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MYVETT REMANDED FOR CARNAL KNOWLEDGE

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Friday, November 2, 2007:

Georgeville resident **Darren Myvett**, 22, Belizean unemployed, appeared in San Ignacio's Magistrate Court today to answer to the charge of carnal knowledge.

The police reports that at around 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 29, 2007, a resident from Georgeville Village accompanied her 12 year old god-daughter to the San Ignacio police station to file a report and were directed to the domestic violence unit.

In her statement to the police, in the presence of her godmother, the child

informed that the accused was engaged in a sexual relationship with her during the month of July and that it was her first such experience.

The police informed that a legally required medical examination was conducted. Apart from confirming that the child was sexually active, the examination also concluded that the child was pregnant.

From the time the report was made San Ignacio police began to aggressively look for the accused. Obviously realizing that it was difficult for him to continue evading the aggressive and long arm of the law, two days after the report was

lodged, the accused walked into the police station on Wednesday, October 31 and handed himself in. He was instantly detained, cautioned, arrested and formally charged for the crime of carnal knowledge.

He first appeared before San Ignacio's Magistrate, **Kathleen Lewis**, on Thursday, November 1 to be arraigned. No plea could be entertained as the matter is for hearing in the Supreme Court.

The prosecution objected to bail while the defense attorney sought bail on behalf of his client.

Magistrate Lewis informed that she needed additional time to review



Darren Myvett, 22

the request from the prosecution and the defense and as such the accused was remanded to the San Ignacio police holding cell for a day.

When court resumed on Friday, the magistrate announced that, due to the prevalence and seriousness of the crime for which the defendant stood accused, bail would be denied and the accused was remanded to the Hattieville prison to reappear in court on Thursday, November 15, 2007.

"Pajaro" Gone To Rest

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH, Santa Elena Town, Cayo, Sunday, October 28, 2007:

Quite frankly we cannot recall ever seeing him riding a horse or chasing a cow. What we do know however is that we have never seen him in public with anything on his head other than his hallmark white cowboy hat, therefore, he always had that cowboy look and so when he passed away, what better time could there have been to conduct the ceremony celebrating his life, than at high noon in typical cowboy fashion.

We all knew him as **Pajaro** or **the Bird**, but his registered name was Carlos Requena. Very few are the persons in Santa Elena and surrounding communities who did not know Pajaro. He was born, raised, died and now buried in Santa Elena, Cayo.

He was born on November 4,

1944. He passed on October 26, 2007, a mere nine days before celebrating his 63rd birthday. He was laid to rest two days later on Sunday, October 28, 2007.

In the final years of his life, Pajaro became really hooked to drinking rum especially the strong kind and this is what, according to the certificate contributed to death.

Pajaro lived a quiet life and he passed away quietly at his home on the family land near the foot of the Hawksworth Bridge in Santa Elena. His sister-in-law **Nelly**, who was very close to him, recalled last seeing him



+ R.I.P +

Carlos "Pajaro/the Bird" Requena, 62

SUNRISE: November 4, 1944

SUNSET: October 26, 2007

alive on Thursday evening and when she went to the small house where he

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PC #66 Guadalupe Carrillo, one of three Cayo policemen awarded for good service. The FULL article on page 7



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Editorial



The Nation Has A Right To Read The DFC Report

Over two years has elapsed, over a million dollars of taxpayers' money has been spent; the long awaited **REAL** report on the investigations into the affairs at the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) between 1999 and 2004, is here.

Without even knowing the contents of the report, attorney **Dr. Elston Kaseke**, representing the man at the center of the investigation former DFC Chairman **Glenn D. Godfrey**, files an ex-parte application in the Supreme Court of Belize for an interim injunction against the Attorney General of Belize prohibiting the publication of the report.

In other words, the report is being kept from the attention of all of us who paid for it to be done and who likewise will be repaying the hundreds of millions of dollars that went down the drain with all the damages that was done to the nation's only development bank.

The single question on the nation's collective mind must be: ***"What could the report contain that Glenn D. Godfrey does not want the public to know?"***

Mr. Godfrey is an attorney by profession. He is a former Attorney General of Belize. He is considered to be a wealthy man. He is therefore in a very good position to pay for the best legal service. His legal team should have the capacity to rip apart the report and if there is anything libelous therein they should know what to do.

The report places the credibility of Commissioner **Merlene Bailey Martinez** on the line and if it is found to contain falsehoods, malicious or libelous statements it could result in irreversible damage to her reputation. If Glenn Godfrey has done nothing wrong, as he continues to insist; why is he trying to keep the report from the public's attention?

Evidence emerging this week seems to suggest that white collar crimes somehow have a way of getting special treatment.

Take for example, this past Friday, November 2, 2007, two interesting incidents emerged in one release from the Police Press Office.

The first incident involved the immediate deportation, ordered by Home Affairs Minister, **Ralph Fonseca**, of Salvadorans Josue Eliseo Cadiz, 24, and his 22 year old brother Elmer Antonio Cadiz both charged for the offence of ***"Displaying of Gang Insignia"***. The brothers, according to the report are ***"members of the MS 13 gang"***. The gang is said to be one of the most dangerous in Central America and is one that we can ill afford to fester in our society. The drastic actions on the part of minister Fonseca could very well therefore be justified.

The same report however informed of the busting of two separate houses, one on Smith Street in Belize City and the other at the corner of Cemetery Road and Partridge Street also in the city.

The operation ***"resulted in the discovery of several passports of different nationalities, documents and computers"*** inside the Smith Street house. Also inside the house, were **Sampson Lovelace Boateng**, 53, Ghanaian car dealer along with **Irma Valencia**, 49, an employee of the Mexican embassy and **Frank Boateng**, 28.

Another Ghanaian national, **Gwame Boakye**, 26, was found inside the house at the corner of Cemetery Road and Partridge Street where ***"other passports and documents"*** were found.

The irony of the situation is that, like the other Salvadoran suspected MS13 gang member who was deported last week, the two Cadiz brothers were stripped, at least of their shirts, and photographed. Their pictures were instantly dispatched to the media. However, in the case of the four persons involved in this latest white collar immigration crime, the only photographs that were sent to the media were three shots showing the items used in their criminal trade.

Like the three Salvadorans, the man who jacked the James Bus driver and all the countless others before them whose photographs are automatically dispatched to the media, we are now awaiting the photographs of these white collar scam artists so that our readers can likewise see who they are.☆

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"Pajaro" Gone To Rest

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lived alone, at around 10:00 am on Friday morning to get him to run one of the usual errands, this was when she came upon his lifeless body on the bed with his feet hanging to the floor.

The police were alerted and the body was transported to the San Ignacio Hospital where it was officially pronounced dead and placed inside the morgue.

Parajo is predeceased by his father, mother, one brother and one sister, **Ciperiano Requena, Florentina**

Requena, Ambrosio Requena and Sofia Requena Garcia, respectively.

He is survived by a daughter **Lucy Herrera**; three brothers: **Alberto, Rito and Jenaro Requena**; four sisters **Mrs. Anita Fernandez, Mrs. Adela Meighan, Mrs. Nicholasa Richards** and **Ms. Cupertina Requena** all residing in Santa Elena, Cayo. He is also survived by many other relatives and countless friends.

We join family and friends in praying for the soul of **Carlos "Pajaro/the Bird" Requena**. May he rest in eternal peace.☆



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Help Us To Get What We Rightly Deserve

Dear Editor,

Please, allow me space in your media to voice the concerns of the abused.

I write in petition and appeal to the Musa Government on behalf of all Social Security Contributors and Pensioners from 1981.

Our pensions have ranged from one hundred to about one hundred and sixty five dollars with the highest being two hundred and eighty five dollars.

That pension is only to keep us alive to suffer while water, light, phone and the food keeps going up; the pensions remain the same. The most disturbing part of it all is that if you are aged sixty years and try to get a job to help yourself, your pension is taken away. Yes, they allow you to get a job when you reach sixty five years, when mostly we are feeble and some employers prefer to employ younger hands and minds.

Then there is poverty alleviation—what about the infants and elderly who get the so call assistance from the Social Development Department which is a meagre five dollars a week, being twenty dollars a month . Do you think that is humane?

That is why America is so powerful because amidst all, it cares... When you are building a nation, the merit of a nation is best seen in the care it takes of its infant, senior, poor and disabled citizens. As a nation develops, its emerging worth will be seen in the care and respect for their past contributors and the disadvantaged.

We don't want any more promises, handshakes and hugs.

May God help us to get what we rightly deserve as past contributors to the building of this nation we call Belize. Please withhold my name.

S.S Pensioner, Santa Elena, Cayo
Monday, 29 October 2007☆

Mr. Politician, Speak To Your Daughter

Dear Editor;

I am having some serious problems with the daughter of a local politician.

I have spoken to the girl but the situation continues.

I have spoken to her father, the politician, but instead of addressing the situation he questions me about my private life.

I am now taking this concern to the media in the hope that the situation be corrected.

I have not gone to the police because I don't think that the situation has yet ventured into the realm of a crime.

I will refrain from mentioning the name of the politician in the hope that whenever he reads this letter, he will truly put his child in check as this situation could become embarrassing for one who aspires to lead a community when he might be falling short of leading his own family.

My story goes like this, I moved from Unitedville to the San Ignacio/ Santa Elena Area over six years ago.

The first persons with whom I came in contact were my boyfriend's relatives and to this very day, although I am no longer with this person, I continue to have a close relationship with his sister.

I consider myself to be an independent woman and I try my very best to live a private life. I am aware that there are many women who would want to live the way I do, as

many of them have told me so. However, as in all things, there are the few who will endeavor to be a disruption.

My independence has caused boyfriends to become suspicious of the way I carry myself as I am not the type to depend on anyone for anything, not even a boyfriend.

The problem with this politician's daughter is that she apparently is one of those persons who would want to disrupt my life-style as she is continuously interfering in my personal and private life. She reports my every moves to the boy with whom I was living. Whenever I visit friends, this man knows even before I arrive at home and when he told me that she was the one minding my business, I put him out of my house as it became obvious that she had an interest in him and that he was the reason why she was meddling in my life.

I want, through this medium, to ask this politician to please ask his daughter to stop interfering with me.

The objective of this letter is not to bring undue negative publicity upon this politician nor to bring attention to myself. It is with this in mind that I am requesting that my name not be made public. However, if the situation continues then my new request will include the politician's name, the name of his daughter accompanied by a request for my name to be published.☆

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SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, November 1, 2007:

It was a fun day for the children attending Santa Elena Community Pre-School as teachers and parents brought them out today to trick or treat.

Both the morning and the afternoon sessions of Pre-Schoolers had an enjoyable day by the glow on their little faces as they moved along collecting goodies ending with a little party and refreshments at their school.

Parents and teachers would like to thank the various business places that opened their hearts and their doors to the children as they came along. Some of the contributing



Jonathan Lohr (L) from Ceiba Realty opening his business to the children, parents and teachers as he invited them in for a treat

persons and business places are: **August Meat Shop, Joe Requena's Mini Shop, The Arcc Center, Allen's Hardware, STAR Newspaper, Alwin's Superstore, A & R Center, Ceiba Realty, G&T Ice, Yuen Yuen Store, Dr. Ricardo Bush Clinic, Carillo Puerto Gas Station and Carillo Puerto Hardware.**

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Two More Salvadoran Gang Bangers Deported

BELIZE CITY, Friday, November 2, 2007:

Belize City police are today

reporting the arrest and deportation of another two Salvadorans on charges of being involved with the dangerous Salvadoran street gang, MS13.

The two most recent deportees are **Josue Eliseo Cadiz, 24**, and his brother, **Elmer Antonio Cadiz, 22**.

The police report informs that on Monday, October 29, the brothers were charged for **"Displaying of Gang Insignia."** They later pleaded guilty as charged and were fined.

The report further informed that they were in the country illegally resulting in the Minister of Minister of Home Affairs and Public Utilities, **Hon. Ralph Fonseca** ordering their immediate deportation. They were placed on board a 5:20 pm, TACA flight on Friday, November 2, for the ride back to their native land.☆



Josue Eliseo Cadiz, 24



Elmer Antonio Cadiz, 22.

Convicted Murderer Shot Dead In Prison

HATTIEVILLE PRISON, Belize District, Thursday, November 1, 2007:

The police press office today informed of the shooting death of a convicted prisoner inside the walls of the central prison at Hattieville.

The report informed that Belize City police were called to the prison shortly after the occurrence where they observed the lifeless body of a male prisoner lying in an area near the maximum security section of the prison.

Officials from Kolbe Foundation, managers of the prison, reported to police that the incident occurred shortly after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, while the prisoners were on a routine recreational break.

The facility was instantly placed under total lockdown as the investigation got underway.

The dead prisoner has been identified as **Gilroy "Hootie" Wade, 26**, who was serving time on death row on conviction for a murder he committed six years ago. He is said to have been involved in several fights with other prisoners prior to being killed today.

The body was removed from the scene and transported to the morgue at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City where it awaits the legally required post mortem examination.

The investigation has led to the arrest of **Deon Slusher** whom police believe is the man who pulled the trigger as Wade was passing in front of his cell while on recreation break.

Deon Slusher has been in prison since February 2002 when he was arrested along with **Jermey Harris** for the February 4, 2002 murder of well known Belize City Contractor, and UDP Activist, **Phillip Chin**.

Slusher and Harris remained on remand for almost two years when on January 26, 2004, they were both found guilty of murder in the courtroom of **Justice John Troadio Gonzalez** and sentenced to death by hanging. Their sentence has since been commuted to life imprisonment.

In this latest incident, Slusher is accused of firing a single fatal shot which found its target to the back of Gilroy Wade's head.

During the course of the investigation, Prison officials handed



Gilroy "Hootie" Wade, 26

over one point thirty-eight revolver which is suspected to be the murder weapon.

The gun is reported to have been recently smuggled into the belly of the prison but the silencer, which was attached to it, is suspected to have actually been made inside the jail.

How the weapon got into the facility without being detected, is precisely what police and prison authorities are trying to determine.

It is reported that prior to today's incident, there were reports of the presence of a gun inside the prison, but after conducting several searches, prison officials were unable to locate it until it showed on Thursday evening as the weapon used to kill **Gilroy "Hootie" Wade**.☆



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Thompson On The Bullet Tree Road & Bridge

Whispers In The Dark

BY: Peter Thompson, Santa Familia Village, Cayo District, Wednesday, October 31, 2007:

As I indicated recently in the STAR Newspaper, I am interested in knowing whether the steep hills on the Bullet Tree Road would be cut down and lowered a bit to make access easier for my small car.

I am a regular and frequent commuter on this road and I am somewhat intimately familiar with the problems on that stretch of the road.

I had occasion to visit Belmopan today and decided to drop in to see **Dr. Michael Tewes**, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the Ministry of Works. On that day, CEO Tewes happened to be out of office and so the secretary referred me to a male person who was involved with the project.

In meeting with this person, who by the way refused to identify himself, I was informed that no substantial improvement in the vertical alignment is programmed but the road will be paved to allow a more comfortable ride for the motoring public.

The Officer in question refused to provide the name of the contractor, scope of works and contract sum

since the C.E.O's approval would be required.

I am appalled by the response since we all know that paving a road is not cheap and therefore some planning needs to be incorporated to ensure an adequate level of service for a design life of 12 - 15 years is achieved. A shorter design life would question the economics of the entire road project since the long term cost savings expected from a reduction in frequency of maintenance would not be attainable.

Paving the Bullet Tree Road as is will be a death trap for motorists and pedestrians alike. There are many blind spots on that road which is compounded by poor lighting at night time and given these conditions I foresee an immediate increase of the loss of life upon completion of the road.

The road as is will not meet international standards for village roads and therefore I can't help but conclude that the road works are solely to score political points within the Cayo Community.

Finally the Ministry needs to inspect the bridge works on the road since the type of sand and gravel on site should **NOT** be used for a project of this size. The quality of concreting is poor and a lot of segregation and

honeycombing is visible to the naked eye. Someone at the Ministry of Works is either falling down, sleeping on the job or guilty of dereliction of duty.

This project needs to be investigated with a view to ensuring

that taxpayers receive value for the expending of public funds and for us to ultimately end up with a good road that will truly improve our living conditions instead of getting a poor excuse of a paved road all in the name of political expediency at a time when the next round of general elections is just around the corner.☆

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that JIN MAN HUANG is applying for the renewal of a CONVENIENT STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate NEW P.K. SHOPPING CENTER located on Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that WEI SHI HUANG & SHAO MIN LIANG are applying for the renewal of a CONVENIENT STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate HUANG'S STORE located on Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that CAN HUAN WU is applying for the renewal of a CONVENIENT STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate DAVID SUPERMARKET located on Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that WEN ZHEN XU is applying for the renewal of a PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate XU GUANG QI located on George Price Boulevard, Benque Viejo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that JIAN CHENG LI is applying for the renewal of a CONVENIENT STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate WING SING STORE located on Buena Vista Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Police Presenting Plan 2006 -2010 Almost 2 Years Late, Nonetheless Welcomed

ST. IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL, Santa Elena Town, Cayo, Friday, October 26, 2007:

Approximately 30 persons (15 members of the community and an equal number of police personnel) tonight attended a meeting called by the Officer Commanding Cayo (Police) District, **Sr. Supt of Police David Henderson Sr.**, for the presentation of the Police Plan 2006-2010.

Also in attendance were **Deputy Commissioner of Police Maureen Leslie, Superintendents Rudolph Orio and Miguel Segura** as well as the Mayor of San Ignacio/Santa Elena, **John Francis August** and the Chairman of the Twin Towns Crimes Committee, **John Acott**.

The program began with an opening prayer by **Cecelio Neal** from the local Baptist Church. This was followed by the singing of the National Anthem and brief Welcome Remarks delivered by **Asst. Supt. of Police Eugenio Fuentes**.

In his presentation Sr. Supt. Henderson outlined several aspects of the Action Plan geared specifically towards improving police efficiency and effectiveness. The points he raised included the following: Increasing patrols for the prevention and detection of crimes; the setting up of Citizens on Patrol Programs comprising resident of San Ignacio Town; The selection of responsible citizens for appointment as Special Constables. He informed that there are currently two such persons up for consideration and that the detachment is in the process of conducting thorough background checks on these individuals to ensure their suitability for the position.

He additionally informed that he is working towards the establishment of at least five neighborhood watch groups with special emphasis for the San Ignacio area which presently does not have any such group. Henderson went on to inform that the detachment also intends to intensify operations targeting all those known drug houses with a view of minimizing the existence of places overtly dealing in the dispensing of illegal drugs.

“We will also be paying special attention to traffic violations and road safety” said Supt. Henderson *“and this will be done by way of conducting regular vehicle check points (VCP’s) whereby the police will be checking for insurance, drivers’ permits and the road worthiness of vehicles.*

The police will therefore be working closely with the Transport Department to increase the enforcement of all traffic laws. We specifically intend to target nightclubs to check for drunk



At the head table - (L-R) Superintendents Rudolph Orio and Miguel Segura as well as Deputy Commissioner of Police Maureen Leslie

drivers. The police will also increase visits to both primary and secondary schools in order to educate the students about traffic laws and other offences.

In the months ahead we will target drug trafficking and

transitional crimes as we continue to work closely with the Guatemalan police. At present we are meeting on a monthly basis with our Guatemalan counterparts for the purposes of coordinating trans-border patrols

and operations. These meetings and operations have been very successful as we have arrested several persons involved in trafficking of drugs, mostly marijuana, across our joint border points and we will rigorously prosecute those involved in this illegal activity.

I have additionally tasked Special Branch to collect intelligence on those young persons involved in gang activities.

Our civilian firearm clerks have been tasked to pay keen attention to all those holders of firearm licenses who failed to renew their license. The police will begin to prosecute all those persons who do not renew their gun license as required by law.

The local Crimes Investigation Branch will be tasked to keep records of persons involved in drug trafficking, human trafficking and firearm offences.

We will undertake local training in order to improve
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St. Ignatius High School Graduates 17 Peer Leaders

**ST. IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL,
Santa Elena Town, Cayo District,
Thursday, November 1, 2007:**

Recognizing that students can play a vital role towards positively influencing the action of their fellow students, St. Ignatius High School recently undertook the task of organizing and executing a peer leadership seminar for students.

During the seminar, peer leaders received instructions necessary to effect positive influence among their peers.

The bold initiative was undertaken by the Lifeskills Department of St. Ignatius High School, under the able direction of the school’s Counselor, **Mrs. Guadalupe Novelo-Gillett.**

The program ran for three consecutive Saturdays during which all seventeen peer leaders participated in an extensive and interactive training seminar where they received instructions in the areas of basic counselling skills



Counselor, Mrs. Guadalupe Novelo-Gillett (front row, left) and the new Peer Leaders

The seventeen new certified Peer Leaders who, on Sunday, October 28, were each awarded certificates for completing the training seminar are **Aaron Mendoza 1A, Georgana Robateau 1A, Sharira Santiago 1A, Justin Reyes 1D, Gehusbel**

Monson 2A, Josette Conorque 2A, Norma Betancourt 2B, Anahi Robateau 2C, Barbara Velasquez 2C, Elizabeth Obando 2C, Heidi Cob 2C, Miriani Lemus 2C, Daisy Bobadilla 3A/C, Lisa Bennett 3B, Flor Rivera 3 B/C, Shane Zetina

3B/C and Vanna Morris 4B.

The school’s Counselor, Mrs. **Guadalupe Novelo-Gillett** extends a very special “**Thank You**” to the following persons from the school without whose participation the seminar would not have been the success it was: **Ms. Edna Cano, Mr. Robert Jones, Ms. Sira Shish, Mr. Gian Parham, Ms. Jeanean Neal, and Mr. Rudolfo Juan.**

“**Special Thank You**” also goes out to **Mr. Armando Chulin, Mrs. Margaret Robinson, Mrs. Cherry Mae Velasquez** and **Ms. Lucia Ellis.**

“*We are happy to report that all the participants did exceptionally well during the seminar and the final examination. Barbara Velasquez from 2C and Daisy Bobadilla from 3A/C recording a perfect score on the exam*” said Mrs. Novelo-Gillett.

The seventeen students are now a part of the counseling department of the school and each of them have made a firm commitment to work with their fellow students.✧

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **LI CAN GUANG** is applying for the renewal of a **SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **RINA SUPERSTORE** located on Churchill Street, Benque Viejo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JIE XOING LIN** is applying for the renewal of a **CONVENIENT STORE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **LIN SUPERSTORE** located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **YIP FAI LEE** is applying for the renewal of a **CONVENIENT STORE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **YUEN YUEN STORE** located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **LE WEI HUANG & XUE LI ZHU** are applying for the renewal of a **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **FIRST STOP RESTAURANT** located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ZHEY RONY ZHAO** are applying for the renewal of a **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **YAN ZHONG RESTAURANT** located on Savannah Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **LUIS VALDEZ** is applying for the renewal of a **PUBLICAN GENERAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **GRACIAS A DIOS** located at #34 Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **XING TING ZHEN** is applying for the renewal of a **CONVENIENT STORE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **CHINESE 8&8 SUPERMARKET** located on Bishop Martin Street, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ZHUO JUN HUANG** are applying for the renewal of a **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **JUN JUN RESTAURANT** located at #71 Joseph Andrews Drive, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **XI MAO SU** are applying for the renewal of a **CONVENIENT STORE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **SUE SUPERMARKET** located on Teodoso Ochoa Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

★ STAR HUMOR ★

Victory Over A Ghost

Sent by: Hilberto Castillo, Houston, Texas USA

Mr. Thomas Jones was in the hospital for a series of tests, the last of which had left his bodily systems extremely upset.

Upon making several false alarm trips to the bathroom, he decided that the latest episode was just another false alarm and so he stayed put.

He suddenly filled his bed with diarrhea and was embarrassed beyond his ability to remain rational.

In a complete loss of composure he jumped out of bed, gathered up the bed sheet, and threw it out the hospital window.

A drunk was walking by the

hospital when the sheets landed on him.

The drunk started yelling, cursing, and swinging his arms violently trying to get the unknown thing off. He eventually ended up with the soiled sheets in a tangled pile at his feet.

As the drunk stood there, unsteady on his feet, staring down at the sheets, a hospital security guard, who had watched the whole incident and could barely contain his laughter, walked up to the drunk and asked, “*What the heck is going on here?*”

The drunk, still staring down at the soiled sheet at his feet replied: “**I think I just beat the shit out of a ghost.**”✧

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **CARLOS TZIB** are applying for the renewal of a **SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **LAS PALMAS SHOP** located in San Antonio Village in the Cayo District.

"Stop Crime - Start Now" A BEL - Crime Stoppers Initiative

BELIZE CITY, Tuesday, October 30, 2007:

Today Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) and Crime Stoppers Belize Launched "Stop Crime – Start Now" which is a campaign to raise funds in support of Crime Stoppers Belize.

During opening ceremonies this morning, BEL and its parent company Fortis Inc. jointly donated \$10,000 to Crime Stoppers Belize, officially launching the campaign.

Under "Stop Crime – Start Now", BEL customers will have the opportunity to make monetary pledges to Crime Stoppers Belize and donate the contribution through their account at BEL. After a customer has pledged, the sum will be noted on the customer's electricity bill and the customer can make payment when paying their bills.

In his opening address, BEL's President and Chief Executive Officer **Lynn Young** said crime in Belize should be everyone's concern and appealed to the general public to embrace the opportunity to make a difference. "Through our support for Crime Stoppers Belize we hope to help provide the financial resources necessary for the organization to meet its objectives, not only to bring the perpetrators of crime to justice but also to implement its social programs aimed at addressing the root causes of crime," said Lynn

Young.

According to Chairman of Crime Stoppers Belize **Alberto Young**, "when you make a pledge towards the Crime Stoppers' program you are not only contributing financially, you are working towards a safer Belize... We need to solve the social problem as well as continue to take criminals off the streets."

The success of "Stop Crime – Start Now" will greatly depend on community support. BEL and Crime Stoppers Belize are therefore appealing to the general public to make a pledge.

A pledge, as small as \$0.50 per month, can make a big difference. If 10 per cent of our 71,000 customers pledge this small amount we will be able to support Crime Stoppers Belize with \$3,550 monthly, said Lynn Young.

Persons interested in making a pledge can sign a Pledge Form and deliver it to any BEL Office countrywide. The Pledge Forms are available at all BEL Offices, online at www.crimestoppersbelize.org and www.bel.com.bz.

For further information on the program please contact: **Dawn Sampson**, Manager, Corporate Communications Belize Electricity Limited Tel: 501-227-0954 Ext. 2502 or **Alberto Young**, Chairman Crime Stoppers Belize Tel: 501-610-2225.☆

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investigation procedure to increase detention and conviction of offenders. Good quality case files will be submitted on time to the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for perusal and advice. We intend to continue to work closely with the office of the Director of Public Prosecution as we continue to rely on that office for legal consultation. We will conduct in service training to educate personnel in terms of the laws of the land. Personnel will be encouraged to attend local investigation courses to improve their skills. Scenes of Crime personnel will be provided with additional training to enable them to reach a high standard. We will also form a Crime Intelligence Unit to better process information into useful intelligence in order to conduct effective operations. The investigation of domestic violence will be upgraded as we continue to work closely with all agencies involved in the effort against domestic violence. At present we are fortunate to be able to count on the services

of Ms. Puck to provide counseling for victims of domestic violence.

In terms of improving staff morale, we have every intention to continue with the selection of an outstanding officer each month with a view to provide them with the initiative to do well. We will organize recreational and other sporting events to enable police officers to interact with each other and as well as with members of the community. We will continue to address complaints made against the police by members of the public.

After the presentation, the floor was open for questions. A few of the questions asked included the opening of bars way beyond the legally stipulated time; The sale of alcoholic beverages to minors in the villages and the routine absence of police officers assigned to village substations.

Henderson informed that the police will begin to rigorously enforce the liquor licensing law targeting all those establishments that are routinely in violation of the law.

In terms of allegations regarding alcoholic beverages being sold to minors in the villages, Henderson informed that he will soon be visiting

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**Mayor John F. August (L) handing over award to
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the villages to educate villagers on the terms of this specific law.

On the matter of those village where police are routinely absent from their substations, Henderson informed that this situation has come about due to the shortage of police personnel to adequately address the needs of an expanding community. He informed that from time to time village policemen are required to report to the head station to bridge the

shortage.

As part of the Town Council's initiative to finance the awarding of outstanding officers each month, **Mayor John Francis August** made presentations of three cash awards of \$100 each to Special Branch **Corporal #637 Dalton Sanchez**, **PC #1147 Sotero Salam** and **PC#66 Guadalupe Carrillo** all of whom were selected by their superiors for due recognition and award.☆

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SCAMMING BELIZE OIL - WHAT A SHAME

Press Release from the Belize Landowners Association, Contact: Jim Cavanaugh, Coordinator Phone:804-4432 junglejim@btl.net FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, October 22, 2007:-

Belize Landowners have been developing, as part of an overall Landowners Proclamation, a uniform approach for all private property owners and legal occupiers to use in dealing with the demands from oil contractor for use of their land.

The Proclamation focuses on the requirement that everybody involved in the oil business, GOB, oil contractors, landowners and legal occupiers of land must abide by the word, meaning and intent of the law. Sounds rather silly that something so obvious needs to be stipulated as a requirement, but when we look at the sweetheart deals, missing oil, refusal to measure production, lack of accounting, bribes and extortion, jockeying block boundaries, finagling PSA recipients and a mounting host of other abuses that already flood the Belize oil landscape, it is just as obvious that neither oil contractors nor government are paying attention to the Constitution or Laws of Belize.

The ZMT and BCH deals so blatantly favored sweetheart terms to devoted cronies that Belizeans immediately rose up in anger and demanded fair play. These deals were cheating Belizeans. Although the government backed down and made a more level playing field for all contractors, we were reacting only to what we saw at the surface of these outrageous deals. The fine details are even uglier.

Exploration Blocks are usually just that... blocks, not wrap around opportunistic meanderings stretching like a snake from the coast to San Ignacio, such as the BCH Block. This Block was obviously created to take free advantage of all the exploration work BNE had done.

The ZMT Block was designed the same way. These are not exploration blocks, but rather areas calculated for the favored few cronies when it was already known where oil production was located. It is a disgraceful amateurish play.

But in our outrage at such deals, we are overlooking the fact that these contracts are against the Law. The Law requires that exploration licenses go to competent applicants! The Petroleum Law, Chapter 225, Part III, Section 11 states:

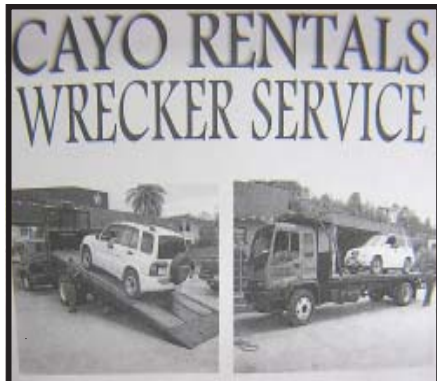
11.-(1) A contract shall only be entered into with persons who demonstrate a proven ability to contribute the necessary funds, assets, machinery, equipment, tools and technical expertise necessary for the effective performance of the terms and condition of the proposed contract.

11.-(2) For the purpose of establishing the ability of a particular person as described in subsection (1), the Minister may require the submission of documentation demonstrating the expertise and technical, financial and economic capability of such person."

What proven technical expertise or proven capability could parasitic scavenger companies like BCH and ZMT possibly possess, much less demonstrate? What possible guidelines did the Inspector of Oil, Minister of Natural Resources and the Musa cabinet use in denying the application of Lagoon Oil, a professional oil company, and awarding it to their opportunistic cronies, in blatant violation of their own Petroleum Law which they recently created?

Allen Saum of Miles Tropical Petroleum has complained that a Musa government representative extorted \$100,000 from his company before their application could be considered. He suggests that other companies have had to pay as much as \$300,000 to get their licenses. Extortion used to be against the law!

Saum also noted that over half of the companies receiving exploration blocks are not oil companies at all, suggesting that the exploration blocks are being used as speculator opportunities for cronies to acquire and later sell at great profits when legitimate oil companies invest their funds and discover oil. That is not the way to develop our natural resources.



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When this government made the Petroleum Law they apparently forgot to make a special provision for political cronies who would be given sweetheart deals on exploration blocks, because the law is specific and applies to all oil contractors, not just foreigners, prohibiting them from using credit from *"banks or other financial institutions, companies or enterprises operating in Belize."*

It gets worse. Allen Saum also touched on the point that large chunks of stock or ownership in exploration companies have to be given to Belize politicians or their appointees as a condition to getting a license.

The Law specifically prohibits these Blocks being issued to the principals involved. The Petroleum Law has very specific provisions concerning any such interest in Belize petroleum contracts, such as: **PART III "Prohibitions" Section 12 (1) ...no member, employee or representative of the Government or public service or any statutory body shall directly or indirectly, acquire or hold any right or interest under any contract and any instrument purporting to confer such right or interest on any such person shall be null and void.**

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or any other means any right or interest under any contract which he is otherwise barred from obtaining on his own behalf under the provisions of this Act.

One might suspect that **Tony Zabeneh's** wife, Elizabeth, as Speaker, would have to be considered part of the government, and thus his acquisition of the ZMT block is absolutely illegal.

Certainly it is time to look at the ownership of all the peripheral businesses associated with oil production. For instance, who are the owners of the storage terminal at Big Creek? Who are the owners of the barge transport company that takes the oil to market?

In an effort to comply with our laws, it is time for a new law that will require the disclosure of all direct and indirect ownership of every oil contractor, subcontractor and companies doing business with our Belize petroleum. Such law should also require that every foreign company doing business in Belize must declare under oath that they have complied with all of the Laws of Belize, and that they have not been subject to extortion nor paid any bribes to obtain their permits. Would you imagine that any of the companies now holding petroleum exploration licenses would be willing, or even able, to make such an oath?

While oil contractors are publishing their propaganda chortling all of the wonderful things they are doing for the people of Belize, the people have only promises in their pockets while the politicians and powerbrokers working with their new oil friends are stealing what could and should be better schools, improved health care and a better way of life for ALL Belizeans. **What a shame.**

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