* **O'neil Simpson** - k4 kata division and team kumite attaining second place in both kata and team kumite.

\* **Kevin Heredia** - k7 kumite, k9 kata and team kumite under 12 bringing home first place in k7 kumite, second place in k9 kata and team kumite.

\* **Sonia Valdez** - k7 kumite and kata with first place in kumite and second place in kata. Sonia was the only female fighter in this division who had to face male competitors during her kumite division.

\* **Anthony Reyes** - k7 kumite and kata.

\* **Paulita Carrillo** - k11 kumite and kata with third place in kata.

\* **Angelica Rosado** - k11 kumite and kata bringing home second place in kata.

\* **Roylando Fernandez** -k11 kumite and kata securing second place in kata.

\* **Marvin Quitero** -k11 kumite and kata, and team kumite for adults. Marvin brought home third place in kata and second place in team kumite .

\* **Rafael Quitero** - k11 kumite and kata and team kumite capturing second place in team kumite.

\* **Arnaldo Maldonado** -k11 kumite and kata.

\* **Everaldo Pinelo** - k11 and team kumite with second place in both team kumite and k11 division.

\* **Myra Pinelo** - k13 kumite and kata with first place in both kumite and kata.

**Sensei Rito Fernandez** is very proud of the team's performance and will continue training and pushing them to surpass their current skill level in both katas, kumite and the principles underlying the discipline of karate.



**Myra Pinelo participated in k13 kumite and kata capturing first place in both events**

*In Memory*

**Roy Aldana**  
Sunrise: January 20, 1934  
Sunset: November 25, 2007

God looked around in his garden and found an empty place.  
He then looked down and saw your loving face.  
His garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best.  
He saw your path was difficult, he closed your tired eyes,  
He whispered to you "Peace be Thine" and gave you wings to fly.  
When we saw you sleeping so calm and free of pain,  
You've left us precious memories, your love will be our guide.  
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you on the day God called you home.

*The Aldana's Family*



# Cayo Oeste Adelante En La Educacion

POR: Alex Rios

Como un propósito explícito y primordial, el ministro Hon. Erwin Contreras ha cumplido su compromiso de ayuda al estudiantado del área, teniendo como base que la superación personal, solo puede encaminarse a través de la educación, por ello como el año pasado, se propuso el objetivo de cancelar el pago de 5 exámenes CXC para cada alumno del área Cayo Oeste, este plan de apoyo del ministro Contreras beneficia mas de 120 estudiantes, que cursan 4ª forma en los colegios Sacred Heart High School, Mopan Technical High School y Mount Carmel High School.

El día martes 30 de noviembre el ministro Contreras, realizo una visita personalmente a los planteles escolares para entregar el donativo, que cancela el costo de 5 exámenes CXC para los estudiantes del área Cayo Oeste. El director del Mopan Technical profesor Frank Tun, expreso que este gesto es de gran



**El ministro Erwin Contreras (D) con el director de la escuela secundaria Mount Carmel**

ayuda para los jóvenes, especialmente los de familias de escasos recursos, dijo que esto marca una pauta entre los estudiantes del área y agradeció en nombre del colegio por el esfuerzo personal de

ministro, para impulsar la educación sin ver preferencias ni partidos políticos.

El Ministro Erwin Contreras expreso que como parte de su manifiesto, estaba el de impulsar la educación en todos los niveles, lo que se a cumplido con la ayuda a las escuelas, y a las familias de escasos recurso. También dijo que cientos de estudiantes se han beneficiado, con la ayuda del gobierno y de su ministerio con ayudas económicas y becas de estudio. Dijo que la mejor satisfacción es ver a tantos estudiantes

fuera de nuestras fronteras, preparándose en los mejores colegios y universidades, con la ayuda del gobierno de Belice.

El ministro Contreras expreso, que continuara con su plan de gobierno a favor de los estudiantes de su área sin restricción alguna, y agradeció a los principales por el apoyo mostrado hacia los estudiantes de Cayo Oeste. Dijo que este es un compromiso dentro de su manifiesto, que lo llena de satisfacción y orgullo cada vez que un estudiante es graduado del colegio. Porque cada estudiante graduado es un ciudadano positivo para la sociedad apunto.



**El ministro Erwin Contreras (C) con oficiales de la escuela secundaria Mopan Technical**

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# Celebrating Human Rights Day 2010

**BY: Maria Gamero, Co Chair/  
President Human Rights  
Commission**

**THURSDAY, December 9, 2010:**

The Human Rights Commission of Belize (HRCB) in celebrating Human Rights Day 2010 congratulates all Belizeans for standing up for their rights throughout the year.

The HRCB is pleased to observe that there is an increased understanding of human rights by our fellow Belizeans and as a result more people are promoting and



protecting their rights and the rights of those too vulnerable to speak

out. We see children, women, refugees, workers, and persons with mental illness or other disabilities and many others asserting their rights and freedoms, demanding to be treated with respect and dignity.

The HRCB also encourages the government of Belize and all those in positions of authority and leadership to adhere to the fundamental rights and freedoms in the Belize Constitution. HRCB further encourages the government

to abide by the UN international norms and standards in relation to human rights so that our policies and practices comply with both domestic and international laws.

The HRCB reiterates the message that human rights are universal - everyone has human rights no matter who you are or where you come from. The Commission emphasizes that along with the rights that we are each entitled to comes responsibilities that we have and must fulfill.

HRCB is grateful to the Canada Fund, the British High Commission and the US Embassy for their generous support this year, making our continued efforts across Belize possible.

For further information contact: **Maria Gamero** at 601-8484, **Enrique August** at 902-2371 or **Cynthia Pitts** at 223-3594.

## Some Good Family Christmas Entertainment

**BY: Catharine DeRenzi  
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo  
Thursday, December 9, 2010:**

The Cayo Music School is holding its Annual Christmas Concert this Sunday December 12th at 3 pm at the San Ignacio Hotel's Bedran Hall.

Come celebrate the season with the young musicians of Cayo! This event is sponsored by The Institute of Creative Art (ICA) from the National Institute of Culture History (NICH) as well as by Atlantic Bank Limited "Your Friendly Bank".

The concert provides an exciting

opportunity to expose the children to performance experiences and to expose the community to some good family Christmas entertainment.

Admission at the door is \$8. Tickets can also be purchased in advance, for only \$5.00 each from students attending the Cayo Music School.

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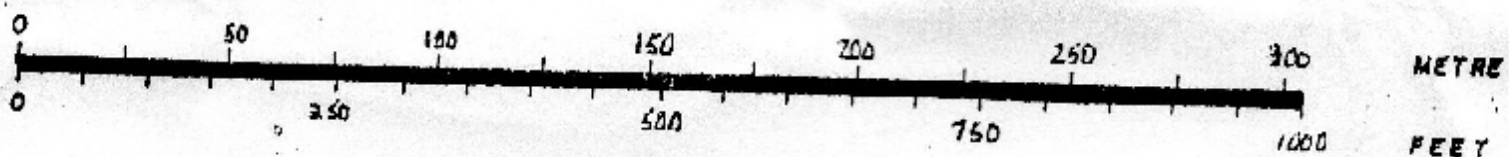
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# Consider The Time

**BY: Dr. Winnel Gentle  
Holiness Temple Church of God  
In Christ**

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Have you ever asked yourself if these are the last days we are living in?

My people, if you never read your bible before, and I hope you have at least once, begin to do so now. Everything the Bible says will happen, is coming to pass.

Look at the children that are having children. Mothers against

their daughters and daughters against their mothers. Fathers against their sons and sons against their fathers. Lesbians coming out of their closets without shame and **“men with men”**.

Sin has lost its shame – it’s an abomination in the eyes of God. stealing, raping, incest, killing – the land is sinking in blood, the blood of the innocent is crying out to God from the ground. No time for God, God will have no time for you.

Consider the time! Drugs and alcohol, dancing, carousing are

taking over the youths. It seems like this nation is a nation without a future.

What will the men and women of tomorrow be?

What kind of leaders will we have?

It is bad enough now, but tomorrow will be worse unless the saints of God everywhere take their stand to claim this nation for God.

Have you considered the time your grandchildren and great grandchildren will be living in?

It’s sad to think that because iniquity has abounded, the love of many has waxed cold. **“This is a generation without love.”**

Consider the time! Alex didn’t do it, Carl didn’t do it, and Richard gave us a wake up call. It’s not over yet – be sober and don’t sleep. Watch, it is time to pray! Consider the time! Jesus can come in the storm as well as in the calm. You have one life, so live it prayerfully.

Will you join me in prayer? Let’s make the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2011 a day of prayer for our nation. It is time to pray.

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