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RUBEN RECOVERING FROM GUNSHOT WOUNDS

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Friday, August 8, 2008:

San Ignacio Police are today holding one person whom they believe could assist in the investigation of the most recent shooting incident in a spate of violent crimes plaguing the community in the last several weeks.

Police reports that at around 7:50 a.m., on Wednesday, August 6, 2008, acting upon information received they visited the Loma Luz Hospital in Santa Elena where they found **Ruben "Bengue T" Echeverria**, 26, Belizean driver for Attorney Elston Kaseke, in the emergency room at the hospital undergoing medical treatment for gunshot wounds to the right side of the back and the left side of the chest.

Investigations revealed that the victim was driving a maroon Grand Cherokee Jeep with Cayo license plates C-25211 from Santa Elena towards Belmopan when upon exiting the Village of Esperanza on the Western Highway, he slowed down

to cross the last speed bump and this was when a male person who was standing on the right side of the Highway pulled out a handgun and squeezed off at least four shots.

The vehicle which is parked on the police compound at the San Ignacio Police station bears a bullet hole in the upper section between the front and rear doors on the passenger side of the vehicle being the same slug which police believe hit the victim and exited through the front windshield. Apart from the windshield with the bullet hole the remainder of the glass on the vehicle remains intact.

At the time of the incident the victim was accompanied by five other persons including his mother who was seated in the front passenger seat, his sister, two nieces and a friend all of whom emerged unharmed.

Investigation further revealed that despite being injured, the victim continued driving slowly up the highway with the assailant, described as a male Hispanic person wearing

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Ka' ana Resort Preparing to Award University Scholarship

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, August 7, 2008:

Ka'ana Boutique Resort is today making final preparations to accommodate the three finalists to participate in a rigorous two-day test which will result in the selection of one student to be awarded a scholarship to attend Galen University.

Deputy General Manager, Eva Garfield informed that as the challenge enters into its final stage, the list of 14 potential candidates will be narrowed down to three as the

management team and senior staff is preparing to take them through the ultimate challenge to determine the student that will earn the scholarship, valued at over \$28,000, and the opportunity to pursue a bachelor's degree in hospitality management at Galen University.

The program of activities has been prepared and the students' individual performance during the 2 day challenge will be evaluated on a points system as the participants undertake rigorous tests in all aspects of the

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The Victim, Ruben "Bengue T" Echeverria, 26

Paul Wade Now Commands Cayo (Police) District

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, August 7, 2008:

The Cayo (Police) District now has a new Commanding Officer in the person of **Senior Superintendent of Police Paul Anthony Wade**.

Sr. Supt. Wade comes to Cayo with 32 solid years of service under his belt. He has given much of his life in service to the department having enlisted on June 1, 1976 when he was only 18 years of age.

Apart from spending the first 6 years of his career (1976-82) assigned to the Police Patrol Branch, Eastern Division, Belize City and another three years (2002-2005) as the Officer



Cayo Police's New Commanding Officer Sr Supt of Police Paul Anthony Wade

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Editorial

"To Provide Cheaper Consumer Goods"

We are no doubt living in economically challenging times. It is in times like these that serious actions are required on the part of those charged with the sacred responsibility of safeguarding the greater good of those they are sworn to serve without fear or favor, affection or ill-will.

Government's recent announcement to remove the General Sales Tax (GST) from some basic food items, medicine and medical services, is welcomed news. The logical sequence of questions is:

a) How will the authorities ensure that these cost savings benefit those for whom they were intended?

b) Why do we continue to blame merchants for gouging consumers with high prices while we appear unable to address this concern?

c) How is it for example that a bag of soap powder can be purchased across the border in Chetumal for \$5.00 while the very same product is sold in Belize for \$25.00?

d) Why are we paying \$8.00 for a bottle of cooking oil while an identical bottle of the product can be had for \$2.00 across the border?

e) Why are we seeking the labor intensive imposition of price control in the face of repeated historical data which

clearly indicate that these operations usually begins with a bang and, in short meters, rapidly fades into non-enforcement?

f) Why are we not getting more actively involved in steering market forces in the direction where consumers will benefit directly from the availability of cheaper goods?

The concept of community stores is nothing new in the region. What would happen for example if the community store is selling a bag of soap powder for \$15.00 and the corner store merchant insist on selling the very same product for \$25.00? Market forces will either force the merchant to reduce his profit by lowering the cost of the item or that merchant can also elect to maintain his price and remain with the item for a long time in his store.

The **Hon. Patrick Faber**, member for the Collet division, broached the subject of a community store during his intervention on the budget debate in the House of Representatives on July 24. The objective, he said is *"to provide cheaper consumer goods"*.

We trust that the honorable member for Collet will move swiftly with this plan which, if successful, can be used as a model for implementation in other constituencies, communities and municipalities.

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resort's operations including housekeeping, maintenance, food and beverage, accounting and social interaction.

At the end of the exercise individual performance points for each stage of the challenge will be tabulated and the scholarship will be awarded to the student with the highest score for the maximum of 300 points.

"The owners of Ka'ana Boutique Resort are big on giving back to the community, and this is one of the ways in which we believe that we can fulfill that commitment" said Ms. Garfield.

"The course of studies in Hospitality Management is also Ka'ana's way of ensuring that Belizean are afforded the opportunity of set a solid foundation for senior leadership roles in the fast growing tourism service industry as well as in other

high profile positions," said Eva Garfield.

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long blue jeans pants and a white t-shirt, running behind the vehicle. Upon realizing that he was being pursued, the victim reportedly accelerated the vehicle and drove into the compound at Running W where he requested assistance and was transported in another vehicle to the Loma Luz Hospital. Police later visited Running W Farm where they took possession of the Grand Cherokee and drove it to the police station.

After being stabilized the victim was placed inside an ambulance and, accompanied by his mother, was transported across the western border station into neighboring Guatemala for further medical attention where his condition is reportedly improving.

The victim, Ruben Echeverria, is the same individual who, on August 4, 2007, along with his brother **Marvin**

Geovannie "Bip" Echeverria and a group of friends, was involved in an altercation with the **David and Jorge Galindo** brothers on Perez Street in Santa Elena. The incident resulted in Marvin "Bip" Echeverria receiving a fatal gunshot wound on the left side of the pelvis. He passed away shortly thereafter, a mere three days before his 18th birthday, while undergoing emergency medical treatment at the San Ignacio Town Hospital.

The post mortem examination revealed that Marvin "Bip" Echeverria died from external and internal bleeding due to gunshot wound while Ruben Echeverria emerged from this incident with a gunshot wound to a toe on the right foot.

By all indication, it appears that Ruben Echeverria will survive a second round of gunshots. We join with family and friends in praying for his speedy recovery.



Ruben "Bengue T" Echeverria's maroon Grand Cherokee Jeep with Cayo license plates C-25211 parked on the compound at the San Ignacio Police Station with gunshot perforation between front and back doors on the passenger side



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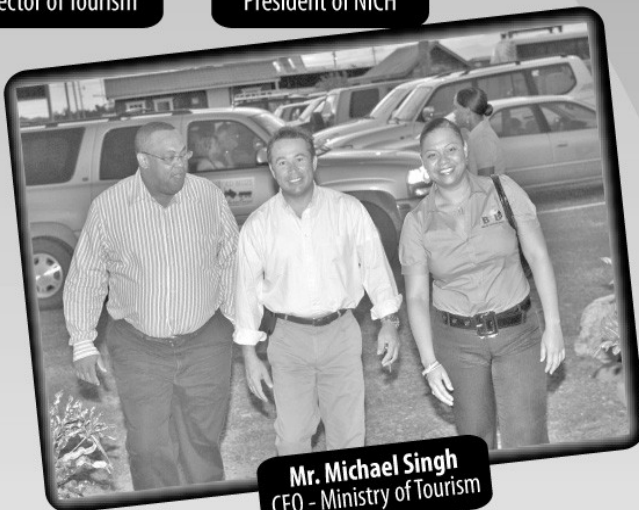


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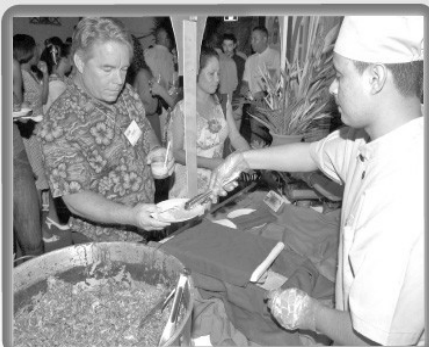
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Montero Reopens Marketing Board

BY: Roque Mai, Managing Director, Belize Marketing & Development Cooperation

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, August 7, 2008:

In an effort to continue addressing the needs of the community, the **Belize Marketing & Development Cooperation (BMDC)** today reopened its doors on Eduardo Juan Street, Santa Elena Town, Cayo.

The facility was one of the many casualties of the failing previous PUP administration. It was reduced to merely a hangout spot of for a few followers associated with the former PUP Area Representative and after several months of merely hanging out while collecting bi weekly salaries, the then PUP Minister of Agriculture who hailed from up north, pulled the rug from under his colleague and the "staff" was sent home, the doors of the facility were closed and that was the end of the Santa Elena Marketing Board under the PUP.

The facility is now back to life under new **Agriculture & Fisheries Minister Rene Montero**. Official ceremony marking the grand occasion was held today featuring **Eulogio**

Cano as master of ceremony and **Roque Mai, Managing Director, BMDC** delivering the welcome address. The keynote address was delivered by the **Hon. Rene Montero**.

In his welcome remarks Roque Mai told the large gathering which included Area Representatives from the Cayo Northeast and Cayo South constituencies, **Hon Elvin Penner** and **Hon Ramon Witz**, respectively, that *"today marks a milestone of working together shoulder to shoulder with Hon Rene Montero."*

The Belize Marketing & Development Corporation is opening its doors to provide the services needed in this district. After listening to the concerns of the business community and the public in general, we decided to open this branch, which will begin by providing rice, sugar, onions and garlic. Bottle jars and flour will soon be added to the list of commodities as the management will be seeking to add other food items such as beans and powdered milk. I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of you here this morning and to



**Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries
Hon. Rene Montero**

extend a special thank you to the Hillbank Rice Producers for vesting a great deal of confidence in the BMDC. It gives us great pleasure to proudly announce that the BMDC is now the sole distributor of the best rice in the country - Uncle John Rice - from Hillbank.

Let me further take this opportunity to inform you that the objective of the BMDC is to provide essential and low cost consumer goods while working diligently to seek new markets and

further develop existing markets for farmers and producers who are the backbone of the Belizean economy.

Together with the Hon Rene Montero we are working harder in the national effort at transforming possibilities into realities as we expand the Belize Marketing & Development Corporation to encourage farmers especially in rice and onion production to seek for expansion with a view to launch into the export market.

When I took over the management of the BMDC in April of this year, it was in a bad financial situation with huge debt owing to several financial institutions. Today it gives me pleasure to report that we are turning around the finances of the corporation and we are meeting our financial obligations in a timely manner as we remain focused, serious and committed to doing our part in moving Belize forward" concluded Mai.

In his key note address, Agriculture & Fisheries Minister, Rene Montero told the gathering that *"today's opening of the Marketing Board Branch in Santa Elena is a fulfillment of my manifesto promise to the good people of Cayo Central to provide affordable basic commodities. Today's opening has seen the creation of five new jobs,"* said Minister Montero.

"We have selected competent persons to manage the affairs of this Branch of the Belize Marketing & Development Cooperation and so we are confident that this will be a success story," concluded Minister Montero.

The vote of thanks was delivered by councilor **Vanessa Neal** after which the gathering was invited to refreshments and music.

Crimes Committee Meets Police Commanders

BY: John Acott, Chairman, Twin-Town Crimes Committee (TTCC)

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, August 6, 2008:

The Twin-Towns Crime Committee (TTCC) held yet another of its regular meeting this past Wednesday evening at the San Ignacio Resort Hotel.

The main purpose of the meeting was to *'meet and greet'* notwithstanding however, many law and order topics were discussed primary amongst which was the prevalence of youths engaged in serious crimes and suggestions for a strategy to counteract this growing

problem.

Also discussed were methods in which the committee can best help the police and senior members took note of suggestions for further deliberation and consideration.

The occasion was likewise used to formally welcome the new Officer Commanding Cayo (Police) District and his assistant, **Senior Superintendent Paul Wade** and **Inspector Dinsdale Thompson**, respectively.

The committee, now in its eighth year, pledged to continue in its efforts to support the police and to assist in the ongoing fight against crime in any manner possible.

Supt. Wade expressed his appreciation for the work that the Crime Committee has undertaken and he expressed a firm desire to continue working with what he described as *"the most vibrant police support group in the country."*

The TTCC invites members of the public and the business community to continue supporting the efforts of the Committee. Anyone wishing to participate in any way, shape or form is encouraged to contact the Chairman of the Committee at 678-2000.

The meeting took place in a friendly atmosphere with both groups appreciating the concerns and challenges of the other.

The TTCC is made up of local citizens who are concerned about crime in their neighborhood and are

willing to donate a little of their time to assist the police.

One of the TTCC's regular projects is a *"Dalla Day"* in which the public is asked to make a small monetary contribution which is then used to help in the fight against crime. The committee recently donated a motorcycle to the police and takes this opportunity to thank the generous individuals and businesses of the Twin-Towns who regularly support the committee's efforts.

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Positive Summer Program In The Village Of Cristo Rey

BY: Lisa Lessard, Ph. D.

CRISTO REY VILLAGE, Cayo District, Wednesday, August 2, 2008:

A group of young people from the village of Cristo Rey have spent part of their summer participating in a yoga/art program sponsored by the Winsom Foundation.

Fulfilling The Wishes Of A Belizean Sharman

BY: Thara Gamero Blanco, Bush Medicine Camp Coordinator, Ix Chel Tropical Center, Cayo District, Monday, August 4, 2008:

Ix Chel Tropical Research Center (ICTRC) under the directorship of Dr. Rosita Arvigo, is hosting its 10th Annual "Bush Medicine Camp", from July 27th – August 9th.

What started in the summer of 1998, has now become a much anticipated summer program that teaches young children between the ages of 9-12 years, the traditional healing properties of plants and animals and how traditional healers incorporate prayers, plants, proper massage and herbal baths in traditional healing practices.

Many sessions during camp are also about the ethnobotanical importance of plants in Belize and the environment.

This unique summer experience is the result of a Shaman's wish to his apprentice, "Take the children as though they were your own, train them and teach them to help each other", said Don Eljio Panti (1893-1996).

In 1998 Dr. Rosita Arvigo (DN) would

In the first part of the day, the youths learn yoga from Tara Darrall, a visiting yoga teacher from Hong Kong, and are gaining from the many benefits of yoga.

Some of these benefits are increased mental and physical balance and vitality, improved flexibility and strength, and stabilization of

secure funding to host the first ever Bush Medicine Camp.

Ten years later and thanks to the generosity and foresight of the Gildea Family Foundation, hundreds of kids have learned to help each other. This year, 24 more children from the Cayo District are experiencing the world of traditional healing, 24 more children to carry on the torch of conserving the knowledge of traditional healing and conserving our healing plants and trees.

This year's camp coordinators are Salome Oliver, Thara Blanco, and Counselors: Abigail August, Shahira Muschamp, Tryone Tate and Abdel Cowo.

Another exciting program from ICTRC will begin this coming

emotions.

They write in their journals everyday and the rewards are already apparent to one student "Today was a great day. It was fun doing yoga. Yoga helps me feel very energetic."

The group learns introductory poses that help them in all areas and

October, called "Kids for Conservation". Kids for Conservation will be an after school program (4-6pm) that will include fun activities, games and will assist children with their homework.

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are encouraged to share their newfound knowledge with family and friends.

In the 2nd part of the day the youth take art classes with artist and educator Winsom Winsom from Cristo Rey.

By using a variety of materials and techniques the group completes daily art projects that incorporate some of what they've learned though yoga.

These young people have displayed great enthusiasm and a sense of accomplishment through the program.

As was so accurately put by one young man in the program, "I wish I would be able to do drawing, painting, and yoga everyday. I love yoga. Every night when I go to sleep I am excited for the next day".

The body, mind and spirit of these Cristo Rey youths have certainly been enriched by this yoga/art program.



(right) Dr. Rosita Arvigo (DN)

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Texas Executes Mexican Murderer

Adapted From BBC News, Saturday, August 2, 2008:

A Mexican man whose case drew international attention has been executed in Texas for the rape and murder of a 16-year-old girl in 1993.

Jose Medellin, 33, was put to death by lethal injection after the US Supreme Court rejected a last-minute appeal. The International Court of Justice had urged Texas not to execute Medellin, as he had not been told of his right to consular help when he was arrested.

Texas argued that its courts were not bound by the rulings of the ICJ.

"Medellin was pronounced dead at 2157 on Tuesday (0257 GMT),"

the Texas Department of Criminal Justice said in a statement.

The Mexican government has sent a note of protest to the US state department, expressing *"its concern for the precedent that (the execution) may create for the rights of Mexican nationals who may be detained in that country."*

The ICJ had ordered that this case and those of 50 other Mexicans on death row be reviewed because they had not been informed of their right to consular assistance at the time of their arrest - a right under the 1963 Vienna Convention.

The state department said it was powerless to delay the execution,



Jose Medellin, 33, Mexican, Dead by lethal injection in Texas

noting that the US Supreme Court had ruled in March that **President George W Bush** lacked the authority to intervene in the case.

"We have an indisputable international law obligation that conflicts with state law," said state department spokesman Kurtis Cooper. *"The Supreme Court ruled the president has neither the constitutional power nor the legislative authority to overturn the state rules."*

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Medellin's case dates back to 1993 when two girls, **Jennifer Ertman**, 14, and **Elizabeth Pena**, 16, were raped and murdered by six gang members in Houston. Medellin, who was born in Mexico but moved to the US as a child, was convicted of Miss Pena's murder and did not deny that he killed her. But at the time of his arrest, police did not tell him that he could request assistance from the Mexican

consulate.

In 2003, Mexico, which does not have the death penalty, filed a lawsuit at the ICJ on behalf of Medellin and 50 other Mexican nationals on death row in the US, saying they had not been informed of their right to consular assistance.

The court ruled in Mexico's favour, and ordered that their cases be reviewed.

Earlier this year, President Bush directed Texas to comply with the ICJ but the Supreme Court justices decided 6-3 that he had overstepped his authority.

Texas acknowledged that Medellin had not been told he could ask for help from Mexican diplomats, but argued that he had forfeited the right because he never raised the issue at trial or sentencing.

State officials also argued that it would not have made any difference to the outcome of the case. Last month, in response to an urgent request from Mexico, the ICJ ordered the US to *"take all measures necessary"* to halt Medellin's execution. But Texas judicial authorities said in response that the law in Medellin's case was *"clear"*. *"Texas is not bound by the World Court but by the US Supreme Court, which reviewed this matter and determined that the convicted murderer's execution shall proceed,"* a statement from the attorney general's office said.

Honduran Killer Executed In Texas

Adapted From BBC News, Friday, August 8, 2008:

A Honduran man, who killed his former employer during a robbery in 2001, has been executed in the US after the Supreme Court rejected a final appeal.

Heliberto Chi, 29, died by lethal injection at a prison in Texas, watched by the two sons of his victim. His lawyers said Chi was not permitted to contact the Honduran consulate following his arrest - thus violating an international treaty.

Chi was the second foreign national to be put to death this week in Texas. Chi was in the United States illegally at the time of the 2001 murder.

He was convicted of the fatal shooting of his former boss, **Armand Paliotta**, at a clothing store in Arlington, Texas, where he had worked as a tailor.

On Wednesday, Mexican **Jose Medellin** was executed for the murder and rape of a teenager in 1993.

The International Court of Justice had urged Texas not to execute Medellin, as he had not been told of his right to consular help when he was arrested.



Heliberto Chi, 29

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Readers Write

"Blackmen, As Endangered Species

BY. Michael Dwayne Salazar, Santa Elena, Cayo

I do not care how well some of us black men are doing as individuals, let there be no misunderstanding, we will never escape identity of our people.

It is incumbent on all of us to do whatever it takes to uplift and guide our young black men in the right direction, since these are the very people who will be making decisions on our behalf in a very short while.

Time is of the essence and we must act now. The days of telling black men to wait on some benevolent Black leader, Executive or Pastor to elevate their status as decent and progressive human beings are over.

Training starts at home. We cannot expect teachers alone to miraculously raise and teach our children values, good manners and common decency. So I am sounding the alarm hoping to prevent these young black men from becoming endangered species or possible face extinction.

Young black men in almost every sector of the Belizean society are failing at an alarming rate. From low enrollment in colleges and universities to the highest rate of incarceration in the world, our young black men lives are

in chaos.

The negative images and stereotypes of the black man are frightening. We see many of our young black men embracing and glorifying thugs, gang banging and the most self destructive of all, referring to their women as whores and bitches.

Many of them proudly refer to each other as the "N" word and are proud of it.

It appears to be so noble for many of them to call each other dogs and the "N" word.

When we look at telev we see thugs, rude b sellers, etc., being glorif of the black communities

Our black women are o videos with strings in their b while our black men are wear rows, tattoos, heavy jewe oversized trousers hanging d rear ends.

Self respect and common decency is no longer an acceptable norm in many of our communities.

Many of our black women have zero respect and tolerance towards their black men.

Self hate is rampant among them. There is so much mistrust and disunity among themselves. Most of all, there

is no genuine love among each other. There must be radical change now, or regrettably, we may see a people end up with the same fate as dinosaurs.

Who will save our young black men? Who should they turn to for help?

If we can find hundreds of dollars to buy sneakers over reading materials for our children, we are a people in major trouble. Why is it so hard for Producers and Directors to put together a positive sitcom or television series that depict positive

images of black men and women in our society today?

We are feeding an appetite of filth in low down people. Garbage, sex and filth sell in the black communities and that is shameful. When we will see positive changes in our communities when will our leader look at these situation as real issue.

Three black men dies every five days in Belize at this alarimig rate in 20years we will be extinct, its time for black people to wise UP in Belize we own nothing and we been here A LONG, LONG TIME.



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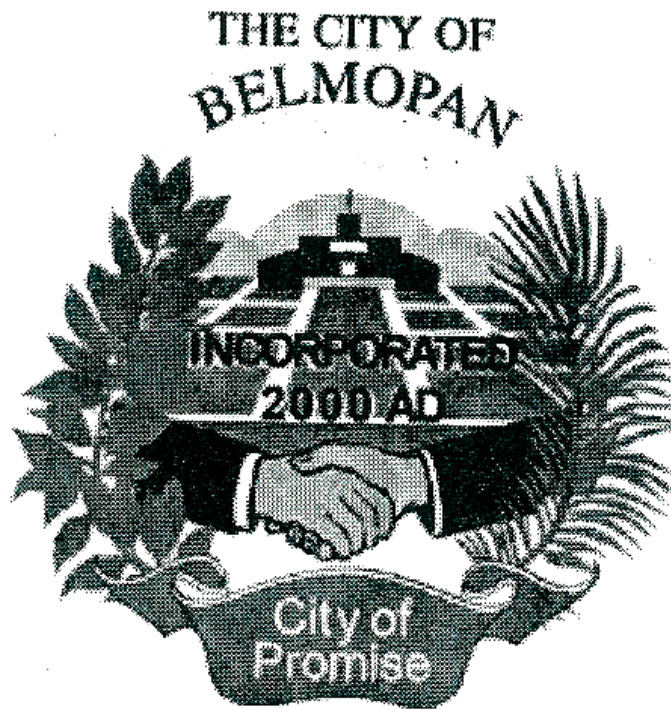
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Property owners are also reminded that property taxes are payable in quarterly installments on the first day of April, July, October and January of each fiscal year. Owners who have not paid their quarterly installments for April and July of the 2008/2009 fiscal year are advised that these payments are due and that the Council will proceed to take legal action if these installments are not paid.

City Administrator

July 15, 2008

God Versus Science

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A science professor begins his school year with a lecture to the students, *“Let me explain the problem science has with religion.”* The atheist professor of philosophy pauses before his class and then asks one of his new students to stand.

“You’re a Christian, aren’t you, son?”

“Yes sir,” the student says.

“So you believe in God?”

“Absolutely.”

“Is God good?”

“Sure! God’s good.”

“Is God all-powerful? Can God do anything?”

“Yes.”

“Are you good or evil?”

“The Bible says I’m evil.”

The professor grins knowingly. *“Aha! The Bible!”* He considers for a moment. *“Here’s one for you. Let’s say there’s a sick person over here and you can cure him. You can do it. Would you help him? Would you try?”*

“Yes sir, I would.”

“So you’re good...!”

“I wouldn’t say that.”

“But why not say that? You’d help a sick and maimed person if you could. Most of us would if we could. But God doesn’t.”

The student does not answer, so the

professor continues.

“He doesn’t, does he? My brother was a Christian who died of cancer, even though he prayed to Jesus to heal him. How is this Jesus good? Hmmm? Can you answer that one?”

The student remains silent. *“No, you can’t, can you?”* the professor says. He takes a sip of water from a glass on his desk to give the student time to relax.

“Let’s start again, young fella. Is God good?”

“Er...yes,” the student says.

“Is Satan good?”

The student doesn’t hesitate on this one. *“No.”*

“Then where does Satan come from?”

The student falters. *“From God”* *“That’s right. God made Satan, didn’t he? Tell me, son. Is there evil in this world?”*

“Yes, sir.”

“Evil’s everywhere, isn’t it? And God did make everything, correct?”

“Yes.”

“So who created evil?” The professor continued, *“If God created everything, then God created evil, since evil exists, and according to the principle that our works define who we are, then God is evil.”*

Again, the student has no answer.

“Is there sickness? Immorality? Hatred? Ugliness? All these terrible

things, do they exist in this world?”

The student squirms on his feet. *“Yes.”*

“So who created them?”

The student does not answer again, so the professor repeats his question. *“Who created them?”* There is still no answer.

Suddenly the lecturer breaks away to pace in front of the classroom. The class is mesmerized.

“Tell me,” he continues onto another student. *“Do you believe in Jesus Christ, son?”*

The student’s voice betrays him and cracks. *“Yes, professor, I do.”*

The old man stops pacing. *“Science says you have five senses you use to identify and observe the world around you. Have you ever seen Jesus?”*

“No sir. I’ve never seen Him.”

“Then tell us if you’ve ever heard your Jesus?”

“No, sir, I have not.”

“Have you ever felt your Jesus,

tasted your Jesus or smelt your Jesus?

Have you ever had any sensory perception of Jesus Christ, or God for that matter?”

“No, sir, I’m afraid I haven’t.”

“Yet you still believe in him?”

“Yes.”

“According to the rules of empirical, testable, demonstrable protocol, science says your God doesn’t exist. What do you say to that, son?”

“Nothing,” the student replies. *“I only have my faith.”*

“Yes, faith,” the professor repeats.

“And that is the problem science has with God. There is no evidence, only faith.”

The student stands quietly for a moment, before asking a question of His own.

“Professor, is there such thing as heat?”

Next Week - The Student Confronts The Professor - PLEASE STAY IN TUNE

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Paul Wade Now Commands Cayo (Police) District

From Front Page

Commanding Toledo (Police) District, Wade has spent most of his police career in the intelligence field on assignments within the Police Special Branch in Belize City and at SB Headquarters in Belmopan. He has served two tours of duty as the Head of the Police Special Branch first from 1998 to 2002 and again between 2005 and July 2008 when he took over command of the Cayo (Police) District from Sr. Supt. David

Henderson who was transferred to Belize City as the Officer Commanding Eastern (Police) Division.

Having participated in numerous local, regional and international courses in the field of law enforcement, firearm identification, anti-narcotics and security intelligence, Paul Wade comes to Cayo with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

In a brief interview with the STAR,

Supt. Wade informed that he is cognizant of the fact that he comes to Cayo at a time when major crimes are at an all time high.

"My first priority is to get the crime situation firmly under control. And with the support from the police high command I intend to accomplish this task by establishing an effective and efficient crimes intelligence unit which will serve to bring real criminals to justice while at the same time producing minimal negative effects among law abiding citizens," said Supt

Wade. *"In keeping with the mission of the department I come with every intention to work in close partnership with the community and the staff under my command. It goes without saying that I will maintain an absolute zero tolerance for police abuse and misconduct,"* concluded Supt. Wade.

As usual, we take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Wade to the community and to wish him only the very best in his new post at the helm of the Cayo (Police) District.

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