SANDY IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, June 5, 2008:

He was released on parole just over a year ago after serving 14 of a 25 year sentence for a string of burglaries and today Sandy Forsythe is again in the long arms of the law as he is currently on remand at the Hattieville Prison on a new charge of aggravated burglary.

If convicted, Forsythe could find himself serving the remaining 11 years of the original sentence for violating the terms of the parole in addition to the time allotted for the new conviction.

San Ignacio police reports that it was shortly after 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 1, when they were called out to the Sunset Bar located in the Savannah Area of San Ignacio Town where the watchman handed over a male person who was caught inside the bar and upon being surprised advanced towards the watchman with a machete.

The watchman with the assistance of two neighbors managed to overpower the intruder and disarm him. He was subsequently subdued and detained and was tied up with a wire while the police was being contacted.

Upon arrival the police identified the detainee as Sandy Forsythe of a San Ignacio Town address. He was taken into custody and escorted to the police station where he was searched and found to be in possession of an assorted amount of coins in a black plastic bag inside the front right pocket of his pants. In the other front pocket of his pants police found a pink Motorola Cell Phone along with four $5 bills, eight $2, one $10, twenty nine $1 coins, one 50 cent coin, one hundred and twenty two 25 cents coins, four 10 cents coins, seventeen 5 cents, three 1 cent pieces, three $1US dollar bills and two 1 Quetzal coins.

The owner of the establishment, Rene Waight, later visited the station and in a statement to the media said that no damage was caused to the Sunset Bar.

The accused, Sandy Forsythe, 36, Belizean Electrician police confirmed that his Sunset Bar was indeed burglarized and that an assortment of monies was stolen therefrom.

The investigation later led to the formally arresting and charging of Sandy Forsythe, 36, Belizean electrician of a Simpson Street address in San Ignacio Town for the
Dear Editor;

I feel good whenever I see a fellow Belizean, especially a young brother or sister, start up a business of their own. I patronize their business whenever I can to encourage them in their entrepreneurial spirit. I admire them because instead of sitting idly by feeling sorry for themselves and in the process blaming society and the system for not creating a job for them, these young brothers and sisters get out there and make a job for themselves.

I commend these brothers and sister and I wish that many more young people would follow in their footsteps.

In Santa Elena for example, there are the ladies who created a business by selling food in front of Alwin's Store. There is the Garcia family with the new food stall on Liberty Street. There is George Boiton's famous Bar-B-Q, by selling food in front of Alwin's Store.

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My Concern Is For The Environment

before it enters any waterway. Broaster told us that his business in attracting quite a few youngsters from the neighborhood who come around either to look for a job or just simply to hang out. He said that he is fully aware of the potential environmental hazard if he can do it on his own. He has but one concern, and that is the protection of Santa Elena’s waterways.

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Belize's New Elections & Boundaries Commission Sworn In

RAIDISSON FORT GEORGE HOTEL, Belize City, Saturday, May 31, 2008:

Belize's new Elections and Boundaries Commission was officially sworn in today, by the Hon. Chief Justice, Dr. Abdulal Conteh, during ceremonies held at the Radisson Fort George Hotel in Belize City.

Alberto August, Publisher of the STAR Newspaper was sworn in as the new Chairman. He replaces Belize City businessman Karl H. Menzies. The other four members are Attorney Dean Lindo and Mrs. Phillipa Griffith Bailey appointed on the advice of the Prime Minister along with Attorney Derek Courtenay and San Ignacio Businessman, Orlando Habet, appointed with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition.

Minister John Saldivar, in his capacity as Minister of the Public Service, Governance Improvement and Elections and Boundaries was invited to address the gathering which included invited guests and the countrywide staff of the Elections & Boundaries Department.

In his address Minister Saldivar pledged government’s support for the Commission and the Department. He advised the staff of the Elections and Boundaries Department to conduct their duties in a fair and professional manner and to treat all members of the public, regardless of their political preferences, with utmost respect and professionalism.

In his address to the gathering, the new Chairman expressed his confidence vested in him to take on the challenges of chairing such a vital component of the political process as is the Elections and Boundaries Commission, a challenge to which he committed to perform to the very best of his ability.

“The members of this new commission are no strangers to the challenges of chairing such a vital component of the political process as is the Elections and Boundaries Commission, a challenge to which he committed to perform to the very best of his ability.”

Alberto August delivering remarks

Alberto August (L) taking the Oath of Office, Chief Justice Dr. Abdulal Conteh (R) administering the Oath

of the registration of voters and the conduct of elections, referendums and all matters connected therewith, in a fair and unbiased manner consulting at all times with stakeholders in the electoral process.

I join the Minister in congratulating the staff of the Elections & Boundaries Department for the good job they have been doing with continuous registration, maintaining current the electoral role and in their voter education campaign. I urge you to please continue striving for excellence.

To the members of the new commission, I also join the Minister with responsibility for Elections and Boundaries in congratulating you on your appointment and remind you that we are now sworn to uphold the constitution and the law and to consciously, impartially and the best of our ability discharge our duties without fear or favor, affection or ill will. Let us now get on with task at hand. I thank you for listening.”

The Elections and Boundaries Commission is constitutionally appointed to serve for a period of five years.

After the ceremony, Minister Saldivar along with the Ministry’s Chief Executive Officer, Charles Gibson and the Commission Chairman met with the Acting Chief Elections Officer and the staff to listen to their concerns and suggestions.

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that BLANCA ASENCIO is applying for a RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate SUNRISE RESTAURANT located in the Kontiki Ext. Area, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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“Sir, Yes, Sir” said the sailor.

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“Throw out an anchor, sir.” replied the student.

“What would you do if another storm sprang on the left?” asked the Admiral.

“Throw out another anchor, sir.” answered the student.

“And if another terrific storm sprang up in front, what would you do?” asked the Admiral.

“The same place you’re getting all your storms, Sir.” replied the student.

“Hold it there sailor,” said the Admiral. “Where are you getting all your anchors from?”

The sailor promptly replied, “From the same place you’re getting all of your storms, Sir.”

Mr. Jones appeared in Family Court last Wednesday morning to hear verdict of his family dispute.

“Mr. Lopez, I have reviewed this case very carefully,” said the Family Court Judge. “And, I have decided to give your wife $300 a week to maintain the three children. What do you have to say?”

“That’s very kind of you, your honor. We need more good people like you” said Mr. Jones. “And just to show how grateful I am, every now and then, I’ll try to send her a few bucks myself.”

Dr. Maria Gonsalves - Making A Difference In San Ignacio

We were humbled today with the visit of a distinguished professional in the person of Dr. Maria Gonsalves. She is Brazilian by birth. Dr. Gonsalves is a Medical Officer in charge of everything that takes place at the San Ignacio Hospital. She is also the Deputy Director of Medical Services in the Western Region.

And why did Dr. Gonsalves visit the hospital? She informed us that she is serving with a team of dedicated medical professionals and that together they are seeking to move medical services at the hospital to a new and higher level.

She additionally informed that in consultation with other medical professionals at the San Ignacio Hospital, they will be exploring the possibility of submitting regular health related material for publication. This is indeed a breath of fresh air.

The United Democratic Party is inviting applications from qualified persons to run for Mayor and Councilor in the City Council and Town Council Elections.

Application forms are available at THE UDP Headquarters at the foot of the Bel-China Bridge Or from the UDP offices in the various municipalities. For more information call 227-2576 or 227-6440

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SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, June 5, 2008:

Results of the Primary School Examination (PSE) 2008 are out and it is showing that a Belize City Primary School has once again topped the polls.

Bernice Yorke is at the top of the list followed by Holy Redeemer in second place both Belize City primary schools and Dangriga’s Sacred Heart Primary School rounds off the top three performers in this year’s examination.

The top student is 13 year old Shaneice Lord from Bernice Yorke with an overall 97% average. Shaneice received perfect scores of 100 points in both Science and Mathematics, 96 in Social Studies and a total of 92 in English.

Denesha Grant, 14, from Holy Redeemer RC Primary School in Belize City, captured second place countrywide with an overall average of 95.25% comprising 97 points in Math, 96 in Social Studies and 94 each in Science and English.

With an overall average of 94.25%, Jackie Cheng, 13, from Sacred Heart Primary School in Dangriga is the #3 top performer countrywide. He received 99 in Math, 96 in Social Studies, 94 in Science and 88 in English.

The #4 top performer countrywide is Daniel Waight, 12, from Guadalupe RC School in Belmopan. He scored an overall average of 94%, comprising 99 points in Math, 98 in Social Studies, 93 in English and 86 in Science. Daniel Waight is therefore the #1 student for the Cayo District.

Of the twenty five top performers countrywide, Shaneice Lord is the only student recording a perfect 100 points in Science.

Esther Sun, 13, from Mary Hill RC School in Corozal who ranked 5th countrywide is the only student to join Shaneice Lord with perfect 100 points in Math.

Charlotte Osborne, 12, from Belize Elementary School who placed 11th countrywide is the only student in the top twenty five performers with a perfect 100 points in Social Studies.

While there were no 100 points scored in English, Denesha Grant with 94 points was the top English performer followed closely by Daniel Waight with 93 points.

Closer to home, the #1 performer for the deep west is Adrian Avilez, 12, from St. Andrews Anglican School in San Ignacio. Adrian placed 15th countrywide with an overall average of 92.25% comprising 94 points in Math, 92 each in Social Studies and Science and 91 in English.

We take this opportunity to congratulate all students who took the examination this year and extend special congratulations to all the top performers and wish them well as they advance into the next stage of their lives.

Press Release, Cornerstone Foundation, San Ignacio, Thursday, June 5, 2008:

It has been almost a year since Rita Defour took over as General Manager of Cornerstone Foundation located at 90 Burns Avenue in San Ignacio Town, Cayo.

Along with the new General Manager, the Board of Directors have taken full control of the day to day decision making and accountability of the foundation, moving it from an advisory board to full participatory board. Since the restructuring, good things are happening for this NGO organization, founded in 1999.

Cornerstone has one of the two schools feeding programs in the area, feeding over 35 children their noon meal, as well as taking meals to several shut-ins.

Cornerstone has also been teaching women computer classes as a part of their Women Empowerment Program. This program teamed with HIV campaigns, Women Against Domestic Violence, Youth Education and several health programs has made Cornerstone a leader in grass root community development.

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Event Schedule

- Professional and Young Professional Competitions start 9:00 am
- Grill Masters Competition starts 2:00 pm
- Bartending Competition starts 4:00 pm
- Cake Decorating Competition starts 5:00 pm

- Main Event begins at 7:00 pm
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From The Rotary Club:

Thursday 29th May was an important day for Rotary because many of those involved in the Rotary Club of Belize’s Gift of Life Programme, came together at the Old Belize Marina and Restaurant in Belize City for a celebratory luncheon.

The Gift of Life is a programme where seriously ill Belizean children are flown to Florida for free, life-saving treatment. The cost of air fares and visas is provided by Rotary Clubs worldwide; accommodation for the child and mother is provided by host Rotarian families in Florida, sometimes for months; and treatment is given free of cost by some of the generous doctors and surgeons in Florida. The average cost of these operations would normally be between US$50,000 to US$100,000.

Rotary District 6960 from South Florida was having their annual convention on a cruise ship that stopped at Belize. The opportunity for a get-together was not wasted and the Belize City Club put on a very well organised luncheon and presentation for the Florida Rotarians involved in the programme. Also invited were Rotarians from throughout Belize and many of the children whose life has been saved by Rotary and the surgeons.

US$75,000 is being donated by Rotarians to keep this very important programme running and this money comes from Rotarians in Belize and Florida, District funds, and from Rotary International.

San Ignacio Rotarians Ruth Gutierrez, Bill Butcher and John Acott attended the luncheon and escorted two children who had benefited from the programme. Jonathon Lisbey and Stephanie Reyes, and their mothers, were some of the guests of honour at the luncheon. Also, Sacred Heart student June Bejerano and Janelle Woolers were invited to attend by their Rotary professor. Thanks go to Rotarian Stephen Usher and BECOL for providing transport and driver for the event.

Also presented during the luncheon by the Florida Rotarians was a cheque for US$3,300 for the Dorothy Menzies Child Care Centre in Belize City to purchase school uniforms and shoes; toys to the value of US$600 were donated by Walgreens in the US and given to the children present; and 330 wheelchairs were presented to be used to assist Belizeans in becoming more mobile.

Rotary is hoping to assist at least fifteen children this year through their Gift of Life programme.

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students because we find that is certainly not good for the teacher and it is not good for the classroom. This condition whereby teachers are furthering with the current arrangement to learning instead of continuing exclusively dedicating their time to teaching and their education while remaining independently of teachers' input as too often we have teachers doing their homework when they should actually be dedicating their time to teaching students and when these teachers do their home work during school hours it reduces the quality of the work they present to their professors because of the continuous distraction from students in the classroom. We will seek to minimize this situation said Minister Faber. “This might mean that some of you teachers will be taking your classes during the summer break. It will no doubt require some sacrifice on your part but in the end it will be beneficial for you, your students and your professors” added Minister Faber.

At each stop on the tour Minister Faber also took the opportunity to inform teachers and students that the government is aggressively seeking to undertake a feeding program in Primary Schools. "The feeding program" said Minister Faber “will provide needy children with a healthy and nutritious meal. This new program” continued the minister "will be undertaken independently of teachers’ input as too often we have teachers spending a lot of quality time seeking and cooking food while taking away from their time in the classroom,” concluded Minister Faber.

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