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

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 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

Public Service Day 2008

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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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The Deceased Augustín Grijalva Fuentes, 47 striped T-shirt, green long pants and wearing a pair of brown boots. Police observed multiple stab wounds to the chest and both hands and when he was turned over, several stab wounds were also visible on the back.

The individual was transported to the San Ignacio Town Hospital where he was officially pronounced dead and placed inside the morgue. He was later identified as Guatemalan,

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

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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 brother 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 track 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 at 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 unharmed.

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

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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 Guzman (no relation – different Guzmans) reported to police that about half an hour earlier Sheldon was in the dining room area of the hotel when he was approached by an armed masked man who pointed a handgun 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.

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

As she and her new husband were unloading the SUV in the parking lot, as they and carry this one in your hand then follow me as I walk empty handed to check us in.”

Sheldon was reportedly re-entering the hotel and wakening towards the front desk, he was approached by another armed masked male person who took him behind the counter where he 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.

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Mr. Mandela and South African leaders say.

Nelson Mandela, 89

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**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 everything was linked to you will realize afterwards how to something special and A train of events could lead you will 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: Saturday, Lucky Number: 8

**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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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 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 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.
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 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 who 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.

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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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 it is 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 Hawksworth 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 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 function in mind to contact…

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Manager

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- 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.

Send to:

The Director

Employment Training Education Services

Mahogany Street Extension

Belize City
Toursim 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  Sacred heart Junior College
Ecumenical 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 Tourist 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. Keesh Young (Public Awareness & Training Officer)
Telephone: 227-2420 Ext. 259  E-mail: keesh@travelbelize.org

LOST LAND/LEASE CERTIFICATES

[Table with names, certificate numbers, registration section, and block numbers]

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.)
AGDEP. REGISTRAR OF LANDS

Registered Land Act
Chapter 194 - Revised Edition 2000
Section 140(1)
OWNERSHIP BY PRESCRIPTION

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Application for ownership by prescription for the above mentioned parcel situated in Placencia 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

Placencia 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).

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AGDEP. 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 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 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 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.
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 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.”

“Allegory of Sustainability” was truly a remarkable and 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.

Viewing The Photography Exhibition

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

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

Salary: Negotiable – based on experience and qualification

Closing Date: July 21st, 2008

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Public Service Day 2008

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:


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 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 officials.

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, and Elections and Boundaries.

Minister Saldivar took the unique opportunity to meet and chat individually with public officers.

Invites applicants for the following Certificate Courses in Law:

1. The Law of Business Organizations
2. 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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