

Three Suspects In Bogus Bowen Cheques Arrested

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, April 1, 2009:

They are accused of being on a Bowen & Bowen bogus payroll cheque spree spanning at least three towns and one city but today they had their day in court after which they were whisked off to another jurisdiction to face similar criminal charges.

San Ignacio police informed that the nationwide coordinated manhunt for the suspects in the cheque scam began producing fruits on Saturday night when Dangriga police apprehended two of them, **Denmark Robert Murillo**, 30 and **Sylvin Everald Bodden**, 23 as they were socializing at the Lemon Bar on Lemon Street in Dangriga. The third suspect, Reknickle

Denmark Robert Murillo, 30 Hemmans, 29, was also detained over the weekend by city police in Belize City .

The fourth suspect, Kenneth Samuel Jones, 20 of a

Dangriga Resident Accused Of Jacking Santa Elena Chinese Storekeeper

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, CAYO, Tuesday, March 31, 2009:

He escaped from police, handcuff and all, a few hours after he was apprehended on March 11, on an armed robbery charge. He remained at large for 19 days until he was captured on March 30. He is **Lionel Daniel Sampson**, 21 and he hails all the way from Dangriga Town more specifically from #1036 Benguche Area. after 9:00 am on Wednesday, March 11 that Sampson entered the First Stop Grocery Store on the Western Highway, near that area known as Hot Point, in Santa Elena



Sylvin Everald Bodden, 23 Second Street, Corozal Town address continues to evade the long arm of the law.

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Police say that it was shortly

Town and ordered some cigarettes.

According to the Chinese shop owner, **Wen Fen Zhui**, 33, while he was attending to him, the accused

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Lionel Daniel Sampson, 21

Reknickle Hemmans, 29



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The Life You Save Could Very Well Be Your Own

The images currently floating around by email of the three victims of Wednesday morning's fatal and tragic traffic accident in the northern village of Carmelita should serve as a shocking reminder, a wake up call and an eye opener to drivers across the nation that the machines we maneuver are mechanical and that without warning, in a split second, something can suddenly go terribly wrong.

The lives of all three victims came to an abrupt and brutal end. It's indeed a tragedy for the bereaved families and friends of the victims.

The Easter season is right around the corner. It's a long weekend of traditional merrymaking and family outings. As drivers, let us make a conscious effort to act in a responsible manner while on the highways and byways, wherever our family travels take us.

Let us commit ourselves to keeping within designated speed limits. Let us be mindful that these restrictions were put in place, not to delay us but rather to save lives. Remember also that if you want to get there early, then leave early for your destination because wherever you are going will not move an inch from where it was when you departed on your journey.

Have a safe, blessed and enjoyable Easter Holiday.

Remember to supervise your children at all times especially when they are in or around large bodies of water.

Remember also to drive safely and responsibly as the life you save could very well be your own.

Eli Pleas Guilty To Possession Of Weed

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, CAYO, Thursday, April 2, 2009:

A 20 year old US national who told police that he is a student at Galen University was today arrested, charged, pled guilty and paid the imposed fine for possession of a controlled drug, to wit: marijuana.

Police reports that it was during the early hours on Thursday, April 2, when at around 12:45 am, a mobile patrol on Burns Avenue in San Ignacio Town came upon a male Caucasian person acting suspiciously.

The man was stopped and



Eli Sabel, 20

searched. Inside the front pocket of his pants the police found a black plastic bag, and when it was opened it was found to contain a leafy substance suspected to be marijuana. The individual was detained and transported to the San Ignacio Police station where the weed was weighed tipping the scale at 16.6 grams. The man was identified as Eli Sabel, 20, US student who informed that he is currently enrolled as a student at Galen University in Central Farm, Cayo. In an effort to confirm the individual's enrollment, we contacted the University whereby the school's Provost, Dr. Nancy Adamson, informed that the policy of the institution



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is not to confirm or deny students attendance which she said is intended for the students security.

The accused appeared before magistrate Kathleen Lewis later that same day, on Thursday, April 2. He pled guilty to the charge. Magistrate Lewis imposed a \$600 fine and in default of payment, 6 months imprisonment. Sabel walked free shortly thereafter upon paying the full \$600 fine. Sunday, April 5, 2009

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Former Prime Minister Manuel Esquivel Injured In Traffic Accident Medical Associates Hospital. He left Medical Associates

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Friday, April 3, 2009:

Belize's two term former Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Dr. Manuel Esquivel (1984-89 and 1993-98), is today reportedly in good spirits recuperating at the Ryder Trauma Center, Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida, USA from injuries he received when the Government assigned Nissan Pathfinder SUV in which he was traveling from Belize City to his office in Belmopan, slid off the road near Mile 31 on the Western Highway on Monday, March 30.

The driver William Schnarr reportedly lost control of the 4 ton SUV as it approached the entrance to the community of Mahogany Heights. The vehicle is reported to have slipped off the road surface onto the loose gravel, then onto the shoulder of the road before reportedly making contact with the head of a culvert causing it to flip through the air landing on its four wheels in the bushes off the



The Extensively Damaged Nissan Pathfinder SUV

road.

While the driver emerged with an injury to the head, the 68 year old Former Prime Minister, now serving as a Senior Financial Advisor with Ministerial Rank in the office of Prime Minister Dean Barrow, sustained facial injuries, a dislocated shoulder, broken ribs and broken bones in the foot.

Mr. Esquivel and the driver were first rushed to the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan. The driver was subsequently transferred to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City while Mr. Esquivel was flown by Wings of Hope to Belize City and on to the

Hospital at around 11:30 pm on Wednesday, April 1, transported to the airport and flown out of the country to Miami. He is accompanied by his wife Mrs. Kathy Esquivel.

While at the Medical Associates Hospital, many



Former Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Dr. Manuel Esquivel, 68

visitors were received notable among which were Prime Minister Dean Barrow and **Deputy Prime Minister** Gaspar Vega both of whom had just returned to the country from a meeting of Central American

Leaders with US Vice President Joe Biden in Costa Rica.

It is to be noted that exactly 13 years and four days to the date, on March 26, 1996 the then serving Prime Minister of Belize, Rt. Hon. Dr. Manuel Esquivel was on his way to Belmopan for a meeting of the House of Representatives when the white Range Rover driven at the time by Police Sergeant, Leslie Staine skidded off the same highway, about two miles further up, at mile 33. Prime Minister Esquivel walked away from the accident shaken and bruised but otherwise unhurt to the point where he was still able to attend the meeting of the House of Representative.

In this instance however, the driver, Sgt. Staine suffered severe head injuries and was flown to a hospital, also in Miami, in an unconscious state. He never regained consciousness a passed away a few weeks after the accident.

We join the multitude of best wishes pouring into the Esquivel household as we also pray for the speedy recovery of the Right Hon. Former Prime Minister of Belize Dr. Manuel Esquivel.



on Responsible Tourism in Destinations



Belize will host the Third International Conference on Responsible Tourism (ICRT) in Destinations to be held from May 18th – May 21st, 2009. The conference will be held in Belize's capital city of Belmopan where ICRT members from all over the world such as Gambia, India, and South Africa will be attending

ICRT-Belize is the Central American and Caribbean arm of the International Centre for Responsible Tourism - United Kingdom (ICRT-UK). The ICRT-Belize is an integral part of the growing family of ICRT's in other parts of the world such as the Gambia, India, and South Africa. Objectives of the conference include facilitating the continued education

onsible Tourism and how it relates to and affects them, supporting the of the Belizean ma

Belize was proudly represented at one of the biggest diveshows in Europe on March 28th and March 29th at the London International Dive Show (LIDS). It gathered an impressive list of top na from the diving world. Belize representatives included Nick Davies and Mike Preston of the Belize Hotel Association, Teresa Parkey of Belize Adventure Lodge and Melecia Banks of the Belize Tourism Board.

The two day show showcased the ver



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local economy by encouraging the locals and tourists to purchase locally produced items, implementing the employment of bi-laws, national tourism policy, national responsible tourism policy and the development industry corrective measures for any prevailing issues and organizing symposiums and conferences on the issues confronting Belize in the sustainable development of tourism.

The Third International Conference on Responsible Tourism in Destinations is being held in partnership with the tourism private sector and is being sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism & Civil Aviation and the Belize Tourism Board. The conference will be co-chaired by ICRT-Belize and Professor Harold Goodwin of the ICRT of Leeds Metropolitan University in UK

The agenda for the conference will focus on issues affecting the tourism development in Belize and the Caribbean and Central American regions and include issues such as: Tourism and Local Economic Development, Impacts of Tourism on the Marine and Coastal Zone in Belize and around the world, Impacts of Cruise Tourism in Belize and around the world. Second homes, condominiums and their impact on local communities

Presenters include Harold Goodwin, International Centre for Responsible Tourism-UK, Heidi Keyser, (South Presenters include Harold Goodwin, international Centre for Responsible Tourism-UK, Heidi Keyser, (South Africa), Adama Bah, (ICRT-West), Stephen Tinsley (Scotland), Chris Rogerson (South Africa), Bill Eichbaum (World Wildlife Fund), Vanessa Perez, Vincent Gillett (Coastal Zone Management Agency), Stuart Krohn (Coastal tourism development: Belize example and vision), Cameron Boyd (Hotelier from Siaan Kaan Biosphere Reserve with successful development in Belize), Colin Young: Galen University, Glen Haas/Bob Aukerman, Andrea Gough (The work of the World Heritage Alliance), Dr. Ross Klein (Memorial University, Canada), Valerie Woods (Local consultant) The Development of Cruise Tourism in Belize (TBC), Marthe Agency (CER), Device Construction Consultant) Charge (Charle Charge), Device Const. Martha Honey (CESD) -, Dr. Daniel Scott Canada Research Chair/Global Change & Tourism and Dr Murray Simpson Climate change and tourism in small island states and developing countries.

Friday, May 22nd is slated as the Academic Day for the Conference whereby the public is encouraged to attend. Presenters for the academic day include Dr. Anabel Ford (USC Santa Barbara, Dr. Ross Klein (Memorial University, Canada), Dr, Glen Haas/Dr. Bob Aukerman (The development of the Protected Areas Conservation Trust in Belize) and Dr. Chris Rogerson (Route Tourism and Local Economic Development).

The ICRT-Belize was established in April 2008 as a not-for-profit organization based in Belmopan City, Belize and having satellite offices in San Ignacio Town and Belize City. The ICRT-Belize provides policy advice, research and consultation on developing Responsible Tourism in Belize, the Caribbean and Central America.

best of diving and more than 250 exhibitors. Organized by Diver Magazine, this year's LIDS had something for everyone - from dives for the children and non divers to the latest kit, clothing, advice and training plus the very best of diving holidays worldwide.

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The Dive Shows also attracted worldrenowned diving experts to the speaker programmes that run alongside each Recent high-profile speakers event included diving environmentalists Jean-

Michel Cousteau, record-breaking freediver Tanya Streeter and underwater explorer Monty Halls

The London Dive Show was the culmination of a series of shows that the Belize Hotel Association had organized to bring Belize to the forefront of the European Market. The first was the Vakantiebeurs Show held in Holland in January, the second was the Destination Show in February in London that had the representation of the Minister of Tourism, Hon. Manuel Heredia, Jr. and the third was the TUR Shows held in Sweden in mid-March.

At the show, Belize gave away a full prize package courtesy of Belize Adventure Lodge and Cahal Pech Village Resort. The package included a 8 day diving package courtesy Belize Adventure Lodge, 3 nights at Cahal Pech Village Resort and 3 days of car rental courtesy Discount Car Rental. The European Marketing Initiative group of the Belize Hotel Association also furnished the winner with international air as a part of the prize package. The winner of the prize package was Ms. Edit Darabos.

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

Northern Highway Traffic Accident Claims The Lives of Atilio, Mark Anthony & Cecilia

ORANGE WALK TOWN, Wednesday, April 1, 2009:

A gruesome traffic accident on the outskirts of Orange Walk Town today claimed the lives of three persons.

Police reports that it was shortly after at 11:00 am when Orange Walk Police responded to a reported traffic accident in the village of Carmelita Village, just 2 miles outside of Orange Walk Town.

Upon arrival the police observed a blue International truck, with Belize City license plates A-3613, parked off the Northern Highway as well as an extensively damaged green Jeep Comanche single cab pickup truck with Belize City license plates C-30236. Police encountered three motionless persons, two without head, inside the green jeep.

Police investigations revealed that the green pickup truck was traveling from Belize City towards Orange Walk Town. It was moving at a very high speed



The driver, Atilio E. Ulloa, 33

when a blowout of the front right tire reportedly occurred causing it slam into the back of the truck that was parked off the road. The impact reportedly pushed the truck about 20 feet from the spot where it was parked.

The two decapitated victims were identified as the driver **Atilio E. Ulloa,** 33, of #32 Simon Lamb Street, Belize City and **Cecilia Melgar**, 21, who was seated in the middle of the single cab pickup truck between the driver and the third victim, **Mark Anthony Pacheco**, 24, of a Cleghorn Street address in



The green single cab pickup truck after the three victims were removed by rescue crew

Belize City.

Eyewitnesses say Pacheco took the brunt of the impact to the midsection and that he drew a few breaths after the crash much unlike Atilio Ulloa and Cecilia Melgar who obviously died on impact.

Relatives informed that Mark Anthony Pacheco was heading to Orange Walk Town to finish a mechanic job. The trio did not make it into town as the accident occurred around mile 48, a mere two miles before reaching Orange Walk Town when traveling northwards from Belize City.



Mark Anthony Pacheco, 24

Police informed that, inside the wrecked pickup truck, they found a 9mm pistol licensed to the driver. The gun was loaded with a magazine containing 5 live rounds.

Since Wednesday's fatal traffic accident, residents of Carmelita Village are intensifying their request to the relevant authorities for the installation of speed bumps in the area.

The people of Carmelita Village say that too many are the loss of lives that they have witnessed in the area and that if the requested speed bump was in place there is a high probability that Wednesday morning's accident would have been averted.



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Sunday, April 5, 2009

Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

ARIES MARCH 21 to APRIL 20



important messages down on paper, and double check that any third party who may be involved actually

It's a good idea to put

understands what's what! Expect luck on Wednesday. Lucky Numbers: 30, 44, 73.

TAURUS APRIL 21 to MAY 21



If you've been thinking about entering an entirely new field, you'd be wise to do some

research. That way, you'll know exactly what's expected of you. Fortunate on Friday. Lucky Numbers: 18, 27, 67.

GEMINI MAY 22 to JUNE 21

Sometimes life asks you to take a gamble with your long-term security, and this is one of those times. Don't bother listening to the

experts; tune into what your heart is telling you. Good day for luck Tuesday. Lucky Numbers: 5, 37, 89.

CANCER JUNE 22 to JULY 22

It's easier to be optimistic when you're in good health, so take the necessary steps to

strengthen your body. Even the slightest adjustment can have a dramatic affect on your psyche. Lucky day Saturday. Lucky Numbers: 17, 46, 94.

<u>LEO</u> JULY 23 to AUGUST 23



You may be in for an exciting roller coaster ride, but when it's over you'll feel exhilarated. Take the plunge before

you lose out. Good fortune forecast on Sunday. Lucky Numbers: 26, 53, 88.

VIRGO AUGUST 24 to **SEPTEMBER 22** Check out a new partnership



deal or promised assistance before going ahead with a new business or financial venture. Fortunate on Wednesday. Lucky Numbers: 6, 64, 98.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 to OCTOBER 23

Don't listen to any self-defeating thoughts that may delay an important decision you have to make. The only question to ask yourself is whether your decision will make you happy or not. Expect luck on: Friday. Lucky Numbers: 29, 48, 86.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 to **NOVEMBER 22**

If you want to increase your income, start venturing into new territory. You're far more likely to achieve success in areas that force you to stay on your toes. Lucky day Monday. Lucky Numbers: 11, 43, 76.

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 23 to DECEMBER 21



all that's is required for you to meet your financial goals, but you have to

start laying down foundations

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now. Good fortune forecast on. Thursday. Luckv Numbers: 7, 15, 34.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 to JANUARY 20

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finally You appreciate that you've got what it takes to be a success. The

question is, are you willing to take some financial risks? When you follow your heart, you are fulfilling your destiny. Expect luck on Tuesday. Lucky Numbers 25, 57, 82.

<u>AQUARIUS</u> **JANUARY 21 to FEBRUARY 18**



This could be a lucky week for you. Look out for ways to create or serendipity grasp which is sure to strike

when you least expect it. Fortunate on Thursday. Lucky Numbers: 10, 39, 54.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19 to MARCH 20



You have a flair for making money, so be sure to follow your instincts at every turn.

Conventional wisdom has no place in your decision making this week. Lucky day Wednesday. Lucky Numbers: 33, 75, 96.







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Reth Reyes Dies In Traffic Accident In Mexico - Reyes' Relatives Allege Mishandling Of The Corpse - Mexican Embassy Refutes Allegation

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BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo Wednesday, March 31 2009:

Belizean car dealer **Reth Reyes** is said to have died on the spot from injuries he received in a traffic accident in the Mexican community of Aguacatal, near the village of Candelaria in the state of Campeche, Mexico.

It is reported that the vehicle he was driving, with another in tow, flipped off the highway at around 11:00 pm on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 as he was returning to Belize from one of his regular road trips to Los Angeles, California, USA.

The Mexican Embassy in Belize today issued the following "*clarification*" amidst allegations of the mishandling of the incident on the part of Mexican authorities specifically on the basis of allegations that Reyes' body was left to decompose for over a day inside the wreckage on the scene of the accident.

The release states: "The Government of Mexico,

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through the Embassy of Mexico, expresses its deep regret and its condolences to relatives and friends of Mr. Reth Reyes, who died in a car accident in the state of Campeche, Mexico, on his way back to Belize.

From the moment the accident was reported, Mexican officials and the Embassy of Mexico, in co-ordination with Belizean authorities, has been working closely in order to provide all possible assistance to relatives and friends of Mr. Reyes.

Mr. Reth Reyes, a Belizean national, was involved in an accident on 24 March, around 11:00 pm in Aguacatal, 45 minutes away from the village of Candelaria, state of Campeche, Mexico. According to the post mortem examination, Mr. Reyes died from the injuries caused by the accident. Mr. Reyes, a car dealer, was taking a vehicle towed to a second car from the

United States to Belize.

Immediately after the accident, police officers of the Federal Police arrived to the scene to provide assistance to the victim of the accident and started to follow the standard proceedings when an accident involves a death (sic) body. Soon after, officials from the local General Attorney's office arrived in order to continue the investigations, to *initiate a formal legal inquiry* ("averiguación previa"), to collect evidence and to recover the body of Mr. Reyes from his vehicle.

The body was removed and DID NEVER REMAIN IN THE VEHICLE, contrary to one version who allegedly asserts that the body was left for over a day. It is a standard proceeding to immediately remove the body from any accident scene, which in this case was strictly followed.

Following those standard proceedings, Mr. Reyes' body was taken to the nearest police station, which is in the village of Candelaria, 45 minutes away from the scene of the accident. The premises of Candelaria station are basic and simple; they correspond to a small village and it does not have all the equipment as a large city's police station does.

The following morning, on 25 March, with the help of local authorities, Mr. Reyes' relatives in Belize were contacted. His relatives indicated to local Mexican authorities that relatives and representatives of the family were departing immediately from Belize to Candelaria in order to claim Mr. Reyes' body. Local authorities kept Mr. *Reyes' body inside the police* station waiting for a relative and representatives of the family and FOLLOWING THE FAMILY REQUEST OF KEEPING MR. REYES' **BODY IN CANDELARIA**, even if standard proceedings state that a body has to be taken to the morgue in Campeche City, which is 3 hours away from Candelaria, and even if the small police station does not have a cooling room to keep

death (sic) bodies for a long period of time.

On the same day, 25 March, Mexican and Belizean authorities provided assistance to relatives and representatives of the family in order to travel to Mexico and to make arrangements in order to return Mr. Reyes' body and belongings to Belize. Four people travelled to Candelaria: a relative, Mr. Reyes' associate, a family friend and a Belizean official. The Embassy of Mexico eased a visa to Mr. Reyes' associate.

Unfortunately, due to a delay Mr. Reyes' representatives could not arrive to Candelaria on 25 March. They arrived on 26 March around noon.

On 26 March, after one day waiting for Mr. Reyes' representatives and keeping Mr. Reyes' body in Candelaria under family's request, local authorities decided not to wait any longer and around 10:00 am took the body to Campeche City, which is 3 hours away. His body had spent more than 24 hours at the Candelaria police station and not inside his car.

In order to transport Mr. Reyes' body to Campeche City, local police placed his body with due care within a standard plastic bag for handling death (sic) bodies. Mr. Reyes' body was transported in the only available duty vehicle -a pickup truck. It is worth noting that local police works with limited resources and it does not have a transport with a cooling system.

On the same day, on arriving to (sic) Campeche City, Mr. Reyes' body was taken to the morgue called "Servicio Médico Forense" for a mandatory post mortem examination. Afterwards, Mr. Reyes' body was given to his family's representatives who by that time had arrived to (sic) Campeche City. Local police gave back Mr. Reyes' belongings to Mr. Reyes' associate, except the 2 cars Mr. Reyes was driving to Belize. According to Mexican law, there is a legal proceeding that has to be followed in order to recover those cars, because Mr.

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Ten Years Ago, A New Era Began In Latin America

Submitted By: George Gonzalez, San Ignacio, Cayo, Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

CIUDAD DE CARACAS, Venezuela, Monday, February 2, 2009:

"Today, February 2, 2009, does not just mark 10 years of Revolution; it marks 10 years since the beginning of a new era in Latin America, the start of a new day", said Venuzuelan President Hugo Chávez, as he addressed a large crowd braving the rain to commemorate the first decade of the Bolivarian Revolution.

"A new political, economic and geopolitical map is taking shape in the region", Chávez affirmed.

During the official ceremony President Hugo Chavez was accompanied by Cuban First Vice President José Ramón Machado Ventura: Dominican **Prime Minister Roosevelt** Skerrit; and President Evo Morales of Bolivia, President



Venuzuelan President Hugo Chávez during the parade

Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua, President Manuel Zelava of Honduras and **President Rafael** Correa of Ecuador.

The people welcomed the Political Leaders after the closing ceremony of the 4th Extraordinary Summit of the ALBA (Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas) in the capital

city of Caracas.

During the summit, in Miraflores Palace. Chávez thanked the Cuban Revolution for the support it has given to the process of change initiated in Venezuela in 1999.

"It would be impossible for us to estimate the horizon or the magnitude of the support given by the Cuban Revolution to the Bolivarian Revolution," the Venezuelan president affirmed.

Referring to the 10 years of changes in Venezuela, Chávez said that the decade could be *"summed up in three words that"* express the immense efforts of the people throughout these years: revolution, independence and socialism."

Morales noted that the ALBA has facilitated important advances in health and education in his country, and highlighted the decisive help of Cuba and Venezuela in eradicating illiteracy and in providing medical care to more than 300,000 Bolivians within the Operation Miracle program.

Ortega said that integration and unity are the only way to respond to the global crisis. Skerrit and Zelaya made similar comments.

All of the heads of state present signed two agreements on food security and sovereignty, including the formation of a grannacional ("one great nation") food production enterprise, to be financed by the ALBA Bank.



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MEDIA RELEASE SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Friday, April 2, 2009:

With immediate effect, Hanna's Restaurant on Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town, Cayo, is operating under a new name.

The new name is **KO–OX-**HAN-NAH (LET'S GO EAT).

The ownership & management of the restaurant remains unchanged while the general public is hereby informed that any restaurant or business establishment named"Hanna's"

Reth Reyes Dies In Traffic Accident...

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Reyes died and the property certificates are registered to Mr. Reyes' company. The Embassy of Mexico is working closely with local authorities and in co-ordination with the Government of Belize in assisting and facilitating Mr. Reyes' associate in producing the legal documents in order to recover those 2 vehicles.

The Embassy of Mexico and Mexican authorities will continue to provide assistance to the relatives and representais in no way whatsoever affiliated or associated with KO-OX-HAN-HAH.

This name change has become necessary because the name "Hanna's Restaurant" is legally registered to Mr. Rudy Juan and he is no longer permitting us to use that name. The management and staff

of KO-OX-HAN-HAH would like to thank all our friends and valued customers for making our restaurant such a resounding success.

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Daylight Saving Time - Mexico Goes Ahead By An Hour On Sunday, April 5

EMBASSY OF MEXICO TO BELIZE, Belmopan, Tuesday, March 31, 2009:

The Embassy of Mexico to

tives of Mr. Reyes' family.

The Embassy reiterates the commitment of the Government of Mexico to treating visitors with respect and fairness. The Embassy regrets the unconfirmed and not accurate allegations of mistreatment of Mr. Reyes' body.

Due to the advanced state of decomposition, the body of Reth Reves was cremated in Mexico and the remains was transported to Belize. A memorial service was held in Belize City on Saturday, March 28.





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Belize informs that on Sunday, 5 April, Mexico begins Daylight Saving Time or Summer Time (Horario de Verano). On that day at 2:00 am clocks go forward one hour to 3:00 am.

Therefore, Mexico's local time will run 1 hour ahead of Belize's local time until 25 October 2009.

For example, on Sunday 5 April, 9:00 am in Belize local time will be in Mexico 10:00 am local time.

For those traveling within Mexico, the Embassy recommends that you advance the time by an hour before going to sleep in the evening on Saturday, 4 April. This will ensure that you are on par with local time while you are in Mexico.

We further recommend that if you are in transit through Mexico, you should check your flight's local time.

For further information about the Daylight Saving Time in Mexico, please contact the Embassy of Mexico to Belize, at 822-0406, or by emailing the embassy at pressoffice@embamex.bz or visit the Embassy's web page at www.sre.gob.mx/belice/



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From the Management & Staff of uan Chuc & Sons Sunday, April 5, 2009

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Fuel Tax Kicks In Per Gallon **Fuel Prices Increase by \$1.30+**

SANTA ELENA, CAYO, Thursday, April 2, 2009:

In his recent budget presentation, Prime Minister Dean Barrow informed of a \$1.00 fuel tax to take effect

with the beginning of the new financial year on April 1, 2009. The Prime Minister informed

that in the first year, the new fuel tax is expected to yield 30 million dollars in additional



FOLLOWING THE SOUND OF THE BELL

The coach of a Belize City

school for blind children is taking his school's football team to an "away game".

They stop for a rest break on the Western Highway.

He allowed the children to work off some energy with a little impromptu practice in a roadside pasture.

The coach is sitting in a nearby diner, explaining to another patron how blind kids can play football.

"We have a special ball", explained the coach. "It has a bell in it, so the children can keep track of where the ball is by listening for the bell".

"Very clever!" remarked one of the patron.

Just then they were interrupted by a man who stormed into the diner and shouts "Who in here is responsible for those darn blind kids that came off that

<u>A DEAD BIRDIE</u>

Simple Simon and the Pie Man were walking down by the Macal River near the temporary wooden bridge when the Pie Man suddenly said "Look Simple Simon, a dead birdie"

Simple Simon looks up to the sky and says, "Where?!"



bus?" "I am", responded the coach somewhat annoyed by the way this man was referring to his students. "What about it? You got something against blind kids?"

asked the coach. "No" responded the man "you better get that bunch rounded up quick! They're kicking the heck out of my best milk cow!"

revenue intended to bridge this year's 60 million dollar budget deficit.

Prime Minister Barrow further informed that fuel prices is projected to remain stable, at least for the immediate future, and that if at anytime the price should increase, the new fuel tax will be adjusted downward in order to ease the effects on the Belizean people.

In most cases, as the new day rolled in on April 1, 2009, gas stations across the nation, especially those providing 24 hours service, began the upward changing of prices at the pump. However, not by the announced \$1.00 as indicated by the Hon. Prime Minister but rather by \$1.30+.

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"In most cases", we say because one customer stopped by the office at around 10:00 pm on March 31 (two hours before the increase came into effect) and showed us a receipt where, a few minutes earlier, he purchased \$50 at worth of premium gasoline at the already increased rate of \$7.45 per gallon.

The new prices for fuels at the pump within the San Ignacio/ Santa Elena area is as follows:

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Today's science says that even though honey is sweet, if taken in the right dosage as a medicine, it does not harm diabetic patients.

Weekly World News, a magazine in Canada, in its issue dated 17 January, 1995 has given the following list of diseases that can be cured by honey and cinnamon as researched by western scientists:

HEART DISEASES:

Make a paste of honey and cinnamon powder, apply on bread, instead of jelly and jam, and eat it regularly for breakfast. It reduces the cholesterol in the arteries and saves the patient from heart attack.

Also those who have already had an attack, if they do this process daily, they are kept miles away from the next attack.

Regular use of the above process relieves loss of breath and strengthens the heart beat. In America and Canada, various nursing homes have treated patients successfully and have found that as you age, the arteries and veins lose their flexibility and get clogged; honey and cinnamon revitalize the arteries and veins.

ARTHRITIS:

Arthritis patients may take daily, morning, and night, one cup of hot water with two spoons of honey and one small teaspoon of cinnamon powder. If taken regularly even chronic arthritis can be cured.

In a recent research conducted at the Copenhagen University, it was found that when the doctors treated their patients with a mixture of one tablespoon honey and half teaspoon cinnamon powder before breakfast, they found that within a week, out of the 200 people so treated, practically 73 patients were totally relieved of pain, and within a month, mostly all the patients who could not walk

or move around because of arthritis started walking without pain.

BLADDER INFECTIONS:

Take two tablespoons of cinnamon powder and one teaspoon of honey in a glass of lukewarm water and drink it. It destroys the germs in the bladder.

CHOLESTEROL:

Two tablespoons of honey and three teaspoons of cinnamon

powder mixed in 16 ounces of tea water, given to a cholesterol patient, was found to reduce the level of cholesterol in the blood by 10 percent within two hours.

As mentioned for arthritic patients, if taken three times a day, any chronic cholesterol is cured.

According to information received in the said Journal, pure honey taken with food daily relieves complaints of cholesterol.

COLDS:

Those suffering from the common or severe colds should take one tablespoon lukewarm honey with 1/4 spoon cinnamon powder daily for three days. This process will cure most chronic cough, cold, and clear the sinuses.

UPSET STOMACH:

Honey taken with cinnamon powder cures stomach ache and also clears stomach ulcers from the root.

GAS:

According to studies done in India and Japan, it is revealed that if



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The Medical Magic Of Cinnamon & HoneyContinued From Page 13LONGEVITY:

honey is taken with cinnamon powder the stomach is relieved of gas.

IMMUNE SYSTEM:

Daily use of honey and cinnamon powder strengthens the immune system and protects the body from bacteria and viral attacks.

Scientists have found that honey has various vitamins and iron in large amounts. Constant use of honey strengthens the white blood corpuscles to fight bacteria and viral diseases.

INDIGESTION:

Cinnamon powder sprinkled on two tablespoons of honey taken before food relieves acidity and digests the heaviest of meals.

INFLUENZA:

A scientist in Spain has proved that honey contains a natural '*Ingredient*' which kills the influenza germs and saves the patient from flu. Tea made with honey and cinnamon powder, when taken regularly, arrests the ravages of old age.

Take four spoons of honey, one spoon of cinnamon powder and three cups of water and boil to make like tea. Drink 1/4 cup, three to four times a day. It keeps the skin fresh and soft and arrests old age. Life spans also increases.

PIMPLES:

Three tablespoons of honey and one teaspoon of cinnamon powder paste. Apply this paste on the pimples before sleeping and wash it next morning with warm water. If done daily for two weeks, it removes pimples from the root.

<u>SKIN</u> INFECTIONS:

Applying honey and cinnamon powder in equal parts on the affected parts cures eczema, ringworm and all types of skin infections.



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WEIGHT LOSS:

Daily in the morning one half hour before breakfast on an empty stomach and at night before sleeping, drink honey and cinnamon powder boiled in one cup of water. If taken regularly, it reduces the weight of even the most obese person. Also, drinking this mixture regularly does not allow the fat to accumulate in the body even though the person may eat a high calorie diet.

CANCER:

Recent research in Japan and Australia has revealed that advanced cancer of the stomach and bones have been cured successfully. Patients suffering from these kinds of cancer should daily take one tablespoon of honey with one teaspoon of cinnamon powder for one month three time s a day.

FATIGUE:

Recent studies have shown that the sugar content of honey is more helpful rather than being detrimental to the strength of the body. Senior citizens, who take honey and cinnamon powder in equal parts, are more alert and flexible. **Dr. Milton,** who has done research, says that a half tablespoon of honey taken in a glass of water and sprinkled with cinnamon powder, taken daily after brushing and in the afternoon at about 3:00 pm. When the vitality of the body starts to decrease, increases the vitality of the body within a week.

BAD BREATH:

People in South America, first thing in the morning, gargle with one teaspoon of honey and cinnamon powder mixed in hot water, so their breath stays fresh throughout the day.

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Three Suspects In Bogus Bowen Cheques Arrested

Continued From Front Page It took San Ignacio police all day on Monday and Tuesday to prepare the stack of 76 charges against all four accused. And by Wednesday morning, April 1, all the charges were ready. Consequently, Denmark Robert Murillo, Sylvin Everald Bodden and Reknickle Hemmans were formally arrested and charged for five counts each of the following four crimes: *i*) *Obtaining property by* deception, ii) Uttering a false document, iii) Claiming upon a forged document and iv) Forgery.

San Ignacio police is holding onto an additional 16 charges for the absent, Kenneth Samuel Jones. He stands accused for four counts of the similar four charges as the other three alleged accomplices.

The task of reading the stack of charges against Murillo, Bodden and Hemmans, fell on the shoulders of San Ignacio's Magistrate, **Kathleen Lewis**. The three accused appeared before Magistrate Lewis on Wednesday, April 1 where they pled not guilty to all charges. They were ordered to return to court on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

Prosecutor George Gomez objected to bail on the grounds that all three accused persons are wanted on similar charges in Belmopan City and in Dangriga Town. Magistrate Lewis concurred with the prosecution and the three accused were remanded to custody until their next scheduled court date.

By the end of the day on Wednesday, April 1, Officers from Belmopan's Major Crimes Unit arrived at the San Ignacio police station and all three accused were whisked off to Belmopan where similar charges await them. After their appearance in Belmopan, it's off to Dangriga Town where they will also be facing the music. San Ignacio police informs that their investigation thus far reveals that the scam might have affected business establishments in San Ignacio Town, Santa Elena Town, Dangriga Town and Belmopan City.

Investigations further revealed that the documents used by the suspects as proof of identification to redeem the bogus cheques were all found to be genuine Social Security cards.

Dangriga Resident Accused Of Jacking Santa Elena Chinese Storekeeper

Continued From Front Page pulled out a handgun and demanded money. In a statement to the police, Zhui informed that the man jumped behind the counter and took BZ\$200 in cash and another \$200 worth of BTL and Smart telephone cards after which he ran out of the shop.

Quick police response led to the detention of the accused. He was found in possession of the phone cards and the cash. At one stage during the investigation he was removed from the holding cell, handcuffed and transported away from the station when he escaped from Crimes Investigation Branch Personnel.

In additional to the initial robbery charge, Sampson was also charged for handling stolen goods and escape from lawful custody.

The accused appeared before **Magistrate Kathleen Lewis** on Tuesday, March 31, where he pleaded not guilty to all three charges. He was remanded to the central prison in Hattieville and ordered to return to court on Monday, April 27, 2009.

Just in case you were wondering, NO, the handcuff was never recovered.



Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MARIANA GALVEZ** is applying for the renewal of her **NIGHT CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **MARIANA'S COCKTAIL NIGHT CLUB** located on Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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