

TWO TOURISTS FACING JOINT DISHONESTY CHARGE

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, February 11, 2009:

The San Ignacio Resort Hotel is today out almost ten thousand dollars while an American couple is before the court on a joint charge of dishonesty in connection therewith.

A week ago, on Wednesday, February 4, one of the owners of the hotel visited the San Ignacio police station and filed the official complaint.

The complainant informed that the couple, **James Brady** and **Jennifer Schoelch**, first checked in on Tuesday, January 27, and at the expiration of the first seven days, they visited the front desk and expressed a desire to extend their stay. The hotel requested that they first settle the current account as a



James Brady

condition for the extension.

According to the complainant,

Jennifer Schoelch

the first credit card presented for payment was declined after which

another card was presented and a three thousand dollar payment was drawn from it.

Later that day the couple visited the front desk and requested a cash advance from the card on this occasion however, the request was declined.

An investigation by the hotel revealed that the card originated in Kuwait and that there was an alert on it. It was at this point that the couple was advised that the hotel would not be able to offer them any further credit and they must pay the outstanding tab which amounted to almost seven thousand dollars.

The situation was further compounded when the hotel was subsequently notified that the bank was reversing the three thousand dollar charge on the card that was made the previous day. With this payment reversal, the couple's tab

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Two Guatemalans Plea Guilty To Illegal Possession Of Guns And Bullets

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, February 11, 2009:

Benque Viejo police believe that the recent apprehension of two armed Guatemalans might have averted the commission of a major crime in that western municipality.

It was shortly after 8:00 am on Friday, February 6, when an alert policeman on mobile patrol, along with a Special Constable driver, spotted two male hispanic persons acting suspiciously near the Western Union Money Transfer office in Benque Viejo Town.

The two persons were detained and transported to the police



Byron Randolfo Juarez, 28 station where they were searched resulting in each found in possession of 9mm pistols and



Julio David Abrego Rojas, 24, ammunition.

The detainees were identified as **Please Turn To Page 19**



Robbery At Tourist Site

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, CAYO, Thursday, February 12, 2009:

San Ignacio Police are this week reporting an armed robbery at the Rio Frio Tourist Site in the Mountain Pine Ridge.

Police reports that San Ignacio Veteran Tour Guide, Everald Tut, 34, reported that at around 2:30 pm on Tuesday, February 10, whilst conducting a tour at the Rio Frio cave with four tourists, they were held at gun point by five hispanic male persons (believed to be Guatemalans due to their accent).

In a statement to the police, Tut informed that robbers made off with an assortment of cell phones, wrist watches, binoculars, shoes, digital cameras, gold rings and cash. No one was injured in the incident.

Tut, informed that it was shorty after 8:00 am on Tuesday, February 10 when he departed a lodge in the village of Cristo Rey with two male and two female tourists (one of the couples was Canadian and the other American.) He departed on a guided tour to Caracol and on the return, as is normal, the tour made a stop at the Rio Frio Cave.

He reportedly parked the van and the tourists walked down to the cave.

While he was preparing to leave the site, he reportedly heard a movement in nearby bushes after which two male persons appeared one of whom was armed with what appeared to be a short butt, sawed off shotgun and the other was armed with a handgun.

The man with the shotgun told him in spanish "Don't worry, this is just a holdup".

Three other male persons, all armed with handguns and machetes, similarly emerged from the bushes. Except for their eyes, their faces and heads were covered with cloth.

Realizing that something was not quite right, the tourists began walking back down towards the cave and this was when one of the robbers, in spanish, instructed Tut to call them back saying "all we want is money."

The group complied with the instruction and they were relieved of money, camera, binoculars and a pair of tennis shoes from one of the tourists as well a gold wedding ring. One of the tourist was also relieved of US\$140 that he had in his pocket.

The tourists had other cash and property in the van and these properties were spared as the van was not searched.

Elections and Boundaries Department Belize City, 2nd February, 2009

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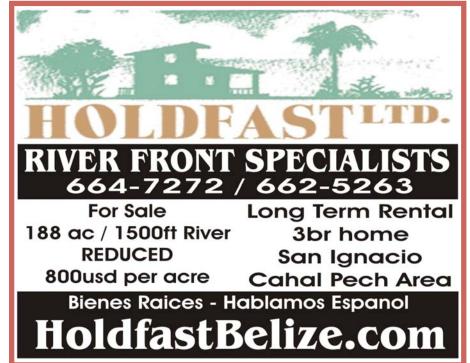
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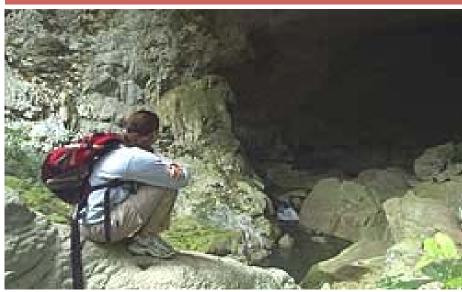
CHANGE OF ELECTION CLERK

IT IS NOTIFIED for general information that the Chief Elections Officer, with the approval of the Elections and Boundaries Commission and pursuant to section 18(2) of the Belize City Council Act, Chapter 85 of the Laws of Belize, has appointed the following Election Clerk to replace Mr. Lewis Belisle for the upcoming Belize City Council Election:

> Ms. Maxine Davis Assessor/Supervisor **Income Tax Department** Charles Bartlett Hyde Building Mahogany Street Extension **Belize City**

> > **RUTHA. MEIGHAN Chief Elections Officer**





Observing the impressive entrance to the Rio Frio Cave

The robbers subsequently returned all passports and credit cards to the tourists. After pulling off this act, the bandits proceeded down the cave and robbed another

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Call To The People Of El Cayo

BY: Leo Antonio Obando PhD

The Branch Mouth Community Base Organization - SPECTE (Society for the Promotion of Eco Cultural Tourism and the Environment), calls on the People of El Cayo, the San Ignacio Town Council, Area Representative, Hon. Elvin Penner and the Santa Familia Village Council, to address and halt the clandestine dumping of garbage on the road leading to Branch Mouth - near San Ignacio town in the Cayo District.

We are also calling on the relevant authorities to assist with the reconnection of electricity to the hammock bridge and the Green Iguana Park and to help rebuild the public bathroom, bathing areas and the information center that was partially destroyed by the big floods last year.

We are likewise seeking assistance to address the terrible condition of the road leading to the hammock bridge as it is in very bad

shape.

Dr. Obando pointing out one section of the dumping of garbage on the road leading to Branch Mouth

SPECTE has been quite active in conservation work in the Cayo area since 1986 and will continue

doing so.

Anyone requiring further information on SPECTE please feel free to contact Dr. Leo **Obando** at 6051265 or by email at leo_obando@yahoo.com

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BELIZE TOURISM BOARD

Belize makes a splash in Belgium

Belize City, Monday, February 9th, 2009 - Belize had a well-defined presence in Brussels, Belgium at The Holiday Show from February 5th - February 9th, 2009. The Minister of Tourism & Civil Aviation, Hon. Manuel Heredia Jr., along with Ambassador Joy Grant from the Mission of Belize in Brussels, had the opportunity to represent Belize in a growing European travel market.

The Holiday Show provides consumers with a great opportunity to meet with travel industry representatives that showcase a wide array of destinations from relaxing getaways to exotic retreats in the world. This show attracted people from the travel industry such as Travel Trade Members, Corporate Business Travel Decision Makers, Leisure & Holiday Travelers and National and International Representatives from Hospitality Industry and Travel Planners.



given out at the booth. Belize also had an outstanding Garifuna performance by one of its renowned popular artist, Mr. Pen Cayetano that attracted great attention at the show. attracted over 150,000 people and visitors to the booth were hungry for Belize information and expressed a continuous desire to visit in the months While in Brussels, the Minister attended a

cocktail/lunch with Ambassadors from the

Belize brochures of the country and hotels were





of tourism experiences," comments Tourism Director, Tracy Panton. "Belize's presence gave an excellent opportunity to display to international buyers an extensive diversity of Belizean culture and adventure, as well as attracting new European wholesalers selling the region. The European market continues to show strong potential," Panton noted.

Additionally, the Belize delegation included Marketing Officer, Michelle Bowers, and David Grant and Sofia Bobak of the Mission in Brussels.

Belize showcased at Destinations: The Holiday & Travel Show

Belize City, Thursday, February 6th, 2009- Belize was well represented at Destinations: The Holiday & Travel Show in London, England from February 5th to February 6th, 2009

Destinations: The Holiday & Travel Show is the United Kingdom's leading consumer travel show and the biggest live marketing channel. The show attracts over 54,000 travel connoisseurs craving inspiration, information and exclusive deals. The show drives sales, build the brand of exhibitors and acts as a hub of consumer travel information. Exhibitors include countries such as Asia & Pacific, Africa & Indian Ocean, Latin America, North America, Europe & UK, Caribbean, and the Middle East.



This Show is one of a series of consumer shows attended by both the tourism private and the public sectors in Europe. This marketing initiative is a partnership between the Belize Hotel Association and the Belize Tourism Board in an effort to generate greater awareness of Belize in Europe with the

Highlight of the show included Garifuna dance performers who were able to draw the crowds' attention moving to the pulsating beat of the drums. Also scheduled at the show was a Belize country presentation that allowed for captivating images and sounds that complimented the educational efforts of Belize as a vacation destination. The delegation also hosted a Press luncheon which allowed for some one-on-one time with key members of the U.K. press.

We are excited about the responses received in showcasing our product to the U.K. consumer market," comments Tourism Minister, Manuel Heredia Jr. "This effort compliments those that we undertake with the trade at the World Travel Mart held in November. There is certainly great potential for Belize in the U.K. market and an organized private and public sector presence can yield positive economic benefits for Belize." Minister Heredia went on to say.

The five day consumer show had the physical representation of the BHA in the persons of Mariam Roberson, Nick Davis and Michael Preston, and of Ali Flota and Chris Spiro of El Pescador. The Belize Tourism Board was represented by the Minister of Tourism, Hon. Manuel Heredia and the Vice Chairman of the BTB, Mr. Santino Castillo and Marketing Office, Michelle Bowers. The Belize High Commission, HE Kamela Palma and her staff also lend their support to the initiative.

Private sector's preparations for the show included, among others, the development of a new Brochure for Belize to include the country's popular tourist attractions together with a list of participating tourism and tourism-related private sector establishments. General Belize information

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

Winners Of The Water Awareness Contest

BY: Paullette Robinett, Santa Familia Village, Cayo District

Whistling Ducks Farm (WDF) recently organized a Water Awareness Contest, under the theme "Water and Agriculture", in the village of Santa Familiar for children 6 - 16 years of age.

The Water Awareness Contest is an outreach educational program to build public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources within the community.

WDF is dedicated to the education of children about sensitivity towards the environment, and how we can all work together to learn to use our natural resources more wisely.

The entries were judged by three independent persons, Cynthia Reece, Paulita Bedran Figueroa, and Elvin Garcia.

The winners received cash prizes and certificates, they are: 1st place - Graci J. Rempel, Santa Familia RC School; her teacher Mr. Rodolfo Tun received a \$100 gift certificate (arranged for with Celina's Superstore) for classroom supplies to be obtained at Celina's Superstore in San Ignacio Town.

Mr. Tun also received the



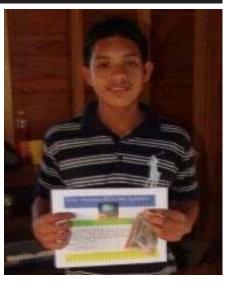
Santa Familia RC School Teacher Mr. Rodolfo Tun posing with his student 1st place winner, Graci J. Rempel

Honorable Teacher Certificate for encouraging his students to enter the contest and to practice water conservation.

Second was awarded to Elder Quewell from Eden High School while third and fourth awards went respectively to Tirsha Quewell also from Eden High School and Eliodoro Coleman attending Santa Familiar RC Primary School.

Certificates of Honorable Mention were also presented to Samantha Quewell, Jashua Quewell, Absolon Vallecillo, Daphny Alegria, Ronnell Obando and Casey Manzanero.

The organizers extend a heartfelt thank you to all the participating students, teachers and schools as well as to all those persons who donated generously to make the contest a success.



Second Place Winner, Elder Quewell from Eden High School



Third Place Winner, **Tirsha Quewell**from Eden High School

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

NOTICE INVITATION TO TENDER

Notice is hereby given to interested persons to participate in the contract for pharmaceuticals and related Medical Supplies of the Ministry of Health, Government of Belize for the period 2009-10.

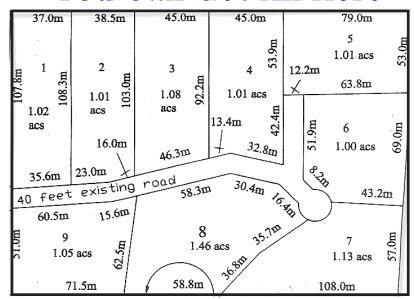
All interested persons are asked to contact the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Health, Third Floor, East Block Building, Belmopan (Tel. 822-2325) for the documents and the guidelines for completing the documents. Persons participating in the contract for pharmaceuticals must have a registered pharmacist. A fee of \$200.00, made payable to the Government Treasury, is required for the acquisition of the document. The receipt must be produced at the point of collecting the document. In addition, please note that a bank reference should be submitted with the bid document. Participants must have adequate storage condition (subject to inspection by a Ministry of Health official.)

The criteria for selection will be:

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The document can be collected from the Chief Executive Officer's Secretary – Ministry of Health, East Block, Belmopan on Monday February 9th through Wednesday February 11th, 2009. *All documents should be returned to the Ministry of Health on March 11th 2009 before 4:00 p.m.*

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Effecting Positive Influences In Benque

CONTRIBUTED:

Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District, Thursday, February 12,

Since **Superintendent of Police** Ms. Dezerie Phillips took over command of the Police in Benque Viejo and began implementing a new strategy of community policing such as the strengthening of the Peoples' Coalition, Neighborhood Watch, COPS, Special Constabulary Unit and the formation of a new Peoples' Coalition in San Jose Succotz, there have been much positive changes in crime and criminal behavior as well as a vast improvement in the way the community interacts with the police.

Samuel Bruce, the designated



Captain of Zone 4 of the Neighborhood Watch Program, is fully on board with all these programs. He has taken it to a

higher level with a new initiative of assisting the young people of Benque Viejo Town.

Since the beginning of February

2009, Mr. Bruce has provided materials and supplies for weekend Arts and Craft training for the children. He has teamed with Zone Lieutenants Amin Avilez, Irma Puc, and Marco Tesucum with additional assistance from the Zone's new Ouadrant Leader Isela **Tesecum** to offer such activities to children between the ages of 6 and 13 years of age.

Arts and Craft instructor Mr. Abraham H. Evans was brought on board to teach 20-30 children every Sunday between the hours of 9:00 am through to 4:30 pm at the home of Quadrant Leader, Isela Tesucum.

Tesucum says, "Real objectives like these do not only keep children off the streets but it also keeps them off the couch watching countless hours of television observing negative influences".

The neighborhood supports Zone Captain Samuel Bruce as he leads the way in effecting positive changes while he takes the Neighborhood Watch Program into new ventures such as the arts and craft classes providing positive influences to our neighborhood children.

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Parade Magazine Visits Belize



Belize City, Tuesday, February 3rd, 2009- Editor-in-Chief for Parade Magazine, Janice Chaplan was currently in Belize from January 24th – January 31st traversing both inland and offshore Belize.

Parade Magazine is the print equivalent to the "Today Show" and is the most widely read magazine in the U.S. with a circulation of 32 million and a readership of 71 million. The magazine is distributed by more than 470 Sunday newspapers, including the Baltimore le The Los Ar Miami Herald, the New York Post and the Washington

Colleen Gillett Janice Chaplan

Editor-in-chief, Janice Chaplan first visited San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, where she engaged in a wonderful snorkel with nurse sharks and rays at Hol Chan & Shark Ray Marine Reserve - a must do, and a superb day of fishing, as Belize

embraced by mountains, jungle and sea, and steeped in thousands of

years of Maya tradition at unforgettable, Punta Gorda. There she visited the soothing waterfall at San Antonio and the ancient Maya city of Lubaantun. The final leg of her itinerary took her to Orange Walk District where she explored the mysterious jungle-shrouded temple of Lamanai and travelled by airboat in the surrounding floodplains and observed the Morelet's crocodile. Of course, there was no finer way to end her day than on the New River Lagoon surrounded by tropical forest and wildlife with a well-stocked cooler, snacks and her own personal bartender as she watched the sun disappear below the treetops from a 30 foot pontoon boat.

Participating private sector partners who assisted in making this trip a success included Tropic Air, Mata Chica Resort, El Pescador, Elvis Kitchen, Cotton Tree Lodge, Lamanai Outpost Lodge, Island Ferry and Sea-duced by Belize.

Power & Motoryacht Magazine Visits Belize

Belize City, Monday, February 2nd, 2009- Patrick Sciacca, Editor of POWER & MOTORYACHT Magazine, was in Belize experiencing Mother Nature's Best Secret. He arrived on January 25th and left January 30th, 2009.

POWER & MOTORYACHT was founded in 1985 and has an audited/controlled circulation of 159,332. Recognized as the #1 publication in the marine category, POWER & MOTORYACHT serves its distinctive and passionate readership with product and lifestyle information about powerboats 24 feet and large. Since its inception, the magazine annually publishes the renowned POWER & MOTORYACHT100, a ranking of the world's largest megayachts.



Patrick Sciacca Melecia Banks

Mr. Sciacca itinerary took him to three key areas in Belize. The first leg took him to San Pedro where he started with a fishing orientation before embarking on his fishing trip, as no matter what your level of experience, experts recommend discussing expectations before heading offshore. He then headed to one of the Caribbean's premier saltwater fly fishing destinations, Turneffe Flats, where he had the opportunity to catch bonefish, permit and tarpon. The final leg of his itinerary took him to South Water Caye for Deep Sea Fishing and throlling along the inside of the reef, at a depth of 60 - 80 feet.

Each monthly issue of the POWER & MOTORYACHT Magazine is packed with must-read information on cruising, engines, ship systems, boat purchasing, vacht finances, special events, gears and accessories, maintenance and navigation tips from hobbyists and professional sailors which will surely satisfy all queries around power boating!

As POWER & MOTORYACHT Magazine aims to educate as well as entertain, this colorful literature also contains beautiful photography of paradise-like destinations for your cruising adventures along with recounts of sailors that will truly stir your minds and your hearts to set sail and make your very own voyage.

Participating private sector partners who assisted in making this trip successful included El Pescador Lodge, Blue Marlir Resort and Turneffe Flats.

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Chavez Denounces New Plot Before Venezuela Vote

Reporting by Saul Hudson; editing by Mohammad Zargham **CARACAS**, Venezuela (Reuters) Thursday, February 12, 2009:

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez denounced a new plot against him just days before a referendum on allowing him to seek re-election, although many voters are likely to be skeptical.

Chavez, who once led a failed coup and was briefly ousted himself in a coup after he been voted into office, frequently tells of plots to oust him in the OPEC nation, without producing much evidence, before a national vote.

The Cuba ally invariably says the plot is directed from the United States and backed by the opposition.

Chavez is campaigning for a referendum on Sunday that would allow him to stay in power for as



Venezuelan President **Hugo Chavez**

long as he keeps winning elections. If he loses he should leave office in 2013.

Pollsters say that, whether true or not, the accusations can fire up the ex-soldier's supporters, even if many Venezuelans suspect they are for political effect.

Before regional elections late last year, some members of the armed forces were arrested after Chavez revealed audiotapes of conversations about killing him.

Still, many voters were skeptical and opposition supporters particularly tended to believe Chavez wanted to distract voters from electoral problems such as crime and trash collection, according to polls.

Late on Wednesday, Chavez told state television some active military personnel were in custody after collaborating with another member of the armed forces who is on the run in the United States.

They had sought to send messages to military units in Venezuela particularly in areas governed by the opposition — and "infiltrate" his palace, he said.

Chavez, who has been in power a decade, gave no information about the timing of the plot, but said authorities had confiscated explosives and military weaponry.

Pressed for details in the interview, he said, "Let us do our investigation ... We have everything under control."

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ALL offers to purchase the said property must be made in writing addressed to the General Manager, Investment Services, Social Security Board, P. O. Box 18, **Belmopan City**, from whom full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained. Potential buyers must submit bids by February 27, 2009. Late bids will not be accepted. No preference shall be given to any individual or group.

The Social Security Board reserves all rights, including the right to refuse any or all bid(s) or offer(s), to withdraw the property from the sale at any time before full payment, and to consider the bid price and currency offered. Acceptance of a bid is conditional upon full payment. Successful buyer(s) must pay the bid price in full upon notification by SSB.

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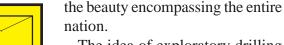
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Readers Write



Belizeans! Rise Against Offshore Drilling Dear Editor; for ourselves, our childre

An increasing number of us living on planet earth are talking about global warming and measures that can be taken to protect the environment for ourselves, our children, grandchildren and generations yet unborn.

Belize is internationally recognized as a world treasure because of its diverse culture and The idea of exploratory drilling for oil on the reef off the coast of Belize is insane to say the least. The effect that this will have on the reef is synonymous to a fleet of container ships, like the recent "Wester Havens" impaling

themselves on the reef.

The injury will last forever no

matter what the short term economic rewards might be.

To all Belizeans I say, be strong Belize, be strong, be courageous, stand up and wage war if necessary against outside influences coming ashore to rake in short term benefits to satisfy their selfish greed.

May his will be done. *Robert*

Sacred Heart Junior College School Support Program

BY: Natalie Williams, SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Tuesday, February 3, 2009:

In the spirit of promoting "values, loyalty, commitment and giving selflessly", Sacred Heart Junior College School Support Program has once again reached out to lend a helping hand.

Through its fundraising efforts the group was able to render assistance to several primary schools, selected by club members.

As part of its endeavors to raise funds, the diligent and dedicated members of the club a hosted a school dance a few days after the devastating flood of October 2008.

With the kind sponsorship from Mr. Luis Puga, Mr. Oscar Puga and Mr. Obed Contreras, the dance was held at the legendary *Planet Okis* in Benque Viejo Town. These three businessmen willingly assisted us in hosting, advertising and promoting the successful event.

Entrance fees were collected by **Mr. Keith Westby,** a Math lecturer of Sacred Heart Junior College, as well as by the President of the club, **Ms. Judy Vasquez.**

DJ Lexus provided the rhythm and vibes which got the crowd "all hyped up" to participate in dance contests for prizes and surprises. One of these prizes came from San Ignacio's very own Hannah's Restaurant which is known for its tasty food and great customer services.

In the aftermath of the flood in mind, the club members decided to assist the Calla Creek Primary School. There was a great need to replace books and materials at the school since so much was lost during the flood. We provided school supplies and materials for all the students and teaching materials for the teachers. A & R in Santa Elena offered discounted prices for most of the school supplies.

Mr. Hugo Salazar, a member of the School Support Program and a student of Sacred Heart Junior College, promoted the values and mission of the program.

As a great blessing and an unexpected gift, a quiet, patient, supportive, and benevolent woman stepped into our lives in

November 2008.

She bestowed the club with many treasures. She visited for holidays in 2007 while staying at Martha's Kitchen to shelter from the blistering winters of Canada. Mrs. Isabel Osbourne saw a great opportunity to assist our rural primary schools here in Cayo.

She left San Ignacio with a mission to collect materials, school supplies and funds for our program.

Then, in November of 2008, she returned like a nightingale, with all the materials and funds she collected.

She became our generous benefactor at that time. While on her second trip to Belize, she also became an exemplary assistant at Cornerstone Foundation.

She saw her pale cheeks turn rosy red while she worked and sweltered in the hot kitchens at Cornerstone.

preparing meals for their primary school feeding program. Mrs. Osbourne is eager to return to Cayo next year to continue her extraordinary mission of charity.

We take this opportunity to inform that as we enter our eighth year as socially responsible citizens, we are committed to continue promoting values excellence, innovation, and productivity in our community.





ARIES (March 22 to April 20)

This week is all

about focussing on getting your finances right. You need to reorganise your portfolio and lay emphasis on reducing risks. There will be quite a bit of pressure at work and there could be possible flare-up between colleagues over slightest differences. You will have to make serious efforts to shoo away negative thoughts and anger. There will be travel possibly related to

work. Lucky Numbers: 8, 25, 56.



TAURUS (April 21 to May 21)

There is an end to the restlessness that you have been

facing in the last few weeks. There is increase in the inflow of money. You are able to take some important decisions now that may not look big now but will have a big impact in the long run. You turn back to family for support and find peace in your roots. You get appreciation from all quarters, which gives you contentment. **Lucky numbers: 6, 34, 72.**



GEMINI (May 22 to June 21)

You are likely to be in luck. There have been tensions related to money and they are

about to ease off. You could well be on the edge of giving into some impulses that you have held back due to the crunch. However, hard times may have educated you about saving for a rainy day. You are likely to be allocating funds wisely. **Lucky numbers: 5, 19, 86.**



CANCER (June 22 to July 23)

This week sees you get better in context interpersonal

relations. You realise the value of money and set out to find ways in which you will be able to ensure the best for your loved ones, There will be decisions that need to be made and you will not shy away. You could try to buy time in order to run checks on your own resources. A strong romantic link up is indicated. Lucky numbers: 4, 67, 91.



LEO (July 24 to August 21)

You do adequately well professionally, meeting the targets

that you had set for yourself. There will be increased attention to the people in your life and issues surrounding them. You need to be able to come across on an equal footing to the people who you interact with or there could be egos ruining the course of smooth functioning of everyday affairs. **Lucky numbers: 1, 33, 75.**



VIRGO (August 22 to September 21)

This week promises to be a good one where you have almost

everything working in your favour. There are plans that you had set in motion earlier that begin to pay off now. There will be increased inflow of money and you are able to handle your commitments without the slightest discomfort. You will be able to enjoy much peace and comfort in your relationship with partner/spouse, family. Lucky numbers: 7, 45, 92.



LIBRA (September 22 to October 23)

This is one time

when there is unusual greater emphasis on money matters. You will be under pressure to arrange for funds in order to meet some urgent demands. There will also be the strain on professional relations. Temperamental differences and trivial issues could magnify some problems. You will learn that it is in your best interests not to argue or pick up a fight. Lucky



numbers: 12, 38, 49.

SCORPIO (October 24 to November 21)

You could be poised for better times. Though there is

average activity indicated, you are likely to be in a better frame of mind and that makes things better for you. Money and related issues will need to be worked at. There will be pleasant interactions with people. However, you will need to keep from becoming too frank in the beginning. Lucky numbers: 9, 28, 42.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

The coming week is about issues related to children. You will be able to render some really good help and may go on to make strong bonds. It may not necessarily be your own children, who you are able to help. You will also have to handle issues arising around joint property or property singularly owned by you.

You need to tread this path with utmost caution. Lucky numbers: 3, 17, 44.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 20)

The theme of this week has to be your

own self. You need to find your focus and wean off any emotional dependence that you have created in recent times. It will pay not to blindly trust either your money or your faith in other people. You could discover during this phase that you are quite strong by yourself, if only you allow your real character to come to the fore. Lucky numbers: 15, 64, 83.



AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 18)

This week sees you gaining control of the situation around you. There is this real opportunity which lends itself to you by having you meet some really influential people. You will also be able to channelise some important information that you come across. You may use some newfound gains to upgrade your lifestyle too. You could be giving away a part of your earnings to a charitable cause. Lucky numbers: 13, 52, 78.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

This week sees you grow as an individual who is willing to learn

from life with a smile. You are able to look at people around you with kindness as you learn empathy. Reacting is easy but you now keep long term goals in mind before you do that. Social activity and innovations at work are two factors that will keep your brains occupied. Lucky numbers: 31, 76, 95.

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STAR HUMOR

How Did It Happen?

Eve: "Did you hear the news about Jane who lives over on **George Price Street?** "

Shila: "No, what about her?" Eve: "She had triplets last week. Then this week she had twins."

Shila: "That's Impossible.! It takes nine month from conception to birth. How did it happen?"

Eve: "One of the triplets passed away."

Lawyer Lands The Loot

A Guatemalan bandit made a specialty of crossing the Mopan River from time to time robbing banks in Belize.

A hefty reward was offered for his

A private investigation decided to track him down.

After a lengthy search, the PI traced the bandit to his favorite cantina in Santa Elena, Cayo.

The PI sneeked up behind the bandit, put his 9mm pistol to the bandit's head, and said, "You're under arrest. Tell me where you hid the loot or I'll blow your brains out."

A problem arouse however because the bandit didn't speak English, and the PI didn't speak

Fortunately, the only other client

in the cantina was a bilingual lawyer who offered to translated the PI's message and the bandit's

response. After hearing the PI's message the terrified bandit blurted out, in Spanish, that the loot was buried under the mango tree behind the cantina.

"What did he say?" the PI asked. The lawyer answered, "He said get lost, you turkey. You can't kill me with that fake gun. I'll pull

Now Who's Next?

Several of my old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, telling me, "You're

Mr. Jones woke up early last Saturday morning.

He got into his old work clothes and set about all the chores his wife had been urging him to do all week.

He cleaned the garage, pruned the hedge, and was halfway through mowing the lawn when a next."

They stopped doing that immediately after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

Sleeping With The Yardman

woman pulled up in the driveway and called out her window, "Say, Mister, how much do you charge to do this kind work?"

Jones thought for a moment, then answered, "It's all for free sweetheart. The lady who lives here lets me sleep with her."

One 1989 Mitsubishi GALLANT - Transmission needs repair - GOING C-H-E-A-P.

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your resume to

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CHAPTER 194, LAWS OF BELIZE (REVISED EDITION 2000) NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13

In accordance with Section] 3 of the Registered Land Act Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000, **I, CESAR DIAZ**, Ag. Registrar of Lands, hereby serves notice that within one month from the date hereof, I intend to register the following parcels of land listed below for which application for first registration have been received.

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



APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900405

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PEMBROKE HALL** Block No. 1 and being Parcels No. 532

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 602 of 2003 dared 16th June, 2003 in favour of **MARIA CONCEPCION EK.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900406

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, CAROLINA/CALCUTTA, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 67

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1672/2003 dated 23rd June, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 22 of 2003 at Folios 467-476 in favour of **SUSANA GILHARRY**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900411

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section CALEDONIA VILLAGE, Block No 1 and being Parcel No. 56

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 1096 of 1999 dated 18th February, 2000 in favour of **EMILIANA POTT.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900412

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2501

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 728/1980 dated 31st May, 1980 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 7 of 1980 at Folios 255-262 in favour of **WILLIAM GODFREY USHER**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS.200900450

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN JOSE/SAN PABLO, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 1097

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3460/1998 dated 11th December, 1998 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 41 of 1998 at Folios 473-480 in favour of **ALLEN DEVELOPMENT LIMITED.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900451

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **GUINEA GRASS**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 537

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 7 of 1994 dated 5th September, 1994 in favour of **LIBORIO SANTOS.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900461

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **BELIZE RURAL NORTH II**, Block No. 11 and being Parcel No. 1062

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 814 of 2004 dated 11th October, 2004 in favour of **LEOPOLD SEGURO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900508

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **CARMELITA**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 858

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1127/2003 dated 14th April, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 15 of 2003 at Folios 337-346 in favour of **FERNANDO R. NOVELO.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900509

This parcel of land are situated in the Registration Section, **TRIAL FARM**, Block No. 4 and being Pared No. 393

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 200 of 2000 dated 19th March, 2000 in favour of **ALFREDO LUNA**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900540

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3717

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 1085 of 2003 dated 23rd October, 2003 in favour of **ALDO MENDEZ.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900541

This pared of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2809

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1/2008 dated 13th December, 2007 and recorded in Deed Book Volume 1 of 2008 at Folios 1 - 8 in favour of **ALDO MARTY MENDEZ.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900546

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **WARREE BIGHT/FRESHWATER CREEK**, Block No. 3 and being Parcel No. 921 & 922.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 381 of 2003 dated 11th April, 2003 in favour of **PEDRO E. URBINA.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900551

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3228.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 705 of 2002 dated 29th August, 2002 in favour of **OSMOND BLACK & KAMIRA WAGNER.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900576

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2146.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Vesting Assent No. 3605/2001 dated 12th December, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 46 of 2001 at Folios 551 - 556 in favour of ALFREDO GONGORA, ANGELITA GONGORA, CARMITA GONGORA, ELENA GONGORA, MARINA GONGORA, ESTELLA GONGORA & ADELITA GONGORA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900593

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2952

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 323 of 1992 dated 15th July, 1992 in favour of **MIGUEL RAMON COWO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900594

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, CARMELITA, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1018

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 362 of 1992 dated 12th August, 1997 in favour of **HERBERT REYNOLDS.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900601

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **CARMELITA**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 645

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 996 of 2006 dated 26th September, 2006 in favour of **THOMAS CHELL & ABELARDA CHELL** (Jointly).

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900602

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **TRINIDAD VILLAGE**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 345

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 510 of 1991 dated 4th November, 1991 in favour of **ATANACIO SOSA.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900603

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 703

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1191/1986 dated 10th December, 1986 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 11 of 1986 at Folios 977-986 in favour of **ELVIS ESTRADA**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900604

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, MILLER'S BIGHT, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 527

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 161 of 1983 dated 13th July,

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1983 in favour of THOMAS CHELL.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900615

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 697

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 877/1990 dated 11th May, 1990 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 10 of 1990 at Folios 659-666 in favour of **ANTONIO BAEZA**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900616

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2190

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 728/1981 dated 5th June, 1981 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 7 of 1981 at Folios 1153-1164 in favour of **LUCIO ALCOSER**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900617

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2182

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 203/1988 dated 16th February, 1998 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 2 of 1988 at Folios 1363-1370 in favour of **ANTONIO CAL & NAIM ARMIN CAL**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900619

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ${\bf TOWER~HILL}$, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 385

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Assent No. 852/1993 dated 12th April, 1989 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 10 of 1993 at Folios 519-524 in favour of **TEODOCIA NOVELO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900636

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **TOWER HILL**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 351

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 501 of 1977 dated 14th November, 1977 in favour of **CARLOS TILLETT JR.**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900646

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2315

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 905/1975 dated 23rd July, 1975 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 7 of 1975 at Folios 567-576 in favour of **CATALINA VAISES COPO.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900647

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2502

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed or Conveyance No. 1165/2002 dated 18th April, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 15 of 2002 at Folios 149-156 in favour of **PONCIANO MARTINEZ & ANGELA MARTINEZ**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900648

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 493

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2483/1999 dated 13th September, 1999 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 29 of 1999 at Folios 803-810 in favor of **HERMILO MORALEZ JR**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900649

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **CARMELITA**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 266

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 3390/2001 dated 25th October, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 43 of 2001 at Folios 723-730 in favour of **IDA RAMONA CODD**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900665

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **SAN PEDRO**, Block No. 7 and being Parcel No. 5132

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 501/1985 dated 27th May, 1985 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 1985 at Folios 7-20 in favour of WILLIAM QUINTO & JIMMY QUINTO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900675

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PLACENTIA NORTH**, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 1375

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 3066/2000 dated 17th July, 2000 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 45 of 2000 at Folios 1103-1130 in favour of TIZIANO ROVEDA & FLORIANA CORDELLI.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900684

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3023

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 316 of 1990 dated 25th October, 1990 in favour of **ARMIN CANSINO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900685

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2395

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3620/2006 dated 5th November, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 43 of 2006 at Folios 25-32 in favour of **LEO G. CANSINO.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900686

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2361

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3618/2006 dated 5th November, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 43 of 2006 at Folios 9-16 in favour of **ALI C. CANSINO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900687

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, MILLER'S BIGHT, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 418

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 90 of 2002 dated 25th January, 2002 in favour of **ELVERA R. CANSINO.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900691

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2924

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 3169/2005 dated 31st October, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 38 of 2005 at Folios 147-164 in favour of **EMILIA RODRIGUEZ**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900694

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **CARMELITA**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1373

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 322 of 2002 dated 4th March, 2003 in favour of **MIGUEL GUERRA**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200900702

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **KING'S PARK**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 745

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 198/1983 dated 15th February, 1982 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 2 of 1982 at Folios 949-956 in favour of **JOLA MARGARITA ZALDIVAR**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901070

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PLACENTIA NORTH**, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 2668 & 2669

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 742 of 2005 dated 3rd November, 2005 in favour of **AQUA WORLD LIMITED.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901086

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 679

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3175/2006 dated 28th September, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 37 of 2006 at Folios 1247-1254 in favour of **ALEJANDRO GONGORA**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200901087

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 675

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 202/2004 dated 31st December, 2003 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 3 of 2004 at Folios 1301-1308 in favour of **JAVIER GONGORA**.

Robbery At Tourist Site

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couple, guests from a lodge in the Mountain Pine Ridge, who were inside the cave.

Just then another tour was arriving at the site when the driver spotted one of the bandits and quickly drove to the military post at the Douglas de Silva Forest Station located less than a mile from the cave.

By the time the three unprofessionally dressed soldiers arrived on the scene the bandits had disappeared into the forest.

Overall the bandits are said to have made off with three cellular telephones, 5 pairs of binoculars, two gold rings, a digital camera, 4 pairs tennis shoes (3 from the tourist and one pair from a tour guide) and with almost two thousand US dollars in cash.

Tut informed that despite the incident, the group proceeded to the final stop at Rio-On before returning to the lodge in Cristo Rey. They are currently on the peninsula in Placencia as they continue on their vacation in Belize.

Up to press time no arrest has been made as the police continues an intensive investigation into this incident. They have also alerted their counterparts in Guatemala.

Since this latest incident, the military has reportedly adjusted its operations in the area as a team of soldiers are now stationed on the site at Rio Frio.

We were additionally informed that the Defense Force will soon be upgrading its strength, from a Company to a Battalion at the military post in Central Farm. Consequently the post of the commanding officer will be upgraded to that of a Colonel. This increase in strength will allow for increase military patrols as well a improved supervision to enhance professionalism at the various outposts.

The Rio Frio Cave is among the major attractions for visitors to the Mountain Pine Ridge Area.

It is located, in Augustine, near the Douglas de Silva Forest Station.

Upon arrival at Rio Frio Cave, visitors can park a short distance from the entrance, and a short walk reveals the massive 65-foot arched entrance.

Large boulders, some covered with moss, allow for climbing high up along the side near the wall of the cave, and stepping-stone stairs have also been set to make the hike easier.

When inside the cave, the other large entrance (or exit) can also be seen, as the entire cave is less than half-mile long.

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Elections and Boundaries Department Belize City, 3rd February, 2009

NOTICE

BENQUE VIEJO DEL CARMEN TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION, 4TH MARCH 2009

IT IS NOTIFIED for general information that the Elections and Boundaries Registration Office where nomination forms may be obtained is located at Corner Liberty and Kennedy Streets, Benque Viejo del Carmen Town, Cayo (and not at Burns Avenue San Ignacio, as previously notified).

All persons concerned are asked to please take note of this change of address.

RUTHA. MEIGHAN
Chief Elections Officer

Elections and Boundaries Department Belize City, 3rd February, 2009

NOTICE

PUNTA GORDATOWN COUNCIL ELECTION, 4TH MARCH 2009

IT IS NOTIFIED for general information that the Elections and Boundaries Registration Office where nomination forms may be obtained is located at #41A Prince Street, Punta Gorda Town, Toledo (and not at West Street, as previously notified).

All persons concerned are asked to please take note of this change of address.

RUTHA. MEIGHAN
Chief Elections Officer

Elections and Boundaries Department Belize City, 3rd February, 2009

NOTICE

SAN IGNACIO/SANTA ELENA TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION, 4TH MARCH 2009

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All persons concerned are asked to please take note of this change of address.

RUTH A. MEIGHAN
Chief Elections Officer



Public Notice Public Utilities Commission (PUC)



In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 32 of the Public Utilities Commission Act, Chapter 223 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission) hereby notifies the general public that the Commission has reviewed and has altered by way of several amendments, the 2008 Annual Review Proceeding Final Decision (hereinafter referred to as "the Final Decision") for the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL).

Reasons for Amendments to the Final Decision:

The Commission made its Decision to review and altered the Final Decision for several reasons, including:

- a) Decision 6(b) of the Final Decision required that the Commission implement a new Rate Setting Methodology (RSM) effective September 1, 2008, that is intended to provide for more timely collection of the costs paid by BEL for wholesale power and to encourage more efficient consumption of electricity by consumers. This new RSM requires that a Reference Price of Power (RPP), being the cost of power component of Mean Electricity Rate (MER), be set twice annually, with a new RPP being required for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009. Any change in the RPP necessitates a revised MER and revised tariffs for the various customer classes, thereby requiring amendments to any previous Decision that set the MER and the approved tariffs.
- b) Certain Decisions within the Final Decision were made taking into consideration the then escalating price of oil and other undesirable economic conditions. Since then, the price of oil has been reduced quite dramatically, resulting in much lower energy costs and some improvement in overall economic conditions within the electricity sector. Given these positive developments, the Commission has decided to take advantage of the situation and correct certain irregularities in the way BEL records certain expenses that ultimately result in higher electricity rates to consumers, and to allow BEL to realize the target Rate of Return (ROR) of 12% for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009, as opposed to the 10% ROR approved in the Final Decision that was issued June 26, 2008.

General Effects of the Amendments to the Final Decision:

The amendments to the Final Decision have the following effects:

- a) The approved Regulated Asset Value (RAV) for 2009 has been reduced by some \$6.47 million, from \$276.17 million to \$269.70 million.
- b) The Depreciation component of the Tariff Basket Revenue (TBR forecast total revenues to be collected by BEL through approved electricity rates) has been reduced by some \$295,000 for 2009, or \$145,000 for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009.
- c) The Return component of the TBR has been increased by some \$4.75 million for 2009, or \$2.34 million for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009.
- d) The Operational Expenditure (Opex) component of the TBR has been increased by some \$6.47 million for 2009, or \$3.18 million for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009. Opex has been increased by an amount equal to the reduction in the RAV.
- e) The Taxes/Licence Fees component of the TBR has been reduced by some \$669,000 for 2009, or \$345,000 for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009.
- f) The net effect of the above is that the approved Value Added of Delivery (VAD) has been increased by some \$10.25 million for 2009, or \$5.03 million for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009.
- g) The approved forecast for the TBR for 2009 is some \$164.87 million for 2009, or \$80.47 million for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009.
- h) The approved Mean Electricity Rate (MER) has been reduced from \$0.441 to \$0.375, or 15.0%, for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009.

Approved Mean Electricity Rate (MER), Tariffs, Forecast Cost of Power (FCP) and Forecast Sale of Power (FSP):

The various amendments outlined above have resulted in the following approved MER, Cost of Power and Sale of Power forecasts, and Tariff Schedule for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009:

| Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Mean Electricity Rate (MER), Forecast Cost of Power (FCP) and Forecast Sale of Power (FSP) for January 1 to June 30, 2009 | | | | | | | | |
| Mean Electricity Rate (MER) - January 1, 2009, to June | 30, 2009: | | | | | | | |
| Value Added of Delivery (VAD): | | | | | \$0.158 | | | |
| Rate Stabilization Account (RSA) Recovery: | | | | | \$0.080 | | | |
| Corrections: | | | | | -\$0.086 | | | |
| Reference Price of Power (RPP): | | | | | \$0.223 | | | |
| MER: | | | | | \$0.375 | | | |
| Forecast Cost of Power Variance Account Balance - \$'000 | D: | | | | | | | |
| Month: | Nov 08 | Dec 08 | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun |
| Forecast Cost of Power (FCP): | 9,125 | 8,870 | 8,382 | 8,086 | 9,399 | 9,161 | 9,522 | 9,655 |
| Forecast Sale of Power (FSP): | 10,316 | 9,921 | 7,605 | 7,124 | 7,351 | 8,446 | 8,557 | 8,833 |
| Forecast Cost of Power Variance (FCPV): | -1,191 | -1,051 | 777 | 962 | 2,049 | 714 | 966 | 823 |
| Forecast Cost of Power Variance Account (FCPVA) balance: | -12,839 | -13,890 | -13,113 | -12,152 | -10,103 | -9,389 | -8,423 | -7,600 |
| Actual Cost of Power Variance Account Balance - \$'000: | | | | | | | | |
| Month: | Nov 08 | Dec 08 | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun |
| Actual Cost of Power (ACP): | 5,499 | | | | | | | |
| Actual Sale of Power (ASP): | 9,942 | | | | | | | |
| Actual Cost of Power Variance (ACPV): | -4,443 | | | | | | | |
| Actual Cost of Power Variance Account (ACPVA) balance: | -12,839 | | | | | | | |

Approved Tariffs - January 1 to June 30, 2009

| Customer Class and Consumption | Approved Tariffs | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Social Rate Customers | | | |
| Minimum Monthly Charge | \$4.00 | | |
| 0 - 50 Kwhrs | \$0.23 | | |
| Residential Customers | | | |
| Minimum Monthly Charge | \$5.00 | | |
| 0 - 50 Kwhrs | \$0.30 | | |
| 51 - 200 Kwhrs | \$0.37 | | |
| > 200 Kwhrs | \$0.40 | | |
| Commercial Customers | | | |
| Monthly Service Charge | \$90.00 | | |
| 0 - 10,000 Kwhrs | \$0.38 | | |
| 10,001 - 20,000 Kwhrs | \$0.37 | | |
| > 20,000 Kwhrs | \$0.36 | | |

| Customer Class and Consumption | Approved Tariffs | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Industrial 1 Customers | | | |
| Monthly Service Charge | \$100.00 | | |
| Monthly Demand Charge per KVA | \$30.00 | | |
| Energy Charge per Kwhr | \$0.28 | | |
| Industrial 2 Customers | | | |
| Monthly Service Charge | \$100.00 | | |
| Monthly Demand Charge per KVA | \$18.00 | | |
| Energy Charge per Kwhr | \$0.23 | | |
| Street Lights | | | |
| Energy Charge per Kwhr | \$0.45 | | |

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BY David Coombs, Cayo Chess Coordinator



Last week we looked at the pawn and how it moves, although there are two more

things to know about the pawn we will leave that to a later column.

This week the chess column will look at how the knight moves. Note the knights begin on b1, g1, b8 and g8

The knight is the only piece in chess that can jump over other pieces. The knight looks like a

horse and it moves in an 'L' shape, in the diagram, the moves are shown. The knight on b1 can move to a3 or c3, when moving the knight we can count '1 square, 2 squares and turn' You may notice that the knight always moves to the opposite colour square, from dark to light and then from light to dark. When the knight is near the middle of the board it is more powerful as it can move to 8 possible squares, if it is on the edge of the board it only can move to 4 squares. The knight can move forwards, backwards and sideways as long as it finishes with a turn.

A knight could move from b1 to c3 then the next move from c3 to

d5 then from d5 to f6 etc. The knight can capture anything and can be captured by anything.

To practice you can play with pawns and knights only and see who can capture all the opposite pawns first.

Interesting fact, after only the first three moves each in a game of chess the number of possible different positions on the board are 119,060,679

Primary School Chess, On The Move

BY David Coombs, Cayo Chess Coordinator SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Saturday, February 7, 2009:

On Friday 6th February a Belize National Youth Chess Foundation organized chess tournament was held at the Aguada Hotel in Santa Elena.

This tournament had two aims, one was to select the 12 best players to enter the Cayo District Final. The second aim was to have a beginners section to enable students who know how to play but have little experience to take part in a tournament in order for them to gain confidence and have fun while playing and interacting with students from other schools.

Students had to be registered in advance and a computer was used to decide the pairings of players. The computer program 'Swiss' is used internationally and over the course of several tournaments a 'ranking' can be given to players to establish a national ranking

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The tournament had the participation of 45 students ranging in age from 7 to 15.

It began at 8.30 a.m., and finished at around 2.30 p.m. All students played four games and they had up to 50 minutes for each game. While some games lasted only about five minutes, others ran on for tense 45 minutes.

At the start of each round all the players shook hands as is traditional in chess games. This is part of respecting the opponent.

Those advanced in the game played with chess clocks that ensure each player has an equal amount of time.

As the rounds began the room was silent while players were deep in thought about their strategy and the only sound is the 'click, click' of clocks pressed after each move. The games ended with the players again shaking hands. The learner (there are no losers in chess, only learners) congratulated the winner. At the end of the tournament medals, books and chess wrist bands were awarded to the top three students from each section. These were, Beginners, 11 years and under: first place Eric Lee from St. Andrews Primary School; second place Anthony Hulse also from St. Andrews Primary School, third place Tishay Nunez from Bishop O.P. Martin Primary.

Beginners 12 years and older: first place **Jamie Mckoy** from St. Barnabas Anglican, second place **Kevin Medrano** and third place **Anika Martinez** both from Ontario Christian School.

Advanced 11 and under: First place **Simon Lotiff** from Santa Elena Primary, second place **Brent**

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Coombs and Third place **Alexis Najarro** both from Bishop O.P Martin Primary.

Advanced 12 years and older: First place, **Gareth Martinez** from St. Barnabas Anglican, second place **Vidal Adolphus** from St. Andrews Anglican and third place, **Cesar Gonzalez** from St.

Barnabas.

Again we thank **Mr. William** 'Bill' Butcher for hosting the tournament at the Aguada Hotel, an excellent venue for such an event. We would also like to thank the principals, teachers and parents who continue to support the chess in primary schools program.



Seven of the Star Players in the Cayo Primary School Chess Tournament.

Robbery At Tourist Site

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A river runs through the cave, and in the dry season, it is possible to hike through to the other side. This less traveled path reveals another trail outside the cave, and some smaller caves are accessible from here.

The large boulders and rock formations inside Rio Frio are strange and unusually colored.

The walls are smoothed by water erosion of thousands of years. Stalactites also hang from the ceiling. Vines and ferns grow at the entrance of the cave, giving it life.

There is also a bat population, which can be easily detected by your sense of smell if you get too close to their favorite spots. An unusually sandy area exists down near the river, and it is worth the short walk down the rocks to this "beach".

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BELIZEANS TO RECEIVE FREE EYE SURGERY IN VENEZUELA

The Republic of Venezuela in collaboration with the Ministry of Health – Government of Belize has launched Operacion Milagro – a humanitarian social programme geared toward providing free surgery on pterygium and cataracts for Belizeans.

Under Operacion Milagro, every Belizean with these two conditions can apply to receive the operation. They will be screened by a group of Venezuelan doctors who will determine their needs here in Belize and ensure that they are physically fit to undergo the surgery.

Each person approved will be given a date on which they will be leaving Belize. The flight to Venezuela will be free of charge. Similarly, the Government of the Republic of Venezuela will provide patients with accommodations and food during their stay. Their medical care and medications will also be free.

Although the programme is geared toward the treatment of pterygium and cataracts, other special cases of eye conditions will be taken into consideration for treatment on an individual basis.

Apart from the clinical diagnosis of their condition by the team, persons approved for travel to Venezuela must have the following:

- A valid Belizean passport
- 1 luggage item per patient to include clothes and personal items including toothpaste, deodorant, soap, sanitary napkins, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, bath towel, comb etc.
- A small bag, purse or backpack is optional.
- Female patients are being asked NOT to carry make-up as they will not be encouraged to use it after the operation in order to better facilitate the healing process.
- Once the patient's operation has been completed, they will be brought back to Belize free of charge. They will, however, be responsible for transportation to and from the Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport.

Every person suffering from an eye condition is encouraged to fill out an application form and forward the completed form to either their nearest health center or the Embassy of the Republic of Venezuela in Belmopan.

BELOW PLEASE FIND THE APPLICATION FORM.

Embassy of Venezuela in Belmopan, Belize
P.O. Box 49
Belmopan, Belize
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Fax: +501-822-2022
Email: embayen@btl.net

Kindly fill out the form below and forward it to your nearest health center or the Embassy of the Republic of Venezuela.

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"My Son Was Unjustly Expelled," says Michael Hyde

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, February 5, 2009:

Today, a distraught Michael Hyde accompanied by his 18 year old son, Rasheed Hyde, visited our office voicing his concern that his son Rasheed, a fourth form student, was "unjustly" expelled from Mopan Technical High in Benque Viejo Town.

Hyde informed that on Thursday, January 22nd, he visited Mopan Technical High to pick up his son's report card, and that on arrival his son, visibly shaken, told him that a group of about a dozen male students who have reportedly been harassing him for some time, had just threatened to kill him.

According to the father, he did not take lightly this threat and so he instructed his son to accompany him. They boarded his car and began searching the town for the boys.

They drove around for several

minutes until they eventually met one of the boys near a gas station.

Hyde said that he drove up to the student, got out of the car and confronted the boy. He said that he had some harsh words with the boy which ended in Hyde slapping the boy in the face.

Michael informed that when his son reported for classes the next day, Friday, January 23, the police were called in and his son was taken to the police station in Benque Viejo. Whilst at the station, he reportedly contacted his father by telephone and apprised him of this development.

When he received the telephone call the father could not immediately rush over to the police station as he was on business in Belmopan. He however, contacted his son's mother and asked her to check into the matter at the police station.

Whilst at the police station, the student reportedly received a letter



The Student Rasheed Hyde, 18

dated that same Friday, January 23, signed by the School's Principal, **Mr. Francisco Tun** and addressed to his parents.

The short correspondence informed that "your son Rasheed Hyde has received his third suspension in three years and in accordance with school rules your child is being asked to withdraw from school."

The father informed that since it was a Friday evening there was not much he could do on his return from Belmopan. However, on Monday, January 26th, he made several calls to the school in an effort to find out why his child was being asked to withdraw from school, especially since he admits to being the person who slapped the student and that the only thing Rasheed did was to inform him of the threat against his life as any child who felt threatened is expected to do.

According to Michael Hyde when he eventually contacted Principal Tun, the principal reportedly told him that the school's Board of Directors had met and that it was unanimously agreed that Rasheed be "asked to withdraw from school."

After hearing this, Hyde reportedly contacted Mr. Gonzalo Rosado, Chairman of the school's Board of Directors, who reportedly told him that he had no knowledge of the incident or of the request for his son to withdraw from the school.

In seeking further clarification, Hyde reportedly contacted the Vice Chairman of the Board who likewise reportedly indicated that he had absolutely no knowledge of the incident.

"Rasheed is an honor student who is only two months away from graduating. The very report card that I picked that day from school reflects that my child is doing academically well at school. He received Merit awards for Metal Work, Mathematics and Technical Drawing. His mid-term report reflects 8 passing grades above 70 percentile and 1 failing grade for the late handing in of an assignment," said Michael Hyde.

The father admits that he was the person involved in the altercation with the student and that his son was in no way physically involved in the incident.

He would like for Principal Tun to be honest in handling this matter, especially as it pertains to saying that the decision to remove his child from the school was a Board of Directors decision.

He wants the Principal to allow his son to return to school especially since he is only two months away from graduating.

Our efforts to contact Principal Tun for comments were unsuccessful as the only listed telephone number for the school constantly ended in a fax tone.

The invitation nevertheless remain constant for Principal Tun to contact us with his comments at anytime if he so desires.

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| SANDRA MCNAB | 47/1987 | PUNTA GORDA | 448 |
| SUN HAW CHOE | 2871/1993 | XAIBE RURAL | 575 |

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



LRS-200901092

Registered Land Act Chapter 194 - Revised Edition 2000 Section 140(1)

OWNERSHIP BY PRESCRIPTION

| Name of Applicant | Registration Section | Block No. | Parcel No. |
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| CONNIE | | | |

MIETCHEN

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in San Andres/Ranchito Registration Section has been received from **GREGG TURRENTINE & CONNIE MIETCHEN** being Parcel No. 430 containing 1620.614 Square Yards

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of Gregg Turrentine & Connie Mietchen as proprietors with absolute title for Parcel No. 430 San Andres/Ranchito Registration Section containing 1620.614 Square yards is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof why ownership should not be granted to **GREGG TURRENTINE & CONNIE MIETCHEN.**





News Release



IX CHEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Ix Chel Tropical Research Foundation is now offering it's new after school program, *KIDS FOR CONSERVATION*. This Program will have volunteers to assist children with their daily homework and other school projects.

Students will have the opportunity to do their assignments in a peaceful, supportive environment. When homework is completed, we will have sessions on medicinal plants, animals, arts and crafts, organic gardening, fun games and songs.

Doors will be open as of January 12th 2009 Monday to Friday from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

ICTRF always working hand in hand with the community to make a positive difference in the lives of children.

For further information, to register your child, to volunteer services, to donate books or school supplies call 804-0264 or email us at ixcheltropicalresearch@yahoo.com



CARIBBEAN CUISINE CULINARY TRAINING WORKSHOP

The Belize Tourism Board in collaboration with the Organization of American States is inviting Hotel and Restaurant (Professional) Cooks and Chefs to participate in a Caribbean Cuisine Culinary Training Workshop facilitated by The Culinary Institute of America.

Venue: Institute for Technical and Vocational Educational Training (ITVET) on St. Thomas Street in Belize City

Date: February 9th – 14th, 2009

Topics to be covered

- Food Presentation
- Menu Planning
- Use of local ingredients
- · Accompaniments and garnishes
- Vegetarian Cuisine
- Food preparation to contemporary "table cloth" dining standards

Benefit of CCC Workshop

This program is designed to address the incorporation of local ingredients in Caribbean Cuisine as well as
focus on the most delectable ways of presenting food to maximize the value of the dining experience.

The fee for the program is BZ\$200.00. All are encouraged to come into the Belize Tourism Board to register and make payments.

SPACES ARE LIMITED therefore we will only accept registration upon payment and will fill spaces on a first come first serve basis

Deadline to apply: Wednesday February 4th, 2009

Kindly be advised that only persons employed by a licensed Hotels and bonafied Restaurants are eligible for qualification.

For more information and/or registering please contact:

Ms. Romy Haylock, Product Development Officer – Belize Tourism Board Tel: 227-2420 ext: 230 E-mail: romy@travelbelize.org

Discipline And The Rights Of Students

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo, **Friday, January 30, 2009:**

The Ministry of Education informs that in light of the recent disciplinary action taken against a student at Pallotti High School and the subsequent court action brought against the school, it had been in contact with both the school and the parent of the student in question but that given that the matter is before the court, the Ministry of Education is not in a position to comment further on the specifics

of this case.

However, the Ministry of Education takes very seriously that discipline in our schools must be fair and just to all parties concerned and must be consistent with the Constitution of Belize.

The role of the Ministry of Education in ensuring quality education for the development of the individual and the society as a whole is a balancing act that must, on the one hand, ensure that

that is nurturing for all students but, on the other hand, the rights of the individual student must be protected.

The Ministry of Education, over the past few months, has been undertaking a revision of the Education Act and the Handbook of Polices and Procedures for School Services.

As part of this exercise the Ministry of Education is committed to reviewing the

schools relating to discipline to ensure that they are consistent with the principles outlined above.

In this endeavour, the Ministry of Education is committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders including students, parents, teachers, principals and management.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Education will be conducting country-wide consultations on the proposed revisions to the Education Act and the Handbook of Policies and Procedures for

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **OKLNERS SAMO MLAKAR &** EMELDA VELASQUEZ applying for the renewal of their **RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **BI SPOT** located at #19 Burns Avenue, 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 RANJEET K. MANGAT & **GAGANDEEP SINGH BENGAL** are applying for a MALT & CIDER **LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate RIVERSIDE FOOD PLAZA located at Manzanero Building, Savannah Area, Santa Elena 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 HONG JIAN LIANG is applying for the renewal of his MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate TERRY BEER PARLOR located at #11 George Street, Benque Viejo 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 NORBERTO RANCHARAN is applying for the renewal of his **CONVENIENT STORE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate CP GAS located at the corner of the Western Highway and Carillo Puerto Avenue, Santa Elena 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 **ALBERTO NEAL** is applying for the renewal of his MALT & CIDER **LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate BETO'S FAST FOOD located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.



BELIZE TOURISM BOARD

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BTB donates to the **South Ambergris Caye Neighborhood Watch**



BTB Chairman, Gaspar Guerrero, Representative of SACNW, Mr. Terry Colbert, Tourism Minister, Hon. Manuel Heredia Jr.

Belize City, Thursday, February 5th, 2009- The Minister of Tourism & Civil Aviation, Hon. Manuel Heredia, Jr. and Mr. Gasper Guerrero, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Belize Tourism Board presented a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Mr. Terry Colbert to assist the South Ambergris Caye Neighborhood Watch (SACNW).

This successful neighborhood watch has become a model for the island of San Pedro, Ambergris Caye. With its police substation building donated by Pelican Reef Villas, SACNW has been well on its way in preventing crimes from occurring

The community security patrol and substation was approved and implemented with the help and support

of Minister Manuel Heredia Jr., and Officer in Charge, Superintendent Dennis Arnold. Neighborhood Watch consists of the south side of the island, from Victoria House to the southern tip of

With the lead of Superintendent Dennis Arnold and some privately employed police force patrolling the area 24/7, the southern end of the island have substantially been reduced in crimes and drug trafficking, making the area a safe place not only for tourists, but for the residents of the area as well.

"The South Ambergris Caye Neighborhood Watch has brought awareness to the residents of San Pedro," comments Hon. Manuel Heredia, Jr. "With the support of the residents and properties, crimes will continue to be reduced as we work together to make our island a safe place for the people who live here and an enjoyable stay for visitors

Today, the South Ambergris Caye Neighborhood Watch consists of about 100 members, including residents and properties on the south side. All privately funded activities are contributed by the neighborhood. The neighborhood watch has also donated equipments to the local police department to assist in the patrols of the island. They hope to raise approximately \$110,000.00 annually which will be used for payroll, purchase of equipment and monthly expenses.

The residents of San Pedro have been aware of the success of the South Ambergris Caye Neighborhood Watch, that they have taken an interest in forming a neighborhood watch for the northern part of the island.

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February 27, Budget Presentation

The next meeting of the House of Representatives will be held on Friday, February 27, 2009.

During this meeting, the Hon. Prime Minister Dean Barrow, in his capacity as Minister of Finance, will present the second budget since taking over the reigns of Government in February 2008.

Six days later, on Wednesday, March 4, the nation will go into municipal elections countrywide as 67 local government seats, in all 7 towns and 2 cities, will be going up for election (58 councillors and 9 mayors).

The actual 2 day budget debate is scheduled to be held on March 12 and 13.

TWO TOURISTS FACING JOINT DISHONESTY CHARGE

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was tallied and it amounted to \$9,704.98 being the amount for which James and Jennifer are now before the court.

The couple appeared in San Ignacio's Magistrate Court on Wednesday, February 11, where they pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Jennifer is currently out on a one thousand dollar cash bail while James was denied bail and is currently on remand at the San Ignacio police station.

A quick trial has been arranged and the couple will be appearing in court on Friday, February 13, 2009.

Police informed that a check with the US Embassy Belize revealed that an individual bearing the same personal particulars as James Brady was convicted in the United States on a minor sex

Two Guatemalans Plea Guilty To **Illegal Possession Of Guns And Bullets**

From Front Page

Byron Randolfo Juarez, 28, Guatemalan mason of San Benito, Peten. He was found in possession of a 9 mm pistol and a magazine containing 15 live rounds of ammunition for the same.

The second detainee was identified as Julio David Abrego Rojas, 24, Guatemalan driver of Barrio Playa Blanca, San Benito, Peten, Guatemala. He was found in possession of a black and chrome

Bersa brand 9mm pistol bearing serial number 555011 fitted with a chrome magazine containing 14 live rounds of 9mm bullets.

Neither Juarez nor Rojas could present a Belize gun license. They were informed of the offence committed and were individually charged for the possession of illegal firearm and ammunition. They were taken to court where they pleaded guilty as charged and were each sentenced to 2 years imprisonment.



A) The Bersa brand 9mm pistol bearing serial number 555011, B) the magazine and C) the 14 live rounds of ammunition found in the possession of Julio David Abrego Rojas





SUSTAINABLE TOURISM PROGRAM **Terms of Reference**



for **Project Director, Project Coordinating Unit (PCU)**

DUTY STATION: Belize

PROJECT NAME: Sustainable Tourism Program

PROJECT NO.: BL-L1003 OPERATION NO.: 2060/OC-BL

I. BACKGROUND

The Belize Sustainable Tourism Program is a response to challenges that must be faced if Belize's tourism sector is to grow in a manner that is economically, environmentally and socially sustainable. The intention is to strengthen the sector's contribution to the national economy by consolidating the overnight tourism market with investments and activities along three interrelated fronts: (i) enhancing the tourism experience and resource sustainability at consolidated destinations subject to pressure; (ii) diversifying tourism products in emerging destinations for the overnight market segment; and (iii) strengthening tourism institutions for policy, destination planning and management. The project is being funded by the Government of Belize and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) through a loan of US\$13.322M.

II. OBJECTIVES

The objective of this consultancy is to lead the IDB-funded Sustainable Tourism Program towards the achievement of its objectives and indicators and oversee the execution of the Project and the day-to-day running of the Project's activities.

III. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POSITION

Starting Date and Duration: The Project Director shall be employed by the program for a four year period, starting on the date of contract signing. The contract shall be renewable on an annual

Duties: The Project Director will be responsible for the overall management of the Project Coordinating Unit. Specific duties will include: (1) the planning and coordination of all aspects of program implementation; (2) monitoring of results and report preparation; (3) procurement in accordance with the agreed procurement plan; (4) disbursement of program resources; (5) coordination with the Bank and other relevant stakeholders.

Reporting Arrangements: The Project Director will report for contractual purposes to the Director of Tourism of the Belize Tourism Board.

Place of Work: The Project Director will work from an office provided the Belize Tourism Board in Belize City, Belize. Field trips are expected to take place throughout the country for the project duration.

Qualifications: The Project Director shall have a professional degree in Tourism Management, Environmental Science, Engineering, Business Administration, or related disciplines. Post graduate education in areas relevant to Tourism, such as, Sustainable Tourism Management and/or Destination Management is a plus. Previous professional experience in tourism-related projects is mandatory. In addition, he/she shall have at least five years experience in project management. Previous experience with projects from international funding agencies would be an asset. He/she must exhibit leadership qualities, strong interpersonal and communications skills and fluency in English. Fluency in Spanish and competency in computer software would be an

IV. ACTIVITIES

- The Project Director shall oversee all project activities, according to the Results Framework, the project operating regulations, the policy directives from the Government of Belize in accordance with the loan agreement. She/He will review all documentation relating to the project, in particular the Program Operation Manual for the Loan Agreement, and shall undertake work on the project in accordance with the Program Operation Manual, Annual Work Plans and IDB procurement policies.
- 2. The Project Director will manage the implementation of the Program including support for the recruitment, as well as management and supervision of personnel within the Project Coordinating Unit and consultants, in accordance with Bank procedures and after obtaining approval in accordance with the Operational Manual and the Bank. The Project Director will ensure the rational and transparent use of project funds in order to achieve project goals, establishing the necessary controls for its appropriate use, registration, and reporting to the Belize Tourism Board as Executing Agency and to the Inter-American Development Bank.
- The Project Director will produce an Annual Work Plan and Procurement Plan with a detailed budget and schedule of activities based on the Results Framework and obtaining 3. approval in accordance with the Program Operation Manual. The Project Director will be responsible for the monitoring of progress on a regular basis.
- 4. He/She will undertake the following:
 - Confirm to the appropriate instructions which will be issued by the Executing Agencies.
 - Represent the Project in its relationships with the IDB and third parties;
 - Prepare or oversee the preparation and presentation of all necessary administrative, technical and financial submissions for the Bank and the Project Steering Committee;
 - Serve as secretary of the Project Steering Committee;
 - Manage and monitor all project implementation activities on a daily basis;
 - Organize and convene project meetings;
 - Conduct stakeholder meetings and coordination activities among and between stakeholders as needed;
 - Submit a monthly report to the Project Steering Committee including activities undertaken and challenges to be addressed with recommendations for action;
 - Produce progress and final project reports; and
 - Prepare and submit post-project recommendations to the Government of Belize through the Ministry of Tourism & Civil Aviation and the Belize Tourism Board for follow up
 - Serve as facilitator for project related meetings and consultations with stakeholders.
 - Co-ordinate Public Relations efforts on behalf of the Sustainable Tourism Program.
 - Any other responsibilities that may be assigned to ensure the successful implementation of the Sustainable Tourism Program.

In the implementation of these responsibilities the Project Director may be assisted by the staff of the BTB or other such public officers or other persons as may be appointed or designated for the purpose.

- 5. The Project Director will prepare the following reports:
 - Initial work plan: Within two weeks of contract signing, an initial work plan with a detailed schedule of activities for the first year of implementation. The Project Director will also finalize the Program Operational Manual in consultation with the Belize Tourism Board and the Project Steering Committee
 - Subsequent Annual Work Plans, with a detailed schedule of activities for that particular year and an overall schedule that leads to successful implementation within the specified four year time frame.
 - Progress Reports; Semi-annual progress reports, to follow a pre-approved Bank format, due on January 31 and July 31 of each year detailing the (i) financial performance, (ii) breakdown of projects completed and findings on maintenance of civil works, (iii) findings on monitoring of environmental impacts and implementation of mitigation measures, and (iv) an analysis of problems encountered and steps taken to resolve them, and a plan of activities for the next period.
 - Quarterly Financial Reports: Progress reports, to follow a pre approved Bank format, due on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each year detailing the expenditure for the previous period, problems found and how they were dealt with, and projected expenditure for the next quarter.
 - Final Report: a final report within 3 months of the end of execution of the program to follow a pre-approved bank format, including (i) the development of the program, lessons learned, conclusions reached and recommendations.
 - Annexes of all reports shall include an execution chronogram.

V. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The Project Director will be paid a monthly salary during the contract period, at a rate to be negotiated during contracting.

The Project Director shall work in close coordination with the Belize Tourism Board, Project Steering Committee, the Ministry of Tourism and the staff of the Project Co-ordination Unit.

VII. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Curriculum vitae along with two (2) references are to be submitted to the Director of Tourism, Belize Tourism Board, P.O. Box 325, Belize City, Belize, no later than 12 noon on Friday, February

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