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SOUTHERN SENIOR CITIZEN BUSTED WITH WESTERN WEED

**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN,
Cayo District, Friday, January
15, 2010:**

It was at around mid afternoon today when a team of policemen on an anti-drug operation in

Benque Viejo came upon an elderly man carrying a sack containing marijuana.

Benque Viejo police reports that at around 2:50 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, a team

of alert police officers on anti drugs operation in the Lomas Del Rodeo Area near the western most Belizean village of Arenal encountered an elderly man, acting suspiciously as he was walking in the area with a white plastic sack on his back.

The man was stopped and when the bag was opened it was found to contain suspected marijuana. The man and the merchandise were transported to the Benque Viejo Town police station where he was identified as **Manuel Tut**, 68, Belizean shoe repair man residing in the southern village of Steadfast on the



Manuel Tut, 68



One of the many graphic realizations of the extent of the devastating loss of life in the sister Caribbean island nation of Haiti in the wake of Tuesday's catastrophic earthquake

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The marijuana

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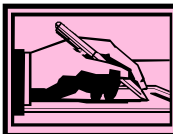
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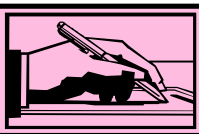
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Editorial



A Painful Remainder Of The Vulnerability Of Human Life

International compassion is with the Haitian people as this impoverished Caribbean nation is experiencing the devastation and loss of life unseen in the region.

As time passes, the death toll will inevitably increase. The lives of over 30 percent of the nation's population have been changed forever.

While we would not wish for such devastation to befall even our worst enemy, the silver lining behind this dark cloud is the coming together of nations of the world in a massive mobilization of international assistance to a sister nation in a time of dire need.

Granted that our national and personal resources are not where we might want them to be at this time, we should squeeze as much as we comfortably can to extend a

helping hand to our Haitian brothers and sisters.

We trust that the international assistance will not cease soon after the rescue mission is called off as the reconstruction effort will take many, many years. The reconstruction will hopefully create much needed employment with the potential of improving the standard of living for this neglected nation.

This natural catastrophe is a painful reminder of the vulnerability of humankind to the forces of nature. It should serve as a lesson for every human being. We must therefore endeavor to be kind to each other. We should show love and respect to fellow human being as life is a gift to each of us.

Our hearts goes out all those persons affected by last Tuesday's earthquake in Haiti.

The Earthquake In Haiti Requires The World Human Response

By: Wellington C. Ramos

Ever since the Haitian people of this Caribbean country fought and defeated the French to gain their independence in 1804, this nation has been left by most European countries to just go downhill.

For those who have no knowledge of the Haitian Revolution some time should be taken to study it.

During the era of colonialism England, France, Holland, Portugal, Spain and other European countries roamed the planet earth landed on different continents slaughtered the indigenous people of most lands, made them slaves and extracted and repatriated all of their wealth and natural resources.

The landing of **Christopher Columbus** in this part of the world in 1492 set the pace for this exploitation to begin with the approval of the Catholic Spanish **Pope Alexander VI** in the Treaty of Tordesillas signed by Spain and Portugal in 1494.

With the exception of Brazil, Spain was given all the land and

people in the Americas and the Caribbean while Portugal had the continent of Africa for themselves.

England, France and Holland protested this bold move by the Catholic Pope and pledge to fight against this unlawful treaty.

The British formed a group called Pirates who were highly trained to navigate the high seas and look for non-British vessels capture them, take their cargoes and kill everyone on board. In addition, they signed agreements with Spain to temporarily occupy some of their illegal territories with the intention to stay on them permanently. The French did this on the Spanish island of Hispanola in the early 1600's which eventually developed into two countries one by the name of Haiti and the other the Dominican Republic.

Today these two countries are divided and their relationship remains strain up to this day because of their cultural and historical differences.

The British did the same thing

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Hummingbird Highway in the Stann Creek District.

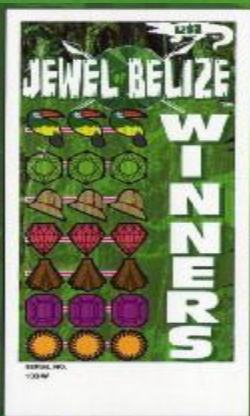
When placed on the scale, the suspected marijuana registered 5,443 grams (11.9 lbs). Tut was subsequently arrested and charged for Drug Trafficking. He appeared before Magistrate Anna Rachel Montejo, in Benque Viejo's Magistrate Court on Thursday, January 14, where he pled guilty to the charge. He

wasted no time in accepting the facts as presented by the police prosecutor. He was fined \$10,000 to be paid by March 30, 2010 in default of paying the fine he would serve three years in jail.

Although Tut told the court that he resides in Arenal Village, the investigation revealed that he is actually living in Steadfast Village and that he has relatives living in Arenal.

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Another Infant Dies "Isn't Negligence A Crime Also?" This cannot continue to happen!

Dr. Roxanna Alvarez V.M.
January 10th, 2010

On this cold Sunday morning, we buried my nephew. He did not have to die.

His mother, my best friend, is a hard working woman who was excitedly awaiting the birth of her second son. She was surprised by his unexpected arrival on the 22nd December 2009, 2 months ahead of his due date.

As a premature baby, one would expect that he would be kept in the hospital for a few days at the least. Twenty six hours later, he was released and they were told to go home.

The doctor informed my sister that she would have to be a "**Kangaroo mother**", which according to him, simply meant that she had to keep the baby warm and fed. According to them, he was fine.

My brother-in-law, the baby's

dad was concerned about the baby's health because of the bad reputation that hospitals in Belize have. Seeking reassurance, he once again asked if they were sure the baby was healthy enough to leave the San Ignacio hospital. They were told to take him home.

As good parents, upon their departure from the hospital they tried to find a pediatrician to give Kanan a general check-up. After visiting several clinics, they found out that this was not possible since most doctors in Cayo were on holiday and not available to the public.

On the 28th December, my sister noted that Kanan's skin was changing color and that he was not feeding as he previously did. They returned to the hospital only to be insulted by the attending doctor who told them that maybe the baby was sick because he didn't have a

name yet. At this time, a name hadn't been chosen since each child's name is chosen with great care and must be very significant.

To make a long story short, Kanan was admitted to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KMH) in Belize City on Monday, 28th December 2009 in a very critical condition.

The diagnosis revealed that he had a blood infection. To many, sepsis, is dangerous but to premature low-weight infants, sepsis is life threatening.

In the days that followed, the jaundice eventually cleared up, a blood transfusion was performed, his lungs became infected and hemorrhaged, he had to be put on the ventilator, his stomach was in bad condition due to the infection and many of his other organs were affected.

On Wednesday, 6th January 2010, I visited him at KMH and came to the conclusion that my nephew was a fighter. He was lying quietly in the incubator when I arrived. I spoke to him and he lifted his right hand, as in salutation. This moment will forever stay with me. He had a great desire to live. He had an IV hooked up to his artery, was breathing with the help of a ventilator and had tubes coming out of different parts of his body. I knew then that he was even more special than we had originally thought.

After fighting to survive for so long, on Friday, 8th January 2010, Kanan passed away. Brain hemorrhaging caused by the infection was what finally caused his demise.

To many, it is simple: **THE BELIZEAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM HAS FAILED AGAIN!** To his mother and father, friends and family, it is more than just that. We know that he cannot come back but we feel that the public must be made aware of what happens to those that trust the system and its personnel.

Kanan's death could have been avoided. If he had been properly examined after he was born, the infection could have been detected and controlled at an early stage. As it was, by the time he was admitted to the KMH, he was already in grave danger. Doctors and nurses at the

KMH worked unreservedly hard at trying to save him and must be commended for this. They tried everything within their power to give him a chance at life.

Doctors at the San Ignacio hospital are another matter altogether. I hope that they don't sleep at night thinking about what they have done. Their carelessness, negligence or simple ignorance has devastated a family, a community and even worse yet, a little boy who was expecting to be an older brother to Kanan.

What happens now? How long will we continue to grieve and cry for our loss? How will we get to the point of accepting that our little angel, Kanan, was to some just another statistic? How do we recover from this?

Everyday we hear of murders, burglaries, robberies, rapes and other such heinous crimes. Isn't negligence a crime also? Don't our doctors know that when they decided to study medicine and to practice medicine, they relegated their lives to serving others?

The Modern Version of the Hippocratic Oath (*this is the oath that doctors take upon completion of their studies*) states that "*Into whatever patient setting I enter, I will go for the benefit of the sick and will abstain from every voluntary act of mischief or corruption...*". The final clause in the oath states that "*WHILE I CONTINUE to keep this Oath inviolate may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art and science of medicine with the blessing of the Almighty and respected by my peers and society, but should I trespass and violate this Oath, may the reverse be my lot.*" Have our doctors forgotten this?

Are our doctors so dumb that they do not know that a premature infant needs special attention and care? This cannot continue to happen! What must we do to stop it? Do we need to become violent to be heard? What happens to those that depend solely on public hospitals and clinics because they cannot afford to go to a private doctor or clinic? What happens to those that trust our system simply because they trust that our doctors will do their job properly? Who will answer these questions?

Rest In Eternal Peace Papa Chuc



Eugenio Chuc, 76

SUNRISE: January 1, 1934

SUNSET: January 8, 2010

*It's only been a week since we said our Good Byes
The tears have hardly dried away from our eyes.*

*We know that you have gone to rest
In the arm of the Almighty who knows best.*

*as you reunite with our mother along the way,
our unending love for her we want you to say*

*As you hold her hands with that gentle touch
please tell her that we all miss her so very much*

*We take comfort that you are reunited for sure
up yonder above where pain and suffering are no more.*

Sadly missed by sons, daughters and the entire family.

REST IN PEACE PAPA CHUC, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

"Jah Bless Us" Ras Indio's Latest Release

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, January 13, 2010:

Emerging from his longest undertaking in the production of a new album, Belizean song writer/musical artist, **David Obi "Ras Indio" Smith**, was in town promoting his 4th album entitled **"Jah Bless Us"**.

We caught up with him on Wednesday evening near Eva's Restaurant on Burns Avenue in San Ignacio where he told us about his latest production.

The impressively packaged **"Jah Bless Us"** -2009 album features prominent Jamaican artists like **Lutan Fyah, Luciano, Turbulence, Chezidek, Ras Attitude** and **Dynasty Crew**.

All songs on the 23 track album, except collaboration tracks, were written by Ras Indio himself with **Daniel Grossman, Byron Couch** and **Robert "Bobby Hustla" Spencer** on acoustic and electric guitars; **Daniel Grossman** and **Donald Dennis** of Fire House Band on Base Guitar; **Daniel Grossman**



again along with **Spencer Green** and **David Obi** on Keyboards and Synchs.

All background vocals were provided by **Elaine "Lil Bit" Shepherd** and the man himself **Ras Indio** on Kete Drums.

All interludes were provided by **Ital-Ion**.

The authenticity of the album can be determined by the presence of an **"Eco Green Friendly"** sticker on the package. Ras Indio advises fans and supporters to purchase only

those with this sticker as its absence is indicative of a bootlegged edition thereby depriving the artist of the fruits of his labor over the past 4 years.

Ras Indio attributes his inspiration to the **"Most High"** whom he said **"has blessed me with the motivation to bring forth my positive vibrations."**

He said that he has also drawn heavily from now deceased Reggae Legend, **Lucky Dube**.

The album is recorded, mixed and produced by **Daniel Grossman** at **Dynasty Studios** in **Seattle, Washington, USA**.

In San Ignacio Town, the album is available, for only \$25 each, at **Back To My Roots** on Burns Avenue and at **Venus Photos & Records** on Hudson Street and, of course, an autographed copy of the album can also be obtained from **Ras Indio** himself.

His other three

albums are: **"Stay Positive"** - 2005; **"Push Up The Fire"** - 2004 and **"Free Up Mi Nation!"** - 2003.

Ras Indio's next project takes him back to Seattle, Washington this year for the February 7, 2010 **"REGGAE CONCIOUSNESS"** Festival in Tribute to the late great **Bob Marley**.



PUBLIC NOTICE

FIRST MEETING OF THE LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD FOR 2010

The Liquor Licensing Board for San Ignacio/ Santa Elena and surrounding communities informs all applicants for Intoxicating Liquor Licenses for the year 2010, that the first meeting of the Board for the new year will be held at the Cultural Center in San Ignacio commencing at 9:00 am on the following two days.

- 1) **Tuesday, January 19, 2010** for establishments within San Ignacio and Santa Elena Towns
 - a) **LOCAL APPLICANTS** during the **MORNING HOURS** and
 - b) **CHINESE OPERATED ESTABLISHMENTS** during the **AFTERNOON HOURS**.
- 2) **Wednesday, January 20, 2010** for **ALL** those establishments located in surrounding villages and communities.

All persons objecting to the issuance of a license to any establishment are advised to do so either in writing, before the above dates, to the Chairman, Liquor Licensing Board, Town Hall, San Ignacio Town, Cayo or in person at the meeting.

Three New Ambassadors Present Credentials

BELMOPAN CITY, Monday, January 11, 2010:

Three Ambassadors today presented their credentials to the Governor General of Belize, **Sir Colville Young** at the Office of the Governor General in Belmopan.

The new Ambassadors hail from Egypt in Africa, the Czech Republic in Europe and its neighbour in the south, the Republic of Austria, Europe.

In presenting his credentials, the Egyptian Ambassador, **His Excellency Ibrahim Ahdy Khairat** told the Governor General that his main task is to strengthen the relations between the two nations and develop even more the exchanges in the fields of culture, tourism, commerce, education, health and any other field that the countries would find of mutual interest and benefit.

For his part the Czech Ambassador, **His Excellency Pavel Prochazka** said that he is deeply conscious of the responsibility that had been placed upon him and the importance of the mission with which he had been entrusted. *"I can assure Your Excellency that I shall strive at all times to maintain good relations between our two governments and our respective people and to strengthen those relations with all means that lie within*



Egyptian Ambassador, His Excellency Ibrahim Ahdy Khairat (L), Governor General Sir Colville Young (R)

my power".

The Austrian Ambassador, **His Excellency Alfred Langle**, spoke of his satisfaction for the good bilateral cooperation of the past in so many areas. *"I have no doubt that this cooperation will*



The Austrian Ambassador, His Excellency Alfred Langle (L), Governor General Sir Colville Young (R)



His Excellency Pavel Prochazka from the Czech Republic (L), Governor General Sir Colville Young (R)

continue", affirmed H.E. Langle.

Following the presentation of credentials at the Belize House in Belmopan, all three Ambassadors visited Prime Minister, **Hon. Dean Barrow**, at the Office of the Prime Minister, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan.



His Excellency Pavel Prochazka from the Czech Republic (L), Prime Minister Hon. Dean Barrow (R)

Haters

By: Maya Angelou



A hater is someone who is jealous and envious and spends all their time trying to make you look small so they can look tall. They are very negative people to say the least. Nothing is ever good enough!

When you make your mark, you will always attract some haters.

That's why you have to be careful with whom you share your blessings and your dreams, because some folk can't handle seeing you blessed.

It's dangerous to be like somebody else. If God wanted you to be like somebody else. He would have given you what He gave them! Right?

You never know what people have gone through to get what they have.

The problem I have with haters is that they see my glory, but they don't know my story.

If the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence, you can rest assured that the water bill is higher there too!

We've all got some haters among us! Some people envy you because you can:

- Have a relationship with God
- Light up a room when you walk in
- Start your own business
- Tell a man/woman to hit the curb (*if he/she isn't about the right thing*)
- you are a strong person and don't let people run you over
- you have a strong and loving marriage and they can't get in-between spouses to spoil it

Haters can't stand to see you happy.

Haters will never want to see you succeed.

Most of our haters are people who are supposed to be on our side (*like some family and friends*).

How do you handle those undercover haters? You can handle them by:

1. Knowing who you are & who your true friends are ***(VERY IMPORTANT!!)**

2. Having a purpose to your life: Purpose does not mean having a job. You can have a job and still be unfulfilled.

A purpose is having a clear sense of what God has called you to be.

Your purpose is not defined by what others think about you.

3. By remembering that what you have is by divine prerogative and not human manipulation.

Fulfill your dreams! You only have one life to live...when its your time to leave this earth, you want to be able to say, 'I've lived my life and fulfilled my dreams, Now I'm ready to go HOME!'

When God gives you favor, you can tell your haters, **'Don't look at me...Look at who is in charge of me.'**



Readers Write



The Exchange Between George And A.L. Continues

Dear A.L.

In response to your letter and question, I am writing this.

I was baptized Catholic and raised Pentecostal. I went to church 9 times a week - every day and three times on Sunday, until I was 12 years old. Then I realized I had enough and stopped attending church. So, I am not a practicing Christian; I practiced enough.

I believe I know right from wrong, good and evil. It is my understanding there is nowhere in the Bible that describes the Israeli flag or that it represents the Biblical promised land.

The Hassidic Jews are the ones that study and read the Torah everyday of their lives, from beginning to end, and are considered the experts by many. They say that Israel is not the "*promised land*" because only the Messiah can lead the Jews to the "*promised land*" and the Zionists are not messiahs. They call them false

prophets.

Because you are unaware of the significance of the Israeli flag, you fail to realize it represents the slaughter and massacre of hundred of thousands of Palestinians, Christian and Muslim, men, women and children.

If you are interested in knowing more about the history of the struggle of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, I am going to try to show a documentary at the movie theater. KREM may be airing it next week on channel 12. It is called Occupation 101 and it is done by American and Palestinian Christians and others, as well as American and Israeli Jews.

Although there may not be a law against flying any flag above the Belize flag, it is against the International Code of Conduct.

From One of Those In Struggle,

George Gonzalez, San Ignacio

Skills Training For Cayo Youth

RED CROSS BUILDING, San Ignacio Town, Cayo, Thursday, January 14, 2010:

Certificates were today presented to 31 young persons at the Red Cross Building in San Ignacio after having completed 4 days of skills training.

The skills training, in areas of business plan and micro enterprise development was facilitated by Youth For the Future in collaboration with Graceland University and Pro Belize.

The trainees were guided step by step by Graceland University and Pro Belize professors as they completed their individual business plans.

The objective of the session was to provide trainees with the necessary skills to access micro credit from agencies such as Belize Enterprize for Sustainable Technology (BEST)., Belize Rural Development Program, Belize Youth Trust among others.

Graceland University is in Belize at the invitation and with

support from Pro Belize.

The recruitment of all trainees were conducted by Youth For the Future.

Youth For the Future extends its appreciation to Graceland University and Pro Belize for making this training a reality for the young people of the Cayo District.

Further information on the program can be obtained by contacting **Mrs. Marleni Hernandez**, Manager, Enterprise & Job Creation Unit, Youth For the Future, telephone number 227-6282 or 6647807.

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Two New Units Formed Within The Ministry Of Agriculture

BELMOPAN CITY, Monday, January 11, 2010:

The Ministry of Agriculture today launched the Project Execution Unit (PEU) and the National Coordinating Committee for the Agriculture Research and Development (NCCARD).

These units are charged with assisting in the implementation of Government's national goals in Food Security.

The launching now ensures that projects are implemented on time and that monitoring and evaluation are carried out on a

regular basis to ensure that proper procedures are followed for procurement and tendering for projects.

At the Launching of the Project, Minister of Agriculture Fisheries and Cooperatives, **Hon. Rene Montero** introduced the official staff of the Project Execution Unit for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

In his address Minister Montero informed that research and development has to be a top

priority, in order for Belize to continue moving forward in the pursuit of its national policy of food security.

The assigned Project Director is **Dr. Carlos Itza** who will be responsible for the day to day functions of the PEU.

Other personnel include **Mr. Neville McAndrew**, newly appointed Director for National Coordinating Committee for the Agriculture Research and Development; as well as three Project Officers; a Procurement Officer and a Secretary.

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in 1638 by getting permission to cut logwood and mahogany from the Spanish crown in one of their occupied territories in Central America that was under the Captaincy General of Granados the capital of which was in Guatemala City and New Spain with it's capital in Mexico City.

The Mexican government in a treaty with England later denounce their claim to Belize. While the Guatemalan government kept hanging on to their unlawful claim.

Like the French, the British had no intention of leaving because they said from the beginning that they will never honor the treaty that was signed between Spain and Portugal giving them both titles to the entire Americas, Caribbean and Africa. Today that settlement has led to the emergence of a nation called Belize that is struggling to maintain its independence, while still haunted by a Guatemalan claim because of Europeans unlawful actions.

The Haitians were able to defeat France with the help of their ancestors and their powerful war God "**Ogun**" one of the most powerful God in the religion of the Yoruba people who mostly live in the country of Nigeria on the African continent.

Most Haitians are descendants of various African cultures that were brought from Africa during slavery.

Many Europeans look down on African people with disdain as if they are uncivilized, backward and stupid even up to this day. Yet they know that the first people on planet earth were black people and great civilizations existed on the continent of Africa long before the Europeans set foot on the African continent.

In fact many African Kings and Queens sponsored expeditions

and invasions of several territories in Europe, Asia and elsewhere. The Empires of Mali like; King Askia Mohammad, Songhay and Ghana are typical examples.

The Haitians are still looked upon by many Europeans and some Caribbean people as evil people but this assertion is far from the truth. They are entitled to practice whatever religion they chose to practice like everybody else to save their own souls.

For me it is laughable for anyone to believe that the Europeans are interested in saving the souls of other people after all the atrocities they have committed upon the people of this planet. Europeans must accept the fact that Christianity is not the only religion on earth. Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and several other religions are common on this planet earth.

As a Garifuna person it took me some time to accept and understand my own culture religion which is also based on African Ancestral Rites called "**Dugu**". I have accepted it and will not depart from my religion just to remain a christian. This religion has provided me with solace and healing over the years.

Haiti needs the entire world to be on its side at this current moment because a natural disaster can occur anywhere at anytime.

If there are any people in this world who have suffered and punished enough it is the Haitian people and enough is enough.

Several people have died in Haiti and the structural damages and human suffering done nationwide is severe.

Looking at the news has brought tears to my eyes because as a human being, I have feelings and these people are all God's children like me. There is

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enough in this world to give every human being in this world who is in need of something but we have got to rid ourselves from this culture of greed and

selfishness and just give. We all shall die one day and everything we possess will remain here after we have departed this planet earth.

Como Seran Las Gentes En Los Ultimos Dias

BY: Jorge David Aguillo



2 TIMOTEO 3:1-9 nos dice:

(1) También debes saber que en los tiempos últimos vendrán días difíciles.

(2) Los hombres serán egoístas, amantes del dinero, orgullosos y vanidosos. Hablaran en contra de Dios, desobedecerán a sus padres, serán ingratos y no respetaran la religión.

(3) No tendrán cariño ni compasión, serán chismosos, no podrán dominar sus pasiones, serán crueles y enemigos de todo lo bueno.

(4) Serán traidores y atrevidos, estarán llenos de vanidad y

buscaran sus propios placeres en vez de buscar a Dios.

(5) Aparentaran ser muy religiosos, pero con sus hechos negaran el verdadero poder de la religión. No tengas nada que ver con esa clase de gente.

(6) Porque a ellos pertenecen esos que se meten en las casas y engañan a débiles mujeres cargadas de pecado que, arrastradas por toda clase de deseos,

(7) Están siempre aprendiendo pero jamás llegan a comprender la verdad.

(8) Y así como los brujos Janes y Jambres se opusieron a Moisés, también esa gente se opone a la verdad. Son hombres de mente pervertida, fracasados en la fe.

(9) Pero no avezaran mucho, porque todo mundo se dará cuenta de que son unos tontos, igual que les paso a aquellos dos que se opusieron a Moisés.

JEHOVA HABLA

ISAIAS 42:8-9 nos dice:

Yo soy el Señor, ese es mi nombre, y no permitiré que den

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Coming Up, The 3rd Annual Boom To Manatee Canoe Race

BY: *Jerry Wilken from the Grumpy Old Men Team*
SATURDAY , January 9, 2010;

It's time to dust off the canoes and dig out the paddles as we kick off the 2010 Canoe Season with the 3rd Annual Boom to Manatee Lookout Canoe Race.

It will be held an January 23 and is scheduled to commence at 10:00am sharp so registration begins at 9-00 am on the river bank in Burrell Boom.

We want to use the procees of this race to help sponsor the Belize team to go to Texas for

the Water Safari, but in order to be eligible to receive the funds, we expect the recipients to help support these fun races. In that regards, we are requesting top teams and sponsors to assist by providing support and interest to these interim races. If we can get 20 canoes, we will have fun and generate funds to support.

We have 4 generous sposors for the race, Belize Global Travel Services, SkyLighters Unlimited, Joseph & Taylor and Architectural Accents.

We are also looking for organiser and sponsors for the

other races to be held this year. So far we have Joe Fuzy for the June race from Boom to Bayview Oasis and we are waithig for confirmation on the February Boom to the Belize City race.

I would like a Cayo group to take on the Agricultural race as it is in their back yard.

Anyone else who wishes to organise a race, please feel free to email me at wilken@btl.net and I can give you all the formats needed to hold a canoe race.

See you on the water.

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- Position:

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- Qualification:

Associates Degree in Accounting or Business Administration
- Skills:

(1)

Experience in auditing.

(2)

Must be systematic, analytical and adept in bookkeeping.

(3)

Must be computer literate with good working knowledge of Excel.

(4)

Can effectively work under pressure, is keen to detail and result-oriented.

- Duties/Responsibilities:

(1)

Conduct verification of daily petroleum production and sales reports of petroleum contractors and prepare and maintain database of petroleum production, sales and inventory.

(2)

Conduct monthly and annual reconciliation of petroleum production, sales and inventory of petroleum contractors.

(3)

Conduct regular verification of gross revenues of petroleum contractors.

(4)

Conduct regular verification of costs and expenditures of petroleum contractors.

(5)

Prepare reports on verification of petroleum production and sales, gross revenues and expenditures of petroleum contractors including findings and recommendations.

(6)

Prepare and maintain financial database of revenues and expenditures of petroleum contractors.

(7)

Verify compliance of petroleum contractors with accounting obligations consistent with generally accepted procedures and standards in the international petroleum industry.

(8)

Assist in preparing annual audit plan for auditing of petroleum contractors.

(9)

Maintain departmental petroleum accounting files for petroleum contractors.

Must be willing to travel locally, regionally and internationally for training and in the fulfilment of duties.

Salary: NPS 10 of \$17,292 x 828 - \$33,024

Age: 18 – 45 years old

Deadline for applications:

Interested persons in possession of the requisite qualifications are to submit this application to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of the Public Service, Governance Improvement and Elections and Boundaries, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan no later than **15th February 2010**.

Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20



The coming week is likely to see you all worked up. You will be eager to set your plans in motion, in professional and personal life. Take care that you do not steamroll over other people's desires in the process. Also, you will need to keep a tight hold over finances. **Lucky Numbers : 06, 33, 78.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21



You are likely to have a good run in the coming days so try and make the best use of it. Self-confidence will be high. There will be emotional rewards too. Make sure that you are convinced of your own objectives before trying to convince others. There will be some profitable ventures in times to come. **Lucky Numbers: 02, 64, 85.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21



You will find things getting quite demanding at work. In addition, you will have to devote extra time and resources to fulfill your responsibilities. However, you will discover an interesting side to things and possibly develop it as a hobby or use it to expand your knowledge. **Lucky Numbers: 08, 37, 61.**

CANCER:

June 22 to July 23



You will receive as many differing opinions as the number of people you share your ideas with. Instead, use your own judgment. You will feel burdened due to some responsibility but will not be able to do away with it. Take a small break if that helps and engage yourself in constructive activities. **Lucky Numbers: 05, 23, 55.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21



You will be raring to go and display your prowess as the week starts. Many work issues need to be addressed but do not interfere in established processes. You do not want to rub anyone the wrong way right in the beginning. Travel is likely and will prove to be expensive. **Lucky Numbers: 09, 14, 92.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21



The coming week is going to be somewhat of an extension of the way things have been moving in the past. It may seem frustrating, but you have to exercise patience. It will prevent you from making any mistakes through off-hand reactions. Keep your finances in good shape. **Lucky Numbers: 04, 42, 70.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23



You are likely to set very high standards for yourself and work towards their achievement. There is a likelihood of some uncomfortable discussion popping up among family members. Resolve it without getting agitated or annoyed. **Lucky Numbers: 03, 67, 82.**

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21



Be careful while carrying out some deals and negotiations this week. Make sure that you get your message across clearly as people could lay the blame squarely on you for any mistakes. Things improve as the week ends and some mechanical/gadget problem affecting you will get resolved. **Lucky Numbers: 12, 49, 76.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21



The coming week brings some amount of uncertainty where work is concerned. You may face sudden roadblocks hindering projects you worked hard for. There could also be money constraints, felt quite acutely. You need to do away with all extra and unnecessary expenses. **Lucky Numbers: 18, 45, 72.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20



Your week ahead will provide you with lots of action. You will have a number of social gatherings to attend and are likely to be your charming best. Situation at work will be quite demanding with additional responsibilities being dumped on you at the very last minute. **Lucky Numbers: 17, 28, 88.**

AQUARIUS: January 21 to February 19



Reminders of unfulfilled tasks might send you into a depressive mode this week. However, do not dwell on it. Learn from the same. Delays are likely in terms of any plans or an awaited response for an application for higher studies or immigration. **Lucky Numbers: 07, 22, 58.**

PISCES: February 20 to March 21



You could meet some really well-placed people this week who can help you in your professional life. Also, it will be absolutely necessary to straighten out financial matters. You will also need to take a stand on the amount of risk you are willing to take in your professional life. **Lucky Numbers: 16, 47, 96.**



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STAR HUMOR

New Teeth

Pastor James had all of his remaining teeth removed and new dentures made a few weeks ago.

The first Sunday, his sermon lasted 10 minutes. The second Sunday, he preached for a full 20 minutes. But, on the third Sunday, he preached for an hour and a half.

I asked him about this and he said "well, my friend, that first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk. The second Sunday, my dentures were still hurting a bit. Now the third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures AND I JUST COULDN'T STOP TALKING!"

The Best Part Of Waking Up...

Granny Jane was surprised by her 7 year old grandson one morning when he made her coffee.

She drank what was the worst cup of coffee in her life. When she got to the bottom there were three of those little green army

men in the cup. She said, "Honey, what are the army men doing in my coffee?"

Her grandson said, "Grandma, I saw it on TV and it says: -'The best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup!'"

Some Final LAST Words...

- I'll get a world record for this.
- It's fireproof.
- This bear is probably hibernating
- I'm making a citizen's arrest.
- So, you're a cannibal.
- Are you sure the power is off?
- Yeah, I made the deciding vote on the jury, so what?
- I've seen this done on TV.
- These are the good kind of mushrooms.
- Rat poison only kills rats.
- It's strong enough to hold both of us.
- This doesn't taste right.
- Nice doggie.

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Como Seran Las Gentes En Los Ultimos Dias

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mi gloria a ningún otro ni que honren a los ídolos en vez de a mi.

Miren como se cumplió todo lo que antes anuncie, y ahora voy a anunciar cosas nuevas; se las hago saber a ustedes antes que aparezcan.

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BELIZE TOURISM BOARD



TERMS OF REFERENCE

ON-LINE MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY

Belize Tourism Board is a statutory body within the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation and has as one of its mandates to promote Belize as a premier destination of choice. As a result, the Marketing & Public Relations Department of the Board is tasked with aggressively managing and executing same. Key to the success of fulfilling this mandate, is the ability to adequately and positively market, promote, and manage Belize's presence with the on-line community. Consequently, it is seeking the services of a responsible, reputable on-line marketing communications agency that can successfully represent the marketing interest of Belize thereby complementing the existing structure of the BTB's Marketing Department in fulfilling its objectives.

Services required, but not limited to:

- Hosting of all BTB's websites (8 websites)
- Management of all BTB's websites (8 websites)
- Management of Domain names (Belize emergency.com; travelbelize.org; belizetourism.org; belizetraveltrade.org; belizemediacenter.org; tasteofbelize.com; septembercelebrations.com; toucantrail.com)
- Management of BTB's mailing list
- Management of local and international communications between BTB and stakeholders and partners (databases)
- Update regional websites as required

Obligations and Responsibilities of the On-line Marketing Communications Agency:

- Work closely with the Director of Marketing and Public Relations in the formulation of a yearly Internet Marketing Work Plan for Belize.
- Submit and provide quarterly reports on all internet activity for Belize to include marketing intelligence that will guide future planning
- Monitor popular Belize social networks to positively influence the destination
- Provide reasonable and economically viable options and public relations recommendations for greater Belize coverage in consideration of new on-line technology advancements, et al
- Be able to craft quick draft responses, letters and other documents as required for on-line use;
- Develop on-line programs for the international and local consumers, and trade
- Provide support services to the BTB's Marketing Communications Agency
- Work with BTB's Marketing Communications Agency to develop relationships with the international press (advertising and editorial purposes)
- Work with the local stakeholders and enhancing Belize's on-line presence as such
- Develop and distribute monthly newsletters for the industry stakeholders
- Develop and distribute monthly newsletter for international trade
- Work with the BTB's marketing communications agency to distribute monthly newsletter to the international media
- Provide and manage BTB's photo library;
- Develop on-line crisis communications plan
- Establish an invoicing and payment format to be approved by the BTB;
- Provide the BTB with other reports as may be requested by the BTB from time to time

Procedure:

- All requests for service will be made in writing to the On-line Marketing Communications Agency. Any verbal agreement will be confirmed in writing prior to execution.
- The On-line Marketing Communications Agency is expected to work with many of BTB's marketing affiliates. All correspondences should be copied to the Director of Tourism/Director of Marketing & P.R. as standard protocol. Any decision taken will be made by the Belize Tourism Board.

On-line marketing considerations:

- Be able to provide recommendations and checks and balances for on-line media advertising requests;
- Be able to provide recommendations for incorporation into the internet marketing strategy
- Quick turn-around time on crisis information management

On-line Marketing Communications Agency:

The On-line Marketing Communications Agency shall be a well-established and reputable business organization in Belize and provide the necessary credentials/reports indicating same. Prior tourism marketing working experience in the Belize tourism industry is considered an asset.

Characteristics and duration of the Agreement/Contract:

The On-line Marketing Communications Agency will work closely with the Director of Marketing & Public Relations of the Belize Tourism Board. It will also be required to work with the BTB's Marketing Communications Agency in the United States, and any other local and international partners working with the Belize Tourism Board. Invoicing shall be done on a quarterly basis. The Agreement is expected to commence in April of 2010 for a period of one year, at which time the contract is revisited for possible renewal.

Submissions for Proposal complete with budget allocations:

Interested companies should send their proposals in writing under confidential note to:

Shakira Tsai
Ag. Director of Tourism
Belize Tourism Board
#64 Regent Street, Belize City

These should be sent on or before Friday, February 19, 2010.

Police News

BY: Acting Police Press Officer,
Assistant Superintendent of Police, Bart Jones

BELIZE CITY POLICE INVESTIGATES REPORT OF ROBBERY

Berrisford Bowen, 44, residing in Ladyville Village, Belize District reported that on Friday, January 8, 2010, he was standing outside an apartment on Raccoon Street along with his brother, when he was approached by two male persons, one of whom took out what appeared to be a firearm from his pants waist and pointed it at him demanding that he hand over his possessions.

Fearing for his life, Bowen reportedly handed over a gold chain, with a gold Masonic Lodge logo medal along with 2 gold rings and his wallet containing BZ\$1,800 in cash, and personal documents, all to a total value of \$5,950.00Bcy.

Police have since detained a 16 year old minor of Belize City and are looking for another in connection to this report.

POLICE OFFICERS TRAINED IN INTELLIGENCE

In keeping with the Police Department's effort in equipping and training its officers, on Saturday November 9, 2010, a training session was held at the Police Training Academy in Belmopan.

Forty two Community Policing Officers from across the country received training in the Management of Intelligence.

The session was facilitated by Intelligence Officers from the Police Special Branch.

The training is the first of many similar sessions scheduled for the current year. It is

a manifestation of the coordination between two of the most crucial branches of the Department.

The training was timely as the Department moves to a higher level through Community and Intelligence-Led Policing.

COUNTERFEIT \$20 BILLS CIRCULATING IN SANTA ELENA, CAYO

San Ignacio police are looking for four persons following separated reports of counterfeit currency in circulation in the community.

In the first report, on Friday, January 8, 2010, **Hui Yun TAN**, 45, Belizean businessman of Santa Elena Town reported that about 7:00 pm, whilst inside his store, two male persons entered and ordered 2 cigarettes paying with a BZ\$20.00 bill for which they received \$19.25 in change.

Tan later found out that the money, with serial number DF641445, was not a legal tender but actually but counterfeited.

In the second report, **Ken HUANG**, 33, Belizean businessman also of Santa Elena Town reported that it was shortly after 7:00 pm also on Friday, January 8, 2010, when a male person entered his Alwin's Superstore on the Western Highway and paid for groceries with a BZ\$20.00 bearing serial number DF558581 which was later discovered to be counterfeit.

In the third incident, **Lizette GONGORA**, 29, Belizean manager of Santa Elena Town reported that about 7:20 pm also on Friday, January 8, 2010, whilst at her work place in Santa Elena Town, two male persons entered the bar and ordered 2 beers. One of them paid with a BZ\$20.00 bearing serial number DF467652, which was later discovered to be counterfeit.

In the fourth incident, **Eduardo Luis Waight**, 47, residing at #1039 Coconut Street, Santa Elena Town, reported that at around 7:50 pm on, Sunday, January 10, 2010 a hispanic male person entered his mini-shop located at the same address a paid for \$1. worth of cigarettes with a \$20. bill and left with \$19 in change. The money with serial number DF641445, was later

found to be counterfeit.

Police are seeking 4 persons whom they believe could assist them in the investigation.

The police advises the public in general, and members of the business community in particular in the San Ignacio/ Sana Elena Area, to be on the lookout for bogus bills in circulation within the community.

POLICE IN BELMOPAN INVESTIGATES MISSING PERSON REPORT

On Saturday, January, 9, 2010, **Rosalie Matute**, 31, Belizean housewife residing in Hattieville Village, reported that about 2:00 pm, on Saturday whilst working at Marla's Children Home situated on Intelco Road, Belmopan, **Keidy Acevedo**, 14, a resident of the institution, left and has not returned since.

She is of Hispanic descent, fair skin, black hair, weighing approximately 90 pounds.

She was last seen wearing a mauve skirt with matching blouse.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this child is asked to call the nearest police station or Crimes Stoppers at **0800-922-TIPS**.

POLICE INVESTIGATES REPORT OF GRENADE EXPLOSION

At about 5:15 a.m. on Monday, January 11, 2010, Belize City Police responded to a reported explosion on Caesar Ridge Road in the City.

Upon arrival at #4 Ceasar Ridge Road police observed a hole approximately 8 inches in diameter on the street, with scattered pellets and debris located on the street and zinc fence.

Initial investigation revealed that about 5:00 a.m. a grenade was thrown and exploded on the street.

The damage extended to two shattered glass louvers from a nearby house and dents to two vehicles parked in the area. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Police investigation into the explosion incident continues. The Police appeals to anyone with information concerning this incident or the source of these grenades, to call the nearest police station or Crimes Stoppers at **0800-922-TIPS**.

BWS GRAND JUMP START 2010 RAFFLE

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Belize Assisting Earthquake Victims In Haiti

**BELMOPAN CITY, Thurs-
day, January 14, 2010:**

The Government Press Office today informed that hours after a powerful earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale devastated the Caribbean island nation of Haiti, Belize prepares to join in the worldwide humanitarian effort.

Experts say this is the strongest earthquake to hit Haiti

in more than two hundred years.

Millions of people affected, hundreds of thousands feared dead, medical facilities, thousands of homes, government buildings, hotels including the National Palace and the Headquarters of the United Nations Peacekeepers, have been destroyed.

Belize's National Emergency Management Organization

(NEMO) is making preparations to assist the people of Haiti as they endure the catastrophic devastation brought on by the earthquake.

Search, rescue, medical and other skilled personnel to assist Haiti will be coordinated by NEMO and channeled through CARICOM's Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)

NEMO, on behalf of the Government and people of Belize, appeal to the public for help for the millions of people suffering in Haiti due to the earthquake.

Cash assistance can be sent to: NEMO Scotia Bank Relief Account # 193-48-10

At this stage, CASH is the quickest means of initial assistance due to the logistics and costs associated with transporting bulky relief items.

NEMO Belize is in constant communication with Belize's Hon. Consul in Haiti, **Didier Gardere**, who along with CDEMA will conduct the initial

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	12— 1:00 Gentle - Jude		12— 1:00 Gentle- Jude		
5:30-7pm Moderate -Jude	5:30-7pm moderate- Jude	5:30-7pm Moderate- Kate	5:30-7pm moderate - Jude	5:30-7pm Dance yoga- Kate	4pm BELLY DANCE Jude *SIGN UP ONLY

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Rotary's 8th Annual Elocution Contest

BY: Cynthia Reece:
SAN IGNACIO TOWN,
Thursday, January 14, 2010:

The Rotary Club of San Ignacio presents its 8th Annual **Voice of the West Elocution Contest** , under the theme: **“Our**

Youth Today. Our Leaders Of Tomorrow”, on Thursday, January 21, at Hode’s Place in San Ignacio Town.

Admission is absolutely free. The Rotary Club is inviting the general public to come out and

support high school students from the Cayo District as they participate in the public speaking and poetry reading competition.

As the contest continues to pick up momentum, organizers

inform that this year’s event promises to be much bigger and better than previous years.

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **EBONY L. JENKINS** is applying for the renewal of her **RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **PUERTO BRIANA V** located at Mile 72, San Jose Succotz Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JUDITH DuPLOOY** is applying for the renewal of her **HOTEL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **DuPLOOY JUNGLE LODGE** located on the Chial Road in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JAVIER SILVA** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **REHAB @ PIACHE BAR & GRILL** located on Buena Vista Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **LOIDA CONTRERAS** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **JOE’S COOL SPOT** located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **BERTILIA SANDOVAL** is applying for the renewal of her **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **EL MANGITO** located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ESTELLA ARMSTRONG** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **FOREST SPRING BAR** located at Mile 62, Western Highway (*between Central Farm and Georgeville Village*), in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **AMINI HABET** is applying for the renewal of her **BEER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **SHELL SAN IGNACIO** located at the foot of the Hawksworth Bridge, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **GUI CHEN** is applying for the renewal of his **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **TING TING RESTAURANT** located on George Street, Benque Viejo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ELON GONGORA** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate his bar located in the village of Unitedville in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **DA YING LIU** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **RIVERSIDE RESTAURANT** located on Riverside Street, Benque Viejo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **EDGAR GARRIDO** is applying for the renewal of his **NIGHT CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **BENQUE ROCK** located at #7 Elizabeth Street, Benque Viejo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **LI CAN GUANG** is applying for the renewal of his **CONVENIENT STORE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **AINA’S SUPERSTORE** located on Churchill Street, Benque Viejo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **GURMINDER SINGH** is applying for a **NIGHT CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **NICK’S NIGHT CLUB & GRILL** located inside the Blue Angel’s Building on Hudson Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **FLAVIEN DAGUISE** is applying for the renewal of his **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **HIDDEN VALLEY INN** located in the Mountain Pine Ridge Range in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MORRISON BANNER** is applying for the renewal of his **NIGHT CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **PLANET LEGENDS 2000** located on Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio Town Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **CARLA IRELAND** is applying for the renewal of her **SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **IRELAND GROCERY** located in Blackman Eddy Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JOHN & MARTHA AUGUST** are applying for the renewal of their **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **MARTHA’S KITCHEN** located at #10 West Street, San Ignacio Town Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JULIAN SHERRARD** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **CAESAR’S PLACE** located at Mile 60 on the Western Highway in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MIRIAM ROBERSON** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2010 to operate **SAN IGNACIO HOTEL & RESORT** located on Buena Vista Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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Haiti Earthquake Death Toll 'May Be 50,000'

*Adapted from BBC News.Com
Last Updated at 01:41 GMT,
Friday, 15 January 2010:*

The Red Cross estimates 45,000-50,000 people have died in Haiti's devastating earthquake, as rescue teams race against time to find survivors.

The US is sending up to 3,500 troops and 2,200 Marines but correspondents say aid is so far only trickling in.

President Barack Obama pledged one of the biggest relief efforts in recent US history and said Haiti would *"not be forgotten"* in its hour of need.

President Obama and French President Nicolas Sarkozy, working with Brazil, Canada and other countries, will organise a conference on reconstruction in Haiti, the French presidency has announced.

The Red Cross estimates that up to three million people in Haiti have been affected by Tuesday's earthquake.

Many are spending another night without shelter or in makeshift camps in the ruined capital, Port-au-Prince.

Correspondents there say bodies are piling up in the streets and there is still no sign of a co-ordinated relief effort.

Speaking in Washington on Thursday, Mr Obama said some US rescuers were already on the ground in Haiti and more were on their way.

He promised the country *"every element of our national capacity, our diplomacy, and development assistance, the power of our military and most importantly, the compassion of our country"* following the disaster.

"To the people of Haiti, we say clearly and with conviction, you will not be forsaken, you will not be forgotten," he said.

However he warned it would take time for much needed help to reach people.

Mr Obama also promised an immediate \$100m for Haiti's relief effort and said that investment would grow over the coming year to aid long-term recovery.

The first 100-strong contingent from the US Army's 82nd Airborne Division was expected



to arrive in Haiti by the end of Thursday, with several hundred more due by Friday.

General Douglas Fraser, head of the US Southern Command, told reporters that logistics would be the key to providing relief and that US forces would strive to make Port-au-Prince's port functional again.

The US Federal Aviation Authority earlier temporarily stopped civilian relief flights to Haiti at the Haitian government's request because there was not enough space on the ground for more planes.

UN emergency relief co-ordinator John Holmes said search and rescue teams were the first priority and had begun to arrive in Haiti.

"They're now beginning, I hope, to make a difference. Every hour counts for this, as you know," he said.

"And of course we're trying to get the medical aid in as fast as possible but it's clear that the local facilities are overwhelmed. We need to get more doctors, field hospitals and supplies on the ground."

The BBC's Matthew Price in Port-au-Prince says Haiti is in massive need of food, water and medicine, as well as bulldozers and heavy lifting equipment.

But perhaps more than anything it needs someone to take charge here, our correspondent says. The government is fragile at the best of times and there is no sense it is able to do anything for now.

The director of Port-au-

Prince's general hospital said that by 1100 (1600 GMT) at least 1,500 bodies were already stacked inside and outside the mortuary, with police continuing to bring more corpses on pick-up trucks, Reuters reports.

A United Nations spokesman in Haiti, David Winhurst, said 188 UN staff remained unaccounted for following the collapse of the organisation's HQ in Port-au-Prince and that 36 UN military and police personnel were confirmed dead.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said it could be days before even an estimate of the overall death toll from the earthquake could be made, but said he feared it would be *"very high"*.

On a note of hope, he recounted the survival of an Estonian UN official who was detected under 4m (13ft) of rubble after scratching noises

were heard. He was dug out and is now in hospital.

A British rescue team with heavy lifting gear and dogs has reached Haiti. Other plane-loads of rescuers and relief supplies are being sent from China, the European Union, Canada, Russia and Latin American nations.

Cuba had more than 300 doctors in Haiti before the earthquake and they have been treating the injured in field hospitals.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who cancelled a trip to Asia to deal with the crisis, said Haiti's recovery was *"going to be a long-term effort"*.

The World Bank is funding \$100m of emergency aid.

The World Food Programme is working on supplying 15,000 tonnes of food and the Red Cross has begun a \$10m appeal.

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