SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, December 18, 2008:

San Ignacio Police today informed of the arrest and lodging of criminal charges against Corporal #38 Denroy Barrow the NCO (Non-Commissioned Officer) in charge of their QRT (Quick Response Team).

Reports reaching us indicate that the arrest stems from separate reports made by Steven “Pittsie” Pinelo, 29, Belizean laborer of a George Price Avenue, Santa Elena Town, address and Jamie Brooks, 24, Belizean goalkeeper for the Verdes Football Club, of a Cristo Rey Road address, also in Santa Elena Town.

In their report to the police, Pittsie and Brooks informed that it was shortly after 1 o’clock on the morning of Tuesday, December 16 when they were socializing along with two other friends at the Eagles’ Landing 24 hour’s night club on Wyatt Street in San Ignacio when Corporal Barrow in the company of about five persons arrived.

There was a rather loud verbal exchange between Barrow and Brooks after which Brooks alleges that his telephone rang. He informed that in an effort to distance himself from the background noise, he walked up Wyatt Street towards Burns Avenue to answer the telephone. He was re-entering the establishment when he was met by the policeman who, he alleges, took out a handgun and slammed him in the mouth with it.

It is alleged that Pittsie attempted to intervene and this was when the policeman allegedly used the same weapon and slapped him with it in the region of the right temple just above the eye. Pittsie reportedly fell unconscious for about three minutes in the middle of Wyatt Street until he was revived by a friend.

The police mobile responded.

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Tuesday, December 16, 2008:

It is with profound sadness that we record the sudden passing of one of the elders in our community, Mrs. Raquel Anderson Martinez.

For us boys and girls growing up on George Price Avenue in Santa Elena, and even to our parents, she was “Miss Raquel”. She was the lady living near the end of George Price Avenue, bordering Trapiche near the first trap gate. She was the lady who kept her house spotlessly clean. She was the lady who maintained a well kept yard with beautiful flowers and lovely roses throughout the year.

At the time of her sudden passing on Tuesday, December 16, Miss Raquel, 78, was happily preparing for the approaching Christmas day, and the annual coming together of most of her children, when she suffered a massive heart attack while working inside the bathroom.

Miss Raquel is one of four daughters born on September 8, 1930, to the union of Mr Ambrosio Anderson and his wife Mrs Hortencia. She is predeceased by her parents as well as two sisters, Bernalda and Dora. She is survived by one sister Mrs Helen Usher residing in Georgeville, Cayo.

She dedicated her life to her husband, her children and her church. Miss Raquel is survived by Do Cirio Martinez, her husband of over 55 years. She is also survived by five sons Orlando (Wisconsin), Eneldo (Santa Elena),
As we come to the close of yet another year in service to the community, we pause to express our appreciation to those many readers and advertisers who have stood shoulder to shoulder with us through the years. We thank you for your support.

The New Year will no doubt present new challenges. How we handle these challenges is entirely up to each of us as individuals.

We should be ever mindful that sometimes the best lessons in life come from unexpected sources and so we must strive to seek out these sources.

We must not expect to always get the answers we want but we must expect to get those that are right for us.

As we confront the challenges ahead, we must get up off the couch, increase our energy level as it has been widely proven that the higher your energy level, the more efficient and productive the body becomes and the more outstanding the results it produces.

We must commit ourselves to helping each in the pursuit of a better way of life for it has been proven that as long as we expend energies to keep another person down, there is some part of us that has to be down there to keep that person down which simply means that we will be hindered in utilizing our full potentials for advancement.

As we enter the New Year, let us make a commitment to work harder of make life better for all humankind. It is not work that kills men but rather it is worries that lead to the demise of the masses.

Let us approach the challenges of the New Year with optimism. It was the great British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill who many years ago told us that “A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity while an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”

Let us also be ever mindful that the opportunity of a lifetime must be seized in the lifetime of the opportunity.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and maximum prosperity in the New Year, this is our sincere wishes for you and your family.

Mrs. Burns

ATTENTION!!

The Billy White Girls Football Club is URGENTLY in need of Sponsorship.

The Club displays great potential but lack that critical element of support.

Let us continue to encourage sports as an alternative to drugs and crime.

For more information please call 675-6179

Billy White scored the only goal in this game.
CHAPTER 194, LAWS OF BELIZE (REVISED EDITION 2000)

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13

In accordance with Section 13 of the Registered Land Act Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000, I, ETHEL EMELISA GLADDEN, Ag. Deputy Registrar of Lands, hereby serves notice that within one month from the date hereof, I intend to register the following parcels of land listed below for which application for first registration have been received.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registering of these parcels must get in touch with me before the expiry date of this notice between Mondays to Fridays at the Land Registry, Belmopan.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200805653
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, CARMELITA, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1034

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 609 of 2000 dated 26th June, 2000 in favour of ENRIQUE CARBALLO.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200805727
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ALBERTMESOP, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1468

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1379/2007 dated 3rd May, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 17 of 2007 at Folios 495-502 in favour of JUDITH MOLINA (as Administrator of the Estate of Alfred Owen Longworth) (Deceased).

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200805729
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section PLACENTIA NORTH, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 1199

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1434/1991 dated 5th July, 1991 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 16 of 1991 at Folios 513-524 in favour of JUDITH LORETTA WESTBY (as Administratrix of the Estate of Carlton Weston) (Deceased).

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200805754
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, CAROLINA/CALCUTTA, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 496

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2291/1993 dated 8th November, 1993 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 27 of 1993 at Folios 731-738 in favour of RAUL CLARKE.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200805761
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, CRISTO REY, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 72

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 468/2002 dated 31st January, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 2002 at Folios 1087 - 1096 in favour of MARCELINO CHAN.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200805762
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN JOAQUIN/SAN MAXIMO, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 92

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 305 of 1975 dated 18th June, 1975 in favour of GABRIEL MAGANA.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200808774
This parcel of land are situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3754

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 485 of 1999 dated 22nd June, 1999 in favour of JOSÉ A. GOMEZ.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200808775
This parcel of land are situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1495

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 35 of 1998 dated 16th January, 1998 in favour of PEDRO PARRA.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200808776
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 4120

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2053/1999 dated 21st July, 1999 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 24 of 1999 at Folios 473-478 in favour of AYDA AZET AW.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200808778
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 902

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 385 of 2001 dated 29th May, 2001 in favour of TEDOLO PERALTA.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200808779
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3994

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2950/2006 dated 28th August, 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 35 of 2006 at Folios 15-30 in favour of MARVELLA MATEA CANUL.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200808780
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 3105

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 108 of 2000 dated 4th March, 2000 in favour of ROSARIO MELENDEZ.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200808781
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PLACENTIA NORTH, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 5630

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1650/1994 dated 8th July, 1994 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 19 of 1994 at Folios 1147 - 1158 in favour of FLYING DUEKES LIMITED.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200808823
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PLACENTIA NORTH, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 1904

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1429/1991 dated 5th July, 1991 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 16 of 1991 at Folios 453 - 464 in favour of ALDEN WESTBY.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200808850
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1948

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3229/2002 dated 18th October, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 38 of 2002 at Folios 385 - 390 in favour of NICAELA VERNON.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200809016
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, LAKE INDEPENDENCE, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 438

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 957/1976 dated 30th August, 1976 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 8 of 1976 at Folios 859 - 870 in favour of ADDY CASTILLO, ESTER NOBLE & ORLANDO ESPEJO.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200809017
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PLACENTIA NORTH, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 1286

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 292/1991 dated 14th January, 1991 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 4 of 1991 at Folios 43 - 58 in favour of NICHOLAS J. LIPPS.

APPLICANT NO. LRS-200809022
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ALBERT/MESOP, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1423

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 821/1994 dated 22nd April, 1994 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 10 of 1994 at Folios 781 - 790 in favour of FALCON CORPORATION LIMITED.
BY: David Coombs (670-5435), Cayo Co-ordinator, Belize National Youth Chess Foundation (BNYCF).

On Wednesday, December 17 a Chess tournament was held for primary school students from five schools in the Cayo District.

The participating primary schools included Ontario Christian School, St. Barnabas Anglican School, Santa Elena Roman Catholic School, Bishop O.P. Martin Catholic School and St. Andrews Anglican Primary School.

The event was held inside the conference room at the Aguada Hotel in Santa Elena. This excellent venue was kindly provided by the Hotel’s manager, Mr. William “Bill” Butcher.

Four of these participating schools have started a chess club with the assistance of the Belize National Youth Chess Foundation (belizechess.org).

A total of 25 students took part and the tight competition resulting in many close games. Each student played four games and at the end of the day’s event the undefeated winner was Vidal Adolphus from the St. Andrews Anglican Primary School.

Second place went to Clifford Coleman from Ontario Christian School. In third place was Elida Frutos from St. Barnabas Anglican who also captured the top female award.

In an effort to encourage discipline and good sportmanship, at the start of each round of games the students were required to shake hands before playing and there was complete silence in the room as they concentrated on their moves while trying to think what their opponent was planning. As each game ended, students congratulated each other with handshakes to signal the end of the game, ‘checkmate’ was the aim.

The winning team, with 10.5 points, was Bishop Martin Primary School, they emerged a mere half a point ahead of St. Barnabas Anglican and in third place was Ontario Christian School.

This event is the first of its kind in this part of the Cayo District but many more are to follow as chess is the fastest growing sport in Belize.

There are 21 primary schools in the District that are currently starting chess clubs. The game is extremely good for developing a whole range of academic and social skills.

William “Bill” Butcher (L) presenting award to the undefeated Champ Vidal Adolphus (R) from St. Andrews Anglican Primary School, San Ignacio.

The organizing group would like to thank the following sponsors whose financial support for the summer chess program enabled us to make this tournament a reality. Our sponsors are: Atlantic Bank Ltd, BelizeTelemedia, Ms. Pamela Picon/Belize Christian Ministry, Orange Gifts, The Lodge at Chaa Creek, San Ignacio Resort Hotel, St. Martins Credit Union, Bowen and Bowen and of course Bill Butcher and the Aguada Hotel.

A big thanks to these sponsors for assisting in the development of our children.

The Top Female Champ, Elida Frutos from St. Barnabas Anglican, Central Farm.

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Registered Land Act
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Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in Society Hall Registration Section has been received from ORLANDO EMANUEL BARDALEZ being Parcel No. 156 containing 0.593 Acres.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration ORLANDO EMANUEL BARDALEZ as proprietor with Provisional title for Parcel No. 156 Society Hall Registration Section containing 0.593 Acres is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to ORLANDO EMANUEL BARDALEZ.

(ETHEL EMELIN GLADDEN) (MS.)
AG DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF LANDS

LRS-200809575
Mother Charged In Connection With Child's Death
BY: Al Eastmond, Bermuda

I note with much concern, and offer my views on the following item in the news this week:


"Pauline Mclean, the mother of three year old Omar Aguilar has been charged with causing death by careless conduct. Mclean appeared in Magistrate's Court today where she was charged with the offence and offered and met bail of five thousand dollars. Mclean is being charged after her three year old son perished in a blaze on the afternoon of December 6th. She reportedly left the child in the company of his older brother and went to work. No plea was taken from Mclean and her case has been adjourned until January 22nd.

THIS IS MY VIEW ON THE MATTER:
If this mother doesn't work she can't support the children. With no support system and earning menial wages, what are her options? Will she be punished for doing her best to make ends meet?

I recall another case like this where a father had to go off to work and locked his children in the house from the outside all in an effort to keep his children safe from harm until he returned; a fire happened and the children perished. What are they to do? Take the children to work with them (would an employer understand and allow this), Not go to work and stay with the children (how then do they eat). And then they have to suffer a double tragedy by being prosecuted...for going to work to support their family. It just does not seem right. What does the Ministry that has the Social Services Portfolio have to say about situations like these?

BY: Richard (CayoCom) Shaw, Bullet Tree Falls, Cayo.

The Great Flood Of October '08
BY: Errol Dawson, Santa Elena

Life has definitely been made more challenging for many, me included, since the floods of October '08 inundated the Cayo area more than 8 weeks ago. Recovering from such a disaster as this is never easy but with assistance from the many helping hands ie. Red Cross, NEMO and BNE just to name a few, life is returning to normal for most of the affected families. Our collective thanks go out to all those who rendered help during these difficult days.

Now the purpose of this letter is to let the authorities be aware that not all of the persons deeply hurt by this Tropical Depression #16 have met with a satisfactory end result.

I, for one, am still waiting for something akin to being justly assisted in my hour of need since I was deeply affected by the ravishing waters. My question is how much longer must I wait to receive the promised household goods that were either damaged or lost?

I never thought I would be spending this holiday season in such a mess but such is life. Happy Holidays and have a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

BY: Errol Dawson, Santa Elena

Big Up Corporal Sierra And His Team

BY: Richard (CayoCom) Shaw, Bullet Tree Falls, Cayo.

Life has definitely been made especially those Chinese stores that have become prime targets for robbery.

It is for this reason that I write to congratulate Mr. Sierra and his team for their relentless effort in the fight against crime and criminal element operating within the community.

I likewise take this opportunity to wish Corporal Sierra, his team and all Belizeans a Merry Christmas and every prosperity in the New Year and beyond.

LOST LAND/LEASE CERTIFICATES

Pursuant to Section 37(3) of the Registered Land Act, Chapter 194, Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, notice is hereby given of the loss of the following Land and Lease Certificates:

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

(ETHEL EMELISA GLADDEN) (MS.)
AG. DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF LANDS
As we fast approach the end of what can best be considered a challenging yet productive year for Belize and Belizeans, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Belizeans countrywide for their patience, understanding and above all for their support.

In just over ten (10) months in office and with limited equipment and resources we have been able to realize the upgrading of several of our key road networks, bridges and off roads. Some of these projects include the paving of the Placencia Road, the upgrading of the sugar roads in the north, the paving of Albert and Regent Streets and other streets in Belize City.

Currently the Ministry is in the process of acquiring several key pieces of heavy equipment and machinery which will increase the Ministry’s response capabilities not only in times of disaster but also in ensuring that the work of upgrading and refurbishing our highways and byways continue.

In the coming year a lot of emphasis will be placed on upgrading of access roads to major tourist destinations and farm roads. These are two areas which are vital to our country’s development.

In the Port Loyola Division, under the Southside Poverty Alleviation Project we have thus far constructed and improved over fifty homes between June and November and expect to double this number in the year 2009. Many university students, high school, primary and pre-school students have benefitted from our ongoing educational assistance program.

In the coming year, residents of Port Loyola division can look forward to continuous improvement in their general living conditions with the upgrade of streets and installations of drainage facilities and access roads, home improvement, educational assistance and new programs focused at training and social development.

As we look towards the coming year with renewed hope; let us never forget to give thanks for our countless blessings and in the true spirit of the season let us share the most precious gifts of all, that of peace, joy and love.

To the entire staff of the Ministry of Works countrywide and to all residents of Port Loyola, from my family to yours, have a Merry Christmas and a safe, blessed and peaceful new year.

May your home be filled with warmth and happiness during the holidays and all through the coming year!

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Christmas Message from Hon. Anthony "Boots" Martinez
Area Representative for Port Loyola and Minister of Works
San Ignacio Police Station Undergoing Renovation

BY: Julian Sherrard.

Cayo Businesses and Communities help renovate the San Ignacio Police Station! Part 1

Over the past year Cayo seems to have received its fair share of the crime wave hitting Belize.

At times residents despaired and felt that nothing could be done to bring Cayo back to the way it used to be. However, with diligence and help from the citizens of Cayo, our police have caught many of the worst criminals and put them away! The citizens have responded with generosity both in donations of supplies and labour to improve the moral and the working environment of those who protect us!

The first group deserving of commendations are members of the Spanish Lookout Community who donated over $2,500 in cash and in kind (for paint, ceiling fans, labour, and electrical supplies).

Specifically, I would like to thank Harry Letkeman of The Computer Ranch and Norman Dueck from Universal Hardware who were responsible for soliciting the donations from their friends and business associates in their community. Likewise Excel Construction for supplying most of the labour free of charge, and Mid West Steel & Agro for the fans.

I would also like to thank Alvaro Habet at Builders Hardware for supplying the paint at drastically discounted prices.

With these donations most of the rooms inside the San Ignacio Police Station were repainted with the yellow and green of the Police Department, ceiling fans were installed in the Front Office, and the Front Desk was repainted and improved.

These are exciting times at the San Ignacio Police Station with painting, hammering, and the sound of cement mixing! Many people who hear of the good work being done are donating to this worthy cause.

If you would like to be part of this initiative please contact Julian Sherrard at 824-2341 or the Officer Commanding Cayo Police District, Senior Superintendent of Police Paul Wade at the San Ignacio Police Station (824-2022).

Other persons who would like to get involved in the fight against crime can do so by helping the police to organize sporting events or other programs in their neighborhood. Remember: Be vigilant of what is happening in your neighborhood. Our police cannot be everywhere at all times and do not know what you see or hear. We need to help police our areas by passing on information and being more aware. Fighting crime is not a sudden victory but a steady battle!

The Belize Bank Limited hereby informs the public that its branches countrywide will close for business at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 24, 2008, and Wednesday, December 31st, 2008.

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The Belize Bank Limited takes this opportunity to wish its customers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.
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Mr. Jones who had reached the age of 105 and suddenly stopped going to church. Alarmed by his absence after so many years of faithful attendance the Priest went to see him.

He found Mr. Jones in excellent health, so Fr. Jim asked, "How come after all these years we don't see you at church anymore?"

Mr. Jones looked around and lowered his voice. "I'll tell you, Father," he whispered. "When I got to be 90, I expected God to take me any day. But then I got to be 95, then 100, and now I am at 105. So I figured that God is very busy and must've forgotten about me, and I don't want to remind Him!"

The policeman in Jalacte Village in the Toledo District doubled up as the Village Animal Doctor.

One night the phone rang, and his wife answered. An agitated voice inquired, "Is your husband there?"

"Yes" responded the wife. "Do you require his services as a Vet or as a policeman?" the wife asked.

"Both!" was the reply. "We can't get our dog's mouth open, and there's a burglar in it."

One of the best marksmen in the Belize Defense Force (BDF) was passing through a western village last week.

Everywhere he went in the village he saw evidences of the most amazing shooting. On walls, on light poles, and on fences there were numerous bull's-eyes with the bullet hole in dead center.

The BDF marksman asked one of the villagers to meet the person responsible for such excellent marksmanship.

That person turned out to be the village idiot.

"This is the best marksmanship I have ever seen," said the BDF soldier. "How in the world do you do it?"

"There is nothing to it," said the idiot. "I shoot first and draw the circles afterward."

The Iraqi journalist who threw his shoes at US President George W Bush has apologised to Iraqi PM Nouri Maliki, the prime minister's office says.

Local TV reporter Muntader al-Zaidi wrote a letter to Mr Maliki asking for forgiveness over his "ugly act", prime minister's spokesman Yasin Majeed said.

Mr Zaidi has been in custody since he threw shoes and shouted insults at Mr Bush during Sunday's news conference.

His actions have made him a hero in some quarters of the Arab world. Iraqi officials have described the incident as shameful.

Mr Zaidi has been charged with "aggression against a president", which carries a prison sentence of up to 15 years.

Yasin Majeed said Mr Maliki had received a contrite letter from the journalist. "Zaidi said in his letter that his big ugly act cannot be excused," Mr Majeed said. He added: "But if it happened, I tell you it happened under pressure."

"I would have preferred to have had the shoes as evidence for the case but since Muntader al-Zaidi has confessed to his action and
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**Job Summary:** The Nutritionist is responsible for the development, coordination of the implementation of, monitoring and evaluation of the National Nutrition Plan of the Ministry of Health as well as for providing advice on nutrition issues.

**Salary Pay Scale:** 14 of $23,220 x 960. - $41,460.00 per annum

**Qualification/Experience:** Bachelor’s Degree with a major in Food/Nutrition with a minimum of two (2) years experience in a health care setting or equivalent.

**Deadline:** 26th December, 2008.

Application with two (2) references on professional experience and copies of qualifications are to be submitted to:

Chief Executive Officer
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**Hugo Chavez - Pressing Ahead With Plans To End Presidential Term Limits**

Lawmakers allied with Chavez consider proposal for vote to end term limits in Venezuela

By Associated Press

7:03 PM EST, December 18, 2008

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) —

Venezuela’s National Assembly on Thursday began considering a proposal for a referendum on abolishing term limits, which could let President Hugo Chavez run for re-election indefinitely.

Lawmakers are expected to approve plans for the vote after a second and final debate next month. Election officials say the referendum could be held in March.

Discussing the issue for the first time, legislators in the predominantly pro-Chavez National Assembly at one point broke into chants of “Ooh, aah, Chavez will not go.”

Outside, a crowd of the president’s backers waved flags and turned in boxes of petitions in support of the vote.

Government officials said 4.7 million signatures had been collected. Opponents have noted, however, that the signatures are not expected to be independently verified by electoral officials.

The petition drive is largely symbolic because lawmakers have the power to approve the referendum on their own.

Chavez, who was first elected in 1998, is constitutionally barred from seeking re-election in 2012. Venezuelans handed Chavez his first defeat at the polls last year when they rejected a package of constitutional reforms including an end to presidential term limits.

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**Job Summary:**
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**Salary Pay Scale:**
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**Qualifications:**
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**Deadline:**
26th December, 2008.

Application with two (2) references on professional experience and copies of qualifications are to be submitted to:

Chief Executive Officer  
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(NB: Complete details on this position can be viewed at www.health.gov.bz)

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the post of Medical Officer of Health, Office of the Director of Health Services, Ministry of Health.

**Job Summary:**
The major role of the Medical Officer of Health will be to ensure the implementation of the National Tuberculosis Plan in accordance with established norms and standards of the Ministry of Health. He/She will be expected to develop the plans for tuberculosis management, monitor and evaluate the implementation of such, in conjunction with the Regional Health Managers.

**Salary Pay Scale:**
23 of $34,428. x $1,392. - $60,876.00 per annum

**Qualifications:**
- Bachelor’s Degree in Medicine and Surgery Master’s Degree in Public Health (preferable) or equivalent
- Basic Training in Tuberculosis

**Deadline:**
26th December, 2008.

Application with two (2) references on professional experience and copies of qualifications are to be submitted to:

Chief Executive Officer  
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(NB: Complete details on this position can be viewed at www.health.gov.bz)
Two Policemen Charged For Extortion

In the last edition of the STAR we carried this article as a sub-headline which should have spilled over from the front page to page 15. However, there was no spill over and the article was abruptly terminated.

We sincerely apologize to all readers for the error, and thank Michael “Snooty Fox” Waight for being the first of many callers to bring the discrepancy to our attention. We ask you to please accept our sincerest apology as we now bring you the article in FULL.

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, December 4, 2008:

The police high command continues to display zero tolerance in terms of corrupt actions by those in uniform who are sworn to uphold the constitution and the law.

There are two reports this week of policemen arrested and criminally charged for breaking the law whilst in the execution of their duties.

San Ignacio Police reports the arrest of PC# 813 Luis Coc stationed in Benque Viejo Town, and Belize City police reported the arrest of PC Marlon Harris, both on separate charges of extortion.

The head station in San Ignacio confirmed reports that on Wednesday, November 26, 2008, Hector Arnoldo Aguilar Pajares, 40, Guatemalan Truck Driver residing in Melchor De Mencos, Guatemala told Benque Viejo police that at around 8:00 pm the previous night, November 25 he drove his Freight Liner truck into Belize via the Western Border Station in Benque Viejo Town.

Aguilar Pajares informed that he parked the truck and was walking to the arrival section of border station when he was approached by two uniformed Belizean policemen. One of the policemen reportedly demanded to inspect the truck and after doing so the driver was seized to their duties.

Aguilar Pajares reported that one of the policemen threatened to lock him down for the night if he did not come up with $800. One of the policemen involved in the incident were identified as PC 813 Luis Coc and PC 980 Simon Teck. The investigation led to a search at the residence of both constables whereby $80, believed to be the proceeds of the illegal act was recovered from PC Coc while PC Teck handed over the full $200 half of his take from the deal.

Coc appeared in Benque Viejo’s Magistrate Court on Thursday, November 27, where he pleaded not guilty to the charge. He was offered and met bail in the sum of $2,500 to reappear in court on Wednesday, February 18, 2009.

After some back and forth negotiations the policeman decided to settle for $400 and Aguilar Pajares handed over the money in denominations of: 1- $100, 2 - $50 and 10 - $20.

An immediate investigation was conducted by Sgt. 591 Jesus Palma. The policemen allegedly involved in the incident were identified as PC 813 Luis Coc and PC 980 Simon Teck. The investigation led to a search at the residence of both constables whereby $80, believed to be the proceeds of the illegal act was recovered from PC Coc while PC Teck handed over the full $200 half of his take from the deal.

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In the second incident, Belize City police reports that on Sunday, November 30, a vehicle was stopped by the police at the check point on the Northern Highway. The vehicle was reportedly found with expired insurance and the driver was consequently issued with a summons to appear in court to answer to the charge. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Ayte Klin Kelat of a New Horizon Area address in Belize City. Police informed that it was sometime around 2:30 the following afternoon, Monday, December 1, when a policeman identified as PC Marlon Harris visited Kelat at his residence and reportedly told him that the matter could be diverted from the court with the simple payment of $100 to the visiting policeman. Kelat handed over the $100 requested but not before discretely recording the serial number and placing a call to the police. A mobile was dispatched to the area and Harris was promptly arrested with the very same $100 bill still in his possession. He was subsequently arrested and criminally charged for the extortion.

With the coming to light of these two recent cases, Commissioner of Police Gerald Westby seized the opportunity to informed those under his command that these kinds of irregular and criminal actions will not be tolerated. He informed that the full force of the law will come crashing down on the heads of those accused of violating their sworn obligation to uphold the constitution and the law.
INFORMING THE PUBLIC ON THE BELIZE/GUATEMALA ICJ PROCESS

A media release from the Advisory Council on the Guatemala Claim, December 16, 2008

A Public Education Strategy to inform all Belizeans on the Belize/Guatemala International Court of Justice (ICJ) issue has been embarked on by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) on the advice and with the support of the Advisory Council on the Guatemalan Claim (ACGC).

This follows the signing on 8th December 2008 of the Special Agreement between Belize and Guatemala to submit Guatemala’s Territorial Claim to Belize to the ICJ.

The ACGC has advised and the MFA has accepted a comprehensive and long-term public education strategy to inform and prepare all Belizeans to participate in the national referendum that is required.

The theme of the education strategy is “The People of Belize Will Decide” and its approach is to be neutral in the content of all written, audio and visual materials to be produced.

Bel-Caribe Communications Ltd has been contracted by the MFA to coordinate the implementation of the strategy.

The ACGC is a 15-member voluntary group of individuals and representatives of people’s organizations appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to advise the Negotiating Team (NT) and the MFA on (a) negotiations related to the Guatemalan claim, and (b) the development and implementation of public education activities related to the ICJ issue.

The education strategy is designed to increase in intensity in three phases (low, medium and high) leading up to the national referendum.

Thus far the activities conducted have included a media briefing, appearances of members of the NT and ACGC before and after the signing of the Special Agreement, and the wide dissemination of the Special Agreement as an insert in newspapers.

Activities scheduled over the coming two months include (a) a newspaper insert on the chronology of events related to the Guatemalan claim, (b) publication and wide dissemination of an educational booklet in English and Spanish entitled “The Guatemalan Claim: From Negotiation to Adjudication? The People of Belize Will Decide”, (c) information and discussion sessions with interested groups, and (d) development of a special interactive website with all key Belize/Guatemala information.

Thereafter, the roll-out of the education strategy will gradually intensify with the production of other informational materials including brochures, radio and television pieces etc. Educational presentations and discussions will be conducted with the general public and a wide variety of groups in every district in the country.

The ACGC takes this opportunity to clarify that its primary role is to advise on the content and to support the MFA in the implementation of the strategy. Some members of the ACGC will be among the resource persons for some educational activities and may reserve the right to express their individual positions and opinions.

The ACGC also urges all Belizeans, media houses, political parties, political leaders and interest groups to approach this highly sensitive national issue in a respectful manner. There is time to use the next few months as a period of information, serious analysis and dialogue.

Every Belizean who needs and wants information on the ICJ process and on the pros and cons of going to the ICJ will be able to get it through the official education activities as well as from other sources.

For more information on the Public Education Strategy contact Bel-Caribe Communications Ltd at 223-2893.
Happy Holidays

Mayor John August & Councilors of the Twin Town of The San Ignacio and Santa Elena

Take this opportunity to extend warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and every prosperity in the New Year to all residents and visitors of the beautiful Twin Towns for this Holiday Season.

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The race also offers the amateur paddlers an opportunity to compete alongside the more rabid competitors which makes the race unique and one of its kind.

Belize is the host to the La Ruta Maya Belize River Challenge and that in itself is a great attraction to the country during this time. Belizeans are proud all over to be a part of this great spectacle as is shown by their unwavering support and attendance in great numbers every year.

Banana Bank, Bermudian Landing and Burrell Boom is what makes the race what it is a diverse creation for peoples of all ages and all walks of life to assemble meet and create new friends and get to meet old ones as well. Much less to speak of the finishing at the Civic Center in Belize City especially the awards ceremonies where we all get to share in the glory and achievement of the paddlers themselves. That is what makes the race a true community spirited event.

The culture and the environment are real pillars of what keep the organizers focus there attention and energies on preserving the river for generations to experience the diversity and greatness of this natural resource that provides the opportunity for much communities along its way to cherish at the same time depend on it for their living.

Tourism corners the event on all moments as Belize serves its own ambassador as attention focuses on the race come September when teams start to prepare and get in shape.

The word is out from the get go right through to March even after the race as participants and there support crews waits anxiously for the results. It’s a real challenge to complete the journey to the finishing line and a great sense of accomplishment and pride in one self to share in the excitement and glorious spirit at the end of the four days long canoe race.

The historical path through which the race detours down the Belize River is but an experience in a life-time. The echoes of men and women who journeyed up and down the river if for guiding the logwood downstream or carrying provisions for the chicle workers is heard all along the way as teams hassle and out smart each other to get in front. History is in the making and will be made again! Wishing everyone a Very Merry X-mas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!
LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that EMMELIO CASTILLO is applying for the renewal of his PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate COST LESS BAR located on Carmen Street, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that FLORENTIN PENA is applying for the renewal of his MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate IPS STORE located at George Price Avenue, Trapiche, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that JONATHAN D. CARDI is applying for the renewal of his MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate TROPICAL WINGS NATURE CENTER RESTAURANT located at Mile 71 1/2 Western Highway, San Jose Succotz Village in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby given that the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that SANDRO VALLECILLO is applying for the renewal of his PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate BLANCANEUX LAUD located on Magazine Pine Ridge Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

ARIES
MAR 21 to APR 20
A craving for variety could lead you to some interesting new places. Your friendly and easy going outlook easily attracts some blossoming friendships. Out of this could spring romance if you’re single. Fortunate on: Tuesday. Lucky Numbers: 1, 73, 96.

TAURUS
APR 21 to MAY 21
Lady Luck must be watching over your shoulders, and it could be that you’ll have to make a definite decision about what to do with some extra cash coming your way. Good fortune forecast on: Sunday. Lucky Numbers: 33, 56, 85.

GEMINI
MAY 22 to JUNE 21
A close relationship treads new ground. Your partner has romantic plans that seem very out of the ordinary but your stars suggest you are in for a memorable time. Lucky day: Friday. Lucky Numbers: 18, 46, 84.

CANCER
JUNE 22 to JUL 22
The more willing you are to be flexible, the more rewarding this week will prove to be. If you bury yourself in other commitments you could so easily miss a particularly lucrative bandwagon. Expect luck on: Monday. Lucky Numbers: 2, 20, 61.

LEO
JUL 23 to AUG 23
Your love life is all set to blossom and flower when a partner has a special treat in store for you. Let your emotions govern your choice of words throughout the days ahead. Fortunate on: Wednesday. Lucky Numbers: 5, 34, 67.

VIRGO
AUG 24 to SEP 22
Be flexible as things may not go entirely according to plan.

LIBRA
SEP 23 to OCT 23
A money muddle is brought to your attention on Tuesday. Confusing this may well be but you aren’t likely to let it spoil your current run of good luck and happiness. Lucky day: Sunday. Lucky Numbers: 19, 52, 77.

SCORPIO
OCT 24 to NOV 22
You will be able to achieve success even in the most difficult avenues of life and all because of your positive and determined attitude. Few people will even attempt to get in your way. Good fortune forecast on: Tuesday. Lucky Numbers: 9, 35, 74.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23 to DEC 21
You’re considering something very special. Keep your eyes and ears fully tuned to whatever is going on around you. Your alert instincts will tell you when your lucky moment has arrived. Expect luck on: Wednesday. Lucky Numbers: 12, 26, 75.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22 to JAN 20
You’re out to make the most of every opportunity that comes your way and there’ll be no objection from anyone to prevent you from doing so. New interests open up different avenues for you. Good day for luck: Monday. Lucky Numbers: 5, 56, 81.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21 to FEB 18
It’s amazing what you can do when you put your mind to it. You’re mentally bright, physically on top of the world and in tune with your intuition. You will whiz through commitments with unexpected ease. Fortunate on: Saturday. Lucky Numbers: 24, 44, 72.

BELIZE CITY, Monday, December 15, 2008:
A senior citizen proved too much for a young home invader to handle.

Belize City police reports that it was shortly after 3 o’clock on the morning of Saturday, December 6 when a 30 year old home invader entered the Baymen Avenue, Belize City residence of a 75 year old senior citizen.

The much younger intruder was overpowered by the elderly man and held until the police arrive at which time he was handed over to them.

The report indicates that senior citizen Lawrence Matute, 75, was awakened by a noise coming from his bedroom window during those early morning hours. He reportedly reached for his machete which he keeps under the bed and as the intruder set foot inside his house the machete was placed to the intruder’s abdomen ordering him to freeze.

The intruder was identified as Albert Williams, 30. He was taken into custody and is now facing criminal charges for invading the home of this senior citizen.

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BELMOPAN City, Thursday, December 18, 2008.
During the week of December 3, 2008, President Mohler-Faria and the faculty and staff of Bridgewater State College (BSC) were gracious hosts to the Minister of Education, the Hon. Patrick Faber, Deputy Chief Education Officer, Mrs. Carol Babb and literacy educators, Mrs. Denise Robateau and Mrs. Candy Armstrong from the Caribbean Centre of Excellence for Teacher Training (C-CETT).

The purpose of the visit was for the team to look at programs in special education and make presentations on the C-CETT initiative in Belize.

With his commitment to teacher training and literacy in Belize, Minister Faber spent quality time with President Mohler-Faria and Vice-President for External Affairs, Edward Minnock to discuss some of the areas in which Bridgewater State College and the Ministry of Education can collaborate for an effective partnership.

Some of the discussions coming out of the presentations and meetings focussed on plans for student/faculty exchange programs; capacity building and training in learning disabilities in the C-CETT schools; and teacher training initiatives in Belize.

Minister Faber also extended an invitation for Bridgewater State College to join the Consortium of Belize Educational Corporation (COBEC).

On the final day of the visit, the tour ended with an interactive meeting with faculty and students of Bridgewater State who are preparing to visit Belize in January to do service learning at St. John’s Anglican school in Belize City.

Other major highlights of the visit included a dinner held in the honor of Minister Faber at the home of BSC’s very own Dr. Lisa Battaglino, where President Mohler-Faria and Hon. Patrick Faber exchanged gifts of appreciation.

This visit was a successful one that would further the efforts of the Ministry of Education to provide for and improve quality education in Belize. It was made possible through the tremendous efforts of Dr. Lisa Battaglino, Professor, Special Education and Communication Disorders, BSC and Belize’s Deputy Chief Education Officer, Mrs. Carol Babb.

Six New Trained Mentors

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“YBTB Hosts Third Mentor Training”

On Thursday December 11th, 2008, 6 persons from the Belizean Business Community were trained as mentors for Youth Business Trust Belize.

This is the third training session for the year and was facilitated by Dionne Miranda, YBTB’s Project Director. To date YBTB has trained 40 mentors.

Youth Business Trust Belize is a program offering young persons between the ages of 18-35 assistance in their own businesses.

The program offers loan financing, training and the ever important component, mentoring, which guides the young persons business on the road to success.

Mentoring is a component of the YBTB programme in which the mentor agrees to the following:

a) Be pro-active in maintaining regular contact with the young entrepreneur
b) Offer guidance and advice in a professional and friendly manner which respects the young entrepreneur’s exclusive ownership of his / her business, and thus the entrepreneur’s right to ultimately make all his / her own business decisions
c) Act in the best interest of the young entrepreneur and his / her business and be a source of constant encouragement and motivation
d) Contact the mentoring programme management if the young entrepreneur has a problem beyond the mentor’s experience and / or expertise.
e) Develop with the young entrepreneur a set of tasks, strategies and competencies required for the success of the business and the personal development of the entrepreneur
f) Pro-actively identify business opportunities and challenges and assist the young entrepreneur to develop strategies to exploit or overcome these opportunities and challenges

C-CETT requirements for Compliance and guidelines for C-CETT programmes management

h) Participate in a basic mentor orientation and induction programme

Those who pledged their commitment to the program must be trained as mentors as part of the Micro financing program commitment being funded by the Inter-American Development Bank.

In addition, the YBTB has a responsibility to partner its young entrepreneurs with trained business mentors as per the Youth Business International Model started by the Prince of Wales which has strict conditions for and improve quality education in Belize. It was made possible through the tremendous efforts of Dr. Lisa Battaglino, Professor, Special Education and Communication Disorders, BSC and Belize’s Deputy Chief Education Officer, Mrs. Carol Babb.
TWO SANTA ELENA MEN BEATEN - ONE POLICE CORPORAL CHARGED

rapidly to Brooks’ call for assistance and both bleeding men were transported to the San Ignacio Town Hospital where they were issued with medical forms. The injuries were both classified as wounding.

We caught up with Corporal Barrow outside the San Ignacio Police Station a few minutes before the arrest. He did not deny causing injuries to the two individuals. He denies however, using his gun to whip them. He said that he punched them both with his bare knuckle.

According to Corporal Barrow, on the morning in question while approaching the establishment in the company of about five friends. “I caught sight of Jamie Brooks sitting at a table in the outer front section of the club and although my friends were insisting that I enter, I decided to remain outside on the edge of the street as I have always tried to avoid this particular individual” said Barrow.

“I try to stay clear of him because from the time our investigation led to the arrest of his younger brother on murder charges in connection with the Mike & Donna Hill case, he has been publicly disrespectful towards me at every given opportunity without failure. I try as best as I can not to cross my path even when I am on patrol. He might have mistaken these evasive actions as cowardice on my part. On this particular night, despite my best effort to ignore him, he was very vocal in his public disrespect towards me, in the presence of many witnesses, while in the company of his friends. Then it reached the point where I could take it no more. I am a policeman. I am here at the station answering my superior officer’s request to see me and they will do what they have to do.” concluded Barrow.

It was around 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, when Corporal #38 Denroy Barrow was formally, arrested, charged, processed and granted police bail in the sum of $1,000. He is slated to appear in San Ignacio Magistrate Court on Monday, December 22, 2008 to answer to two counts of wounding.

Recording The Passing Of Miss Raquel

p.m. funeral services on Sunday, December 21 at St. Ignatius Church also in Santa Elena Town, Cayo.

We join with the rest of the community in expression of sincere sympathies with Don Cirio and his family at the passing of a caring wife and devoted mother. We pray for the deserving eternal resting of her soul.

LICOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that STEPHEN PLAYER is applying for the renewal of his RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate FAIRBRIDGE COUNTRY located in Crico Rey 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 AZUCENA GALVEZ is applying for the renewal of her RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate CLARISSA FALLS located at Mile 70 on the Western Highway, Calla Creek Road in the Cayo District.

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To a joyful present and a well remembered past, Best Wishes for a Happy Holidays and a Magnificent New Year.

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