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Is The West Going Wild?

Three Murders In Four Days In Western Belize

The Double Murder Of A Father & Son

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, July 3, 2008:

A father and his teenaged son from the western village of Calla Creek were today murdered on the roadside in their home village.

San Ignacio police reports that it was shortly after 6:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 3, when they received

the first report of the presence of two apparently dead male persons inside the cab of a red Toyota pickup with white pan on the roadside in Calla Creek Village about a mile from the police substation in Bullet Tree Falls Village.

Police immediately rushed to the scene where they encountered the

two lifeless bodies inside the cab of the vehicle. The driver was slumped on the lap of the younger male passenger.

The victims of this latest murder were identified as **Angel Xis**, 41, and his son **Marco Tulio Xis**, 18, both Belizean laborers. Preliminary inspection



The red & white Toyota Truck in which the Xis brothers and their father were traveling

Fuentes Fatally Stabbed Many Times

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, July 3, 2008:

San Ignacio police are this week grappling with three new murder cases bringing the total thus far to seven.

Information on the first murder of the week reached San Ignacio Police

shortly after 7:00 a.m., on Monday, June 30.

The report informed of the presence of a suspected dead male person lying on the ground near the Victor Galvez Stadium on Buena Vista Street in San Ignacio.

Police rushed to the scene where

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they came upon the motionless body of a male Hispanic person lying face upwards on the ground.

The person was dressed in a brown



The Deceased
Augustin Grijalva Fuentes, 47

Public Service Day 2008

87 Public Officers Honored

PRINCESS HOTEL & CASINO, Belize City, Monday, June 23, 2008:

Public Service Day 2008 in Belize was held on Monday, June 23 with the various departments of the public service simultaneously organizing centralized activities countrywide to commemorate the day.

This year's Public Service Day was celebrated under the theme: *"The Belize Public Service, Informing and Empowering the Community with Sustainable Services"*.

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of the bodies inside the vehicle revealed that Angel Xis received what appears to be a gun shot wound to the upper left arm, a large cut wound to the left arm, gunshot wounds to the center and upper portion of the back, left foot and left knee. Marco Tulio Xis was found with injuries to the right lower portion of the back and to the back of the head.

A third person in the vehicle at the time of the incident, **William Arnold Xis**, 12, son of the deceased Angel Xis, informed police that he was traveling in the back of the vehicle driven by his father with his elder brother in the passenger seat as they were making their way to San Ignacio. He told the police that it was shortly after 6:00 a.m., when they were ambushed by a group of about 5 masked men, two of whom were armed with shotguns and one with a military rifle.

The attackers reportedly spoke

with that distinct Guatemalan Spanish accent as they demanded money. Upon sensing danger, the boy jumped out of the back of the vehicle and ran for safety while the attackers were focusing their attention on his father and brother in the front of the vehicle. In the process of escaping he received a cut wound to the right hand.

Police recovered from the scene 9 expended M16 shells and 4 empty 20 gauge cartridges all reportedly bearing markings linking them to neighboring Guatemala.

The deceased Angel Xis and his son Marco Tulio are bother and nephew respectively of Police Constable **#983 Isidro Xis** presently attached to the San Ignacio Police Detachment.

While police were out investigating this double murder, **Amilcar Shish** and his father **David Shish** were at the station reporting that even before the attack on the Xis father and sons; Amilcar was driving his pickup truck

on the Calla Creek road with his father David Shish, 65yrs, Belizean farmer, on the passenger side when they came upon three armed masked men on the roadside attempting to stop them. Instead of stopping Shish accelerated the vehicle. The gunmen reportedly began shooting at the moving vehicle.

The father, who was seated on the passenger side of the vehicle, received injuries just above the right eye, right temple and left side of the neck while the son escaped unhurt.

The injured father was transported to the San Ignacio hospital where he was treated and released.

Fuentes Fatally Stabbed Many Times

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naturalized Belizean, Augustin Grijalva Fuentes, 47, laborer of a nearby Cahal Pech Area address in San Ignacio Town.

The 52 year old estranged common law wife informed the police that she last saw the deceased alive at around 3:00 o'clock the previous evening of

Although the expended ammunition found on the scene of the Xis incident reportedly bears Guatemalan markings, the western composite (BDF/Police) patrol in the area later came upon 4 Belizean male persons, from neighboring Bullet Tree Falls Village all of whom were detained and are being held for questioning.

These two incidents follow closely on the heels of last week's report in which five primary school teachers were ambushed and robbed by a group of armed gunmen while the teachers were on their way to begin the school day in Arenal Village.

Sunday, June 29.

The legally required post mortem examination was conducted on Tuesday, July 1, by forensic specialist, **Dr. Mario Estradabran** who certified the cause of death as exsanguinations resulting from external and internal bleeding due to multiple stab wounds.

Police are yet to make an arrest in this latest case of suspected murder as investigation continues.

San Ignacio's police first murder file for 2008 was opened on April 20, with the death of **Jose Luis Garcia** who was found with a single stab wound to the abdomen, on a Sunday evening, in front of the post office in San Ignacio. The investigation led to the prompt arrest of **Ismael Pulido** who is currently on remand at the Hattieville Prison awaiting trial.

The second incident was recorded 3 days later, on April 23, with the shooting death of **Victor "Skully" Castellanos**, 20, at the Cinco Banderas Club in Santa Elena Town. Castellanos was shot in an alleged robbery attempt. In this incident the proprietor of the establishment, **Benjamin Mendez**, was arrested and charged for manslaughter.

The third incident took place 9 days later when at round 6:00 a.m., on Friday, May 2, the lifeless body of **Feliciano Mancian Martinez** was found, face downwards, in a drain on Teodocio Ochoa Street in San Ignacio Town. Two months later an arrest is yet to be made as investigation continues.

It was 9 days later, on May 11, when the lifeless body of San Ignacio resident, **Ali Orlando Flores**, 36, was found at the corner of 8th and Guadalupe Streets in San Ignacio Town, a few yards from his mother's house. Flores' body was found with multiple stab wounds and large cut across the neck. Again, no arrest has been made while the investigation continues.

It's been a full 50 days since the last incident of suspected murder was reported within the community of San Ignacio and Santa Elena and four days later the community records murder number six and seven in the case of the double murder of **Angel Xis** and his teenage son **Marco Tulio Xis**.



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Robbery At San Ignacio Resort Hotel - An Unsolved Mystery

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Friday, July 4, 2008:

One week after the reported armed robbery at San Ignacio Resort Hotel, the incident remains on the growing stock of unsolved mysteries.

It was shortly after 3:00 a.m. last Friday, June 25, when the hotel security officers, **Geston** and **Sheldon Guzman** (no relation – different Guzmans) reported to police that about half an hour earlier Sheldon was in the dinning room area of the hotel when he was approached by an armed masked man who pointed a hand gun at him and ordered him to remain quiet and to lie on the floor.

Fearing for his life, Sheldon reportedly complied with the order when a shot was fired.

Immediately after the shot went off the masked man reportedly escorted him outside in a back area of the hotel near the swimming pool's storage room where he reportedly asked for an escape route. He followed the directions given by Sheldon and fled the scene.



Entrance to the lobby of the San Ignacio Resort Hotel

While Sheldon was reportedly re-entering the hotel and waking towards the front desk, he was

approached by another armed masked male person who took him behind the counter where he

reportedly encountered his colleague Security Officer, **Geston Guzman**, handcuffed and lying on the floor with a towel over his head.

The armed masked man reportedly ordered Sheldon to open the cash register and proceeded to remove its contents amounting to about \$400.00.

The assailant then asked for the keys to the other locker in the area but he was reportedly informed that they were not available. He then fled the scene.

Despite reports of only \$400.00 taken from the cash register, police informed their investigation is pointing more towards a loss of \$2,100.00 in cash as well as a .38 Smith and Wesson revolver.

Police is asking anyone with information that could assist in this matter to please contact the nearest police station.

Nelson Mandela Taken Off US Terrorist List

BBC News, London, Thursday, July 3, 2008:

Nelson Mandela was South Africa's first post-apartheid-era president

US President **George W. Bush**

has signed a bill removing Nelson Mandela and South African leaders from the US terror watch list, officials say.

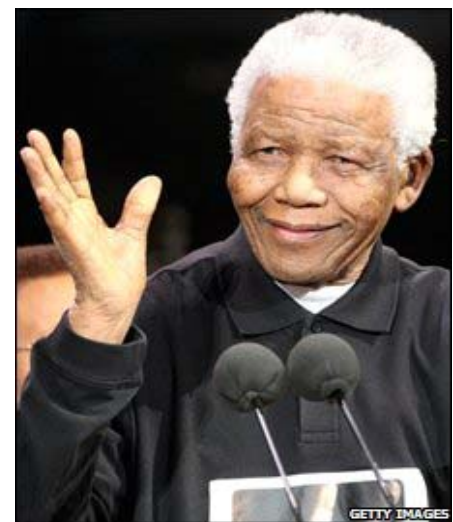
Mr. Mandela and ANC party members will now be able to visit the US without a waiver from the secretary of state.

The African National Congress (ANC) was designated as a terrorist organisation by South Africa's old apartheid regime.

A US senator said the new legislation was a step towards removing the "shame of dishonouring this great leader". "Rather embarrassing"

Under the legislation, members of the ANC could travel to the United Nations headquarters in New York but not to Washington DC or other parts of the United States.

US Secretary of State **Condoleezza Rice** had called the restrictions a "rather embarrassing matter that I still have to waive in my own counterpart, the foreign minister of South Africa,



Nelson Mandela, 89

not to mention the great leader Nelson Mandela."

South Africa's apartheid government banned the ANC in 1960, imprisoning or forcing into exile its leaders.

Mr. Mandela, who turns 90 this month, was released in 1990 after spending 27 years in prison. He then became the country's first post-apartheid-era president, before retiring after serving one term in office.

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STAR HUMOR

The Cost Of Looking Normal

Andrea, the new bride, arrived on honeymoon at the San Ignacio Resort Hotel.

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As she and her new husband were unloading the SUV in the parking lot at the hotel she shared this sentiment with her husband **Antonio**.

Taking Care Of Her Newest Asset

Granny Jane was standing at the railing of the cruise ship holding her hat tight so that it would not blow away in the wind.

A man approached her and said, "Pardon me, madam. I do not want you to think that I am meddling in your business, But! did you know that your dress is blowing up in this high wind?"

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the dentist.

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Aries

MAR 21-APR 20

You're putting so much energy and intensity into all that you do, you can't possibly fail. You're incredibly sharp and nothing seems to escape your notice. Lucky day: Saturday, Lucky Number: 24



Taurus

APR 21-MAY 21

If you're glum and keep telling yourself you won't succeed, you will attract negative luck your way. Conversely, believe you will win and you will bring good things into your life. Good fortune forecast on: Wednesday, Lucky Number: 5



Gemini

MAY 22-JUNE 21

A train of events could lead to something special and you will realize afterwards how everything was linked to bring about this achievement. Expect luck on: Saturday, Lucky Number: 8



Cancer

JUNE 22-JUL 22

Emphasis on your sign empowers you to achieve your dreams and desires; you attract good luck in your life now and you make it look easy while doing so! Best day for luck: Thursday, Lucky Number: 13



Leo

JUL 23-AUG 23

Your time seems to be consumed by tasks and responsibilities that need to be done rather than things that are important to you. You've got your priorities all wrong. Good day for luck: Friday, Lucky Number: 20



Virgo

AUG 24-SEP 22

If you're starting to feel as if life is passing you by, this is the time to do something definite to change this. Be sure you make your own choices and focus on the things you're really interested in. Fortunate on: Monday Lucky Number: 2



Libra

SEP 23-OCT 23

You can change your future and sculpt your life as you want it to be by changing the way you think and act. It might be risky to start something big and bold but sometimes the risk is worth it. Good day for luck: Sunday Lucky Number: 11



Scorpio

OCT 24-NOV 22

Travel is a strong possibility now. Life is changing for the better. Communications are meaningful and you're likely to be making some big steps in the right direction. Good fortune forecast on: Wednesday Lucky Number: 4



Sagittarius

NOV 23-DEC 21

Splashing out on having fun and overindulging in life's pleasures is occasionally good for you. Staying fit and healthy means being more sensible about what you eat and do. Best day for luck: Tuesday Lucky Number: 25



Capricorn

DEC 22-JAN 20

You reach a crossroads and important decisions are to be made. Do you turn left or right? If you are having problems making up your mind, trust your instincts. Your intuition won't let you down. Lucky day: Sunday Lucky Number: 16



Aquarius

JAN 21-FEB 18

Your week is likely to be geared to fulfilling the needs of your employer or towards finding a new job if you're unemployed. It's a good time to establish new patterns and routines. Expect luck on: Friday Lucky Number: 8

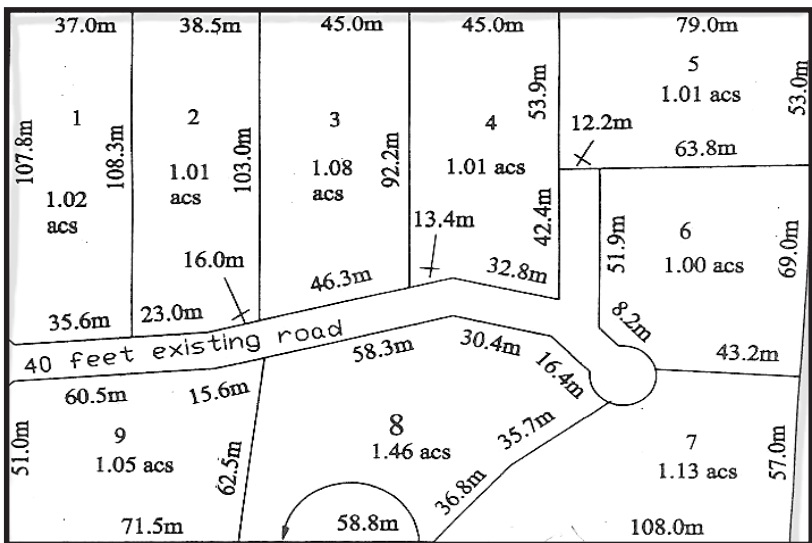
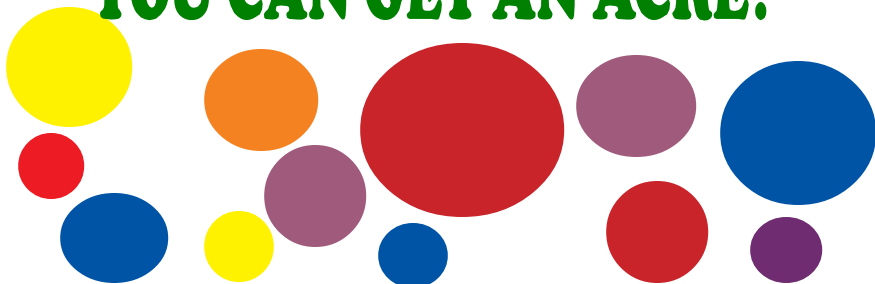


Pisces

FEB 19-MAR 20

Perseverance is the name of the game. Don't give up. Whatever your goal, keep at it. The results you want will happen as long as you keep trying. Fortunate on: Monday Lucky Number: 1

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Final Farewell For Fallen Fire Fighter

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Tuesday, July 1, 2008:

Fire Fighter, **Michael Anthony Wills**, another victim of the wave of senseless murders plaguing this once peaceful jewel of ours, was today, July 1, laid to rest with full honors, on the exact day of his birth 40 years ago.

Officer Wills' life came to an abrupt end shortly after 10:00 p.m., on Thursday, June 26, as he was inside the Cool Place Restaurant situated at the corner of San Antonio Road and Staines Alley in Orange Walk Town, a short distance for the fire station where he worked.

Reports indicate that a lone armed male person of dark complexion, wearing a grey rain coat with a hood concealing his face, entered the establishment. The intruder, armed with what appeared to be a 9 millimeter pistol, demanded money and the proprietor of the establishment promptly handed over approximately 300 dollars in cash from the register.

During the incident, a struggle reportedly ensued between Officer Wills and the assailant which is said to have resulted in Wills losing balance and falling to the floor at which point the gunman pulled the trigger thereby shooting the fire fighter in the left side of the chest at close range. The assailant rode away on a bicycle and disappeared into the night. **Michael Anthony Wills** or "**Mark Wills**", as he was affectionately known, was born on July 1, 1968, in



Michael Anthony Wills
"**Mark Wills**"

SUNRISE: July 1, 1968

SUNSET: June 26, 2008

the village of Guinea Grass, Orange Walk District.

He joined the Fire Department 8 years ago in the year 2000. He is described by his supervisor and colleagues as a cheerful, dedicated and hard working Fire Fighter who

will be truly missed by his friends and colleagues in the department.

Officer Wills is survived by his wife, **Evelita Pulido Wills** (*Rural Health Nurse – Northern Regional Hospital – Orange Walk Town*). He is also survived by three sons **Richie, Robin** and **Elwyn Wills**. He is additionally survived by his mother **Clara Bol**, father **Joel Wills**, one brother **Herman Wills** and a host of other relative and countless friends.

Our condolences go out to the bereaved family at the sudden and tragic loss a loved one. We join the community in praying for the eternal resting of the soul of Fire Fighter, **Michael Anthony Wills**.



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The Minister of Tourism & Civil Aviation, Hon. Manuel Heredia Jr., Chief Executive Officer Mr. Mike Singh and the Director of Tourism, Mrs. Tracy Panton traveled to Washington to attend the 1st Annual Caribbean Tourism Summit at the International Trade Center from June 21st – June 25th, 2008.

The Summit, organized by the Caribbean Tourism Development Company was designed to bring together key industry leaders from all sectors and to stimulate a heightened interest in the Caribbean, with the primary goal of increasing the flow of foreign direct tourism capital investment into the region. Keynote speaker at the Summit was Alan Greenspan who served as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for over 18 years. Mr. Greenspan discussed the current status of the US economy and its potential impacts on the regional economy.

Other topics discussed included Outbound Travel – Outlook for Caribbean Tourism; Creating Opportunity Through Sustainability, Creating the Future through Educational Partnerships; Investment Infrastructure Needs, Carbon Trading – Creating New Business Opportunities and Small Business Investments in the Tourism Sector. Closed Summit Sessions were also held each day with the various US Department Secretaries, as well as with potential donor agencies.

"Attendance at the Annual Caribbean Tourism Summit provided an excellent forum for international tourism leaders to exchange ideas and interact with the influential Policy Makers, Financial Leaders, Marketing Professionals and Tourism Officials from more than 30 Caribbean countries," commented Tourism Minister, Hon. Manuel Heredia, Jr. "We are also happy to network with other tourism leaders to see how we can further grow this important economic sector.

While in Washington, the Minister of Tourism, Hon. Manuel Heredia, CEO Singh and the Director of Tourism, visited with the Inter-American Development Bank, Cruise Line International Association and Conservation International. The Belize delegation also made a courtesy call on the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, H.E. Jose Miguel Insulza. The Belize delegation had the full support of His Excellency Nestor Mendez, Chief of Belize Mission in Washington and his team.



Minister of Tourism, Hon. Manuel Heredia Jr., Secretary General of the OAS, H.E. Jose Miguel Insulza



Cherie Nibet, Counselor, Deputy Chief of Mission;
Tracy Panton, Director of Tourism; His Excellency
Nestor Mendez, Chief of Belize Mission in Washington;
Manuel Heredia Jr., Minister of Tourism;
Mr. Mike Singh, CEO, Ministry of Tourism & Civil Aviation



Secretary General of the OAS, H.E. Jose Miguel Insulza;
H.E. Nestor Mendez, Chief of Belize Mission in Washington;
Tracy Panton, Director of Tourism

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Editorial

Just When You Think That Life Is Not Dealing You A Good Hand.. Think!!

Amidst all the hustle and bustle of every day life the possibility of overlooking the challenges confronting fellow human beings is sometimes lost in the mix.

If it were not for following up today's double murder in the western village of Calla Creek, we might not have known that residents living on the other side of the Mopan River in this village have been going without a bridge for over a month.

The people must resort to waddling in knee high water to get to the other side of the river. On our visit to the area today, we stopped at a little shop on the bank of the river to ask for directions. A few minutes later two

decently dressed, barefooted teenaged girls arrived. It was somewhat strange for us, to see young girls barefooted. When one of us asked about their shoes, they told us that it was in their school bags. We did not ask any further question about them being barefooted. We got up and headed to the hammock bridge only to find out that there was no hammock bridge in place. We returned to the shop and the girls told us that the bridge had washed away about a month ago and when we asked how we could get to the other side, they pointed us toward the river as they began making their way down the bank after walking the



Holding onto each other as they venture into deeper waters

almost 2 miles from the Western Highway into the village.

As they were making their way down the river bank we realized why they were bare footed. We watched as they held hands and made their way across the river on their way home from school. They were followed shortly thereafter by a lady with a grown turkey under her arm she simply headed for the river as if it was no big deal. Her skirt was wet even before she entered river thereby indicating that she might have kept on the wet piece of clothing from her first crossing of the river sometime earlier.

Several months ago, the hammock bridge which serviced the community was washed down the river by flood. Under the pressure of an approaching general election, the structure was quickly replaced with assistance from Belize Natural Energy and that structure has obviously also been washed away.

Why are these people not using a dory to cross the river instead of walking across it? What is the solution to these people's crossing challenge if every time the bridge is replaced it is washed away by the next flood?

This is definitely a matter that requires careful study to arrive at a solution by those with the relevant expertise.

Writing this piece reminds us of the time a few months ago when a senior official of the Peoples' United Party and member of the Royal Blue Family confronted us inside the Magistrate Court in San Ignacio and when we asked for him to advise the then Prime Minister, **Said Musa** of the employment condition at the construction site of the Vaca Dam whereby a large number of Nepalese were displacing Belizeans on the site. This high ranking PUP official responded with a question *"Do you have a job?"* and when we responded in the affirmative, his next statement was *"Why are you troubling your heart about whoever the Nepalese workforce is replacing. You have a job. You are safe."*

We continue to maintain that whenever we reach the stage of failing to feel the effects of injustice against fellow human beings then we become that much useless in making a difference for positive change.


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VACANCY
Ministry of Health

The Ministry of Health hereby invites applications to the post of Social Worker/ Counselor stationed in San Ignacio Town and Dangriga Town.

Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in Counseling, Social Work or Nursing with extensive documented training and experience in counseling or documented HIV/AIDS Training and at least five (5) years experience in HIV/AIDS counseling.

Payscale:
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Special conditions associated with the job:
 Good human relations skills
 Good analytical skills and sound judgment
 Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing (both English and Spanish)
 Computer skills

Terms of Reference:
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 * Improve the quality of services rendered at the VCT center
 * Incorporate activities to minimize stigma and discrimination through integration of VCT into the existing services and expand available services
 * Monitor client adherence to medication and medical attention
 * Maintain and enhance the current reporting systems through accurate management and counseling records
 * Facilitate training and promote development in areas of HIV/AIDS counseling
 * Ensure that confidentiality of information relevant to the clients is adhered to in the highest degree and at all times.
 * Network with other agencies to enhance the quality of life of patients and family
 * Any other duties as assigned from time to time

Applicants are required to submit:
 Two (2) references regarding their professional experience and copies of qualifications (Curriculum vitae) no later than Monday, July 14, 2008 - 4:00 p.m. to:

Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Health,
3rd Floor, East Block Building, Independence Plaza,
Belmopan

Further information can be found on the website: www.health.gov.bz

Putting In A Plug For Club Illusion

BY: Michael “MAX” Salazar, Club Illusion, Santa Elena Town, Cayo, Wednesday, July 2, 2008:

From its grand opening on New Year’s Day Club Illusion has set the pace for many clubs as it slowly climbs its way into being one of the most sizzling party spots in the Cayo district. This has been possible thanks to the strong support from customers coming all the way from Belmopan, and as far away as Belize City as well as from surrounding villages.

The only flaw Club Illusion has seems to be the fact that is it located in Santa Elena.

Yes! Many residents of San Ignacio have been internalized with the old myth of Santa Elena being a barbaric place of criminal activity. They are convinced of this with the erroneous impression that a walk over the Hawksworth Bridge is tantamount to a funeral invitation.

This fear has been instilled inside many people who live in the San Ignacio area and this is why Club Illusion is least supported by the people of San Ignacio.

What the people of San Ignacio have failed to realize is that Club Illusion is not the root of crime Santa

Elena. And furthermore these people have got to stop living the present with the paranoia of the past. Club Illusion is a place where people from all races, ages and places get together and have a memorable and spontaneous time socializing, dancing and drinking alcoholic beverages. Club Illusion is considered very secure thanks to the professionals at Hawk Security that specialized in Martial arts and is very effective in finding non- violent ways to solve situations. The team at Hawks security is lead by **Mr. Iray Kayaba** and his team has never failed to stifle the drama that the youngsters of today never seem to stop doing.

Apart from Hawks security, Club Illusion also offers the protection of the police lead by **Sergeant Mark Flowers**. Together they make Club Illusion more than safe to socialize.

Club Illusion also extends its service by the venture of Club Illusion Snack Attack. This has satisfied many of the Club’s customers by providing an all night opening for food and cold beverages after the Club’s closes down. These measures were not only taken to make an impeccable impression, but to prove to the old and young generation that time can only change when you make an effort to change it. If people from San Ignacio fail to attempt the bonding of these two twin towns.then we are no longer twins. The bridge not only serves to separate us but to for us to join and lift each other. Then again it is up to up the people of San Ignacio and Santa Elena to either keep the myth or kill the myth.

I will end by extending special thanks to **Kidd Notch** and **Arthur Martinez** who have collaborated with Club Illusion in bringing a positive and effect fun session for us.

Club Illusion would also like to take the time to invite anyone who has a function in mind to contact **Mr. Notch** at 670-7001 and in regards to security **Iray Kayaba** 6634708.

And finally thanks to everyone who has supported us and have continued to enjoy the club whilst respecting our policy.



VACANCY

Manager

Institute for Technical Vocational Education & Training (ITVET)

A Vacancy exists for **the Manager** at Institute for Technical Vocational Education & Training (ITVET) **Stann Creek**.

Educational Requirements & Experience:

- Masters Degree in Educational Leadership/ Business Administration or any related field.
- A minimum of 3-5yrs experience in the Management and Administration of an Educational Institution or Business.

Abilities and characteristics:

- A strong Technical Vocational Education vision
- Experience working with a diverse community of staff and trainees.
- Ability to establish and maintain an effective administrative and institutional structure that encourages cooperation and collaboration among all.
- Familiar with the Philosophy of Competency Based Education (CBE)
- Proven ability to communicate effectively.

Responsibilities / Duties:

- Coordinate with Instructors and Employment Training and Educational Services(ETES) in planning, directing, coordinating all operations of the ITVET.
- Prepare annual budgets for ITVET
- Manage the institution’s finances.
- Establish and maintain strong relationships with business and industry.
- Establish and maintain an effective inventory system for all materials, supplies and equipment.
- Establish and promote high standards and expectations for all trainees and staff for good performance
- Research and collect data regarding the needs of trainees, program offerings and any other information related to the ITVET effectiveness and improvement.
- Complete in a timely fashion, all records and reports as requested by ETES and Ministry of Education.
- Any other duties assigned.

Salary:

- In accordance with government regulations

Deadline:

- The deadline for submission of application along with curriculum vitae and two letters of reference is Thursday July 24, 2008.

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BELIZE TOURISM BOARD

Tourism Management Programs

The Belize Tourism Board is offering tuition scholarships to interested applicants for Tourism Management Programs to commence August 2008 for the following degrees:



1.) Associate Degree in Tourism Management

Requirements: Applicants must have a minimum of a High School Diploma and have been accepted into the Tourism Management Program at ANY of the following institutions:

San Pedro Junior College
Ecumenical Junior College

Sacred heart Junior College
St. John's Junior College

2.) Bachelor Degree in Tourism Management

Requirements: Applicants must have a minimum of an Associate's Degree in Tourism Management and have been accepted into Galen University Bachelor Program in Tourism Management.

3.) Jean Shaw Tourism Scholarship (Two Year)

Requirements: Applicants must be a female Belizean citizen who has a minimum of an Associate's Degree who has been accepted into the Tourism Management Program at the University of Belize (UB) and wishes to pursue a bachelor's degree in Tourism Management.

The Jean Shaw Tourism Scholarship has been established in memory of the late Jean Ursilla Shaw, a renowned female tourism pioneer who played an integral part in the development of Belize's tourism industry in her lifetime. The Fund was established by the BTB in collaboration with its private sector counterparts to support the development of qualified Belizeans pursuing a career in tourism.

Application Deadline: Friday, August 8th, 2008

For more information, please contact: Ms. Keesha Young (Public Awareness & Training Officer)
Telephone: 227-2420 Ext. 259 E-mail: keesha@travelbelize.org

LOST LAND/LEASE CERTIFICATES

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

NAME	CERTIFICATE NO	REGISTRATION SECTION	PARCEL NO
THOMAS RODRIGUEZ	5760/1997	BELOMOPAN	2123/1
RAUL MICHAEL VERNON	7251/1998	CARIBBEAN SHORES/BELIZE	1473
RAUL GUZMAN	669/1992	SOCIETY HALL	1559/1
ELENITA RAMSEY	5587/1995	LAKE INDEPENDENCE	895
DRUSILIA ELIZABETH HALLS & ABDA BUESBURY as Administrators of the Estate of James R.T. Hall (deceased)	3218/1988	PUNTA GORDA	697
LOYOLA CHAVARRIA as Administratrix of the Estate of Marcelo Chavarria (deceased)	4984/1991	LIBERTAD RURAL	287
JUDITH SANDY OGALDEZ	2450/1995	CARIBBEAN SHORES/BELIZE	1437/1
RUSSELL A. YOUNG	3382/1998	SIBUN BIGUIT	48
RUSSELL A. YOUNG	3140/2000	QUEEN SQUARE	253
EUGENE D. AIKMAN	LRS-200803187	VISTA DEL MAR	543
MIRNA YANEIT ESPERANZA	LRS-200800490	ANN GABOUREL	962

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


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

Registered Land Act

Chapter 194 - Revised Edition 2000

Section 140(1)

OWNERSHIP BY PRESCRIPTION

Name of Applicant	Registration Section	Block No.	Parcels No.
MURLENE COTTRELL & ELDON EBEL (JOINTLY)	PLACENTIA NORTH	36	783

Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situate in Placentia North Registration Section have been received from Murlene Cottrell & Eldon Ebel (Jointly), being Parcels No. 783 containing 1323.857 S.M

The attention of the general public is hereby drawn to this notice. Any person whose rights and interest may be affected by the registration of Murlene Cottrell & Eldon Ebel (Jointly) as proprietor with absolute title for Parcels No 783

Placentia North Registration Section containing 1323.857 S.M is hereby requested to show cause on or within one month from the date thereof, why ownership should not be granted to Murlene Cottrell & Eldon Ebel (Jointly).


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

Pregnant Man Gives Birth To Baby Girl

US *'pregnant man'* has baby girl
Mr Beatie said it had been his dream to one day have a child

An American man who was born female but underwent gender realignment surgery, has given birth to a female baby, US media have

Rotary Is Now In The New Year!!!

BY: Bill Butcher

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, July 3, 2008:

The official Rotary Year begins on July 1, 2008.

As always, there is a handing over ceremony which allows the present directors of the club to pass their responsibilities over to the newly elected directors.

This event took place this year at the Windy Hills Resort last Saturday. Past President **Chris Aird** handed over the Club's Banner, The Rotary Bell and Gavel to the new president **John Roberson** who will preside over the Club for the year 2008-2009.

Other Directors are **Dan Habet**, President Elect; **Anna Recinos**, Secretary; and **Tom Werium**,

reported.

Thomas Beatie, 34, is legally male but kept his female reproductive organs after having breast surgery to remove glands and flatten his chest.

Both Mr Beatie and his daughter are reported to be doing well in a

hospital in Bend, Oregon.

He was inseminated using sperm from an anonymous donor.

The birth was natural, a source at St Charles Medical Center in Bend told ABC News, and took place on Sunday.

According to some reports, Mr Beatie had had a Caesarean section.

FORMER MODEL

Mr Beatie, who sports a wispy beard, made headlines around the world when he revealed in April that he was pregnant.

He told chat show host Oprah Winfrey it had been his dream to one day have a child.

"I opted not to do anything with my reproductive organs because I wanted to have a child one day," he said.

Mr Beatie grew up in Hawaii as Tracy Lagondin and was a Girl Scout, model and finalist in a teenage beauty pageant.

He began to live as a man when he



Thomas Beatie, 34

was in his 20s and officially changed his gender, he told People magazine. He has been married for five years to wife Nancy.

Mr Beatie's obstetrician, **Dr Kimberly James**, told **Oprah Winfrey** in April: *"This baby is totally healthy. This is what I consider a normal pregnancy."*

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- Registration Date: July 3, 2008*
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SYLLABUS includes:

- Guide parents in understanding their roles and responsibilities
- Clarify values
- Guide parents in accessing information and resources
- Promoting effective and appropriate parent child interaction
- Promoting positive behaviors in children
- Support parents in advocating for their children's rights
- Prepare and make representations
- Guide parents in managing crisis
- Support individuals and families to deal with stressors
- Enable parents to solve problems and make decisions
- Negotiate and manage change

Duration: September 1, 2008 – April 27, 2009
Registration Date: August 26, 2008
COST: BZ \$720.00 for the entire syllabus
Payment Plan: BZ\$360.00 is due on date of Registration
BZ\$360 is due on / or before January 15, 2009

Registration Forms and further details are available from the Head, University of the West Indies, Open Campus, Belize (formerly the School of Continuing Studies) Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City. Tel: 223-0484 or 223-5320 or e-mail uwibze@btl.net for an electronic copy. Human Services Department, COMPAR Unit, #10 Regent Street, Belize City, Belize, Tel: 227-7451 or 227-2057.

Galen University Presents A Day Of Art

BY: Candace Willacey,
Marketing Officer,
Galen University

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo
District, Thursday, June 26, 2008:

On Thursday, June 26th, 2008, Galen University's Art students displayed their talents at two events in San Ignacio.

A number of citizens came out to witness the unveiling of "Allegory of Sustainability" and the presentation of "PORTRAIT of BELIZE: An Exhibit of Modern Photography".

All students at Galen University take an applied arts course. The ART-130 class, taught by Mr. Timothy O'Malley, constructed a tile mosaic to convey the message that 'We All Have a Choice'.

It is a simple, but intricate, thought provoking image about our Belizean habitat.

The students dedicated this art piece to the Town of San Ignacio, in hopes of adding awareness in the community through a proactive and permanent form of expression.

The Belize Bank allowed the students to mount the mosaic on their back wall, facing the Post Office.

Deputy Mayor of the San Ignacio/ Santa Elena Town Council, Mr. Earl Trapp, one of the many invited guests, was thrilled to see innovative work created by Belizeans and remarked, "This is something creative that pushes us to think more positively and weigh the



"Allegory of Sustainability"- (L to R) Art students
Joe Awe and Naslely Vargas along with Art Professor
Timothy O'Malley

difference of looking at a healthy or unhealthy Belize. Belizeans, we have one choice to either make Belize dead, or to bring it back to life."

Shortly after the unveiling of the mosaic, the crowd walked over to the Manzanero building to see the Galen University photography exhibition.

The photographs showed Belize through the eyes of Belizean students who took a digital photography course, taught by Ms. Sarah Weeden.

The photographs covered a wide range of photographic techniques, as well as subject matter: portraiture, landscape, abstracts, and photo journalism.

As a bonus, the students created a special section of work that covered the recent flooding in southern Belize

and called it "A Tribute to Courage."

Emma Guzman Barrera, a painter and photographer who attended the exhibition said, "I did not want to miss this opportunity. I'm enjoying this exhibition of photographs and can feel Belize through these pictures.

Many people believe that painters and photographers are a waste of time, but they are not. Through photography, Belizeans can find spirituality and their identity, which diverts us from materialism."

"A Day of Arts in San Ignacio" was truly a remarkable and



Viewing The Photography
Exhibition

unforgettable event.

For those who were not able to see it in person, please browse the following website:

<http://www.thephotoclass.blogspot.com>.

For more information contact: Candace Willacey, Marketing Officer, at 824-3226 or Timothy O'Malley, Coordinator, 665-0336.



(L-R) Galen University's Marketing
Officer, Candace Willacey and
Photography Instructor, Sarah Weeden



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BELIZE TOURISM BOARD

BELIZE TOURISM BOARD VACANCY

The Belize Tourism Board is a statutory body within the Ministry of Tourism which develops, markets, and implements tourism programs that will fulfill the emerging needs of our local industries and the international tourism marketplace for the benefit of Belize and Belizeans. The Belize Tourism Board is looking to recruit a dynamic and committed individual to fill the following position:

JOB TITLE: STATISTICIAN/ RESEARCH ANALYST

Duties: The Statistician will:

- Provide expertise in statistical techniques and predictive methods to characterize processes for optimal control
- Develop surveys to acquire data on the tourism industry
- Prepare and run statistical analysis and provide cost estimates
- Develop, implement, and maintain statistical programs
- Liaise with other agencies to execute surveys and analyze data collected on the tourism industry

Qualifications/Skills:

- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to present findings to a non-technical audience
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office such as Excel and Word/Access
- Excellent analytical, mathematical, and interpersonal skills
- Have an Advanced Degree in Statistics or Applied Math or related field with a minimum of two (2) years statistical programming or relevant experience

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Closing Date: July 21st, 2008

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Public Service Day 2008

From Front Page

Grace Primary School singing the National Anthem after which the invocation was delivered by **Rev. Enfield Gordon** from the First Church of the Nazarene.

The opening remark was delivered by **Charles Gibson** in his capacity as the Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of the Public Service, Governance Improvement and Elections and Boundaries.

Governor General **Sir. Colville Young** was invited to hand out awards to public officers in attendance from a list of 86 named officers chosen for recognition as follows:

Moses Aranda, Mario Alpuche, Fitzroy Alvarez, Rosalind Alvarez, Simeon Alvarez, John Balan, Ignacio Barrera, Dorleen Bennett, Jerome Bermudez, Francise Bevans, Reuel Black, Margaret Bradley, Janet Burgess, Reuben Canelo, Ida Castillo, Pete Castillo, Ricardo Castillo, Roderick Castillo, Thelma Castillo, Rosa Chan, Daniel Chavarria, Santiago Ciau, Derrick Dominguez, Florence Escobar, Rosalean Fairweather, Eminda Flores, Egbert Flowers, Godwin Flowers, Gloria Fritz, Lucia Garcia, Vilma Garcia, Stafford Gillett, Yolanda Gongora, Dennis Gonguez, Leslie Grinage, Emily Guy, Marco Tulio Guzman, Josephine Hamilton, Anna Hanson, David Haylock, Alejandro Hernandez, Maria Hutchinson, Corinne Jacobs, Lorelie Johnson, Lincoln Jones, Lawrence Jones, William Jones, Rodney Kirkwood, Phillip Lanza, Clive Lino, Jose Lotiff, Rufus Laurie, Henry Marsden, Irma Matute, Lorna Mckay, Inez Medina, Ruth Meighan, Rudolph Middleton, Avon Moody, Telford Moody, Zebedee Moore, Ranalda Morgan, Teotista Novelo, Benedict Palacio, Francisco Paquil, Gustavo Pech, Phillip Peters, Michael Pollard, Adolfo Ramos, Elsy Reyes, Olivia Rhaburn, Barbara Roches, Joaquin Sabal, Patricia Saldivar, Marjorie Swift, Jose Toledano, Gilberto Torres, Noemi Urbina, Earl Usher, Joseph Vaccaro, Anthony Vaughn, Mary Wade, Patricia Wagner, Kent Young, Francis Williams and Michael



Hon. John Saldivar
*Minister of the Public Service
Governance Improvement and
Elections & Boundaries*

Webster.

Following the presentation of awards, there was a musical interlude with students from Grace Primary School performing.

Two other highlights of the official ceremony were awards for Department of the Year and Public Officer of the Year.

The Department of the Year Award was presented to the **Department of the Environment**. On hand to receive the award was the Acting Chief Environmental Officer, **Martin Alegria**.

And the 87th honoree for the event was **Rosalba Blanco**, Infection Control Sister, Northern Regional Hospital, Orange Walk Town receiving the Public Officer of the Year Award.

Rosalba joined the public service, as a nurse, in October 1986. Eighteen years later, in 2004, she was promoted to Ward Sister and has held over the senior position as Matron on several occasions during the absence of the assigned Matron of the Hospital. On June 1, 2006 she was promoted to the current position as Infection Control Sister.

The Department of the Year and Public Officer of the Year Awards were presented by the President of the Public Service Union, **Jacqueline Willoughby Sanchez** who also addressed the gathering of Public Officers and invited guests.

Guest Speaker for the occasion was the Minister of the Public Service, Governance Improvement and Elections and Boundaries, **Hon. John Saldivar**.

In his address to the gathering, Minister Saldivar urged public officers to continue striving for

excellence in all they do, to continue seeking higher education and to continue the drive towards modernizing the public service. Minister Saldivar also took the opportunity to pledge the new government's full support and confidence in public officers.

The vote of thanks was delivered by **Andrea Parham August, Coordinator**, Governance Improvement Unit.

After the official ceremony, public officers and invited guests were invited into the adjacent Queen's room where displays were mounted by several departments including the department of General Sales Tax, Elections & Boundaries, Police, Customs, Immigration, Fire, Agriculture, Income Tax, Labor, Post



**Public Officer of the Year
Rosalba Blanco**
*Infection Control Sister
Northern Regional Hospital
Orange Walk Town*

Office, Health and the Bureau of Standards among others. During his tour of the display booths, Minister Saldivar took the unique opportunity to meet and chat individually with public officers.



**Ag Chief Environmental
Officer
Martin Alegria (L)**
*Accepting the Department of
the Year Award presented by
the President of the Public
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Willoughby Sanchez (R)*



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Monday thru Friday
5 to 7 P.M

Monday: Draft Beer
\$3.00

Tuesday: Local Rum
\$3.00

Wednesday: Margaritas
\$9.95

Thursday: Piña Colada
\$9.95

Friday: Micheladas
\$4.00

Rolson
is also featuring a family platter

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invites applicants for the following Certificate Courses in Law:

- The Law of Business Organizations**
- Trial Preparation and Advocacy (Magistrate's Court)**

These courses run from Saturday, July 19 to Wednesday, August 13, 2008. The courses are being offered in Belmopan City and Orange Walk (depending on enrollment). Interested persons are asked to register by Thursday, July 17, 2008 at the UWI Center on Princess Margaret Drive.

**For more information contact the
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