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SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, November 12, 2008:

Police reports that on July 2, 2007, Santa Elena mechanic **Moises Choto** reported that his workshop was burglarized and stolen therefrom was an assortment of over 50 pieces of auto mechanic tools with a reported value of \$621.

Within two days of receiving the report, police investigation led to the home of **Hipolito Neal Jr.**, who informed that, one day earlier, Welch, a resident of Linda Vista Street, Santa Elena, visited his home and pawned the tools for \$20 with the agreement that he would return for them in a few

days time. The police arrived before Welch had the chance to make good on his promise to Neal resulting in Welch being arrested, charged and today convicted for the crime of handling stolen goods.

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Tuesday, November 11, 2008:

San Ignacio police believe that the prompt reporting and their swift action resulted in thwarting shoplifting activities on the part of two females hailing from southside Belize City.

It was shortly after 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, November 11, when San Ignacio police received the report of two females suspected of shoplifting several pieces of garment from a used clothing store in Santa Elena, Cayo.

Armed with a detailed description of the suspects, Officer in Charge of San Ignacio's Crimes Investigation Branch (CIB), **Sgt #718 Reymundo Reyes** accompanied by a team of CIB officers, set out in search of the suspects. A few hours later the team came upon two females, fitting the description, browsing through the racks at Idelmar Clothing Store in San Ignacio.

The females were detained and transported to the police station where they were identified as **Gloria Bent**, 45, of # 45 Evergreen Street, and **Vanessa Reyes**, 32, of #36 Santa Barbara Street both in the St Martin De Pores on the southside of Belize City.

Bent and Reyes (*the latter with no relation to the chief*



Gloria Bent, 45

investigator) were questioned about the prior report, They both claimed innocence and were placed in the police detention cell.

It was about three hours later when one of the females came forward and admitted involvement in the offence. She told the police that the bag containing seven blouses was left under a bench at the bus terminal, in the Savannah Area of San Ignacio. She accompanied investigators to the location but when they arrived there was nothing under the bench. Police suspect that someone else might have made off with the bag.

The lifted merchandize was valued at \$175. Upon paying \$150, the victim elected not to proceed with charges against the females. They were subsequently released and advised to board the next bus for the return trip to Belize City.



Vanessa Reyes, 32

**BELMOPAN CITY, Thursday,
November 13, 2008:**

When Belize's House of Representative meets on Friday, November 14, 2008, it will be doing so with a new person occupying the seat as Clerk of the National Assembly.

Herbert Panton was, effective October 20, 2008, appointed Clerk of the National Assembly replacing **Conrad Lewis**.

The new Clerk of the National Assembly is a graduate of St. John's College and the Belize Technical College. He holds a Bachelor Degree in Law (LLB) from the University of Guyana.

Mr. Herbert Panton is a former Deputy Secretary General of United Democratic Party and a former Editor of The Guardian Newspaper.

Mr. Panton is married to the
Director of Belize's Tourism Board,



Kent Graham Welch, 42

Mrs. Tracy Taegar Panton. Herbert and Tracy are the proud parents of two lovely daughters, **Adriana** and **Hope**.

We take this opportunity to wish Mr. Panton all the very best as he takes on the challenges of the new position.



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Editorial

From Within Waiting, Hoping and Praying For Johnny Briceno's Defeat In March 2009

March 4 is the first Wednesday in the month of March 2009, three years after the last round of municipal elections, therefore it is the legal due date for the next round of such elections in Belize.

With less than four months away from the second most important elections in Belize, the People's United Party (PUP), coming off the worst defeat in its almost 60 years of existence, was this week forced to show some semblance of life by way of a poorly attended press conference inside the smallest conference room at the Radisson Fort George Hotel. Their six leaders were all crammed, like sardines, at the head table. Their rhetoric was the same old song and dance.

If anything, their conference served as a flashback, like a living nightmare to many, as a reminder of all that went wrong under their administration.

For one, the timing of the press conference was wrong, wrong, wrong, as they tried their utmost best to convince the people of Belize that **Prime Minister Dean Barrow** and the United Democratic Party (UDP) government are bad for Belize.

What were these people thinking of? How could they come to the people of Belize with this hogwash in the wake of the largest decrease in fuel prices ever in the history of our nation?

They came at a time when for every \$10 spent on fuel during their watch, Belizeans are now putting an instant \$3 cash in their pockets being monies which once went in taxes to satisfy the greed of these same politicians and their few close friends.

How on earth can anyone convince a nation that a Prime Minister and a government, looking after the people in such a manner, is wrong for the people, when even the few remaining PUP supporters are saying that if a PUP government was in place today, they would have taken \$2 from the decrease in fuel prices and pass the \$1 crumb, or maybe less, to the Belizean people.

By all indication it looks like the timing in the days, weeks and months leading up the March 2009 municipal elections and beyond, will **NEVER** be right for the PUP to criticize the present government as, by all indications, it looks like the cost of doing business and the cost of living will be constantly going down for **ALL** Belizeans.

Like the PUP press conference last Wednesday morning, the attendance at all three PUP municipal conventions held thus far have been extremely poor. Their mayoral

candidate in Benque Viejo Town, for example, just this past Sunday emerged victorious with a measly 164 votes.

With less than 16 weeks away from municipal elections 2009, the PUP is yet to even announce their candidates for Belize City much less set a convention date. This does not bode well for the party especially with almost 40,000 voters on the electoral role for Belize City; it is largest voting block in the entire nation. This could very well be an indication that the party, in Belize's political metropolis, like in other parts of the country, is still ailing from the wounds of February 7, 2008, as all it would take is for each of the 10 political officers comprising the nation's central voting district, to select a single lamb, to be sent to the slaughter on March 4, 2009.

By all indications, very few are the PUP lambs who are willing to be sent to the slaughter as they are asking for the wolves, the ones who benefited most from the spoils of the party, to step forward and take the lick.

These are desperate times for the leadership of the PUP. There are those on the sidelines who are waiting, hoping and praying for the current leader, **John Briceno**, to lose big in March 2009 at which point he will be asked to step down.

The only problem is that while the Belize City boys thought that, after Johnnie Briceno, it would have been smooth sailing for them into the leadership seat, in steps PUP grandfather, **Florencio Marin Sr.**, as he tells **Greg Garcia** to step aside

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from Corozal Southwest, a division that he has lost for two previous consecutive terms, to make way for Grampa Lencho who believes that after **Said Musa**, he is the logical leader of the PUP.

The Belize City boys will have none of that from Lencho as they are telling him to disappear into the twilight with a simple membership to the party's Order of Distinguished Services (ODS) where he can sit in a corner smoking cigars with the likes of **George Price**, **Harry Courtenay** and **Sam Waight**.

As the UDP continues to positively affect the lives of the Belizean people

in fulfilling its manifesto commitments, it looks like yet another leadership crisis looms on the horizon within the party that has brought this nation to the brink of economic collapse, a party that sold off all the nation's assets, a party that has saddled our children, grand children and those yet unborn, with massive debts and a super bond which matures in the year 2029.

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Gran Festival Corozal - Culturally Rich, Family Fair

BY: Gregory T.A. Vernon
COROZAL TOWN, Tuesday, November, 11, 2008:

The Corozal Chapter of the Belize Tourism Industry Association (BTIA) working along with the local Community is organizing the first ever Gran Festival Corozal to be held on

November 29th and 30th. The public is invited to the official opening of Gran Festival Corozal which will take place on Saturday November 29th at the Corozal Central Park. Then, the Coronation Park will come alive on Sunday November 30th with traditional

music, dance and food, Maya Mestizo History, canoe race, and much more with all day entertainment and activities promoting the Maya Mestizo culture. Gran Festival Corozal is designed to create awareness of the importance of developing the tourism

industry in a responsible manner in the north. The organizers hope to develop a viable, community-driven tourism industry that will protect our naturally laid back, peaceful environment; preserve in its totality the Corozal Bay and its Manatee Sanctuary; and celebrate our Maya Mestizo culture. Proceeds of the event will go toward realizing the community’s priority of developing and beautifying the Corozal Bay with a sandy beach area and the reopening of the Corozal Cultural Center.

Gran Festival Corozal, a culturally rich, family fair event organized by the Corozal Community and the Corozal BTIA.

For more information, visit www.btia.org, Contact: Gregory T.A. Vernon. Telephone: 501 227 2110 / 227 2458

Russian Church 'stolen by thieves'

BBC News, Thursday, November 13, 2008:

A 200-year-old church building has disappeared from a village in central Russia, officials from the Russian Orthodox Church say.

The building had stood near the village of Komarovo since 1809. It was intact in July but some time in early October thieves made off with it brick by brick, they said.

Local prosecutors had been informed and an investigation was under way, a spokesman for the local Russian Orthodox Church said. The disappearance of the Church of the Resurrection, some 300 km (186 miles) north-east of Moscow, was not



Thieves frequently target churches in Russian countryside

immediately noticed. It was in an out-of-the-way area and was not being used, although Church officials were considering resuming services there.

Now all that remained of

the two-storey building - a school before it was turned over to the Church - were its foundations and some sections of wall, the Church said.

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Indigenous Peoples Alliance Holds Annual General Meeting In Punta Gorda

BY: Fernando Tzib
PUNTA GORDA TOWN, Toledo District, Monday, November 10, 2008:

On Saturday November 8, 2008, the Indigenous Peoples Conservation Alliance [IPCA], established in 2006 and legally registered in 2008 to promote the full participation of indigenous peoples in the effective use and management of natural resources through advocacy, capacity building, dialogue and knowledge exchange celebrated its first Annual General Meeting at the St. Peter Claver Extension, Punta Gorda.

Attending the forum included organizations such as SATIIM, Ya’axche Conservation Trust, Friends of Gra Gra Lagoon, Friends for Conservation and Development, Julian Cho Society and Aguascaliente Management Team. The motto used was, *Together we can promote cultures and conserve biodiversity in our own way.*

IPCA seeks to promote an open dialogue between Indigenous Peoples, governmental agencies, and conservation organizations regarding natural resource management; generate greater understanding of indigenous vision for the promotion of culture and conservation of natural resources and protected areas; widen the options for collaboration in the pursuit of conservation and sustainable development objectives; and mutually strengthen capacities for greater success in sustainable development and conservation through exchange of lessons learnt.

The Work Plan which was presented and endorsed at the AGM seeks to increase the space for the indigenous people’s participation, perspectives, knowledge, and practices, especially within conservation; increase the awareness of the Belizean public on indigenous issues relating to land and resources; increase the awareness and capacity of policymakers to respond

to indigenous rights; and to contribute to a more equitable and responsible use of our natural resources and the construction of a more inclusive, fair and democratic society.

The General Assembly also endorsed the nomination of its first official Executive Council that will oversee the implementation of the Work Plan and IPCA’s work ahead. The member organizations nominated for the new Executive Council include: SATIIM, Friends for Conservation and Development, Julian Cho Society, Friends of Gra Gra Lagoon, National Garifuna Council, the Forest Department and Aguascaliente Management Team.

The General Assembly resolved to collectively work towards achieving the goals, outcomes and activities as presented in the Action Plan and to invite others to join the Alliance.

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Greetings;

We've enjoyed reading your paper, especially when you send us important editorials.

I'm still putting out my Think Belize! travelogue and it is important that I am up to date on what's happening.

With regard to **Barack Obama**, I want to tell you that we stayed up late, way past the time that we knew Barack had won, and when he took the stage and accepted his victory, we both wept unashamedly.

It was a poignant moment in my life, one that I'll never forget.

I started reading seriously when I was 17 or 18. I don't know why but amongst my early readings were poems, biographies and novels about the '**black**' experience in the United States of America. The racial prejudice against the so-called negroes by so-called white christians had a tremendous impact on my

outlook on life.

Billy Holiday's singing of the song Strange Fruit haunts me to this day. It was indeed "**a day we will not soon forget**".

Let's put it this way, I was not steady on my feet when we turned off the TV and Evelyn had to help me to the bedroom but it felt so good and when I woke up in the morning with a dry mouth and little bit of a headache all I could think of was "**Yes we can**" and I started chanting as I lay in bed, "**And we did!**"

There's a lot to be done, of course, and I'm too old to have huge expectations, but I'll tell you in my heart I'm thinking if he can't do it nobody can.

Keep up your good work, it makes a difference.

All the best

Brian and Evelyn Babineau, Canada



Vacancy Notice

Legal Counsel

Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the post of **Legal Counsel** in the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment. The qualifications required for appointment to the post and its associated duties and responsibilities are as follows:-

Position: Legal Counsel

Qualifications: LLB and Certificate of Legal Education

Skills:

- (1) Proficiency in computer applications.
- (2) Excellent oral ad written communication skills.

Experience: Practical experience in legal drafting.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- (1) Provide written legal advice to the Minister/CEO and Ministry’s Department as per requests.
- (2) Drafting of contracts and other legal instruments.
- (3) Draft new and amendment to legislation in accordance with Ministry’s strategic plan and senior managers’ requests and approval.
- (4) Undertaken and/or lead legal research as required.
- (5) Represent the Ministry of Natural Resources and its department at legal proceedings.
- (6) Collaborate with/advise senior managers’ on strategic approach to legislation reference.
- (7) Participate in negotiations and conflict resolution activities on the Ministry’s behalf.
- (8) Represent the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environ ment and its Department at National and International meetings and forums.
- (9) Provide training to staff on legal issues.

Salary: NPS 21 OF\$32,304 x \$1,392 - \$58, 752

Deadline for application:

Interested persons in possession of the requisite qualifications are to submit their applications to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of the Public Service, Governance Improvement and Elections and Boundaries, Sir Edney Cain Building, City of Belmopan no later than 28th November, 2008.

Please Remove Those Derelict Cars

CONTRIBUTED:

**SAN IGNACIOTOWN, Cayo
Thursday, November 13, 2008:**

We respect all those who labor to serve and protect us.

We appreciate all those men and women in uniform, our policemen, our firemen, our soldiers, nurses, doctors, teachers among others.

If these people are to remain ever vigilant in serving and protecting us then it is imperative that they undergo constant training.

For this purpose of bringing across a single point I draw on our Firemen, the job of a fireman is not an easy one and so I salute them for the job they do. And now to bring home my pint:

As part of the September celebrations, our Police, Soldiers and Firemen were to have a military tattoo at the Victor Galvez Stadium. As part of the display for our Firemen, they were to extinguish fire from 2 burning cars. And for this purpose, two wrecked cars were dumped inside the Victor Galvez Stadium.

The display never materialized and, today almost two months later, the derelict cars are an eyesore to those of us who live around the stadium and also to those of us who exercise in the stadium. Apart from being unsightly, these two old cars are a



health hazard to several children who are seen entering and climbing over the sharp edges and rusty metal protruding from these cars.

The acceptable practice in life is to clean up your mess after you have made it. Someone messed up the Victor Galvez Stadium when they placed these two old cars in it. They left and did not clean up their mess. This kind of behavior is not acceptable in life. Our Firemen were to use these cars in their exercise; they therefore knew how these cars got here. We are now calling on them to get this unsightly and hazardous condition removed.



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Outstanding Students In The 2008 CXC Exams

BELMOPAN CITY, Wednesday, November 12, 2008:

The Ministry of Education and the CXC National Committee of Belize are pleased to announce that **Ian Malcolm Lizarraga** of St. John’s College Junior College is the Most Outstanding Candidate in the May/June 2008 Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE) and is therefore the recipient of the Belize Scholarship for 2008.

IanLizarraga obtained six (6) Grade I’s in CAPE in the following subjects: Caribbean Studies, Communication Studies, Physics Units 1 and 2, and Pure Mathematics Units 1 and 2. Besides being this year’s Most Outstanding CAPE Candidate in Belize, Lizarraga also achieved first place subject award in Caribbean Studies, Physics Units 1 and 2, and Pure Mathematics Units 1 and 2.

The Ministry of Education and the CXC National Committee of Belize are also pleased to announce that **Christopher Charles Chang** and **Jordan Ethan Medina** both of St.

John’s College are the first and second place students respectively in the May/June 2008 Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) examinations.

Chang obtained twelve (12) Grade I’s at the General/Technical Proficiency Level in the following subjects: Biology, EnglishA, English B (Literature), Human and Social Biology, Mathematics, Physics, Religious Education, Physical Education & Sports, Spanish, Caribbean History, Chemistry and Information Technology. In addition to being this year’s Most Outstanding CSEC Candidate in Belize, Chang also achieved Subject Group Award in Science Subjects and first place subject award in Physics.

Medina, the second place student, also attained twelve (12) Grade I’s at the General/Technical Proficiency Level in the following subjects: Electrical and Electronic Technology, English A, English B (Literature), Technical Drawing, Information Technology, Mathematics, Physics,

Principles of Business, Physical Education & Sports, Religious Education, Caribbean History and Spanish. Medina also achieved Subject Group Award in Technical/ Vocational Subjects and first place subject award in Physical Education & Sports.

Other outstanding CSEC candidates for National Awards are **Yueh-Han Eric Lin** of St. John’s College and **Malika Monique Anderson** of Stann Creek Ecumenical College who will be receiving Subject Group Awards in Humanities and Business respectively.

The Fourteenth Annual CXC National Award Ceremony is scheduled to be held nextFriday, November 21, 2008 at the Bliss Centre for the Performing Arts in Belize City.

A new set of criteria for the CSEC Certificate of Excellence was introduced in March 2007 for implementation this year. The requirement of the new criteria for the CSEC Certificate of Excellence is that students attain Grade I or II in six or more subjects at the General/Technical Proficiency, including EnglishA and Mathematics.

At this year’s Award Ceremony, 214 Certificates of Excellence, 4 Subject Group Awards and 33

Individual Subjects Awards will be presented to deserving CSEC candidates.

The CXC National Committee will also recognize candidates who performed commendably in the CAPE examinations. CAPE Certificate of Excellence is awarded to candidates who attain Grade I or II in at least six units, comprising at least two 2-Unit courses and both Caribbean Studies and Communication Studies taken within two years of initial enrolment at a junior college. One candidate met that criterion this year. CAPE Certificate of Recognition is awarded to candidates who attain Grade I-III in at least six units, including Caribbean Studies or Communication Studies taken within two years of initial enrolment at a junior college. Ten candidates qualified for that award. Awards will also be given to the country’s top CAPE candidate in 32 Individual Subjects.

The Ministry of Education and the CXC National Committee of Belize take this opportunity to congratulate all students who have excelled in the CSEC and CAPE examinations and to commend all the parents, principals, and teachers who have played a pivotal role in their success. The CSEC and CAPE examinations are recognized in the region and internationally.



Vacancy Notice

Petroleum Accountant

**Geology and Petroleum Department
Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the post of Petroleum Accountant in the Geology and Petroleum Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment. The Qualifications required for appointment to the post and its associated duties and responsibilities are as follows:-

Position: Petroleum Accountant

Qualification: Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting, Finance, or Economics with a minor in Accounting.

Skills:

- (1) Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- (2) Proficiency in computer applications.
- (3) Excellent supervisory and management skills.

Experiences:

Three (3) years experience in the Accounting field.
Training and experience in Petroleum Accounting would be an asset.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- (1) Auditing the Petroleum Accounts of Contractors
- (2) Auditing and monitoring of Government Petroleum Revenues including:-
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- (3) Evaluate oil and/gas field economics.
- (4) Other duties relating to petroleum Accounting, Economics and Finance.

Salary: NPS 16 OF \$25,584 x \$1,104 - \$46,560

Deadline for Application:

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The first session will take place on November 26, 2008 in Cristo Rey Village at the Village Community Center, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. On November 27, 2008, the session will take place in San Ignacio Town at the Convention Center from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The sessions will focus on the project description; the critical issues identified in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), the assessment of their impacts and the mitigation measures outlined in the Environmental Compliance Plan (ECP). Presentations will also be conducted on Mercury Management and the Emergency Preparedness Plan.

For more information please contact BECOL at
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Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



ARIES
March 21 to
April 20

You're amazing everyone with your disciplined and hard working attitude. People want to join in with your purposeful efforts. Expect to see the light at the end of the tunnel far quicker than you imagined. **Expect luck on: Friday. Lucky Numbers: 2, 51, 84.**



TAURUS
April 21 to
May 21

Your practical way of looking at things, coupled with a keen sense of intuition will help you make giant strides of progress. A housemate has some good news to share. **Lucky day: Saturday. Lucky Numbers: 10, 24, 76.**



GEMINI
May 22 to
June 21

You're in a great mood as November begins and so you should be when you are able to make a profit out of any business or money deals you are negotiating. **Good day for luck: Monday. Lucky Numbers: 14, 35, 63.**



CANCER
June 22 to
July 22

With everything going your way, take care not to let this go to your head. A slightly frivolous mood may lead you astray when you could get yourself mixed up in a situation that has embarrassing consequences. **Fortunate on: Saturday. Lucky Numbers: 8, 26, 77.**



LEO
July 23 to
August 23

You will benefit through delaying vital choices, so avoid making snap decisions or you may regret it later. Think things through and you are less likely to choose wrongly. **Good fortune forecast on: Saturday. Lucky Numbers: 23, 45, 83.**



VIRGO
August 24 to
Sept. 22

This more calm and casual phase will help rid you of the tension in your everyday world. You will also enjoy watching your more private concerns making healthy progress. **Fortunate on: Sunday. Lucky Numbers: 12, 27, 56.**



LIBRA
Sept. 23 to
Oct. 23

Your money making ideas are nothing but brilliant. If you find the courage to present superiors with plans for economizing, they will swiftly see your point of view. **Lucky day: Thursday. Lucky Numbers: 18, 25, 53.**



SCORPIO
Oct. 24 to
Nov. 22

Your mind is mulling over a recent dream or occurrence for which there seems to be no explanation. Whether Fate is playing its part, or whether your own intuition is astounding you, don't dismiss your feelings as a load of baloney. **Fortunate on: Monday. Lucky Numbers: 32, 54, 78.**



SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 23 to
Dec 21

The start of the week is excellent for furthering your important long term goals. Be patient. Far off aims will require effort and stamina before you even catch a glimmer of the success they might bring. **Lucky Day: Monday. Lucky Numbers: 48, 57, 61.**



CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 to
Jan. 20

A team spirit is very much in evidence as November begins. There will be a few ideas you want to air in a group environment; you won't have any trouble putting these over. **Expect luck on: Monday. Lucky Numbers: 39, 42, 93.**



AQUARIUS
Jan. 21 to
Feb. 18

There's something you're uncertain about. Be a shade more open and you could see waves of relief going over the faces of others, who may be in a similar position, but not so brave about saying so. **Fortunate on: Tuesday. Lucky Numbers: 22, 65, 97.**



PISCES
Feb. 19 to
Mar. 20

When it comes to enjoying yourself, you'll be willing to cut your coat according to your cloth. A problem may arise if you don't make your financial position clear to any other interested person. **Lucky day: Wednesday. Lucky Numbers: 37, 69, 82.**

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A Welcomed Relief For A Traveller

Uncle Jimmy was flying home from Los Angeles for his annual Christmas vacation in Belize.

At the check-in counter, he said to the clerk, "I want you to send my black case to Belize and my blue

case to San Salvador."

The clerk replied, "I'm sorry sir, we can't do that!"

"Oh really," said Uncle Jimmy, "that's exactly what you did the last time I flew with you!"

Daddy Consents To The Wedding

Mr. Brown patted his daughter's hand fondly, and told her, "Alice, your boyfriend told me today that he wanted your hand in marriage, I just want you to know that I gave my consent."

"Oh, Daddy," sobbed Alice, "it's going to be so hard leaving Mummy."

"I understand perfectly, my dear," sympathized the man. "You can take her with you!"

Asking The Wrong Question

A new postman on his first round walked up to the fence. There was a large Doberman lying on the grass, and an old man was sitting on the patio.

"Excuse me, sir, but does your dog bite?" the postman asked.

The old man replied, "No, not at all young man."

So the postman opened the gate and walked into the garden. The dog ran over snarling and growling and bit him on his arms and legs.

As the old man dragged the dog off, the postman yelled, "I thought you said your dog didn't bite!"

The old man replied, "He's not my dog!"



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Making Diamonds From Tequila

BY: Greg Morsbach, BBC News

A method of producing synthetic diamonds using tequila - Mexico's favorite alcoholic drink - has been discovered, scientists there say.

The amazing discovery was made by physicists from the National Autonomous University of Mexico, and could have many industrial uses.

There is one catch however. The synthetic diamond crystals are too small to be turned into jewelry.

Mexico produces hundreds of millions of liters of tequila every year. Annual sales to the US alone are worth about \$500m.

The head of the scientific team, Miguel Apatica explained to the BBC how they came up with their discovery.

"First of all we turn the liquid tequila into vapor by using a lot of heat. The gas molecules are then broken up into tiny particles. Then we increase the heat even further - to around 800

degrees Celsius. The end result is that we get carbon atoms which are then deposited in the shape of a very thin diamond film," he said.

The synthetic diamond crystals can only be seen under an electronic microscope.

Although they cannot be used for jewelry, there are plenty of practical applications for them.

They can be used as an alternative to silicone in computer chips or as ultra fine cutting instruments in medical procedures.

One advantage of making diamond film from tequila is that it is extremely cheap.

The scientists found that even the cheapest of tequila brands, averaging at \$3 a bottle, are good enough to make diamonds.



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Fined & Confined For Marijuana Trafficking

BY: Inspector Claudio Mai
BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, November 13, 2008:

On Wednesday, 12th November, 2008, about 11:00 am Border Patrol Unit (BPU) **Police Constable #54 Wayne Cadle** was travelling in a Belize Bus Owners Cooperative (BBOC) Bus when his attention was drawn to a male person **Ervin Monroy**, 20, laborer, naturalized Belizean from Guatemala, of a George Price Avenue, Santa Elena Town address sitting on the second to the last seat with a black sling back on his lap.

The aroma of marijuana prompted PC Cadle's interest and when he conducted a search of the bag, he came upon a bag containing suspected marijuana which when weighed, tipped the scale at exactly 530.2 grams.



Ervin Monroy, 20

Monroy was formally arrested and charged for drug trafficking.

He was arraigned in Benque Viejo Magistrate Court later that day where he pleaded guilty to the charge.

He was fined \$10,000.00 plus \$5.00 cost of court and confined to spend the next three years in jail.

In default of paying the fine he will spend an additional three years in jail.

Canada Frees Man Too Big For Jail

BBC News, Thursday, November 13, 2008:

Canadian authorities have released a prisoner known as **Big Mike** who was found to be too fat to fit in his cell.

Michel Lapointe is a convicted drugs gang member arrested in 2006 who weighs 450lb (205kg).

He could not fit on the chair in his Montreal prison cell and his body protruded six inches on either side of his bed, press reports said.

Officials ruled that Lapointe's prison conditions were "*difficult*" because of his health.

The Journal de Montreal newspaper quoted a letter from the authorities to Mr. Lapointe saying: "*You have been detained for more than 25 months and your prison conditions are difficult because of your health.*"

They also cited the refusal of two other facilities to accept the 37-year-old, who was handed a five-year sentence in May this year.

Mr. Lapointe was freed late on Tuesday.

"I'm going to have a proper bed and finally have a chair I can sit in," he told the paper outside the prison.

"I want a normal life. I've done some stupid things and I've paid

for them," he added.

In its justification for the early release, the Quebec Parole Board also cited Mr. Lapointe's good behavior, his non-violent crime and the support of his wife and mother.



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BELIZE:

ORDER made by the Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Commission by Section 13 and Section 23 of the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, and all other powers thereunto the Commission enabling.

Short title. 1. This Order may be cited as the:

BELIZE ELECTRICITY LIMITED LICENCE COMPLIANCE ORDER, 2008

Directives. 2. The Belize Electricity Limited (hereinafter referred to as "BEL") is hereby directed to adhere to all Conditions of its Licence granted by the Commission under Section 14 of the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000 (hereinafter referred to as "the Licence").

3. Pursuant to Condition 2 and subject to Condition 20 of the Licence, BEL is directed to take all reasonable steps to supply electricity to such persons who shall request supply of the same to the extent necessary to satisfy all reasonable demands for such supply by such persons, and where the Commission has approved any rates, fees, charges or tariffs in relation to such electricity services, BEL is directed to apply only such approved rates, fees, charges or tariffs.

4. Subject to Condition 20 of the Licence, BEL is directed to take all reasonable and necessary steps to expedite the application process for such persons who shall request the supply of electricity services.

5. Pursuant to Condition 6 of the Licence, BEL is directed to continue to apply the established Codes of Practice relating to New Connections and the provision of any electricity services requiring the installation or upgrading of service lines or other accessories or equipment for the provision of such services, or requiring the extension or upgrading of any distribution or supply line or the expansion or upgrading of the distribution system.

6. For the avoidance of doubt, the Codes of Practice referred to in Section 5 above include:

(a) The *One Pole – Two Pole Policy* for the provision of electricity services requiring at the minimum the installation of the supply line and meter, and at the maximum the installation of two (2) poles with accompanying distribution lines, accessories, supply line and meter, as submitted by BEL in its rate review submission in relation to the First Full Tariff Review Proceeding conducted in 2005.

(b) The *Customer Capital Contribution Policy* for the provision of electricity services requiring distribution line extension of more than two (2) poles and/or the installation, upgrading and construction of other accessories or equipment, including those for voltage transformation, required to provide such services, as employed by BEL on or before June 26, 2008, and which provides for customer capital contributions based on economic analysis of the net present value of the expected cost of and expected revenue flow from the provision of such services.

7. Pursuant to Section 5 and Section 6 above, BEL is directed to immediately reimburse any unapproved or inappropriate tariffs, fees or charges levied against such persons who requested electricity services on or after July 1, 2008, upon the request for reimbursement of such tariffs, fees or charges by such persons.

Provisions to secure compliance to Order. 8. To secure the compliance of BEL to the provisions of this Order where it relates to the supply of electricity to such persons who shall request supply of the same, and subject to Condition 20 of the Licence, all reasonable requests for the supply of electricity services are required to be satisfied according to the following:

(a) All electricity services requiring no installation of poles but requiring the extension of the distribution line, including for the purpose of crossing a public right of way, or the installation of the supply line, meter or other accessories necessary to satisfy all reasonable demands for electricity supply by such persons who may request same, are required to be completed within five (5) working days of the receipt of the application and approved service fee for such service.

(b) All electricity services requiring the installation of up to two (2) poles and associated extension of the distribution line, including for the purpose of crossing a public right of way, and the installation of the supply line, meter or other accessories necessary to satisfy all reasonable demands for electricity supply by such persons who may request same, are required to be completed within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the application and approved service fee for such service.

(c) All electricity services requiring the installation of more than two (2) poles and associated extension of the distribution line(s), including for the purpose of crossing a public right of way, and the supply line, meter or other accessories, or the upgrading of distribution line(s) or the installation or upgrading of voltage transformation equipment and accessories, necessary to satisfy all reasonable demands for electricity supply by such persons who may request same, are required to be completed according to any agreement entered into between BEL and such persons who may request such services, provided that BEL shall take all reasonable steps to provide such services in a timely and expedient manner, or to satisfy any target date that may be agreed to by BEL and such persons who may request such services.

9. To secure the compliance of BEL to the provisions of this Order where it relates to satisfying all reasonable demands for electricity supply as requested, and subject to Condition 20 of the Licence, BEL shall take all reasonable and necessary steps to secure the supply of electricity from all persons or companies with whom BEL has entered into approved Power Purchase Agreements for such supply of electricity.

10. To secure the compliance of BEL to the provisions of this Order, BEL shall, as required by the Commission, facilitate the review, by the Commission or its agents, of any or all of its records as such may relate to or provide evidence of BEL's compliance to any Condition of the Licence or to the provisions of this Order.

MADE by the Public Utilities Commission this 11th Day of November, 2008.


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Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ROSITA FERNANDEZ** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **TRASH TOP** located in Esperanza Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ANNA SUTTON** is applying for the renewal of her **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **CLUB VIETNAM** located in the village of Unitedville 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 **MICHAEL CANTO** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **KINICHAHAUMAYABAR** located in the village of San Antonio 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 **BETTY TORRES REQUENA** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **HILL TOP BAR** located in the village of Unitedville 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 **MARIA MENDEZ** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **ROOF TOP BAR** located at #35 Wyatt 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 **IRIS MAHMUD** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **THE LOG CAB INN** located at Mile 68 on the Western Highway in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MALCOLM McCORMICK & NICOLE DANIEL** are applying for the renewal of their **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **ORLEANITO'S RESTAURANT & BAR** located in the Sanannah Area of 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 **FENG YING TANG** is applying for the renewal of his **CONVENIENT STORE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **THREE FLAGS** located in the village of Unitedville 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 **SITDHAM HALL** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate his establishment located on the Mountain Pine Ridge Road in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **CAESAR SHERRARD** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **BLACK ROCK** located on the Negro Man Road in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JUDY DUPLOOY** is applying for the renewal of her **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **DUPLOOY'S** located off the Western Highway between San Ignacio and Benque Viejo Town in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **RICHARD ROTH** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **PINE RIDGE LODGE** located on the Mountain Pine Ridge Road, 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 **ROBERT HALES** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **WINDY HILL** located between miles 68 & 69 on the Western Highway, 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 **TERESITA ROSALES** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate her establishment in the village of Cristo Rey 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 **CRAIG MILNER** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **HIDDEN VALLEY INN** located on the Mountain Pine Ridge Road 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 **FRANCES DEL VALLE** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **CALADIUM** located in the Market Square Area, City of Belmopan 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 **ALFRED SMITH** is applying for the renewal of his **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate his establishment located in the village of Teakettle 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 **CELINA GUERRA** is applying for the renewal of her **SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **CELINA'S SUPERSTORE** located on 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 **JOHN D'SILVA** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **BULL FROG INNN** located on the Ring Road, City of Belmopan 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 **GEOVANNI DAWSON** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **LA PASADITA BAR** located on La Loma Luz Blvd. Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

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Family Life Association - Getting Men Involved

BY: Arthur Usher
Youth Officer

Belize Family Life Association
BELIZE CITY, Wednesday, November 12, 2008:

The Belize Family Life Association (BFLA), as a not-for-profit family oriented organization, has become increasingly aware of and concerned about the decline of the impact of men in the family and by extension the society. As a part of our mandate the Belize Family Life Association has successfully planned and hosted two Male Talk Forums in 2007; July 3 and December 5.

The purpose of those talks was to gather information on the general feeling and level of concern that the men in our society feel about specific issues and situations.

It was a success as we gained a wealth of knowledge from the three generations of Belizean men ranging from in-school to out-of-school, from jobless to executive, from grandfathers to teenager who participated in the forums and voiced their opinions, concerns and suggestions.

BFLA has now decided to embark on the third stage of this process by hosting Male Talk 3 at The Bliss Center for the Performing Arts on November 29th, 2008 from 9am to 3pm. This conference will focus on the effects of non-communicable chronic diseases on male sexual health and will include presentations from doctors/professionals in respective fields. We also wish to identify ways in which health and family service providers can increase access to services and participation of men. Lunch and snacks will be provided for the day's event. Your input in this conference is greatly appreciated.

The success of this conference is dependent on your honesty and diligence to bring about change on some of the country's core issues and promises to be informative and dynamic. We hereby take this

opportunity to invite you to participate in this experience. Please con-

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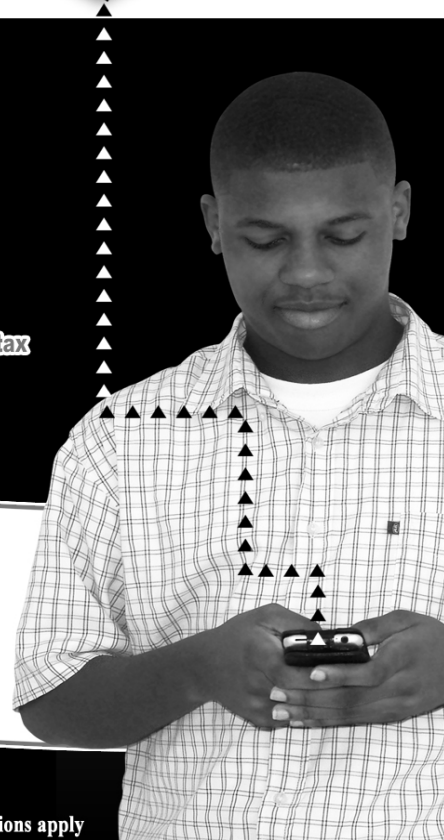
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