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THE FINAL HOURS IN THE LIFE OF "BREAKER" ZAIDEN

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, December 12, 2007:

Former Belize Defense Force soldier, **Karim Kasim "Breaker" Zaiden**, 32, Belizean construction worker, was today laid to rest inside San Ignacio's Santa Rita Cemetery after a 2:00 p.m., funeral service at Sacred Heart Church.

San Ignacio police informed that in response to a report, at 11:50 pm on Sunday, December 9, 2007, they visited the Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio Town residence of **Mrs. Lilia Zaiden**, an employee of the Ministry of National Development, where they encountered her son,

Karim, lying in the doorway of the family home with his sister, Adelita Zaiden Riverol, a medical specialist, performing CPR on him. He was rushed to the San Ignacio Town Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The police report goes on to inform that their investigation *"revealed that Karim was in the company of Phillip Mas Jr. and were sitting under a lamp post in front of his residence when they were attacked by three male persons with low hair cuts, one of the unidentified persons kicked Karim causing him to knock his head on the lamp post and fall to*

the ground in an unconscious state."

Our investigation revealed that on Sunday, December 9, **Karim "Breaker" Zaiden** was left to care for his two children, a son and daughter, as their mother, his common-law wife, **Mariette Bejos**, had gone on a one day trip to Chetumal, Mexico.

He reportedly spent the day, with the two children, at a friend's neighborhood bar where he was drinking.

It was around 10:00 pm that Sunday night when his common-law wife returned from the Chetumal trip. By this time his daughter had fallen asleep and when it became evident



Karim Kasim

"Breaker" Zaiden, 32

SUNRISE: April 13, 1975

SUNSET: December 12, 2007

that he was not stable enough to carry the sleeping child to the mother's home across the street, the barmaid volunteered to carry the child for him. Accompanied by his son, Karim followed.

Shortly thereafter he returned to the bar in a rather upset mood and this was when he reportedly broke down and told his friend and the barmaid that his common-law wife was upset with him accusing him of being irresponsible in caring for the children. He said that it was the first time he was left to care for the children and that he was accused of spending the time drinking instead of properly tending to the children.

He said that in order to avoid a confrontation with his common-law-

"Stallion" Charged For Mayan Artifacts

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo District, Tuesday, December 11, 2007:

Belmopan police say that they have arrested a dealer in Mayan Artifacts while the accused is saying that he is not an archeologist.

It was shortly after 7:30 pm on Sunday, December 9, 2007 when San Ignacio businessman **Roy "Stallion" Smith**, 38, accompanied by a female passenger, pulled up to a police check point at the corner of Forest Drive and the Hummingbird Highway. When the police searched the red Mazda car with Cayo license plates C-19467 that Smith was driving they came upon a black plastic bag on the back seat containing one dozen pieces of suspected Mayan Artifacts.

Sergeant #366 Juanito Cocom, the Non-Commissioned Officer commanding the check point, took possession of the suspected artifacts and informed Smith that the items would be submitted for inspection by technicians from the Institute of Archeology in order to determine their authenticity. He was advised to check at the Belmopan Police Station on the following day, Monday, December 10 after which he was allowed to continue on his way to San Ignacio.

As instructed, Smith returned to the Belmopan police station on Monday where he was informed that Sergeant Cocom was not in office and that he

should return the following day.

Accompanied by his *"worker"* **Natalie Trapp**, Smith visited the Belmopan police station again on Tuesday where he met Sgt. Cocom who informed that the items were certified, by officials from the institute of Archeology, to be authentic Mayan artifacts.

Roy Smith and Natalie Trapp were consequently arrested and jointly charged for the following three violations of the National Institute of Culture and History (NICH) Act as follows: 1) Failed to report finding 2) Failed to register antiquity and 3) Possession of antiquity without license.

On the official charge sheet the items were described as 1 black ware dish 25.5 cm – 1 red ware dish 22.5 cm – 1 black ware bowl 15.5 cm – 1 arrow pin 12 cm – 1 arrow point 5 cm – 1 spear point 18.5 cm – 1 spear point 16.5 cm – 1 spear point 13 cm – 1 stemmed biface 16.5 cm – 1 stemmed biface 14 cm – 1 long narrow biface 14.2 cm and 1 long narrow biface 15 cm.

Smith and Trapp were released on a \$1,000.00 police bail and ordered to report for arraignment at the magistrate court in Belmopan on Friday, December 14, 2007.

We caught up with **Roy "Stallion" Smith** at his place of business on the road leading to Branch Mount on the outskirts of San Ignacio Town where



Roy "Stallion" Smith, 38

he operates what he calls a tourist service center. He said that in his statement to the police he informed that on Saturday, December 8, he transported a tourist couple from San Ignacio Town to Placencia Village

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Editorial



Will The True Owners Of Universal Health Services Please Stand Up

The Universal Health Services debacle is raising its head again.

The government first tried to force legislative approval to saddle the nation with this monstrous private debt. The people revolted and the government pulled back.

Despite adamant national disapproval, there are reports of Universal Health Services being the recipient of hundreds of thousands of taxpayers' dollars under dubious conditions.

For whatever it is worth, the nation has the prime minister's word that the deal for the sale of Universal Health Services, to foreign investors, would be closed by the end of the year. Now, just this week, word has emerged that the sale is being force upon the Belize Social Security Board.

The people have made it abundantly clear that their tax dollars **MUST** not be used to bail out the principals of Universal Health Services. What makes this government believe that these very same people will, of all things, want their mandatory social security contributions to be used for this purpose?

The expression of intent to use social security funds as a final attempt at bailing out the principals of Universal Health Services must be viewed for what it actually is – It's a move of desperation – It's like a drowning man catching at a straw. Someone or a group of individuals stand to lose **MILLIONS** of dollars with the sinking of the Universal Health Services Titanic.

Do they honestly want us to believe that **Dr. Victor Lizarraga** is that someone, or that the group of persons whose names appear on public records, are the true the principals of Universal Health Services?

The fiasco is a sore point for the government of the day. It has, and continues to be the cause of **MAJOR** nightmares for those sitting in the seat of government. Why then we ask, are they insisting on holding onto this hot potato as it continues to scorch their hands. Do they want us to believe that they would go through all this trouble for Dr. Victor Lizarraga and those whose names are on the public record?

Former Ministers **Mark Espat** and **Cordel Hyde** were hot potatoes for the government and they were let go in the blink of an eye. A senior member of the cabinet, in the person of deputy prime minister, **Johnny Briceno** was on the way to becoming a hot potato. He was not even given a chance to get hot when he was likewise disposed of in the blink of an eye.

The Universal Health Services potato is **BOILING HOT**. It is **BURNING** every single member of government and their supporters, yet the nation sees the prime minister and his chief minister **Ralph Fonseca** not only holding it in their hands but rather actually holding it against their bare chests.

Universal Health Services is not only big, it is huge, it's a monstrosity, it's bigger than Mark Espat, Cordel Hyde

and Johnny Briceno combined.

If government believes that the uprising they created when they first tried to use taxpayers' money for the Universal Health Services bailout was violent, then they are in for a much **BIGGER** surprise – tell them to try using the people's **SOCIAL SECURITY MONEY** and we predict that they will create the **BIGGEST** uprising, the likes of which this country has **NEVER** seen.

The public creed of the Peoples United Party has always been that none of them is greater than the party. The time is at hand for them to recognize that **NONE OF THEM IS GREATER THAN THE NATION OF BELIZE!** Question to the Prime Minister when next they are seated in the House of Representatives: ***"Will the TRUE owners of Universal Health Services please stand up?"***

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From Front Page

wife, he took off his wrist watch and placed it on his son's hand. He also left his cellular telephone with his son and walked out of the house after which he returned to the friend's bar and continued drinking.

It was while he was recounting the exchange with his friend and the barmaid that "Junior" Mas entered the bar and approached the counter where he met the emotional Zaiden.

When he saw Zaiden's condition, Mas reportedly began to tell him that he is not a real man because a real man never cried for a woman. Zaiden reportedly shunned him but Mas reportedly was insisting in getting his attention. At one point Mas reportedly asked for a drink from the bottle of brandy that Zaiden and his friend were drinking. He was refused the drink and told them that he will continue drinking the "red top" rum he had in a one liter crystal water plastic bottle.

In an effort to get Zaiden's attention, Mas reportedly began to repeatedly pinch him in the area of his rib cage.

As Mas' harassment continued Zaiden and his friend walked out of the bar to the nearby park at Falcon Field. Despite their attempt to distance themselves from him, Mas reported followed them to the park where a physical struggle erupted between

himself and Zaiden. They were reportedly parted with Zaiden and his friend returning to the bar. It did not take long for Mas to follow. With no other customer inside the bar and with the approaching closing time, although they had not finished drinking the bottle of Brandy, the owner decided to close the business earlier than usual.

While they were in the process of closing up for the night and with the unfinished rum still on the table, Zaiden walked out of the bar and began making his way up Joseph Andrews Drive towards his Bullet Tree Road home. At this point Mas reportedly reappeared and asked for Zaiden. He was told that Zaiden had left and when he saw he unfinished bottle of rum on the table he said that he was going to take it for Zaiden. He was reportedly told that he could not take the bottle and so the drink was poured into a disposable cup but as he was walking inside the fenced yard he reportedly got hold of an empty bottle and walked away with it. By this time Zaiden was about a hundred and fifty yards away from the bar walking up Joseph Andrews Drive towards its junction with the Bullet Tree Road.

Mas reportedly caught up with him and there was a brief loud exchange of words between them after which they began walking together towards Zaiden's house.

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Letters to the Editor

How Much Does It Cost To "Uglify" Our Towns

Dear Editor,

Just driving through San Ignacio the other day, I was amazed to see a man painting the lower part of an electricity pole bright blue. Amazed because he was committing the crime of vandalism or defacing property in broad daylight.

Well, ok, he is just doing what he was told to do but what really worries me is the mentality of the person who told him to paint it blue. And, of course, the mentality of the person who told someone else to paint other poles red.

These people are the leaders or future leaders of our country and are they really that stupid to think that painting an electricity pole red or blue is going to influence the way I vote? The frightening answer to that is, yes, they are, and yes, they do; which, of course, is a complete insult to the intelligence of all of us. Alternatively, they may plead that they have no control over their supporters, which to me is equally as frightening.

It doesn't stop there. I also see 'PUP', brightly painted in blue paint on roads and buildings. I see 'UDP' brightly painted in red paint in similar places.

These "leaders" are turning our

towns into a circus – an ugly circus. And are they going to remove this paint after the elections? Of course not, we are stuck with it for years.

I wonder how much it cost to "uglify" our towns with all of that paint and labour. Couldn't that money have been better spent on newspaper or television ads telling us exactly why we should vote red or why we should vote blue? Couldn't one of them state that instead of defacing our towns, they are going to donate the money they saved towards an operation for a crippled child? Or towards a vehicle for the police or a piece of equipment the hospital lacks?

Personally, if a political candidate were to openly state that his party supporters will not deface our town buildings and streets, I would unconditionally vote for him or her. I would vote for that person because he or she obviously has far more common sense than the other candidates; common sense, and hopefully a little bit of honesty, are all the qualifications you need to become a good and respected representative of the people of these towns.

John Acott

Santa Elena, Cayo

Rotary Holds Annual Elocution Contest

The ROTARY CLUB OF SAN IGNACIO recently held its Annual Voice of the West Elocution Competition at the San Ignacio Hotel on Thursday, December 6, 2007.

It is a competition amongst High Schools in the Cayo District where scholars compete for big cash prizes by carrying out a presentation on stage before a large audience and panel of judges.

Javier Guterrez did his usual good job as Master of Ceremonies and students from Bishop Martin School opened the proceedings with a delightful mini-concert using recorders that had previously been distributed to local schools by Rotary.

The judges this year were Carlos Santos, Barbara Balboni and Maureen Utsman and they all

agreed that the quality of entrants was very high. The following students earned first place in each of the four categories: Published Poems and Excerpts - **Carrie Roberson** of the Belize Christian Academy; Original Poetry - **Aida Escobar** of the Belize Christian Academy; Essay Writing - **Michael Sangster** of Sacred Heart College; Impromptu Speech - **Jerry Ramirez** of Eden SDA High School.

The competition is designed to give school children encouragement and experience in public speaking as well as giving them self-confidence. The event was well attended and proved to be a very entertaining evening for all. Thanks go to the organising Rotarians, which include **Maria Estela Recinos, Ruth Gutierrez** and **Delita Tonti**.

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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 **JOHN & MARTHA AUGUST** is applying for the renewal of their **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **MARTHA'S KITCHEN** located at #10 West Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **DELIA LUZ ITZA** is applying for a new **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2007 to operate **RIVERSIDE CHINESE RESTAURANT** located on Riverside Street, Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District.

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Tyrone Tate "Du Di Rait Ting!"

EDEN SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST HIGH SCHOOL, Santa Elena, Cayo, Wednesday, December 12, 2007:

Eden SDA High School in Santa Elena, Cayo was the venue this afternoon for the presentation of the November 2007 award to the outstanding student receiving recognition under the Police Department's "Du Di Rait Ting!" program.

The school's chapel was packed to capacity with students attending the brief presentation ceremony which began promptly at 12:30 pm with the singing of the school's song led by teacher **Joetta Diaz**. The school's principal, **Mr. Erodito Pineda** then followed with the opening prayer.

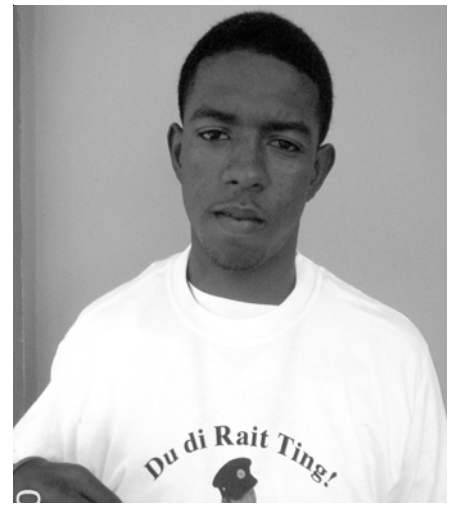
The November award of a certificate of recognition, a letter of commendation signed by

Commissioner of Police **Gerald Westby** and the School's Principal, along with a "Du Di Rait Ting!" t-shirt were presented to the School's 3rd Form Academic Student **Tyrone Tate**.

The presentation was made by the Deputy Commander of the San Ignacio Police Station, **Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Eugenio Fuentes** deputizing for Police Commissioner **Gerald Westby** and the Officer Commanding Cayo (Police) District, **Senior Superintendent of Police, David Henderson Sr.**

In his brief presentation ASP Fuentes informed that the selection was made from among students attending Sacred Heart High School, St. Ignatius High School and of course Eden SDA High School.

This is the second time that a student of Eden SDA High School has received such recognition with the first award going to **Cynthia Perdomo** in March 2007.



Tyrone Tate

WHAT NEW TAXES?

If you think that the cost of living is high right now, you just wait until the current stocks in stores and supermarkets have been depleted.

Just this week we came upon identical cans of Klim Instant Powdered Milk 900 grams on the shelf inside a chinese supermarket in San Ignacio town with a price difference of \$5.75.

Suspecting that there might have been a mistake in the pricing, we brought both tins to the counter. The store keeper was quick to point out that there was no mistake in the pricing. She said that "with the new taxes" that the \$15.50 tin of Klim

will be going up to the new whopping price of \$21.25.

We have been swallowing these steady increases so easily that storekeepers no longer see the need to "ease" or "sneak" these new higher prices on us it has now become an "in-your-face" affair. It's either you take it or leave it. And with everything going up across the board, consumers cannot afford to leave it and so we will just simply have to take it.



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Let Her Story Be Told

Dear Sister,

For the past year I have been silent about something that has been causing me much frustration and embarrassment, but I am now ready to share my story because I need some advice.

My husband, whom I love dearly, has recently taken on a drinking habit. He drinks all over town and can now be regularly seen staggering dangerously from side to side of the streets, roads and the highway as he struggles to make his way home whilst drunk.

My relatives, my friends, my church sisters and brothers and even work colleagues are now regularly telling me that they have seen him stumbling and mumbling to himself while making his way home after drinking in some dingy bar.

His drinking habit is reaching the point where he is now visiting different bars and running up ridiculous tabs as he promises to make payment on pay days. And since he is considered to be a respectable person, he always gets to run tabs.

I don't know what to do. My husband seems not to care what anybody says or thinks. He doesn't even listen to me anymore. I told him that he is making me look like a fool among the congregation because all the ladies have begun to whisper behind my back, he simply told me to stop going to church if what they are doing is bothering me so much.

It's like he could care less about what his children and I have been going through because of him. I even told him that he shouldn't be carrying on like this because he holds a very respectable job. I told him that people

will start disrespecting him if they see him as nothing but a drunk. Whatever I say to him makes no difference. It's always like I am talking to myself.

My Sister, when my husband is sober, he is a very pleasant man. He provides well for family and he does all he can to make sure that all of us are comfortable and happy.

It's just about a year ago that he started with this excessive drinking habit. I keep ask him if something happened at work or if I am doing anything wrong at home but he just keeps on saying that everything is fine.

I am my wits end. I am trying to be a good wife. I am trying to be supportive and non-judgmental but it is getting harder and harder everyday.

Caring For Your Pets - Part 1 - A Healthy Puppy Schedule

BY: *Edwardo Tesecum, PAWS Veterinary Clinic, #1 Joseph Andrews Drive, San Ignacio, Cayo:*

As we enter the Christmas Season of good cheers and gifts galore, some parents will, in addition to traditional synthetic toys, be giving their children a pet this Christmas, the most common of which is a puppy.

Some phycologist contend that teaching a child to care of a living thing often times instill in them a sense of responsibility that they will carry with them through their childhood and adult lives.

Unlike most synthetic toys which comes with a manual, a pet like, a new born child, comes with no such manual and so this genuine effort is undertaken to bridge that gap.

Now you have gotten that little puppy for you child and obviously you want it to remain healthy and happy especially if it will be in frequent contact with your child.

It is also getting more and more embarrassing as I try to explain to my children why their father is acting so out of character.

The whispers from co-workers, church sisters and brothers and friends are nothing compared to watching my husband become a shell of his former self because of the heavy drinking. I want him to get a hold of himself before it's just too late.

If he is having problems, I want him to say what's bothering him instead of trying to drown his problem in the rum he is consuming. I don't think I am asking and hoping for too much. I just want to remain married to the smart, reasonable and responsible person to whom I have been married for the past twenty years.

In the meantime, I need some advice on how best to continue coping with this challenge. Should I continue being supportive while trying to help him figure a way out of this one?

My Sister, please help us. My children and I want to be able to go to school, to church and anywhere for that matter, without worrying if we are going to meet my husband, their father, stumbling home after one of his sessions at one of the local bars.

I want to be able to continue helping and organizing activities for the church without people snickering about what my husband does or does not do when he is drunk. We just need advice and guidance on this one. Please help us.

Love, Your Sister.

The following care schedule is therefore recommended:

2 Weeks:

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Deworm.

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commercial puppy food - moisten with water or milk.

6 Weeks: First puppy vaccination (DHLPPCV**) and deworming. Wean pup. Offer dry or canned commercial food. Feed three times per day.

9 Weeks: 2nd puppy vaccination (DHLPPCV) and deworming

12 Weeks: 3rd puppy vaccination (DHLPPCV) and deworming.

4 Months: Deworm. Place on heartworm preventative and give at monthly intervals for life. Rabies vaccine.

6 Months: Spay or neuter if not intended to breed. Heats can begin this early. Begin feeding twice a day.

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Can't Open The Door

Walking down Hudson Street in San Igancio last Saturday morning, Mr. Brown saw a distraught young lady weeping beside her car.

Do you need some help?" he asked. "My puppy is inside the car and I can't get the remote to work. I knew I should have replaced the battery to this remote door unlocker, she replied, "Now I can't get into my car and my puppy might die from the heat. Do you think they (pointing towards Venue

Store up the street) would have a battery to fit this?"

"That's the best place in town to check" said Mr. Brown "they sell all kinds of batteries"

"Please take out the battery for me so that I can check" she begged.

She handed the remote door unlocker attached to her car keys. Mr. Brown I took the key and manually unlocked the door,

All she could say was "OOHH Shoots".

The Old Witness

An old man was a witness in a burglary case.

The defense lawyer asked Sam, "Did you see my client commit this burglary?"

"Yes," said Sam, "I saw him plainly take the goods."

The lawyer asks Sam again, "Sam, this happened at night. Are you sure you saw my client commit this crime?"

"Yes," says Sam, "I saw him do

it."

Then the lawyer asks Sam, "Sam, listen, you are 80 years old and your eye sight is probably bad. Just how far can you see at night?"

Sam says, "At night I can see as far as the moon, is that far enough for you?"

Fair Exchange No Robbery

Old Eddy Canote was a poor tailor whose shop was next door to a very upscale American restaurant in downtown San Igancio. Every day at lunch time, Canote would go out the back of his shop and eat his corn tortilla and beans while inhaling the wonderful odors coming from the kitchen of the upscale restaurant.

One day, Canote was surprised to receive a bill from the restaurant for 'enjoyment of food'.

He entered the restaurant to find out why he was sent a bill when he had not bought anything from them. The manager said, "You're enjoying our food, so you should pay us for it."

Canote refused to pay and the restaurant sued him. At the hearing, the judge asked the restaurant to present their side of the case. The manager said, "Every day, this man sits outside our kitchen and inhale the aroma of our food while eating his. It is clear, your honor that we are adding value to his

poor food and we deserve to be compensated for it."

The judge turns to Canote and said, "What do you have to say to that, Mr. Canote?"

"In that case your Honor, I think that I am going to have to pay them in full. And that is the reason why I decided to come to court, so that you can be the witness of me paying them in full" said Canote.

"And how much are you going to pay" the judge asked.

Canote took out a large pan of coin and asked the restaurant Manager to step forward.

He held the pan to the restaurant manager's left ear and shook it as hard as he could "Your Honor" said Mr. Canote "What I am doing is paying Mr. Restaurant Manager here for the smell of his food with the sound of my money."

The judge rose from the bench and declared "Paid in Full, Case Settled."

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Thompson Says "Thank You"

BY: Peter Thompson, Santa Familia Village, Thursday, December 13, 2007:

Please rest assured that I try to keep abreast of current issues affecting our beloved country, Belize and the **Star Newspaper** is an important source in that regard.

In your last issue you found it necessary to clarify the position of the **Star Newspaper** as it relates to criticism of the poor performance and many mistakes made by our elected representatives i.e the Government.

You defended your position quite effectively. I must lend my support in your defence by stating for the record that all editorials that I have read so far consist of constructive criticisms of the many deliberate wrongs / mistakes our elected leaders have committed.

The many missed opportunities that could have brought relief and economic prosperity for so many Belizeans. The failed projects and continued lip service being showered in the name of **"Poverty Alleviation"** are actions, well designed, to keep us in poverty indefinitely. Sufficient raw ground data

exists to prove that the present administration, because of greed, is intentionally sleeping at the wheel while conducting the affairs of this nation. As a consequence Belizeans throughout the length and breath of this beautiful country are suffering at a level never before experienced. What makes the situation more desperate is the fact that opportunities keep knocking at our doors; opportunities which our leaders intentionally ignore because of greed greed greed !!!.

The recent discovery of Oil is a very good example where the present administration has been given another golden opportunity to help improve our lives but all indications thus far suggest that it shall be business as usual and the anticipated benefits shall remain illusive. When a former senior minister, sympathetic to the present administration, has witnessed firsthand the had enough of the wasteful spending of public funds on the Bullet Tree Road project.

These are the issues that the Star "Editorials" have been bringing to its readership. They are constructive criticisms which serves to enlighten its

readership to make informed choices on matters affecting all of our lives. If this wasn't the case, a former senior minister, sympathetic to the present administration, would not have chosen the Star Newspaper to air his disgust of the wasteful spending of public funds on the Bullet Tree Road project.

By the way, madam editor, since the senior minister had also commented somewhat on a certain individual in the ministdry, reliable sources have said that this individual is acting as

Minister of Works, C.E.O and Chief Engineer.

He has tranferred or fired all the experienced engineers and show no respect for sound technical advice. Reliable sources say he is managing the Ministry without a work plan and morale throughout the rank and file is at an all time low. This may be the reason why the Bullet Tree Road Project is not being properly supervised.

Anyway, Alberto and Nyani August, kudos for the good performance so far and please continue to keep us abreast of all current issues affecting our beautiful jewel.

"Stallion" Charged For Mayan Artifacts

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where he overnighed. Smith said, *"Whilst in Placencia I met an arts and craft vendor on the sidewalk. As an arts and craft dealer I selected and purchased all 12 items which I intended to add to my display for sale at my place of business. There were clay bowls like a set, a big, a medium and a small one for which I paid 55, 35 and 25 Belize dollars respectively. There were also some stone pieces. I paid 3 dollars and change for the small ones and 6 change for the bigger ones. The man gave be a black plastic bag and I placed*

them on the back seat of my car for the ride back to Cayo. Around the water tower in Silk Grass Village on the Southern Highway, I picked up a man and a lady who were hitchhiking. I thought that they were travelling together but the man stopped off on the Hummingbird Highway and the lady told me that she was on her way to Caye Caulker and that she would be stopping off at the junction near the Agricultural Show Grounds. I was just approaching her drop off point when we came upon the police

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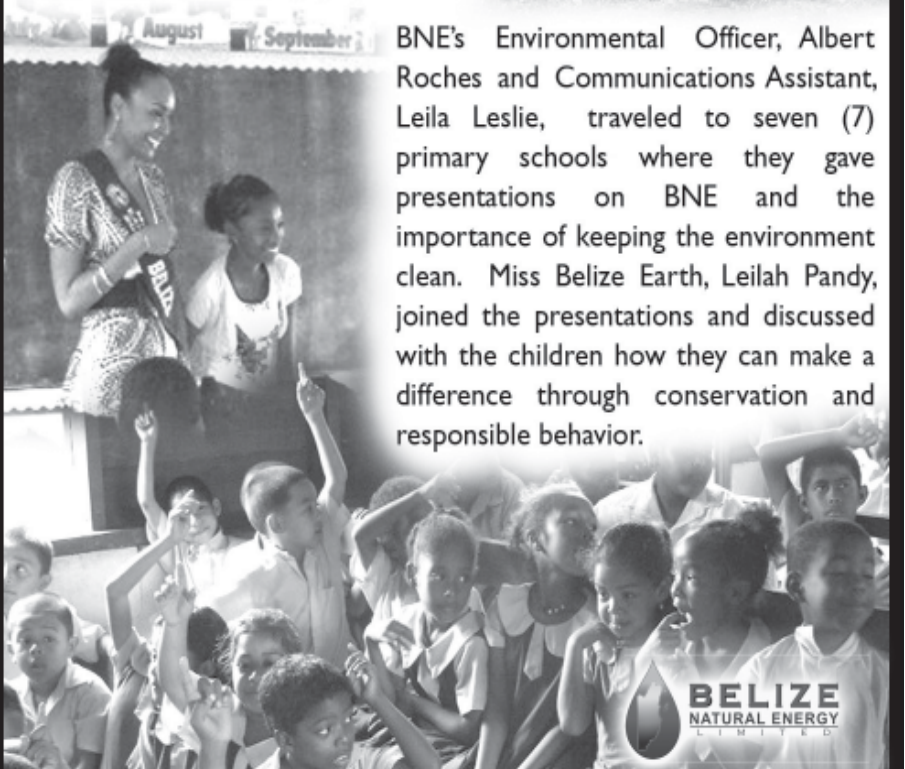
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BNE's Garbage Bin Project

Iguana Creek, December 12, 2007

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Belize Natural Energy takes this opportunity to thank all communities for their participation in the Garbage Bin Project and hopes that the bins will inspire conscientious rubbish disposal and contribute to environmental awareness.

THE FINAL HOURS IN THE LIFE OF "BREAKER" ZAIDEN

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When they arrived, instead of sitting at his usual spot against the wall near the main entrance door of the cement bungalow house, Zaiden sat at the base of the street light pole still in the company of "Junior" Mas.

Zaiden's mother who was inside her room peeped through the louvered window and saw her son sitting on the ground under the light of the pole along with "Junior" Mas. She said that she recalled hearing when her son told Mas to leave his children out of it and the next thing she heard was what sounded like a bottle hitting something. When she looked out the louvered window, she saw her son sprawled out on the ground in the area where he was previously sitting. She immediately rushed out to his side and her first impression was that he might have passed out from excessive drinking but then he began foaming from the mouth she sensed that something was terribly wrong with him. She called her daughter, Adelita, a medical specialist and they managed to get him inside the house. She then saw Mas coming from behind the house and this was when he told her that they were attacked by three male persons of dark complexion one of whom kicked Karim the area of the neck causing him to hit his head against the street light pole.

The police and the San Ignacio Hospital were contacted with the police responding quickly to the scene.

The Zaiden family informed that their investigation revealed that a group of three persons had indeed walked by but that apart from a little chat as they passed by, there was no physical contact with them and that at no time were they seen running from the scene which is inconsistent with anyone who might have just been engaged in a physical confrontation.

The legally required postmortem examination conducted on the body in Belize City by **Dr. Hugo Sanchez** revealed that Karim died as a result of brain damage due to internal hemorrhage as a consequence of trauma to the head.

Karim Kasim "Breaker" Zaiden is the youngest child born to **Lilia Zaiden** and **Luis Zaiden (deceased)**. Apart from his mother, he is also survived by his common-law-wife, **Mariette Bejos**; three children **Kahlil** and **Angely Zaiden** and **Brandon Jones**.

He is also survived by two sisters **Dr. Adelita Zaiden Riverol MD** and **Rocio Zaiden** and one brother **Luis Zaiden Jr.** as well as a host of Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, other relatives and countless friends. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

"Stallion" Charged For Mayan Artifacts

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check point. I saw the reflecting lights of the check point from a distance because I was on the straight stretch of road leading out of Belmopan. I had no need to fear anything so I drove up to the checkpoint. The police searched my vehicle and took the black plastic bag from the seat. When they told me that they suspected the items to be artifacts I told them that I had just purchased them in Placencia and that they still had the little price tags. The sergeant told me that he would hold them for investigation. He told me to check back with him on the following day. When I checked back for my stuff on Monday, he was not there. They told me to go back on Tuesday and so this time I took my worker with me and this was when they told me that the items were artifacts and they arrested both of us and gave us three charges although. Although I told them that this girl was not the one who was with me, they still charged her. Several interesting things took place here. First of all I saw the check point from a distance and if I was knowingly committing an offence I could have easily bypassed the check point by driving into the gas station which is located before the

check point and then turn into Forest Drive and proceed to drive into Belmopan. Furthermore, if the police suspected that I was dealing in such a high priced commodity like Mayan artifacts, why did they not search me to see if I was in possession of an unusually large quantity of money which could have been the proceeds from a sale. Did they get the police in Placencia to pick up the arts and craft vendor who had a lot more of these items which he was openly selling on the sidewalk? The police say that the things are artifacts, how on earth was I supposed to know that, I am no archeologist. Now if it was counterfeit money, then I could understand because we don't need to be a money expert to identify counterfeit money," concluded Roy "Stallion Smith.



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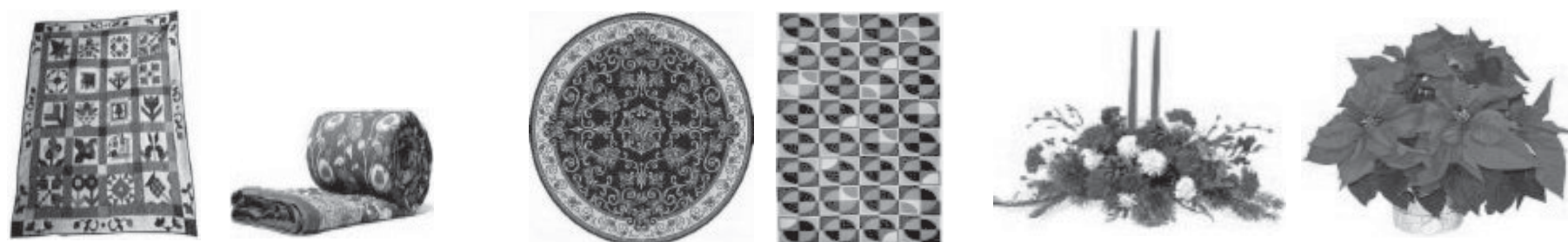
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