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ESPAT AND SIERRA UP FOR ROBBERY

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, May 21, 2008:

Two Santa Elena boys are today in the custody of San Ignacio Police charged with robbing a resident also of Santa Elena Town.

It was shortly after 8:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 17 when San Ignacio police were summoned to the San Ignacio Town Hospital where they encountered **Eneldo "Tu Sabes" Martinez**, 44, Belizean Laborer of #1911 George Price Avenue, receiving medical treatment for



Antonio "Ducho" Espat

injuries to his face.

In a statement to the police, the victim informed that at around 7:00



Joel Sierra

pm that Saturday evening he left his mother's house on George Price and walked up to the Low Line Bar



Eneldo "Tu Sabes" Martinez

located on the right side of George Price Avenue just before turning the curve when driving down the hill to the wooden bridge.

Martinez informed that with \$70 in his pocket, he intended to enter the bar to drink a Belikin beer. He said that he had not even entered the establishment when he was approached by six boys, three of whom he immediately identified as **Joel Sierra**, whom he knew was recently released from jail. The other he identified as **Ducho Espat** and third one whom he knows only as **Mr. Edmund Bennett's** step-son whom he knew while working as a carpenter helper with **Mr. Edmund Bennett** right up to the time of Mr. Bennett's death a few years ago.

Martinez alleges that while stepping into the bar, "**Joel Sierra asked me to give him a beer; I answered telling Joel that I don't have it, and I can't buy him a beer. When I said that I can't buy him a beer, Joel then punched me on the left side of my face and at the same time Ducho Espat punched me on**

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SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, May 21, 2008:

It was shortly after 12 noon this Wednesday, May 21, when **Robert Craig**, Maranco Director/Rig Manager, P.R Marriott Drilling, the company drilling oil wells for Belize Natural Energy (BNE), visited the San Ignacio Police Station not to make a report but instead to present financial assistance to the detachment.

The \$3,000 donation was made in the form of two cheques each for \$1,500. In presenting the donation, Craig said that his company recognizes the important services the police provide within the society and as such he considered it a distinct honor to make the contribution for the enhancement of security in the community.

In accepting the two cheques,



Accepting the gift, Sr. Supt., David Henderson Sr. (L) Handing over the donation, Robert Craig (R)

Officer Commanding the Cayo (Police) District, **Sr. Supt., David Henderson Sr.** informed that the

police intend to extract maximum benefit from the contribution.

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Editorial



A Government's Sacred Responsibility Is The Security Of Its People

It used to be in years gone by when a murder, in any form, was BIG news in Belize.

The news was even BIGGER when it was a shooting death.

Today, we have reached the stage when we expect for one person, or even more than one person, to be killed everyday somewhere in the country.

Today we find ourselves counting the days between the last murder and when a few murder-free days go by we feel like something is just not right.

The senseless killings, especially on the streets of Belize City, has reached a new and dangerous level with last Sunday night's detonation of a grenade in Mayflower Alley.

One dozen persons were injured in the blast one of whom died from the fragmentation of the explosive device.

Someone committed this act of terror. Cost what it may, the number 1 priority of the Belize Police Department **MUST BE** to find that someone and bring that monster to justice.

After that individual has been convicted by a jury, that monster **MUST BE EXECUTED** without delay.

Belize is an independent nation. The government is charged with the sacred responsibility of protecting its citizens. Let no one tell us that we cannot execute this convicted terrorist.

These acts of terrorism start with the launching of a grenade and escalate into bigger things.

In the United States of America it escalated to the point where a lone ranger bombed a government building. Timothy McVeigh was convicted for the April 19, 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building in Oklahoma City. Where is Timothy McVeigh today? Ninety minutes after the incident he was arrested on a lesser charge and two days later he was arrested for the bombing. He was later convicted and subsequently **EXECUTED**.

The United States of

America bombed an entire nation, killing hundreds of thousands of people, in retaliation for the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City.

This terrorist in Belize must be found, arrested, convicted and executed.

The execution must be done in such a manner that every detail can be captured by way of video recording maybe not for public viewing. At the very least however the tape must be shown every single day to every inmate behind prison walls. As our

One Policeman Could Face 16 Traffic Related Charges

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Friday, May 23, 2008:

Reliable reports reaching us indicate that San Ignacio police intends to throw the books at one of their own in connection with a road traffic accident that occurred on Sunday, May 18, between miles 69 and 70 on the Western Highway leading to Benque Viejo Town.

San Ignacio police reports that acting upon information received they arrived on the scene of the traffic accident shortly after 5:30 p.m. on Sunday May 18, where they found two extensively damaged cars on the left side of the highway when traveling from San Ignacio towards Benque Viejo Town. One of the cars was a red Geo Prism with taxi license plates D-4132 and the other was a red Toyota Corolla with private Cayo license plates CY-C-26700.

In a statement to the police **Marribel Gonzalez**, 23, University of Belize student, informed that she was driving the Toyota Corolla from the direction of San Ignacio toward Benque Viejo Town when upon reaching the area, she saw the Geo

students assemble for the daily singing of the national anthem of Belize, so too should every prisoner assemble for the viewing of the execution of the Mayflower Street Terrorist.

Furthermore, the showing of the tape must form an integral part of the orientation for every single new entrant into the prison system, be they on remand or be they convicted.

The preceding paragraphs were written less than 48 hours after the terrorist act on Mayflower Street took place.

Now police are saying that they are looking for a 16 year old student, known as **Akeem Smith**, as the prime terrorist suspect.

Has our position changed on the way the convicted grenade

Prism heading in the opposite direction but on her side of the highway. She informed that in an effort to avoid a collision she switched over to the other side of the highway with the Geo Prism doing likewise. Gonzalez informed that whilst in the process of returning to the proper side of the highway the head on collision occurred.

Police investigation revealed that the Geo Prism was neither licensed nor insured. The driver was identified as Police Constable, **Silvio Flores**, stationed at the Intermediary Southern Formation (ISF) in Independence Village, Stann Creek District. Flores, a resident of the Hillview community in Santa Elena Town, was not on the scene of the accident when the police arrived.

All seven occupants of the Toyota Corolla received various degrees of injuries and were treated at the San Ignacio Hospital.

Traveling inside the Geo Prism along with **PC Silvio Flores** were his 9 and 11 year old sons as well as fellow Constable **Baston Peters** a resident of Teakettle Village all of whom were

launcher should be treated? Frankly, **NO!** Does a grenade, detonated by a 16 year old person cause any less devastation than the one activated by a 61 year old person? **Hell NO!!**

The questions on many of our minds are likely to be: *a) What kind of beef could a 16 year boy have to unleash such destruction? and b) How could a 16 year old get his hands on a grenade?*

His parents, and maybe even grandparents, might have never as much as seen a real grenade much less laid their hands on one. Furthermore, activating a grenade in the middle of gathering is unimanigable to the ordinary person.

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treated at the Loma Luz Hospital in Santa Elena.

San Ignacio police informed that Flores could face as much as 16 charges in connection with the accident. The possible charges, according to the police, could include, 7 counts of negligent harm, 2 counts of negligent grievous harm, 2 counts of negligent wounding, 1 count each for driving motor vehicle not covered by third party risk insurance, driving an unlicensed motor vehicle, driving without due care and attention, failure to report a traffic accident and making a false statement to the police since it is alleged that Flores is denying being the driver of the Geo Prism at the time of the accident.

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Letters to the Editor

How Will This Policeman Compensate This Family?

Dear Editor;

On Sunday, 18th May 2008 sometime after 5:00 pm, a traffic accident occurred on the Western Highway on the hill before reaching Kaana Resort.

Upon my arrival all the victims from both vehicles were already taken to the hospital for treatment and the police were there taking measurements of the scene of the accident.

As I gathered among the crowd, I was told that the car coming from Benque was driven by a police officer and the other vehicle was a family car belonging to the Gonzalez family, a family with which I am acquainted, from Benque Viejo Town.

From my observations of the scene, I concluded that the Gonzalez car was coming from San Ignacio travelling towards Benque Viejo Town when it had to exit its lane as the other car was apparently driving as if it was in London, UK but upon realizing that it was traveling in the wrong lane, the driver was in the process of switching back into its proper lane. Then there was a **BANG** resulting in a head on collision.

My checks revealed that the license and insurance attached to the car coming from Benque Viejo Town were not valid as they had expired since 2007. There were also beer bottles (Belikin and a Cuama) inside the car which was photographed. I am hoping that these items could be properly stored to be used as evidence in the case. I hope that these items do not end up being intentionally lost by fraternity cover!!!

I travelled to the San Ignacio Hospital whereby the female that was inside the car driven by the police was being transported by ambulance to Belize City in a serious condition. A policeman whom I know as Peters was being hospitalized where he verbally claimed he was not the driver but had hired the car to go to champon. The other driver was not at the hospital?? As for the Gonzalez family, only the mother was seriously injured with a fractured hip and injuries to the head which the doctor told her was nothing serious. She was nevertheless later taken to Belize city for surgery on her hip. The other (6) victims had abrasions, minor cuts and

were complaining of pain as a result of the impact.

The young female driver was able to talk. She confirmed how the accident occurred. While, with seven persons on board her vehicle she was indeed overloaded hence the reason why she was driving a mere 40-45 mph before the accident and had even decreased the speed upon seeing the oncoming vehicle.

The other vehicle suffered much of the impact due to its speed. I also found out at the San Ignacio Hospital that a samaritan, acquaintances to the Gonzalez family, reportedly took the driver and his 2 sons to the Loma Luz hospital for treatment. However, over 3 hours had elapsed for the same policemen who were at the scene, to arrive at the hospital and issue medico forms. Members of the Gonzalez were requesting for specimen to be taken from the driver of the other vehicle in order to make a determination if drunk driving could have been the cause of the accident. The police are aware that it is an offence for a person to refuse to provide specimen samples...but the perception is that the police were really taking their time and dragging their feet.....

Nevertheless, my checks revealed that up until Monday no one has been arrested yet. Despite the fact that the police are in possession of a statement identifying the driver of the other vehicle who happens to be a policeman (aka as Blinds.) This individual and his two sons were taken to the Loma Luz Hospital along for medical treatment.

This accident has caused a humble family to incur unnecessary expenses such as hiring the service of an ambulance from Spanish Lookout.

The mother was unable to get

immediate treatment at the KMH because of the senseless incident with the grenade and therefore it was difficult for her to receive medical attention and she had to be taken to Medical Associates Hospital for immediate surgery.

While this accident could have been fatal, the investigation into a straight forward case like this one is starting to drag its feet at the initial stage but the problem is, if the driver is found guilty, the family will have to seek compensation by way of a civil suit. But the reality is that this individual did not have insurance nor license on the vehicle? The question therefore is: **How will this polieman compensate this family?**

In the interim, the family is punishing under the strain of unnecessary medical expenses, combined with the children who cannot attend school and interruption of other family plans due to this uncalled for accident by those who know and should have abided by the law.

I am writing this letter to the editor in an effort to bring this matter to the attention of the Police Officer commanding the Cayo District. This officer needs to take action and in so doing send a message to all his subordinates... Justice delayed is justice denied... those that have sworn to maintain law and order must do so and if they are wrong they are not exempted either.

I wonder if it was the other way around, would action have already been taken? We will wait and see and will continue to observe their professionalism and advocate for justice...

ps. name withheld until the case develops... We will see how far it goes!!

Lets observe and advocate for the right things!!

cc. Cayo police officer in charge

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Ninga Man Shot In Santa Elena

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, May 22, 2008:

San Ignacio Police reports that at approximately 12:55 a.m., on Thursday, May 22, they arrived on the scene of a shooting incident in Santa Elena Town where they found a man with two gunshot injuries.

Acting upon information received, the police visited a house on Maxi Street, Santa Elena where they came upon **Elroy “Ninga Man” Flowers**, 27, Belizean Mechanic, originally from Belize City, with a gunshot wound to the right side of the chest and another to the upper portion of the left arm.

In a brief statement to the police, Flowers informed that at around 12:40 a.m., he was awakened by the breaking of glass from the front window of the small bungalow house where he was staying.

Flowers alleges that he got up from the bed near the window to check on the noise when he saw three persons standing on the outside of the house one of whom he clearly recognized as **Joel Sierra**.

Flowers informed that one of the men fired three shots at him with two of the bullets causing the injuries.

The injured man was rushed to the San Ignacio Town Hospital and later

Someone Stole Joe's Gun From Under His Bed

Belize City, Monday, May 19, 2008:

Belize City police reports that on Monday, May 19, **Jose “Joe” Erales**, 77, Belizean, Justice of the Peace, visited the police station and reported the theft of his gun which occurred three weeks earlier.

Erales informed that sometime between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28, his .38 revolver, serial number LFM2366, valued at \$3,750, was stolen from under his bed inside his house located at #8-1st Street, Kings Park, Belize City.

Police are asking anyone with information to please contact the nearest police station.



The scene of the shooting incident on Maxi Street, Santa Elena.

The Bungalow house with missing glass louvers from a front window.

transported to the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan where he is listed in stable condition. Police investigation continues.

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Human Right Advocate Claims Police Brutality In Dangriga

DANGRIGA TOWN, Stann Creek District, Wednesday, May 21, 2008:

On Friday May 16, Dangriga resident **Rhold Henry** had a dispute at the Riverside area in Dangriga with off duty **Police Constable Keith Cruz**. During the dispute, other police came to the scene and P.C. Cruz stabbed Henry in his left thigh with Henry's own knife.

According to Henry, he was bleeding profusely from the injury and was left to sit for 20 minutes before the police took him to the Southern Regional Hospital to receive medical treatment. By that time, when he was admitted to hospital, he was in shock and loosing consciousness.

While this may seem bad enough what happened next is beyond belief even for those who have witnessed rampant police misconduct.

While Henry was under police guard sleeping in his hospital bed, three police officers, including P.C. **Cruz, Sgt. Reyes** and an unnamed police constable, approached him. The unnamed officer handcuffed Henry's right hand to the bed, told Henry he was under arrest, and as Henry turned his head he saw P.C. Cruz striking him with a shotgun.

In an effort to protect himself, Henry raised his left arm that was attached to an intravenous device. The police pulled the IV out of Henry's arm. Henry covered his head and face as best he could with his arm as P.C.



Rhold Henry

Cruz beat him in the hospital bed. Henry's left arm and shoulder sustained the majority of blows.

Henry began to scream and a nurse came to the door to find it closed. The police officer who had been on duty was guarding the door while the beating was taking place.

The nurse observed that the IV was out of Henry's arm and that blood was covering the bed. When the nurse arrived, the police left and Henry was treated for the new set of injuries.

When Henry was released from hospital on Tuesday, he was charged for a variety of offences, including aggravated assault, insulting words and threat of death to Keith Cruz.

A complaint against P.C. Cruz and Sgt. Reyes has been lodged with the Police Department's Internal Affairs and Discipline Unit in Belmopan.

We are yet to be notified of the commencement of an investigation into this matter.

Attorney Antoinette Moore who is representing Henry, said, *"In the many years I have monitored and fought against police brutality in Belize, this is one of the most outrageous cases I have encountered. For the police to enter a hospital ward handcuff an immobilized patient and beat him in his hospital bed shows how bold and lawless some of our law enforcement officers have become."*

The authorities must realize that they cannot separate the fight against the scourge of violent crime in the streets from the cancer of violence and abuse that exists within the police."

Ed. Note: In sharing this information with Commissioner of Police Gerald Westby, he informed that he is just back in the country. but is nevertheless aware that an investigation is underway by the IAD, Dangriga.

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★ STAR HUMOR

Never Seen A Live Cow Before

A group of wealthy ladies got off the cruise ship last Thursday morning and boarded the tour bus for the ride to the cattle farm on the Benque Road.

They've lived in New York City all their lives and most of them have never seen a live cattle before.

Upon arrival they were greeted by farmer Juan Galvez who was giving them the grand tour.

After looking about, Myrtle saw something she thought was quite remarkable. She walked up to farmer Galvez and asked. "Sir, why doesn't this

cow have any horns?"

Farmer Galvez pushed back his hat and began to explain in a patient tone, "Well, ma'am," he said "cattle come in many forms. Their powerful horns can cause a lot of damage. Sometimes we trim their horns down with a hacksaw. Other times we put a couple drops of acid on their horns which stops the growth" said farmer Galvez patiently. "and there are some breeds of cattle that never grow horns. But the reason this cow don't have no horns, ma'am, is because it's a horse."

What A Normal Person Would Do

During a visit to the Rockview Mental Asylum, Miss Consuelo asked the Director "How do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized."

"The test is quite simple," said the Director. "We full a bathtub to the rim with water then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask the patient of select one of them to empty

the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," said Miss Consuelo. "In that case a normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup, right."

"No!" exclaimed the Director, "A normal person would pull the plug and allow the bathtub to drain on its own. Do you want a bed near the window or close to the door?"

KREM Radio Limited

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 22, 2008

Lawyers for Sagis Investments/Belize Bank/Michael Ashcroft have taken the extraordinary step of publishing this morning a whole page advertisement in the UDP newspaper, GUARDIAN, discussing a Supreme Court matter which is awaiting the judgement of the Chief Justice, Dr. Abdulai Conteh. We must respond

This is an attempt to lobby Belizean public support for Sagis/Belize Bank/Ashcroft, and to smear the reputation of KREM Ltd.

The evidence in Supreme Court shows that the loan package prepared for KREM on June of 1994 involved the attorney Dickie Bradley, in the first instance, and following that, the attorney and then PUP Deputy Leader, Said Musa, who ended up acting as the attorney for KREM, even though it was Bradley who had been the KREM attorney.

Amandala business manager, Jacinta Hyde Garnett, confirmed a long time before the Sagis litigation of March 28, 2007, that Amandala had paid off the Belize Bank \$75,000 commitment with newspaper advertisements over a period of years. Sagis does not want to talk about that, because, whereas their people were behaving one way from 1994 onwards, they began behaving in a disrespectful and bullying manner in 2007.

According to the Sagis statement in the GUARDIAN this morning, "Michael Ashcroft no longer has an interest in Sagis ..." So who is it that does, have an interest in the mysterious Sagis, that is? Since he "no longer" has "an interest," when did Lord Ashcroft have it and for how long did he have it?

After 1994, it did not matter to Sagis and Ashcroft about the 10% KREM shares. Lord Ashcroft was seeking a change of government from UDP to PUP, which took place in 1998. That change benefited his businesses greatly. KREM was considered PUP in 1994, and was pro-PUP in both the 1998 and 2003 general elections. KREM Radio and the PUP began entering a relationship of antagonism in April of 2004.

KREM Radio was a business subsidized by Amandala Press from 1989 to 1998.

During his Supreme Court testimony on Monday afternoon, May 12, 2008, it was obvious that KREM director, Charles B. Hyde, who is 84 years old, had trouble hearing the lead attorney for Sagis, Vincent Nelson, Q.C., whose voice is a soft one. It also became clear that Mr. Hyde, general manager of KREM Radio in 1994, had independent authority at KREM, and sometimes opinions which were different from those of Evan X Hyde and Rufus X.

KREM Radio paid back the \$75,000 loan with advertisements in Amandala newspaper. Because the process was taking place at the time between reasonably friendly entities - Amandala and Belize Bank, it was not properly documented. Thus, in March of 2007, Sagis suddenly began claiming more than \$262,000, in principal and interest, for a 1994 loan which had been repaid.

Sagis/Belize Bank/Ashcroft neglected to complete the 10% KREM shares transaction, because it was too insignificant at the time. That was not KREM's fault. It became important for Market Square to complete the transaction in 2007 because KREM was criticizing Ashcroft, and the Lord wanted to discipline the radio station.

In 1994, nobody from the KREM board wanted to sell shares to Sagis, Ashcroft, or whomsoever. Between the attorney for KREM, Said Musa, and the Sagis/Belize Bank/Ashcroft people, they agreed/demanded that Evan X Hyde should sell 10% of KREM - his shares, to Sagis as a condition for the loan. This amounted to blackmail, to which KREM yielded. This was Shylock's "pound of flesh." As fate would have it, the transaction was never completed. Thanks to that.

"The land shall not be sold for ever; for the land is mine, for ye are strangers and sojourners with me.

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Soldier Dies Under Mysterious Circumstances

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Wednesday, May 21, 2008:

A post mortem examination conducted today on the body of BDF Lance Corporal Warren Jeffery Cho, a resident of Maya Mopan Village in Southern Stann Creek District revealed the cause of death as *“Acute Pulmonary Odema due to paradigm bleeding of the right lung due to abdominal trauma and laceration.”*

In layman’s terms Cho sustained a blow to the abdomen damaging his right lung causing it to bleed with the internal bleeding suffocating him.

Although the circumstances surrounding Corporal Cho’s death remain mysterious, San Ignacio Police are basically treating it as an accident primarily resulting from disorientation caused by the excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Reports reaching us indicate that L/Corporal Warren Jeffery Cho, accompanied by a female soldier, both stationed at Belizario Camp, Central Farm, Cayo, were out on the town last Thursday night having fun.

It was sometime between 8 and 9:00 pm when they entered the Pit Pan Bar, inside the Manzanero Complex, and began drinking beers for which Cho was paying.

They remained in the bar right up to around midnight when the consumption of alcohol began to produce effects on the behavior of the soldier.

Although not disturbing other customers, he began jumping around in the establishment.

At one point the female companion became concerned about his behavior and despite his request for more beers, she was discretely telling the bartender and barmaids not to sell him any more beer.

The female suggested that he go to the police station and take a rest in the care of the policemen but Cho remained adamant that he wanted to have more beers.

It was when he made an attempt to urinate on a pile of sand in front of the bar that the two Security Guards

became concerned and asked him to conduct himself.

Becoming more concerned about his behavior, the female companion requested a taxi for the ride back to Belizario Camp while the security guards were trying to get him into the taxi. They placed a cuff on his left wrist, Cho broke away and ran up the street towards Burns Avenue just as the female was paying for the taxi ride back to camp.

That was the last they saw Lance Corporal Cho alive. The female reentered the Pit Pan Bar and departed with the DJ at closing time around 3:00 a.m.

It was shortly after 2:00 am when the attention of the police was drawn to a loud groaning on the San Ignacio Bank of the Macal River directly under the Hawksworth Bridge.

When police visited the area they found a male person of Mayan decent unable to speak and groaning loudly. He was wearing a gray sleeveless T-shirt and a khaki 3/4 pants with a handcuff on his left wrist.

The person’s body, except for the head, was in the river. The police returned to the station for a stretcher which was used to transport the person to the San Ignacio Hospital where he later passed away.

Police suspect that he might have been staggering on the road under the bridge and might have lost his footing thereby falling down the bank and on to the edge of the river where he was found.

At round 5:30 am that Friday morning the police noticed a male person of Hispanic decent seeking a ride at the foot of the Hawksworth Bridge, upon being questioned, the person informed that he is BDF soldier Bolon stationed at Belizario Camp. He accompanied the police to the San Ignacio Hospital where he identified the other person as Lance Corporal Cho also attached to Camp Belizario.

The police reported the incident to officials at Camp Belizario who promptly visited the San Ignacio Police Station. They were briefed on the matter and the case was handed over to the army.



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

NOTICE

Government of Belize

Professional and Technical Scholarship Awards 2008

The Government of Belize is offering Professional and Technical Scholarship Awards for 2008. These scholarships are tenable **ONLY** at the University of the West Indies, the University of Technology in Jamaica, and the University of Guyana.

Limitation to the Awards

The scholarship award is limited to **Bachelor’s Degree Programs** only and is applicable for a maximum of three (3) consecutive academic years of study in so far as students remain in good standing for the duration of the program. Only in exceptional cases will the Ministry of Education consider **Post Graduate Programs**.

Coverage of the Awards

The scholarship covers tuition (including Economic Cost), allowances for room and board, books, and incidental expenses. The quantum of such allowances will be based on recommendations obtained by the Ministry of Education from the respective Universities. Airfare and matriculation cost will **NOT** be covered under the scholarship award.

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be citizen of Belize
2. Applicant must gain acceptance into the respective Faculty of the University at which he/she proposes to attend.
3. Applicant’s course of studies must be from among the following national priorities, which are not listed in order of preference

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| a. Agricultural Economics | j. Special Education |
| b. Agriculture Marketing/Trade | k. Vocational and Technical Education Administration |
| c. Chemical/Civil Electrical/ Mechanical Engineering | l. Hospital Management and Planning |
| d. Computer Science | m. Finance |
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| f. Economics | o. Nursing Administration |
| g. Geology | p. Transport Technology |
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(Please note that Law and Medicine are not included in the list of National Priorities)

Other Conditions of the Scholarship Award

Each Scholarship recipient will be required to return to Belize whenever he/she successfully completes his/her course of study and to serve the Government of Belize (or with the permission of the Government of Belize, serve in the private sector in his profession or calling) for a period of four years commencing from the date of employment in Belize. Applicants will be required to sign a Bond Agreement with the Government of Belize in this respect.

The scholarship is normally for the duration of the program of studies and requires that the scholarship holder maintains passing grades at the University where he/she is enrolled.

Application Forms can be obtained from the District Education Centers or at the Ministry of Education in Belmopan.

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STAR Publisher Appointed Chairman, Elections & Boundaries Commission

BELMOPAN CITY, Cayo District, Tuesday, May 20, 2008:

In keeping with its' reform agenda and added responsibility, the Senate today approved the appointment of a new Elections & Boundaries Commission with **Alberto August** Publisher of the **STAR Newspaper**, appointed to serve as the Commission's new Chairman

The other four appointed members of the Commission are **Attorney Dean R. Lindo** and United Democratic Party Secretary General **Mrs. Phillipa Griffith Bailey** both appointed in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister..

The other two members representing the opposition, People's United Party are **Attorney Derek Courtenay** along with San Ignacio businessman **Orlando Espot** both

appointed with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition.

Having served for over 9 years, Alberto August is currently the longest serving member of the Elections and Boundaries Commission.

He was first appointed as the United Democratic Party's representative on the Commission in September 1998. His appointment was renewed for a second 5 year term on May 1, 2003 and on this, a third term, Alberto August will be serving as the Commission's Chairman.

Alberto August is a resident of Santa Elena, Cayo. He is the



Alberto August, Chairman, Elections & Boundaries Commission

Publisher of **The STAR Newspaper**. The newspaper began operating in August 2000 as the **Stann Creek STAR** in Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District.

The **Stann Creek STAR** came to a sudden end in June 2004 when Alberto's eldest son was murdered in San Ignacio. Immediately after that incident the **STAR Newspaper** was relocated to Santa Elena, Cayo where it continues to successfully serve the needs of it's many readers.

Since the February 7, 2008 change of Government, Alberto August has likewise been appointed to serve on the new Board of Directors of the Belize Water Services Limited.

He also serves as the representative of the Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Public Utilities, Transport, Communications and National Emergency Management, on the new Board of Directors of the Belize Port Authority. As he continue in service to the people, Alberto's motto remains *"It's always a pleasure to be of service"*.

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Eligibility Conditions

- *Applicants must be Belizean
- *Be between 20 and 30 years of age
- *Provide a very good school curriculum
- *Provide two letters of recommendation (preferably from teachers from the most recent schools attended)
- *Provide an essay indicating their motivation to complete their studies

Priority will be given to applicants who wish to pursue their studies in their own country or in a neighbouring country, or region.

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

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

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

Peacework International And Rider University Volunteers Making A Difference For Students Of St. Andrews Anglican Primary School

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Friday, May 23, 2008:

Peacework International Service Organization partnered with Rider University from Lawrenceville, New Jersey during the week of May 17th - May 24th to perform an Education and Construction Project at St. Andrew's Anglican School in San Ignacio Town, Cayo.

The participants of the project were: **Heather Brisby**, (*staff advisor from Rider University*); **Katie Haberman** (*Peacework Representative*); and students from Rider University: **Nicole Adesso**, **Emily DiPaolo**, **Uchenna Duru**, **Krista Fincke**, **Chelsea Kovacs**, **Rob Liao**, **Indya Murray**, **Jessica O'Neill**, **Lindsey Peletier**, **Ashley Richert**, **Lena Ricioppi** and



Volunteers along with students on the newly constructed playground

Lindsey Thomas.

Also included in the Construction Project were **Richard Zul**, **Carlos**

Guardado and **Eduardo Chan** from San Ignacio Town.

A group of students from Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, have partnered with Peacework International Service Organization and have spent the previous week at the school assisting in the classrooms, implementing an after school enrichment program and the building of a playground for the school.

In commenting specifically on the playground project, the school's principal, **Ms. Helen Smith**, expressed gratitude to the volunteers for providing the children with a safe place to interact and recreate.

The playground includes four swings, four seesaws, a playhouse with two slides and a tire tower. Palm

trees, providing shade in the playground, were generously donated by **Marlow** and **Edma Robinson**.

In addition to the construction project, the Rider students tutored students in subject areas such as Math, English, and Hygiene (including dental health and nutrition). After school hours each day the volunteers distributed fresh fruit as a healthy snack alternative. The children were also invited to stay after school to play games with the Rider college students.

Financing for the project was raised by the Rider students. The money raised was used to purchase all the materials needed for the construction of the playground as well as for the procurement of school supplies.

Peacework made this international service project possible by coordinating all the efforts for St. Andrew's School. Rider University hopes to return to Belize annually through its partnership with Peacework.

The volunteers take this opportunity to thank **Richard** and **Lucille Zul** of San Ignacio Town for assisting in coordinating the construction of the playground and for volunteering their time, materials, tools and energy to the project.

A special Thank You is also extended to **Carlos Guardado** and **Eduardo Chan** for working tirelessly alongside the volunteers during the course of the entire week.

ESPAT AND SIERRA UP FOR ROBBERY

FROM FRONT PAGE

the right side of (my) face. I then fell to the ground and lost consciousness. When I regained consciousness, I realized that I was in the San Ignacio Hospital. I placed my hands in my pocket and I found out that my \$70.00 in cash was missing. I believe that when I fell to the ground that was the time these boys took my money."

Residents in the area of the Low Line Bar informed that Eneldo Martinez' experience is nothing strange.

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Henderson informed that one of the cheques has been earmarked to assist the Police Cadet Corp and to defray some of the expenses for Police Week 2008 which will be celebrated between July 6-12, under the theme "Together We Can Make Belize Safer".

"The other cheque will be used," said Supt. Henderson, "for the establishment of a text messaging center at the San Ignacio Police Station."

Spearheading the text messaging

initiative is **Sgt. Mark Anthony Flowers** who was also present to witness the handing over. In a brief interview with the **STAR Newspaper**, Sgt Flowers said: "In an effort to keep up with current trends, the new text messaging center will be designed for the police to receive brief text reports and tips from persons who are either unable to personally visit the station for whatever reason or those who do not have enough credit on their cellular phones to call in a report or a tip or for those in remote areas where voice transmission is of poor quality or simply for those persons who are more into the text messaging mode."

"The bottom line," said Sgt. Flowers, "is for the police to tap into yet another source of receiving information and assistance from the public especially during these challenging times."

Supt. Henderson and Sgt. Flowers thanked **Robert Craig** for the kind donation assuring him that the financial assistance will be utilized to enhance the delivery of service to the community as well as to strengthen the public relation efforts of the detachment.

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