

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cavo District, Thursday, June 5, 2008:

He was released on parole just over a year ago after serving 14 of a 25 year sentence for a string of burglaries and today Sandy **Forsythe** is again in the long arms of the law as he is currently on remand at the Hattieville Prison on a new charge of aggravated burglary.

If convicted, Forsythe could find himself serving the remaining 11 years of the original sentence for violating the terms of the parole in addition to the time allotted for the new conviction.

San Ignacio police reports that it was shortly after 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 1, when they were called out to the Sunset Bar located in the Savannah Area of San Ignacio Town where the watchman handed over a male person who was caught inside the bar and upon being surprised advanced towards the watchman with a machete.

The watchman with the assistance of two neighbors managed to overpower the intruder and disarm him. He was subsequently subdued and detained and was tied up with a wire while the police was being contacted.

Upon arrival the police identified the detainee as Sandy Forsythe of a San Ignacio Town address. He was

taken into custody and escorted to the police station where he was searched and found to be in possession of an assorted amount of coins in a black plastic bag inside the front right pocket of his pants. In the other front pocket of his pants police found a pink Motorola Cell Phone along with four \$5 bills, eight \$2, one \$10, twenty nine \$1 coins, one 50 cent coin, one hundred and twenty two 25 cents coins, four 10 cents coins, seventeen 5 cents, three 1 cent pieces, three \$1US dollar bills and two 1 Quetzal coins.

The owner of the establishment, **Rene Waight**. later visited the station and in a statement to the "Stay In School" Tour of Western Schoo



The accused, Sandy Forsythe, 36, Belizean Electrician

police confirmed that his Sunset Bar was indeed burglarized and that an assortment of monies was stolen there from.

The investigation later led to the formally arresting and charging of Sandy Forsythe, 36, Belizean electrician of a Simpson Street address in San Ignacio Town for the

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SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo

Minister of Education, Hon. Patrick Faber, is currently on a two-day tour of schools in the Cayo District.

District, Thursday, June 5, 2008:

His first stop today was at the Eden Seventh Day Adventist High School in Santa Elena where he met and held discussions with the principal Erodito Pineda, staff and students in the assembly hall.

After departing Eden High School, the minister travelled across the wooden to St. Andrews Anglican Primary School after which he went on to Faith Nazarene Primary School.

The two-day ministerial tour is scheduled to include stops at Sacred Heart Primary School in San Ignacio Town, Mopan Technical High School in Benque Viejo Town, Immaculate



"When I do like this, I want you to be quiet," Minister Faber told the students during his interractive meeting with them

School in the village of Bullet Tree Falls as well as the Seventh Day Adventist Primary School in Billy White Village.

Minister Faber's message on every Conception RC School and the Pre leg of the tour is to encourage students to "STAY IN SCHOOL". He is also taking the opportunity to inform students of government's

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Adrian Avilez - Top PSE Student Of The West

ST. ANDREWS ANGLICAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District, Thursday, June 5, 2008:

With the results of the 2008 Primary School Examination yet to be publicly released, Minister of Education, Hon. Patrick Faber, broke the good news during his visit today at St. Andrews Anglican Primary School regarding the school's impressive performance with 12 year old Adrian Avilez placing 15th countrywide and 1st for the District, exclusive of Belmopan.

Adrian Avilez scored a overall

average of 92.25%. (94 points in Math, 92 in Science, 92 in Social Studies and 91 in English).

Adrian is the eldest son of **Onil** and Lily Avilez. He resides with his parents and two younger sisters on Burns Avenue in San Ignacio. In a brief chat with us Adrian informed that he owes the success to his parents as well as his principal and his two teachers, Ms. Sharee Gutierrez and Mrs. Joan Neal

Standing next to the Hon. Patrick Faber, as he addressed the gathering, Adrian received the good

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Letters to the Editor

My Concern Is For The Environment

Dear Editor;

I feel good whenever I see a fellow Belizean, especially a young brother or sister, start up a business of their own. I patronize their business whenever I can to encourage them in their entrepreneurial spirit. I admire them because instead to sitting idly by feeling sorry for themselves and in the process blaming society and the system for not creating a job for them, these young brothers and sisters get out there and make a job for themselves.

I commend these brothers and sister and I wish that many more young people would follow in their footsteps.

In Santa Elena for example, there are the ladies who created a business by selling food in front of Alwin's Store.

There is the Garcia family with the new food stall on Liberty Street. There is George Boiton's famous Bar-B-Q, the Rodriguez brothers, Olivia August, Wendy Requena clothing store, Snake Sign Painting and the list goes on.

The most recent example is the young brother who started a carwash service on George Price Avenue, this

is a first of its kind in Santa Elena and I admire the brother for what he is doing. I have but one concern, and it's an environmental one. All the water with oil, grease and grime will be flowing into the nearby drain which flows straight into the Macal River. The new Shell Gas Station in San Ignacio has discontinued washing vehicles at their bridge foot gas station specifically for this reason. I am sincerely hoping that this young brother can rectify this potential environmental hazard and if he can do so then he is good to go.

BJ, Santa Elena, Cayo.

Ed. Note: We stopped by the IN & OUT Car Wash on George Price Avenue in Santa Elena to share this concern with Nalbert Broaster, the young owner of this new business. He told us that he is fully aware of the potential environmental hazard but he wants the public to know that his business is not providing engine, under wash, oil change or any undertaking that will produce oil contamination. He informed that he intend to provide this service in the near future but will not do so without first constructing an adequate soak away system to filter all runoff before it enters any waterway. Broaster told us that his business in attracting quite a few youngsters from the neighborhood who come around either to look for a job or just simply to hang out. He said

that he has been using this opportunity to share positive ideas with them and the hope of getting those prone to a life of crime and violence to curb their ways.

Adrian Avilez - Top PSE Student Of The West

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news as the minister announced that as a reward for his achievement, he will be awarded a full scholarship to attend the high school of his choice. Adrian later told us that he will be enrolling in Sacred Heart High School.

We join in congratulating Adrian on his outstanding achievement.



Adrian Avilez (C) with teachers Ms. Sharee Gutierrez (L) and Mrs. Joan Neal (R)

SANDY REMANDED FOR AGGRAVATED BURGLARY

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crime of aggravated burglary.

He was taken before **Magistrate Kathleen Lewis** on Wednesday, June 4. Citing the severity of the

crime, **Prosecutor George Gomez**, objected to bail, Magistrate Lewis concurred with the prosecutor's submission and the accused was remanded to the Hattieville Prison to reappear in court on

Relatives of the accused are contending that he was brutalize by the police while in custody. The police are disputing this allegation as they say that whatever injuries the accused might have sustained resulted from the struggles he encountered with the original captors.

He is scheduled to reappear in court on Thursday, July 31, 2008.



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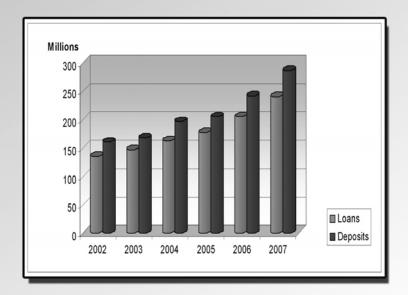
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Belize's New Elections & Boundaries Commission Sworn In

RADISSON FORT GEORGE HOTEL, Belize City, Saturday, May 31, 2008:

Belize's new Elections and Boundaries Commission was officially sworn in today, by the Hon. Chief Justice, **Dr. Abdulai Conteh**, during ceremonies held at the Radisson Fort George Hotel in Belize City.

Alberto August, Publisher of the **STAR Newspaper** was sworn in as the new Chairman. He replaces Belize City businessman **Karl H. Menzies.**

The other four members are Attorney Dean Lindo and Mrs. Phillipa Griffith Bailey appointed on the advice of the Prime Minister along with Attorney Derek Courtenay and San Ignacio Businessman, Orlando Habet, appointed with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition.

Mistress of ceremony for the occasion was **Acting Chief Elections Officer, Ruth Meighan**.

The program began with the singing of the National Anthem followed by the invocation delivered by **Bishop Phillip Wright** from the Anglican Church.

Hon. John Saldivar, in his capacity as Minister of the Public Service, Governance Improvement and Elections and Boundaries was invited to address the gathering which included invited guests and the countrywide staff of the Elections & Boundaries Department.

In his address Minister Saldivar pledged government's support for the Commission and the Department. He advised the staff of the Elections and Boundaries Department to conduct their duties in a fair and professional manner and to treat all members of the public, regardless of their political preferences, with utmost respect and professionalism.

In his address to the gathering, the new Chairman expressed his appreciation to the authorities for the confidence vested in him to take on the challenges of chairing such a vital component of the political process as is the Elections and Boundaries Commission, a challenge to which he committed to perform to the very best of his ability.

"The members of this new commission are no strangers to



Alberto August (L) taking the Oath of Office, Chief Justice Dr. Abdulai Conteh (R) administering the Oath

me" said Mr. August. "I have served on the previous commission with Attorneys Dean Lindo and Derek Courtenay. I have known and worked with Mrs. Phillipa Bailey for over 10 years and Landy Espat is my country man. We both hail from the west.

The composition of this new commission is well rounded and therefore its production should reflect likewise.

Recognizing that a functional and credible electoral management system is the foundation on which democratic societies are built, we will endeavor to discharge our constitutional responsibilities for the direction and supervision



Alberto August delivering remarks

of the registration of voters and the conduct of elections, referenda and all matters connected therewith, in a fair and unbiased manner consulting at all times with stakeholders in the electoral process.

I join the Minister in congratulating the staff of the Elections & Boundaries Department for the good job they have been doing with continuous registration, maintaining current the electoral role and in their voter education campaign. I urge you to please continue striving for excellence.

To the members of the new commission, I also join the Minister with responsibility for Elections and Boundaries in congratulating you on your appointment and remind you that we are now sworn to uphold the constitution and the law and to consciously, impartially and the best of our ability discharge our duties without fear or favor, affection or ill will. Let us now get on with task at hand. I thank you for listening."

The Elections and Boundaries Commission is constitutionally appointed to serve for a period of five years.

After the ceremony, Minister Saldivar along with the Ministry's Chief Executive Officer, **Charles Gibson** and the Commission Chairman met with the Acting Chief Elections Officer and the staff to listen to their concerns and suggestions.



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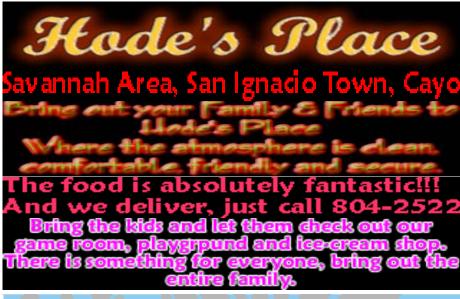
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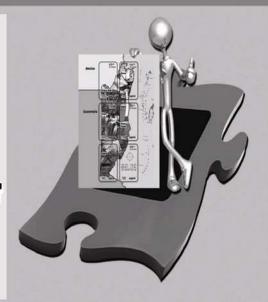
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answered the student.

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"And if another terrific storm

"Throw out another anchor."

"Hold it there sailor," said the

Admiral. "Where are you getting

The sailor promptly replied, "From

the same place you're getting all

Family Court Judge "And, I have

decided to give your wife \$300 a

week to maintain the three

children. What do you have to

"That's very kind of you, your

honor. We need more good people

like you" said Mr. Jones "And just

to show how grateful I am, every

now and then, I'll try to send her

a few bucks myself."

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you do?" asked the Admiral.

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of your storms, Sir."

say?"

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"Throw out an anchor, sir." replied the student.

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Dr. Maria Gonsalves - Making A Difference In San Igancio

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cavo District, Wednesday, June 4, 2008:

We were humbled today with the visit of a distinguished professional in the person of **Dr. Maria Gonsalves**.

Dr. Gonsalves is Brazilian by birth. She is the Medical Officer in charge of everything that takes place at the San Ignacio Hospital. She is also the Deputy Director of Medical Services in the Western Region.

And why did Dr. Gonsalves see it fit to take time from her busy schedule to visit us?

The impression we got from the brief chat is that Dr. Gonsalves has a clear appreciation of the role of the media in the community, which she intends to utilize in the best interest of the hospital, its staff and the services they provide.

During this encounter, Dr. Gonsalves expressed appreciation for our recent exposure of the hazardous state of the garbage arrangement at the San Ignacio Hospital, the exposure of which has enabled her to take appropriate measures to rectify.

Dr. Gonsalves informed that she is serving with a team of dedicated medical professionals and that together they are seeking to move medical services at the hospital to a new and higher level.

She said that she is currently making arrangements for several members of the staff to undergo further educational training abroad in order to provide them with the international exposure and to improve on their skills to better serve their patients upon their return.

She additionally informed that in consultation with other medical professionals at the San Ignacio Hospital, they will be exploring the possibility of submitting regular health related material for publication.

This is indeed a breath of fresh air. We look forward with much anticipation to working with Dr. Gonsalves and her team in the best interest of the community we serve.



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PSE Results 2008 Are Out

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, June 5, 2008:

Results of the Primary School Examination (PSE) 2008 are out and it is showing that a Belize City Primary School has once again topped the polls.

Bernice Yorke is at the top of the list followed by Holy Redeemer in second place both Belize City primary schools and Dangriga's Sacred Heart Primary School rounds off the top three performers in this year's examination.

The top student is 13 year old Shaneice Lord from Bernice Yorke with an overall 97% average. Shaneice received perfect scores of 100 points in both Science and Mathematics, 96 in Social Studies and a total of 92 in English.

Denesha Grant, 14, from Holy Comes Of

Press Release, Cornerstone Foundation, San Ignacio, Thursday, June 5, 2008:

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It has been almost a year since **Rita Defour** took over as General Manager of Cornerstone Foundation located at 90 Burns Avenue in San Ignacio Town, Cayo.

Along with the new General Manager, the Board of Directors have taken full control of the day to day decision making and accountability of the foundation, moving it from an advisory board to full participatory board. Since the restructuring, good things are happening for this NGO organization, founded in 1999.

Cornerstone has one of the two schools feeding programs in the area, feeding over35 children their noon meal, as well as taking meals to several shut-ins.

Cornerstone has also been teaching women computer classes as

Program. This program teamed with HIV campaigns, Women Against Domestic Violence, Youth Education and several health programs has made Cornerstone a leader in grass root community development.

We thank the community for our success, because of their renewed involvement with our programs. Cornerstone's continued support and involvement form local community will make us more successful in the future.

Redeemer RC Primary School in Belize City, captured second place countrywide with an overall average of 95.25% comprising 97 points in Math, 96 in Social Studies and 94 each in Science and English.

With an overall average of 94.25%, Jackie Cheng, 13, from Sacred Heart Primary School in Dangriga is the #3 top performer countrywide. He received 99 in Math, 96 in Social Studies, 94 in Science and 88 in English.

The #4 top performer countrywide is Daniel Waight, 12, from Guadalupe RC School in Belmopan. He scored an overall average of 94%, comprising 99 points in Math, 98 in Social Studies, 93 in English and 86 in Science. Daniel Waight is therefore the #1 student for the Cayo District.

Of the twenty five top performers countrywide, Shaneice Lord is the only student recording a perfect 100 in Science.

Esther Sun, 13, from Mary Hill RC School in Corozal who ranked 5th countrywide is the only student to join Shaneice Lord with perfect 100 points in Math.

Charlotte Osborne, 12, from Belize Elementary School who placed 11th countrywide is the only student in the top twenty five performers with a perfect 100 points in Social Studies.

While there were no 100 points scored in English, Denesha Grant with 94 points was the top English performer followed closely by Daniel Waight with 93 points.

Closer to home, the #1 performer for the deep west is Adrian Avilez, 12, from St. Andrews Anglican School in San Ignacio. Adrian placed 15th countrywide with an overall average of 92.25% comprising 94 points in Math, 92 each in Social Studies and Science and 91 in English.

We take this opportunity to congratulate all students who took the examination this year and extend special congratulations to all the top performers and wish them well as they advance into the next stage of their lives.





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Rotary's Gift Of Life Program

From The Rotary Club:

Thursday 29th May was an important day for Rotary because many of those involved in the Rotary Club of Belize's Gift of Life Programme, came together at the Old Belize Marina and Restaurant in Belize City for a celebratory luncheon.

The Gift of Life is a programme where seriously ill Belizean children are flown to Florida for free, life-saving treatment. The cost of air fares and visas is provided by Rotary Clubs within Belize; accommodation for the child and mother is provided by host Rotarian families in Florida, sometimes for months; and treatment is given free of cost by some of the generous doctors and surgeons in Florida. The average cost of these operations would normally be between US\$50,000 to US\$100,000.

Rotary District 6960 from South Florida was having their annual convention on a cruise ship that stopped at Belize. The opportunity for a get-together was not wasted and the Belize City Club put on a very well organised luncheon and presentation for the Florida Rotarians involved in the programme. Also invited were Rotarians from throughout Belize and many of the children whose life has been saved by Rotary and the surgeons.

US\$75,000 is being donated by Rotarians to kept this very important programme running and this money comes from Rotarians in Belize and Florida, District funds, and from Rotary International.

San Ignacio Rotarians Ruth Gutierrez, Bill Butcher and John Acott attended the luncheon and escorted two children who had benefited from the programme. Jonathon Lisbey and Stephanie Reyes, and their mothers, were some of the guests of honour at the luncheon. Also, Sacred Heart students Jane Bejerano and Janelle Woolers were invited to attend by their Rotary professor. Thanks go to Rotarian Stephen Usher and BECOL for providing transport and driver for the event.

Also presented during the luncheon by the Florida Rotarians was a cheque for US\$3,300 for the Dorothy Menzies Child Care Centre in Belize City to purchase school uniforms and shoes; toys to the value of US\$600 were donated by Walgreens in the US and given to the children present; and 330 wheelchairs were presented to be used to assist Belizeans in becoming more mobile.

Rotary is hoping to assist at least fifteen children this year through their Gift of Life programme.



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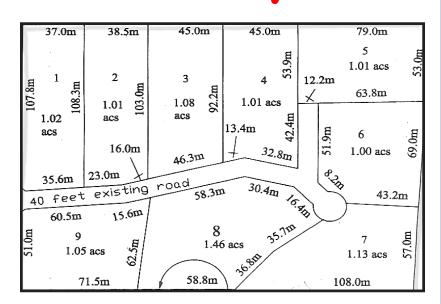
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Education Minister on "Stay In School" Tour of Western Schools

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undertaking to provide a \$300.00 grant to all needy students to assist with registration as they advance from primary into High school.

"The assistance package" said Minister Faber "will begin this September and it will be expanded next year to include students advancing into 2^{nd} form. Therefore," continued Minister Faber "it means that you standard 6 students will be getting the assistance this year as you move into first form and also next year when you pass into second form. This is a clear indication," said Minister Faber "that your new government is serious about making educational opportunities affordable for those most in need of the assistance."

Minister Faber is also informing that government will be undertaking to increase educational opportunities for teachers. "We are seeking to provide the enabling environment for teachers to further their education and in so doing exclusively dedicating their time to learning instead of continuing with the current arrangement whereby teachers are furthering their education while remaining in the classroom. This condition is not good for the teacher and it is certainly not good for the students because we find that often times teachers sit in

classrooms doing their homework when they should actually be dedicating their time to teaching students and when these teachers do their home work during school hours it reduces the quality of the work they present to their professors because of the continuous distraction from students in the classroom. We will seek to minimize this situation" said Minister Faber. "This might mean that some of you teachers will be taking your classes during the summer break. It will no doubt require some sacrifice on your part but in the end it will be beneficial for you, your students and your professors" added Minister Faber.

At each stop on the tour Minister Faber also took the opportunity to inform teachers and students that the government is aggressively seeking to undertake a feeding program in Primary Schools. "The feeding program" said Minister Faber "will provide needy children with a healthy and nutritious meal. This new program" continued the minister "will be undertaken independently of teachers' input as too often we have teachers spending a lot of quality time seeking and cooking food while taking away from their time in the classroom," concluded Minister

After the meeting at Eden Seventh Day Adventist School, Principal



Minister of Education, Hon. Patrick Faber (L) and the western top performing PSE Student Adrian Avilez (R)

Erodito Pineda took the opportunity to give the Minister a tour of the school's new computer lab which is under construction and which he intends to press into operation with the opening of the new school year in September.

During the stop at St. Andrews Anglican School Minister Faber invited standard 6 student, **Adrian Avilez** to accompany him in front of the gathering and broke the news to the gathering that with an overall average of 92.25%, Adrian Avilez placed 15th countrywide in the recent Primary School Examination. Minister Faber informed that Adrian is the #1 performer in the Cayo District, exclusive Belmopan which placed 4th with Daniel Waight from Guadalupe RC

School scoring 94%. And the best news of the day was when Minister Faber informed Adrian that as a reward for his achievement, he will be awarded with a full scholarship to attend the high school of his choice.

The tour will ends on Friday with a stop over at the Education Center in Santa Elena where the minister will be meeting with the staff.

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BNE/CHx, Announce Deployment Of An Additional Rig For Exploration Drilling

Iguana Creek, 28 May 2008

In March of 2008, BNE and CHx, Joint Venture Partners who discovered and produced the first and only oil field in Belize, signed a contract with Maranco Ltd. to provide an additional rig to BNE's exploration drilling operations in Belize. This second and larger rig, capable of drilling to 8,000 feet, is now in Belize and operational at the Santa Familia wildcat prospect while the first rig is currently drilling at the Toucan exploratory well on the eastern side of BNE's License block.

BNE and CHx are proud of this additional exploration capacity that can infuseup to 200 Million dollars per year into the local economy. Under the present fiscal regime and assuming reasonable success in discoveries, each rig in an operational year can generate up to 40 Million dollars in new revenues to the Government of Belize in addition to the creation of thousands of jobs and other related economic activities.

Current high oil prices are allowing higher investment by BNE and CHx who are both reinvesting 100% of their profits plus borrowed capital back into exploration. BNE/CHx share of profits is less than 50% of total profits. BNE and CHx are pleased to be supported in their exploration and production efforts by an international consortium of development banks led by Standard Bank of South Africa. Belize is fortunate to be given this vote of confidence in the banking community at a time when banks are otherwise restricting lending due to the international "credit crunch". It is important to realize that oil reserves that will truly transform the country and the lives of its people are yet to be discovered.

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