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## THEY CAME FOR US - WE PROTECTED US

**SANTA ELENA, Cayo, Monday, November 26, 2007:**

Just when we began reporting the perception of a decrease in crimes in Santa Elena Town, they came at us this past Monday night.

With zero support from the police during those crucial first hours after the incident, we might never know if the intention was to rob or to harm us.

It was around 9:30 pm on Monday, November 26, 2007 when we detected a breach in our security system. Upon investigating the breach we came upon a Halloween masked male person trying to climb up to our

living quarters. With the use of a nearby "*mata*" stick, he received a smashing blow to the four fiingers of the right hand as he was holding on to pull himself up to the terrace. He shouted out in pain, let go of the hold on the ledge and fell crashing to the ground. When he got up the mask was not on his face and a black knap sack was seen on his back. He scrambled, stood up and tore through the wooden fence. He then ran up the highway towards the Hawksworth Bridge, just then two other persons, also of dark complexion and in dark clothing, emerged from the side of the highway and all three of them ran

through the neighborhood yard which is usually used as a shortcut towards the wooden bridge.

Immediately after the incident we called the police station and requested to speak to the NCO in charge of the relief. **PC #267 Michael Cob** answered the telephone and when we told him that we were calling from the STAR Newspaper he became uncooperative and rude. He told us that he could not tell us who the NCO was. We called the police a second time and told PC Cob that **Cpl. 77 Mateo Carrillo** was in charge of the relief and that we wanted to inform him that a masked intruder was

attempting to gain access into our home. We also told Cob that we wanted the police to visit the scene as a mask and other physical evidence might still be present.

We waited all night for the police to show up. It was not until about 12 hours later that a constable showed up at around 9:30 the following morning and that was because we called the police again that morning and provided **Woman Corporal 671 Marlenie Flowers** with a brief summary of the incident. When the policeman arrived he spoke to us briefly, checked the area, saw the mask in the bushes, and within a few minutes he was gone with a promise that he would return.

When it was nearing 5:00 p.m and the police did not show up, we contacted the District Commanding Officer, **David Henderson Sr. Supt.**, he told us that he was aware of the report from WCpl Flowers and that he had already tasked the police to investigate the matter. Shortly after speaking to Henderson, a CIB and Scenes of Crime officer were on the scene. By this time, almost 20 hours later, the heavy rains might have destroyed crucial evidence. They took a few photographs, picked up the mask and departed the scene on the understanding that we record and provide them with a statement on the incident.

There is someone out there with the four fingers on his right hand severely smashed. Placing the San Ignacio Hospital, Western Border and the Red Creek Check Point on immediate alert could have quite possibly led to the detention of the individual who would be in need of

**DANGRIGA TOWN, Stann Creek District. Friday, November 30, 2007:**

The Dangriga community is today mourning the loss of one of its enterprising, hard-working, charismatic and indeed popular sons of the soil.

The police press office informs that it was shortly after 11:00 p.m., on Friday November 30, 2007 when Belmopan police responded to a reported traffic accident between mile 44 and 45 on the Hummingbird Highway, just outside of Armenia village.

When the police arrived they encountered the apparent lifeless body of a male person, with severe head injuries, in the driver's seat of a black Toyota Hilux pickup truck with Stann Creek licence plates C-7880. The person was identified as Dangriga businessman, **Ernesto "Nesto"**

**Castillo**, 47 of a Castillo Alley address in Dangriga Town.

Preliminary police investigation revealed that Castillo was driving his black Toyota Hilux pickup truck from Belmopan City towards Dangriga Town when shortly after passing Armenia Village, he lost control of the vehicle and in the process collided with an ambulance attached to Dangriga's Southern Regional Hospital which was travelling in the opposite direction towards Belmopan City.

Ironically, the ambulance was



**Ernesto "Nesto" Castillo, 47, was always on the go. He was also an avid fisherman**

driven by Gilbert Parham, Castillo's brother-in-law who is married to Castillo's sister Margaret. The police informed that Parham was transporting a patient from the

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## Editorial



### Said Musa Has Proven That He Is Not The Man - Is Dean Barrow That Man?

As we round the last curve before hitting the final stretch towards the 2008 general elections, the political discussion will inevitably intensify.

One of the concerns we frequently hear is that both major political parties are the same. *"It's like changing monkey fu black dog"* they say *"all we will do is vote out one set of political hustlers and vote in another set of crooks eager to get their hands inside the cookie jar."*

By and large these sentiments hold a certain degree of truth but then let us ask: *"For how many years has the poorer class of people from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela been changing monkey fu black dog until they ended up with a true champion for the marginalized, in the person of President Hugo Chavez?"*

President Chavez on Sunday December 2, took Venezuela through a serious referendum process which was primarily intended to further address the needs of the poor people of Venezuela. The very same people to whom he made a commitment to serve with every fiber of his being in appreciation for the major role they played in restoring him to office in less than 48 hours after he was kidnapped from the seat of government by rebel forces in 2002.

In his far reaching effort to reform the constitution of Venezuela, President Chavez was seeking to amend the constitution to expedite the redistribution of land to the landless and small producers.

He was also seeking to shorten the work week from 40 to 36 hours ending at noon on Friday and with no reduction in salary.

He was also seeking to amend the constitution to provide for universal social security coverage for the entire informal sector amounting to 40% of the Venezuelan workforce.

He was also seeking open admission and universal free access to higher education that would have served to open greater educational opportunities for those who could least afford it.

He was also seeking amendments to increase the power and budget of neighborhood councils to legislate and invest in their respective communities.

He was seeking amendments that would have allowed government to remove bureaucratic stumbling blocks in the creation of employment and lowering of utility rates.

And the amendments that had the opposition most worried was Chavez' intention to increase the term and remove the limit of the number of terms that a president can serve. The opposition realized that with Hugo Chavez as the candidate for unlimited terms in office, their chances of ever getting into the seat of government, by way of the legal process, would be next to impossible. They acknowledge that he was therefore seeking to be president for life.

After renationalizing most of the nation's assets that were under private ownership, Sunday's referendum was seeking to move ahead with the necessary tools to bring meaningful benefits to the marginalized people of Venezuela.

Unfortunately, however when the results were announced, the opposition claimed a narrow 51 percent to 49 percent victory thereby effectively derailing the process.

Despite the first electoral defeat

since elected to office in 1998, Chavez remains a political powerhouse in Venezuela. He acknowledged that he might have been too ambitious with this package of sweeping reforms.

The opposition are therefore seeing a light at the end of the tunnel as the situation now stands, Chavez will not be able to seek reelection in 2012.

Now flash back to the Belize scenario. The voters of Belize have elected Prime Minister Said Musa for two consecutive 5-year terms in office and he has proven without a shadow of a doubt that he is not for the poor or marginalized people of Belize.

Over his 10 years in office, Said Musa has presided over the privatization/sale and give-away of ALL of the Belize's national assets.

In ten short years he has presided over the increase of the national deficit from half a billion to almost 4 billion dollars.

He brags about increasing the education budget by almost 200% but he failed to realize that the cost of education is now beyond the reach of the poor people while the cost is rapidly emerging beyond the grasp of those who once had the means of grasping the opportunity.

Said Musa is giving away thousands of acres of national land to the greedy while posturing with a few land awards to the needy.

He boasts about increasing the budget for the police while crime and violence has now reached crisis proportions and with San Ignacio police operating for years with one vehicle to respond to reports in the geographically largest district in the country while his spin doctors and propaganda specialists are sporting around in late model large SUV's at taxpayers' expense.

He boasts about building a new clinic in San Ignacio while the town hospital is lacking basic medicine and medical supplies.

He brags about paving less than 2 miles of road from San Ignacio Town to the village of Bullet Tree Falls, and while the work is in progress, the cost of corn tortilla, a staple food for the people of Bullet Tree, has gone up from one dollar to one and a half dollars per pound. Then the price of red kidney beans, another staple food for the people of Bullet Tree, just this week went up from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per pound with farmers telling consumers that in the next few weeks the price of beans will be going up

even higher. It's like after the road has been paved and the people cannot afford the high cost of their staple corn tortilla and red kidney beans, they could all gather at the edge of the paved Bullet Tree road and begin eating the stone chippings off the side of the road or gather them to take home to feed their hungry families.

Belize now has petroleum in commercial quantities. Extraction of this new found wealth has been going on for two years and nothing has changed for the people of Belize.

It is like oil is yet to be found in Belize and while the bulk of the oil is leaving our shores by way of the southern port in Big Creek, very little mention is made of the 250 million gallons of oil that is being trucked across the Western Border Station in Benque Viejo Town for parts unknown.

The voters of Belize have tried Said Musa, not for one term, but for two consecutive 5-year terms in office. He has failed the nation miserably. Will the nation allow him to continue failing us while a chosen few continue to live in the lap of luxury as the masses continue to strain under the high cost of living, stagnant wages, increasing unemployment as well as increasing rate of poverty, increasing crime, violence and tragic deaths

The time has come for us to make a change. We must repatriate our national assets. We must make the revenue from our petroleum resources be felt by every man, woman and child living in Belize by using it to lower the cost of food items, utilities, education, health care and increasing the rate of employment so that the dignity of every Belizean man and woman can be restored its rightful position.

Like the Venezuelan people who have, for many years, been changing money fu black dog until they came up with a leader who genuinely cares for the less fortunate, then so too must Belize rid itself of a failed regime and continue the quest for that person who has the capacity, the desire and most importantly the genuine courage and heart to make life better for all of us living within the natural borders of Belize.

By his deeds, Said Musa has proven beyond any reasonable doubt that he is not that man.

The real question now stands, Is Dean Barrow that man? How will we ever know if we do not give him the chance to demonstrate his worth?

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## Letters to the Editor

### The Good And The Bad Of The Dam

Dear Editor;

In all things there are positive and negative effects. Over the past years we have been hearing about the negative effect of the construction of those dams on the Macal River.

We have been hearing that the dams have failed to provide us with cheaper electricity rates, which is true.

We have heard about the increase in mercury levels in the fish population, I don't know how true this is because we are yet to receive meaningful confirmation.

We are told that there is an increase in the level of mercury in the water. Again we do not know because testing has not been publicly disclosed.

There is also the danger of a breakage in the dam wall which, God forbids, we are yet to experience.

One positive aspect of the dam is the visible disappearance of flooding especially in the down town San Ignacio area after a few days of constant rain.

Prior to the dams, a few days of heavy rainfall as we have been experiencing in the last few days would certainly spell major trouble for downtown San Ignacio merchants and private home dwellers.

We must therefore count our little blessings one by one as the good book teaches us.

**R. Canto,**  
*San Ignacio Town*

### A Boy - The Latest Victim Of Gun Violence In The City

Belize City Police reports that shortly after 7:00 p.m., on Friday, November 30 they were summoned to the trauma room at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital where they encountered suffering from gunshot wounds to the right side of the abdomen and the upper portion of the right leg and the small finger of his left hand.

The boy was later identified as **Faron Felix**, 16, Belizean laborer of #6 Gill Street, Belize City.

Also at the trauma room receiving medical attention was **Cordel Flowers**, 19 of #7305 Arlington Drive in Belize City.

Flowers was found with a single gun shot to his left foot just above the ankle.

Initial investigation reveals that

**Felix and Flowers** were walking on Faber's Road heading to Central American Boulevard when a male person emerged from behind the cement fence of the Port Loyola Preschool cement fence and fired several shots at them.

Felix later died whilst undergoing medical attention.

The legally required postmortem examination conducted on Saturday, December 1, 2007 by Forensic Specialist **Dr. Mario Estradabran** concluded that Felix died as a result of exsanguinations due to external and internal bleeding due to rupture of the liver resulting from multiple gunshot wounds.

Faron Felix is the son to **Ms. Therese Felix** who as a result of losing a son a few years ago became

### Jones Shot Also On Friday Night In The City

It was shortly after 10:30 p.m., on Friday, November 30 when Belize City Police were called out to the corner of Louise Bevans and Unity Streets in the Port Loyola area of Belize City, where they encountered **Lincoln Jones**, 50 a taxi driver of #1109 Tibruce Street, Belize City, suffering from gun shot wounds to the right side of the abdomen and the left foot near the ankle.

Police investigations revealed that sometime around 10:30 p.m., **Jones** stopped his car at the corner of Raccoon Street and Central

American Boulevard, when a male person who was riding a bicycle approached him and asked for a taxi to take his sister to Freedom Street.

Jones proceeded to Freedom Street and parked at the corner of Louise Bevans and Unity Streets, when shortly thereafter three male persons entered in the back seat of his taxi, and one of them pulled out a firearm, which was used to shot **JONES**. All three persons fled the scene.

Anyone with information on this latest incident is asked to call the nearest police station.

### Those Rude Nigerian Nurses - NHI Taking Over Benque Clinic

Dear Editor;

Two concerns surfacing on the local medical scene. First of all our patients are increasingly complaining about the treatment they have been getting from the Nigerian Nurses working at the San Ignacio Hospital. If these nurses come with a chip on their shoulders and insist on mistreating patients, especially in the maternity unit, then we will humbly ask them to pack their bags and board the first boat, airplane or bus out of Belize because there is nothing they can do that our nurses cannot do.

It would appear that the local hospital administration is unable to rectify the situation. A prior experience has shown us that the Nigerian Embassy in Jamaica does not take lightly to this kind of

negative publicity. It is therefore incumbent for embassy officials to speak to their nurses on foreign assignments and ask them to get their act together because it definitely does not speak well of our African people.

On a second note, also in the medical arena as this is where I come from, we are hearing that the staff from the Mopan Clinic in Benque Viejo has already been informed that come January 1, 2008 their hospital will be privatized to become a part of the National Health Insurance network. The current staff can elect to work for the new private operators of the new Benque Viejo NHI clinic or be transferred to join the staff at the San Ignacio Town Hospital. The concern is that yet another valuable government asset will end up into the hands of a another chosen PUP Crony for very little or nothing while this individual begins the creaming of our the social security funds through the NHI program in like fashion as those on the southside of Belize City did during the pilot stage of the NHI.

*Please withhold my name  
Benque Viejo Town, Cayo.*

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# Hugo Chavez Loses Constitutional Vote

By FRANK BAJAK, Associated Press Writer  
CARACAS, Venezuela, Monday, December 3, 2007:

Humbled by his first electoral defeat ever, **President Hugo Chavez** said Monday he may have been too ambitious in asking voters to let him stand indefinitely for re-election and endorse a huge leap to a socialist state.

**"I understand and accept that the proposal I made was quite profound and intense,"** he said after voters narrowly rejected the sweeping constitutional reforms by 51 percent to 49 percent.

Opposition activists were ecstatic as the results were announced shortly after midnight — with 88 percent of the vote counted, the trend was declared irreversible by elections council chief Tibisay Lucena.

Some shed tears. Others began chanting: **"And now he's going away!"**

Without the overhaul, Chavez will be barred from running again in 2012.

Foes of the reform effort, including Roman Catholic leaders, media freedom groups, human rights groups and prominent business leaders, said it would have granted Chavez unchecked power and imperiled basic rights.

Chavez told reporters at the presidential palace that the outcome

of Sunday's balloting had taught him that **"Venezuelan democracy is maturing."** His respect for the verdict, he asserted, proves he is a true democratic leader.

**"From this moment on, let's be calm,"** he proposed, asking for no more street violence like the clashes that marred pre-vote protests. **"There is no dictatorship here."**

A senior U.S. official hailed Chavez's referendum defeat Monday as a victory for the country's citizens who want to preserve democracy and prevent Chavez from having unchecked power.

**"We felt that this referendum would make Chavez president for life, and that's not ever a welcome development,"** U.S. Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns told reporters in Singapore. **"In a country that wants to be a democracy, the people spoke, and the people spoke for democracy and against unlimited power."**

Chavez, who was briefly ousted in a failed 2002 coup, blamed the loss on low turnout among the very supporters who re-elected him a year ago with 63 percent of the vote.

Seven in ten eligible voters cast ballots then. This time it was just 56 percent.

The defeated reform package would have created new types of communal property, let Chavez handpick local leaders under a



Venezuelan President  
Hugo Chavez

redrawn political map and suspended civil liberties during extended states of emergency.

Other changes would have shortened the workday from eight hours to six, created a social security fund for millions of informal laborers and promoted communal councils where residents decide how to spend government funds.

**Nelly Hernandez**, a 37-year-old street vendor, cried as she wandered outside the presidential palace early Monday amid broken beer bottles as government workers took apart a stage mounted earlier for a victory fete. **"It's difficult to accept this, but Chavez has not abandoned us, he'll still be there for us,"** she said between sobs.

A close ally of Cuba's **Fidel Castro**, Chavez has redistributed more oil wealth than past Venezuelan leaders, and also has aided Latin

American allies — including Bolivia, Ecuador and Nicaragua — that have followed Venezuela's turn to the left.

**"He is a man who feels for the people, a man who has suffered, a man who comes from below,"** **Carlos Orlando Vega**, a 47-year-old carpenter's assistant, said outside a polling station in a Caracas slum on Sunday.

Vega is among tens of thousands of Venezuelans who, under Chavez, have new government-provided homes.

Chavez urged calm and restraint after his Sunday setback.

**"I wouldn't have wanted that Pyrrhic victory,"** he said, suggesting a small margin wouldn't have been enough of a mandate.

Tensions surged in the weeks ahead of Sunday's vote, with university students leading protests and occasionally clashing with police and Chavista groups.

Chavez had warned opponents against inciting violence before the vote, and threatened to cut off oil exports to the United States if the Bush administration interfered.

Chavez, 53, also suffered some high-profile defections by political allies, including former defense minister Gen. Raul Baduel.

Early Monday, Baduel reminded fellow Venezuelans that Chavez still wields special decree powers thanks to a pliant National Assembly packed with his supporters.

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## Letters to the Editor

### I Always End Up Going The Ramen Way

Dear Editor;

The cost of food stuff is going through the roof and it is getting harder for us to survive. I never believed that I would reach the point where I would have to say thank you for MARUCHAN RAMEN Soup. Although I would want to support the local street side tacos and garnaches vendors I find myself making the

decision to choose between 3 tacos/garnaches for a dollar or two RAMEN soup for the same dollar. The 3 tacos/garnaches is hardly a decent meal for my woman and I while the 2 RAMEN for the same dollar can provide us each a separate meal. I therefore always end up going the RAMEN way.

*Alejandro, Santa Elena, Cayo*

### The Disposing Of Human Feces At The Dump Site

Dear Editor;

The health authorities have got to do something about whoever is disposing human feces at the municipal dump site on the Western Highway, between San Ignacio and Benque Viejo Town.

The stench from this unhealthy practice is dangerously polluting the atmosphere and affecting all those families living in the vicinity as well as

the motoring public passing the area.

It is also producing an unbearable stench in the area for all those nearby resorts and the stench is gradually seeping back into San Ignacio Town.

I am therefore calling on the health authorities to look into this matter most urgently.

*Mendoza, San Ignacio Town, Cayo.*

### The Agriculture College Is Closed Up Tight

Dear Editor;

It looks like aliens in flying saucers have abducted ALL the Agriculture College at Central Farm.

I stopped in this morning to donate a copy of the Fourth Edition of my book "The Belize Farmers Vegetable Bible" to the library for student to use as reference material. The place was like the Marie Celeste. It is closed up tight and EMPTY. There was a girl sitting at a receptionist desk, but she knew nothing.

*Ray Auxillou, Hillview, Santa Elena, Cayo*

**Ed Note:** We have not been able to confirm but late news reaching us indicate that the practical aspect of agriculture, as past students have come to know it, could very likely be removed from the program's curriculum resulting in the program evolving into strictly theoretical instructions as the land previously used by the school could very well find it's way onto the selling block.



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### Step One

Decide to be positive when getting out of bed each morning. While getting frustrated sometime through the day is inevitable, remember that negative experiences do not mean that you have failed. The key to being a positive parent is to keep trying and believing in yourself.

### Step Two

Look for the positive in your children and be specific when praising them. Give encouragement and avoid picking on their mistakes. If you are displeased with something they did, correct them and move on. Do not nag on the issue.

### Step Three

Help your children discover their potentials. Express your confidence in them and help them to reach their goals.

### Step Four

Smile often. It makes you feel good about yourself, and it makes your children feel more comfortable and happy.

### Step Five

Be patient and kind with your children.

### Step Six

Take things easy. When choosing between working on the relationship with your children versus household chores, work on the relationship first. The chores will still be there when your children are grown up and have left the home.

### Step Seven

Be a good example. Be positive and optimistic. Your attitude will set the tone for your children as well.

### Step Eight

Try not to grumble and complain, especially in front of the children. The more you do it, the worse it gets because it creates a negative atmosphere. Be determined to have a good attitude about things.

### Step Nine

Put quotes of encouragement all around the house to remind you to be positive. Decorate your home with flowers and brightly colored pictures.

### Step Ten

Do one or more fun activities with your children every day.

## Hugo Chavez Loses Constitutional Vote

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“These results can’t be recognized as a victory,” Baduel told reporters,

Baduel, who as defense minister helped Chavez turn backthe 2002 putsch, said Venezuela can only be properly united by convening a popularly elected assembly to rewrite its constitution.

Chavez has progressively steamrolled a fractured opposition since he was first elected in 1998, and his allies now control most elected posts.

At opposition headquarters in an affluent east Caracas district, jubilant Chavez foes sang the national anthem.

“This reform was about democracy or totalitarian socialism, and democracy won,” said opposition leader Leopoldo

### Step Eleven

Take time for yourself. Get a babysitter and go out with your friends, go shopping or get a manicure. When you get a break and are happy, chances are you will be more positive.

### Step Twelve

Learn to forgive and forget.

### Step Thirteen

Strive to make your home a happy place.

### Step Fourteen

As parents you must show love for each other. Children are more prone to learn by what they see. Avoid confrontational outburst in front of your children

Lopez said. “At least now we have the guarantee that Chavez will leave power,” said Valeria Aguirre, a 22-year-old student who had braved tear gas during street protests.

Lucena, the electoral agency chief, called the vote “the calmest we’ve had in the last 10 years.”

All was reported calm during Sunday’s voting but 45 people were detained, most for committing ballot-related crimes like “destroying electoral materials,” said Gen. Jesus Gonzalez, chief of a military command overseeing security.

Associated Press writers Ian James, Edison Lopez, Fabiola Sanchez, Jorge Rueda, Christopher Toothaker and Sandra Sierra contributed to this report.

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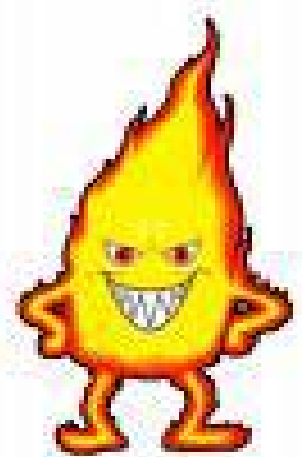


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## Let Her Story Be Told

**Dear Sister,**

I am a twenty six year old wife and the mother of two children. I am pregnant with a third child. I decided to write this letter because of some serious family problems that I am currently having.

Over the years, I have had many problems in my marriage all stemming from my husband's cheating ways.

My husband is not a physically domestic violent person, he doesn't drink, he doesn't smoke and he doesn't gamble - **BUT HE CHEATS.**

Due to his many relationships he has fathered several children. Apart from the two I have, he has seven other children, the last three of whom are younger than the two he has fathered with me.

His cheating ways had reached the stage whereby several persons are hinting it to me. When I confront him he denies the accusations.

My Sister, I am getting late night calls from females wishing to speak to him, some claiming that they did not know he has a wife much less children.

Despite all these trials and tribulations I stayed with my husband because I am trying to make our marriage work for the simple reason that I love him dearly.

I have no choice but to accept the children that came before my time but it's really hard for me to accept those that came after. With this evidence, he can hardly deny cheating but he continues to promise that he would change his ways.

After going through one of the most difficult years in our strained relationship, we relocated from Corozal Town to San Ignacio in an effort to put the past behind us and to make a fresh start. Things were going quiet well for the first few months as we were new to the area and we both hardly knew anyone.

When he told me that he was working I believed, I did not call to

make sure that he was at work. When he said that he was with friends, I believed and I trusted him. When he told me that he had to work late, I questioned cautiously but I still gave him the benefit of the doubt.

As I said before, things were going along smoothly for the first few months, then bam!!!! the cookie began to crumble a few weeks ago when I started to get confirmation that he had reverted to his old ways. My heart fell to pieces and I felt like we had gone right back to square one.

I learnt, from a co-worker that my husband was not involve with only one woman, but that there were at least two different women. When I asked him about it, he claimed not to know anything. He gave no further

explanation and just continued as though all was fine and dandy.

I don't know what else to do. I am convinced that my husband has a serious problem where the opposite sex is concerned. I try my very best to keep our home neat, tidy, comfortable and in order. I plan exciting meals for him. I keep his clothes in order. I keep our children in order but it seems like my best efforts are all going to waste.

Apart from the fear of losing my family, I am also confronted with a constant fear of contracting a sexually transmitted disease especially given the prevalence of the AIDS virus. It is certainly not my desire to die and leave my young children behind. When I tell him about these concerns he acts like it is all irrelevant and he keeps doing what he does.

My parents are encouraging me to end the marriage and to return to Corozal with the children where I can start a new life without a cheating spouse. It is reaching the point where I am seriously thinking about following their advice.

My Sister, as I said before, I love my husband. He means everything to me and our children. I don't know what else to do to get him to understand the dangers of his cheating ways and to get him to appreciate the hurt that he is causing to his family.

To those women who are encouraging him in his ways I want to let them know that if ever our marriage should end because of their getting in the middle, I have every desire to use the family court system to ensure that my husband pay maximum wife and child support and when this allowance is take from his already small salary, there will be very little left for him to support another family. Does these other woman want a man who would not be able to adequately provide for them?

Please my Sister, Help! I need some advice.

**Love,**  
**Your Sister**

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## ★ STAR HUMOR

### My Dear Husband; Do You Want Me To Give Up These Things?

Mrs. Maria Espat was walking down Burns Avenue street when she was approached by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless woman who asked her for a couple of dollars to buy food.

Mrs. Espat took out her wallet, got out ten dollars and asked, the woman "If I give you this money, will you buy wine instead of food?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago", said the homeless woman.

"Will you use the money to go shopping instead of buying food?" asked Mrs. Espat

"No, I can hardly afford to waste time shopping," said the homeless woman. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive."

"Will you rush into a beauty

salon instead of buying food?" asked Mrs. Espat.

"Are you NUTS !" replied the homeless woman. "I haven't had my hair done in 20 years!"

"Well," said Mrs. Espat, "I'm NOT going to give you the money instead I'm going to take you out for dinner tonight with me and my husband."

The homeless woman was shocked. "Won't your husband be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting."

"That's okay" said Mrs. Espat "It's important for him to see what a woman looks like after she has given up wine, shopping and salon appointments."

### The Greedy Attorney Gets Burned

The lawyer had successfully secured a Supreme Court bail for the merchant's son who was found in possession of a loaded 9 mm pistol.

After the son was returned to Santa Elena from the Hattieville prison, the wealthy merchant accompanied by the son called on the lawyer to expressed their appreciation for the work he did and handed him a box of rather expensive chocolate.

The lawyer looked at the box of chocolate in astonishment and handed it back with a sharp reminder that a

box of chocolate could not possibly compensate him for his services. "My fee for that work," snapped the attorney, "is two thousand dollars."

The merchant opened the box, removed a stock of one hundred dollar bills counted off thirty of them and placed it in his pocket. He then returned the opened box of chocolate to the lawyer with the remaining 20 one hundred dollar bills and walked out of the lawyer's office.

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# Traffic Accident Claims Lives Of Orange Walk Couple

**ORANGE WALK TOWN, Sunday, December 2, 2007:**

It was shortly after 2:30 a.m., on Sunday, December 2, when the police were called out to the scene of a fatal traffic accident in Orange Walk Town.

Upon arrival at the corner of Otro Benque Road and Main Street, the police came upon a red Ford Ranger Pickup Truck bearing Belize City license plates C- 12973.

The vehicle was found with its front bumper, left headlight, left fender and hood extensively damaged.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the vehicle might have collided

into the wooden post of a 2 storey timber building.

Police also observed the body of a male person lying motionless under the vehicle. This individual was later identified as **Cyril Thompson**, 42, of an Otro Benque Road address in Orange Walk Town.

Police also found the motionless body of a woman, later identified as Thompson's common law wife, **Margaret Rose Hyde**, 50, lying on the right side of Main Street.

An on the spot investigation revealed that **Jarvin Torres**, 25, Belizean teacher of #123 Otro Benque Road, was driving his Ford Ranger on the Otro Benque Road in

a northerly direction and about 75 yards after passing the police station, he lost control of the vehicle, collided into Cyril Thompson and his common-law-wife, Margaret Rose Hyde before knocking down the post of the wooden house where the vehicle eventually came to a halt.

As a result of the strong aroma of alcohol on his breath, police suspect that Torres might have been driving eildly under the influence of alcohol.

The body of Cyril Thompson and Margaret Rose Hyde were transported to the nearby Northern

Regional Hospital in Orange Walk Town where they were officially pronounced dead.

Torres was taken into police custody as an investigation gets underway.



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**PRESS RELEASE  
BNE's Corporate Office  
Relocated to Iguana Creek**

**Iguana Creek, November 26, 2007**

Belize Natural Energy wishes to announce that its Corporate Headquarters Office has moved from Belmopan to the company's Central Gathering Facility in Iguana Creek.

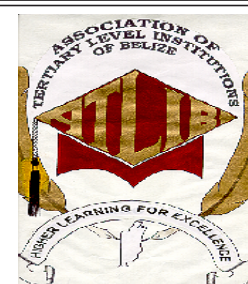
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Belize Natural Energy apologizes for any inconvenience caused.



## ATLIB Placement Exam--2008

The ATLIB Placement Examination will take place on Friday, February 29, 2008.

All persons wishing to enroll in tertiary institutions in Belize **MUST** sit the ATLIB EXAM.

Candidates can register through any high school/District Education Center. The registration fee is **Thirty dollars (\$30.00)**. **This is non - refundable.**

An additional fee of **\$10.00** will be charged for **late registration**.

Please note that there will be **NO** walk-ins for the Examination this year.

This means that if a student does **not register** for the Exam by the deadline, he/she will **not be allowed** to sit the exam.

Most ATLIB Institutions require this exam for placement into their first year Mathematics and English courses, including the Primary Education Program.

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**Deadline for registration is Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007.**

Further information can be obtained from the Examination Coordinator.  
**Email: montero592003@yahoo.com Phone/Fax: 501-422-0279**  
**Email: atlib03@yahoo.com Cell: 600-2596**



# Gates Grants Mega Money To Eradicate Polio

SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, Tuesday, November 27, 2007:

Rotary International today announced a partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that will inject US\$200 million into the global campaign to eradicate polio, a crippling and sometimes fatal disease that still paralyzes children in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East and threatens children everywhere.

The Rotary Foundation has received a \$100-million Gates Foundation grant, which Rotary will raise funds to match, dollar-for-dollar, over three years. The organization will spend the initial \$100 million within one year in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio



Bill & Melinda Gates Looking on as a child is being attended

Eradication Initiative (GPEI), a partnership spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF.

*“The extraordinary dedication of Rotary members has played a critical role in bringing polio to the brink of eradication,”* says Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda

Gates Foundation. *“Eradicating polio will be one of the most significant public health accomplishments in history, and we are committed to helping reach that goal.”*

The polio eradication grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest grant received by Rotary in its 102-year history. Polio eradication has been Rotary’s top priority since 1985. Since then, Rotary has contributed \$633 million to the eradication effort.

*“Rotary members worldwide have worked very hard over the years to reach this point, and it is rewarding to see our approach validated in such a significant way by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation,”* says Dr. Robert Scott, who leads Rotary’s polio eradication effort.

Adds Rotary International President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson: *“This endorsement from Bill & Melinda Gates is just the catalyst and challenge Rotary members need to keep our promise to the children of the world that polio will be eradicated.”*

Although the GPEI has succeeded in slashing the number of polio cases by 99 percent over the past two decades, the wild poliovirus still

persists in four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan. The polio cases represented by that final one percent are the most costly to prevent due to such factors as geographical isolation, worker fatigue, low coverage with the vaccine, armed conflict and cultural barriers.

Last month, WHO released data confirming that all four remaining polio-endemic countries are on track to achieve eradication. In particular, significant progress has been made in India and Nigeria, which together account for 85 percent of the world’s polio cases. Nigeria has reported 226 cases so far this year, compared with 958 at the same time last year. In both countries, more effective oral polio vaccines have contributed to steady progress in reducing polio cases.

Founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary’s global membership is approximately 1.2 million men and women who belong to more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

The Rotary Club of San Ignacio is one of seven clubs in the country of Belize and is part of a Rotary District that includes Guatemala and Honduras. Currently, the San Ignacio club has 26 members who work hard to live up to their motto of *“Service Above Self”* by providing educational, medical and other assistance within the community.



A child receiving polio drops

## THEY CAME FOR US - WE PROTECTED US

From Front Page

medical attention. It makes us truly wonder if the police has any interest in apprehending anyone in this matter.

Still bothered by the police’s lack of immediate response, we spoke to Cpl. Carillo a few days later, regarding his no show on the night of the incident his first reaction was that PC Cob did not bring the report to his attention. When we asked him to confirm this possible major dereliction of duty on the part of PC Cob, Carrillo came up with the

excuse that he did not have a vehicle at his disposal. We asked him to confirm that he worked the entire shift without a vehicle he said that the vehicle was present but not at his disposal which he chose not to explain.

With crucial time lost, the possibility of detaining anyone is rather slim. The statement we provided is therefore being held for future reference as those persons with evil intentions should realize that we have a legal and moral obligation to protect ourselves at all times.

## Nesto Castillo Gone To Rest

From Front Page

Southern Regional Hospital in Dangriga to the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan.

The patient emerged while Parham and three other female passengers in the ambulance being **Cynthia Marin, Dolores Cho** and **Rosaria Mangar** emerged from the accident with minor injuries. Both vehicles were extensively damaged.

A post mortem examination conducted by forensic specialist, **Dr. Mario Estradabran**, concluded that the cause of death was as a result of *“Trauma shock due to road traffic accident.”*

Ernesto “Nesto” Castillo is survived by his parents **Alfonso** and **Candida Castillo** from Hope Creek Village on the Stann Creek Valley Road (*7 Miles Hummingbird Highway*). He is also survived by four brothers **Alfonso Jr., Richard “Dickie”, Alexander** and **Gustavo Castillo**; three sisters **Mrs. Frances Gongora, Mrs. Margaret Parham** and **Mrs. Anita Parham**. Nesto is also survived by his wife **Mrs Donna Castillo**; one daughter, **Leeannie**; five sons, **Curtis, Devon, Travis, Coby** and **Jalen**. He is also survived by three granddaughters, **Royani, Tori** and **Byanka** as well a several nieces, nephews, other relatives and

countless friends.

It was four years ago, on March 9, 2003, when Nesto and Donna Castillo experienced the tragic loss, in a traffic accident, of their son **Royston Ernesto** which occurred about 4 miles before reaching Dangriga Town.

We especially sympathize with **Mrs. Candida Castillo** at the tragic and sudden loss of her son, Nesto especially during these troubling times when her family is still waiting word on the whereabouts of her brother **Derrington Escobar**, one of the seven friends who left on the fishing trip a few weeks ago. With the discovery of the body of **Magistrate Richard Swift**. Miss Candida’s brother is among the six friends still recorded as missing at sea.

Funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m., on Saturday, December 6, 2007 at the Sacred Heart Church in Dangriga Town.

Whilst operating the **STAR** in Dangriga, we recall Nesto Castillo as a friend and firm supporter of the **STAR**. He was a fun loving and jovial person who was always on the go.

Nesto has now gone to rest and we join with family and friends in prayers for the eternal and peaceful resting of his soul.

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