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## NOT EVEN OUR CHURCHES ARE SAFE

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, November 14, 2007:**

San Ignacio Police today reported the apprehension of a man suspected to be responsible for burglarizing a number of churches in the community.

Based on information received, San Ignacio Police visited the Minerva Lane, San Ignacio Town home of **Ryan "Fing" Coleman**, 23, Belizean musician, a search of the house reportedly resulted in the recovery of several items suspected to have been stolen over the past few weeks from at least two evangelical churches located on Joseph Andrews Drive in San Ignacio Town.

### Mark Flowers Is Back Again

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, November 15, 2007:**

He joined the Belize Police Force 26 years ago, one month before Belize attained political independence in September 1981, and after making the rounds within several other law enforcement agencies, today, Santa Elena's **Mark Anthony Flowers** is back within the ranks of the Belize Police Department.

He comes to the San Ignacio Detachment as a Sergeant of Police with responsibility for duties and discipline.

Although his actual re-inlistment date is November 1, 2007, Sgt. Flowers proceeded on two week's leave prior to actually stepping into the new office today, November 15, 2007.

Since enlisting into the Belize Police Force in August 1981, Mark

In the first reported case, on Saturday, November 3, 2007, **Lionel Fuentes**, visited the San Ignacio Police Station where he reported that at around 9:30 p.m., on Thursday, November 1, the New Life Ministry Church located on Joseph Andrews Drive in San Ignacio town was secured and locked after the night's church service.

He told the police that when he returned to the church at around 7:30 a.m., on Saturday, November 3, 2007, he observed that the church was broken into. Further checks revealed that the church's Yamaha brand silver keyboard valued at \$2,000 along with a PO

Mixer valued at \$1,800 were missing.

In the second incident, **Alberto Cano** from the Iglesia De Dios Pentecostes Bethel Church, also located on Joseph Andrews Drive in San Ignacio Town, visited the San Ignacio police station and reported that sometime between 9:00 p.m., on Thursday, November 8 and 2:00 p.m., on Friday, November 9, 2007, his church was broken into and stolen therefrom were: i) one gray Yamaha piano 295 PSR valued at \$800, ii) one black and gray Yamaha piano PSR 550 valued at \$500 and iii) one 600 watts PV amplifier.

Police investigation led to the arrest of Ryan Coleman. He was formally arrested and charged for two counts of burglary in connection with the reported incident at both churches.



**Ryan "Fing" Coleman, 23**

The accused, Ryan Coleman appeared before San Ignacio's Magistrate, **Mrs. Kathlene Lewis**, on Wednesday, November 14 where he pleaded not guilty to both charges. He was subsequently remanded to the Hattieville prison to reappear in court on Wednesday, January 9, 2008.☆

### Unlicensed, Uninsured Government Vehicle Involved In Traffic Fatality

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Saturday, November 10, 2007:**

It was shortly after 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, November 10, when San Ignacio Police responded to the scene of a road traffic accident on the rural road between Santa Familia Village and the Mennonite community of Spanish Lookout.

Upon arrival police met **John Thompson**, 42, Belizean, Ministry of Works Truck Driver, who reported that he was traveling from Spanish Lookout to Santa Familia when about 2 miles before reaching Santa Familia Village he saw a motorcycle coming



**The motorcycle that the deceased was maneuvering at the time of the accident**

in the opposite direction with two persons on board. Thompson informed that the oncoming motorcycle suddenly swerved in the

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**Sgt. Mark Anthony Flowers**

Flowers has served in almost every district station around the country. His longest stint in the department has been in service as a Special Branch Officer with tours of duties in San Ignacio, Benque Viejo and at Special Branch Headquarters in Belmopan.

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## Editorial



### Consultation Tour? This Must Be The Sickest Joke We Have Heard In Recent Times

Some of the most intelligent Belizeans are either directly engaged or in some way connected to the party political sector of the Belizean society.

Both political parties can therefore be credited with having brilliant minds within their ranks.

How is it then, we ask, that those brilliant minds within the ruling People's United Party could have allowed for the recently concluded Prime Ministerial tour to proceed under the banner: *"The Prime Minister's Consultation Tour"*.

With whom was the Prime Minister consulting on this tour that was paid for by the taxpayers of this nation?

At every stop on the tour, the Prime Minister visited with and spoke to school children. On several of the televised political advertisements produced at the end of each stop, we saw the Prime Minister addressing school children most of whom did not have a clue as to what he was talking about and most of whom are far below voting age.

On the flip side, consultation is woefully lacking in those critical areas where consultation is truly required.

The nation is yearning for meaningful consultation on the matter of its petroleum industry but there is no consultation.

Consultation is desperately needed in the area of the intended nationwide roll out of the National Health Insurance scheme, again there is none.

Consultation was needed in the plan to convert our district hospitals into poly clinics – still there was none.

Consultation should have been a must as government is insisting to further dip into the Social Security funds for partisan political purposes as it ventures to increase payments for none contributing senior citizens.

Consultation was needed for the free text book program which continues to hiccup under the hasty implementation process.

Then, despite massive national outcry against tax payers taking on the private debt incurred by the principals of Universal Health Services, there are reports of the continuing footing of this bill.

There is also the matter of non-consultation in respect of the buy back - sale – buy back and reselling of the BTL.

More recently there was the Bacalar Chico fiasco; the Profit Sharing Agreement as it pertains to the oil industry; the attempt imposition of burdensome fees, on short notice, at the western border station;

There is also the case of that large amount of Nepalese laborers working on the construction of the dam at Vaca Falls which is depriving countless Belizeans of the opportunity for much needed employment; and among many others, there is the nationwide imposition of the \$10 motor vehicle inspection tax.

At the end of several weeks on his *"consultation tour"*, at tax payers expense, what does the Prime Minister have to show the Belizean people on the national way forward?

Does he now have a solid plan on how the nation wants him to handle the national petroleum industry?

Is he in a better position to chart the way forward, in terms of the sustainable funding and the implementation of a workable mechanism for the nationwide roll out of the National Health Insurance scheme?

What did he gather on the tour in terms of the nation's view on the subject of an elected Senate?

Does the Prime Minister even know that a Nepalese work force has invaded and is taking away a sizable chunk of jobs at the site where the dam at Vaca Falls is being constructed? Does he have a plan to reverse this situation? Does he even care that Belizeans

are being squeezed out of employment opportunities while all of us will be repaying the almost 100 million dollars for the construction of this dam? Does he know if this foreign work force is in possession of work permits? Does he know if they are paying into the Social Security Scheme being the very same source that he is preparing to further drain in order to advance his political agenda?

The brilliant minds within the PUP could have selected any other name for the tour, but *"Consultation Tour"*. This must be the sickest joke we have heard in recent times.☆

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## Letters to the Editor

### Promise For Elected Senate - Pure Political Propaganda

Dear Editor;

The People's United Party told us that they are in favor of an elected Senate, but after several months have gone by, they have done nothing to pass the relevant law.

Local observers believe that in the chess game of local campaign maneuvering, the PUP made this declaration solely for the purposes of removing the issue from the forefront of the campaign.

If the Belize Bank can get

legislation made and passed within the period of a few weeks, why is it that several months later nothing seems to have been done to advance legislation for an elected Senate?

This reality leaves us with no other option than to believe that all the official hype about an elected Senate was nothing more than campaign tactics and political propaganda statement disguised as a genuine undertaking to reform the system.

Anonymous ☆

### Perpetuating The Abuse

Dear Editor;

Over this past weekend I read the editorial in the **STAR Newspaper** published under the heading "**The Good And The Bad**" and it really concerned me as I have been seeing policemen arresting people for no apparent reason.

I saw the Police during a recent football game when they moved in and arrested some young men on the field for no apparent reason.

I think that the Police wanted to pull off a show because it makes them look good pulling those young boys by their shirts and handling them like hardened criminals.

This is one of the most abusive things I have seen in a quite a while. What could these young men be arrested and charged for? I think that

it was just a case in which the police wanted to show off. It was like they were saying "**We are the boss, we have the authority and we will do as we please.**" This kind of attitude and behavior makes us feel like we are living in a police state.

There is an urgent need to retrain many of these policemen. They need to go through a refresher course. Their minds need to be refreshed. They need to be re-enlightened in terms of "**POLICE DUTIES**" with specific emphasis on the protocols to be followed if they are to effectively and professionally perform their duties.

There is the case, for example, of the boy that was robbed by three other guys. In their haste to jail someone, the police ended up jailing

the victim of the crime instead of the actual criminals.

If only they had taken time to conduct a proper investigation, they would have noted that they were incarcerating the victim of a crime while the criminal continues to roam the streets in search of another victim.

I am seriously wondering what is wrong with the police when even a primary school student could have showed them their error.

I am really disappointed with some

### Another One Of Life's Fine Lessons

#### Never Accept Pay For An Act Of Kindness

Submitted By: Jose Mendoza

One day, a poor hungry boy, with only a dime in his pocket, knocked on a door with intention to ask for something to eat.

He lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water.

The woman thought he looked hungry, and so she brought him a glass of milk instead.

He drank it slowly, and then asked, "**How much do I owe you?**"

"**You don't owe me anything,**" she replied. "**Mother has taught us, never to accept pay for kindness.**"

He said... "**Then I thank you from my heart.**"

Several years later the young woman became critically ill.

The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city and the called in **Dr. Howard Kelly**, to study her rare disease.

When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light

of these policemen and the way in which they perform their duties.

The police continue to ignore the fact that in harassing these boys, they are actually turning them into hard core criminals and this can only serve to increase the already high crime rate.

Please publish this article so that more people can become aware of the abuse being perpetuated by those who are sworn to uphold the law.

Margaret Villeda

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filled his eyes.

He went down the hall to her room. He recognized her at once. The burning desire to do his best to save her life overtook him and he gave her special attention.

After a long struggle, the battle was won, her life was saved. Dr. Kelly requested for her medical bill to be passed to him for approval.

When he got the bill, he looked at it, then wrote something on the edge of it and the bill was sent to the patient's room.

The woman feared opening it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay the bill.

Finally she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read these words... "**Paid in full with one glass of milk. Signed, Dr. Howard Kelly.**"

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: Thank You, God, that Your love has spread abroad through human hearts and hands. ☆



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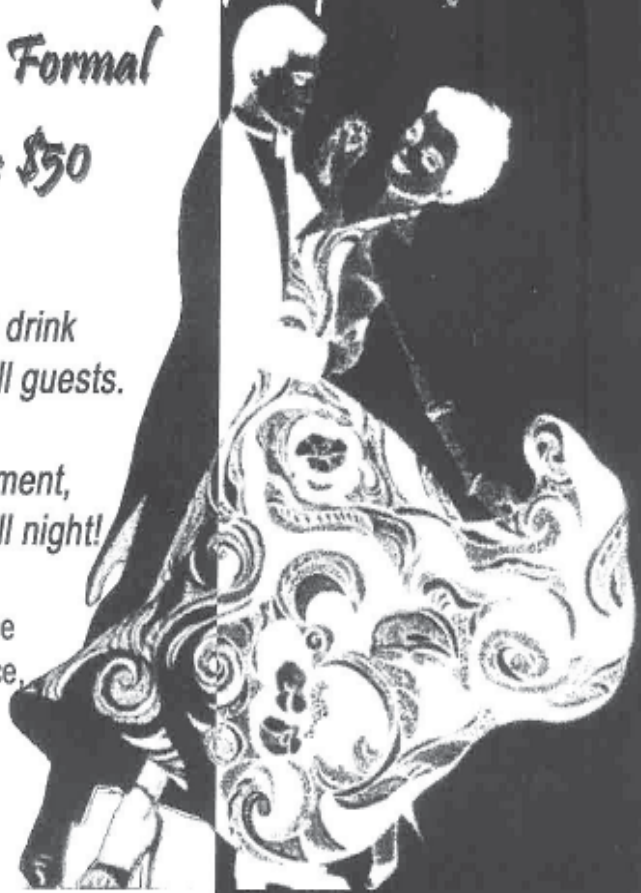
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## She Came Into Our Lives When Our Mother Passed Away 29 Years Ago, in 1978

### Eulogy For Ms. Nicolasa Urbina



By: Alberto August  
Santa Elena Town, Cayo,  
Saturday, November 10, 2007:

"Good afternoon everyone. Please allow me to start by thanking all of you for coming out this afternoon to lend your support and to sympathize with the bereaved family.

We are gathered here this afternoon, not to mourn the passing, but rather to pay tribute and final respects and indeed to celebrate the life of such a fine Lady as was Ms. Nicolasa Urbina.

To some of us she was Tia Nick, to others she was Miss Nick and Mama Nick.

Tia Nick was the 6<sup>th</sup> child of a dozen children born on March 5, 1921, right here in Santa Elena, to Donatilia Hernandez and Arcadio Urbina.

Although she did not have any biological children, Tia Nick was a person FULL of love for others. And in the expression of her caring nature, many are the children that Tia Nick either raised or assisted in their upbringing.

My family was fortunate to have been touched by Tia Nick. When our mother passed away, 29 years ago, in 1978, Tia Nick came into our lives and she was instrumental in guiding all six of us through those difficult times

and for this we will remain eternally grateful to Tia Nick.

In her lifetime, Tia Nick was all kinds of things. Apart from being a caregiver, a humble, honest and loving person, Tia Nick was also a firm believer in God. She was a stalwart member of the local Nazarene Church. And so instead of mourning her passing today, we must take comfort in the knowledge that right now Tia Nick has gone to take up her rightful position in that place that awaits all those who love the Lord.

In her days Tia Nick was an enterprising lady. She was a shopkeeper – This is long before the days of all these fancy supermarkets. She spent a lot of time in her little shop. Many of us can remember that if we were short of that little shilling, she would give us what we wanted but she would take out her big book, write down our names and give us credit. This was the kind of person that Tia Nick was.

In her days Tia Nick was also a Banker – Many are the syndicates she ran among family and friends. And no one ever accused her of dishonesty in the handling of their money.

Tia Nick lived 86 full years. Although she was born right here in Santa Elena, Tia Nick lived in various parts of Belize. She also spent a few years living in Chetumal, Mexico.

Even though she was an avid Christian, Tia Nick loved a party. She lived for Birthday



Ms. Nicolasa "Tia Nick" Urbina  
SUNRISE: March 5, 1921  
SUNSET: November 9, 2007

parties, weddings as well as Christmas and New Years celebrations.

For some unknown reason, Tia Nick also took a liking to visit Melchor. She would oftentimes make the trip to Melchor with her sister, Tia Goya and her nieces. And they tell me that when they are in Melchor and they get hungry, Tia Nick was always there to the rescue with her corn tortilla, cheese dip and chicharon that she always took along in

"Don Galindo" which is the name she gave to the bag that contained all the goodies.

As we gather here this afternoon; Let us reflect on the kindness that Tia Nick showered on many of us.

Let us reflect on the positive contributions she made in our lives.

Let us reflect on the Lady that truly loved and cared for her family, acquaintances and friends.

Let us reflect on the person who always provided that shoulder for us to lean on and that ear to listen to our concerns in our times of need.

Tia Nick is survived by two sisters, Miss Goya Urbina and Mrs. Cathy Butcher. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and countless friends.

And so as we celebrate the life of this Truly Wonderful Lady, let us make a personal commitment to carry on her legacy in sharing LOVE, RESPECT and KINDNESS to one another.

We bid you farewell Tia Nick. We know that you have gone in PEACE. We know that you are resting in PEACE.

You have touched many of our lives and for this we will always love and remember you. Continue to rest in Peace Tia Nick until we meet again.☆

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## Why Does Mr. Musa Insist On Punishing Us So?

**BY: Russell Vellos, Editor, Amandala Newspaper - Parting Shot on the KREMANDALA SHOW of Tuesday November 13, 2007, (Reproduced with the author's permission)**

On Monday morning, during KREM's WUB show, the owner of a butane company made a profound statement. He said that 90 percent of their customers could only afford to buy \$10, \$20 and \$30 worth of butane. He was not talking only about his company's experiences, but the experiences of his fellow company owners nationwide.

He was lamenting about the fact that butane trucks had to charge the same delivery fee regardless of whether it was a full 100-pound tank of butane they were delivering, or one that only had in \$10 worth, and that they had to make the trip twice – once to pick up the tank, and then to return the tank.

Before the butane company owners suddenly went on strike last Thursday, a full tank of butane had

cost \$111. It was this \$111 that the caller was talking about, which, he said, about 90 percent of Belizeans couldn't afford, because they were only buying \$20 and \$30 worth, with some only able to afford \$10 worth.

Actually, some consumers take their tanks directly to the butane outlet, and order even less than \$10 worth.

Now let us talk some sense here. If you couldn't afford butane when it was \$111 per tank, how can you afford it now that it costs \$9 more? Because the cost is now \$120, your \$10 that you can afford will give you even less butane, meaning that you will have to buy butane more often.

Well, that is the plight of the poor, and the truth of the saying, *"the rich get richer and the poor get poorer,"* is once again laid bare for all to see.

It is these same poor who, when they go to buy at the little shops in their community, cannot afford to buy a dozen eggs, or a pound of cheese. If you ask the local shops, or care to stand for a little while by the counters, you will see that citizens come to buy

half or quarter pound of cheese, and two or three eggs. That is all they can afford.

Later in the evening, these same poor folks will return to buy another few eggs, or a sliver of cheese, having hustled the necessary funds to keep body and soul together.

If you can't afford to buy butane, you're in big trouble, because the days

**Mr. Musa.....give us the best X-mas gift ever? Call elections now, Dracula. Yu and yu vampires done gaan wid mos' ah wi blood. Whe onu wan do, kill wi now?**

of firewood are long gone. Even if you wanted to, there are none to buy.

If you can only afford \$10 for butane, and a couple dollars daily so you and your family don't starve to death, what do you do when the bills come along, you know, light bill, water bill, medical bill, school bill, and ordinary household expenses must be met?

And while the poor suffer, and suffer more and more with each passing day, the hustlers of the Said Musa administration continue on their merry way, stealing everything that is worth stealing, or isn't nailed down.

People - our very real poverty is not inspired by rising acquisition costs, or rising international prices, or rising

oil prices, or rising "anything".

Our very real poverty is inspired only by the rising greed and corruption in the PUP. While the poor get poorer, the bloated contracts continue, the bribes to favoured PUPs continue, land continue to be sold for a few dollars to party cronies and resold for millions of dollars, which are then shared among the politicians and their hustlers, the little money scams such as vouchers for dead or imaginary people continue, and the outright stealing of the people's money, in so many ways, continues.

And while the people suffer, what of the architect of Belize's poverty, **Prime Minister Said Musa**? Is he likewise suffering? Are his Ministers suffering? Are their political whores suffering? The last time you looked, did any ranking PUP look thin, or depressed? **HELL NO!**

With my own eyes, I have seen them looking fatter and fatter, some apparently barely able to walk, as the feeding reaches a frenzy in anticipation of a terrible defeat in General Elections.

People - tings no haad out ya no more. Tings now desperate. **Why does Mr. Musa insist on punishing us so,** when he could give us the best X-mas gift ever? Call elections now, Dracula. Yu and yu vampires done gaan wid mos' ah wi blood. Whe onu wan do, kill wi now?

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## San Ignacio's Postmaster Gets An Apology!



**By: Ray Auxillou - Hillview, Santa Elena Town, Cayo, Thursday, November 15, 2007:**

An irate Postmaster from the San Ignacio Town post office is the first person to respond to last week's article, on the drive for political independence, by **Anthony de Leon**, in a provocative article, about achieving **INDEPENDENCE** from Twin Towns local government, for the Hillview community and forming a village to get more services for the community.

As the author of that article in last weekend's edition of the **STAR Newspaper**, I got the brunt when the Postmaster informed me that the Post Office was **NOW** delivering mail into the Hillview area door to door and had been doing so for several months. I promised a correction in the newspaper.

The Postmaster said they had been delivering mail directly to houses, about once a week over the last few months

into the Hillview Community on the slope of Green Parrot Valley. Since that is news, I hereby apologize and am happy to hear it.

The Postmaster and I had a short conversation about the possibility of installing a set of Post Boxes under a rain shade on a concrete platform, as used in rural village areas in Florida, somewhere central in the community. He said, it might be impractical due to vandalism and thievery unless it was installed in a public area with a lot of traffic.

Mr. Anthony de Leon, the local mover and shaker for Hillview political independence as a village, I am informed, intended to bring up this very same suggestion with PUP Area Representative, **Mario Castellanos**. I hadn't heard any result of such a conversation.

It would seem to me these gentlemen might find it less expensive to install a shaded set of locked post boxes on posts set on a concrete platform between the Cheese Factory and Betty's General Grocery Store in the center of the community. There is traffic in the area almost 20 hours per day, going back and forth and it is central to most residents. It would certainly save time and money for the Post Office delivery man with only one stop on his bicycle and perhaps earn a few dollars box rental for the Central Post Office in San Ignacio. Community growing pains require solutions and this is one idea thrown into the hat for discussion by those concerned with such things.

So far, there has been no other

backlash to the provocative article. Except the comments from local residents, that since we get nothing from the Town Council, we could probably get **MORE NOTHING** from our own village council. At least there would be some property taxes and business license money to work with to fix our bad street corners.

The battle of ideas for improvements to the community will probably continue. Hillview is nothing like it

was six years ago, or even longer. The houses are painted, additions being added, trees and decorative shrubbery growing and if we had asphalt paved streets, you would not even recognize the old DFC housing estate. A very few foreclosed houses are now being auctioned off at prices reminiscent of the early boom days in the beginning. They sank to half price for some years, but now have bounced back and it has become a most desired location.☆

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## Believed To Be The Boutique Burglar

**SAN IGNAICO TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, November 14, 2007:**

San Ignacio police believe that they have arrested and charged the person responsible for the October 4, 2007 burglary at **Larry Flowers'** New Look Barbershop and the adjoining Mini-Boutique belonging to **Elida Neal**.

Acting upon information received a team of police officers from the San Ignacio station conducted a search at the Joseph Andrews Drive, San Ignacio Town home of **Jeffery Lopez**, unemployed Belizean. The search led to the recovery of several items of clothing suspected to have been stolen from Elida Neal's Mini-Boutique.

Shortly after the discovery, Mrs. Neal visited the station where she positively identified the items to be the ones removed from her boutique when the place was burglarized on October 4, 2007.

Lopez appeared in San Ignacio's Magistrate Court on Wednesday, November 14, where he pleaded not guilty to the charge.

He was remanded to the Hattieville prison and is scheduled to reappear in court on Wednesday, January 9, 2008.☆



**Jeffery Lopez**



## STAR HUMOR



**Come On Soldier, Strum That Tune**

BDF soldier, **Private James Jones**, was sent to Haiti for a one year tour of duty as part of the UN Peace Keeping Mission.

One week after arriving in Haiti Jones wrote to his wife in San Ignacio asking her to please send him a guitar as he always wanted to learn to play a musical instrument and learning to play this difficult instrument would occupy his free time and keep his mind focused and off the local women.

Mrs. Jones complied with the request and sent him the best guitar she could find. She also took the liberty of sending along several dozen lesson and music books.

After the year, the soldier returned to Cayo. He rushed home and straight to his wife.

"Oh darling, I missed you so much" he gushed, "Come here let

*me look at you! Let me hold you! Let me kiss you! Let's go out to a fine restaurant for dinner!"*

Keeping her distance the wife responded "All of that will come with time but first let me hear you play the guitar."☆



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# Stand-Off Resolved At The Western Border Station

**BELIZE’S WESTERN BORDER STATION, Benque Viejo, Cayo, Thursday, November 15, 2007:**

Last week we reported on the stand-off at the Western Border Station whereby customs brokers and importers were protesting the Border Management Agency’s imposition of new operational fees and in the process, for five days, brokers and importers refused to clear their imported cargo until the new fees were rescinded.

An instruction from the Ministry of Finance for the suspension of the proposed fees was received at the Western Border Station at around mid-day on Friday, November 9, 2007, and by 1:30 p.m., importers began clearing their goods under the

BMA’S PROPOSED FEES		AGREED FEES
<u>Visual Customs Inspection</u>		
Scrap Iron Operations	\$50.00	\$10.00
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Other Petroleum Products	\$50.00	\$10.00
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<u>Parking</u>		
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All containers	\$100.00	\$75.00

previous rate structure.

The temporary reprieve was offered on the understanding that stakeholders in the industry would

meet to determine a fee structure acceptable to all.

After a first meeting with the Prime Minister in Belmopan and a

subsequent meeting between a working group, at the offices of the Belize Chamber of Commerce in Belize City, the situation appears to have been ironed out with the agreed reduced charges as outlined in the table at the left.

Kevin Herrera, General Manager of the Belize Chamber of Commerce informed the media: “*At that meeting we were able to make breakthroughs on two of the categories, that is the overnight parking and the ramp use fees.*

*We still had some issues with the overall parking, I think that was called the “visual inspection” fee previously. The users of the facility, had a major issue with that category and with the name of that category.*

*We were able to come to a compromise. Most of the fees were slashed in half and some even less, in one or two cases.*

*So it was tough negotiations, but I think we got something much better than what was being proposed.*

*I think we live in an era where government and other agencies need to stop trying to just push things down on everybody and try to consult a little more.”*

Herrera additionally informed that the G.O.B. has agreed that the productive sector needs special consideration.

The new fees are scheduled to come into effect on Monday, November 19, 2007.☆

## LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **IRIS MAHMUD** is applying for the renewal of her **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **LOG CABINS** located on Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **XU SHANG LIANG** is applying for the renewal of his **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **HUADA RESTAURANT** located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **XU SHANG LIANG** is applying for the renewal of his **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **HUADA BEER PARLOUR** located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **HAYEDAN RODRIGUEZ** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **COZY CORNER** located on La Loma Luz Blvd., Santa Elena Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **GARATH GENTLE Sr.**, is applying for a **NIGHT CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **FAYA WATA** located on Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **GEORGE RECINOS** is applying for the renewal of his **CONVENIENT STORE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2008 to operate **COST LESS MART** located on the Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.



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## Association Of Realtors Sign Agreement In Las Vegas

**LAS VEGAS, Nevada, USA, Wednesday, November 14, 2007: Submitted By: Winsome Winsome, Cristo Rey Village**

Belize was the first of five associations from across the globe to sign agreements with NAR (National Association of REALTORS) at this, their Centennial Anniversary Conference and Expo – No Limits.

A delegation of seventeen Belizeans traveled to Las Vegas to

witness this historic signing of a bilateral agreement between the BNAR (Belize National Association of REALTORS) and the National Association of REALTORS®, the world's largest trade organization, at the Venetian Hotel.

President of the BNAR, **Rev. Macarena Rose** and the President Elect, **Ruth McCulloch Neal**, signed this landmark agreement on behalf of BNAR. **Pat V. Combs**, NAR President 2007, signed on

behalf of National Association of REALTORS®.

The other associations that signed were India, Thailand and the European Union. This brings the number of NAR cooperating associations to 75 in a total of 56 countries worldwide.

This is a significant milestone for

Belize. With BNAR now subscribing to an internationally recognized Code of Ethics, Belize is now launched into the international investment market as a credible and safe investment choice.

The Belize National Association of REALTORS can be contacted at [belizenar@gmail.com](mailto:belizenar@gmail.com) for further information. ☆

## BNE Confirms Oil In Never Delay and Spanish Lookout Landowners Receive Royalty

**SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, November 14, 2007:**

Belize Natural Energy (BNE) has confirmed that the newest well called Never Delay No. 1 has produced oil and gas which warranted testing.

The test drilling was completed in November and additional evaluation is being conducted before the commercial value of this latest discovery can be determined.

In other news coming out of Belize Natural Energy, landowners in Spanish Lookout are getting the first royalty payment for the extraction of oil from their lands.

The payment of over four hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars was received earlier this week.

It represents five percent of governments' seven percent take on

the product extracted by the BNE.

Land owners in Duck Run are also set to receive royalty payments to the tune of forty thousand dollars which they will get as soon as they get their land documents in order.

These payments are for production during the period January 2006 to June 2007.

Government's take during that same period amounted to nine and a half million Belize dollars.

The latest figure as contained in the Petroleum Register shows that the GOB's royalty through September 2007 is in the region of 12.33 million dollars.

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An additional fee of **\$10.00** will be charged for **late registration**.

Please note that there will be **NO** Walk-ins for the Examination this year.

This means that if a student does **not register** for the Exam by the deadline, he/she will **not be allowed** to sit the exam.

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Further information can be obtained from the Examination Coordinator.  
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### PRESS RELEASE

#### Belize Natural Energy Clarifies Status of Drilling in Never Delay

**Belmopan, November 14, 2007**

Belize Natural Energy commenced drilling of the Never Delay No. 1 exploratory well on September 23rd 2007, as an integral part of an aggressive exploration program amounting to an investment of over 30 million dollars for the second half of 2007.

As anticipated, based on the results of earlier drilling operations in the area as reflected in Eagle No. 1 Well, Never Delay No. 1 produced oil and gas shows. The shows were sufficient to warrant testing of the well, the first of which was undertaken on October 26th 2007.

The drilling of the well was completed on the 6th of November of 2007 and further tests are now being conducted. Once tests are completed and results obtained, a determination of whether the well is of potential commercial interest can then be made.

BNE is adhering to the procedures as set out in the Petroleum Regulations and the Production Sharing Agreement entered into with the Government of Belize in 2003.

BNE thanks the landowners who have supported and collaborated in making the establishment of a viable oil industry a reality. It is only with their continued support and vision that further reserves will be found thus dramatically improving the socio-economic reality of Belize and its people.

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## Unlicensed, Uninsured Government Vehicle Involved In Traffic Fatality

From Front Page

path of the Ministry of Works' Mercedes Benz Truck, bearing license plates CY-B-1319, that he was driving, thereby causing the accident.

The person maneuvering the motorcycle was identified as **Benjamin Garrido**, 26, driver from the community of Duck Run II. The passenger sitting on the back of the motorcycle was identified as **Daniel Ruano**, 26, laborer also from Duck Run II.

## Mark Flowers Is Back Again

From Front Page

At one time in his law enforcement career, between 2000 and 2003, Sgt. Flowers served as the Deputy Director of Belize's Department of Corrections at the Central Prison in Hattieville this was during the period prior to the change over of management to Kolbe Foundation.

After leaving the prison, Mark joined the newly created Scenes of Crime Service which came on stream to assist the police in the collection and processing of forensic evidence on scenes of crime. In 2005 he attended a 6 month scenes of crime specialist training program in Taiwan from which he graduated with distinction.

Sgt. Mark Anthony Flowers comes to the San Ignacio Police Detachment with a wealth of knowledge in various facets of law enforcement stemming from the protection of life and property through the maintenance of law and order, to the collection of information and investigation of crimes, to the incarceration and rehabilitation of prisoners.

Mark Anthony Flowers was born and grew up in the Santa Elena neighborhood. He attended St. Andrews Anglican Primary School and the Belmopan Comprehensive High School.

Mark is therefore no stranger to the community and as such, he informed that he is returning to make a positive difference with the community he knows so well.

Sgt. Flowers informed that his efforts will be geared towards strengthening the relationship between the community and the police and in the process he has every intention of ensuring that the human rights of all those persons who come in contact with the police are protected and respected.

*"In compliance with the policies and directives from the Commissioner of Police and the Officer Commanding the Cayo (Police) District, we will labor tirelessly towards putting forward a detachment where policemen and women will perform their duties in a professional manner and at all times respecting the rights of all those persons with whom they*

Garrido and Ruano were found to be suffering from head and body injuries and were rushed to the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan where Garrido was officially pronounced dead. Ruano's condition was too much for the Belmopan Hospital to handle and he was instantly transferred to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in a critical condition.

Our investigations revealed that the Mercedes Benz truck which is *interact in the execution of their duties. Another area where I want to focus on is the tackling of all crimes associated with illegal drugs within the community"* said Sgt. Flowers.

As in the case with most senior officers, we take this opportunity to welcome the Sgt. back home while simultaneously wishing him only the very best in the new position.☆

attached to the Ministry of Works in Santa Elena is neither licensed nor insured and has been without license and insurance for almost two years with the license and insurance expiring at end of February 2006 and

## Extremely Slippery And Dangerous When Wet

**SAN IGNAICO, Cayo District, Wednesday, November 14, 2007:**

The motoring public is hereby advised that the wooden bridge connecting the twin municipalities of Santa Elena and San Ignacio is EXTREMELY SLIPPERY and therefore DANGEROUS when wet.

Many are the incidents of vehicles sliding off the bridge and into the Macal River below. Just this week yet another vehicle landed in the river after sliding off the bridge. Then shortly after 8:00 p.m., this Wednesday night the police had a similar experience as their patrol pickup truck slid sideways on the bridge landing with its two front wheels hanging dangerously off the bridge after it mounted the low side rail.

January 31, 2006 respectively.


Although the accident is yet to produce an arrest, the police informed that a case file has been submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions for perusal and legal advice.☆

The motoring public is therefore advised to exercise care at ALL times when crossing this bridge.


Drivers must exercise EXTREME care when the wooden surface is wet as a combination of the water and the oil creates a dangerously slippery condition. The risk is compounded when speeding is factored into the equation as vehicles descend the hill on both approaches to the bridge especially when approaching from the steeper hill on the Santa Elena side of the bridge.

Since the structure forms a part of the national highway network, the Ministry of Works would be well within its jurisdiction to erect the necessary warning signs in the area for the safety of all road users.☆


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