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# Alberto Miralda - Caught Red Handed Burglarizing Bar

**SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, Friday, March 4, 2011:**

While incidents of reported burglaries continue within the community, police today announced the redhanded capture of an accused burglar residing in Santa Elena town.

Acting upon a tip off, San Ignacio Police rushed to the Champions Sports Bar, located on Savannah Street in San Ignacio Town where they first observed several louvers missing from a front window. Upon keen observation they heard movements inside the club

accompanied by the moving beam of light.

Upon entering the building they came upon a male hispanic person with a flashlight inside the bar. When this individual was searched, police found a wooden handle knife with a 6 inch blade tucked inside the waist of the pants he was wearing. Inside the pocket of the pants police also found Belize currency in different denomination which when counted amounted to forty dollars. Police also found fifteen packs of Winter Fresh chewing

gum along with a cellular telephone inside the pocket of the pants he was wearing.

The individual was transported to the police station in San Ignacio Town where he was identified as Alberto Miralda, 21, Belizean labourer of a George Price Avenue address in Santa Elena. He was later formally arrested and charged for aggravated burglary appearing in court on



## Mrs. Arita Lemus Is One Of Twenty One Outstanding Belizean Women Recognized

**SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Friday, March 4, 2011:**

In celebrating Women's Month this year, under the theme "Valuing ourselves: Promoting Shared Responsibility", the Ministry of Human Development and Social Transformation today released a 52 page booklet highlighting twenty one outstanding Belizean Women.

The twenty one outstanding Belizean women featured in the publication, in order of appearance in the booklet are:



**Mrs. Arita Lemus**  
Outstanding Belizean Woman

## Cayo Police - Getting Ready For Action



**L-R: Inspector Claudio Mai, Superintendent Roy Joseph, Senior Superintendent Louise Willis, Assistant Commissioner David Henderson**



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## Cayo Police - Getting Ready For Action



**Superintendent Roy Joseph, Giving The Instructions To Elements Attached To San Ignacio & Benque Police**

When we first saw the police undergoing extreme physical public order training in the hot evening sun last Thursday afternoon, the first obvious question that came to mind was: *Do the police know something that we do not yet know?*

Four days later, the public announcement was made in the wake of an executive meeting of the opposition People's United Party (PUP). They are planning a demonstration on the occasion of the presentation of the

Revenue Appropriation Bill – the budget – for fiscal year 2011–2012.

In the absence of a strong rallying point to demonstrate, especially in light of the Prime Minister prior public announcement that the new budget will have no new taxes on the Belizean people, political analysts are of the view that next Friday's planned demonstration is premature with an almost certain likelihood of not achieving its intended purpose.

### Alberto Miralda - Caught Red Handed Burglarizing Bar

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Monday, February 28 where he pled not guilty to the charge. He was offered and met bail in the sum of \$5,000 to reappear in court, over three months down the road, on Monday June 6, 2011.

His freedom was short lived however when further investigation revealed that the cellular telephone found in his possession was found to be the property of **Shakera Reynolds**.

Reynolds told the police that on Saturday, February 25, she was socializing with friends at

the Blue Angels Night Club when she left her pink purse on the table with friends and took to the dance floor. She returned to the table about half an hour later and found the contents of her purse scattered on the floor with her purple Motorola Digicel telephone, valued at four hundred fifty dollars was missing.

Miralda was subsequently rearrested and charged with handling stolen goods. He appeared in court on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 where he again pled not guilty to the charge. He was again offered and met bail, this time however, in the sum of \$3,000 and again ordered to return to court over three months later, on Monday, June 6, 2011.

The police department however, is not taking any chances as last Thursday activity serves to indicate that they are getting ready for any eventuality.

Last Thursday evening's public order training was conducted by the Officer Commanding the Police Special Patrol Unit, **Superintendent Roy "60" Joseph** who has extensive paramilitary training and experience.

Last Thursday evening's exercise conducted inside the Norman Broaster Football Stadium in San Ignacio Town was keenly observed by Assistant Commissioner of Police/National Commander of Police Operations, **David Henderson**; as well by the Officer Commanding the Cayo (Police) District, **Sr. Supt. Louise Willis** and her assistant, **Inspector Claudio Mai**.



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# Ministry of Health

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## Official Launch Of The National Dialysis Program



### Ribbon Cutting At The KMHY Dialysis Unit

The Government of Belize and The Ministry of Health (MOH) in collaboration with World Organization of Renal Therapies (WORTH), Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KMH) and La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital (LLAH) launched two new Haemodialysis Centres, one at KMH in Belize City and the other at LLAH in Santa Elena Town, Cayo District on

Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

An official ceremony was held in Belize City for both centers, following which there was the unveiling of commemorative plaques on site at both the KMH and at LLAH.

**Dr. Wayne Trebbin**, President, World Organization for Renal Therapies (WORTH) and a small team were on hand for the official opening.

**Hon. Pablo Marin**, Minister of Health and partner of the Haemodialysis program celebrated with the team on finally seeing the realization of this project.

The task force gave contributing remarks along with other officials from the Ministry of Health on the special occasion.

Nurses and technicians of the program for both units were also present for the opening. They have experienced both theory and practical training in the program and they also have participated in the treatment of several patients since September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

Both dialysis units have the capacity to dialyze up to eight cases per day with

four functioning haemodialysis machines and two additional stand-by machines.

A patient selection committee has been established. They will be responsible for the selection of patients for dialysis treatment based on criteria set by the Management Committee.

This venture by GOB, MOH, WORTH, LLAH and KMH will cost approximately BZ\$1.8 Million annually which is largely subsidized by the Government of Belize.

The Belize Social Security Board, Belize Natural Energy (BNE) Limited and The Challenge Golbie Foundation of BNE also contributed towards the completion of the program.



The Jose Cruz Dialysis Unit, LLAH, Santa Elena, Cayo

## Dental Department Receives Donation



### Deputy Director of Health Services, Ms. Marjorie Parks

and the Mental Health Association, hosted a launching ceremony for a training project in Mental Health for Community nurses on Friday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the University of West Indies Auditorium, Belize City.

Deputy Director of Health Services in Nursing, **Ms. Marjorie Parks** gave remarks at the launch. She mentioned that the training will enhance the ability of nurses to provide a holistic care to patients not only in the physical and social well

being but also in mental care.

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the conditions of mental health

services in primary health care and also to improve the competencies of the community nurses in mental health.

The training will covers approximately 170 community nurses over a 3-month period from February to May 2011. The University of the West Indies (UWI) Open Campus will conduct the training through a curriculum they have developed. Participants will be receiving a UWI certificate at the completion of the project course.



### Dr. Raphael Samos, Senior Surgeon Receiving Chairs

The Dental Department of the Ministry of Health along with the Minister of Health, **Hon. Pablo Marin** was pleased to receive a donation of three portable dental chairs from the Humanitarian Endeavors Foundation of Utah, U.S.A.

A humanitarian mission from the foundation visited Belize during the week of February 20-26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to assist the dental department with its school's

campaign program. Fluoride cleaning and treatment was offered to students and teachers at the Ladyville Roman Catholic School, Ladyville Seventh Day Adventist School and at Ladyville Evangelical Primary School.

**Dr. Raphael Samos**, Senior Dental Surgeon, Ministry of Health received the donation from the team leader of the Mission, **Dr. David Hadley**.



# Football For All



**BY: Cruz Gamez,**  
**SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, Tuesday, March 1, 2011:**

The Adventures Football club under its "*Football For All*

*Program*" organized its first football activity this past Sunday, February 27, 2010 for children 13 years and under from the Santiago Juan layout

Area of San Ignacio.

Twenty five children participated in activities of ball control, handling and 5 a-side games. After all the activities participat-

ing children received an exercise book, pencil and pen courtesy of Belize Bank Ltd, San Ignacio branch.

The program vision and objectives is to use football as a vehicle for the development of an individual by teaching sportsmanship, honesty, respect and fair play which will nurture their emotional well being as they learn the importance of teamwork, determination, persistence and hard work. It is expected that this activity will have a significant positive impact on the social and educational values of the participants that will in turn contribute to a healthier and safer society.

Organizers of the event seek to partner with friends abroad in search for assistance such as scholarships and exchange programs for deserving participants with a view for the program to become a module for the country.

A similar event is sheduled for Sunday March 27 for children in the same 13 and under age range but this time for those living in the Santa Cruz Area of Santa Elena Town, Cayo on March 27, 2011.

These event are made possible through the kind support from the participating children, their parents and volunteer coaches along with support from the Belize Bank Limited, ABS Computers and RG & G Business Center.

## Robbery At Riverside Restaurant With Several Persons Detained

**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, March 3, 2011:**

Benque Viejo Police are holding onto several persons including one reportedly from Belize City, in connection with a robbery in that deep western community.

It was a few minutes before 9:00 pm on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 when police responded to the report at Riverside Restaurant on George Street, Benque Viejo Town.

Upon arrival **Felipa Lopez** reported that she was alone in the restaurant when at around 8:30 pm that night two male persons of dark complexion entered the restaurant. She

told the police that before demanding money, one of the assailants, armed with a small handgun, pistol-whipped Lopez to the head causing a cut wound. Realizing that they were serious and fearing for her life, Lopez handed over the whole drawer containing a combination of Belize and US dollars amounting to an estimated one hundred and fifty dollars.

The robbers also demanded and were given the three gold rings Lopez wore valued at one hundred and fifty dollars each. They also took possession of Lopez' LG brand cellular phone valued at two hundred dollars, all for an estimated total haul of eight hundred dollars.

They then tied Lopez to a post inside the restaurant after which they exited and disappeared into the darkness. Swift investigation on the part of personnel attached to the Crimes Investigation Branch of the Benque Viejo Police, led to a house in the town where the police found a loaded 9 mm pistol, suspected to be the weapon used in the robbery, along with a cellular telephone which was later identified to be the property of the victim.

As the investigation continues police are contemplating criminal charges to be levied against all the detainees.

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By: Jason Durran  
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- 2) A quick, successful procession.

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### **RULE #1**

**Your meeting must have an agenda.**

You as management need to be prepared, and you must have a written out plan that your meeting will follow.

You need to keep your focus, as well as the focus of those involved in this meeting on your assigned agenda. It is often easy to stray from the

agenda, avoid doing this at all costs, if your employees, or others desire to bring other points to the platform, let them know that you care about their concerns, and that you would like them to write them down after the meeting. Let them know that you will address those concerns at a later time, but that you have this meeting scheduled for a specific purpose. Then get right back to your agenda. This is especially important when addressing time sensitive items like a sales competition, or a certain practice that needs to be adopted. Keep to the agenda. Print off your agenda, and give a copy to each participant in your meeting. That will help you to accomplish your goal.

### **RULE #2**

**Set a time frame for your meeting and stick to it.**

Business meetings have the tendency of going on for hours, and this is more of a burden to you and your staff than a benefit. Schedule your meeting, and stick to the schedule. Have that be part of your agenda as well. A proper business meeting time frame should not exceed 90 minutes. It has been well documented that if you are

having a meeting that lasts longer than this, your attention as well as the attention of your staff will start to dwindle. Keep it short, less than 90 minutes if possible, but do not exceed this time frame.

### **RULE #3**

**Only have public meetings for public information.**

Do not use this type of venue to admonish specific staff members, or to criticise procedural implementation. Those types of topics need to be covered in more private settings. Use public business meetings to encourage, and to enhance. You may bring in negative information such as productivity numbers if they are group sensitive, but have a positive outcome planned for any negative info being brought forth. Make your public dealings public, keep private matters for private meetings.

A successful business meeting is something that management needs to plan and be prepared for. It takes work, but it can really be a successful part of your business.

Thank you for reading. Comments appreciated, please forward them to [jason@xtremebusinessworld.com](mailto:jason@xtremebusinessworld.com)

## **Experience The Mexican Photo Exhibition On Display For Only 22 Days In Benque Viejo Town**

**BELMOPAN, Wednesday, March 2, 2011:**

The photography exhibition "*Mexico: Black & White, Images of Yucatan (1906-1923)*", sponsored by the Institute of Mexico, will open on March 3rd, 2011, at the House of Culture of El Benque, Cayo District.

The collection includes 29 photographs of Yucatan from 1906 to 1923 which belonged to the "*Pedro Guerra*" photography archives of the University of Yucatan's Faculty of Anthropology, one of the most prestigious and valued photo archives in Mexico.

The photographs portray the early 20 Century life in Yucatan, Mexico, and during the Mexican Revolution. This exhibition was previously showcased at the Institute of Mexico in Belize City from February 2nd to 24th.

In addition to admiring the artistic and historical value of





the photographs presented, the main objective of the exhibition is to introduce the Belizean public, especially young people, with one of the most important periods in the history of Mexico: **-The Mexican Revolution.**

The Embassy of Mexico has embarked in a series of activities and initiatives among Belizean children and young people, along with Belizean schools in order to enhance the cultural exchange and nurture mutual understanding between Belize and Mexico on the history and cultures of both countries.

The opening ceremony will be held on Thursday, March 3rd, at 5:30 pm, at the House of Culture of Benque. Entrance will be free and open to the general public.


The exhibition will remain open until March 24th, 2011, Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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## It's The 14th Running Of La Ruta Maya River Challenge



**TWIN TOWNS OF SAN IGNACIO/SANTA ELENA, Cayo, Macal River Crossing, Friday, March 4, 2011:**

As per tradition, quite a large number of spectators gathered this Friday morning on the banks of the Macal and on the Low Laying bridge linking the twin municipalities of San Ignacio and Santa Elena to witness the start of the Ruta Maya River Challenge.

The official ceremony marking the 14th running of the Ruta

Maya River Challenge began at 6:30 am with STAR Newspaper Publisher, **Alberto August**, serving as master of ceremony.

The program included an opening prayer by **Tania Bol**, student from Sacred Heart Junior College, followed by the playing, on recorder, of the National Anthem of Belize performed by **Nikolai Pulido**, a standard 6 student attending Bishop Martin Roman Catholic Primary School.

In delivering the welcome

address **Mayor John August** welcomed all visitors to the municipality and wished all the teams an enjoyable and successful four days of racing. The main address was delivered by **Roberto Harrison**, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the event. In his address Mr. Harrison informed that *"the occasion lends itself to pay homage to our fountain of life as is the Macal River which is fed by one of the largest and most important watersheds in*

*the country. The Macal River has serves us truly well,"* said Harrison, *"not only as a source of drinking water but also as a bathing facility, as a local laundromat for our women and as a waterway for travel, commerce and for transporting timber during the top gallon floods."* He also acknowledged the hard work of the committee in organizing the race. He also acknowledged the winners of last year's river challenge - Zip Riders. He ended by acknowledging the main sponsors of this years race: **Belikin Beer, Telemedia's Digicel, The Belize Tourism Board, Glenn Godfrey, Arthur Saldivar, The Lodge At Chaa Creek, San Ignacio Resort Hotel, James Brodies & Co. Ltd., Nestle, Nature Valley, The Belize Bank, BECOL, the National Institute of Culture and History (NICH) and Sea Sports Belize.**

The program continued with a performance by **Devon Jones**, winner of this year's La Ruta Maya River Challenge theme song competition.

Other entertainment items included two songs by **Kareem Carcamo** and the *"Flamenco Maya"* by **Nikolai Pulido** on guitar and a narration, by **Javier Gutierrez**, highlighting the struggle participants face as well as the determination and the joy they experience at the finish line.

The official ceremony ended with closing remarks by **Samantha Tzib** a student from Sacred Heart Junior College,.

As per tradition, the four day event ends on Monday, March 7, at the Belcan Bridge in Belize City

We take this opportunity to congratulate the organizers of the event and all the participating teams and their individual sponsors.

## "WIN-Belize Bembes Join The 2011 La Ruta Maya River Challenge"

**BY: Florence Goldson  
Programme Officer,  
WIN-Belize**

**BELIZE CITY, Tuesday, March 2, 2011:**

Members of the Women's Issues Network of Belize (**WIN-Belize**) salute the Bembe woman, a term used for our mothers, grandmothers, aunts & sisters, walking tall with fire flashing in their eyes, ready for a challenge.

In this spirit the *"WIN-Belize Bembes"* will participate in the 2011 La Ruta Maya Belize River Challenge to raise awareness of the many challenges women overcome daily, and to promote healthy life style choices.

In keeping with the Women's Month theme, *"Valuing Ourselves: Promoting Shared Responsibility,"* the Bembes will be a mixed team, highlighting the need for men and women to unite to end Violence Against Women.

*"We, the men and women of WIN-Belize are inspired by the women who were at the forefront of the women's movement in Belize,"* said Executive Director, **Carolyn**

**Reynolds.** *"Those fierce women, who embraced the term bembe, were determined to be upstart, troublemakers because they were dissatisfied with the status quo, and became united*

*in the fight for equality. We salute these women and follow proudly in their footsteps as we work for women's empowerment and gender equity."*

Bembe, originally a negative term, describing poor Belizean women who were loud, aggressive, troublemakers, in recent years has been embraced by Belizean women who realize that they must be outspoken, strong and assertive in order to fight for gender equality and equity.

The *"WIN-Belize Bembes"* dedicate their upcoming 170 mile paddle to the memory of women like **Christie Carrasco**, of Orange Walk, who was murdered this week as a result of gender based violence.

All members of the WIN-Belize Network will be participating in and supporting the activities of the March Women's Month Celebrations. March 8th – International Women's Day is a global day of celebration for the economic, political, and social achievements of women.

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# It's Time For The United States Government To Take Action Against Airlines Abusing Passengers

By: Wellington C. Ramos



When I first came to the United States back in the 1970's, I could have travelled every year

to visit relatives and friends in the United States and abroad for a reasonable fee.

Not only was I able to travel but I was fed on board the aircraft I traveled. Furthermore, I did not have to pay for my luggage and most of the problems I am experiencing today at the airports with these different airlines never existed.

Since the September 11, 2001 (911) incident in the United States, the airlines industries have gotten out of control with their expensive tickets, non-feeding of their passengers, charging for luggage, packaging

customers and other abuses of passengers. It has gotten so bad that it is discouraging people from travelling.

Travelling is good for the United States economy and the other countries in the world especially the developing nations in the Caribbean and Latin America where there economy make most of its revenues from tourism. Statistical evidence constantly show the amount of revenues these countries make from their citizens and American tourist coming into their respective countries yearly. It also shows

the negative impact it has on the countries when the fares are too expensive. I have seen several articles in the Caribbean newspapers written about this issue but still airfares continue to skyrocket as if it is heading to space out of control.

Today most people have to get up early to get to the airports on time to be processed before they can get on their planes. Most of these people cannot have an early breakfast before they leave their homes and would not have the time to stop at an airport restaurant to eat because they would be closed or their food is too expensive.

When they get on the plane, these airlines have the audacity to give them a glass of juice and a pretzel. Not even a child can afford to travel on that type of food for hours much less a grown individual. These people should be served with a full meal until they arrive at the end of their destinations.

I now call on the US Congress Transportation Committees, to convene a hearing on the Airline abuses that are taking place in the United States to correct these injustices. After 911, the airline industries were complaining that they were loosing money because American citizens were afraid to travel. The United States government responded to their needs by giving them billions of dollars of our taxpayers money. Is this the way to treat us the people who took them out of bankruptcy? Some of them are doing so well that they have bought out other airlines or merged with others to try and monopolize the industry.

To save money some airlines are packaging customers and directing them to cities that the passengers do not want to go as if they are on a US tour or worldwide marathon.

People fly on planes because they want to get to their destinations quickly. Otherwise, they could have opted to use trains, buses or other means of transportation.

I am more than convinced that if these airline industries were to improve their services and address these issues I am predicting that more people will use the airlines to travel and their revenues would increase tremendously.



## Public Notice

### Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

**On January 31, 2011, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), issued an Initial Decision in respect of the 2011 Annual Review Proceeding (ARP) conducted for Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL).**

There were no objections made by BWSL or any interested parties in regards to the Initial Decision.

Therefore, as required by Section 32 of the **Water and Sewerage (Tariffs) Byelaws (Statutory Instrument No. 67 of 2002)**, the PUC hereby serves Notice this day, March 3, 2011, that it has adopted the said Initial Decision as the Final Decision in respect of the 2011 ARP for BWSL.

The Final Decision approves that there be no adjustments to the Schedules, Business and Investment Plan, the regulated parameters, or the rates, tariffs, fees and charges, as approved in the **Belize Water Services Limited 2009 Full Tariff Review Proceeding Final Decision (Amended)**.

Consequently, the rates, tariffs, fees and charges approved in the Final Decision for the 2009 Full Tariff Review Proceeding (FTRP) for the Annual Tariff Period (ATP) of April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012, will remain in effect.

The full texts of the 2009 FTRP Final Decision and the 2011 ARP Final Decision are available for viewing at the office of the Public Utilities Commission, 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, and on the PUC website, [www.puc.bz](http://www.puc.bz)

*Issued by the Public Utilities Commission March 03, 2011*



## Another Life Lost Between Miles 61 & 62 On The Western Highway

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Tuesday, March 1, 2011:

Funeral Services were held today for **Mark "Marky" Guy**, the most recent victim of a fatal traffic accident on what has now become a deadly piece of roadway between miles 61 and 62 on the Western Highway in the area of Central Farm and Running W Brand Meats.

The last recorded tragedy in this area occurred five months ago on September 24, 2010 claiming the life of **Chris Chuc**, 17, a young Belizean cyclist who was on a routine, almost daily, practice ride on the Western Highway.



**Mark Guy Jr., 18**

San Ignacio police reports responding to the scene of a traffic accident between miles 61 and 62 on the Western Highway

where, upon arrival at around 10:45 p.m., they met **Osmond Ordonez**, 29, Belizean bus driver for Shaw Bus Service.

On the scene, Ordonez told the police that he was driving Shaw's Blue Bird commuter bus with License Plate number BMP-D-0197 Towards San Ignacio Town from Belmopan when upon reaching the area, a small red car travelling in the opposite direction swerved into the lane of the bus. Ordonez informed that despite his best effort to avoid a head on collision the car proceeded towards the bus making contact near the front driver's side.

The driver of the red Ford Escort bearing license plates CYC-3171 was identified as **Mark Guy Jr., 18**, herb specialist, of a Blazer Street address of Belmopan.

The badly injured Guy was seen inside the extensively damaged car. He was bleeding profusely from injuries to the body. With assistance from fire fighters the wreckage was cut away and almost two hours later the apparent lifeless body arrived at the San Ignacio Community Hospital at exactly 12:35 a.m. where it was officially pronounced dead by the medical officer on duty, **Dr. Angelica Rosado**.

The only other injured person was **Kenny Valencia**, 24, conductor of the Shaw Bus. He emerged with a cut wound below the left eye. The bus driver was served with a notice of intended prosecution.

A post mortem examination conducted on the body of Mark Guy Jr., between the hours of 1 and 2 p.m. on Monday, February 28, by forensic specialist **Dr. Mario Estradabran** revealed the cause of death as **"traumatic asphyxia due to massive chest injuries as a result of a road traffic accident."**

Mark Guy Jr. is pre-deceased by one brother, **Eugene Guy**. He is survived by his mother, **Sandra Segura**; father, **Harry Guy Sr**; one brother **Harry Guy Jr.**; and two sisters, **Jacqueline** and **Alicia Guy**. He is also survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

The body was laid to rest inside the Santa Rita cemetery in San Ignacio on Tuesday, March 2, 2011 after a 3:00 p.m. funeral service celebrated by **Fr Lorenzo Escheverria** at the Sacred Heart Church in San Ignacio Town. The eulogy was delivered by his first cousin **Javier Silva**.

May his soul rest in peace.

## STAR HUMOR

### As Blind As A Bat

A vampire bat came flapping in from the night out. He was covered in fresh blood and parked himself on the roof of the cave to get some sleep. Pretty soon all the other bats smelt the blood and began hassling him about where he got it.

He told them to go away and let him get some sleep but they persisted until finally he gave in.

"OK, follow me," he said and flew out of the cave with

hundreds of bats behind him.

Down through a valley they went, across a river and into a forest full of trees. Finally he slowed down and all the other bats excitedly milled around him.

"Now, do you see that tree over there?" he asked.

"Yes, yes, yes!" the bats all cried in an excited frenzy.

"Good," said the first bat, "Because I sure didn't!"

### Mams's Bible

Four brothers, Milton, Marvin, Michael, Melvin left home for college, and they became successful doctors and lawyers and prospered. Some years later, they chatted after having dinner together. They discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother who lived far away in another city.

Milton said, "I had a big house built for Mama."

Michael said "I had a hundred thousand dollar theater built in the house."

Marvin said, "I had my Mercedes dealer deliver an SL600 to her."

The fourth Melvin said, "You know how Mama loved reading the Bible and you know she can't read anymore because she can't see very well."

Well, I met this preacher who told me about a parrot that can recite the entire Bible. It took twenty preachers 12 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$100,000 a year for twenty years to the church, but

it was worth it. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot will recite it."

The other brothers were impressed. After the holidays Mom sent out her Thank You notes.

She wrote:

"Milton, the house you built is so huge I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks anyway."

"Marvin, I am too old to travel. I stay home, I don't see well enough to drive, so never used the Mercedes. The thought was good ...Thanks."

"Michael, you gave me an expensive theater with Dolby sound, it could hold 50 people, but all of my friends are dead, I've lost my hearing and I'm nearly blind. I'll never use it. Thank you for the gesture just the same."

"Dearest Melvin, you were the only son to have the good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The chicken you sent was delicious. Thank you, Mom"

## Suicide Crisis In Benque Viejo Town

BY: Samuel Bruce

Captain, Zone 4, Benque Viejo  
**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, February 28, 2011:**

As captain of zone 4 Neighborhood Watch group, I chose not to participate in Saturdays 26-2-11 parade and activities, I know the organizers had good intentions with the effort; however in my opinion this issue is a very personal family matter that involves sensitive psychological therapy to improve the attitude of suicide participants into a positive productive life.

Given the emotional state of the EMO groups, which is totally different from the community policing efforts, the fight to combat crime rallies, the EMO groups might take this effort as a challenge to glorify their suicides, thus having the reverse effect.

In my opinion

the community and elected leaders can help this situation by providing opportunities here in Benque, offices with professional councilors available for families and youth to get to the root of the problems, promote job opportunities within Benque, and positive recreation activities to vent the feelings of despair.

I personally have provided a zone 4 Neighborhood Watch building on my property for different activities, I would welcome any professional councilors or doctors to make use of this facility to help the families and youth in need of counseling, please contact me at: 600-7714 or email at bvococna@yahoo.com

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## Your Weekly Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



**ARIES:**  
**March 22**  
**to April 20**

It will be good for you to weigh your choices before making any decision this month. Committing without thinking could lead to a situation where your resources get stuck and do not yield any returns. Work may be hit by delays or you may face opposition from co-workers. **Lucky Numbers: 25, 73, 88.**



**TAURUS:**  
**April 21**  
**to May 21**

The coming week spells gains in terms of mental peace as well as monetary. Your sharpness and attention to detail may win you admiration and beget you monetary gains as well. There may be a lot of soul searching that goes on and it may take you to unusual places. **Lucky Numbers: 15, 49, 63.**



**GEMINI:**  
**May 22**  
**to June 21**

There will be greater clarity in work-related matters. You are

likely to be concerned about money matters, but it will be handled well. You are more loving and giving in your personal relationships. You are likely to experience calmness and mental peace, when in company of loved ones. **Lucky Numbers: 47, 86, 92.**



**CANCER:**  
**June 22 to**  
**July 23**

You could be overly analytical about your life and relationships and this may cause you to have intense feelings. Romance is in the air. You will need to temper your outlook in this phase with a good dose of rationality. **Lucky Numbers: 27, 62, 74.**



**LEO:**  
**July 24 to**  
**August 21**

The coming week spells good times, especially as there is gratification of the senses in all possible ways. You may be one satisfied cat. Self-esteem and confidence will be enhanced. However, some caution should be exercised against sudden misfortune. **Lucky Numbers: 18, 57, 77.**



**VIRGO:**  
**August 22 to**  
**September 21**

You try to consolidate your position at work. This is one time you need to be careful about taking on more than you can handle. There will be expenses to be met, but you need to be mindful of maintaining good health too. Stress could lead to unnecessary arguments. **Lucky Numbers: 18, 52, 97.**



**LIBRA:**  
**September 22 to**  
**October 23**

You handle demands at work, family responsibilities, and make strides in the spiritual sphere too. At times, situations may provoke you to react adversely, but try and keep your peace. Short distance travel is also indicated. Social life will be vibrant. **Lucky Numbers: 45, 61, 77.**



**SCORPIO:**  
**October 24 to**  
**November 21**

You are likely to put your personal relationships before money in this phase. You realise the importance of the love of people who matter to you. There could be a lot of time spent deliberating and discussing matters pertaining to spiritual growth and higher self. **Lucky Numbers: 03, 33, 65.**



**SAGITTARIUS:**  
**November 22 to**  
**December 21**

Your efforts at work will be acknowledged. There will be a good inflow of money and you might move into a bigger and better house. You will be tempted to indulge, but a thoughtless spending spree may seriously dent your savings. **Lucky Numbers: 09, 27, 65.**



**CAPRICORN:**  
**December 22 to**  
**January 20**

New opportunities, travel, indulgent shopping and romance keep you busy. You may be tempted to live life recklessly. Avoid that and enjoy life with a well-placed sense of balance. Be sensitive to the feelings of others and do not hurt them with harsh words. **Lucky Numbers: 06, 48, 70.**



**AQUARIUS:**  
**January 21 to**  
**February 19**

You may be meeting people for establishing partnerships or for funding a new venture. In all possibility, the outcome looks good. There will be some activity around a property-related matter. You also work on creating a whole new image of yourself. **Lucky Numbers: 24, 42, 67.**



**PISCES:**  
**February 20**  
**to March 21**

You may be more busy than usual as you see lots of avenues opening for you. There will be opportunities, but the challenge lies in being able to view yourself long-term vis-à-vis them. Enthusiasm will be at an all-time high. **Lucky Numbers: 36, 58, 78.**



### PUBLIC NOTICE



#### Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 19 (12) of the Belize Telecommunications (Licensing Classification, Authorization and Fee Structure) Regulations, 2002, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (*PUC: the Commission*) serves Notice this day, March 3, 2011, the Class Licenses granted to the following entities have been cancelled effective February 21, 2011.

- Cyberbel
- Internet Solutions of Belize
- Satellite Connections
- @applies Technology Co. Ltd.
- Full Contact Ltd.
- Clear Contact Ltd.
- Mycuz.net

**As a consequence these former license holders are not authorized to provide telecommunications services in Belize.**

*Issued by the Public Utilities Commission on March 03, 2011.*



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# Ministry Of Sports Update

**"The Ministry Notes That It Does Not Recognize The New FFB Executive.."**

**BY: Ismael Garcia,**  
**National Sports Administrator**  
**BELMOPAN, Cayo, Tuesday**  
**March 2, 2011**

The Ministry of the Public Service, Governance Improvement, Elections & Boundaries and Sports reminds the general public and, especially members of the football family, that the Sports Investigation Committee continues its work countrywide. The Sports investigation Committee is a special team appointed by Statutory Instrument 125 of 2010 in December, 2010 to review and establish the validity or otherwise of the appointment of the executives of the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) members, and the validity or otherwise of the FFB election of an Executive Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December. It is also investigating the validity of the decision of the FFB to disallow nominations for election to the executive by one of its members the Belize Premier Football League (BPFL).

The Ministry is awaiting the report to be submitted by the Committee at the end of its commission.

In the meantime the **Ministry notes that it does not recognize the new FFB Executive** elected in that December 18<sup>th</sup> election. Similarly noted is that no application has been received by the National Sports Council from the FFB for registration as a sporting organization for 2011.

The Ministry will only recognize those sporting organizations that are duly registered with the National Sports Council as per the Sports Act Chapter 19. This clearly states that 3 **"Every registered sporting organisation shall in the month of January in each year submit a list of the names**

**and addresses of its office bearers to the Council"** and 4) **"A sports organisation that has not been duly registered shall not be entitled to any of the privileges (Including use of equipment and facilities), concessions or exemptions granted to a registered sporting organisation and shall not be able to participate in any competitions or functions held under the auspices of the Council"**.

Registered sporting organisations are reminded also

**In Memoriam**  
**In Loving Memory Of An**  
**Unforgettable Mother,**  
**Grandmother, Sister,**  
**Aunt and Friend:**



**CHRISELDA PATNETT**  
**DOUGALL**

**Who Departed This**  
**Life 33 Sad Years Ago**  
**On March 2, 1978**

**Although it has been 33**  
**years since you are gone,**  
**for those of us who**  
**continue to love and miss**  
**you, it seems like it was**  
**just yesterday.**

**We miss your cheerful smile**  
**and comforting words.**  
**We remember you with**  
**every passing day.**

**Sadly missed by all your**  
**children, brothers, sister,**  
**other relatives and friends.**

that the Sports Act empowers the Minister to make regulations in respect of *"the selection of national sports teams to represent Belize"*.

## Mrs. Arita Lemus Is One Of Twenty One Outstanding Belizean Women Recognized

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1) Magistrate/Attorney Sharon Frazer (Belize City), 2) Martha Coc (Punta Gorda), 3) Adelia Young (Sittee River Village), 4) Elysia Dial (Placencia Village), 5) Norma Sutherland (Belize City), 6) Leela Vernon (Punta Gorda), 7) Ava Tillett (Crooked Tree Village), 8) Vienie Robinson (Dangriga), 9) Rose Anderson (Cotton Tree Village), 10) Therese Robinson (Belize City), 11) Sandra Arnold (Belize City), 12) Lillian August (Ladyville Village), 13) Jenny Lovell (Belize City), 14) Sylvia Vargas (Belize City), 15) Badra Hassan (Orange Walk Town), 16) Jessie Young (St. Paul's Bank Village), 17) Arita Lemus (Santa Elena, Cayo), 18) Cecilia Aranda (Dangriga), 19) Justina Nicholas (Barranco Village), 20) Earth Lopez (Dangriga) and 21) Fern Gutierrez (Punta Gorda Town).

In his message on the occasion, the Minister of Human Development and Social Transformation, **Hon Peter Eden Martinez**, informed that this year's theme *"speaks to both the celebration of women's worth and the need for women and men to recognize the value and importance of mutually respectful partnerships with each other: partnerships that will result in shared responsibility in the home, in the work place, in our communities and in our national assembly."* Minister Martinez' address concluded with the following message: *"I join the women of Belize in valuing themselves and celebrating their worth not only during the month of March but always."*

In wishing all women a fruitful and exciting Women's Month, Belize's Special Envoy for Women and Children, **Mrs Kim Simplis-Barrow** informed that *"All the women whose bios are contained within this booklet are extraordinary, and share a commonality – they are all hard workers. They work hard for their families, for their friends and for their employers and as such have made positive*

The Ministry, through the National Sports Council stands ready to work with all sporting organisations that are in compliance with the Laws of Belize.

*contributions to their country. For all they have done, we value them this month and beyond. I congratulate the awardees for their accomplishments and contributions and urge them to continue to make Belize proud. And while we honor and award you, I encourage you all to take this month's theme of - Valuing Ourselves: Promoting Shared Responsibility – to heart and honor yourselves and your achievements."*

Arita's bio submitted by the Women's Department (Cayo) reads:

*Arita Lemus has worked tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of women, children and families. She has pushed for housing for single mothers, met the emotional needs of children in her care, counseled couples and reached out to teenagers. She welcomes all with open arms. A day never goes by without her handing out clothing or food to those in need.*

*What is most astonishing is the fact that she is suffering, yet she continues to help others. She is on chemotherapy and regardless of the side effects of her treatment, she continues with the projects she has started.*

*This past December, she worked hard to collect thousands of new toys for all the children of her community, San Ignacio. On Christmas Eve, there was a motorcade, followed by the handing out of over one thousand toys to the children in attendance. Mrs. Lemus planned the entire event. The following day, she visited children from surrounding villages and provided them with toys.*

*Arita Lemus is committed to community development. She has the leadership skills to start and finish a project. She is making a difference in her community and lives of its residents. Her joy is doing to others what she has been commanded to do by her Saviour.*

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