THE MOTHER OF ALL POLICE BRUTALITY

What A Way For The Victim To Begin The New Year

The evidence of police brutality had to be compelling for the Commissioner of Police, subsequent to the report being aired in the media, to have moved in such a swift manner in suspending no less than 25% of the personnel attached to the San Pedro Police Station.

In life, it is said that there is always a first time for everything. Well, in all years that we have been involved in the news business, particularly paying keen attention to reports of the abuse of citizen’s rights, this is the FIRST time that we have seen this level of physical evidence of police Brutality - and that’s brutality with a capital “B”.

It was one week after the incident when Santa Elena resident, Ryan Requena, 24, who has been living and working in San Pedro Town for almost four years, came to us with photographs as evidence of the condition of his body after being subjected to many hours of beating at the hands (and feet) of elements attached to the San Pedro police sub-formation.

In investigating the report, our first move was to contact Assistant Superintendent of Police Humberto Patt in his capacity as officer commanding the formation in question. ASP Patt told us, “one week after the incident,” that he was not aware of it and that he would investigate the matter and get back to us.

We allowed for a full day to pass and when he did not call us, we dispatched a reporter to San Pedro. Imagine our surprise when shortly after landing on the island town, the call came back that the man at the center of the brutality was none other than the Officer Commanding the San Pedro police sub-formation, the very same ASP Humberto Patt who was continuing in office as if it was business as usual.

Whilst on another assignment, we caught up with Ryan Requena and his father-in-law in Belize City on Tuesday, January 8. We immediately made contact with Channel 7’s News Director Jules Vasquez, to get the report on that evening’s newscast. We then contacted Police Press Officer G. Michael Reid who informed that the Commissioner of Police was aware of the incident and that he had dispatched a team of “senior investigators” to look into the report. We expressed disappointment that ASP Patt and the officers involved in the incident were still on active duty.

Channel 7 ran the news that same Tuesday evening and even before the broadcast was completed the TV station received a call from the Officer Commanding the Belize (Police) District, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Allen Whylle, who informed that Patt, along two corporals and three constables, were relieved from active duties pending the outcome of the investigation.

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A week later, at around 9:30 a.m. he was removed from the holding cell and placed inside a dark room without light and with the only furnishing being a chair and a table which he was able to see from the light when the door was opened for him to enter. A few minutes later he saw a mist coming from a side window and the burning sensation he felt in the face made him realize that he was pepper sprayed. He rushed outside the room toward the back of the police station and into the bathroom where he was able to wash his eyes and face. Just as he was getting an ease from the effects of the spray, a policeman came up to him and pepper sprayed him in the face. This was his second dose of the irritant.

About five minutes later five policemen, in civilian clothes, entered the room and began beating him with their fists, feet and a rubber hose. The beating continued for several minutes after which all five policemen left. They had not exited the room for more than a few minutes when they returned to continue the beating. They left for a second time and returned shortly thereafter for round number 3 of the beating after which they removed Requena from the dark room and placed inside one of the holding cells along with two other detainees. ASP Patt made his first appearance at the station later that night and instructed the police to isolate Requena from the other two detainees and to flood the isolation cell with water before placing him therein.

Requena remained in the soaked cell for about ½ an hour when Patt instructed that he be handcuffed and returned to the “torture chamber”. This was when Patt made his grand appearance and with both of Requena’s hands cuffed behind his back, Patt began unleashing a merciless beating upon Requena with a baton. “It is like the Lord gave me a vision in that dark room, as I saw Patt coming down with the big stick towards my head. Unable to block it with my hands which were handcuffed behind my back, I escaped the blow that might have ended my life by crashing under the table” said Requena.

Patt then asked Requena which hand he used to punch him a week earlier and Requena told him that it was his left hand, Patt began concentrating the beating throughout the entire length of his left hand and the left side of his body with the baton, his fist and his feet. In the process Requena sustained visible trauma to the chest, back, face, hands, feet, head, ears, nose and eyes. “After what seemed like an eternity of beating, Patt eventually left the room with the promise to return” said Requena.

A few hours later the five policemen in civilian clothes, who initiated the assault, returned to the “torture chamber”, this time however they were in uniform, and they each began to turn taking turns beating Requena with a rubber hose. One of them pepper sprayed him in the face for a third time after which they all left. About an hour after this last round of beating, Patt returned and resumed the beating with the baton while another policeman who accompanied him repeatedly kicked Requena in the face and neck.

Patt asked Requena if he had any feeling in any of his hands, when Requena told him yes, Patt then started hitting the hand cuffs that were on Requena’s hands with the baton until they became extremely tight thereby cutting into Requena’s skin on both wrists.

While he was being me” said Requena, “Patt told me that if I didn’t die from the beating, that I would be a lucky man. He continued to beat me some more, tortured me and then he left for a while.” The same five policemen re-entered the “torture chamber” and they proceeded to beat Requena two more times. Throughout the entire ordeal, Requena was bowling out for help but no one came to his assistance. The various interrogations came only long enough for his bowing to subside.

Patt further ordered that Requena be left in the “torture chamber” and before leaving, one of the policemen gave him a fourth dose of pepper spray in the face. A few hours later he was removed from the “torture chamber” and returned to the soaked cell with the tightened handcuff cutting into his flesh on both wrists and his body aching in pain from head to toes.

Just as dawn was breaking a policeman whom he identified as PC Sutherland came to the cell and told him that the least he could do for him is to slacken the handcuff and nothing more because the punishment that he was undergoing, said PC Sutherland, was on instructions from the Officer in Charge. When morning finally broke one Sergeant Sanchez visited the cell, removed the handcuffs and transferred him to a dry cell where he proceeded to give him medical attention but found the clinic closed. With no other alternative, he

The victim, Ryan Requena, 24

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From Front Page

As a commanding officer of the Police Department, ASP Patt’s introduction from active duty was promptly approved by way of individual telephone calls to a majority of the members of the Security Services Commission. With the powers vested in him, the Commissioner of Police instantly ordered the interdiction of Corporals #49 Frank Garcia and #806 Eddison Roches as well as Constables #161 Jody Ingram, #1163 Eloy Vernorn and #923 Gerald Sutherland.

Our investigations revealed that on Christmas night, Ryan Requena and some friends were invited by Mrs. Patt to her house in San Pedro Town, for a few drinks. They arrived at around 10:00 p.m. and were there for less than an hour when ASP Patt arrived. He joined the party and after a few hours of drinking was led to believe that he began to accuse Requena of having an affair with the Mrs. This was when Requena decided to leave.

While walking out of the house Requena noticed Patt physically assaulted the Mrs. and stepped back into the house to separate them. Whilst in the process of separating them, Patt reportedly pushed Requena; this was when Requena spun around and gave Patt a single punch in the face.

Patt immediately called the police. They arrived shortly thereafter while Requena and his friends were still in the area. Patt instructed the police to detain Requena and to transport him to the police station. The Mrs. intervened and told the police that Requena was not at fault and that the incident was actually instigated by Patt.

The police invited Requena and his friends into the police vehicle and they proceeded to drop them off at their various homes.

Well, that should have been the end of the story - but NO it was not.

A week later, at around 9:30 a.m. on New Years Eve, a team of policemen arrived at Requena’s house to execute a search warrant “for arms and ammunition” they said. The search, according to Requena, mysteriously yielded a small amount of marijuana which he claimed he had no knowledge of.

As a result of the discovery, Requena and his common-law wife were detained and escorted to the San Pedro police station where they were placed under lock up.

After being in police custody for about five hours, the common-law wife was charged for drug possession and released on a $1,000.00 police bail. Requena however, remained in police lock up. It was not until around 7:00 p.m. that he was issued with a joint charge for drug possession. When he inquired about getting bail, he was reportedly told that other charges were coming his way.
In hindsight, all that is left is for the Prime Minister to confirm to the nation that the announcement of the date for general elections in Belize was contingent on the receipt of the 20 million Belize dollars grant from Venezuelan President, Hugo Chavez, as no sooner did the government received the grant, that the date for elections was announced.

Belize is said to be a nation governed by the rule of law. With the immediate former Financial Secretary, Dr. Carla Barnett’s clear explanation of the legal procedure for the handling of such windfall finances, the government appears to have thrown the books out the window as they prepare to bypass the law of the land while moving full speed ahead with using Chavez’ gift in a last ditch attempt to influence the outcome of the next general elections.

The one million dollar check received by the People’s United Party from a big Belizean businessman in the days leading up to the 2003 general elections, fades in comparison to this latest Chavez check.

When then we ask, if Chavez was indeed genuine in making these funds beneficial to needy Belizeans, given government’s track record, why did he not instruct for the disbursement of these funds to be done through the offices of his country’s resident ambassadorial staff. In the process demanding a full accounting of all disbursements thereby ensuring that the funds make a meaningful difference in the lives of its intended recipients?

Just recently we witnessed Chavez lamenting about the outcome of the December 2, 2007 referendum whereby his supporters were alleging that the United States of America expended ten million dollars which played a major role in his defeat. When taken in context with the timing of Chavez’ grant to the government of Belize these lamentations, appear to be nothing more than hypocritical expressions given the fact that he is now granting a like amount that could have more far reaching impact on our small country which in terms of population is less than the size of any one of the 23 states in his country.

While we see many Belizeans scrambling to get a piece of the Venezuelan pie, this latest undertaking on the part of the Venezuelan President is leaving a bitter taste in the mouths of many Belizeans. There appears to be a distinct impression that Hugo Chavez could care less about the wishes of the masses while caring more for Hugo Chavez the person as he seeks to cement alliance with a partner who is supportive of the Havana philosophy and more inclined to his anti-American public stance.

This general election therefore is a test for the Belizean people. Will we allow a foreign government to influence the way we are governed or will we let politicians understand once and for all that no amount of money they throw the books out the window can ever compensate for the time to save our country is NOW!!!
Getting married is very much like going to a continental restaurant with friends. You order what you want, then when you see what the other fellow has, you wish you had ordered that.

"Now, let me see, where were we?" says the prime minister. "Oh, yes...I was saying, do you have any questions?"

Another boy raises his hand and says, "Mr. prime minister, I have three questions: First, why we NOT feeling the benefits from all the oil that is being exported out of our country? Second, why did the recess bell go off 30 minutes early? And third, where is my buddy Joe?"

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A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?"

"Know, son, I'm still paying for it."

Young Son: Is it true, Dad, I heard that in some parts of Africa a man doesn’t know his wife until he marries her?

Dad: That happens in most countries, son.

Then there was a man who said, “I never knew what real happiness was until I got married; and then it was too late.”

When a newly married man looks happy, we know why. But when a ten-year married man looks happy - we wonder why.

Married life is very frustrating. In the first year of marriage, the man speaks and the woman listens. In the second year, the woman speaks and the man listens. In the third year, they both speak and the neighbors listen.

After a quarrel, a wife said to her husband, "You know, I was a fool when I married you."

And the husband replied, “Yes, dear, but I was in love and didn’t notice it.”

A man inserted an ‘ad’ in the classifieds: “Wife wanted.” Next day he received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: “You can have mine.”

When a man opens the door of his car for his wife, you can be sure of one thing: either the car is new or the wife.

How do most men define marriage? A very expensive way to get your laundry done free.

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her.

Eighty percent of married men cheat in Belize. The rest cheat in Melchor.

Notices

LIQUOR LICENSE MEETING

All persons who have applied for a Liquor License are hereby advised to take note of the following dates for the first quarterly meeting of the Liquor Licensing Board as follows:

FOR APPLICANTS IN THE SAN IGNACIO SANTA ELENA AREA

DATE: Wednesday, January 23, 2008
PLACE: Cultural Center, San Ignacio
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

FOR APPLICANTS IN ALL SURROUNDING VILLAGES

DATE: Thursday, January 24, 2008
PLACE: Cultural Center, San Ignacio
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
Something For Parents To Think About

Teachers, thank you so much for devoting your life to my child.

Is there ANYTHING I can do to help you? Is there ANYTHING you need?
I am here for you. Why?
Because you are helping my child - MY BABY - learn and grow.

Not only will you be largely responsible for her ability to make a living, but your influence will greatly affect how she views the world, what she knows about other people in this world, and how she will feel about herself.

I want her to believe she can attempt anything - that no doors are closed and that no dreams are too distant.
I am entrusting the most valuable person in my life to you for seven hours each day.
You, are thus, one of the most people in my life!

Thank You.
Michael Moore

Belize Must Remain and Just a trickle

BY: Avette Requena
Please publish the poems “Belize must remain” and “Just a trickle” that I am dedicating to all Belzanos.

I learnt today that election is just around the corner. At the poll we can truly voice all the suffering and hardships we have been through in the last 10 years.

Belize is, by ownership, for everyone, and each has a right to enjoy it and live to the fullest. This is the right I want Belzanos to reflect on.
My hope is that everyone who believes in prosperity, and hope for a better future will vote for people who will work for a “Better Belize”.

Inspired by the revolt in Belmopan and Belize City due to Social Security scandal.

BELIZE MUST REMAIN
I love you too much. I see you being torn apart and stripped naked.
I cry, I revolt, I hurt.
Those who lead don’t understand.

BUT BELIZE MUST REMAIN!
You who say you love it too.

Don’t know who’s best to salvage, those who lead don’t understand.

I revolt,
I cry,

I was too.
For all you are worth-

It stands defenseless, naked and torn.

Don’t heed to just a trickle-

My true Belizean, - Those who take away your right to be successful

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We need to exercise our democratic right so our future can be secured.

It is tough to think right when you’re not seeing.

You are thus, one of the most people in my life!

Please publish the poems

Thank You.

REDEMPTION TIME

BY: K.Y.F, Santa Elena, Cayo

Electoral date has been announced.

Don’t let the PUP party take us for a ‘dunce’

Now ALL Belzanos need to exercise their rights.

And end this political strife.

Don’t let the PUP buy your vote.

Make it YOUR decision to vote.

Think of the ten years of corruption

When the money could have meant so much for devoting your life to

And have scarred you to know just a trickle of what is yours in lie of you.

Don’t heed to just a trickle-

All that is yours is not given, But lost in the past.

Just the little cannot make it

For all you are worth-

Think past and future.

Don’t think that drippings is what you deserve,

Long have you been tied down to a meager right to survive.

Have dignity!

You are worth more.

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Dont carry that sack.

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I hope that all those hard days remain in you,

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deserve nothing.

They have lost their dignity of what a true Belizean is.

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It is not worth it!

Think right and without a bind, See all that is left to be multiplied.

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Shame on you for cowardly hiding your own opinion behind the label “most observers”. The VIP hereby reminds you of your responsibility to report in a fair and impartial manner.

By airing such a baseless, insensitive, biased and irresponsible statement, your news has unduly influenced the electorate and may cause considerable damage to the image of VIP candidates.

Our candidates hereby demand an immediate public apology from your news desk.

More to the point this evening’s comments by “most observers” to the effect that “votes” were being cast by one of the major party candidates.

In Memoriam
In Loving Memory Of

Hazel McDonald Crawford

SUNRISE: March 11, 1919
SUNSET: January 14, 2003
MISSING MAMMA
By: Corky Ferguson

The sun came up this morning. It wasn’t very bright.
My dark mood cast a shadow; It’s hard to see the light.
We all have just one mother And, now that her life on earth is done,
Emptiness and loss I feel Make it hard to see the sun.

Tomorrow is a brand new day; My pain and sadness lighten.
I will remember her all the time And then the sky will brighten.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that BULLENT YULSIURI is applying for renewal of her BEER & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate PRINCESS SALOON located in the Village of San Ignacio Town, San Ignacio District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that ELMA AWE is applying for renewal of her MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate CARMELITA'S SALOON located in Independence Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that RONALD OTTEN is applying for renewal of his RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate ANADAS KARAB RESTAURANT located in the Savannah Area, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that MARIA MOLINA is applying for renewal of her RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate JAMANJITO located at Mile 60 on the Western Highway in the Cayo District.

The Comment That Sparked The VIP Reaction

“An eleventh candidate, Nikita Gideon, is slated to run for the V.I.P. in the Fort George Division, but she failed to show up at this morning’s event. Most observers say the chances of any V.I.P. candidate actually winning a seat are near zero, but in a close constituency race any votes cast for a V.I.P. could swing the election to one of the major party candidates.”

This scenario could most likely play out in Belmopan where party chairman Paul Morgan stands a good chance of earning a significant minority of votes.”
Belizean Youth Charged With Jacking Guatemalan Butane Businessman

DANGRIGA, Thursday, January 10, 2008:

Adolfo Bernard, 19, Belizean laborer from the Rivas Estate Area of Dangriga Town was today arrested and issued with three charges for the crimes of robbery, wounding and use of deadly means of defense.

Today’s arrest came three days after Guatemalan butane businessman, Marine Lucas, 51, of a George Price Drive Address in Dangriga visited the police station and reported that at about 9:30 am on Monday, January 7, whilst driving on George Price Drive in the vicinity of the office of the Belize Electricity Limited, he was stopped by a young man.

The accused, Lawrence Bernard, 19, male person of dark complexion whom he suspected to be around 15 years of age.

The boy reportedly told Lucas that he needed butane gas for his home in the Lakeland Area. He boarded the vehicle with Lucas driving towards the specified area. However, instead of going to Lakeland, the boy directed him to Rivas Estate to first pick up a butane tank.

Complying with the boy’s instructions, Lucas drove to a back street in the Rivas Estate Area where he was reportedly attacked by an old man who dressed in full black clothing and wearing a black mask over his face. Lucas emerged from the attack with four stab wounds to both shoulders and back and without the cash he was carrying reportedly amounting to between nine hundred and a thousand Belize dollars in cash.

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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 EVELYN BANNER is applying for the renewal of her PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate FIRENZA CAFE located on Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that ROSA ACCURDIE is applying for the renewal of her RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate SUPERDOME located at #1 Wyatt Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that ANA SUTTON is applying for the renewal of her RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate LEOPOL BAR located on Georgeville Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that MIRNA SANTOS is applying for the renewal of her PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate FRISKY FROG located in Santa Familia Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that ELDY ESPAT is applying for the renewal of her MAL & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate ELYDA’S DINER & GUESTHOUSE located on #3 Cor. Far West Street and Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that ALBERTO LEAL is applying for the renewal of her MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate CLUB VIETNAM located at Mount Hope, Uxballib Village in the Cayo District.

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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 ZENY CARLITA MIS is applying for the renewal of her RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate LAS VEGAS RESTAURANT located at #4 Church Street, Benque Viejo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that DAWN ARNOLD is applying for the renewal of her MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate D&A’S DINE located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

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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 ERNIE MILLER is applying for the renewal of her MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2008 to operate MEL’S DINE located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

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First Caribbean International Bank Pledges $60,000 to Youth Business Trust Belize

On Wednesday January 9th, 2008 at 7:30 pm at the Brown Sugar Marketplace, where YBTB held its first official fundraiser, First Caribbean International Bank’s Manager Stephen Duncan pledged his banks commitment to Youth Business Trust Programs not only in Belize but throughout the Caribbean. The commitment of $20,000.00 will again be delivered in 2009 and 2010 as a three year commitment totaling $60,000.00. Duncan then challenged others present to support the program for Belize's Youth and economic growth. Edward Musa Sr took the challenge and pledged $25,000.00 from the Employer's Association of Belize who also sees the benefits of youth development toward poverty and crime alleviation. This money will be used to bridge the counterpart funding gap for the programme.

Two hundred Belizeans including young entrepreneurs, mentors, partners, the Prime Minister of Belize, Clergy, Opposition, Diplomatic Corp and socially conscious persons living in Belize witnessed one of the most spectacular displays of youth enterprise development at work at the Youth Business Trust Belize Partners celebration.

Youth Business Trust Belize is a program offering young persons between the ages of 18-35 assistance in starting their own businesses. The program offers loan financing, training and the most important component mentoring which guides the young persons business on the road to success.

Those who pledged their commitment to the program commitment being funded by the Inter American Development Bank have made a serious investment for the future of Belize. The program follows the Youth Business International Model started by the Prince of Wales and has following such as Nelson Mandela who is the Head of the South African Youth Trust.

The event included launch of a video prepared by a young entrepreneur on the program, introductions to the Board headed by Chairman Shaun Finnette, Introduction to the Board of Patrons headed by Dean Boyce, Introduction to partners’ supporters, mentors and young entreprenuers in the program. Special guest was Marcia Brandon-Executive Director of Barbados Youth Business Trust who has launched over 300 businesses and 800 new jobs in Barbados and is the Regional Coordinator for the Programs in Belize, Barbados, Trinidad and Guyane.

Of course no celebration would be complete without entertainment provided by the Pantempters Steel Band, The Harbour View Jazz Trio and a feast fit for a king by Edgar Young's Pibil Production.

YBTB thanks all who supported and attended the event especially our volunteer Board and Board of Patrons, the media, its partners such as Inter American Development Bank, First Caribbean International Bank, Belize Employers Association, and the British High Commission. Peace Corp Belize, Belize Telemadia, Rotary Clubs, Love FM,CSB, Belize Unit Trust, CitiTrust Belize, UNDP, BCCI, Row Kids and BTIA.

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BELIZE CITY, Friday, January 11, 2008:
Belize City Police have arrested a Belizean mechanic and are charging him with at least two counts of obtaining property by deception.

In the first instance, Bernard Williams, 48, of a Faber’s Road address in Belize City, reported, that in the month of October 2005, about 9:00pm while standing at the corner of Mapp Street and Freetown Road, Belize City, he was approached by a male person who introduced himself as “LINTON”. Williams informed that Linton told him that he works for the United States Embassy and that he owns a company in the United States of America and could easily get a United States Visa for him.

Williams surrendered his Belizean passport, his birth certificate and $220.00 Bcy in cash.

Linton then promised to get the visa in a week’s time; however the time did cause if you did, we would have good hospitals where our children could be born. The Belmopan Regional Hospital is a JOKE! Just take a look at the government buildings in Belmopan, they are dirty and filthy. It’s no wonder public officers are demoralized.

FREE textbooks for our children - What a joke! Do you think that because people are poor, they are equally stupid? Well guess what, we might be poor but we are certainly not stupid!

Mr. Barrow, you talk about accountability but I don’t see your

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Mr. Musa, you and your cronies don’t deserve our vote! You don’t love the Belizean people like Mr. Price

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The Association of Tertiary Level Institutions in Belize (ATLIB) advises all prospective students to junior colleges and universities that the deadline for late registration for the 2008 ATLIB Placement Examination is January 18, 2008.

The ATLIB Placement Examination will take place on Friday, February 29, 2008.

All persons wishing to enroll in tertiary institutions in Belize MUST sit the ATLIB EXAM.

Candidates can register through any high school/District Education Center. The registration fee is Thirty dollars ($30.00). This is non-refundable. Please note that there will be NO Walk-ins for the Examination this year. This means that if a student does not register for the Exam by January 18, 2008, the student will not be allowed to sit the exam.

Most ATLIB Institutions require this exam for placement into their first year Mathematics and English courses, including the Primary Education Program.

REGISTRATION CAN ALSO BE PROCESSED AT THESE LOCATIONS:
Belize Adventist Junior College
Corozal Junior College
ECUENEMICAL Junior College
San Pedro Junior College
Galen University
Muffles Junior College

Deadline for late registration is Friday, January 18, 2008.

Further information can be obtained from the Examination Coordinator:
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went home but the pain did not allow him much rest. 
The following morning he made the journey to Belize City, first stopping at the Raccoon Street Police Station where he was directed, by ACP Allen Whylie, to the Police Internal Affairs Unit to file a report. He was issued with a pair of Medico Legal forms and was directed to seek medical attention at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital were the injuries was classified as wounding. After receiving attention at the KHMH in Belize City, Requena traveled to San Ignacio and on the following day, January 3, he sought medical attention at Dr. Godoy’s private clinic.

Today, almost two weeks after his near death experience with San Pedro Police, Requena is still having a hard time getting rest as he is unable to sleep on his back, belly, left and right side of his body.
The station was temporarily held over by veteran Police Sergeant #358 Leslie Wade while Inspector Dennis Arnold made his way up from Punta Gorda Town where he was serving as Deputy Commander of the Toledo (Police) District. Inspector Arnold spent his first day as the new O.C San Pedro Police on Monday, January 14, 2008. Requena has since enlisted the legal services of Attorney Hubert Elrington SC whom we were told will leave no stones unturned in pursuit of justice.

During almost 11 years of service in the Police Department, Humberto Patt was, in 2003 posted as a desk officer at Police Special Branch Headquarters in Belmopan. Prior to being posted in San Pedro he also served as Staff Officer in the office of Deputy Commissioner of Police Maureen Leslie.

The next senior policeman, Cpl. #449 Frank Garcia, in 2003 was serving as Chief Clerk at Police Headquarters in Belmopan. Although he is originally from Santa Elena, Cayo, Ryan Requena, has been working in San Pedro Town for almost four years. At the time of the incident, he was employed, for almost two years, as an assistant chef at the popular Wild Mangos Restaurant on La Isla Bonita.
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