**EMPTY GUN CONNECTED TO A SANTA ELENA YOUTH**

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Friday, July 2, 2010:**
San Ignacio police have formally arrested and charged a Santa Elena youth for keeping and firing a gun found behind a house in his neighborhood.

At around 11:50 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 just as the evening shift was preparing to wind down their tour of duty for the day, a report was received at the San Ignacio police station regarding the firing of gun shots on Hibiscus Street in Santa Elena Town. The shift commanding Corporal and a team of policemen rushed to the scene where they saw the accused, Jesús De la Fuente, in the company of a female. Police reports that upon seeing the police vehicle De la Fuente reportedly ran behind a house and into the darkness. He reportedly remerged shortly thereafter and was approached by the police.

He was informed of the report received and he denied any involvement with the shots fired. He was detained and searched. Nothing incriminating was found on his person. The yard was likewise searched and again nothing incriminating was found.

Notwithstanding, De la Fuente was detained and transported to the San Ignacio police station. The following morning, he was taken back to the scene where a search, conducted in his presence, led to the discovery of a small black pistol of unidentifiable brand and serial number was found. The gun, without a magazine, was found behind the house where De La Fuente had momentarily disappeared the previous night.

**The youth, Jesús De la Fuente, 23** found behind the house where De La Fuente had momentarily disappeared the previous night.

**Belize Telemedia Limited First To Answer The Call**

**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, July 1, 2010:**
Residents of Benque Viejo Town today turned out in large numbers to show their love and appreciation to Belize Telemedia Limited for being the first utility company to answer their calls for the reopening of the company’s branch office in service to their community.

While natural infrastructural expansion and the increased delivery of goods and services

![Cutting of the ceremonial ribbon, BTL Chairman Nestor Vasquez (L) and Benque Viejo Town Mayor Nick Ruiz (R)](image-url)

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Belize Telemedia Limited First To Answer The Call

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were unfolding across the nation, the people of Benque Viejo Town naturally felt short-changed when, between 2001 and 2003, they began to experience the closing down of utility branch offices in their community. This phenomenon was unfolding while no one seemed to care about the resultant negative effects of this roll back in services to the people of this western most municipality.

Then three things happened; First there was a change of government in February 2008 followed by the March 2009 election and elevation of Prime Minister Dean Barrow. Then three things happened; First there was a change of government in February 2008 followed by the March 2009 election and elevation of Prime Minister Dean Barrow. Immediately upon assuming command of municipal affairs in Benque Viejo Town, Mayor Ruiz embarked on the mission to restore the direct provisions of goods and services to the municipality. He began knocking on doors including that of Prime Minister Dean Barrow.

Today Mayor Ruiz proudly stood before his people to announce that, with the reopening of Telemedia’s branch office in Benque Viejo, his efforts and the wishes of the people are finally beginning to bear fruits.

Officials from Telemedia in attendance for today’s inauguration of the company’s branch office in Benque Viejo, his efforts and the wishes of the people are finally beginning to bear fruits. Officials from Telemedia in attendance for today’s inauguration of the company’s branch office in Benque Viejo, his efforts and the wishes of the people are finally beginning to bear fruits.

Standing in attendance included members of the Benque Viejo Town Council as well as members of the local business community.

The program of events began promptly at 2:00 pm with Mr. Rafael Marin serving as Master of Ceremony while Mr. Efrain Medina led the gathering in the singing of the National Anthem.

The opening prayer was delivered by Fr. John Robinson while the welcome address was delivered by Mrs. Dionne Miranda who proceeded to introduce the staff of the new branch office.

Next at the podium was Chairman Nestor Vasquez, who expressed the company’s commitment for the expansion of customer services while addressing the growing telecommunication needs of its valued customers. Chairman Vasquez ended his remarks by informing the gathering that “We are counting on the support from the public and private sector to remain the #1 telecommunication company in Benque Viejo Town, as we are in the rest of the country.”

In delivering the keynoted address Mayor Nicholas Ruiz expressed gratitude to the Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Belize Telemedia Limited for blazing the trail as the municipality progresses on the journey of reasserting its rightful national position. Speaking directly of the people to Benque Viejo and surrounding communities, Mayor Ruiz informed that “Now we will not have to travel to San Ignacio to get a simple PIN code, to do a reconnection, or get internet services, you will now be able to do this in your own town.”

Mayor Ruiz also expressed gratitude to Area Representative, Hon. Erwin Contreras and Prime Minister Dean Barrow for heeding the community’s call for its own utility branch offices. “Make no mistake” said Mayor Ruiz “a change of Government has spelled a change of fortune for our town, and I take this opportunity, therefore, to publicly thank the Prime Minister for assisting in the re-acquisition of our rightfully deserved Telemedia branch office, thank you Prime.”

Mayor Ruiz continued by thanking the “new Telemedia Telemedia’s example. Now, we go after the banks” concluded the Mayor.

The thank you address was delivered by Mr. Liston Hall who expressed the company’s “Muchas Gracias” for welcoming Telemedia back into the community as the company is now better positioned to provide a much increased level of service to the community.

The ceremonial cutting of the ribbon was done by Chairman Nestor Vasquez and Mayor Nicholas Ruiz followed by Mrs. Miranda inviting attendants to tour the refurbished facility which comes equipped with a customer service counter and show room, staff offices, kitchenette, exchange equipment room and bathroom facilities.

Guests in attendance were treated to refreshments and entertainment by one of the local marching bands.

Prior to the official inauguration ceremony for the new branch office, Mayor Ruiz, accompanied by Telemedia Directors and Executives participated in the official opening of a new bus stop located at the entrance of the town on George Price Boulevard. The construction cost was financed by Belize Telemedia Limited.
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Tuesday, June 29, 2010:

A Santa Elena man was today arrested and charged for two counts of carnal knowledge reportedly committed against the same 13 year old Guatemalan child residing also in Santa Elena Town. The first count was allegedly committed sometime during the month of December 2009 and the second instance allegedly committed on Saturday, June 26, 2010.

Police reports that on Sunday, June 27, 2010, the girl accompanied by her father visited the police station where a formal report was lodged. In a statement to the police, the child informed that at around 11:00 a.m. the previous day, Saturday, June 26, she arrived at the home of an 18 year old female acquaintance on Carillo Puerto Avenue in Santa Elena to assist with house cleaning chores.

The child further alleges that about an hour and a half later, at round 1:30 p.m, a male person, whom she knows as “Humes”, arrived at the house and shortly thereafter he reportedly gave the 18 year old female a $5 bill with instructions to purchase a fry chicken. The child informed that while this person was exiting the house on the errand, she reportedly got up and was about to leave when “Humes” reportedly closed the front door. The child informed that she wanted to leave because about six months earlier, in the month of December 2009, this individual reportedly had sex with her against her will and that more recently, in fact three days earlier, while she was the same house, this same individual reportedly offered her $50 for sexual favors. On this second encounter the girl reportedly refused, she immediately left the house and returned home.

On this third occasion however, the child informed that after closing the door “Humes” reportedly grabbed her hands, pulled her to a nearby bedroom and proceeded to have sexual intercourse with her against her will. The child further reported that after the forced sexual encounter, “Humes” reportedly placed a cellular telephone on the bed and told her that she could have it and that she should not tell anyone about the encounter and that if she did, he would kill her and her father.

On Tuesday, June 29, the suspect identified as Timothy Humes, 35, Belizean laborer of a New Area address in Santa Elena Town was formally arrested and charged for the crime of carnal knowledge. He appeared before San Ignacio’s Magistrate Anna Rachel Montejo, that same day, where no plea was taken. He was denied bail and remanded to the Hattieville prison and is scheduled to be brought back in court on Tuesday, August 31, 2010.
Drug/Gang Violence Casts Shadow Over Upcoming Elections In Mexico

BY: Julian Miglierini

**BBC News, Mexico City**

Rodolfo Torre was killed as he campaigned to be governor in Tamaulipas.

Sunday is election day in more than a dozen Mexican states, with voters set to choose governors, state deputies and mayors.

Attention will not just be on the results but on how polling day unfolds given the wave of violence that has marred campaigning in some areas.

Mexico’s powerful drug gangs have been blamed for much of the violence, a sign, according to some, of the growing influence of organised crime in the country.

For months, candidates in many of the 14 states holding elections have complained of intimidation by alleged criminal gangs that has forced them to adopt special security measures and limit their campaigning in high-risk areas.

In areas of the country worst-hit by the drugs conflict, which has left some 23,000 people dead since late 2006, political parties admit they have found it hard to find citizens willing to run for office.

One person ready to stand was Rodolfo Torre Cantu of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), who was favourite to be elected governor in the north-eastern state of Tamaulipas.

Mr. Torre had spoken about his priority, if elected, to boost security in Tamaulipas, a key battleground between two powerful gangs, the Gulf Cartel and the Zetas, over drug-smuggling routes into the US.

But on 28 June, gunmen ambushed a convoy carrying Mr Torre and his team, shooting him and four of his aides dead.

Mr Torre’s murder - the highest-profile political killing in Mexico since the assassination of presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio in 1994 - has deepened concerns over how Mexican democracy is suffering at the hands of organised crime.

Violence has started to form part of the daily landscape of Mexico, says UNAM expert from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).

“There is an escalation in the influence of the drug cartels in Mexican politics,” says Lorenzo Cordoba, electoral expert from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).

Many see the threats and intimidation of this year’s election campaigns as evidence of how Mexico’s drug conflict has permeated into the political system.

“Almost all members of my campaign team have received dozens of calls,” Xochilt Galvez, a candidate for governor of the state of Hidalgo, told the BBC recently.

The callers “identify themselves as members of organised crime”, she added.

The head of the National Action Party (PAN), Cesar Nava, also said recently that many of his party’s candidates had received threats which he attributed to the Zetas.

A mayoral candidate for the PAN in Tamaulipas was killed in an attack in May.

The violence has reignited the debate about President Felipe Calderon’s decision to take on the cartels and deploy thousands of troops in violent hotspots.

The candidates on the ground have meanwhile learned to take extreme precaution when out trying to win votes.

Take for example the northern state of Chihuahua, where Ciudad Juarez - Mexico’s most violent city - is located.

The state’s electoral institute was forced to ask for extra protection for candidates who are afraid of campaigning in areas like the valley east of Juarez, a crucial drugs route into neighbouring US territory.

Jorge Abraham Ramirez, the PRI’s candidate for state legislator in Ciudad Juauhmetoc, in central Chihuahua, says that he has taken special security measures on the campaign trail.

“We do not make our daily schedule public, and many times we use decoys. We take extreme precaution when out trying to win votes,” he says.

For many in Mexico think that local elections are the perfect chance for the drug gangs to flex their muscles - mayors control local police forces and, by being in charge of specific territory, are valuable targets for the cartels’ pressure tactics.

Concern is now focused on how violence could disrupt election day and dissuade voters from going to the polls.

The federal authorities say they will deploy extra security forces to make sure the election goes according to plan and that safety for voters can be guaranteed.

**Electoral officials sound optimistic.**

“Many said we wouldn’t find enough people to man the ballot stations around the state,” says Fernando Herrera Martinez, president of the Chihuaahua electoral institute.

“But we are ready, 100%, to hold the election.”

But the violent campaign, electoral expert Lorenzo Cordoba believes, shows how Mexicans citizens have become all too used to news of drug-related crime.

“It’s a regrettable scenario, in which the violence has started to form part of the daily landscape of Mexico,” he says.
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BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo District, Wednesday, June 30, 2010:
Belize’s Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Hon. Rene Montero, will be serving as the Pro-Tempore President of the Central American Council on Agriculture (CAC).

The appointment was announced on Friday, June 25, 2010 and will run six months from July 1 to December 31, 2010. Minister Montero will simultaneously be serving as the Pro-Tempore President of the Central American Council for Fisheries (OSPESCA).

With these two appointments, Belize, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, will be hosting all regional meetings for the next six months while Minister Montero serves as the Pro-Tempore President of these two regional bodies. It is anticipated that all such signed projects and agreements will be of benefit to all countries in Central America.

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo District, Wednesday, June 30, 2010:

BELIZE REPRESENTED AT THE 2010 INTERNATIONAL FOOD SHOW IN TAIWAN

TAIPEI, Republic of China (Taiwan), Tuesday, June 29, 2010:

A three-member delegation returned to Belize on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 after attending the 20th International Food Show held in Taipei, Republic of China (Taiwan).

The Belizean delegation included Mr. Brian Lin, Investment Promotion Officer from BELTRAIDE (Belize Trade and Investment Development Service); Mrs. Marie Sharp from Marie Sharp’s Fine Foods and Mr. Mervin Skeen from Bel-Mer Winery.

During the four-day exposition, the Belizean delegation participated in various activities organized by the Embassy of Belize to the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Central America Trade Office (CATO).

The activities included meetings with local trade and business representatives to discuss business opportunities for Belizean exporters: Official sampling of Marie Sharp’s pepper sauces at a cooking show as well as the sampling of Bel-Mer wines by local wine connoisseurs. The delegation also participated in a radio interview.

The event afforded Belize the opportunity to showcase an array of local products which included, among many others, Marie Sharp’s fine peppers, jellies and BBQ sauces as well as Hot Mama’s pepper sauces, Traveller’s Liquors products, L&R Lemonades, Gallon Jug’s Organic Coffee and Maya Coffee Liquor.

Belize’s participation was made possible through the sponsorship of the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

For further information on the Belize delegation’s participation at the 2010 Taipei International Food Show, please contact the Belize Embassy in the Republic of China (Taiwan) at email novelo.efrain@yahoo.com.

CATO is a local Commercial Office that assists the Embassy of Belize with its trade and investment promotion efforts in the Republic of China (Taiwan).
The Mayas are the indigenous people of southern Mexico, Belize, Guatemala Honduras and El Salvador numbering about seven million people with cultural differences such as the; Yucatec, Kekchi and Mopan. These differences led to several conflicts and division of land and territories in the region.

Belize is a small country located between Mexico and Guatemala both populated with millions of Maya Indians. Guatemala has a long history of human rights abuses against these people leading to thousands of Mayas migrating from Guatemala to Belize establishing new settlements even up current times.

While the Mexican government is not as harsh towards these indigenous people, the relationship between these people and the Mexican government is strained especially with those who live in the province of Chiapas. Centuries ago, the Mayas in Mexico and the Aztecs fought against each other and after the Mayas were defeated many of them fled to Belize adopting Belize as their new homeland.

I am afraid that the recent Supreme Court ruling in Belize will open the flood gates for more Maya Indians to come from Guatemala, El Salvador and Mexico into Belize eventually over populating the country of Belize at the expense of the other Non Maya Belizeans who are still trying to get a small house lot or farm land but are being denied daily.

When the British occupied Belize in 1638 they fought against the Spaniards in several battles which ended with the Battle of St. Georges Caye on the 10th day of September 1798. In the days of colonialism the game was that if you lost the war you lost the land and everything on it hence the reason why colonized countries are experiencing today's challenges.

As a Garifuna, I will urge my people to seriously consider a class action law suit against the Government of St. Vincent & the Grenadines and Great Britain for forcefully occupying and removing our ancestors from our native homeland St. Vincent on the 11th March 1797 to other islands and the island of Roatan in Honduras. Not only were our people forced from their homeland but they were packed on several ships like cargo and dropped off on several other islands along the way unknown to them and separated from their families. Their original names were changed to Spanish names to avoid any trace of their relatives and they carry these label titles up to this day. Hence the reason why Garifuna people today carry surnames like Gonzalez, Nunez, Ramirez, Martinez, Bermudez, Chavez, Gutierrez, Rodriguez, Flores, Garcia and others.

The British encouraged the Garifuna to inhabit southern Belize which at the time was sparsely populated by the Maya Indians. They gave the Garifuna people large parcels of land which they called “Carib Reserves”. With this recent ruling the Mayas can now question the legality of this action on the part of the British as a test case. If the court rules that the British occupied Belize unlawfully and had no right to grant land to the Garifuna people then the “Carib Reserves” could be given back to the Maya people.

This ruling is taking the country and people of Belize backwards rather than forward and it will benefit those Mayas who were not even born in Belize.

Externally, this ruling plays right into the hands of the Guatemalan government with its long standing territorial dispute with Belize. Guatemala
Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin attended the launch of the Mesoamerican Health Initiative 2015 held in Mexico City on June 16th, 2010.

Belize has an opportunity to benefit from a combined donation of $150 million dollars donated by the Spanish Government and the Carlos Slim and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to benefit people in Central America threatened by preventable or curable diseases.

Ministry of Health, Belize Natural Energy and Project C.U.R.E. donates to the Western Regional Hospital

Mexican President, Felipe Calderon commented at the official launch that this initiative will also complement the fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals.

The event was attended by Bill Gates, of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; among others including the Ministers of Health of Panama and Costa Rica.

The Mesoamerican Health Initiative will finance five projects focused on vulnerable groups.

Minister of Health, Hon. Pablo Marin (L) Signing the MOU

Soon after Cabinet gave approval for the Ministry of Health to enter into an Agreement with the World Organization of Renal Therapies (WORTH) to establish dialysis units, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed on June 3rd, 2010 at the Lion’s Den in Belize City between WORTH, the Ministry of Health and the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital and La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital.

The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding will launch a series of historic activities leading up to the establishment of haemodialysis services at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City and at the La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Santa Elena, Cayo.

Through the collaboration of WORTH, a total of eight (8) haemodialysis machines will soon be brought into the country. A task force has been established to follow through on the establishment of the units at both hospitals. A timeline has been developed to this end with the official opening of the units in September 2010.

Senior Steps Program Launched

The Ministry of Health along with the National Council on Ageing launched its “Senior Steps: Dancing for Health Project” on Tuesday June 1st in Belmopan.

The Senior Steps programme aims to promote active and healthy lifestyles for older persons. It will not only involve dancing, but also educational sessions on nutrition and healthy eating practices, which together will help to improve the quality of life for all participants.

Current Status of Dengue Cases in Belize

As the rainy season approaches, there is an expected increase in the number of Dengue cases throughout the country.

Current statistical information compiled at the Ministry of Health shows that since January of this year there have been a total of 28 dengue cases confirmed. However, throughout the country a total of 240 persons consulted and were classified as suspect cases, a significant decrease compared to last year when for the same period as positive for dengue.

It must also be noted that of the suspected dengue cases but the facilities 70% get tested.

Ministry of Health, Belize City between WORTH, the Organization of Renal Therapies Santa Elena, Cayo.

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital. Heusner Memorial Hospital and La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital.

Senior Steps Program

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Groom’s Vows

The pastor looked and walked away satisfied. “OBTAIN and BE FAITHFUL to promise to LOVE, HONOR, your life and swear eternally before God, this entire Church and your lovely Wife, that you will not even notice it, as you both shall live?”

Dearest Wife

John the groom gulped, looked around, and fell to the floor.

Without missing a beat the husband replied: “Yes, dear, but I was so in love that I didn’t even notice it.”

Money Talks

Shortly after the wedding rehearsal, John the groom approached the pastor with an unusual offer:

“Look, pastor, I’ll give you this $100 if you’ll change the wedding vows. When you get to the part where I’m supposed to promise to LOVE, HONOR, OBEY and BE FAITHFUL to her FOREVER I’d appreciate it if you’d just leave that out.”

He gave the pastor the $100 bill and walked away satisfied. The pastor put a $100 bill into the John’s hand and whispered: “She made me a better offer.”

Honoring Celeste Sanchez

While she is still alive, we would like to honor a very special lady and, at the same time, let the community know that she needs our assistance.

Dedicated and very caring, these are two of the many outstanding qualities of Celeste Sanchez. Because of her great love for young people, Celeste dedicated 25 years to a career in psychiatric therapy and teaching children with learning problems, special needs and retardation.

Known to many for the wonderful bread she sold and for the children and junior youth classes she taught at the Santa Elena library, she made friends with many people.

Unfortunately, our dear friend now has kidney failure and is in URGENT need of a kidney transplant. The good news is that she has someone willing to donate a kidney to her. In order to save this precious life, more funds need to be raised for the operation, medical expenses including the operation. Any caring person wishing to contribute to these expenses may do so by depositing to the account # 1832479 of Scotiabank. Such contributions, small or large, will be graciously received with prayers for blessings of the donors and many thanks to all.

Belize Coalition To Save Our Natural Heritage Forms Executive Council

Submitted By: Candy Gonzalez
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, July 1, 2010:

This week, members of the Belize Coalition to Save Our Natural Heritage met to elect an Executive Council and formulate outreach plans.

The Coalition’s first priority is to ensure that people are informed about the issues associated with offshore oil drilling and oil exploration and exploitation in protected areas as well as to keep the members engaged and informed.

The ultimate goal of the Coalition is to get a ban on all offshore oil drilling and a ban of all oil exploration and exploitation in protected areas.

Thus far, over forty groups have joined the Coalition. Coalition members have been traveling to different places to give information on the scientific, socio-economic and legal issues involved.

Petitions are being signed, online surveys are being filled out and t-shirt sales are raising awareness and needed funds for the coalition (T-shirts are now available at Oceana, Healthy Reefs Initiative, and Program for Belize offices in Belize City). Out-district sales will follow soon.

You can help by making sure you have filled out the online survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/ MC2W9ND and by signing the petition and reviewing the information on at: http://groups.google.com.bz/group/belize_coalition

Those elected to the Executive Council are:

Chairperson: Giovanni Brackett, (COLA)

Co-Vice Chairpersons: Audrey Matura Shepard, (OCEANA) and Edilberto Romero, (APAMO)

Secretary: Candy Gonzalez, Belize Institute of Environmental Law and Policy (BELPO)

Treasurer: Anna Hoare, Belize Audubon Society (BAS)

Other Executive Council members include: Belize National Trade Union Congress, Belize Tourism and Industry Association, Healthy Reefs Initiative and the World Wildlife Fund.

For more information or to request a presentation contact the Coalition at: 664-3771 (COLA), 223-7266 (APAMO) or 227-2704(Oceana).
Sacred Heart College Celebrates 50th Anniversary

SAN IGANCIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, June 30, 2010:
Sacred Heart College in San Ignacio, Cayo is celebrating her 50th anniversary under the theme: HONORING OUR PAST – INSPIRING THE FUTURE!

It is recalled that Sacred Heart College was the first secondary institution established in western Belize on the 1st of July 1960 by its founders, Bishop Robert Hodapp and Rev. Fr. Facundo Castillo of the Roman Catholic Church. Also playing a key role in the expansion of the institution was the Most Reverend Osmond Peter Martin, retired Bishop of Belize who was instrumental in the relocation of the school to its present location in 1972.

Over the last 50 years, the college has produced 3,750 High School graduates and 805 Tertiary level or 6th Form graduates. The Associates Degree Programme was introduced in 1999.

The mission of the institution is: “To develop the intellectual, physical, moral and spiritual values of students regardless of race, color, creed or sex.” The guiding motto of the school is: “Heart of Jesus - fount of knowledge.”

Sacred Heart College is managed by a Board of Governors whose Chairman is Mr. Daniel Gutierrez and administered by a President, Dr. Cynthia Eve Aird.

The 50th Anniversary will be commemorated by a special Mass of Thanksgiving on July 1, at 6:00 pm on the grounds of the campus. The mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Dorrick Wright, Bishop of the Diocese of Belize and Belmopan and the Reverend Fr. Noel Leslie, Vicar General.

An Anniversary Ball (with music provided by Guhlarry 7 and Sonido Magico) will be held on Saturday, July 3 at the San Ignacio Resort Hotel.

For more information please call Dr. Eve Aird at Telephone 824-2758.

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Vacancies exist at Sacred Heart College in San Ignacio, Cayo for the following seven teaching positions both at the High School and Junior College Levels:

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION:
- 2 Math Teachers
- 1 Biology/Integrated Science Teacher
- 1 Principles of Accounts/Principles of Business Teacher

Minimum Qualification: Bachelors Degree in Subject Area with a Background in Education. Teaching experience would be an asset.

Deadline for Application: July 9, 2010.

Remuneration: Based on qualifications and experience, and in accordance with salary scales approved by the Ministry of Education.

Interested persons should send application letters along with an updated resume, and the names and contact information (email addresses and phone numbers) of 3 references. Applications should be sent to:

The Secretary (President’s Office)
Board of Governors
Sacred Heart College
P.O. Box 163
San Ignacio, Cayo

JUNIOR COLLEGE DIVISION
- 1 Business Lecturer
- 1 Social Science (Psychology/Sociology and Belizean History) Lecturer
- 1 Tourism Lecturer

Minimum Qualification: Bachelors Degree in Subject Area. Teaching experience would be an asset.
51. have a tough time handling him. A formidable opponent and will. You will have to deal with a life.

with respect to your personal want to make a fresh clean start argumentative and unhappy. Staff, subordinates may appear maintaining semblance at work. have to fight tooth and nail to tough one for you. You may. The coming week could be a opportunity abroad as it may not or a higher studies related bank too much on any travel sense of satisfaction. Don’t Success at work gives you a reality and personal grooming. You work towards enhancing positive aspects of your person- and possibly take a re-look at old avenues of income generation and potentially and then respond. Expenses will be many and will keep you on your toes. Keep long-term goals in mind while interacting with people in authority. Lucky Numbers: 05, 27, 95. her. Assess the situation realistically and then respond. Expenses will be many and will keep you on your toes. Keep long-term goals in mind while interacting with people in authority. Lucky Numbers: 05, 27, 95.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21
You work towards enhancing positive aspects of your personality and personal grooming. Success at work gives you a sense of satisfaction. Don’t bank too much on any travel or a higher studies related opportunity abroad as it may not work out. Lucky Numbers: 16, 44, 72.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21
You will have to deal with a formidable opponent and will have a tough time handling him/

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CANCER: June 22 to July 23
You are likely to take on all aspects of life with vigour as you are now seeking tangible results. You also have a more practical edge to your efforts. Be cautious as life often throws surprises when we move with outcomes predetermined in our heads. Lucky Numbers:18, 32, 78.

LEO: July 24 to August 21
Solving a financial riddle seems edge to your efforts. Be cautious as life often throws surprises when we move with outcomes predetermined in our heads. Lucky Numbers:18, 32, 78.

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21
You get ample opportunities to rejuvenate yourself. Many mentally challenging situations have left you drained out over the last few weeks. At work, focus on your strengths and not your rivals. Those working in the field of art, cinema, beauty and poetry will do well. Lucky Numbers: 08, 50, 98.

ARIES: March 22 - April 20
The coming week could be a tough one for you. You may have to fight tooth and nail to maintain semblance at work. Staff, subordinates may appear argumentative and unhappy. This is one good phase if you want to make a fresh clean start with respect to your personal life. Lucky Numbers: 03, 24, 51.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21
You work towards enhancing positive aspects of your personality and personal grooming. Success at work gives you a sense of satisfaction. Don’t bank too much on any travel or a higher studies related opportunity abroad as it may not work out. Lucky Numbers: 16, 44, 72.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21
You will have to deal with a formidable opponent and will have a tough time handling him/
BEL Responds to Amandala Editorial on Illegal Electrical Connections

The June 27, 2010 edition of the Amandala Editorial titled “Profits & People” discusses Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) not doing “business with Kremandal” and the recent electrocution of a Belize City resident. BEL finds it very disappointing that the Publisher of Amandala would use the tragic and unfortunate death of a citizen to try to stir public sentiment against the company, because Amandala is not happy with the medium that BEL uses to advertise.

The tragic electrocution that occurred was seemingly a result of an illegal electrical connection in an unplanned part of Belize City that has no roads or infrastructure.

Illegal connections are an unsafe practice and as this case showed, it can be deadly. The company is very concerned about the safety of the public and repeatedly advises of the dangers of illegal connections.

Within the past year, BEL has spent over $5 million on projects to extend power to areas such as the CET Site and Belama Phase IV areas in Belize City. These projects are scheduled for completion by the end of 2010 and in 2011, respectively. BEL continues to work with the Government to extend power to several other communities across the country. However, before BEL can install electrical infrastructure, there must already be roads in a properly surveyed area. The Government of Belize has been doing its part to complete these activities.

It should also be noted that BEL offers a social rate for low income families. BEL is the only utility in Belize that offers such a rate. Over 6,800 customers are benefiting from this lower electricity rate with bills of less than $11 per month.

In its editorial, Amandala explained and we quote “At Kremandal we have to pay our bills or we will cease to exist. We have to seek profits, so that we can obtain the technology to make us competitive.”

Kremandal is right.

No business can survive by losing money. BEL is an essential service, and perhaps even more than Kremandal, the management of BEL has a responsibility to ensure that the company can pay its bills and make a profit to be able to continue to improve its technology and provide an acceptable level of service.

As a responsible company, BEL will continue to discourage illegal connections and encourages Amandala to do the same. BEL will also continue to work with the Government in extending safe power supply to as many communities as possible.

END
Remembering The First Graduating Class Of Sacred Heart College, 1964

BY: Hernan Ochaeta Sr., Hangout El Che, Coronation Park
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, July 1, 2010:

Sacred Heart College, with its humble beginnings on Hudson Street in San Ignacio in 1960, is now closing its anniversary celebrations.

Now secure in its present location, it begins its next 50-year cycle at the end of which, it is hoped, it will have made significant and positive contributions towards the economic and social liberation of the human person, instilling and insisting in all those with whom it comes in contact the values of self-help, hard work, fairness and the ever elusive social justice. In this regard, our most sincere best wishes will be part of this important journey.

The year 1964 was most crucial and decisive in the life of Sacred Heart. It was the year when the first class would be graduating after sitting the all-important overseas examinations, at that time the General Certificate of Education (GCE).

By parents, relatives and other family guests and school invitees.
Another significant event in 1964 was that it was the year when our country attained Self Government.

The first graduating class was addressed by Premier George Price. Present for the happy occasion were Cayo Chief Broadcasting Officer Everal Waight and Chief Information Officer Rudy Castillo.

Apart from preparing for graduation, of course, and GCEs, the class of 1964 had taken part in sporting activities, especially football, volleyball and basketball as well as elocution and oratorical contests held at the former Sacred Heart School and the traditional retreats.

At some point in the life of the school, the granting of amnesty to thousands of people from El Salvador and many of them eventually become naturalized Belizeans.

I am yet to see a Maya or a Mestizo demonstration against the establishment of unlawful Maya villages in the country of Belize.

The Guatemalan soldiers continue to stop native born Maya Indians from establishing villages in their own country as well as confirmed by the United Nations Commission for Human Rights and that is why they are crossing the border into Belize to establish new villages.

Unlike the difference between Creoles and Garifunas although both are of African descent, the Mayas and Mestizos in Belize see themselves as one people despite the fact that they are from different countries in Central America.

The Mayas in Belize are dwindling fast because of migration to the United States and the Maya and Mestizo population is growing rapidly as they continue to cross the border.

The government of Belize still have the option to consider allowing Haitians to relocate to Belize as a humanitarian gesture to balance the races but that idea is not even being advanced up by anyone in the media because of fear of being attacked.

The Haitian presence would contribute to the development of Belize in the areas of agriculture and race balance.

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Belize have vast amount of lands and oil deals against their wishes and if, on the basis of this recent ruling they are denied the right to own land anywhere else in any part of Belize exception on their traditional lands and that any one of them owning land anywhere should forfeit that land and return to their traditional lands.

I am in favor of the native Belizean Mayas asserting their rights to their ancestral lands but not at the expense of the other Non Maya Belizeans and private owners of land who obtained their properties through legitimate means.

The Belize government must now start the dismantling of all these villages that were established by Guatemalan Mayas in Belize before they start claiming lands on ancestral grounds later. Their immigration status should also be examined and if they cannot produce Belizean birth certificates and other documents they should be sent back to their countries of origin.

A case in point is that new settlement of Guatemalan Maya Indians found to be encroaching 35 miles inside Belizean Western Territory as reported on the front page of the recent Amandala newspaper of June 27, 2010. The Government of Belize should move post haste to dismantle this settlement and send those people back from whence the came.
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There is imminent danger on the Hawkesworth Bridge as a section of the pedestrian crossing is visibly corroded.

There is no support under this highly corroded metal plate. Should anyone fall in it, the results would be fatal.

Mr. Garbutt, District Supervisor from the Ministry of Works (Tel: 824-2077) has been informed on this grave situation. This bridge connects the Twin Towns of San Ignacio and Santa Elena. Hundreds of persons cross this bridge daily.

Orlando Pulido
Santa Elena,
Cayo

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Mexican Ex-Police Commander Suspected In Michoacan Ambush

BY: Tracy Wilkinson, Los Angeles Times MEXICO CITY, June 30, 2010 | 7:47 p.m.

Mexican authorities Wednesday announced the arrest of a key suspect in the attempted assassination of a state security chief whose convoy was attacked with grenades and more than 2,000 rounds of ammunition.

The suspect until recently was a police commander who also worked for the notorious drug cartel known as La Familia, authorities said.

Minerva Bautista Gomez, security chief for the state of Michoacan, survived the April 24 ambush. Two of her bodyguards and two passing motorists were killed.

Ramon Pequeno, head of the anti-narcotics unit of the federal Public Security Ministry, said in a news conference in Mexico City that Miguel Ortiz Miranda, alias “El Tyson,” had been arrested Tuesday in Morelia, the capital of Michoacan. Ortiz directed operations in Morelia for the Michoacan-based La Familia, Pequeno said, including attacks on public officials, kidnappings and extortion.

Pequeno said the suspect also participated in a June 14 ambush outside Zitacuaro that killed at least 10 federal police agents, as well as the 2009 assassination of a senior public security official and decapitation of a state prosecutor.

In one of the most brazen attacks on a public official, Bautista was ambushed as her entourage left a state fair. The assailants used a truck to block a narrow highway passage and opened fire from two sides. Investigators recovered 2,700 spent shells and said 350 high-caliber bullets had hit her heavily armored SUV.

Ortiz told interrogators that the attackers left the scene believing that Bautista was dead.

“Tyson indicated that the attack was in response to changes made within the ministry that went against the interests of La Familia,” Pequeno said.

Authorities’ contention that Ortiz worked for La Familia while a member of the state security forces illustrates how deeply traffickers have penetrated regional governments. Bautista told The NY Times in a recent interview that as many as 100 police agents have been interrogated as possible suspects in the attack on her.

Ortiz joined the Michoacan police in 1999 and became commander of a special operations unit before retiring in 2008 after a murder warrant was issued against him, Pequeno said. Ortiz began working for La Familia in 2005, Pequeno said, after accepting a large bribe to release a detained gang member. He provided information to the cartel, alerting it to police movements and offering protection.

La Familia is a ruthless gang dedicated to the trafficking of methamphetamine. The gang has evolved in recent years as its leaders have tried to create a quasi-religious aura around the group. Pequeno said Ortiz described five days of indoctrination when he joined La Familia that included Bible-reading, self-help seminars and weapons training. Ortiz also told authorities that La Familia recently joined forces with the Gulf cartel and other smaller gangs to fight the paramilitary Zetas. The Zetas were once allied with Gulf traffickers but are now battling them in several parts of Mexico, including the northern border state of Tamaulipas, where presumed drug hit men this week assassinated the leading candidate for governor.

On Wednesday, officials with the Institutional Revolutionary Party in Tamaulipas named the slain candidate’s brother, Egidio Torre Cantu, to run in his place in Sunday’s election.

FOR SALE

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGE

The Belize National Building Society, a society duly formed and registered under the Laws of Belize with registered office situate at #40 Will & Sharper Street, Belize City, hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its Power of Sale as mortgage under Deeds of Mortgage or Charge between those hereinafter named and the said mortgagee which mortgages are recorded at the General Registry or the Lands Registry in Belmopan, and the said Belize National building Society will at the expiration of two months from the date of the publication of this notice, sell the properties described in the schedule hereto.

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The Belize Tourism Board is offering tuition scholarships to interested applicants for Tourism Management Programs to commence August 2010 for the following degrees:

1.) Associate Degree in Tourism Management
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   - San Pedro Junior College
   - Ecumenical Junior College
   - Sacred heart Junior College
   - St. John’s Junior College

2.) Jean Shaw Tourism Scholarship (Two Year)
   Requirements: Applicants must be a female Belizean citizen who has a minimum of an Associate’s Degree who has been accepted into the Tourism Management Program at the University of Belize (UB) and wishes to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Tourism Management.

The Jean Shaw Tourism Scholarship has been established in memory of the late Jean Ursilia Shaw, a renowned female tourism pioneer who played an integral part in the development of Belize’s tourism industry in her lifetime. The Fund was established by the BTB in collaboration with its private sector counterparts to support the development of qualified Belizeans pursuing a career in tourism.

Application forms are available at the BTB Office on Regent Street or ONLINE at www.belize旅游局.org.

Application Deadline: Friday, July 16, 2010

For more information, please contact: Mrs. Keesha Young-Flowers (Training Officer)
Telephone: 227-2420 Ext. 259   E-mail: keesha@travelbelize.org
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