

# ALLEN'S HARDWARE BURGLARIZED Almost \$5,000 Gone

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Monday, May 5, 2008:

Allen's Hardware Store, on the fore front of the Western Highway in Santa Elena, Cayo, became the latest burglary scene in an increasing number of such incidents, over the past serval weeks within the western twin towns of Santa Elena and San Ignacio.

In a report to the police, **Rod Allen**, owner of the hardware store, informed that upon opening up to begin the new business week, shortly before 8:00 a.m., on Monday, May 5, he realized that his store was burglarized.

Immediate checks revealed that entry was gained through a side wall of the structure.

Allen informed that almost BZ\$4,500 in cash from the Western Union agency as well as about BZ\$150 from the store's cash register, were missing.

No less than three elements in this latest burglary is leading investigators to believe that whoever pulled off this one was keenly familiar with the target as firstly, entry was gained by



Allen's Hardware Store, Western Highway in Santa Elena, Cayo

pulling apart the corrugated zinc siding in the weakest and most

vulnerable portion of the building.

Secondly, that vulnerable section of

# Landowners Opposing Proposed Constutional Amendments

HODE'S PLACE, San Ignacio Town, Saturday, May 3, 2008:

Twenty five landowners met this past Saturday morning at Hode's Place in San Ignacio Town to iron out differences and to seek ways at organizing themselves to more effectively address pressing issues of common concern specifically those relating to their right to petroleum and other mineral found below the surface of their privately owned land.

The primarily issue confronting landowners at this time is government's proposed addition of a Subsection 3 and 4 to Chapter II Section 17 of the Constitution.

In summary, the proposed amendments to the Constitution seeks to exclusively vest the Government of Belize with control over all petroleum, minerals and accompanying



Organizer of the meeting, Geologist Jim Cavanaugh addressing the gathering

territory of Belize and its exclusive economic zone regardless if these lands are held in public, private or community ownership. Furthermore, the proposed amendment also seeks to grant the government constitutional any petroleum or minerals found in Belize.

After much discussion and a few heated moments, landowners in attendance agreed to dissolve the former steering committee and to select a nine member task force to meet with government specifically to express their opposition to the proposed additions to the constitution.

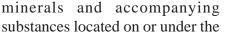
Landowners are of the opinion that the proposed constitutional changes seeks to deprive them of their rights to minerals below the surface of their privately owned land. They are hope that their efforts will result in government withdrawing the proposed additions.

The members of the new task force are: 1) Michael Bogart 2) Jim Cavanaugh 3) Ralph Huang 4) Julian Lewis 5) Karl Raney 6) Alan the structure is located just below the bedroom window of the nearby tenants who, only the previous day, had vacated the house they were renting thereby leading investigators to believe that the burglar knew the house to be vacant thus decreasing the possibility for detection

Thirdly, the burglars went directly to the Western Union drawer, one of three attached to a wooden desk in an interior office. The burglar also went to the cash register. Cash was obviously the target as, despite the store's inventory of expensive merchandise, not even a nut or a bolt was taken.

As the investigation continues, San Ignacio police are asking anyone with information that could assist in solving this latest burglar, to please come forward.





authority to enable a contractor to acquire property, title or cor

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### **Come Again - Try Another Trick - This One Did Not Work**

"PUP writes PUC, objects to BEL rate hike," (signed) Henry C. Usher, (PUP) Secretary General" Belize Times, Sunday May 4, **2008.** Apart from diverting \$40 million dollars for the payment of a private loan, this has got to be the most disrespectful and brazen display of "TAKING THE BELIZEAN **PEOPLE FOR FOOLS**", that we have seen in recent times.

The disrespect gets even worse as the document goes on to say: (a) "Electricity is crucial to development.... (b) Light bills are a major component of the cost of living.... (c) Considering BEL's net profit for 2006 was \$28 million and for 2007 is projected to be \$30 million.... (d) It is the view of the PUP that it would be unconscionable to grant such an increase, as this will undoubtedly affect families struggling to make ends meet...."

If anything, this latest PUP document serves to confirm that the PUP administration just gone, was, for 10 long years, simply not listening to the loud cries of the Belizean people who kept clamoring for Said Musa and Ralph Fonseca to apply the brakes to the continuous increases in electricity rates.

Musa and Fonseca chose not to listen and so the people went to the polls on February 7, 2008 and gave them the trashing of their lives -The results of which, by all indications, is putting an end to their political careers.

These very same PUPs were in government in 2006 when the BEL racked up the \$28 million in net profit that they speak about in their letter to the PUC. In 2007 this same bunch was in government when BEL was amassing the funds for their projected \$30 million in net profit.

Although the PUP knew of these huge "net profits", they faithfully approved every single request for rate increases submitted by the BEL.

kilowatt hour. In fact, the very same Henry C. Usher was serving as secretary general of the PUP for several of those 10 long years.

If Briceño really cared, as he wants the Belizean people to now believe, he had every opportunity, over the last 10 years, to lean over and ask, not write, Said Musa to show some consideration for the Belizean people, but no, he did not do that because he was too busy doing what Johnny Briceño does best. And the very same goes for Henry C. Usher. One would expect that a son needs no special permission to speak to his father. He therefore had every opportunity, when his father was the prime minister of Belize, to ask him to show some consideration for the plight of Belizeans-None of them did anything - Bottom line: They were simply not listening to the voices of the Belizean people. And now they want us to believe that in 8 short weeks they have shed their cloaks of arrogance. To them we say – **come** again - try another trick - this one did not work – there is egg all over your faces.

On February 7, 2008 the Belizean people went to the polls and they voted for a government that would hear their voices. And thus far, by their actions, Dean Barrow and the United Democratic Party government appears to be listening to the voices of the people and addressing their concerns. - Within the two-month period since the new Barrow administration took over the reigns of government, there has been TWO ATTEMPTS BY THE **ELECTRICITY COMPANY TO INCREASE ELECTRICITY RATES BOTH OF WHICH** HAVE BEEN REJECTED.

When the first request was rejected a month ago, those on the PUP radio began hoping for the worst as they could be heard saying every week day morning that the UDP got away from the first request for electricity rate increases. They publicly said that they were willing to bet anything that the UDP (as if it were not the people) would not get away from the second request for rate increases – Well the rest is history. There is a strong possibility that having been shocked for a second time, they could very well be sitting in their corners hoping that the expert arbitrator will recommend a rate increase. We truly hope that they get another shock of their lives.

If the leadership of the PUP is serious about picking up some of the pieces of their shattered credibility and igniting even a flicker of hope in their search of any semblance of dignity, then Johnny Briceño, Henry Charles Usher and others are advised to cease and desist from these kinds of cheap political trickery. They need to realize that the George Price era of politicking is over. We are living in an era of instant communication – We will no longer accept a Belize Times newspaper, that is three or four weeks old, from the hands of any politician. The Belizean people of today are more educated, advanced and intelligent and the people must be treated as such.

There is also the matter of the PUP criticizing the government for its announced intention to spend \$36,000 to engage the services of a foreign expert to assist with the unacceptable level of violent crimes plaguing the nation. If the PUP believes, as they say, that \$36,000 is too much to spend on the crime fighting effort then let them tell that to those mothers who have been losing their young sons on an almost daily

#### basis.

Let them say that to the lady with three children who has been deprived of the family's breadwinner.

Let them say that to all those children who will grow up without a father.

For our part, we applaud the government, for recognizing the need to seek external assistance to address the crime situation.

In their own politically selfish ways some people in the upper bracket of the PUP are sitting in their corners hoping and praying for the failure of government's effort to bring the crime situation under control.

For our part, if the efforts of the foreign expert results in the saving of a single life then we say, without reservations, that the expenditure was justified a hundred folds.





Making this kind of written request is the oldest political trick in the book. On the streets it's called: "you're doomed if you do - and you're dammed if you don't". (If the request for rate increases is not approved they claim victory – If, despite their letter, the rate increase is approved, they resort to saying "don't blame us, blame them because we told them not to do it - and so they claim victory again.) This disrespectful piece of political propaganda is coming out of the "New PUP". Despite their best efforts we see the same "old faces" in the so called "New PUP". It was the very same Johnny Briceño who, for 10 long years, sat right next to Said Musa as the nation witnessed the price of electricity increasing from 29 cents to a whopping 44 cents per

# Newspaper

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### For All You Wonderful Mothers Of The World

### A Child's Conversation With God



The new baby was just about to be born and having a conversations with God.

The baby said to God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

God said, "'There is no need to worry, your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy." Happy Mother's Day

God said, "When you arrive on earth your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the lan-

guage?"

God said, **"Your angel will tell** you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?" asked the child.

God said, **"Your angel will** place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

*"Who will protect me?"* inquired *the child.* 



God said, **"Your angel will** defend you even if it means risking its life."

"'But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore." said the child.

God said, "Your angel will

always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

Just then the child started to hear voices from Earth and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

God said, "You will simply call her, 'Mama."



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### Letters to the Editor

### Demand An Official Receipt When Paying For Government Services Dear Editor; donation".

### In an effort to assist in stemming official corruption, I take this opportunity to advise all residents of this community and beyond to demand an official government receipt when requested to pay for government services anywhere within our borders.

Just this past week I took my child into the San Ignacio Town hospital for an RRB vaccination. After the injection was administered, I was told that the cost would be \$20.

After paying the charge, I requested a receipt and was told that I could not get one because "*the* \$20 was a Conscious that I was taken for a ride, I checked with a senior official from the Ministry of Health in Belmopan and was told that these vaccinations are to be provided FREE of charge.

Don't let this happen to you. Demand an official government receipt when paying for any government service.

If we must pay for government services then the funds must go to government and not into the pockets of dishonest public officers.

Irene Castillo, San Ignacio, Cayo.

### Happy Mothers' Day From the Management & Staff of *HODE'S PLACE* Savana Area, San Ignacio Town, Cayo

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#### **End Of An Era - Cayocom Closing** BY: Richard Shaw, Founder/Director, Cayocom. Adults who were employed and those seeking employment also needed the

Founder/Director, Cayocom, SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, May 7, 2008:

It was over 8 years ago that a new community based grassroots non profit organization located downstairs of the San Ignacio Town Hall began offering quality computer training and access to Information Technology.

The **Cayo Community Computer Center** (*CAYOCOM*), established with a mission to help narrow the global digital divide that exists between developed and emerging nations, found an immediately receptive audience with a keen interest and ability in learning.

Cayocom having an initial goal of teaching the youth and being 1st in providing high-speed satellite internet locally was quickly reminded that adults who were employed and those seeking employment also needed the benefits of enhanced skills to be better equipped to address the competitive challenges that lay ahead. Thus the start of classes for all age levels followed. The Ministry of Education recognized this endeavor by certifying the curriculum and courses provided by Cayocom.

That era has now come to an end. Cayocom at this time would like to thank our many loyal supporters including student interns from all the local educational institutions, volunteers from the Peace Corps and Pro Belize, and last but certainly by no means least, the knowledgeable staff who always found great pride and satisfaction in assisting others which was the foundation of any and all success enjoyed by Cayocom.



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(registration and studies), up to a maximum of ten thousand US dollars (US\$10,000). Tuition fees will be paid by the ITU directly to the relevant university.

Applications are being accepted by the ITU until May 25, 2008.

Application forms and other information can be accessed through the ITU link on the PUC website, www.puc.bz, or from *http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/youth/yes/youth\_education\_scheme.html* 

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Tender Document is available at the Ministry of Works Office in Belmopan as of April 21, 2008.

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The Public Tender Opening will take place at the Ministry of Works Conference Room the same day at 2:15 pm.

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

# Mayor John Francis August, Councilors of the San Ignacio/Santa Elena Town Council, Hon. Elvin Penner and Hon. Salvador Fernandez

Take this opportunity to wish ALL the Mothers of the Twin Towns of San Ignacio and Santa Elena A Most Blessed & Enjoyable Mother's Day 2008!

In an effort to show recognition and appreciation for all you Mothers, we invite each and every one of you to a Very Special Mother's Day Program which will be held at the Macal River Park this Sunday, May 11, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

There will be food, drinks, prizes and surprizes for all you Mothers

# Music will be provided by Jade Band and Linda Belicena Marimba all evening long.

Once again, Happy Mother's Day and May God Bless each and every one of you Mothers on your Special Day.

### Hospital Garbage - Before & After

### SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, May 7, 2008:

The management of the San Ignacio Town Hospital must be commended for taking swift action to rectify the unhealthy condition that existed with the disposal of hospital waste as was reported in last week's edition of the STAR newspaper.

We visited the area one week later where we found a totally different, and more favorable condition.

We were advised that the



management has issued firm instructions for keen attention to be directed towards the proper storage



and disposal of all hospital waste despite the scarce resources at hand. While preparations are being made for the move into the new hospital on the Bullet Tree Road in the next few weeks, the management is committed, we were told, to acquire the necessary facility to deal with the prevailing situation at the old hospital compound during the entire period that the facility remains in service to the community.

In making this commitment the authorities have effectively minimized the health risk that the improper storage and disposal of hospital waste poses to the community and for this they deserve to be commended.

## There is the story about the mother

and her three-year old son. It goes like this.

The little boy was always on the mother's heels wherever she went he was right there behind her. She was having trouble doing her routine chores because he was right there behind her everytime.

"Whenever I stopped to do something and turned around I would trip over him," she said. "Several times I suggested fun activities to keep him occupied, but he would just smile and say, 'That's all right Mommy I'd

### rather be here with you.'

He continued to follow his mother and after it reached that unbearable level, and with the mother's patience wearing thin, she asked him why he was following her constantly.

The little boy look his mother in the eyes and said, "My Sunday school teacher told me to walk in Jesus' footsteps but I can't see him so

#### I'm walking in yours."

The greatest way we can teach our children about and show our loved ones the love of Jesus, is through the example of how we live, and how we model his love in our everyday life.

It is often said that: "We raise not the children we want but the children that we the parents are."



Wishing All Mothers Everywhere A Truly Blessed, Happy And Enjoyable Mother's Day From All Of Us At The STAR



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### STAR HUMO

### How Did The Human Race Begin?

Little Jane stepped up to her father and asked, "Daddy how did the human race begin?"

"God made Adam and Eve and they had children and this is how the human race started," responded her father.

Two days later little Jane asked her mother the same question.

"Many years ago," said her mother, "there were monkeys from which

the human race evolved."

Confused, little Jane returned to her father and said, "Dad how is it possible, you told me the human race was created by God, and Mom said they developed from monkeys?"

The father answered, "The answer is very simple Jane. I told you about my side of the family and your mother told you about hers."

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Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers you are indeed special and I respect and cherish you all.

# **Foul Play Suspected In The Death Of Feliciano Mancia**

### SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, **Saturday, May 3, 2008:**

While foul pay is suspected in the death of a San Ignacio man police are yet to make an arrest in this latest murder in San Ignacio Town.

Police reports that acting upon information received, they visited Theodocio Ochoa Street at around, 6:30 a.m., on Friday, May 2,2008, where they came upon the motionless body of a male Hispanic person, laying face down in a drain.

On the scene observation revealed a cut wound behind the head and injuries to the face.

The body was transported to the San Ignacio Town Hospital where it was officially pronounced dead by the medical officer on duty.

The individual was identified as

Feliciano Mancia Martinez, 56, Naturalized Belizean/Salvadoran Supervisor at Blancaneaux Lodge, Mountain Pine Ridge.

Investigation further revealed that the deceased was experiencing some domestic difficulties and was renting the apartment in front of which he was found dead.

Police say that the deceased was last seen alive the night before at around 11:00 p.m., chatting with a yet unidentified male person in front of the apartment.

The legally required post mortem conducted on May 5, by Forensic Specialist, Dr. Mario Estradabran revealed that Mancia Martinez died from "Infradanal Subiarachnoid due to head injury as a consequence of a blunt trauma."



### The deceased Feliciano Mancia Martinez, 56

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## The Rich Getting Richer While The Poor Faces Hunger And Starvation

Multi-nationals make billions in profit out of growing global food crisis. Speculators blamed for driving up price of basic foods as 100 million face severe hunger

Giant agribusinesses are enjoying soaring earnings and profits out of the world food crisis which is driving millions of people towards starvation. And speculation is helping to drive the prices of basic foodstuffs out of the reach of the hungry.

The prices of wheat, corn and rice have soared over the past year driving the world's poor - who already spend about 80 per cent of their income on food - into hunger and destitution.

The World Bank says that 100 million more people are facing severe hunger. Yet some of the world's richest food companies are making record profits.

Monsanto last month reported

### By: Geoffrey Lean, Independent UK Published: Sunday, May 4, 2008

that its net income for the three months up to the end of February this year had more than doubled over the same period in 2007, from \$543m (£275m) to \$1.12bn. Its profits increased from \$1.44bn to \$2.22bn.

**Cargill's** net earnings soared by 86 per cent from \$553m to \$1.030bn over the same three months.

And Archer Daniels Midland, one of the world's largest agricultural processors of soy, corn and wheat, increased its net earnings by 42 per cent in the first three months of this year from \$363m to \$517m. The operating profit of its grains merchandising and handling operations jumped 16-fold from \$21m to \$341m.

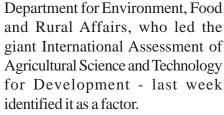
Similarly, the **Mosaic Company**, one of the world's largest fertiliser companies, saw its income for the three months ending 29 February rise more than 12-fold, from \$42.2m to \$520.8m, on the back of a shortage of fertiliser. The prices of some kinds of fertiliser have more than tripled over the past year as demand has outstripped supply. As a result, plans to increase harvests in developing countries have been hit hard.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation reports that 37 developing countries are in urgent need of food. And food riots are breaking out across the globe from Bangladesh to Burkina Faso, from China to Cameroon, and from Uzbekistan to the United Arab Emirates.

**Benedict Southworth**, director of the World Development Movement, called the escalating earnings and profits "*immoral*" late last week. He said that the benefits of the food price increases were being kept by the big companies, and were not finding their way down to farmers in the developing world.

The soaring prices of food and fertilisers mainly come from increased demand. This has partly been caused by the boom in biofuels, which require vast amounts of grain, but even more by increasing appetites for meat, especially in India and China; producing one pound of beef in a feedlot, for example, takes seven pounds of grain.

World food stocks at record lows, export bans and a drought in Australia have contributed to the crisis, but experts are also fingering food speculation. Professor Bob Watson - chief scientist at the



Index-fund investment in grain and meat has increased almost fivefold to over \$47bn in the past year, concludes **AgResource Co**, a Chicago-based research firm. And the official US Commodity Futures Trading Commission held special hearings in Washington two weeks ago to examine how much speculators were helping to push up food prices.

Cargill says that its results "reflect the cumulative effect of having invested more than \$18bn in fixed and working capital over the past seven years to expand our physical facilities, service capabilities, and knowledge around the world".

The revelations are bound to increase outrage over multinational companies following last week's disclosure that Shell and BP between them recorded profits of £14bn in the first three months of the year - or £3m an hour - on the back of rising oil prices. Shell promptly attracted even greater condemnation by announcing that it was pulling out of plans to build the world's biggest wind farm off the Kent coast.

World leaders are to meet next month at a special summit on the food crisis, and it will be high on the agenda of the G8 summit of the world's richest countries in Hokkaido, Japan, in July.



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### **Rani Jones Laid To Rest**

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Tuesday, May 6, 2008:

Funeral mass was held today as family and friends gathered inside Santa Elena's St. Ignatius Church and at the Carmen Memorial Cemetery, also in Santa Elena, to pay their last respects for **Renford Albert Jones**, 57, who passed away on Sunday, May 4, 2008 at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City.

"Rani", as he was affectionatley known, born on June 30, 1950, was the eldest son of eleven children born to Wilworth "Mr. Willie" Jones and his wife Francisca "Miss Manchi" Jones long time residents of George Price Avenue in Santa Elena, Cayo.

Apart from his parents, Rani is also survived by his wife: Viola Jones; Six daughters: Dana Bird, Francine Sunders, Shern Dawson, Lavern, Pamela and Tanisha Jones. Four sons: Renard Jr., Jim, Shawn and Mark Jones. Seven sisters: Irma



Renford Albert Jones, 57 Sunrise: June 30, 1950 Sunset: May 4, 2008

Salazar, Florence Banner, Sonia Recinos, Priscilla Martinez, Katherine Magaña and Geraldine Jones. Three brothers: Wilword, Joshua and David Jones. He is also survived by several grand and great grand children, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.



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**Roberts** and 9) **Errol Vanzie**. *"We need to understand"* said one landowner *"that what we are* **dealing with here is just a proposal and in presenting the** 



proposal, the Prime Minister publicly stated that he will listen to the views of the public in determining the way forward. Therefore, opposition to the proposal on the part of landowners is very important."

Landowners are seeking to get the government to agree that, base on legal opinions in their possession, they are the legal and rightful owners to all minerals on and below the surface of their privately owned lands.

Realizing that the government is constitutionally restrained from submitting the proposed changes to the Governor General for his assent unless there has been an interval of not less than 90 days between the introduction of the bill in the House of Representatives (*April 25*) and the beginning of the proceedings in the House on the second reading of the bill (*July 24*), the task force and landowners will be working towards that deadline to achieve their goal.



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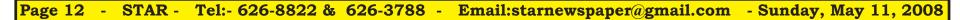


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