HERM skin gets two years for - 1.1 108.8: Herbert Kenneth Bain, 38, Belizean laborer of a San Ignacio robbery that he has a drug dependency problem and that he would like to go to jail: "to take a break". He was subsequently sentenced to spend the next two years in jail.

"Belize Can Go Solar" BY: Dr. Leo Antonio Obando MADRID SPAIN, Thursday March 6, 2008: It is time to think seriously about the medium - long term benefits that Solar Energy can bring to developing countries like Belize - says Dr. Leo Antonio Obando, Belizean Ph.D. student at Complutense University in Madrid, Spain.

Dr. Obando adds - To think Solar, is to think about the economic future of Belize, as the number one country in sustainable development in the region and the number one leader against Global Warming. Solar Energy is the energy of the future. It is renewable, cleaner, cheaper and sustainable in the medium and long term.

We are looking at critical components of electrical supply in Belize which demands careful considerations, - says Dr. Obando - for example:

1) The electricity supply that is produced through the use of hydro dams in the Cayo District is polluting the biggest source of drinkable fresh water in Belize. It is copardizing people, animal and plant life in the country.

2) These dams have a very short life span and soon will be producing zero electricity, while our rivers in the western and central regions of the country, will be totally destroyed and useless.

3) We do not and might never possess the resources to compensate nature for lost of biodiversity. The compensation is simply priceless!

Presently, we import a sizeable percentage of our electricity supply from Mexico; with the increase of oil prices on the international market, we can expect Mexico to increase its prices per kilowatt hour, thereby forcing the local provider, BEL (Belize Electricity Limited) to pass these increased onto Belizean consumers.

If we go solar - says Dr. Obando - we will be watching several birds with one eye (the people from the Audubon Society would please turn to page 15)
The Belize Electricity Limited’s gift to new administration on its first month anniversary in Government comes in the form of a request for a hefty 15% increase in electricity rates. This request poses quite a challenge for Prime Minister Dean Barrow and his government. The very first words in the United Democratic Party’s Manifesto “imagine the possibilities” are “We, the United Democratic Party, do hereby pledge … Ease the cost of living by lowering electricity rates and telephone rates.”

We can recall that no sooner had these words left the mouth of the prime minister to be, when they were met with thunderous applause on the occasion of the launching of the United Democratic Party’s 31 pledges at the Radisson Fort George Hotel in Belize City. Simply put, the people of Belize came out early and in large numbers on February 7 and voted for a change of government primarily because they wanted an ease in the cost of living and nothing less.

We were on the campaign trail and on the political rostrums asking the people of Belize to vote for Dean Barrow and the United Democratic Party because we truly believed that the United Democratic Party has what it takes to “ease the cost of living” for the Belizean people.

With its firm pledge to lower electricity rates and with municipal elections less than 12 months away, the new UDP government can ill afford to approve any increase in electricity rates. At the very heart of high prices worldwide is the raising cost of oil on the international market resulting primarily from the war in Iraq. It is therefore high time for the world to unite with one voice in calling for an end to this war.

The citizens of the world are paying dearly for this war. Let Belize begin by telling the Canadian shareholders of BEL/Fortis that we will not continue paying for the war in Iraq.

On February 7, Belizeans voted for a change in the way things were done in our country. We can no longer afford to guarantee healthy annual profits for those wealthy Canadian shareholders of the electricity company operating in Belize as these people could care less if the price of oil reaches 200 dollars per barrel because, under the previous arrangement, they are still reaping the same huge profits while the people of Belize are paying through our noses for a service.

The pockets of the Belizean people have been feeling the pinch for much too long. Maybe when these influential Canadians begin to feel the effects as we have been doing for so long, they might be prompted to use their lobbying power to pressure their powerful government to begin leading the call for an end to the war. And when the war is finally ended only then might the world return to normalcy and all of us should be happy.

The previous government led us to believe that there was nothing we could do about the rising cost of fuel and so they allowed the BEL to gradually tighten the noose around our necks while using us to cushion the effects on their shareholders.

Britain was the United States of America’s first ally in the invasion of Iraq. The British people felt the effects of the war and they promptly reacted to the condition resulting in their once popular Prime Minister Tony Blair going into early retirement.

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Belizean voters will be closely monitoring the results of this latest Belize request for higher rates. If any increase is approved, oh what a ready for municipal elections on Wednesday, March 4, 2009.
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Police Bullets Flying In A Populated Neighborhood

CONTRIBUTED  SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Monday, March 17, 2008:

How times have changed. I witnessed the frightening experience last Sunday evening as a group of policemen were firing shots in a populated neighborhood in Santa Elena Town while chasing after a boy. I was concerned for the safety of the people in the area as it sounded like we were in a war zone. The boy was eventually shot in the foot and now lies in a hospital recuperating.

As a former police officer, this incident begs the questions: Has the policeman's terms of engagement changed? It used to be in times gone by that the only time a policeman would shoot at anyone was when his life, or the life of another, was in imminent danger. It also used to be in times gone by when the pen in hands of a policeman was mightier that the gun if ever he carried a gun.

This boy might have broken the law hence the effort to rightfully apprehend him. However, in times gone by the police were trained in the use of justifiable force for the apprehension of suspects. I now also ask. When has the "long arm of the law" become so short that our policemen must now shoot down suspects to apprehend them?

Every policeman in this community knows this boy. He is no stranger to the police. They know where he lives. They know the group he hangs out with. They know the places he frequents. In fact they even have his photograph on their file. Why shoot him then? Was he in the process of killing someone? NO!

It also used to be in times gone by when he asserted his point of view. It used to be in times gone by that policemen shot at anyone was when his gun if ever he carried a gun. It used to be in times gone by that policemen fired shots in populated areas.

This incident has not made it to the official police news bulletin to the media. Therefore we are not aware if “the Commissioner of Police has, as in all cases involved shooting by the police, ordered a full investigation into the incident” which are words used to end all police press reports of this nature.

I want to publicly thank Mr. Raymond Cox for taking swift action in correcting the concern I expressed in the last edition of the STAR Newspaper about the workmen on his garbage. Those same workmen who were throwing our drums and garbage receptacles in the drains and street sides after they have emptied the garbage thereby leaving an ugly and disorderly sight behind them.

It pleases our hearts to see how these workmen are neatly replacing our drums as they go about their important duties of keeping our community clean.

I voiced the concern when the problem existed. It is therefore only fitting for me to give credit where credit is due and so I publicly thank Mr. Raymond Cox and his crew for addressing the concern.

I ask Mr. Cox to make this a part of the standard operating procedures for his company as, with the replacement of staff, we would not want to revert to days of the past.

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ATTENTION!!!

The Annual San Ignacio/Santa Elena Municipal Easter Fair will be held on Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday, March 22nd & 23rd at the Macal Park in San Ignacio Town, Cayo.

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Dear Editor;

Thank you for your editorial of March 16. It was forwarded to me by a valued friend, Pat Asling, formerly of Benque.

To me, your words, especially the last paragraph, were well and truly spoken.

In Canada, there was the “sponsorship scandal”. Millions of dollars were siphoned by a civil servant to a printer who was a friend of his. The printing was never done. There was a public inquiry, and then a civil trial. Chuck Guite was convicted of fraud, and given jail time.

Is this route an option for Belize?


Like many Belizeans, I was patiently awaiting last Friday’s ceremony for the inauguration of the new House of Representatives. I was planning to be in Belmopan to personally witness the historic event. However, this was not to be as, just two days before the event, I had an accidental inhalation of muriatic acid while cleaning the bathroom.

I was rushed to the San Ignacio Hospital barely breathing and vomiting as the inhalation was suffocating me.

My experience at the hospital was the worse I’ve ever had. There I was feeling like I was going to die when I had an unfortunate encounter with a pair of Nigerian nurses who could care less about my condition.

Without rehearsing all the details, I will summarize the experience as a nightmare that I hope I will never have to go through ever again.

To compound the situation these Nigerian nurses started communicating in their native tongue and by mere human instincts I knew that I was the target of their harsh utterances. It reached to the point where I could take it no longer and after a while, still feeling shaky, I discharged myself from the hospital as I preferred to die at home than in that hospital.

I am told that I need further medical attention to treat any possible damage that the inhalation might have caused to my lungs and other vital organs but I cannot see myself returning to the San Ignacio Hospital.

Coming from a family of little financial means, I am staying at home and praying to my God that he strengthens my body to heal itself.

With a little over a month in office, the general feeling out here is that our new Prime Minister and his government are on the right track.

The throne speech from the new government, delivered by the Governor General, was right on target and although I was weak and in bed, I clearly heard the new government’s public commitment to reopen the Belize School of Nursing. This is wonderful news because I continue to wonder – Where have all our Belizean nurses gone? Why did the previous government see the need to import these foreign nurses when there are so many educated and jobless Belizean males and females out here who could very well enter the nursing profession?

As an avid reader of the STAR, I can recall an article in the newspaper a few months ago about a similar situation involving some Nigerian nurses. The article prompted a quick response, also published in the STAR, from the Nigerian High Commission in Jamaica.

If these officials want more details on my unfortunate encounter with their country folks, they can call me at 623-7478 and I would be happy to recount in detail what I went through.

I am now gradually recuperating at home and should be well enough to return to work soon and for this I give praises to the Lord who watches over me.

Isolina Perez, Santa Elena, Cayo

To complicate this story for Belize? An admirer of Belize, Larry Wilson. Orillia, Ontario, Canada.

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N.B. Senior Citizens (65 yrs or older) are eligible for an additional 5% discount for properties on which they reside.

Wishing Everyone a Happy, Safe & Blessed Easter Holiday
From Mayor Simeon Lopez & Councillors & Staff
The Belmopan City Council.
**Oil Prices, Rate Stabilization Account & Electricity Rates**

**Contributed by Belize Electricity Limited, Tuesday, March 18, 2008:**

With oil prices increasing by more than 500 per cent in less than ten years, Belize like every other oil importing country has been hard hit.

Electricity is a convenient form of energy, but it is not a primary form. It is a form in which energy gets delivered cleanly and safely.

The transformation of the primary fuel into electricity is capital intensive as well as the transmission and delivery of electricity. However, the immediate driver of electricity rates today is the cost of the primary energy, the majority of which continues to be oil.

On March 13, 2008, Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) submitted a request to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a 15 per cent average increase in electricity rates to meet the increasing cost of procuring and generating power.

During the last Annual Rate Review Proceeding, the approved reference cost of power was based on a forecast by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) of US$65 per barrel. Since the year began, the actual price per barrel has averaged around US$95 per barrel and forecasters are now saying that the price will remain over US$100 per barrel in the immediate future. Each US$10 increase in the per barrel price of oil results in an increase in the cost of power by approximately BZ$6 million per annum, due to increases in the price of purchased power from Mexico, which is indexed to oil prices and due to the extra cost of diesel generation used for peaking.

In its request to the Public Utilities Commission, BEL is not asking for any change to the Value Added Delivery (VAD) component of electricity tariffs and the current rate of recovery from the Rate Stabilization Account (RSA). The VAD covers the cost of delivering electricity through the wires, transformers etc. and allows BEL to make a return in order to maintain investment and service its loans and other financial needs.

BEL currently makes a return of about 10 per cent which is the minimum allowed by the PUC and is comparable to the lower end of the scale of earnings in the country by other businesses.

The RSA component is to recover extra costs that were not passed on to customers in previous years. The RSA was established in 2001 and is due in its first five years, helped to keep rates gradually, the rate increases might not need for further adjustments.

As of February 2008, the RSA balance was $24.5 million, which includes interest of 12 per cent. As BEL defers excess cost of power into the RSA for later recovery from customers, it has to pay the cost of financing this deferral. BEL pays up front to suppliers the full cost of power including the excess cost of power deferred into the RSA on behalf of customers.

At the current rate of recovery, the RSA balance could be cleared by 2010, providing world oil prices do not increase further and the increase significantly over the next two years. With that in mind, BEL will continue to concentrate on employing more renewable sources of energy and maintaining a steady rate of recovery from the RSA to try to minimize the need for further adjustments.

Oil prices are not likely to fall...
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BY: Ray Auxillou

Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

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Throughout the day, the BDF helicopter across the strip came and went on military errands. This first FLY IN was a superb setup, done just right. Pilot families with children came to see the planes. All in all, there were seven different types of aircraft. Among these were Mike Green’s TRIKE and ultra light, Andreas with his amphibious dinghy, bigger EXPERIMENTAL rated TRIKE, a MAULE a very famous rough field short take off aircraft. Astrum with their helicopter, the BDF with their helicopter, a Cessna 150, a Cessna 172, an ANGEL an eight passenger private twin pusher prop on Lycoming 360 engines with enough range to operate as a local CARICOM passenger plane around the Caribbean.

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Hon. Mark Espat Speaks Out Again

Hon. Mark Espat
BELIZE CITY, Monday, March 17, 2008:

My friends, last week, a P.U.P. National Council meeting chaired by Party Leader Said Musa rejected the two reforms endorsed by 16 of the 31 constituency branches.

These proposals centered on two fundamental changes for greater democracy and accountability - that more P.U.P. members attend and vote at National Conventions, and for the timely provision of the voters' National Conventions, and for the

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timely provision of the voters list.

I sought to reverse the loss of political representation suffered by increasing numbers of Belizeans. The status quo’s rejection of change does not do justice to the Party’s membership or the ambitions of a more democratic institution.

The special-interest groups that control the Party won again. Their victory guarantees the exclusion of the vast majority of PUP supporters from choosing their leader.

The sad truth is that even when the Party loses, the special interest groups still win. They don’t suffer being in Opposition, as our rank and file members do - they simply return to their law firms and businesses, safe from the jaws of victimization; their quality of life remains the same while many PUP’s suffer for their mistakes.

Party Leader Said Musa announced his resignation on 13 February 2008. Prior even to his announcement, he and a tiny cabal have been doing everything possible to anoint Francis Fonseca as the new P.U.P. leader. On February 14th Said Musa informed Hon. Cordel Hyde and me that his choice for leader is Francis Fonseca.

Without consulting the elected P.U.P. Parliamentary caucus, Said Musa nominated as senators Francis Fonseca’s campaign manager and the sister of Fonseca’s main political supporter from the North.

Chairpersons of Constituency Branches have been threatened with removal while lifetime Branches have been threatened with exclusion of the vast majority of PUP supporters from choosing their leader.

Our P.U.P. Constitution says that “the best form of government is based on democratic principles that guarantee the right to vote in free and fair elections and where governments are accountable to the people.”

How dishonorable then that the current leadership of the P.U.P. oppose greater democracy, refuse to give the P.U.P. supporters the right to vote for their new leader, and conspire to install their own candidate by any means necessary. From the beginning of the people’s movement, the redeeming quality of P.U.P. politics has been the capacity for self-correction. This capacity is now endangered.

Of the more than 49,000 Belizeans who voted for the P.U.P. on 7th February, the status quo will allow only 654 persons to make one of the most important decisions in the Party’s history. This Convention is being kept deliberately undemocratic to achieve a pre-determined outcome.

I have been clear and consistent in my campaign to Party members and supporters. My candidacy is dependent on a free and fair convention. Today, with just 7 working days to go before the Convention, I still do not know who will vote to elect the new leader on 30th March. And the leadership insisted that more Belizeans will not have a voice in electing the next PUP leader.

Under these conditions, I will not offer myself for leader in a closed, undemocratic and fixed convention. I know that my decision will disappoint so many PUPs across the country. But I do not seek to become leader of our Party at a convention that denies the right to vote to 99% of those who voted for the P.U.P. in the last general election. It is only from the many that the PUP and this nation can realize its larger qualities.

Last week’s decision by the P.U.P. leadership to offer more than one candidate was a step in the right direction; in so many ways, the fight for change and justice may be only just beginning. I shall continue to be busy for a better, stronger and prouder nation as we advance the politics of democratic and social renewal.

I thank all of you who have joined with us in claiming your rights to help define the larger destiny of the People’s United Party, our communities, our nation.

Let us look forward to the future rather than holding on to the ruins of the past.
Corozal police reports that on Monday, March 17, Carolyn Garcia, 38, Belizean housewife of Libertad Village in the Corozal District visit the station and reported that on Friday March 15, 2008 at about 7:15 a.m. her 16 year old daughter, Roselyn Garcia, Belizean student attending Belize Adventist College in Calcutta Village left home en route to school and has not returned home.

The mother informed that her daughter was last seen wearing a white uniform blouse, blue uniform skirt, black shoes, white socks and carrying a brown bag.

She is described as being of dark complexion, standing about 5 feet in height, weighing about 120 lbs, with a round face, thin eyebrows, brown eyes, small nose and small thin lips.

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Belmopan City Council

NOTICE

All property owners in Belmopan City are hereby advised to visit the City Council to make suitable arrangements for the payment of all arrears on property taxes.

Failure to comply with this request will lead to legal action being taken.

Wishing Belizeans Everywhere a Blessed, Safe and Enjoyable Easter Holiday. From Mayor Simeon Lopez & Councillors & Staff of The Belmopan City Council.
not want us to be talking about killing several birds with one stone), such as:

1) Solar Energy is renewable, which means that once we have sunlight, we have energy;
2) We attract millions of dollars in much needed new investment to Belize;
3) We buy our own electricity produced in Belize; (we are currently buying 40% of the hydro-electricity produced in Belize by way of Belizean natural resource as is the Macal river, unfortunately we are buying it from the Canadians who are the true owners of the dams and the distribution company)
4) We create highly technical and better paying jobs;
5) We become the leader in Solar Energy in the region;
6) We are no longer dependent on non-renewable energy like hydro and fossil fuel energy;
7) We become the first country in the region to lead the fight against global warming;
8) We strike a balance between conservation and sustainable development, considering that Eco tourism continues to be the viable product for Belize;
9) We secure the economic future for Belize based on long term prospects and respect for environmental health of our people as well as the national flora and fauna.

The future of Belize lies on good and solid ideas - like Solar Energy - which seeks to provide a secure future for Belize and Belizeans: stability to our Eco tourism industry, more technical jobs for Belizeans, more Science oriented courses at UB, enact new environmental health laws to prevent the deguration and mismanagement of our natural resources: air, rivers, mangroves, forest, seas and land.

Fossil fuels are highly toxic and dangerous to human, plant and animal life. Even though we have found gold in our backyard, we need to acknowledge that this resource will end sooner than later. Hence, any investment for the future must be wise and for the long term. It must consider Energy that is Renewable, Cleaner, cheaper, and Sustainable.

If we go Solar, we will be adding value to our future; we will be moving to a higher level of technological capability and economic prosperity. Belize must go Solar!

(Article by: Dr. Leo Antonio Obando Ph.D. - Director of SPECTE - advocate!)
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