SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, January 14, 2009:

The second man, charged with the brazen Monday evening, January 5, murder of a security officer was today transported on remand to the central prison in Hattieville.

The accused, Elvis “Iron” Duncan was recuperating at the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan for a week as he was recovering from injuries he reportedly sustained after jumping over a wall in an attempt to flee the long arms of the law.

After his release from the hospital, Duncan was transported directly to a holding cell at the San Ignacio police station.

He appeared before San Ignacio’s Magistrate Kathleen Lewis, on Monday, January 12, where, like the accomplice, Delawn Parham, the following 9 charges were read to him: 1) murder, 2) attempt murder, 3) robbery, 4) maim 5) use of deadly means of harm, 6-7) two counts of possession of an unlicensed firearm possession and 8-9) two counts of keeping unlicensed ammunition. And like Parham, this second suspect, will be re-appearing in court on Thursday, February 19.

Latest information reaching us indicated that the third suspect, and the man believed to be the mastermind behind the attack, Arden Garay, is gradually recuperating at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City. He is reportedly slated to undergo surgery for the injury he sustained to the right foot.

Police reports that upon being released from the hospital, Garay will likewise face similar charges.

Guatemalan Walks Free Of All Charges

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, January 15, 2009:

Charges were today dismissed in San Ignacio’s Magistrate Court against an alleged armed Guatemalan man who was reportedly encountered over a kilometer inside Belizean territory in a national park.

The incident occurred over three months ago, at around 11:00am on October 7, 2008 when a joint jungle patrol consisting of elements from the Police, BDF, Forestry and Friends for Conservation in the Chiquibul National Park in the Cayo District came upon an armed male Hispanic person standing in a cornfield inside the national park.

The individual was identified as Juan De Los Santos Roman, 28, Guatemalan farmer, of San Jose Dolores, Melchor. He was found in possession of a point 22 rifle as well as 10 live rounds of ammunition for the rifle which were found inside his pants pocket.

He was instantly detained and transported to the San Ignacio police station where he was formally arrested and charged for 1) Illegal entry into a National Park. 2) Possession of unlicensed firearm 3) Kept ammunition without a license.

The accused first appeared in San Ignacio Magistrate court on Thursday, October 9, 2008, two days after the initial arrest. Due to the nature of the offence, the accused was remanded to the central prison in Hattieville until November 6. When he appeared in court on November 6, the case was
Promoting The Unity Of Mankind
What is Bahá’ís Faith All About?

BY: Mohsen Badijan

Often people ask ‘Who are the Bahá’ís? What is their mission? What are they trying to achieve?’

In brief Bahá’ís are ordinary people with an extraordinary mission. They have a spiritual perspective on life and a deep desire to grow spiritually, to develop their potential.

They want to experience a closer relation with God. They dedicate their lives to the promotion of these principles in Bahá’í Scriptures:

Let your vision be world-embracing, rather than confined to your own self.

Think of at all times of rendering some service to every member of the human race.

Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch.

The Bahá’í Faith is a new independent religion that God has sent for us, for our time.

The Bahá’í Faith dates back to 1844. According to the Britannica Book of the Year 2003, the Bahá’í Faith is the second most widespread religion in the world.

The Bahá’í faith presents a pattern for a new global civilization to unify all nations, races, and religions.

Their goal is for creating a world of oneness, peace and harmony. Bahá’í do not set themselves apart from the followers of other faiths. They reach out to peoples of all nations and religions to bring them together and help them to work in harmony.

Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship.

Bahá’í Scriptures

A root cause of prejudice is a feeling of superiority to others. This sense of superiority separates us, and, like cancerous cells, quietly attacks and destroys the body and the soul of humankind. Bahá’ís make every effort to heal these destructive cells by setting an example, by demonstrating the positive consequences of acceptance, equality, and oneness.

Bahá’í people are of all races and nations; they find equality with each other because they are equal before God, the one Creator who loves and cares for all His children.

God has sent, and will continue to send, new religions in each age according to the capacity and understanding of people to accomplish three goals: To Safeguard the Welfare of Humanity, to promote the Unity of Mankind and Fostering spirit of love and fellowship. He has sent, and will continue to send, Messengers or Redeemers to teach us new knowledge and to disclose new mysteries, according to our spiritual maturity.

To teach us that knowing, loving, and glorifying God is the very life of our soul, the source of the most enduring hope and happiness.

To help us recognize our supreme station as God’s most glorious creatures and manifest the most wondrous gifts He has placed within our soul.

To help us experience in this world an abundant life, a deep and genuine sense of joy and peace.

To awaken to our divine destiny and the splendid and awesome eternity that awaits us.

And to raise our ethical standards, and reshape human destiny, so that we will live a life of purity, service, and love.

The Bahá’í Faith is moving the world towards enhancing the world civilization, which can cultivate our spiritual potential on a scale never before attempted or achieved.

The Bahá’í Faith has new teachings, it has a goal that is to establish peaceful and cooperative relations between all cultures, nations, and races of the world.

Bahá’í Scriptures says: “The earth is but one country and human is its citizen”

For the first time in human history, the Bahá’í Faith presents a New World Order that will establish an enduring peace and justice on our planet, a new plan that will promote prosperity for all members of the human race.

Just as our parents give us new instructions at each stage of our lives, also God reveals new truths adapted to our needs. This is called the Progressive Revelation of Truth and the Divine Revelation is progressive. God reveals His Will progressively through His Manifestations who come from time to time as humanity advances from one stage to another.

The sacred Scriptures of a religion are sources of celestial inspiration and creative energy. They are their heart and soul. They have the power to raise the lowest creature to the crest of nobility and love for all humankind.

Consider these inspiring quotations from the Bahá’í Scriptures:

Ye were created to show love, one to another. Take pride not in love for yourselves but in love for your fellow-creatures. Glory not in love for your country, but in love for all mankind.

Look not upon the creatures of God except with the eye of kindliness and of mercy, for our loving providence hath pervaded all created things, and our grace encompassed the earth and the heavens.

This is a very brief explanation about few Bahá’í principals that offers for the betterment of the world but is not complete and could be continued in future up on your request.

For more information there are some Bahá’í websites as follows: www.bahai.org http://reference.bahai.org www.bahaiworldnews.org

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SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, January 15, 2009:

Benque Viejo police today reported the retrieval of the floating body of a Belize City man from the waters of the Mopan River in that western municipality.

It was shortly after 7:00 am on Tuesday, January 13 when Harrington Grey, 65, of a 4 B Flamboyant Street, Belize City address, visited the Benque Viejo police station and reported that, about 12 hours earlier, sometime around 7:30 on the night of Monday, January 12, his 23-year-old son Darwin Grey, left their Belize City home without indicating where he was going.

In the report to Benque Viejo Police, the father informed that he was awakened during the early morning hours on Tuesday, January 13, by two young men, one of whom was a close friend of his son. They told the father that all three of them had crossed into Melchor, Guatemala the previous night and that whilst swimming across the illegal river crossing on their return to Belize, Darwin disappeared under the water in the darkness and never resurfaced.

They reportedly rushed back to Belize City going directly to inform the father of the incident.

A police search party was dispatched to the area but two days of searching proved fruitless. The body resurfaced two days later when a resident in the area saw it floating in the area about 50 feet from where it originally went under. The resident pulled the body to a more stable portion of the river and alerted police of the discovery.

The police in turn informed the family.

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The legally required post mortem examination was conducted today by police pathologist, Dr. Mario Estrada Brannon at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City. It revealed no visible sign of injury and certified the cause of death as drowning.

Police Minister Tours Next Thursday

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, January 15, 2009:

After at least two postponements since October of last year, reports reaching us indicate that if all goes as planned, National Security Minister, Hon. Carlos Perdomo should be visiting the San Ignacio Police Detachment and other village substations within the jurisdiction, on Thursday, January 22, 2009.

Officer Commanding the Cayo (Police) District, Senior Superintendent of Police Paul Wade informed that apart from inspecting the personnel and facilities, Minister Perdomo is also slated to meet with the staff to hear their views and to update them on the forward direction of the department.

Mr. Wade informed that the ministerial tour will end with a public meeting which will commence at 7:00 pm at the Center for Employment Training on Buena Vista Street in San Ignacio.

Minister Perdomo was slated to conduct a similar tour in Benque Viejo Town on the following day, January 23. This tour has been postponed as the Minister will be attending a special sitting of the House of Representatives on that date.
Dear Editor:

It has recently come to my attention, by way of newspaper articles, that the Government of Belize is currently paying by street lighting, why on earth do we see all those street lights on for 24 hours each day and 7 days each week.

This is wasteful spending and is causing an unnecessary drain on taxpayers. It does not matter for the people at the Belize Electricity Limited because the longer these street lights are left on, the more money they are saving.

If the large amount of street lights left on during daytime hours in San Ignacio is any indication, then I can only imagine what the cost is for the financed of the nation.

Years ago, Mayor of Belize City - This is a real important occasion. Furthermore, the people at the Belize Electricity Limited have been serving during that era the responsibility of conducting a survey of all street lights burning during daytime hours. The report from this individual should then be forwarded to the Ministry of Finance for their information and to the electricity company for prompt corrective action.

This situation should be constantly monitored across the country and the electricity company should be legally charged with the responsibility of taking immediate action to correct this drain on the financed of the nation.

The money saved from this wasteful spending could certainly be put to much better use.

In terms of a radical suggestion, I sincerely hope that it will not reach the extreme point where some could be forced to the point of taking out our slingshots to put out these daytime lights if only for the sake of saving hard earned taxpayers money.

Francisco, San Ignacio

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

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

Doors will be open as of January 12th 2009 Monday to Friday from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. ICTRFL always working hand in hand with the community to make a positive difference in the lives of children.

For further information, to register your child, to volunteer services, to donate books or school supplies call 804-0264 or email us at ixcheltropicalresearch@yahoo.com
SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, January 14, 2009:

BY: Eulogio Cano

After many years of neglect under successive PUP governments, the Santa Elena Football Stadium on Salazar Street is now slated for major improvements.

In keeping with his manifesto promise to the people of Santa Elena Town and Cayo Central, Area Representative/Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Hon. Rene Montero in conjunction with Mayor John August and the San Ignacio/Santa Elena Town Council have identified funding for the project.

“We will be undertaking the project in three phases” said Minister Montero “The first phase encompasses the construction of an additional regulation size football field, a basketball court, a track and field facility, improved lighting and the rehabilitation of the cement perimeter fence. Works to be undertaken in the second phase includes improved bathroom facilities and bleachers, and in the final phase the facility will be fitted with adequate changing rooms for male and female athletes, additional bleachers and painting. The United Democratic Party recognizes that sport is a viable alternative to crime and drug use. It is therefore this government’s intention to providing that alternative. We therefore have every intention to continue addressing the needs of the nation’s most valuable resource – The people,” concluded Minister Montero.

The works which began on Monday, January 12, is expected to take several months but when completed, residents of Santa Elena Town and surrounding communities will have a sporting facility of which they can truly be proud.

Minister Montero additionally informed that when inaugurated, the new and improved sporting facility will likewise boast a new name. He said that the community is currently being consulted as the effort continues to come up with that name.

In other Cayo Central news, work continues on water expansion projects in the Santa Cruz and Bradley’s Bank Communities in Santa Elena.

The Long Neglected Santa Elena Football Field on Salazar Street

The Tractor engaged in clearing the land
Belmopan City, Monday, January 12, 2009:

A release from the US Embassy, Press Office, Belmopan, today informed that outgoing US President George W. Bush signed legislation on June 30, 2008 approving funding for the first year of the Merida Initiative.

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The project provides equipment and training in support of law enforcement operations and technical assistance to promote the long-term reform, oversight and advancement of the security agencies.

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Belmopan City, Friday, January 16, 2009:

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BY: Candace Willacey, Marketing Officer, Galen University: GALEN UNIVERSITY, Central Farms, Cayo, January 10, 2009:


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VARIATION UNDER SECTION 4

It is hereby declared in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Laws of Belize Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000 that the boundaries of Registration Section Port/Loyolaville is varied and hereafter described as follows:-

Made this 14th day of January 2009.

Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment, Minister responsible for Lands

VARIATION OF REGISTRATION SECTION:
PORT/LOYOLAVILLE - Block No. 45

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situate in Belize City, Belize District containing approximately 600 Hectares (1483 Acres) being the Port Loyolaville Registration Section and bounded on the North by Fabers Road, Central American Boulevard and Neal’s Pen Road; on the East by the Caribbean Sea; on the South by the Caribbean Sea and the Sibun Bight Registration Section, and on the West by the Western Highway and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a concrete pillar on the eastern limit of the Western Highway and having approximate UTM Zone 16 Coordinates of 1931 566.5 North and 366 711.5 East and being the most northerly corner of the Sibun Bight Registration Section; thence northeasterly along the eastern limit of the Western Highway for a distance of 5,082 metres, more or less to its intersection with the southern limit of Fabers Road; thence southeasterly along the southern limit of Fabers Road for a distance of 2,643 metres, more or less, to its intersection with the western limit of Central American Boulevard; thence northeasterly along the western limit of Central American Boulevard for a distance of 284 metres, more or less to its intersection with the northern limit of Neal’s Pen Road; thence southeasterly along the northern limit of Neal’s Pen Road produced for a distance of 820 metres, more or less, to its intersection with the western bank of New Southside Canal; thence in a southerly direction along the western bank of New Southside Canal for a distance of 47 metres, more or less, to its intersection with the Caribbean Sea coast; thence in a southwesterly direction along the Caribbean Sea coast and continuing along said sea coast for a distance of 8,395 metres more or less, to its intersection with the northern boundary of the Sibun Bight Registration Section; thence northwesterly along the northern boundary of the Sibun Bight Registration Section for a distance of 443 metres more or less, back to the point of commencement.
LAWs OF BElIZE
REGISTERED LAND ACT, CHAPTER 194 - REVISED EDITION 2000
DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 4

It is hereby declared in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Laws of Belize Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000 that the Proposed Section Burdon Canal is declared to be a Compulsory Registration Section.

Made this 14th day of January 2009.

[Signature]
Hon. Gaspar Vega
Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment, Minister responsible for Lands

REGISTRATION SECTION: BURDON CANAL - Block No. 45

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situate in Belize City, Belize District containing approximately 186 Hectares (460 Acres) being the Burdon Canal Registration Section and bounded on the Northwest by the Burdon Canal; on the East by the St. Martin De Porres West Registration Section, on the Southeast by the Western Highway; and on the Southwest by the Western Highway and a portion of the Sibun Bight Registration Section and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the intersection of the southern limit of the Western Highway with the northwest bank of the Burdon Canal at Burdon Canal Bridge, thence northeasterly along the northwest bank of Burdon Canal for a distance of 5,115 metres, more or less to a point said point being the westerly extension across the Burdon Canal of the northern boundary of Parcel C as shown on Entry 1023 lodged as the office of the Commissioner of Lands and Surveys Belmopan, thence easterly across the Burdon Canal for a distance of 22 metres more or less to a concrete pillar labeled F’d. “C” on said Entry 1023; thence continuing in an easterly direction along the northern boundary of said Parcel C for a distance of 424.3 metres, more or less to a point labeled K’ on said Entry 1023 said point being the northeast corner of said Parcel C thence southerly along the eastern boundary of said Parcel C for a distance of 376 metres more or less, to a point on the northern limit of the Western Highway and labeled R3 on said Entry 1023; thence on a bearing of 180° 22’ 04” across the Western Highway for a distance of 34 metres, more or less, to a point in the southern limit of said Western Highway thence in a southwesterly direction along the southeastern limit of the Western Highway for a distance of 5,498 metres, more or less, back to the point of commencement.
LAWS OF BELIZE
REGISTERED LAND ACT, CHAPTER 194 - REVISED EDITION 2000
DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 4

It is hereby declared in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Laws of Belize Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000 that the Proposed Section St. Martin De Porres West is declared to be a Compulsory Registration Section.

Made this 14th day of January 2009.

Hugo Gaspar Vega
Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment, Minister responsible for Lands

REGISTRATION SECTION: ST. MARTIN DE PORRES WEST - Block No. 45

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situated in Belize City, Belize District containing approximately 179 Hectares (443 Acres) being the St. Martin De Porres West Registration Section and bounded on the North by the Haulover Creek; on the East by the St. Martin De Porres Registration Section; on the South by the Western Highway; and on the West by the Burdon Canal Registration Section and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point on the northwest bank of the Burdon Canal said point being the westerly extension across the Burdon Canal of the northern boundary of Parcel C as shown on Entry 1023 lodged as the office of the Commissioner of Lands and Surveys, Belmopan, thence in a northeasterly direction along the northwest bank of the Burdon Canal for a distance of 760 metres, more or less, to the southern bank of the Haulover Creek, thence in an easterly direction across the mouth of the Burdon Canal and along the south bank of the Haulover Creek for a distance of 2,187 metres more or less, to its intersection with the western boundary of the St. Martin De Porres Registration Section; thence southerly along the western boundary of the St. Martin De Porres Registration Section on a grid bearing of 180° 20' 37" for a distance of 376.5 metres, more or less to a wooden post; thence on a grid bearing of 270° 20' 37" for a distance of 126.29 metres, more or less to a concrete pillar; thence on a grid bearing of 0° 20' 37" for a distance of 0.86 metres more or less to a concrete pillar, thence on a grid bearing of 270° 28' 54" for a distance of 284.21 metres more or less, to a concrete pillar thence on a grid bearing of 180° 20' 37" for a distance of 243.00 metres, more or less to a concrete pillar thence on a grid bearing of 107° 20' 37" for a distance of 354.98 metres more or less, to a concrete pillar on the western limit of Western Avenue; thence easterly across Western Avenue for a distance of 24.38 metres, more or less to a concrete pillar on the eastern limit of Western Avenue; thence on a grid bearing of 180° 20' 37" along the eastern limit of Western Avenue produced for a distance of 212 metres, more or less, to a point on the southern limit of the Western Highway; thence in a westerly direction along the southern limit of the Western Highway for a distance of 2,107 metres more or less to a point in the southeast corner of the Burdon Canal Registration Section; thence on a bearing of 0° 22' 04" across the Western Highway for a distance of 34 metres, more or less, to a point on the northern limit of the Western Highway and labeled R3 on said Entry 1023; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of said Parcel C for a distance of 376 metres, more or less, to a point labeled K on said Entry 1023 said point being the northeast corner of said Parcel C and the Burdon Canal Registration Section; thence in a westerly direction along the northern boundary of said Parcel C for a distance of 424.3 metres, more or less, to a concrete pillar labeled Ed. "C" on said Entry 1023, thence continuing in a westerly direction across the Burdon Canal for a distance of 22 metres, more or less, back to the point of commencement.
LAWS OF BELIZE
REGISTERED LAND ACT, CHAPTER 194 - REVISED EDITION 2000
DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 4

It is hereby declared in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Laws of Belize Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000 that the Proposed Section Queen’s Square West is declared to be a Compulsory Registration Section.

Made this 14th day of January 2009.

[Signature]
Hon. Gilpin Vas
Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment, Minister responsible for Lands

REGISTRATION SECTION: QUEEN’S SQUARE WEST - Block No. 45

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situate in Belize City, Belize District containing approximately 1.44 Hectares (356 Acres) being the Queen’s Square West Registration Section and bounded on the North by the Western Highway, Lord Ridge Cemetery and Cemetery Road; on the East by Central American Boulevard; and on the South by Fabers Road and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the intersection of the southern limit of Fabers Road with the southern limit of the Western Highway; thence easterly along the southern limit of the Western Highway for a distance of 1,893 metres, more or less, to its intersection with the western boundary of Lord Ridge Cemetery; thence southwesterly along the western boundary of Lord Ridge Cemetery and being the boundary of the St. Martin De Porres Registration Section, for a distance of 58 metres, more or less, to its southern boundary; thence in a southeasterly direction along the southern boundary of Lord Ridge Cemetery and the St. Martin De Porres Registration Section for a distance of 587 metres, more or less, to its eastern boundary; thence northeasterly along the eastern boundary of Lord Ridge Cemetery for a distance of 109 metres, more or less, to its intersection with the southern limit of Cemetery Road; thence southeasterly along the southern limit of said Cemetery Road for a distance of 224 metres, more or less, to its intersection with the western limit of Central American Boulevard; thence southerly along the western limit of Central American Boulevard for a distance of 842 metres, more or less, to its intersection with the southern limit of Fabers Road; thence northwesterly along me southern limit of Fabers Road for a distance of 2,645 metres, more or less, back to the point of commencement.
LAWS OF BELIZE
REGISTERED LAND ACT, CHAPTER 194 - REVISED EDITION 2000
DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 4
It is hereby declared in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Laws of Belize Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000 that the Proposed Section Fort George/Pickstock is declared to be a Compulsory Registration Section.

Made this 14th day of January 2009.

[Signature]
Hon. Gaspar Vega
Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment, Minister responsible for Lands

REGISTRATION SECTION: FORT GEORGE/PICKSTOCK - Block No. 45

SCHEDULE
ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situate in Belize City, Belize District containing approximately 114 Hectares (282 Acres) being the Fort George/Pickstock Registration Section and bounded on the North by the King’s Park Registration Section and being St. Joseph Street, Baymen Avenue and Calle Al Mar Street respectively; on the East by the Caribbean Sea, on the South by the northern bank of the Haulover Creek and on the West by the Caribbean Shores Registration Section being a section of Princess Margaret Drive; and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point in the southwestern corner of the King’s Park Registration Section being the intersection of the northern limit of St. Joseph Street extended westward with the western limit of Princess Margaret Drive; thence southeasterly across Princess Margaret Drive and along the northern limit of St. Joseph Street for a distance of 664 metres, more or less to a concrete pillar at its intersection with Baymen Avenue; thence on a true bearing of S 86° 12' 50" E across Baymen Avenue for a distance of 18.4 metres, more or less, to a concrete pillar in its eastern limit; thence southerly along the eastern limit of Baymen Avenue for a distance of 83.4 metres, more or less, to a concrete pillar at its intersection with the northern limit of Calle Al Mar Street; thence northeasterly along the northern limit of Calle Al Mar Street extended across Barracks Road for a distance of 261 metres, more or less, to the Caribbean sea coast; thence southeasterly and southerly along said sea coast for a distance of 1937 metres, more or less, to its intersection with the northern bank of Haulover Creek near the Baron Bliss Lighthouse thence in a northwesterly direction along the said northern bank of the Haulover Creek for a distance of 2193 metres, more or less, to its intersection with the western limit of Princess Margaret Drive at Belcan Bridge, thence northerly along the western limit of Princess Margaret Drive for a distance of 250 metres, more or less, back to the point of commencement.
Hon. Anthony “Boots” Martinez and other officials of the Ministry of Works would like to thank all merchants, vendors and other stakeholders for their patience and cooperation during the recent upgrading of Albert and Regent Streets. We are aware of the inconvenience this project placed on our merchants and on the general public at large but we are also confident that the end result is one that we can all be proud of.
It is our hope that everyone concerned will do their part to ensure that this vital area remains attractive. The public can look forward to vast improvements not only in downtown Belize City but in other areas as well as we continue our goal of improving the lives of all Belizeans.
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DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 4

It is hereby declared in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Laws of Belize Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000 that the Proposed Section Dangriga North is declared to be a Compulsory Registration Section.

Made this 14th day of January 2009.

Hon. Gaspar Vega
Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment, Minister responsible for Lands

REGISTRATION SECTION: DANGRIGA NORTH - Block No. 31

SCHEDULE

All that piece or parcels of land situate in and adjacent to Dangriga Town Stann Creek District containing approximately 276 Hectares (882 Acres) being the Dangriga North Registration Section and bounded on the North by National and Private lands, on the East by the Caribbean Sea; on the South by the North Stann Creek; and on the West by National and Private lands and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of the northern bank of the North Stann Creek with the Caribbean Sea coast; thence in a westerly direction along the north bank of the North Stann Creek for a distance of 5,998 metres, more or less, to its intersection with the southerly extension of the eastern boundary of parcel 105 as shown on Government Plan No 17 (2 of 2) at the office of the Commissioner of Land and Surveys, Belmopan and to which plan all parcels hereinbefore mentioned are referred to; thence due north along the eastern boundary of parcels 105, 667, 113, 114 and 119 respectively for a distance of 724 metres, more or less to a concrete pillar in the northeast corner of said parcel 119; thence due east across a road reserve and along the northern boundary of parcels 140, 139, 138, 158, 159 and 160 respectively and across a road reserve for a distance of 859.5 metres, more or less to a concrete pillar in the northwest corner of parcel 181; thence due north across a road reserve and along the western boundary of parcels 176, 175, 170, 220, 219 and 218 respectively for a distance of 921.7 metres, more or less, to a concrete pillar in the northwest corner of said parcel 218; thence due east along the northern boundary of parcels 218 and 214 for a distance of 274.3 metres, more or less, to a concrete pillar in the northeast corner of said parcel 214; thence due south along the eastern boundary of parcel 214 for a distance of 147.5 metres, more or less, to a concrete pillar in its southeast corner; thence due east along the northern boundary of parcels 212 and 209 extended for a distance of 317.9 metres, more or less, to a concrete pillar in the western boundary of parcel 695; thence due north along the western boundary of said parcel 695 for a distance of 130.7 metres, more or less, to a concrete pillar in its northwest corner, thence due east along the northern boundary of said parcel 695 extended for a distance of 334 metres, more or less, to the Caribbean Sea coast; thence in a southeasterly direction along the said sea coast for a distance of 2,284 metres, more or less, back to the point of commencement.
LAW OF BELIZE
REGISTERED LAND ACT, CHAPTER 194 - REVISED EDITION 2000
DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 4

It is hereby declared in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Laws of Belize Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000 that the Proposed Section Dangriga South is declared to be a Compulsory Registration Section.

Made this 14th day of January 2009.

Hon. Gaspar Vega
Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment, Minister responsible for Lands

REGISTRATION SECTION: DANGRIGA SOUTH - Block No. 31

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situate in and adjacent to Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District containing approximately 380.4 Hectares (940 Acres) being the Dangriga South Registration Section and bounded on the North by the North Stann Creek on the East by the Caribbean Sea, on the South by National and Private lands; and on the West by National and Private lands and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point being the intersection of the northern bank of the North Stann Creek with the Caribbean Sea coast for a distance of 1,837 metres, more or less, to a point having approximate UTM Zone 16 Coordinates of 1874 648.8 North and 370 668.9 East said point being the easterly extension of the southern limit of a 50 feet wide road reserve located south and adjacent to Parcel 2158 as shown on Government Plan No 1901A at the office of the Commissioner of Land and Surveys Belmopan; thence westerly along the southern limit of said extended road reserve for a distance of 453 metres, more or less, to its intersection with a survey line having a bearing of 137° 29’ 07” as shown on said Plan 1901A said intersection having approximate UTM Zone 16 Coordinates of 1874 647.5 North and 369 615.9 East; thence northwesterly along said survey line for a distance of 223.5 metres, more or less, to a point having approximate UTM Zone 16 Coordinates of 1874 810.6 North and 369 463.1 East said point being the easterly extension of the southerly limit of a 50 feet wide road reserve situated south and adjacent to parcel 1835 as shown on Government Plan No 1901B at the office of the Commissioner of Land and Surveys Belmopan; thence westerly along the southerly limit of said road reserve as extended for a distance of 250.3 metres, more or less, to a wooden post in the northeast corner of said parcel 1835, thence on a grid bearing of 180° 20’ 10” for a distance of 1.695 metres to a wooden post thence on a grid bearing of 229° 07’ 40” for a distance of 364.8 metres to a wooden post on the western limit of a 50 feet wide road reserve having UTM Zone 16 Coordinates of 1874 569.96 North and 368 936.72 East; thence on a grid bearing of 00° 29’ 16” along the western limit of said road reserve for a distance of 279.7 metres, more or less, to the southeast corner of an unnumbered parcel situate south and adjacent to parcel 567 as shown on Government Plan No 18 at the office of the Commissioner of Land and Surveys Belmopan; thence due west along the southern boundary of said unnumbered parcel for a distance of 137.16 metres more or less to a point in the southwestern corner of said unnumbered parcel said point being on the easterly limit of a road reserve, thence due north along the eastern limit of said road reserve for a distance of 285 metres, more or less, to a point on the western boundary of said parcel 567 said point being on the easterly extension across said road reserve of the southern boundary of Parcel 559 as shown on said Government Plan No 18; thence due west across said road reserve and along the southern boundary of parcels 559, 550 and 541 respectively for a distance of 411.5 metres, more or less, to a wooden post in the southwest corner of parcel 541 as shown on said Government Plan No 18; thence due north along the western boundary of parcel 541 and being the eastern limit of said road reserve for a distance of 47.8 metres, more or less, to a point on the easterly extension across said road reserve of the southern boundary of Parcel 532 as shown on said Government Plan No 18; thence due west across said road reserve and along the southern boundary of parcels 532, 523, 514, 504, 494 and 483 respectively for a distance of 847.3 metres, more or less, to a wooden post in the southwest corner of parcel 483 as shown on said Government Plan No 18; thence continuing due west across a road reserve for a distance of distance of 12.2 metres, more or less, to a point on the western limit of said road reserve and being on the eastern boundary of parcel 470 as shown on said Government Plan No 18; thence due north along the western limit of said road reserve produced across the Stann Creek Valley Road and the North Stann Creek and being along the eastern boundary of parcels 470, 469, 468 and 467 respectively as shown on said Government Plan No 18 for a distance of 1133 metres, more or less, to its intersection with the north bank of the North Stann Creek; thence in an easterly direction along the north bank of the North Stann Creek for a distance of 3,635 metres, more or less, back to the point of commencement.
LAWs OF BELIZE
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DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 4

It is hereby declared in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Laws of Belize Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000 that the Proposed Section Dangriga North is declared to be a Compulsory Registration Section.

Made this 14th day of January 2009.

Hon. Gaspar Vega
Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment, Minister responsible for Lands

REGISTRATION SECTION: DANGRIGA NORTH - Block No. 31

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcels of land situate in and adjacent to Dangriga Town Stann Creek District containing approximately 276 Hectares (882 Acres) being the Dangriga North Registration Section and bounded on the North by National and Private lands, on the East by the Caribbean Sea; on the South by the North Stann Creek River; and on the West by National and Private lands and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCEING at a point being the intersection of the northern bank of the North Stann Creek with the Caribbean Sea coast; thence in a westerly direction along the north bank of the North Stann Creek for a distance of 3,998 metres, more or less, to its intersection with the southerly extension of the eastern boundary of parcel 105 as shown on Government Plan No 17 (2 of 2) at the office of the Commissioner of Land and Surveys, Belmopan and to which plan all parcels hereinafter mentioned are referred to; thence due north along the eastern boundary of parcels 105, 667, 113, 114 and 119 respectively for a distance of 724 metres, more or less, to a concrete pillar in the northeast corner of said parcel 119; thence due east across a road reserve and along the northern boundary of parcels 140, 139, 138, 158, 159 and 160 respectively and across a road reserve for a distance of 859.5 metres, more or less, to a concrete pillar in the northwest corner of parcel 181; thence due north across a road reserve and along the western boundary of parcels 176, 175, 170, 220, 219 and 218 respectively for a distance of 921.7 metres, more or less, to a concrete pillar in the northwest corner of said parcel 218; thence due east along the northern boundary of parcels 218 and 214 for a distance of 274.3 metres, more or less, to a concrete pillar in the northeast corner of said parcel 214; thence due south along the eastern boundary of parcel 214 for a distance of 147.5 metres, more or less, to a concrete pillar in its southeast corner; thence due east along the northern boundary of parcels 212 and 209 extended for a distance of 317.9 metres, more or less, to a concrete pillar in the western boundary of parcel 695; thence due north along the western boundary of said parcel 695 for a distance of 130.7 metres, more or less, to a concrete pillar in its northwest corner, thence due east along the northern boundary of said parcel 695 extended for a distance of 354 metres, more or less, to the Caribbean Sea coast; thence in a southeasterly direction along the said sea coast for a distance of 2,284 metres, more or less, back to the point of commencement.
LAWS OF BELIZE
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DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 4

It is hereby declared in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Laws of Belize Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000 that the Proposed Section Dangriga South is declared to be a Compulsory Registration Section.

Made this 14th day of January 2009.

Hon. Gaspar Vega
Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment
Minister responsible for Lands

REGISTRATION SECTION: DANAGRIGA SOUTH - Block No. 31

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situate in and adjacent to Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District containing approximately 380.4 Hectares (940 Acres) being the Dangriga South Registration Section and bounded on the North by the North Stann Creek on the East by the Caribbean Sea; on the South by National and Private lands; and on the West by National and Private lands and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point being the intersection of the northern bank of the North Stann Creek with the Caribbean Sea coast for a distance of 1,837 metres, more or less, to a point having approximate UTM Zone 16 Coordinates of 1874 648.8 North and 370 689.9 East said point being the easterly extension of the southern limit of a 50 feet wide road reserve located south and adjacent to Parcel 2158 as shown on Government Plan No 1901A at the office of the Commissioner of Land and Surveys Belmopan; thence westerly along the southern limit of said extended road reserve for a distance of 453 metres, more or less, to its intersection with a survey line having a bearing of 137° 20’ 07” as shown on said Plan 1901A said intersection having approximate UTM Zone 16 Coordinates of 1874 647.5 North and 369 615.9 East; thence northwesterly along said survey line for a distance of 223.5 metres, more or less, to a point having approximate UTM Zone 16 Coordinates of 1874 810.6 North and 369 463.1 East said point being the easterly extension of the southern limit of a 50 feet wide road reserve situated north and adjacent to parcel 1835 as shown on Government Plan No 1901B at the office of the Commissioner of Land and Surveys Belmopan; thence westerly along the southerly limit of said road reserve as extended for a distance of 250.3 metres, more or less, to a wooden post in the northeast corner of said parcel 1835, thence on a grid bearing of 180° 20’ 10” for a distance of 1.695 metres to a wooden post thence on a grid bearing of 229° 07’ 40” for a distance of 364.8 metres to a wooden post on the western limit of a 50 feet wide road reserve having UTM Zone 16 Coordinates of 1874 569.96 North and 368 936.72 East; thence on a grid bearing of 00° 29’ 16” along the western limit of said road reserve for a distance of 270 metres, more or less, to the southeast corner of an unnumbered parcel situate south and adjacent to parcel 567 as shown on Government Plan No 18 at the office of the Commissioner of Land and Surveys Belmopan; thence due west along the southern boundary of said unnumbered parcel for a distance of 137.16 metres more or less to a point in the southwestern corner of said unnumbered parcel said point being on the easterly limit of a road reserve, thence due north along the eastern limit of said road reserve for a distance of 295 metres, more or less, to a point on the western boundary of said parcel 567 said point being on the easterly extension across said road reserve of the southern boundary of Parcel 559 as shown on said Government Plan No 18; thence due west across said road reserve and along the southern boundary of parcels 559, 550 and 541 respectively for a distance of 411.5 metres, more or less, to a wooden post in the southwest corner of parcel 541 as shown on said Government Plan No 18; thence due north along the western boundary of parcel 541 and being the eastern limit of road reserve for a distance of 47.8 metres, more or less, to:

(a) a point on the easterly extension across said road reserve of the southern boundary of Parcel 532 as shown on said Government Plan No 18; thence due west across said road reserve and along the southern boundary of parcels 532, 533, 514, 594, 494 and 483 respectively for a distance of 847.3 metres, more or less, to:

(b) a wooden post in the southwest corner of parcel 483 as shown on said Government Plan No 18; thence continuing due west across a road reserve for a distance of 12.2 metres, more or less, to:

(c) a point on the western limit of said road reserve and being on the eastern boundary of parcel 470 as shown on said Government Plan No 18; thence due north along the western limit of said road reserve produced across the Stann Creek Valley Road and the North Stann Creek and being along the eastern boundary of parcels 470, 469, 468 and 467 respectively as shown on said Government Plan No 18 for a distance of 1133 metres, more or less, to:

(d) its intersection with the north bank of the North Stann Creek; thence in an easterly direction along the north bank of the North Stann Creek for a distance of 3,635 metres, more or less, back to the point of commencement.
The Winsom Foundation is an official non-profit organization of Belize created in 2007. Currently the Winsom Foundation is involved with a weekly art class with the students at the Cristo Rey School R.C. in the village of Cristo Rey, Cayo District. This art class has hosted two arts and crafts festivals featuring the works of these students. At the Festival, the students not only showed their art to other students from many other schools; they also gave them classes on how to make macramé, tie-dye, paintings, and wood sculptures. The students were able to showcase their talents and give back to the community of their peers. During these Festivals, the visiting students not only were able to learn how to paint, tie-dye, macramé and other things, they were able to keep the art they made while learning. Most children’s formal education finishes at the age of thirteen in the village. The Foundation raises funds to place children and advance students’ opportunities in High School it assists in retaining younger ones in school. The Winsom Foundation monitors students’ progress and assists them in arranging specialized tutors as needed.

In efforts to further enhance community awareness and benefit, The Winsom Foundation has also spearheaded a No-Litter Campaign by adopting the enrichment of a broader scale throughout Belize. The Winsom Foundation will be offering “Life Skills” workshops for older adolescents and young adults along with other programs. In an effort to begin these programs, Certified Yoga Teacher Tara Darrall, a volunteer from Hong Kong, arrived to teach 20 students, both male and female, the practice of Yoga. Yoga mats were donated for the children, and it is our vision to be able to provide this kind of enrichments on a broader scale throughout Belize.

Some of the Winsom Foundations objectives are: **To empower young people to take responsibility for their role and place in their today’s world.** **To develop a community support program dedicated to creating a world where all people are appreciated for their uniqueness.** **To create programming that is locally relevant and flexible in its design, adapting to community interests, issues and needs through art.** **For the arts to serve as a tool for economic development and community building through partnerships with the business and tourism communities.** **To create a mentoring program.** **To develop community awareness and abate sanitation and personal pollution, i.e. land, water, air, and noise, to minimize personal carbon footprints on the world.**

The Winsom Foundation Board of Directors & Advisors consists of: Ms. Winsom Winsom - Founder Ocean Spirit Fire Temple/Artist Ms. Karen Habet - Manager, Scotiabank (Belize) Ltd. Rev. Dr. Macarena Rose - Founder/Owner Rainforest Realty. Mr. Carlton Watson - Canadian Developer, Actor. Ms. Elicia Sharon Obando-Teacher, Teakettle Village R.C. Ms. Marlene Sulker-Registered Nurse BSCN/Massage Therapist. Mr. Gilvano Swasey - Artist, Curator, Promoter. Mr. William Neal - Writer, Art Enthusiast, Television Personality. Mrs. Lisa Lessard, Ph.D. - Psychological Therapist. Mr. George Lincoln Gomez - District Prosecutor. Mr. Santiago (Shang) Mendoza - Entrepreneur, Businessman, Philanthropist. These individuals whom are both Belizians and Foreigners bring work and life experience in the community and villages from the surrounding area of the twin town of San Ignacio and Santa Elena and all over the world. Our Foundation Members and volunteers are deeply committed to the work. They have all given significant support in terms of personal time contributions over and above their board duties to help us meet each child’s educational goals.

Please visit our website to learn more about the Winsom Foundation its other programs and how you can get involved:

For further information and interviews, please contact any of the persons below: Ms. Karen Habet Tel. # (501) 824-4194 Dr. Lisa Lessard Tel. # (501) 671-1309 or 671-1103 Ms. Winsom Winsom Tel. # (501) 675-3721

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**STAR HUMOR**

**Hold On To Your Cellular Telephone**

Several high society men were attending the lavish New Years Eve Party at the Radisson Fort George Hotel. A cellular telephone on a table rings several times and one of the men presses the speaker button and begins talking to the phone.

**MAN:** “Hello?”

**WOMAN:** “Honey, it’s me. Are you still at the party?”

**MAN:** “Yes.”

**WOMAN:** “I’m at the shop and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only $500. Is it okay if I buy it?”

**MAN:** “Sure, go ahead.”

**WOMAN:** “Oh, thanks so very much. I also stopped by the Toyota garage and saw the new model PRADO. There is only one left in the silver color that I really, really, like.”

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**The Crossed Eye Judge And The Three Defendants**

The cross eyed judge looked at the three defendants in the dock and said to the first one, “So how do you plead?”

"Not guilty" said the second defendant.

The Weather Forecaster

A film crew was on location deep in the Mountain Pine Ridge. One day an elder from the community went up to the director and said, “Tomorrow rain.” The next day it rained.

Three days later, the elder visited location and went up to the director and said, “Tomorrow storm.” The next day there was a hailstorm.

“This old man is incredible,” said the director. He told his secretary to hire the elder to predict the weather. However, after several successful predictions, the elder didn’t show up for a whole week.

Finally the director sent for him. “I have to shoot a big scene tomorrow,” said the director, “and I’m depending on you. What will the weather be like?”

The elder shrugged his shoulders.

“Don’t know,” he said. “Radio is broken.”

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**Getting To Know The Winsom Foundation**
ARIES (March 22 to April 20)
This week sees you trying to maximize on the resources and opportunities that you have. Pushing your ambitious efforts will help. You could make a lasting impression on an important person. There could be some rewards coming your way for which you have worked quite hard last year. But do remain cautious. A close person may sting you with his/her stand on a public forum.
\[\text{Lucky numbers: } 9, 11, 86.\]

TAURUS (April 21 to May 21)
There is an intellectual depth that you acquire. There is also a marked increase in compassion and acceptance of human nature. There is a languor that takes over you. Those of you who have been facing a lot of tension in your married life will experience some relief as there is a renewal of bonds. Business and monetary inflow are good. A change in lifestyle for the better is likely.
\[\text{Lucky numbers: } 6, 44, 83.\]

GEMINI (May 22 to June 21)
There will be a strange desire to start something new which breaches in what you are currently doing. However, it will be wise to stay put and not disturb the way things are for another month. There will be doubts about where your relationships are headed and the scene may appear bleak. You need to steady your mind as a good phase will begin for you shortly.
\[\text{Lucky numbers: } 5, 27, 40.\]

CANCER (June 22 to July 23)
Fresh responsibilities will be given to you. There could be some problems due to divergent ideas from friends or colleagues. This week will also be a test of the strength of your personal relationships. Do not fall for thoughts that arise in anger. And do not try to analyze people by shallow parameters. Interpersonal communication with people in authority will improve.
\[\text{Lucky numbers: } 2, 63, 97.\]

LEO (July 24 to August 21)
You need to work smarter this week. This will be a challenge as there are distractions. However you must keep in mind that there are new opportunities that will come your way at the onset of the next month. Important decisions should be deferred to a more favorable time. In personal relationships avoid jumping to quick conclusions or being judgmental.
\[\text{Lucky numbers: } 1, 35, 89.\]

VIRGO (August 22 to September 21)
It is time to come out of your shell and live it up. You have held yourself back for quite a while and the concerns of others has almost suffocated you. Be daring but take only calculated risks to start with. There is romance and success in the air. Good feelings can be heady. You will be tempted to bite more than you can chew at work. Make sure that you do not lose touch with reality.
\[\text{Lucky numbers: } 23, 55, 73.\]

LIBRA (September 22 to October 23)
There is a whole lot of emphasis on your public image and how you wish to improve your persona for increasing gains. You will need to pay attention to your instincts while taking important decisions. Do be careful in matters of the heart as a flighty individual may draw your interest. Do not make a hasty decision in any case, no matter how strongly you feel.
\[\text{Lucky numbers: } 13, 45, 69.\]

SCORPIO (October 24 to November 21)
This week brings with it increased opportunities for public interaction. Make sure that the communication that flows from your side is crisp, clear and does not leave room for ambiguity. Short distance travel is indicated. Discuss work related ideas with people close to you, in case you wish to start a new business, research into each aspect of it before even drawing out plans.
\[\text{Lucky numbers: } 22, 68, 95.\]

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
You will need to be practical this week. There will be a lot of emotional note to your thoughts and words and it may not make sense to the people who you work with, or are answerable to. You could be making some extra money now, but you should try ad save it as there will be a strong need for it in the future. Domestic situation improves. There could be a weekend getaway planned with the family.
\[\text{Lucky numbers: } 3, 18, 54.\]

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 20)
This week could be the start of a short but good phase. Avoid a proposal that is about making fast money, especially if it comes from a close associate. It will be a wiser option to stick to what you have. Do not spoil your relations with seniors simply because you are getting restless about the status quo at work. Be patient and things will fall into place. A new and interesting person could come into your life.
\[\text{Lucky numbers: } 8, 25, 64.\]

AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 19)
The mantra for you is to be calm. This is the waiting period before the design of success begins to manifest. Maintain a low profile and get your plans right. If you have been suffering from an ailment you should get the problem addressed at the earliest. There are indications of the past becoming overwhelming in your mind. Develop your spiritual side for comfort.
\[\text{Lucky numbers: } 14, 33, 56.\]

PISCES (February 20 to March 21)
Work will be hectic. You will be trying to add more hours to your work day. You have been thinking of taking a break for a while but it has not been possible. You will be able to know who your true friends are and those who are just around for a personal end. There will be an increased interest in spiritual side of things.
\[\text{Lucky numbers: } 10, 48, 79.\]
Public Relations Training For San Ignacio Police

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, January 14, 2009:

Today, 21 regular members of the San Ignacio Police Detachment along with 3 Special Constables participated in a one day Public Relations Training Seminar.

The session got underway at 8:00 a.m. and culminated at 5:00 p.m. inside the recently refurbished conference/training room at the San Ignacio police station.

“We are serious about delivering quality service to the community we serve” said the Officer Commanding the Cayo (Police) District, Sr. Supt. Paul Wade, “The direct objective of the Law enforcement personnel in training training is to equip police officers with improved skills when dealing with the public especially as the department is moving into a different and advanced era of policing. This is the first in a series of such training sessions,” concluded Mr. Wade.

Sr. Supt. Wade additionally informed that a second round of training for Special Constables is set for this Saturday and Sunday, January 17 &18, at the San Ignacio Police Station.

Mr. Wade further informed that the recruitment of Special Constables is an ongoing process, and that anyone wishing to join the ranks as a Special Constable can visit the San Ignacio Police station to apply and to begin the process.

Today’s Public Relations Session was facilitated by radio personality, Javier Gutierrez, who informed that the focus was geared towards providing instructions on improving attitudes and professionalism.

Updates From The US Embassy, Belmopan

US EMBASSY, Belmopan, Thursday, January 15, 2009:

A media release from the US Embassy in Belmopan informs that the Consular Section will be closed all day on Monday, January 19th, in commemoration of the birthday of US Civil Rights Leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The release further informs that on the Inauguration Day of the new US President Barak Obama, next Tuesday, January 20, the Consular Section will be open for limited services until 10:00 am and thereafter will be handling only emergency cases.

The Embassy additionally informs that existing visa appointments for Tuesday January 20 will be honored, but that no new appointments will be accepted.

The Consular Section will also be closed on Thursday, January 29. There will be no visa appointments and only emergency American Citizen Services.

All American citizens seeking emergency services on these days are advised to please contact the U.S. Embassy in Belmopan at

610-5030 or at 610-5096.

A subsequent release from the Embassy informs of the list of all holidays observed by the U.S. Embassy in Belmopan during the 2009 Calendar Year.

The release informs that the Embassy is closed on these days and that no Visa services or American citizen services will be provided on the following 18 holidays:

1. January 19 Monday Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday
2. February 16 Monday Washington’s Birthday
3. March 9 Monday Baron Bliss Day
4. April 10 Friday Good Friday
5. April 13 Monday Easter Monday
6. May 1 Friday Labor Day
7. May 25 Monday Memorial/ Sovereign’s Day
8. July 3 Friday Independence Day (for July 4th)
9. September 7 Monday Labor Day
10. September 10 Thursday National Day
11. September 21 Monday Independence Day
12. October 12 Monday Columbus Day / Pan American Day
13. November 11 Wednesday Veteran’s Day
14. November 19 Thursday Garifuna Settlement Day
15. November 26 Thursday Thanksgiving Day
16. December 25 Friday Christmas Day
17. December 28 Monday Boxing Day

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It's The Best Job In The World

Tourism officials in Australia are describing it as “the best job in the world.”

They want someone to work on a tropical island off the Queensland coast.

No formal qualifications are needed but candidates must be willing to swim, snorkel, dive and sail.

In return, the successful applicant will receive a salary of A$150,000 ($103,000; £70,000) for six months and get to live rent-free in a three-bedroom villa, complete with pool.

Anthony Hayes, Chief Executive, Tourism Queensland, said: “It doesn’t sound too bad does it? We are looking for someone to tell the stories of the Great Barrier Reef and we have come up with what we think is the dream job.”

The post is being advertised as “caretaker” on Hamilton Island in Australia’s Whitsunday Islands.

The new recruit will work for just 12 hours a month. Duties include feeding some of the hundreds of species of fish and collecting the island’s mail.

They will also need to prepare a blog, a photo diary and video updates to attract tourists to the area.

“There are hundreds of islands scattered along the Great Barrier Reef,” Mr Hayes told the BBC. “We are looking for someone who can go and explore all the different islands then report back to the world on what they see. We need a special person. They are going to be pretty busy having a good time.”

Hamilton Island, where the temperature is warm all year round, is the largest inhabited island in the region. It boasts blue skies, crystal water and pure sands.

About two million tourists visit the various islands each year, but most stay on the mainland and visit only on day trips.

The job is being advertised around the world. Candidates have until 22 February to submit an online video application.

In May, 10 shortlisted candidates and one wildcard, voted for by visitors to the Tourism Queensland website, will be invited to the islands for a four-day final interview process. The successful candidate will start the new job on 1 July.

Mr Hayes says he is expecting thousands of applications: “I’m having to beat my staff off with a stick at the moment because most of them want to apply too.”

The Boom To Manatee Canoe Race Is On

BY: Jerry Wilken, Grumpy Old Men

We are on for Saturday 17th January.

We will meet at 9:00am with the race starting at 10:00 sharp.

Many thanks to our sponsors, Johnny Searle from Belize Global Travel Services, Joe Fuz from SkyLighters Unlimited and Architectural Accents.

Also a special thank you to Orlando Harrison from Big H Juices for the prize of a free La Ruta Maya River Challenge entry to the canoe with the most garbage collected from the river.

We will have free T-Shirts for the first 45 paddlers to register and free BBQ for all paddlers and one support member per crew.

The awarding of prizes will take place at Manatee Lookout Bar & Restaurant.

On another matter, we are looking for volunteers to organize the February Boom to the City race.

The Belize Canoe Association needs help in the management of this race and in the running of the association in general.

Any volunteers can email me or Julian at julian@belizegifts.com your assistance will be gratefully received.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday.
Drug killings have scared off much-needed foreign tourists and investors at a time when Mexico's economy is falling into a recession because of the global economic crisis. But many teenagers in depressed border towns like Tijuana, where factories are laying off workers as the U.S. recession bites, are easy prey for wealthy drug lords.

The youths often start off as messengers for drug gangs before being given their first killing assignment, police say.

Many are lured not so much by money but by the daring life of cocaine smuggling, gold-plated weapons, fast women and lavish parties lionized in popular music drug ballads known as narco corridos.

“We see a lot of youngsters who don’t have anything else to do, including children of working professionals who aren’t the least bit interested in the money,” said Juan Miguel Guilleon, head of state police in Baja California, home to Tijuana.

Some are also pressured into crime by relatives working for the drug cartels via school friends already working for the gangs selling cocaine and marijuana at parties. "That’s why drug prevention is so important. Drug trafficking is destroying our youth," the parent said.

(Additional reporting by Julian Cardona in Ciudad Juarez; Editing by Kieran Murray)
Lewis upheld the no-case submission presented by attorney Fernandez and when the charge of illegal entry in to Belize was held up in a court, the other two charges of illegal firearm and ammunition possession went crumbling down. The accused was freed of all charges.

Prosecutor George Gomez has indicated that he intends to file an appeal specifically on the grounds that the charge was not for illegal entry into the country but rather that the accused was charged under the protected areas act and not the immigration laws. Launching an appeal however is much easier said than done as, once freed, it will pose quite a challenge to ever again bring the accused Guatemalan before any such Belizean court.

This case has been of particular interest as a few days before Christmas, a group of armed Guatemalan villagers from the bordering Barrios de San Jose Dolores, Melchor encircled a joint Belize Defense Force/Guatemalan Armed Forces border patrol in the Chiquibul Forest Reserve and held them an unspecified period of time.

The villagers were particularly inquiring about the condition of the accused, Juan De Los Santos Roman. They were particularly concerned about the protection of his human right and that he would be given a fair trial when taken to court in Belize.

The matter was resolved with the intervention of the Governor of Peten who assured the angry villagers that Roman’s rights will be protected and that he will be given a fair trial under the laws of Belize. Today Roman is a free man and the charge was not for illegal entry in Belize but rather for an unspecified period of time.

You Can’t Fire Me, I’m Drunk!

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

LIMA (Reuters): Peru’s top court has ruled that workers cannot be fired for being drunk on the job, a decision that was criticized by a government on Wednesday for setting a dangerous precedent.

The Constitutional Tribunal ordered that Pablo Cayo be given his job back as a janitor for the municipalidad of Chorrillos, which fired him for being intoxicated at work.

The firing was excessive because even though Cayo was drunk, he did not offend or hurt anybody, Fernando Calle, one of the justices, said on Wednesday.

Calle said the court would not revise its decision, despite complaints from the government.

“It is not a good idea to relax rules at workplaces,” said Labor Minister Jorge Villassante.

Cesco Becerra, the administrative chief of Chorrillos, a suburb of Lima, denounced the ruling.

“We’ve fired four workers for showing up drunk, and two of them were drivers,” he said. “How can we allow a drunk to work who might run somebody over?” (Reporting by Marco Aquino; Writing by Terry Wade; Editing by Dana Westby)
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