SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, November 25, 2009:

While undesirable occurrences often dominate the media spotlight, all is not lost as there are others who, without much fanfare, are expending their energies in making a positive difference within the community. This weekend we came upon two such groups.

At the Santa Rita Cemetery in San Ignacio Town we met a group of students from Sacred Heart College painting the perimeter fence. The group of 37 students from 2F along with their homeroom teachers, Mr. Alvin Medina and Ms. Catherine Wade took on the task as a community service project. They were having fun while making a positive contribution to the community.

Teacher Alvin Medina informed that as part of the school’s program, each class is required to undertake a community project and his class chose to give the cemetery fence a much needed facelift. Mr. Medina additionally informed that 10 gallons of paint were donated by Mayor John August and the Town Council.

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SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, November 27, 2009:

San Ignacio Police are this week reporting two burglaries of the residences of two public officers, one in San Ignacio Town and the other in Santa Elena, resulting in the theft of two guns and other items.

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Investigations revealed that entry was gained by the removal of three wooden louvers from a side window.

No arrest has been made as investigation continues.

In the second incident, Mark Alvarez, 46, Belizean, Driver, Immigration Department, Western Boarder Station, reported that sometime between 7:30 a.m. on Monday, November 23 and 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, his house, located in the Trapiche Area of Santa Elena Town, was burglarized. Reported stolen was his licensed black, 9mm, CZ brand pistol bearing serial number A025765 valued at $3,000 along with an empty magazine.

Alvarez reported that upon arriving home on Tuesday he observed cement fragments from the front wall of his house. He noted that entry was gained by means of prying the front door. The only reported item stolen was the gun from inside the bedroom.

Again no arrest has been made as the investigation continues.

Police are asking anyone with information which could lead to the recovery of these firearms, and the arrest of the those responsible for these burglaries to call the nearest police station or Crime Stoppers at 0-800-922-8477.
Perseverance on the part of Crime Stoppers is eventually paying off

In and of itself, a loaded gun is a dangerous instrument. In the wrong hands that gun becomes doubly dangerous, often times even deadly.

The value of success, through perseverance, was instilled in many of us from a very early age. Many of us might still recall the verse from the perseverance poem which encouraged us to “Try and try again, you will succeed at last”.

Crime Stoppers has been trying and trying for many years and by all indications it looks like they are succeeding at last.

One area of this success is obviously the removal of illegal guns off the streets and out of the hands of persons with criminal intent.

There are increasing instances when we hear on the news that: Acting upon information received police visited such and such location (usually an open/vacant lot) where they found a loaded gun. No arrest was made as there was no one in the area.

We said it, not in so many words, a few weeks ago but for some reason we are getting the feeling that the time has come for us to say it in as many words as is needed to get the message across.

Given Crime Stoppers’ current rate of success in getting illegal guns off the streets, the long arm of the law WILL eventually grab those persons who insist on keeping illegal firearms.

There are those wise persons who, in the current absence of a cash-for-guns program, are increasingly ridding themselves of sure jail sentences by calling into Crime Stoppers the location of the illegal gun they once held and in the process they collect a reward.

Then there are those who are looking for illegal guns so that they can call in to Crime Stoppers to collect the reward.

There is the recent case where an illegal gun was sold. The buyer stashed the gun in his car for the return trip. The seller called in the report to Crime Stoppers and before the buyer could return home with the gun, the police met him on the way with the gun. The seller received payment for the gun and an additional bonus from Crime Stoppers and the buyer is in jail.

Then there is the other case where the illegal gun holder told one too many acquaintances about his illegal “treasure” and within a few hours the police were knocking at his door and without much difficulty went directly to the spot, in the house, where the gun was stashed. The acquaintance received the reward and the gunman is in jail.

To illegal gun holders we say, the choice is entirely yours: You can hold on to the gun until such time that the long arm of the law grabs you and you go to jail or you can direct Crime Stoppers to the location of the gun and collect the reward. Beyond any shadow of a doubt, it is neither safe to buy nor to keep an illegal gun.

Perseverance on the part of Crime Stoppers is eventually paying off and the sure product is the saving of lives as the effort continues to make Belize a safer place for all of us.
Dear Editor,

It sometimes seems like cops in the Belize Police Department are deemed to destruction as each day they are ridiculed instead of being praised and honored for their bravery and heroism.

Perhaps this has come about from a curse, or could it be simply because of the lack of professional training at the inception and throughout the policing career.

This curse has too long plagued the chosen men and women of the department. Could this be the reason why some Police personnel have given in to corruption and brutalizing the people they should be protecting?

There are also those who have even gone to the extent of suffering amnesia during court trials.

Remember however that we are just men and women from different walks of life with similar temptations just like anyone else.

Each day officers leave their homes with the hope for a safe return but sometimes this is not the case as many are faced with deadly encounters, humiliation and degrading experiences.

Police officers play many roles. They are sometimes expected to be psychiatrists, psychologists and even Social Workers among many others.

On a daily basis police officers listen and records all the tragic incidents within the community. As they absorbed these traumatic tales, they long for a release which today we see in the form of the ideology of the CURSE.

May I suggest that education is the magic spell to end this curse.

All officers should be equipped at the very beginning to meet the challenges and the many obstacle they are bound to face.

In the line of training, I think that interpersonal skills is a must, followed by psychology and ethical behavior that defines a career that must be praised and honored for the well being of our nation.

In concluding I say that we must be mindful of the great work police officers do. They often put their lives in danger in the line of fire and despair. Even though there are a few who are indeed untrue.

I hope that people at the very top can see the need for professional training, welfare and a little love and respect for the heroes that police officers truly are.

Sincerely Yours,
PC Omar Rodriguez
(Police Advocate)

Dear Editor;

Please allow us a space in your newspaper to publish this announcement from the Diabetic Association San Ignacio Branch:

The San Ignacio Poly Clinic is having bi-monthly diabetic and hypertensive clinics.

A health educational session will be held by a nutritionist on the 4th December at 9 a.m.

All diabetics and supporters are asked to take advantage of this service being offered.

Newly diagnosed diabetics and hypertensive along with all interested persons are also welcome.

For more information please contact us at the San Ignacio Poly Clinic on the Bullet Tree Road where we will be happy to answer your questions.

Sharrie Ciego

Bi-monthly Diabetic and Hypertensive Clinics

2010 FCCA Foundation

Children’s Environmental Poster Competition

The Florida - Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) invites all primary & secondary students of Belize to participate in the 2010 FCCA Foundation Children’s Environmental Poster Competition.

Each student must submit one poster and select a topic of their choice that promotes environmental awareness.

Each poster must depict at least three [3] ways in which his/her country can make a difference in preserving the environment and must be in English.

Each poster must accompany a summary description in English along with the title of the poster.

Words may be used to highlight the ideas illustrated. (Must be in English)

Poster size should be 22” X 28” on poster/bristol board.

The poster competition will be conducted in two categories: Junior Division and Senior Division.

Posters will be entered into the FCCA Regional Competition.

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Schools countrywide are invited to participate; each school must submit ONLY two entries, ONE FROM EACH AGE CATEGORY no later than Monday, January 11th 2010.

For more information please contact:

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Chaa Creek Does It AGAIN!!

Cayo District, Belize, November 18, 2009:

The Lodge at Chaa Creek has been selected as one of the best environmentally friendly hotels in the world by CNN Traveler Magazine.

According to the CNN press release, Chaa Creek was listed 2nd amongst 6 other internationally recognized hotels. The preferred environmentally friendly hotels were located in Kenya, Australia, Philippines, Ecuador, Switzerland and of course Belize.

The Lodge at Chaa Creek was the only Central American hotel to be included in this distinguished directory. CNN Traveler is published in two editions, one for Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA edition) and the other for Asia Pacific (AP edition) to ensure greater relevance to readers.

The Magazine has a readership of approximately 308,000 per issue and has received many accolades for its award-winning writing and world renowned photography.

Belize’s first Green Globe certified resort, the Lodge at Chaa Creek caters to eco-adventure families, friends and honeymooners and hosts an internationally recognized Natural History Museum, Butterfly Farm, Rainforest Medicinal Trail and full service spa.

The lodge’s 365 acre private reserve also accommodates the Macal River Camp and provides miles of trails for walking, birding, mountain biking, horseback riding, a fleet of canoes, and a new eco-friendly swimming pool.

The on-site organic farm supplies farm fresh food daily for delicious regional fare while elegant accommodations create an ambiance of peace and serenity.

Staffed by 130 professional individuals and with only 23 distinctive spaces, this romantic little lodge blessed with understated Belizean charm and a spectacular jungle setting guarantees a unique and truly intimate experience.

Sunday, November 29, Is Election Day In Honduras

Honduras to vote for new president amid coup crisis

Thursday, November 26, 2009:

By Mica Rosenberg

TEGUICIGALPA (Reuters) - Honduras chooses a new president on Sunday in an election that may defuse a crisis caused by a coup against President Manuel Zelaya, but the vote is splitting Washington and Latin America.

Neither Zelaya nor arch-rival Roberto Micheletti, the country’s de facto leader, are running in the election, which could give a new president the chance to take Honduras beyond the political gridlock that has divided the Central American nation and cut off international aid.

“We see the running of these elections — assuming that they’re run in a fair and transparent way — we see them as an essential part of the solution of this crisis,” U.S. State Department spokesman Ian Kelly said this week.

Leftist Zelaya was ousted by the army in June and replaced by Micheletti who has blocked attempts backed by the United States, Latin America and Europe to have the president reinstated.

Zelaya — now holed up in the Brazilian embassy in Tegucigalpa — and his supporters argue that recognizing the elections would essentially give the coup leaders’ victory. Zelaya is urging the vote to be rescheduled.

Latin American powers like Argentina and Brazil also say an election organized by Micheletti’s de facto government is not valid, possibly putting them at odds with Washington which looks likely to recognize the vote.

The Organization of American States and the independent Carter Center are not sending observer missions. Human rights groups fear there could be violence.

The two leading candidates, from Honduras’ traditional ruling elite, have skillfully avoided much talk of the crisis in their election campaigns and hope Honduras will be welcomed back into the international fold after the vote. Some analysts say under this scenario Zelaya would fade from the headlines.

Porfirio “Pepe” Lobo of the conservative opposition National Party, has emerged as the frontrunner in the election, scheduled before the June 28 coup.

In an October poll by CID-Gallup, Lobo was 16 points ahead of his closest rival, Elvin Santos from Zelaya and Micheletti’s Liberal Party. A wealthy landowner who lost the 2005 election to Zelaya, Lobo is seen backing investment-friendly policies if he wins.

“Today begins the turning of a new page in Honduran history. We should leave behind differences and unite together to look forward,” Lobo said at a closing rally in the capital this week jazzed up by thumping music and dancing girls.

Many Hondurans are tired of the crisis and want to move on. “(Micheletti and Zelaya) caused this problem and the people are the ones suffering... The vote is our only way out of this,” said engineer Hector Guzman, 48, at the Lobo rally.

International lenders slashed aid to the poor coffee - and textile-exporting country and the Organization of American States suspended Honduras to punish the coup leaders.

VOTE WORRIES

Honduras’ Supreme Court said on Wednesday in a non-binding opinion that Zelaya cannot legally return to office, dimming the possibility of his reinstatement, court sources said.

When in power, Zelaya crossed Congress, the Supreme Court and the military with a bid to change the constitution. Critics say he wanted new rules to stay in power, but he denies this.

Security forces have repeatedly cracked down on anti-coup protests, causing several deaths, and some observers say a fair vote is impossible.
San Ignacio Humane Society's Successful Event

BY: Cynthia Reece
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, November 27, 2009:

The San Ignacio Humane Society sponsored a successful fundraising event at Mahogany Hall Boutique Resort in Bullet Tree Falls on Saturday evening, November 21.

Members of the Society and the public were invited to a pre-Thanksgiving dinner on the banks of the Mopan River at Paslow Falls for a donation of $50 a plate.

The event was to raise funds to support spay and neuter clinics for dogs and cats and to sustain the recently established Donna Hill Animal Adoption Center.

Veterinary Drs. Isabelle Paquet-Durand and Edwardo Tesecum were honored guests for the event as the Society showed its appreciation for all the work they do to support the efforts to reduce unwanted and mistreated animals in the Twin Town area and surrounding villages.

Dr. Tesecum has started a clinic for spay and neutering, every third Saturday of the month, with discounts on the fees, at his office on Joseph Andrews Drive in San Ignacio, next to Sacred Heart College.

Dr. Isabelle is a well known wildlife vet, who has recently initiated the Wildlife Conservation Network in Belize.

Both Dr Tesecum and Dr Isabelle teach through Galen University’s Summer Intensive Field Courses, which do free vet clinics during the summer months, supporting the Society’s efforts to reach out to the community.

The wonderful Thanksgiving fair was prepared by the Humane Society Board members and their families.

Turkey, ham, dressing, all the “fixings” and pies were served to the guests by the Junior members of the Humane Society volunteers.

Funds were also raised through donations and a cash bar at the beautifully decorated resort. Music was provided by the Society volunteers.

Guided tours of the resort were provided by the staff. The variety of guests and conversation was a delight throughout the evening. Extra servings were packaged for guests to take home.

Dining tables were scattered across the large deck with the lovely flowing fountain and pool, huge entrance hall and lounge with a fireplace. The variety of guests and conversation was a delight throughout the evening.

The next Humane Society event will be held Saturday, December 5, at Erva’s Restaurant on West Street, San Ignacio, at 1 pm. This will be a General Meeting for all members and elections will be held for a new slate of officers to manage the affairs of the Society for the coming year. The public is invited to attend and join. Membership is only $20 per person.

The San Ignacio Humane Society extends a heartfelt Thank You to all those persons who attended last Saturday’s event and assisted in making it the success it was. Thank you so very much.
ARIES: March 22 to April 20
The week continues on a good note and you are likely to carry out your assigned tasks with a certain calmness. Long distance travel could be on cards. You can bank on trusted friends for support. Use tact to wrangle out of volatile situations. Lucky Numbers:02, 38, 71.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21
The focus is on improving your public image — how people view you in your capacities and along with that your role as a family person. The efforts that you put in are genuine. Be realistic about finances. Do not let unnecessary optimism cloud your judgment. Lucky Numbers:07, 12, 89.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21
You may now have the sudden desire to put everything in order, as far as work and family life are concerned. You may also accept your weaknesses and realise how they have damaged your own interests. Remember that it cannot be all reversed in a day and over-expectations from oneself lead to disillusionment. Lucky Numbers:09, 22, 60.

CANCER: June 22 to July 23
It’s a busy time for you and you could well be playing the role of an organiser on most fronts. While at work, it could be working out terms for a contract or working out a settlement. In your personal capacity, you may have to step in as a helping hand for a family event. Conserve your energy. Lucky Numbers: 06, 45, 96.

LEO: July 24 to August 21
You continue to make significant gains professionally. There is also the good fortune that continues in terms of the helpful people around you. Deals will come through smoothly, but you will need to work on your relationships. In case you remain much too self-absorbed, it could spell a reversal in fortunes. Lucky Numbers: 06, 45, 96.

VIRGO: August 22 to September 21
This week spells a time of inspiration when you will be very charged. You will be driven by long term gains and these may not be entirely materialistic in nature. Make the best use of this time as the efforts you put in will impact your future. There will be personal challenges that you set for yourself. Lucky Numbers:18, 27, 90.

LIBRA: September 22 to October 23
To the world outside, it seems like you have everything going for you. However, within you, there is a restlessness that plagues you even as you go about your everyday affairs. Love and support from people around you will bring comfort. Take one day at a time. Lucky Numbers:25, 33, 74.

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21
There may be a lot saddled on your shoulders but you are likely to enjoy it. There will be a boost in your level of self-confidence as many people seek advice on how to deal with the issues they confront. It helps you look at your own difficulties in a better manner. Lucky Numbers:08, 65, 88.

SAGITTARIUS: November 22 to December 21
There will be a lot of teamwork and community activity. If there have been differences with associates, keeping communication channels open will lead to a healthy resolution of problems. Take care of your health. Travel to places nearby is foreseen. Lucky Numbers:05, 30, 98.

CAPRICORN: December 22 to January 20
It could be a difficult week to deal with. You may be affected by a sudden bout of ill-health and as a consequence, you may falter on a professional commitment. You should also brace up against soaring expenses. Talks of matrimony/ partnership are likely to be fruitful. Lucky Numbers:14, 24, 93.

AQUARIUS: January 21 to February 19
There will be quite a bit of pressure at work. Increased expenses and future commitments bother you. Most efforts will be directed towards generating more disposable income. You should be careful about where you invest. There is a likelihood of change of profession or relocation because of job change. Lucky Numbers:20, 37, 78.

PISCES: February 20 to March 21
There will be success gained in endeavours that you launched some time ago. This encouragement leads to affect more changes towards a better you. There will be adequate support from your loved ones. In case of an overwhelming emotional episode, do not let it cloud your source of joy. Lucky Numbers:16, 63, 79.
MINISTRY OF WORKS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Minister of Work
Hon. Anthony Martinez
along with
Chief Executive Officer,
Cadet Henderson
and Engineers from the
Ministry of Works

Hereby informs the general public
that, in an effort to increase public
safety on the highways, the Ministry
will soon embark on a nationwide
Highway Marking Project.

The Ministry has recently completed the training of
personnel that will be operating the equipment
as preparations gets underway to begin the median
and shoulder marking of all highways across the country.

The Ministry hereby advises the motoring public
to please obey all temporary road signs installed
for the safety of its work crews.

The Ministry apologizes for any
inconvenience caused during the
project execution stage of this
vital road safety project.
A 55-year-old man who was born on the 5th day of the 5th month. He has been married for 5 years. He has 5 children and lives at 5-5 street.

One day his friend calls to tell him that a horse named Lucky 5 will be running in the fifth race at the local track that evening. Excitedly, the man pulls out $5,000 from his savings and goes to the race track. He bets the whole 5 G's on Lucky 5 to win. Sure enough, Lucky 5 comes in fifth.

Faith Works Wonders

Granny Gloria is well known for her unshakable faith in the Almighty and for her vocal proclamation of her faith.

She would routinely go out on the front porch of her house in Santa Familia Village and proudly shout, “Praise the Lord!”

Mr. Dennis, the next door neighbor would shout back, “There ain’t no Lord!”

Realizing that Granny Gloria was poor and in need, Mr. Dennis decided to prove his point by buying a large bag of groceries and placing it at her door.

Early the next morning, Granny Gloria opened the door, stepped on the porch, and on seeing the large bag of groceries at her feet, she raised her hands to the sky and shouted, “Praise the Lord!”

Mr. Dennis stepped out from behind a tree and said, “I am the one who brought those groceries, there ain’t no Lord.”

Granny Gloria raised her eyes to the heavens and replied, “Lord, you not only sent me food but you made the devil pay for it.”

MIND OVER MATTA

A retired businessman was on a photo safari in the Cockskools Jaguar Preserve along with his agouti dicker dog.

The dog started chasing butterflies and before long it strayed from its owner. Wondering about in the jungle, the dog notices a jaguar heading rapidly in its direction with the intention of having him for lunch.

An old potlicker says, “Oh, oh! I’m in trouble now!” Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching jaguar. Just as the jaguar was about to leap, the old dog exclaims loudly, “Boy, that was one delicious jaguar! I wonder if there are any more of them around here”

Hearing this, the young jaguar halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. “Well!” says the jaguar, “That was close! That old dog nearly had me!”

Meanwhile, a spider monkey who had been watching the whole scene, flies and before long it strayed from the jaguar. So off the monkey goes, but the old dog sees him heading after the jaguar with great speed. The dog figures that something must be up and so he follows from a safe distance. The monkey soon catches up with the jaguar, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the jaguar.

The young jaguar is furious at being made a fool of and says, “Here, monkey, hop on my back. I want you to see what’s going to happen to that conniving old dog!”

The dog was rushing back in search of a safe haven when he sees the jaguar coming with the monkey on his back and he says to himself, “What am I going to do now?”

The young monkey decides to take this one like a man. He sits down with his back to the approaching attackers, pretending he hasn’t seen them yet, and just when they got close enough to hear, the old dog says, “Where’s that darn monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another BULL TOP BAR located in Untiedville Village, in the Cayo District.

Moral of the story: Wisdom comes with age.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that EUGENE DUTCHESS is applying for the renewal of her NIGHTCLUB LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2010 to operate DUCK RUN III, in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that MICHAEL CANTO is applying for the renewal of her PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2010 to operate SOPER TAVERN located at #12 Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that BETTY TORMES is applying for the renewal of her MALT & CIDER SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2010 to operate COCONUT’S CASKEN BAR located at 27 Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that ANNELA MARISOLINA is applying for the renewal of her PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2010 to operate A&M BAR located in Georgetown Village in the Cayo District.
Public Notice

Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby serves notice that in accordance with the Water and Sewerage (Tariffs) Byelaws (Statutory Instrument 67 of 2002) as amended by Statutory Instrument 102 of 2004 and Statutory Instrument 89 of 2008, it has issued its Initial Decision in the Full Tariff Review Proceeding (FTRP) for Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL). The Initial Decision approves Rates and Tariffs and a Business Plan for BWSL for the Full Tariff Period (FTP), which runs from April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2015.

General Effects of the Initial Decision:
The Initial Decision approves a rate increase of 10.6% with no changes to any of the current Fees and Charges, and a revised Business Plan as summarized below:
1. The Commission approved $47,021,333 in investments to be applied over the Full Tariff Period (FTP).
2. The Commission removed from consideration for the determination of the Tariff Basket Revenue (TBR) and rates, proposed investments in the Corozal Free Zone and Ambergris Caye that totalled some $57,000,000; these will be further evaluated, and if feasible, will be included in any future revisions to the approved Business Plan during a subsequent Annual Review Proceeding (ARP).
3. The Commission set a target of an overall 25% increase for Operational Expenditures (OPEX) over the FTP.

BWSL has been provided with further details of the investments and expenditures approved by the Commission. At each subsequent Annual Review Proceeding (ARP) throughout the FTP, the Commission will review BWSL’s performance against the approved parameters and make any necessary adjustments to the approved Business Plan and approved Tariffs, Fees and Charges.

Approved Rates and Tariffs:

Belize Water Services Limited (BWS)


Approved Tariffs for each ATP of FTP - $/1000 US Gallons:

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Comments on PUC’s Initial Decision:
The Licensee and any interested party representing users of at least 10% of the annual quantity of water supplied by the licensee in the preceding year, may submit written comments on the decision to the PUC by Wednesday, December 2, 2009 to Public Utilities Commission, 41 Gabourel Lane, P.O. Box 300, Belize City, or by email to info@puc.bz.

Final Decision:
Where there is no objection to the PUC’s Initial Decision by the licensee or an interested party representing users of at least 10% of the annual amount of water supplied by the licensee in the preceding year, the PUC shall deliver a Final Decision adopting its Initial Decision.

Access to Information:
The full text of the Initial Decision and other detailed information pertaining to the Decision are available to the public at the office of the PUC, 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, and on the PUC website, www.puc.bz.
BY: Juan A. Ocasio Rivera
SAN JOSE, Puerto Rico, November 18, 2009:

The unsuspecting governor, smack in the middle of an important press conference, missed being hit by a projectile by mere inches.

The projectile? Not a bullet, but an egg. An outraged citizen calling himself "the Common Guy" (el tipo común) interrupted the press conference by screaming in outrage at Puerto Rico's governor, Luis Fortuño, and throwing a slider that landed on a sign highlighting a new development project the governor was announcing. As officers locked the man in a bear hug and carted him off, and as the press swarmed this Common Guy, it became clear that his public display of resistance was not only transcendental for its raw expression of pain and anger, but was also symbolic and representative of everyone's frustration and open outrage at the turn of events on the island. Puerto Rico is witnessing the kind of social, economic, and political upheaval not seen in decades. Declaring a fiscal emergency, the pro-statehood Fortuño administration recently passed a Fiscal Emergency Law, which, among other measures, implemented the layoff of over 20,000 government workers—nearly 10% of the total. In addition to huge cuts in budgets and services, the layoffs caused immediate shock and outrage due to its massive breadth and potential effects. Government officials contend that they inherited a bankrupt government from previous administrations along with a huge debt load. They are scrambling to prevent their credit ratings to be classified in the lowest of categories—the junk rating—and contend that the measures were necessary.

Puerto Rico is confronting a serious economic crisis. With an unemployment rate of around 16%, it is obvious that Puerto Rico confronts a serious economic crisis. Coupled with a soaring crime rate—more than 750 murders this year alone—alarming suicide rates, increasing acts of domestic violence, and worrisome mental health needs on the island, emotions have reached a boiling point. Ordinary citizens have begun to express the belief that their government cannot control the social crisis.

Incidents of police abuse, including a recent incident in which university students were indiscriminately attacked with batons and tear gas, are being denounced at an increasing rate across the island. Squatter communities (also known as developers of rescued lands) have recently been targeted as lawbreakers by the conservative administration, and families without clear title to their properties are being forcibly evicted from their homes.

Part of the government's fiscal emergency response has been an attempt to reverse the gains previously won by collective bargaining agreements, drawing a sharp outcry from the union sector. Opposition political parties have called for a larger burden to be borne by the rich and by large corporations, only to be rebuked by the administration, which has gone ahead with significant increases in basic services. The administration, whose governor identifies himself as a U.S. Republican, also censured several books by renowned authors for use in the island's schools—including Antología personal by José Luis González, El entierro de Cortijo by Edgardo Rodríguez Juliá, and Aura by Carlos Fuentes—a deed met with fierce opposition. A further alarming development was the governor's signing of an executive order authorizing the police superintendent to activate the National Guard to quell public disturbances and civil unrest—an act undertaken immediately before the announcement of the layoffs. Activists from across the political spectrum joined forces to confront the fiscal emergency law and called for a national strike that was held this past October 15. The coalition, known as All Puerto Rico For Puerto Rico (TPPRR), is made up of political organizations, student groups, and civic and religious organizations, including churches. Among its more publicly recognizable activists are priests and labor leaders.

Reverend Juan Vera, of the TPPRR Coalition, is seen by most as one of the main organizers of the coalition. He declared, during one of the massive demonstrations linked to the national strike, that
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"The streets will be our battleground. We declare that there will only be tranquility when our governors respect the will of the people. Today we begin a new page in the history of Puerto Rico."

The demonstrations on October 15th, which garnered approxi-
mately 200,000 people, were centered in the Triple belt. Protests focused principally on the largest avenues in the area known as the Ponce de Leon. Schools in the area were closed, government offices were at a standstill, and public transportation was halted. Remarkably, the largest shopping mall in the Caribbean, Plaza Las Americas, closed for the day, only the second time in its history, leading some to claim that the national strike had the desired effect of crippling business for the day. Others hoped publicly that the government would not go to the elec-
tions actually confronted with the growing demands for alternative solutions.

Special police intelligence units were deployed, and Police Superintendent José Figueroa Sanchez confirmed that activists were recorded for "intelligence purposes" and of a different way rights activists. Figueroa Sanchez, previously second-in-command of Puerto Rico’s FBI office, has been implicated in the agency’s targeted assassination of revolutionary leader Filiberto Ojeda Rios in 2005. Ojeda Rios was the de facto leader of the PCP, an anti-colonial guerrilla force advocating Puerto Rico’s political independence. He had been wanted by the FBI for 15 years, having gone underground in 1990 after the infamous $7 million Wells Fargo haggled with the authorities for its property in 1983. Los Macheteros have re-

Inside, a statement on September 23 called for struggle and for solidarity with the affected working class, warning that the government’s fiscal measures were designed to protect the interests of corporations and to further the statehood goals of the governor. The pro-independence guerrillas called for "firm, effective, and co-
ordinated actions" designed "to evolve into revolutionary action" in order to obtain necessary demands for labor, and political rights. Calling for all pro-independence forces to unite, the organiza-
tion reiterated its position and intent to utilize armed struggle as simply one of the methods of struggle alongside the Puerto Rican working class.

At one point during the October 15 protests in San Juan, several hundred students spontaneously conducted an act of disobedience, stealing the media limelight. Ordered by the police to disperse, the students suddenly decided to resist the order and promptly sat down in the middle of "Las Ameri-
cas" Expressway, one of the largest highways in the country. Blocking traffic for five hours, the students chose to display their militancy and strategy by sending a message in action to the current administration. The students haggled with the authorities for hours, insisting that the police leave the area first, while the police ordered the students’ dispersal as a condition. The tension was finally broken when nationalistic icon Rafael Cancel Miranda arrived to speak with the students, and officers themselves began to disperse.

Cancel Miranda was one of four Puerto Ricans who opened fire in the U.S. Congress in 1954 in a dramatic demand for the island’s independence, serving 25 years in federal prison until President Carter’s clemency in 1979. The FUPI (Pro-Independence Univer-
sity Federation) released a statement after the demonstrations praising the militancy of the students and the presence of Cancel Miranda. The statement highlighted the fact that the students present "recognized him and listened to him, because Rafael Cancel Miranda has the moral stature necessary to be heard. It is indicative of the students’ recogni-
tion of our people’s true leaders, who with their lives have demon-
strated commitment and acted honorably.

Days after the National Strike, members of the Hostosian National Independence Movement (MINH) surprised the governor as he arrived at a political party meeting in the town of Toa Baja. Pro-independence activ-
estics, labor leaders, and ordinary citizens who had been laid off via the Fiscal Emergency Law all participated in the MINH demonstration. In the days and weeks following those actions, the governor and his entourage have been met with consistent and repeated demonstrations, protests, and acts of civil disobedience. These acts are conducted by different organizations, with different interests, and different constituencies, but have all been coordinated by the coalition and brought together by labor leaders. They all continue to demand the cancellation of the layoffs and of the Fiscal Emergency Law. Pro-independence student activists have indicated that they will now begin a campaign to demand "more," an ominous though unclear warning. In recent days, union leaders have led visits and sit-ins at several offices of elected officials in order to pressure for changes to the Fiscal Emergency Law and continue to confront the governor at every turn.

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tions, the governor declared that he would not reverse the layoffs and would not remove any of the provisions of the Fiscal Emergency Law. In response, student organizations and labor leaders expressed their intention to move forward with a general strike, one that would be held indefinitely, designed to bring the country to a standstill, with the immediate purpose of forcing the administration to roll back some of the harsher measures contained in the Fiscal Emergency Law.

Meanwhile, Fortuno continues to mstas the protest movement and provoke the growing activist movement. During the last days of October, the administration revealed the Natural Reserve designation of hundreds of acres of land that were to be protected from contamination and development. The removal of protection was opposed by environ-
mentalists, who saw it as a capitulation to development interests. The explosion of unrest on the island will likely deepen as ordinary citizens identify and oppose the privatization efforts of the administration.

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In accordance with Section 13 of the Registered Land Act Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000, I, PATRICIA ROBATEAU PÉREZ, for Registrar of Lands, hereby serve 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 set in hand with all speed before expiry date of this notice between Mondays to Fridays at the Land Registry, Belmopan.

(PATRICIA ROBATEAU PÉREZ) (MRS.)
for REGISTRAR OF LANDS

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200907485
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 554.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fait No. 687 of 2002 dated 6th August, 2002 in favour of JERMA SPAT.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909087
These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO SOUTH, Block No. 22 and being Parcel No. 210, 211, 212, 213, 411, 410, 410, 448, 434, 433, and 394.
These parcels of land are the subject of a Grant Fait No. 238 of 1990 dated 28th August, 1990 in favour of JAIME JOEL ZETINA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909333
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, BURIRIM CANAL, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 157.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2475 of 2002 recorded in Deeds Book Volume 29 of 2002 folios 619 to 628 dated 27th August, 2002 in favour of HAJSAM N. DIAB.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909677
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2954.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 381/2008 dated 31st December, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 5 of 2008 at Folios 827-836 in favour of ELSA GUERRA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909883
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PORT LOYOLAVILLE, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 61.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fait No. 969 of 2006 dated 26th September, 2006 in favour of FRANCES CHAVARRIA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909965
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PLACENTIA NORTH, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 961.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2002/2004 dated 22nd May, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 27 of 2001 at Folios 181-198 in favour of MICHAELA CLINE and DONNIE K. CLINE.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909718
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA SOUTH, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 2704.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 1149/2007 dated 4th May, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 18 of 2007 at Folios 917-918 in favour of ARETHA KIM RODRIGUEZ.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909746
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PLACENTIA NORTH, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 1113.
This parcel of land is the subject of an Indenture dated 4th May, 1994 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 19 of 1994 at Folios 275 to 326 in favour of GEORGE LEWIS.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909747
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PLACENTIA NORTH, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 104.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance dated 4th May, 1994 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 19 of 1994 at Folios 179 to 224 in favour of GEORGE LEWIS.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909777
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ST. MARTIN DE PORRES WEST, Block No. 43 and being Parcel No. 339.
This parcel of land is the subject of an Indenture dated 30th September, 2007 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 41 of 2007 at Folios 45 to 56 in favour of LUZ DEL CARMEN CORTEZ.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909777
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ST. MARTIN DE PORRES WEST, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 338.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fait No. 589 of 2002 dated 8th August, 2002 in favour of MARIA QUINTANA CASANOVA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909781
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1323.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 700/2001 dated 23rd March, 2004 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 16 of 2004 at Folios 412-426 in favour of LUIS CABRERA.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909782
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN NARCISO, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 375.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 361/2001 dated 30th November, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 46 of 2001 at Folios 651-660 in favour of JAIME NAVARETE.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909783
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 1190.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fait No. 11 of 2000 dated 18th February, 2000 in favour of ELIZABETH BARDALEZ.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909784
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2592.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 927/1996 dated 23rd December, 1994 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 1 of 1995 at Folios 859-866 in favour of RASHIMI CHAINANI.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909790
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO NORTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 2582.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fait No. 912 of 2002 dated 10th November, 2007 in favour of MARIA MOREY.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909798
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN LAZARO VILLAGE, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 184.
This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fait No. 4751 of 2000 dated 7th May, 2001 in favour of MARIA TERESA NOYEO.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200909980
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ALBERT HANSOP, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1484.

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impossible after Micheletti temporarily shut down pro-Zelaya news channels. When soldiers rousted Zelaya from his bed at dawn and sent him to Costa Rica on a military plane, it conjured up memories of Central America’s dark Cold War past when military leaders often backed by the United States overthrew democratic governments.

Zelaya told Reuters this week it would be undemocratic if the United States ended up backing the result of an election held by a post-coup government, since coup leaders supported the vote from day one. “The U.S. position ... has divided the Americas and is creating a grave precedent,” Zelaya said.

Micheletti and his supporters accuse Zelaya of getting too close to Venezuela’s socialist President Hugo Chavez. But the rancher and logging magnate is an unlikely working-class hero who some say did little to systematically improve the lot of Honduras’ poor while in power.

(Additional reporting by Gustavo Palencia and Tomas Sarmiento in Tegucigalpa, Deborah Charles in Washington, Raymond Colitt and Natuz Nery in Brasilia; Editing by Catherine Bremer and Cynthia Osterman)
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This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 824/1969 dated 3rd October, 1969 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume of 1969 at Folios 577-584 in favour of DAVID FUSTER-BERENBA.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009098807
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA SOUTH, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 400.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 175/1992 dated 31st February, 1992 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 2 of 1992 at Folios 1231-1238 in favour of CHARLES ZABANIL and CARMEN EJAMARDO.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009098008
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA SOUTH, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 1879.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 1986/2002 dated 2nd July, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 25 of 2002 at Folios 1439-1446 in favour of LORIS ESPINOSA.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009098009
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA SOUTH, and Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 2004.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fait No. 576 of 1999 dated 10th July, 1999 in favour of ALFREDO CONGORA.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009098447
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PLACENTIA NORTH, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 1741.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fait No. 713 of 1997 dated 16th December, 1997 in favour of CAROLYN ERSKINE.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009098448
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PLACENTIA NORTH, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 1737.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fait No. 70 of 1998 dated 20th January, 1998 in favour of DANIEL CARBAL.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009098449
These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, PLACENTIA NORTH, Block No. 36 and being Parcels No. 1798 and 1952.

These parcels of land are subject to a Conveyance No. 2050/1998 dated 20th July, 1998 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 24 of 1998 at Folios 891-890 in favour of EBERT EMERSON CABRAL and CAROL MARY CABRAL nee ERSKINE.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009098589
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PLACENTIA NORTH, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 1433.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 2057/2001 dated 20th June, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 27 of 2001 at Folios 1255-1262 in favour of EGBERT CARBAL.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009098587
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PORT LOYOLA WILKIS, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 2158.

This parcel of land is the subject of an Assent No. 767 of 2002 dated 13th March, 2002 in favour of FLORENCE BUDAN, DAVID BUDAN (Deceased), WILLIAM BUDAN (Deceased) and MARIE FLOWERS nee KELLYMANN, MARY WILLOWS as Personal Representative of the estate of Florence Budan.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009098967
These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2183 and 2139.

These parcels of land are the subject of an Assent No. 1480/1990 dated 14th September, 1983 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 20 of 1990 at Folios 793-802 in favour of LUIGI GARCIA and FLOREY GARCIA JR.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009098980
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PLACENTIA NORTH, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 467.

This parcel of land is the subject of an Indenture dated 29th March, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 23 of 2001 at Folios 1293 to 1294 in favour of JEFFREY C. ANDERSON and JOHNA H. WILSON.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009098981
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PLACENTIA NORTH, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 762.

This parcel of land is the subject of an Indenture dated 9th July, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 30 of 2001 at Folios 1415 to 1429 in favour of GARY WILSON and JOHN H. WILSON.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009099111
These parcels of land are situated in the Registration Section, BENQUE, VIALO DEL CARMEN, Block No. 23 and being Parcels No. 2544-2547, 2549-2550, 2551, 2553, 2558, 2559, 2561, 2562, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2584 and 2586.

These parcels of land are the subject of a Minister's Grant No. 268 of 1983 dated 28th November, 1983 in favour of NAZARIO ROSAS ALFREZ.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009099112
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SAN IGNACIO SOUTH, Block No. 23 and being Parcel No. 442.

This parcel of land is the subject of an Indenture No. 1714 of 2006 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 22 of 2006 at Folios 895-906 dated June 20th 2006 in favour of ERNESTO J. AZUETA.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009099111
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, PORT GEORGE/PICKSTOCK, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 800.

This parcel of land is the subject of an Assent No. 4082/1996 dated 1st October, 1996 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 22 of 1996 at Folios 1257-1262 in favour of LEON L. PINKS.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009099122
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, QUEEN'S SQUARE, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 343.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Vesting Assent No. 4083/1996 dated 1st October, 1996 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 22 of 1996 at Folios 1261-1262 in favour of LEON L. PINKS.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009099127
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ORANGE WALK TOWN, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1911.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 244 of 2008 recorded in Deeds Book Volume 3 of 2008 at Folios 1013 to 1025 dated 21st December, 2007 in favour of MARIA DEL CARMEN K6, ANDREI ADRIEL CASTILLO & GISELA FAOLA.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009099130
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, SOCIETY HALL, Block No. 24 and being Parcel No. 590.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fait No. 105 of 1979 dated 16th March, 1979 in favour of G. CARCAMO.

APPLICATION NO. I.R.S.-2009099142
This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, DANGRIGA NORTH, Block No. 31 and being Parcel No. 180.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Conveyance No. 780 of 1960 dated 21st July, 1960 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 7 of 1966 at Folios 253-262 in favour of AMELIA YOUNG.

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while the remainder was purchased with funds raised by the students while several students each donated a gallon of paint for the project. By the time the students left, a few hours later, the positive difference was visible for all to see.

Then on Sunday morning we saw of group of men, with trash bags in hand, collecting the garbage on both sides of the Western Highway in Santa Elena Town. We later found out that these civic minded men were not Town Council employees but rather members of the Cayo Tour Guide Association who took time off this Sunday morning to make a positive difference in their community.

Another equally civic minded group is the San Ignacio Humane Society whose members, mostly businessespersons and private citizens, are volunteering their time, energy and financial resources to care for stray dogs and cats in the community.

We congratulate these positive minded citizens and encourage more of us to join in the effort at making a positive difference in these challenging times.
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