BRAZEN ROBBERY - SHOOTOUT - DEATH IN THE HEART OF SAN IGNACIO TOWN

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, January 8, 2009:

A solemn ceremony was held at 2:00 p.m., today at the Evangelical Filadelphia Church in Santa Elena Town as a large gathering of relatives, colleagues and friends turned out to pay their final respect to **Josiah Alexander Thompson II.**

The presence of large gatherings at the wake, at the church and at the cemetery, is a clear testimony of the high regard that the community had for Josiah.

Police reports that at 5:20 p.m., on Monday, January 5, 2009, they responded to the call of gunshots

in the center of downtown San Ignacio where, in front of the Belize Bank on Burns Avenue, they came upon the scene of a robbery.

The police sprang into quick action and in less than two hours all three suspects, weapons, vehicle and the loot were in police custody.

THE SEQUECE OF EVENTS:

Our investigation revealed that the alleged mastermind behind the robbery was **Arden Garay**, 25, Belizean contractor, originally from Elridge Village in the Toledo District but residing in a cement bungalow house on George Price

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San Ignacio's First Case of Murder For The New Year

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, January 7, 2009:

A large gathering of relatives and friends turned out this evening for the funeral of **Belizario Iamin Eck Jr.**, 27, recorded as the victim of the first murder for the New Year in San Ignacio Town.

Police reports that at around 9:00 p.m., on Saturday, January 3, the father **Belizario Eck Sr.**, 54, along with his wife, were inside the family operated Lily's Store at #16 Teodocio Ochoa Street in San Ignacio Town.

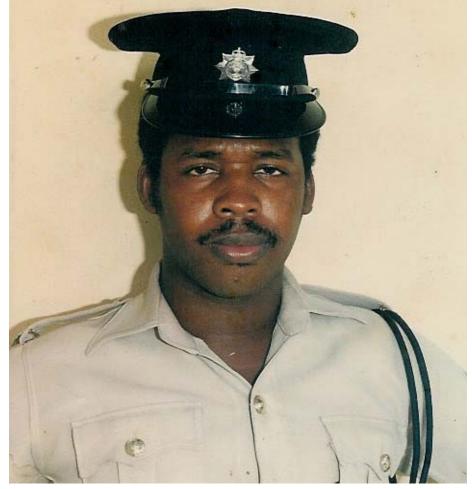
The couple were preparing to close for the day when two masked male persons reportedly entered the



Belizario Iamin Eck Jr., 27

store. One of the persons was described as being tall and of dark complexion wearing a black shirt with a blue rag covering his nose and mouth.

The other person was of clear



Chief Security Officer
Josiah Alexander Thompson II, 47
SUNRISE: December 13, 1961
SUNSET: January 5, 2009

complexion, about 5 feet 6 inches in height and dressed in black clothes.

The tall man allegedly pointed a handgun at Belizario Eck Sr., demanding money. Eck reportedly grabbed the gun and a struggle ensued. His son, **Belizario Iamin Eck Jr.**, 27, who was inside a room at the back of the store, heard the

commotion and rushed out to find his father struggling with the gunman. He reportedly joined in to assist his father.

The gunman then managed to get free with the gun and both assailants ran out of the store with Eck Jr., in pursuit.

It is alleged that one of the men

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Avenue near its junction with Salazar Street in Santa Elena Town. The house is on rent to Garay's sister, an employee of Courts Store (San Ignacio) who is currently on vacation in Toledo.

The plot allegedly included **Elvis Duncan**, 25, also a construction worker, likewise from Elridge Village and residing at the same house on George Price Avenue. The third suspect has been identified as **Delawn Parham**, 24, Belizean Taxi Driver/Dee Jay, residing on Mariana Gonzalez Street in Santa Elena, Cayo.

Apart from working as a Taxi Driver, and on weekends as a Dee Jay, Parham also triples up as a driver for La Popular Bakery delivering bakery products to various outlets.

Reliable reports indicate that it was shortly after 11:00 a.m., when Parham was at his usual taxi hangout on the Western Highway at the foot of the driveway leading to the Loma Luz Hospital when he reportedly received a telephone call from Garay who invited him to the house on George Price Avenue where the planning allegedly began.

The next telephone call from Garay to Parham reportedly came in at around 4:00 pm and he proceeded to the house on George Price Avenue where they waited for a few minutes until Garay received a telephone call before they departed from the house.

Duncan, in possession of a small revolver, sat in the front passenger seat of Parham's blue Toyota Corolla car bearing Cayo license plates CY-D-3502 while Garay, in possession of a rifle, reportedly took to the back seat.

The trio then headed up George Price Avenue, over the wooden bridge, into San Ignacio Town and parked near the eastern wall of the Norman Broaster Stadium, across the street from the farmers market.

They waited at this location until the Bowen green Ford truck with Belize City license plates C-22548 appeared from the Santa Elena side of the bridge.

The deposit truck was driven at the time by **Dennis "Dingy" Flowers,** accompanied **by Chief Security Officer Josiah Thompson** in the cab and **Security Officer Millard Tun** riding with the company's pump action 12 gauge shotgun in the pan of the truck.

As the truck passed, the blue taxi locked itself behind the truck and followed it up Savannah Street, Hudson Street, around the



Delawn Parham, 24, Belizean Taxi Driver/Dee Jay

Columbus Park in front of the police station and down Burns Avenue.

The driver parked the truck in front of the night deposit facility at the Belize Bank and while Tun remained in the pan of the truck, Thompson alighted and went over to the driver's side. The driver handed him two deposit bags and he moved to the dropping slot.

Thompson placed the key inside the hole of the deposit slot and this was when Garay allegedly emerged from the back seat of Parham's blue taxi car, fired a single shot from close range at Millard Tun hitting him in the head in the region of the right eye. Tun fell into the pan of the truck and Garay allegedly proceeded to open fire at Thompson from a little further range hitting him in the left shoulder.

Thompson dropped both bags, pulled out the 9mm pistol he was carrying and sought cover. Duncan exited the taxi, took possession of the two deposit bags that fell from Thompson and rushed back to his place in the front passenger seat of the taxi.

It is alleged that Garay then approached the driver who was still seated behind the steering wheel of the truck and demanded the other bags, he poked the driver with the gun in his ribs and the driver fell out of the truck, rolled under it and escaped by seeking refuge inside a nearby Hindu Store.

Garay then took possession of two deposit bags from inside the truck and was attempting to flee towards the taxi when Tun emerged from the back of the truck and fired a shot which caught him in the shin of the right foot. While still holding onto the bags and the rifle Garay moved towards the waiting taxi cab which was moving off.

The bags and the rifle fell out of his hand but he managed to regain possession of the rifle leaving the two bags on the street, the car reversed a few feet allowing Garay to scramble into the back seat. It sped off, down Burns Avenue, with the back passenger door, through

which Garay crawled, still opened.

A taxi driver who operates from the area near the bank's ATM, retrieved the two bags, moved to the door of the bank and after a few seconds he convinced the Bank's Security Guard to open the door and to take possession of the bags. The taxi driver then turned to the green truck where he found four more bags and handed them to the bank's Security Guard. The key was also removed from the night deposit slot and handed over to the Bank's Security Guard.

The car sped all the way down Burns Avenue and disappeared.

Since the injured Tun was already inside the back of the truck, other Bowen employees who were in the area, loaded the injured Thompson beside Tun and rushed them to the Loma Luz Hospital where Thompson passed away shortly thereafter.

Tun underwent emergency treatment and was transfered to the Health Care Partners Hospital (formerly Universal Health Services) in Belize City.

When the exchange of gunfire ended, the after-effects found included two distinct gunshot marks on the wall of the bank near the night depsoit slot; four holes through a nearby plywood sign; one shot lodged inside the headlight of a motorcycle parked nearby all of which police suspect were fired from the 22 rifle. There were also two bullet marks on the hood of a taxi van along with a perferated windshield on the same van.

Police also recovered several expended point 22 and 9 mm casings from the scene as well as 3 expended 12 gauge cartridges inside the back of the Bowen deposit truck which they suspect were fired by the injured Security Guard Millard Tun.

The getaway car sped down the entire length of Burns Avenue to the cemetery. Somewhere along the way it experienced a blow out of the back tire on the driver's side but the driver continued onto Savannah Street, over the wooden bridge into Santa Elena Town, down George Price Avenue and back to their home base where the injured Garay



Security Officer Millard Tun spent his birthday on Wednesday, January 7 inside a Belize City Hospital

and Duncan were let off.

A pool of blood near a cement fence post indicates that Garay held onto it for a while before being helped by Duncan to enter the house.

Parham reportedly reversed the car, still with the punctured tire, into the yard, turned it around and headed back up George Price Avenue, this time however turning into Carillo Puerto Avenue heading towards the Western Highway. However, before reaching the Western Highway, he turned left into Carmen Street stopping at its junction with Salazar Street near the Adventist Church and Primary School.

He came out of the car and walked across the street to a mini-grocery store where he asked to purchase a Smart telephone card. The shop does not sell phone cards and since he appeared in distress with a flat tire, the store owner did not object to sending his son on a bicycle to the nearby China Town Store to purchase a card for him. Furthermore, the proprietor is said to be acquainted with Parham as he regularly visits to shop while on his delivery rounds for La Popular Bakery.

As the phone card was taking long to arrive, the proprietor of the store facilitated Parham's request for a 911 call which was successfully placed via which Parham told the operator that he was the victim of a car jacking used to commit a robbery at the Belize Bank in San Ignacio.



Parham's blue Toyota Corolla car bearing Cayo license plates CY-D-3502 with the busted back wheel



Public Notice Public Utilities Commission (PUC)



In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 32 of the Public Utilities Commission Act, Chapter 223 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission) hereby notifies the general public that the Commission has reviewed and has altered by way of several amendments, the 2008 Annual Review Proceeding Final Decision (hereinafter referred to as "the Final Decision") for the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL).

Reasons for Amendments to the Final Decision:

The Commission made its Decision to review and altered the Final Decision for several reasons, including:

- a) Decision 6(b) of the Final Decision required that the Commission implement a new Rate Setting Methodology (RSM) effective September 1, 2008, that is intended to provide for more timely collection of the costs paid by BEL for wholesale power and to encourage more efficient consumption of electricity by consumers. This new RSM requires that a Reference Price of Power (RPP cost of power component of Mean Electricity Rate (MER)) be set twice annually, with a new RPP being required for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009. Any change in the RPP necessitates a revised MER and revised tariffs for the various customer classes, thereby requiring amendments to any previous Decision that set the MER and the approved tariffs.
- b) Certain Decisions within the Final Decision were made taking into consideration the then escalating price of oil and other undesirable economic conditions. Since then, the price of oil has been reduced quite dramatically, resulting in much lower energy costs and some improvement in overall economic conditions within the electricity sector. Given these positive developments, the Commission has decided to take advantage of the situation and correct certain irregularities in the way BEL records certain expenses that ultimately result in higher electricity rates to consumers, and to allow BEL to realize the target Rate of Return (RoR) of 12% for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009, as opposed to the 10% RoR approved in the Final Decision that was issued June 26, 2008.

General Effects of the Amendments to the Final Decision:

The amendments to the Final Decision have the following effects:

- a) The approved Regulated Asset Value (RAV) for 2009 has been reduced by some \$6.47 million, from \$276.17 million to \$269.70 million.
- b) The Depreciation component of the Tariff Basket Revenue (TBR forecast total revenues to be collected by BEL through approved electricity rates) has been reduced by some \$295,000 for 2009, or \$145,000 for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009.
- c) The Return component of the TBR has been increased by some \$4.75 million for 2009, or \$2.34 million for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009.
- d) The Operational Expenditure (Opex) component of the TBR has been increased by some \$6.47 million for 2009, or \$3.18 million for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009. Opex has been increased by an amount equal to the reduction in the RAV.
- e) The Taxes/Licence Fees component of the TBR has been reduced by some \$550,000 for 2009, or \$286,000 for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009.
- f) The net effect of the above is that the approved Value Added of Delivery (VAD) has been increased by some \$10.37 million for 2009, or \$5.09 million for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009.
- g) The approved forecast for the TBR for 2009 is some \$170.16 million for 2009, or \$83.21 million for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009.

Approved Mean Electricity Rate (MER), Tariffs, Forecast Cost of Power (FCP) and Forecast Sale of Power (FSP):

The various amendments outlined above have resulted in the following approved MER, Cost of Power and Sale of Power forecasts, and Tariff Schedule for the period January 1 to June 30, 2009:

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Belize Electricity Limited (BEL)									
Mean Electricity Rate (MER), Forecast Cost of Power	(FCP) an	d Forecas	t Sale of	Power (F	SP) for Ja	nuary 1 t	to June 30	0, 2009	
Mean Electricity Rate (MER) - January 1, 2009, to June	30, 2009:								
Value Added of Delivery (VAD):					\$0.158				
Rate Stabilization Account (RSA) Recovery:					\$0.080				
Corrections:					-\$0.086				
Reference Price of Power (RPP):					\$0.235				
MER:					\$0.387				
Forecast Cost of Power Variance Account Balance - \$'000	0:								
Month:	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
Forecast Cost of Power (FCP):	9,125	8,870	8,746	8,437	9,808	9,559	9,936	10,075	
Forecast Sale of Power (FSP):	10,316	9,921	8,009	7,503	7,741	8,895	9,011	9,302	
Forecast Cost of Power Variance (FCPV):	-1,191	-1,051	737	935	2,067	664	925	774	
Forecast Cost of Power Variance Account (FCPVA) balance:	-12,839	-13,890	-13,153	-12,218	-10,151	-9,487	-8,561	-7,788	
Actual Cost of Power Variance Account Balance - \$'000:									
Month:	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
Actual Cost of Power (ACP):	5,499								
Actual Sale of Power (ASP):	9,942								
Actual Cost of Power Variance (ACPV):	-4,443								
Actual Cost of Power Variance Account (ACPVA) balance:	-12,839								

Approved Tariffs - January 1 to June 30, 2009

Customer Class and Consumption	Approved Tariffs		
Social Rate Customers			
Minimum Monthly Charge	\$4.00		
0 - 50 Kwhrs	\$0.26		
Residential Customers			
Minimum Monthly Charge	\$5.00		
0 - 50 Kwhrs	\$0.31		
51 - 200 Kwhrs	\$0.38		
> 200 Kwhrs	\$0.41		
Commercial Customers			
Monthly Service Charge	\$90.00		
0 - 10,000 Kwhrs	\$0.39		
10,001 - 20,000 Kwhrs	\$0.38		
> 20,000 Kwhrs	\$0.37		

Customer Class and Consumption	Approved Tariffs		
Industrial 1 Customers			
Monthly Service Charge	\$100.00		
Monthly Demand Charge per KVA	\$30.00		
Energy Charge per Kwhr	\$0.29		
Industrial 2 Customers			
Monthly Service Charge	\$100.00		
Monthly Demand Charge per KVA	\$18.00		
Energy Charge per Kwhr	\$0.25		
Street Lights			
Energy Charge per Kwhr	\$0.48		

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Readers Write

One Life Could Have Been Saved

Dear Editor;

With the increasing crime rate in our beloved twin towns: I cannot continue to remain silent; and hope that our citizens start taking actions before more blood is shed.

The Police Department (assisted by the BDF) acted quickly in the two recent robbery turned murders. They should be commeded for that. Unfortunately, on the other hand; it seems now that only when someone is killed the police acts quickly.

According to Inspector Wade, in an interview on Channel 5; he admitted that one of the suspects in the Eck murder was wanted for

9 months. And where was he and what was he doing for 9 months? If he was captured at least 8 months and a few weeks ago, one life could have been saved.

Warm regards,

Evaristo Avella, Santa Elena, Cayo

Ed. note Dear Mr. Avella;

To the best of our knowledge, in the "two recent robbery turned murders" there was no BDF involvement. Furthermore, the suspect that was on the run for nine months was never charged in the Eck murder.

Dear Editor;

December

Please allow me space in your newspaper to commend the efforts of the Officer in Charge of Cayo Police, Sr. Supt Paul Wade and his team, including Sgt. Mark Flowers, Sgt. Paulino and Sgt. Sanchez for their swift action in apprehending those responsible for the senseless murder of Mr. Josiah **Thompson** an upstanding member

It is my earnest and humble wish that justice be served on those responsible for this heinous act and for disrupting the peacefulness and security in our community.

Anthony Chan, San Ignacio

Hottest Gagets for 2009 Revealed

By Dan Whitworth Newsbeat technology reporter

After a year which saw the Wii Fit and Apple's iPod Touch go huge, what can tech fans expect in 2009?

From next generation HDTV to big news in the world of mobile phones and video games galore. Technology reporter Dan Whitworth has a look at some of the things expected to make it big.

MOBILE PHONES

Two of the phones that are likely to do well on the High Street next year are T-Mobile's G1, or Google phone (already out), and Nokia's rival to the iPhone the Nokia 5800 XpressMusic (released late Jan/ early Feb).

Reviews for the Google phone have been mixed, with its style coming in for much of the criticism along with its weight - 158 grams. Phrases like 'every day charging' and 'no flash video' will also alarm some tech fans.

But it does deliver when it comes to user interface with easy to use touch screen technology. There's a slide up screen to reveal a keyboard almost as big as the phone itself.

And makers say this is the phone that Nokia's Comes With Music service was born to be used on. One touch of a button on the phone's home screen and you're browsing millions of tracks. Its 8 GB of memory means it'll be able to hold about 6,000 of them.

'BETTER THAN HDTV'

No sooner have tech fans embraced high-definition, flat-screen TVs that the next generation is already knocking at

the door.

OLED TV is an energy saving, ultra-thin, super high-def TV with screens just millimetres thick that provide crisper and brighter images.

It uses organic light-emitting diodes (OLED) to produce images so actually uses less energy than LCD TVs as they don't need a backlight to boost brightness.

Of course the quality you get out depends on what you put in - HD channels and Blu-ray DVDs are best but you'll notice a difference whatever source it uses.

One example is Sony's XEL-1. At just 11 inches you don't get a lot for your £1,500-2,000, but there are plans for a larger version next year.

VIDEO GAMES

Available on the Xbox and PS3. Resident Evil 5 is due for release in March, four years after the last instalment.

Chris Redfield, from the original Resident Evil, returns with an arsenal of knives, pistols, machine guns and sniper rifles to keep the evil at bay.

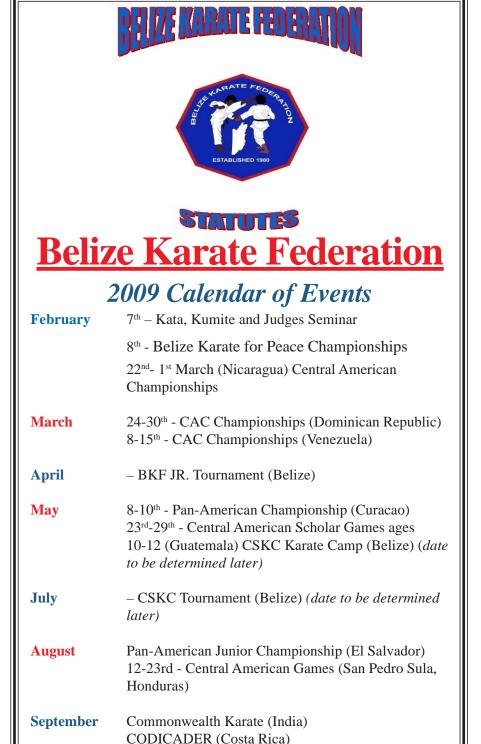
For those interested in something a bit more old school Street Fighter IV is scheduled for release on 20 February.

Available on Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, and PC Capcom supremo Yoshi Ono expects it to be more straightforward and have a broader appeal that Street Fighter

He told gamestracker.com: "SF III kind of went back to the roots and got hard again. IV is easy. Maybe if there's an SFV we'll go back the other direction and be more hardcore again."

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San Ignacio's First Case of Murder For The New Year

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then turned around, took aim and squeezed off two shots at Eck Jr., one of the shots struck Eck Jr., to the left side of the chest and he fell to the ground.

He was rushed to the San Ignacio Town Hospital where upon arrival he was officially pronounced dead by the medical officer on duty.

Four days later, on Wednesday, January 7, three teenagers from San Ignacio Town were arrested and charged in connection for the murder of Belizario Eck Jr. and for the attempt robbery at his father's store.

The three San Ignacio Town teenagers arrested and jointly charged for muder, attempt robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery are: **Eric Hernandez**, 18, Belizean laborer of #18 Swallow Drive; **Roland Wilson**, 19, Belizean laborer, also of Swallow Drive, and **Rony Badillo**, 19, also a Belizean laborer of Stanton Street.

They appeared before San Ignacio's Magistrate **Kathleen Lewis** on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 where all three charges were read to them. They were



Eric Hernandez, 18

subsequently remanded to the Central Prison in Hattieville to reapear in court on Thursday, February 26, 2009.

Of note, at the time of his passing, Belizario Eck Jr., was out on bail in connection with a report made six days earlier by a 19 year old waitress of San Ignacio Town. In the report to the police the waitress alleged that on the night of Sunday, December 28 whilst drinking and partying at Legends Night Club, on the Bullet Tree Road in San Ignacio Town, along with Eck and others, she went to use the restroom. She told the police that Eck reportedly followed her and dragged her in the nearby corner where he proceeded to have sex with her against her will.



Roland Wilson, 19



Rony Badillo, 19



FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

The Belize Tourism Board in collaboration with the Organization of American States is inviting Small and Medium Hotel and Restaurant Owners, Managers and Prospective Managers to participate in a Food & Beverage Management Training Workshop.

Venue: Radisson Fort George Hotel & Marina

Date: Monday January 26th – Friday January 30th, 2009

Kindly be advised that all workshop sessions will commence at 2:00 pm.

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- Concepts, Menu Development, Pricing and aspects of Marketing
- · Revenue Management
- Revenue and Cost Controls

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- Assist in expanding your management skills as they apply to Food and Beverage Management

All are encouraged to come into the Belize Tourism Board to register. LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE Deadline to apply: Monday January 19th, 2009

For more information and/or registering please contact:

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UDP Elects Slate in Benque PUP Selects Slate in Belize City

BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo Sunday, January 4, 2009:

In completing its country wide conventions, today the United Democratic Party (UDP) held its last convention in Benque Viejo Town today to elect the candidates to contest the March 4, 2009 municipal elections.

While the Mayoral position was uncontested, the names of eleven persons appeared on the ballot to fill the required six councilor spots.

The voting, conducted under the supervision of UDP Chairman, Douglas Singh and Secretary General Phillipa Griffith Bailey, commenced on time at 10:00 a.m. and closed on the dot at the scheduled 5:00 p.m hour.

When the votes were counted and

the results from all three boxes tallied, the following six candidates emerged victorious: Miguel Velasquez topped the polls with 500 votes, followed closely by Marcos Kotch with 494 votes, Salvador Iglesias, 493 votes; Constance Hyde, 365 votes; Eric Manzanero, 362 votes, and **Anna Melita Castellanos** 323 votes. These are the six candidates contesting the March 2009 municipal elections on the United Democratic Party ticket along with Mayoral candidate Nicholas "Nick" Ruiz as the incumbent Mayor Marconi Sosa has opted not to seek re-election.

A total of 761 persons came out to cast their votes.

For its part, the People's United



The six United Democratic Party councilor candidates for Benque Viejo Town along with Area Representative Hon. Erwin Contreras (back row right) and Mayoral Candidate Nicholas "Nick" Ruiz (back row left)

Collet Basketball

BELIZE CITY, Thursday, **January 8, 2009**

The Iguana Street basketball court in the Collet division has received a facelift with a new fence, new back-boards, new bleachers and fresh paint on the court.

The work was done by a team from Peacework International comprised of eleven students and one staff member from Wake Forest University in North Carolina.

The group is also holding a reading camp this week for five to seven year-olds from the Collet Division at Gwen Lizarraga High School.

Minister of Education. Hon. Patrick Faber along with Executive Director of Peacework Steve Darr, the Caribbean Development Officer Drew Cogbill and the team today officially commemorated the renovated community basketball court.

Peacework International has done work in Belize for the last 15 years, working in a variety of development initiatives in Belize City, Dangriga, Cayo, Orange Walk and numerous villages.

Deputy Chief Education Officer Carol Babb has been essential in facilitating the work of Peacework in Belize.

The purpose of the Peacework International Development Fund is to help alleviate conditions of poverty and promote peace and prosperity through economic development partnerships and service around the world. Programs include long-term alliances between sponsoring institutions and villages, short-term volunteer

service, and technical assistance. Each project is organized on a case-by-case basis with community leaders according to locally determined development needs and objectives.

It is believed that academic and technical resources, volunteer service, and local community leadership are the components of sustainable, effective development and lasting social change.

This strategy is most effective when education, business, medicine, social work, agriculture, engineering, literacy, and other disciplines are applied in one shared course of action, one community at a time around the world.

Party (PUP) will, next week, be presenting its slate of candidates to contest the elections on their Belize City ticket. Unlike the United Democratic Party which held a hotly contested convention in Belize City last October, the PUP have merely selected a team which will be headed by Mayoral Candidate, Dr. Cecil "Chubby" Reneau, a retired public officer and former Chief Education Officer. Other candidates on the slate are



PUP Mayoral Candidate Dr. Cecil "Chubby" Reneau

former PUP city councilor under the David Fonseca Administration, Danny Madrid; Former Belize Times Reporter Alberto Vellos; Football Coach Marvin Ottley along with Jackie Welch, Keith Acosta, Robert Cadle Jr., Robert Henry, Robert Ortiz, Andrea O'Brien and Dana Codd.

This PUPslate is faced with an uphill battle as they confront the formidable incumbent Mayor Zenaida Moya and her team who have been on the campaign trail elected in October since

In Belize City, the council has the added advantage resulting from the recent paving of Albert and Regent Streets. On the national level, lower fuel prices, butane prices and now cheaper electricity rates present additional advantages for UDP slates nationwide.

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Electricity Rates Gone Down

BELIZE CITY, Wednesday, January 7, 2009:

"We will reduce the cost of living for the Belizean People. We will reduce the cost of electricity - No matter what". Such was the campaign promise and manifesto pledge of the United Democratic Party and Party Leader Dean Barrow in the week leading up to the February 7, 2008 general elections.

Today that promise has been

transformed into reality.

A press release from the Public Utilities Commission today informed that electricity rates have gone down.

The release informed that the Mean Electricity Rate has been reduced by six cents going down from forty-four cents to thirty-eight cents.

This mean that residential, commercial and even industrial

electricity rates.

In addition, commercial customers will be receiving a ten dollar decrease in their monthly service charge, industrial users will see a decrease in their monthly demand charge.

Furthermore, the cost for streets lights paid for by the Government of Belize will pay seven cents less for street lights which now costs forty-eight cents.

the reduced rates are a result of amendments to the 2008 Annual Review Proceeding Final Decision and will remain in effect until June 30, which is the conclusion of the Annual Review Proceeding.

The good news for the electricity company is that its rate of returns has been increased from ten to twelve percent.

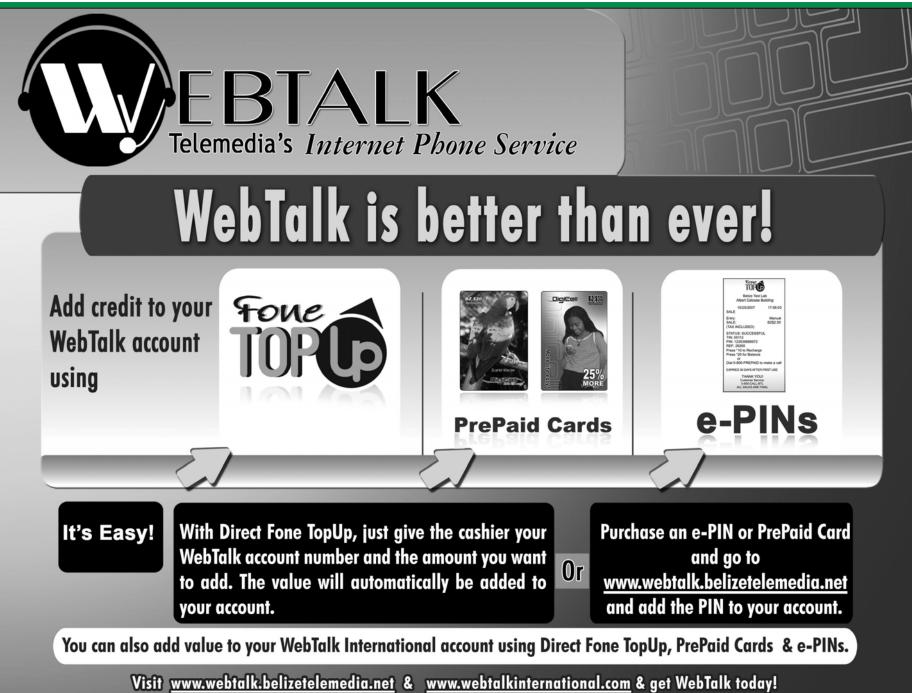
The PUC release informs that "certain decisions within the Final Decision were made taking into consideration the then escalating price of oil and other undesirable economic conditions. Since then, the price of oil has been reduced quite dramatically, resulting in much lower energy costs and some improvement in overall economic conditions within the electricity sector. Given these positive developments, the Commission has decided to take advantage of the situation and correct certain irregularities in the way B.E.L. records certain expenses that ultimately result in higher electricity rates to consumers, and to allow BEL to realize the target Rate of Return of twelve percent for the period January first to June thirtieth, 2009, as opposed to the ten percent approved in the Final Decision that was issued June twenty-sixty, 2008."

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A Prosperous New Year To All

BY: Lorenzo L. Gonzalez Jr. Tourism Student, Galen University, 06 January 2009:

Coincidently, 2009 is at a start and already our twin towns of San Ignacio and Santa Elena are at crisis

Christmas recently passed and it is a time of kindness and good nature, during this season we greet each other with a *Merry Christmas* and wishing each other a *Prosperous New Year*.

Evidently, prosperity is sought differently in the case of the recent incidents, some people seek to prosper from the prosperity of others; how ironic.

Our entire community is presently at alert and certain agitation is evident. Everyone is shocked and feeling unsafe. Is it reasonable for our reassurance sake to say, "The assailants are probably outsiders, our community is ok and fellow

community members are no capable of such atrocities?" Of course not, the crime rate has always been on the increase and our streets are becoming less safe with every passing day. We are witnessing the domino effect as we seek comfort in the notion that - 'bad no bad enuff until it geh worst'.

Currently, we are at the point where we can no longer keep ignoring our surroundings, we need to seek change and reduce the dependency on others.

It is relatively easy for some of

us to point fingers at others and to feel better by blaming someone else or to feel satisfied by leaving social problems to the authorities when we can take action to make a positive difference.

The family is the pillar of any society, without the good foundation that parents should foster their children, the structure is bound to fall.

Many times I see very young children roaming the streets at late hours of the night. Oh it is harmless some would say, to the contrary, idle time harvests corruption of the mind. Why take action into correcting your children after it's too late, when it can be done beforehand. Pay attention to your children, meet their friends and set restrictions. That is not considered interfering with their personal life; it is being a concerned parent.

Secondly, the excuse that parents are restricted by law to punish their children - will not hold water. It it every parent's primary responsibility to raise their children with respect for life and property. There are many forms of punishment that parents can envoke in the process of instilling discipline in their children. As a child, I remember any day preferring a beating instead of being revoked the opportunity of attending my annual high school fair. So whenever you remember this article, ask yourself the prophetic words from the now deceased Belizean Writer SMOKEY JOE - "Parents, its nine o'clock, do you know where your children are?"

My condolences go to the bereved families of the victims of the recent spate of lawlessness within our community.

Child Elopers' Africa Plan Foiled

Two German children - aged five and six - have been stopped by police from eloping to Africa to tie the knot in the sun, reports say.

The budding lovebirds, identified as **Mika** and **Anna-Lena**, packed bathing costumes, sunglasses and a lilo and headed for the airport.

They even had the presence of mind to invite along an official witness - Anna-Lena's seven-year-old sister.

The three got as far as Hanover railway station before police intervened.

The young couple were "very much in love" and had decided to get married in Africa "where it is warm", police spokesman Holger Jureczko told the AFP news agency.

The idea for the getaway wedding was born as the children's families celebrated New Year's eve together and Mika regaled the two girls with stories of a recent holiday to Italy.

The following morning, as their parents slept, the intrepid trio walked 1km (0.6 miles) to the



local tram station at Langenhagen, where they hopped aboard a tram for Hanover central station.

But the group aroused the suspicion of a guard as they waited for a train to the airport, and police were called in.

Officers persuaded the children they would not get far without tickets and money, but consoled them with a free tour of the police station, where they were shortly picked up by relieved parents.

Although any marriage plans have been put on hold for now, police did not altogether rule out the possibility of an African wedding.

"They can still put their plan into action at a later date," AFP quoted the spokesman as saying.



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CHAPTER 194, LAWS OF BELIZE (REVISED EDITION 2000) NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13

In accordance with Section 13 of the Registered Land Act Chapter 194, Revised Edition 2000, I ETHEL EMELISA GLADDEN, Ag. Deputy Registrar of Lands, hereby serves notice that within one month from the date hereof, I intend to register the following parcels of land listed below for which application for first registration have been received.

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registering of these parcels must get in touch with me before expiry date of this notice between Mondays to Fridays at the Land Registry, Belmopan.

(ETHELEMENSA GLADDEN) (MS.)
AG DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF LANDS

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200803305

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PEMBROKE HALL** Block No. 1 and being Parcels No. 445

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 546 of 1992 dated 30th November, 1992 in favour of **ADRIAN COWO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS..200809665

.This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2802

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 620 of 2008 dated 2nd September, 2008 in favour of **REYMUNDO CASTILLO.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809666

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No 4 and being Parcel No. 2062

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 568 of 2002 dated 21st July, 2002 in favour of **AUGUSTINACHAN**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809684

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2328

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No, 891 of 2007 dated 26th December, 2007 in favour of **MELISSA LEIVA.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809685

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2329

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 370 of 2007 dated 6th August, 2007 in favour of **SANDRAAVILAIN TRUST FOR MARTIN R. AVILAJR.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809686

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 1499.

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 912 of 2004 dated 24th October, 2004 infavour of **EMILIANA ESCALANTE PECH.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809720

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 911

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Gift No. 1934/1992 dated 1st October, 1992 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 22 of 1992 at Folios 1183-1190 in favour of **JUAN TREJO.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809754

This parcel of land are situated in the Registration Section, **BELIZE RURAL NORTH I** Block No. 11 and being Parcel No. 280

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 173 of 2007 dated 3rd April, 2007 in favour of **EDUVIGES NICHOLAS MADRILL**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-100809755

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PLACENTIA NORTH,** Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 2063

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1304/2002 dated 2nd May, 2002 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 17 of 2002 at Folios 1395-1408 in favour of **KENNETHGALE**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809756

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PLACENTIA NORTH**, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 2064

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 3395/1999 dated 30th

November, 1999 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 41 of 1999 at Folios 831-846 in favour of **KENNETH GALE**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809770

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 2307

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1072/1988 dated 8th July, 1988 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 12 of 1988 at Folios 1075-1078 in favour of **AISSAARLETTE LEIVA.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809791

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ALBERT/MESOP**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 265

This parcel of land is the subject of a Indenture No. 517/1964 dated 4th February, 1964 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 3 of 1964 at Folios 609-618 in favour of **CARRIE V. FLOWERS as Administratrix of the Estate of CLINFORD EMMANUEL FLOWERS.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS.200809795

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **YO CREEK VILLAGE**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 230

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 210 of 1998 dated 20th February, 1998 in favour of **PEDRO GILBERTO BLANCO**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809806

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PLACENTIA NORTH,** Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 694

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 1864/2001 dated 16th April, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 25 of 2001 at Folios 667 - 672 in favor of **GARY ROBERT LENZ.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809850

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PLACENTIA NORTH**, Block No. 36 and being Parcel No. 1414

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2350/2001 dated 18th July, 2001 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 30 of 2001 at Folios 877-902 in favour of **DR.ANTHONYJAMES PEARCE & DAVID DICKERSON**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809870

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **ORANGE WALK TOWN**, Block No. 4 and being Parcel No. 954

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 75 of 2004 dated 29th March, 2004 in favour of CAROLYN V. SABAL, MARION SABAL & MARY SABAL (Jointly).

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809986

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, **PROGRESSO**, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 990

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 527/1997 dated 22nd January, 1997 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 6 of 1997 at folios 774-781 in favour of **DR. MARCO TULIO MENDEZ & LESLY DIGNORAMENDEZ.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809987

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, $\bf PROGRESSO$, Block No. 1 and being Parcel No. 991

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2330/2000 dated 151 June, 2000 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 35 of 2000 at Folios 375-380 in favour of **DR. MARCO TULIO MENDEZ& DR. LESLIE D. MENDEZ.**

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809988

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section., **ALBERT/MESOP**, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 682

This parcel of land is the subject of a Deed of Conveyance No. 2646/1993 dated 28th December, 1993 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 31 of 1993 at Folios 1007-1018 in favour of **SELWYN EGBERT LESLIE**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809991

This parcel of land Is situated in the Registration Section, ALBERT/MESOP Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 1327

This parcel of land is the subject of a Indenture No. 293/1959 dated 29th October, 1959 and recorded in Deeds Book Volume 2 of 1959 at Folios 459-464 in favour of **MAVIS HARRIS**.

APPLICATION NO. LRS-200809995

This parcel of land is situated in the Registration Section, ALBERT/MESOP, Block No. 45 and being Parcel No. 681

This parcel of land is the subject of a Grant Fiat No. 623 of 1998 dated 16th June, 1998 in favour of **ADELINA RENEAU**.

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LOST LAND/LEASE CERTIFICATES

Pursuant to Section 37(3) of the Registered Land Act, Chapter 194, Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, notice is hereby given of the loss of the following Land and Lease Certificates:-

NAME	CERTIFICATE NO.	REGISTRATION SECTION	PARCEL NO.
DANIEL BENNTEE & JANE BENNETT	5373/1996	CARIBBEAN SHORES/BELIZE	3135
DANIEL BENNTEE & JANE BENNETT	5371/1996	CARIBBEAN SHORES/BELIZE	3134
FAYEZ YASSIN	14214/2007	SAN FELIPE	17
ERICA GOOD & DEREK GOOD	14/2007	SOCIETY HALL	3756
MICHAEL DOWDELL	1074/1988	SOCIETY HALL	640
JULIO CESAR CASTILLO	6162/2007	ANN GABOUREL	214
FLORENTINO UK	428/1984	ANN GABOUREL	215
GWENNETH FLOWERS	5437/2005	ST MARTIN DE PORRES	944

It is proposed to cancel the above Land Certificates after the expiration of twenty-one (21) days from the appearance of this notice. Any of the above-mentioned certificates is required to return it to the Belize Land Registry, Ministry of Natural Resources & the Environment, Belmopan.

(ETHEL EMELISA GLADDEN) (MS.) AG. DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF LANDS

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Fire - Fire!!!

An excited man calls the fire department and says, "Help me, help me, my house is on fire!"

The fireman says, "Where do you live?"

The man replies, "I am too

A gentleman wanders around the UB campus looking for the library. He approaches a student and asked, "Excuse me young man. Would you be good enough and tell me where the library is at?"

The student, in a very arrogant and belittling tone, replied, "I'm sorry, sir, but at this university we

Counting Rabbits

Teacher: "If I give you two rabbits and two rabbits and another two rabbits, how many rabbits have you got?"

Paddy: "Seven!"

Teacher: "No, listen carefully again. If I give you two rabbits and two rabbits and another two rabbits, how many rabbits have you got?"

Paddy: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Let's try this another way. If I give you two apples and two apples and another two apples,

excited, I can't tell you the exact address."

The fireman asks, "How do you expect us to get there?"

The man replies, "What do you mean 'how'? What about using the big red truck."

Speaking Correctly

are taught never to end a sentence with a preposition!"

The gentleman smiled, and in a very apologetic tone replied, "I beg your pardon. Please allow me to rephrase my question. Would you be good enough to tell me where the library is at, dummy?"

how many apples have you got?" Paddy: "Six."

Teacher: "Very good. You are now getting the sense. Let's try it now, if I give you two rabbits and two rabbits and another two rabbits, how many rabbits have you got?"

Paddy: "Seven!"

Teacher: "How on earth do you work out that three lots of two rabbits is seven?"

Paddy: "Because I already have one rabbit at home."

Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

ARIES

MAR 21 to APR 20



The answer to life's little complexities need not complicated as you will find out this

week. Slow down your pace and take one step at a time. Your winning ways take you far in a work situation. Fortunate on: Thursday. Lucky Numbers: 20, 36, **78.**

TAURUS APR 21 to MAY 21



You need to make some instant decisions as the year begins; you will make choices that

will carry you forward although this may mean leaving someone you've known for a long time, behind. Good day for luck: Wednesday. Lucky Numbers: 12, 41, 62.

GEMINI

MAY 22 to JUNE 21



mood of exhilaration calms down to a more realistic level. You're ready to make the most of

new openings but you're also aware of all the work that's likely to be involved. Good fortune forecast on: Sunday. Lucky Numbers: 8, 11, **53.**

CANCER

JUNE 22 to JUL 22



You have more time now to put in some serious thinking about future long term plans. A partner or best friend

might help you achieve a personal goal. Fortunate on: Wednesday. Lucky Numbers: 5, 21, 43.

LEO

JUL 23 to AUG 23



You are feeling extremely lucky and optimistic. A run of good luck fires you with happiness and

determination to put plans that are so far only in your mind or on paper, into action. Lucky day: Friday. Lucky Numbers: 2, 38, 72.

VIRGO

AUG 24 to SEP 22



Your job and other worldly affairs take up a lot of your time. This should not stop you

from having fun in the evenings and weekend. Unexpected visitors or an email will surprise you. Good day for luck: Saturday. Lucky Numbers: 6, 14, 67.

LIBRA

SEP 23 to OCT 23



Watch the tendency to be slightly impatient. By mid week you will be aware time is

running short. You want to complete something by Friday and this is important to you. Lucky day: Monday. Lucky Numbers: 4, 23, 91.

SCORPIO

OCT 24 to NOV 22



Whether or not a certain person is deliberately making things awkward for you, you can make it

easy on yourself by staying positive and be determined to show others what you can do. Expect luck on: Sunday. Lucky Numbers: 28, 45, 79.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23 to DEC 21



Whatever the cause of some confusion early in the week it will be cleared surprisingly easily.

The calmer you go about it, the sooner you will see an end to a certain problem. Good fortune forecast on: Thursday. Lucky Numbers: 22, 39, 56.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22 to JAN 20



If you realise you've made a slight mistake, don't be too proud to admit you're wrong.

Strive to be flexible to cope with the mix of events that come your way this week. Good day for luck: Monday. Lucky Numbers: 16, 30, 57.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21 to FEB 18



A little time to yourself gives you the chance to look inward, examine all aspects of personal plans and

reflect on new possibilities before you set new ideas into motion. Fortunate on: Wednesday. Lucky Numbers: 17, 32, 47.

PISCES

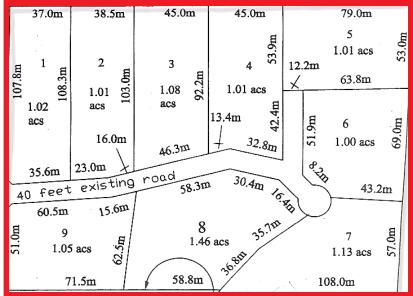
FEB 19 to MAR 20



An offer sounds appealing but add it all up and the investment you put into this project through

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Fr. Haas And His Team Make 6th Visit To Belize

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District. Wednesday, January 7, 2009:

For six consecutive years members of The Toledo Diocesan Mission Team, of Ohio, have been making annual humanitarian trips to Belize.

During these trips the team has primarily been assisting local schools in renovating classrooms, installing proper electrical wiring, painting, interior enhancements, upgrading toilet facilities and constructing bookcases.

This year the visiting team consists of 25 members, headed by Fr. Robert Haas, who has accompanied all teams on previous trips to Belize. An additional 3 members will be arriving in the next few weeks.



Fr. Robert Haas (center) and members of the Toledo Diocesan Mission

In selecting the school, the team works closely with the Rotary Club and Parishes. Schools are selected based on their persistence and their needs.

The schools that have benefited from this generosity over the years are: St. Vincent Palloti Primary in Unitedville, Santa Elena Primary

School, Mount Carmel Primary in Benque, St. Martin De Porres in Blackman Eddy, Santa Elena

Primary and now Immaculate Conception RC School in Bullet

Should Know About Hiccupps

A man from Lincoln says he's keeping his sense of humor despite not being able to stop hiccupping for nearly two years.

Singer Christopher Sands, 25, first started hiccupping in December 2006. They only lasted two weeks but returned four months later.

He said he was scared at first: "You start browsing the internet and find out it can be linked to brain tumors and all sorts of crazy things. After realizing that, I went down to the doctors to find out if he could do anything. They just gave me Gaviscon because I have a history of heartburn. They thought it was linked to that. That just didn't cure it. Nothing seemed to help."

Short bouts of hiccupping often happen after drinking alcohol, or when your stomach is bloated, usually after eating or drinking too quickly.

Long-term hiccups can be caused by more serious conditions like tumors, strokes or anorexia.

Christopher Sands has suffered from heartburn all his life and can't keep food down because of his condition.

He's having surgery soon to fix a stomach complaint but says it won't cure his hiccups.

He said: "I had a couple of tests recently for my pH levels in my stomach. One of the things that is wrong with me is that the valve going into my stomach is damaged. All the food that I eat, with the hiccups, it all comes back up again. I haven't kept a meal down in the last two years properly. So they're going to do keyhole surgery on me... Unfortunately it won't cure the hiccups."

Doctors call the contractions

synchronous diaphragmatic flutters.

Hiccups happen when your diaphragm suddenly contracts.

The diaphragm is the muscle that sits underneath your ribcage and helps control your breathing.

Christopher Sands says he's tried every "cure" people claim to know for getting rid of hiccups. But none of them has worked.

Chris Sands, who can't stop hiccupping, spoke to the BBC in October 2007 about his problem

"You wouldn't imagine the things I've tried. Massages, which was great, yoga, hypnotherapy, acupuncture. I've been in an oxygen chamber, mustard, vinegar, every single way you could imagine of drinking water, I've drunk it. I've tried it all."

Before getting the hiccups, the 25-year-old was in a five-piece ska band and had started learning to play the piano.

But he says everything is on hold

while he deals with having hiccups every two seconds for up to 12 hours a day.

"Since then every time I sit down to play I can't retain information, everything seems so much more difficult and in fact I can't play the songs I used to be able to play," he said. I've got worse at it during the time I've had the hiccups."

American Charles Osborne holds the record for the longest ever bout of hiccups, which lasted for 68 years from 1922 until 1990.

But despite his condition, Christopher says he can still see the funny side of non-stop hiccupping for two years.

"It certainly has lost its novelty in a real sense but it's definitely still funny. And to have it this long, it doesn't stop getting funnier. It's definitely really funny that I've had the hiccups for nearly two years. And my friends still giggle about it."

Tree Falls.

At Immaculate Conception RC Primary school in Bullet Tree, the team has installed 390 feet of sidewalks to connect the buildings on campus. They have also painted the inside of all (12) classrooms and replaced the 2 electrical panels for future expansion.

They installed lighting fixtures, fans, outlets in all classrooms (over 1500 ft of electrical wire), replaced blackboards and where possible, repaint. Repairs were made to the fence around school yard. (Johnny Roberson's crew) and glass blocks were installed where windows were nailed shut.

A termite damaged door frame was replaced and a partition was built between classrooms.

In the following weeks, **Fr. Haas** and the team will be working on replacing 2 exterior doors, building doors for the toilet block and replacing zinc with clear zinc for light.

Repairs will be made to the windows for the toilet block, the outside of the buildings will be painted, gutters will be repaired as well as windows and vents.

In an interview Fr. Haas informed the STAR Newspaper that the team's mission to our shores is made possible through funds raised in the United States of America.

He informed that this year the team raised \$20,000US specifically earmarked to assist Immaculate Conception School in Bullet Tree Falls, Cayo.

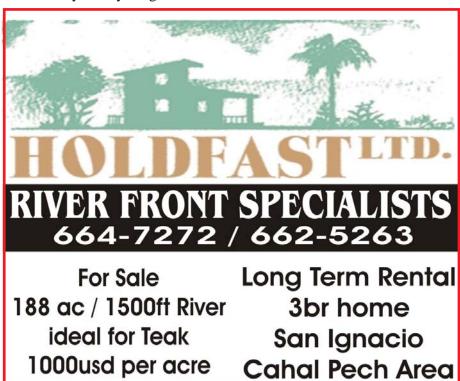
Of interest is the fact that all team members are here in Belize voluntarily and each member pays for their traveling expenses.

Most members are here for a week or two. As team leader however, Fr. Hass remains until the year's project is completed.

From Immaculate Conception School in Bullet Tree, the team moves on to the Octavia Waight Center for Senior Citizens in San Ignacio Town where they will remain for five days - from the 24th to 28th of January - assisting with much needed repairs to the building and its environs which should improve the lives especially of senior citizens who call the Octavia Waight Center their home.

Fr. Haas additionally informed that the team's energy is derived from the sheer knowledge that they are providing the children with a better environment in which to learn and senior citizens a more comfortable environment in which to spend the twilight of their years.

He said that the smiles on the faces of children and senior citizens keeps the team coming back every year with renewed energy and commitment in their humanitarian mission.



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LIOUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,that CARLOS JAVIER POPPER is applying for the renewal of his RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 tooperate FIVE SISTERS LODGE located in the Mountain Pine Ridge Area of the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **DOMININA CABB** is applying for the renewal of her **SHOPLIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **RAW CABB SHOP** located in Branch Mouth Area of the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,that JIM BEVIS is applying for the renewal of his RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate MOUNTAIN EQUESTRIAN TRAILS located at Mile 8 Mountain Pine Ridge Road in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,that STEPHEN PLAYER is applying for the renewal of his RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate FAIRBRIDGE COUNTRY located in the village of Cristo Rey in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,that MARIANA GALVEZ is applying for the renewal of her RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate MARIAN'S BAR & GRILL located on Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **GEORGE & SHIRLEY DEVASEY** are applying for the renewal of their **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **SOUTH INDIAN RESTAURANT** located on West Street, San Ignacio Town, in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,that RONALD CASTAGNERA is applying for the renewal of his RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate MACAW BANK JUNGLE LODGE located in Macaw Bank in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,that AMELIA RIED is applying for the renewal of her RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate LEO BAR located in Georgeville Village, in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,that MARIA LUISA LOPEZ is applying for the renewal of her RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate THE ROAD HOUSE located on Bullet Tree Road in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,that CARLOS SEGURA is applying for the renewal of his PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate SEGURA'S SPOT located in Georgeville Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,that MICK MASTERSON is applying for the renewal of his PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate MISTY MOUNTAIN located in the Mountain Pine Ridge Area, in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JOSEPH BRADLEY** is applying for the renewal of his **SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **SANTIAGO CASTILLO LIMITED** located on Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,that RUTH GONZALEZ is applying for the renewal of her PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate PIT PAN TAVERN located at #21 Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **THOMAS J. GALLAGHER** is applying for the renewal of his **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **MOON RACE FARM LODGING & TOURS LTD.** located at Mile 9, Mountain Pine Ridge Road, in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **KIRK G. BARNETT** is applying for a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **THE GRINDERS CLUB** located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ERIX TOBAR** is applying for the renewal of his **NIGHT CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **FAYA WATA** located at #19 Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

LIOUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,that **ABEL SILVA** is applying for the renewal of his **BEER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **ROSY'S STORE** located at #11 St. Joseph Street, Benque Viejo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000,that BOWEN & BOWEN LIMITED is applying for the renewal of its MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate CAYO DISTRIBUTORS located in Esperanza Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that PHYLIS DART is applying for the renewal of her PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate THE FOX CLUB located on George Price Avenue, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that RUTH GONZALEZ is applying for the renewal of her PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2009 to operate PIT PAN TAVERN located at #21 Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **PERLA MAZA & ROSALILIA CASTILLO** are applying for the renewal of their **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **PERLA & ROSE'S GYM REFRESHMENT PARLOUR** located at #8 Carillo Puerto Avenue, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

BELIZE WATER SERVICES LTD.



Belize City, Belize. Monday, January 5, 2009: Dirty Water: San Ignacio/Santa Elena

BWS hereby informs customers in the San Ignacio and Santa Elena area that the company is aware of recurring instances of dirty or discoloured water in the distribution system recently. Unfortunately after the major floods resulting from TD16, we were forced to focus our resources on restoring the Benque Viejo system where customers were experiencing a severe shortage of water. We are pleased to announce that Benque Viejo now has a supply that is more reliable than that previous to the flooding.

BWS' tests of the water samples show that, despite the discolouration, the water is properly chlorinated and poses no health risk. At this point, BWS has not yet pinpointed the exact cause of the discouloured water as over the last two and a half weeks, we have had reports of occurrences scattered across the San Ignacio/Santa Elena System. BWS has informed the PUC and the Ministry of Health of the situation and has today commenced an intense effort to identify the cause and resolve the situation properly. BWS personnel, along with representatives from the PUC and Ministry of Health, are today paying a site visit and collecting water samples from the river, the source wells, the storage tanks and various distribution points in the system. BWS will continue to flush the water mains regularly and will now dispatch our Well Rig to attempt to locate usable water sources away from the existent river sources. We will continue to test and monitor the water quality frequently in order to ensure the continued health and safety of our customers.

Until this situation is fully resolved, customers may experience some interruption in service and some instances of dirty water especially when water is restored after an outage. Customers may wish to maintain some household storage and boil water that is to be used for drinking. Please inform our office in Santa Elena immediately whenever the tap water appears discoloured either via telephone at 824-2154 or 824-4573 or e-mail at bvsi@bwsl.com.bz.

BWS is committed to ensuring the continuity and safety of your service. We will attempt to keep interruptions to a minimum and we are hopeful that this situation can be properly resolved within the next few weeks. BWS will provide notice to you, our valued customers, via radio announcements so preparations can be made for planned interruptions.

BWS apologises for any inconvenience this situation may cause and requests your understanding whilst we strive to improve our service to you.

For more information regarding this or any other BWS Release,
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BRAZEN ROBBERY - SHOOTOUT - DEATH IN THE HEART OF SAN IGNACIO TOWN

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When the phone card arrived, he entered the credit into his Smart Phone and with the assistance of the proprietor of the store with a telephone book, got the number for the San Ignacio Police Station and recounted the same story about being jacked to commit the robbery.

Shortly thereafter, the police arrived and took him to the station where he told the police that he was held up by two persons who spoke in Spanish and that they forced him at gunpoint to transport them to commit the robbery.

The interview began with the police commending him on his narrow brush with death. However, during the process of the interview, an eyewitness reported that he saw when Parham actually reversed the car to pick up the injured Garay.

A senior investigator became suspicious when he realized that Parham's story contained inconistencies such as the fact that he did not escape while the robbers were pulling off the act but instead, apart from transporting them to the scene he actually waited for them to do their thing and even whisked them away from the scene.

This was when the cookie began to crumble and the intensity of the interview was ratcheted up a bit then the truth began to emerge.

Based on the information provided by Parham, a team of policemen rushed to the house on George Price Avenue where they found Garay bleeding profusely in a bed along with indications that he had taken two pain killers from a package found nearby.

He was reportedly on the verge of going into shock. He was rushed to the San Ignacio hospital where he underwent emergency treatment for a shattered shin on the right foot and two shots in the buttocks.

He was later transported in a critical condition to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital where he remains hospitalized under police guard.

Based on information received, Police rushed to a house under construction also in Santa Elena where they came upon Duncan. Upon sensing the presence of the police Duncan attempted to flee by jumping over a cement wall but fell injured on the other side of the wall. He was transported to the San Ignacio Hospital and later rushed to the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan where he remains hospitalized also under police guard.

Police searched an area with tall bushes behind the house where they found a white plastic crocus bag containing a red and black jacket; a dark color cap; a point 22 Ruger rifle with one live round in the chamber; one point 22 magazine, with ten live point 22 rounds, one point 38 special revolver Taurus brand with five live point 38 rounds; one green and white Belikin bag with two Belize Bank deposit bags numbers 41 and 148 inside containing money and wrapped inside a black female short pant.

The day's deposit consisted of eight bags containing over \$60,000 in cash and cheques.

When the money retrieved from the bushes was counted it amounted to \$2,600 in one bag and \$450 (coins) in the other bag. When the deposit was rechecked, of the over \$60,000 deposit for the day, it came up short of just about \$4,500.

Delawn Parham appeared before Magistrate Kathleen Lewis on Wednesday, January 7, where the following nine charges were read to him: Murder, Attempt Murder, Robbery, Maim, Use of deadly means of harm, Two counts of unlicensed firearms possession and two counts of keeping unlicensed ammunition.

Police informed that as soon as Arden Garay and Elvis Duncan are released from the hospital similar charges will be brought against them.

Chief Security Officer Josiah Alexander Thompson is a former Sergeant of Police with over 20 years service.

He has been employed at the Bowen's Cayo Distribution Center for over seven years, since May 2001. He was also one of forty five citizens of the community who recently underwent the training and was appointed a Special Constable committed to providing voluntary service in partnership with the police for a safer community.

He is predeceased by his father **Josiah Thompson I**. He is survived by his mother, **Ms. Jane Harris** residing in the western village of Blackman Eddy; one brother, **Roger Young** residing in Belmopan; Four sisters, **Martha** (San Ignacio), **Adlene** (Belize City), **Adelita** (Blackman Eddy) and **Loretta** (Santa Elena, Cayo).

He is also survived by his wife Yolanda "Chinny" Thompson; two sons Josiah III and Shamir as well as two daughters, Shante (who delivered the eulogy) and Chantell all residing with their mother in Los Angeles.

He is additionally survived by colleagues from Bowen & Bowen Limited who showed up in large numbers for the funeral including senior executives of the company such as Nicholas Pollard Jr. and David Craig as well as Santiago Pelayo (Districts Manager), Michael Moore (Districts Supervisor) and District Distribution Center Managers: Gilroy Spence (Cayo), John Pollard (Orange Walk) and Roy Alfaro (Stann Creek).

Josiah is also survived by several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

As we go to press, a relative informed that Millard Tun's condition is gradually improving at the Health Care Partners Hospital in Belize City. Tun, himself a former policeman, has been



Bowen's Ford Truck used for the deposit and to transport the injured men to the hospital

employed at the Cayo Distribution Center since May 2005.

The incident has sent a wave of shock and outrage throughout the community. This was evident by a large gathering that held vigil inside the Columbus Park during the night immediately after the incident.

The gathering likewise braved the heat of the following days in front of the San Ignacio Police Station all in an effort to see the faces of those who dared to commit this outrageous act. This was not to be however as, apart from the taxi driver, Delawn Parham, the two other suspects are hospitalized, one at the Belmopan Hospital and the other at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City. Police informed that as soon as they are well enough they will have their day in court.



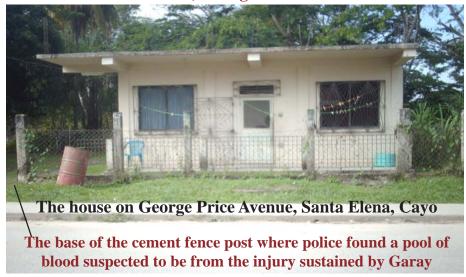
The point 38 Special Revolver, Taurus brand bearing serial number VC 86162



The point 22 rifle Ruger brand bearing serial number 2521224. The suspected murder weapon



The scene of the crime in front of the Belize Bank on Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town



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