



# TropiGas Burglarized

**SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Tuesday, June 28, 2011:**

Three male persons are being sought for questioning in connection with the early morning robbery of Tropigas Store on the Western Highway in Santa Elena Town, Cayo.

Police reports that acting upon information received at around 2:30 am on Tuesday, June 21, of the presence of three suspicious male persons in the Linda Vista Area of Santa Elena, at team of policemen rushed to the area where they were told that one of the three was seen, carrying on his back, something that looked like a small refrigerator .

Police searched the area for about half an hour when they came upon an old abandoned wooden house behind tall bushes. Inside the house the police found an iron safe (*suspected to be the “small refrigerator” in the initial report*). The safe was found to

have been forced open and upon checking it was found to contain receipt books and other documents suspected to be the property of Tropigas Store.

Police visited the store, located at the foot of the Linda Vista Hill where they found that the store was indeed burglarized and that entry was gained by forcing open a front door of the building.

Police proceeded to locate two of the store employees; the cashier, **Ashley Black** and the Store Manager, **Nerison Atwell** who both confirmed that the store was burglarized.

Checks of the inventory revealed the following items missing: a Sony Play Station 3 valued at \$1,099; an Hewlett Packard Pavilion notebook with serial number SCNF03974510 valued \$1,899; one Acer notebook with serial number LTRDS0X0161 0964520 valued \$1,299; one Dell Inspiron notebook with serial number



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\$39; One Sony Digital Camera with serial number 137706 valued \$57.

The store employees also informed that of over \$1,500 removed from the safe all for a total of over \$9,000.

## Mexican Army Captures The Man Suspected Of Killing Bus Passengers



**Abraham Barrios Caporal, the Alleged hitman for drug cartel was detained he is wanted in connection with mass kidnappings and murders of migrants in Mexico** Photograph: Reuters

Mexican police escort **Abraham Barrios Caporal**, 26, an alleged hitman for a drugs cartel who is suspected of kidnapping and killing bus passengers.

Mexican soldiers have detained an alleged hitman who is suspected of kidnapping bus passengers, killing them and burying them in mass graves.

Abraham Barrios Caporal was captured in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz and had admitted working for the Zetas drug cartel, Mexico’s defence department said on Thursday. He was suspected of taking part in the killings of bus passengers

and their burial at a ranch in San Fernando in the northern state of Tamaulipas.

Barrios Caporal was arrested in Coatzacoalcos on Tuesday along with three other members of his cell, an army spokesman, **Colonel Ricardo Trevilla**, said. Authorities in Tamaulipas began uncovering bodies in mass graves early in April after reports that passengers were being pulled off buses at gunpoint.

By early June, 193 bodies had been found in 26 graves. Officials say most were Mexican migrants heading to the US who were kidnapped from buses and killed by the Zetas.

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Barrios Caporal told authorities that some of the passengers were kidnapped because they were suspected of being members of the rival Gulf cartel.

Seventy-two Central and South American migrants were killed in San Fernando by the Zetas last August. Barrios Caporal was suspected of involvement in those killings, the department said.

Mexico’s brutal drug war has claimed more than 35,000 lives since President **Felipe Calderón** deployed thousands of federal security forces four years ago to fight traffickers. The offensive led to a splintering of the country’s cartels and increased gang fighting over territory. Mass graves have become an increasingly common discovery. On Thursday, gunmen opened fire during a football game in Acapulco, killing two people and wounding at least two

children who were watching the match. The victims were city police officers who were playing in a match against Guerrero state government employees.

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## Stray Dogs - Disturbing The Peace - A Nightmare

BY: Steven Kelley  
SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo,  
Tuesday, June 28, 2011:

Every single day and night there are unrestrained and uncontrolled stray-wild dogs roaming the streets within the community constantly causing ruckus by riling up other dogs, rummaging thru garbage, defecating everywhere ravaging other dogs in heat thereby creating an endless cycle of more violence, disturbance of peace as well as soiling and spoiling the community.



Some of these dogs have been threatening and show evidence of being RABID, so they are also a health & safety risk in many ways.

They rile up other dogs

constantly, especially at night, so that it becomes impossible to get a decent nights sleep, and therefore endangers the physical -mental-spiritual health and therefore the financial health of the community as

well!

As is often done in Belize City, other communities and all civilized communities on the planet, these dogs must be restrained or rounded-up and put to sleep.

It is the local authorities responsibility to do so as immediately as possible. A fast-short warning can be given to those who claim to own any dogs that are not wild-strays, to follow the laws and restrain their dogs or lose them for the overall community and residents general welfare!

There are some great and good dog owners in the area, even some with quite large dogs, who do an excellent job of training-disciplining-controlling their dogs so they do NOT participate in the unrestrained ruckus or are quickly halted from *"Disturbing of the Peace"* of the neighbors and themselves.

There are however other so-called owners who do not deserve the privilege of ownership as they do NOT accept the responsibility for controlling their dogs.

These people demonstrate a lack of: common-sense, common-decency and common-courtesy which anyone with any intelligence or integrity would show to their neighbors

and neighborhood.

These people demonstrate a *"living in the jungle or ghetto"* mentality, rather than one of civility. When confronted with requests to act decently, they merely laugh or rail-up and say they don't care (*or often far worse and even threatening responses*) or its *"not their fault"* they can't control their dogs.

If they were decent and civilized folks, they would take



their dogs inside or muzzle then at night at least. As I see a lot of Christian Churches and hear a lot of preachers around here, what happened, to practicing the principles of *"Love they neighbor as thyself"*

There is no question that under *"English Common-Law"* disturbing someones peace is a violation worthy of citation and fines, whether it is disturbed by man,beast or machine, it is infringement and must be enforced!

**Public Notice:** New Santa Elena Area Petition to end the stray,unrestrained and uncontrolled Dog *"Disturbance of Peace"* nightmare!

**Attention:** to all concerned, conscientious and responsible civilized residents; the Town Council, Area Representatives, Mayor, Police, Health Department, Humane Society, Animal Control Services and other authorities responsible for its rectification and enforcement! Please help us in this regard.

## Brother's Supermarket Robbed



SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo,  
Friday, June 24, 2011:

While robberies seems to be on the rise again, police today reported the early Friday morning robbery of a Chinese Store on the Western Highway in Santa Elena Town, Cayo.

Huang Jin Man, 46, Chinese Businessman reported that at about 7:30 am on Friday, June 24, he was just opening up the store to begin the new business day.

He was rolling up the shutters

of the main entrance of his store when he was approached by two male persons of dark complexion dressed in dark clothing without masks. One of them placed a black handgun to his head and escorted him to the shop counter whilst the other took about a thousand dollars in different denominations from the cash register after which they both ran out of the store and up the highway.

An arrest is yet to be made as the investigation continues.

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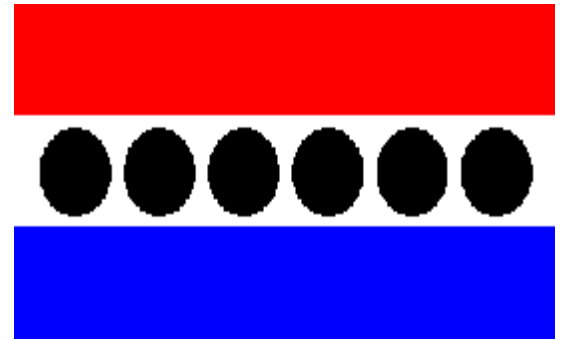
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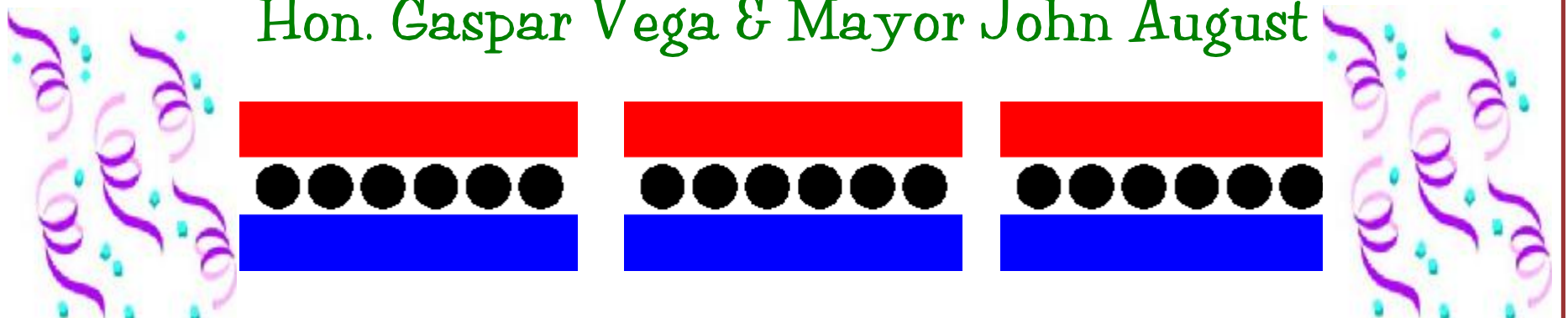
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# The Garifuna Bat - Name Selected By Researchers From Texas Tech

## The Garifuna People Are Upset About The Name And Are Seeking A Reversal And An Apology

Researchers from Texas Tech have officially discovered a new *Micronycteris* bat species from St Vincent Island, a section of the Lesser Antilles.

**Peter Larsen**, a post-doctoral research associate from the Department of Biological Sciences, said university researchers conducted two expeditions to the island in 2005 and 2006 as part of a project in cataloging biodiversity.

Larsen said while he has been studying bats in the Caribbean since 2003, Texas Tech has been doing research in the area for decades.

*“Our goal was to sample the catalog of bat diversity throughout the Lesser Antilles, which has lots of islands,”* he said. *“Bat diversity in each of these islands is poorly understood and we wanted to go to St. Vincent because a full-scale sample of bat fauna hadn’t been done on the island. We went to see how many species and what kind actually live there.”*

Larsen said the team thought they had captured a species common throughout Central and South America, but when they examined the specimens at the Museum of Texas Tech’s Natural Science Research Laboratory a year later, they found an entirely different type of bat.

By 2008 Larsen had enlisted the help of **Lizette Siles**, a Tech graduate student in zoology, to see if the physical characteristics of the bat were truly different from other species.

Siles, a native of Bolivia, said when she examined the bat’s skull and other parts of the body, she found that it was significantly larger than what they expected.

*“Some people misunderstand this and think the bat is huge in comparison, like a monster bat or something,”* Siles said, *“but what we mean is that it’s maybe a few millimeters larger. It seems small, but in statistical analysis it is a significant difference and through this we were able to tell that our bat was clearly formed apart from the*



*rest of the genus.”*

Larsen, Siles and researchers from South Dakota State University and the University of Scranton published their findings in an online version of the journal, *Mammalian Biology*. Larsen said their work will be formally published in print this fall, where their discovery of a new species will become official.

Their findings also showed that the new species was very young, Larsen said, probably around one million years old. It seems like a long time he said, but when looking at the evolution of species, one million years is relatively recent.

Larsen said the evolution of the new species began around the Pleistocene Era during periods of glaciations. He said originally ice connected all the islands in the chain called St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

When the ice melted, he said, some bats moved from smaller islands in the chain, like Trinidad and Tobago, to St. Vincent. But once sea levels rose and water surrounded the island, Larsen said, the bats were unable to fly the distance back and became genetically isolated.

*“They’ve been given hundreds of thousands of years to be isolated from those South American populations,”* he said. *“Given time and isola-*

*tion, a new species can evolve.”*

The researchers spent a long time deciding the name of the new species, Siles said, but settled on the name **“Garifuna”**, the name of the natives of St. Vincent Island.

*“The Garifuna people came from Africa and were transported to the Caribbean on a*

## The Garifuna People Say - No Way Are You Naming A Bat, Of All Things, After us

**Sincerely, Helen Laurie**

The Garifuna Community in the Diaspora are outraged and vehemently opposed to **Peter Larson** and his colleagues naming a new species of bat **‘Garifuna.’**

Mr. Larsen claims this name **“brings light to their history”** but Garinagu (*Garifuna people*) see this gesture as another insult and denigration of our people, as it associates the name Garifuna with a mammal feared and reviled throughout the history of man.

The Garifuna nation in the Diaspora has expressed opposition and outrage, verbally and via e-mails, some of which I will forward, so you are aware of the gravity of this situation.

Several community leaders representing Garifuna communities in St. Vincent, Honduras, Belize, Guatemala, and the U.S. held a teleconference last

*ship that wrecked on St. Vincent,”* she said, *“and the African people blended with the Caribbean people. It made sense to name this bat after the people, because like the natives, it has only been found on St. Vincent Island.”*

Larsen said the team chose the name carefully because they knew what they decided would be forever.

*“The name that you choose is really important because it is a permanent record in literature,”* he said. *“We really had to think long and hard about the most appropriate name and we thought the best name would be to honor the Garifuna people because it brings to light their history, which not many people are aware of. It was a good fit.”*

The researchers were excited about the discovery, Larsen said, and would not have been able to do it without the resources Texas Tech had to offer.

*“It’s not common for people to identify new species,”* he said. *“This really was a team effort and it took a lot of people to work on this together. The most important thing for us is to describe the new species and let the scientific community know that this species exists and we’re thrilled about the discovery.”*

evening and as a result, **Ms. Cheryl Noralez** will be presenting the Garinagu position to Mr. Larsen today: to rename the bat to Buriri as it is called by Garinagu, and an apology from Texas Tech, among other requests.

We trust that Mr. Larsen, Texas Tech U. and its affiliates will understand the Garifuna nation's position and will take the necessary steps to correct your blunder.

**Ruben Reyes - Mobilizing Against The Intent**

**BY: Ruben Reyes Seremein**

We are addressing you as members and citizens of this prestigious Nation with the same pride and commitment we have represented through our involvement in matters pertaining to it.

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## Another Santa Elena Chinese Store Robbed

**SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Friday, June 24, 2011:**

While an arrest is yet to be made in any of the reported robbery incidents of the past several weeks, another unsolved one was this week added to the growing list.

It was shortly after 7:30 on the morning of Friday, June 24, when San Ignacio Police rushed to the “**Chinese 8 & 8 Supermarket**” located on Bishop Martin Street in Santa Elena Town to check on a reported robbery.

The store’s surveillance camera captured the incident in 1.05 minutes. It began with three heavily masked persons in dark clothing storming into the shop. One of them was armed with a



hand gun while the other two carried knapsacks.

The robbery was pulled off with about three customers in the store including an elderly

gentleman who found himself smack in the middle of the action at the counter.

One of the assailants jumped the counter and unloaded it of

the cash and phone cards it held. He also yanked the gold chain from around the neck of the store owner **Xing Ting Zeng**, 39 who was working behind the counter at the time of the incident.

Within the just over a minute incident, the robbers made off with an Apple iPhone, a small laptop computer used to sell boledo, a Smart phone used to sell “*Gimme Dalla*” Smart Top up; a DVD player; a gold chain; five cartons cigarettes, and approximately five hundred dollars in cash from the drawer.

After pulling off the robbery, all three assailants ran up the street in the same direction from whence they came.

No arrest has been made as the investigation continues.

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## Your Weekly Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



**ARIES:**  
March 22 to  
April 20

The coming week brings contentment but also raises your aspirations, especially as you move forward, professionally. You look for challenges as opportunities to prove yourself. Be careful however not to bite more than you can chew. **Lucky numbers: 10, 28, 35.**



**TAURUS:**  
April 21 to  
May 21

There will be sudden gains from your efforts over the past several months. Take things in stride and don't rush the brush. The months ahead will require careful and planned spending as demands on your finance increase. Make the sacrifice as the investment will pay off down the road. **Lucky numbers: 37, 65, 79.**



**GEMINI:**  
May 22 to  
June 21

The coming week brings you many benefits, mostly from friends. There may be some opportunities that help you financially. You may have to tighten your spending habits for a while and save for a later time. Family and loved ones will support you all the way. **Lucky numbers: 06, 43, 72.**



**CANCER:**  
June 22 to  
July 23

You do not flinch when it comes to hard work. Events will be poised to help you speed up your journey towards your goals. Just make sure that in all the excitement and intensity, you do not forget to pay attention to details. **Lucky numbers: 13, 54, 87.**



**LEO:**  
July 24 to  
August 21

There are many things you are trying in your life. You sometimes get that feeling like time is running out on you. Keep yourself busy in your waking moments and you will feel success and productivity in the things you accomplish as time goes by. Don't worry about the things you cannot change as doing so will only bring you down. **Lucky numbers: 22, 40, 81.**



**VIRGO:**  
August 22 to  
September 21

The coming week will be fruitful as you. Be careful however as you could very well become the target of some mal-intent. In order to avoid problems you must go about with extreme care in everything you do in the coming week. **Lucky numbers: 18, 46, 99.**



**LIBRA:**  
September 22  
to October 23

There could be some problem on account of your own inflexible attitude. If you want to get along with others you must give in a bit. You might want to get your point over in a haste but it is better to take time so as not to offend anyone. Don't worry, they will your point of view. **Lucky numbers: 25, 33, 62.**



**SCORPIO:**  
October 24 to  
November 21

You make giant strides in your personal life and form some equally great equations with new people. There could be travel on cards, may be a much needed break. You might pamper yourself by buying something expensive like a new gadget. **Lucky numbers: 15, 32, 78.**



**SAGITTARIUS:**  
November 22 to  
December 21

You try to sit back and analyse the root cause of your wandering mind as it will begin to affect your working relationships as you may not come across as a reliable person who can be saddled with long term responsibility. Self discipline will help. **Lucky numbers: 27, 55, 70.**



**CAPRICORN:**  
December 22  
to January 20

A successful week lies ahead of you. There could be an increased inflow of money. Be careful how you send and resist that impulse as the gains you make could quickly vanish in thin air while bills are left unpaid. Don't join in gossip and stay away from discussions on controversial topics. **Lucky numbers: 34, 73, 85.**

## Sandra Torres' Bid To Run For The Presidency Of Guatemala Rejected

*she said that she divorced her husband for the love of her country*



**Guatemala's ex-first lady Sandra Torres and her husband President Alvaro Colom, before the divorce**

**GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Thursday, June 30, 2011:**

Guatemalan electoral officials have rejected the presidential candidacy of ex-first lady **Sandra Torres** for "*supposed legal fraud*", her party says.

Party leaders said they would appeal against the decision.

Ms Torres divorced President **Alvaro Colom** earlier this year to overcome a constitutional ban on close relatives of the president running for the job.

The opposition said the divorce was a cynical political ploy ahead of September's presidential election.

The decision by the Supreme Electoral Court is a further twist in attempts by Ms Torres to run for office.

She confirmed her intention to separate from her husband of eight years in March in a tearful address to the nation.

She said she and Mr Colom were putting their love for Guatemala ahead of their "*great and solid*" love for each other.

Opposition politicians denounced the move as electoral fraud and legal challenges were filed, temporarily halting divorce proceedings.

In May, Guatemala's constitutional court quashed all legal challenges to the divorce.

On Wednesday, the electoral authorities refused to register her candidacy.

Deputy **Christian Boussinot**, from the governing National Unity of Hope (UNE) party, told reporters the electoral court had based its decision on a "*supposed legal fraud*" by Ms Torres in divorcing her husband.

Party leaders said they respected the court's rulings but would be launching an appeal to ensure she could be registered as a candidate.

Ms Torres has played a prominent role in Alvaro Colom's presidency, supervising the government's poverty relief programmes.

If elected, she would be Guatemala's first female president.

But opinion polls put her well behind former army general **Otto Perez Molina**, who has promised a tough stance against rising crime.

**Ed Note: Sandra Torres is the sister of Narda Garcia, Former General Manager of the Belize Social Security Board.**



**AQUARIUS:**  
January 21 to  
February 19

The coming week sees you completely engaged in the struggle to make ends meet. You are worried paying bills. This is not the time to neglect your health. If you have had a problem, it will be good to attend to it now as help is available all you need to do is ask. **Lucky numbers: 07, 30, 41.**



**PISCES:**  
February 20  
to March 21

It is likely to be a stressful week ahead. You may be required to accommodate opinions and perspectives of many more people than you would like. Travel is likely. You should dismiss events and people who are not considerate about your feelings. **Lucky numbers: 24, 58, 90.**

# Chavez Tells Of Surgery To Remove Cancerous Tumour

CARACAS, Venezuela, Thursday, June 30, 2011:

Hugo Chavez said the medical process had been “*slow and careful.*”

Venezuelan President **Hugo Chavez** has revealed he has had surgery to remove a cancerous tumour, in his first speech since flying to Cuba for treatment.

Speculation about his health had been rife since he left Venezuela three weeks ago for what officials said was an operation on a pelvic abscess.

Mr Chavez said he was determined to overcome his health battle and was now on the road to “*full recovery.*”

His absence forced Venezuela to put off a regional meeting on Wednesday.

Looking much thinner than



**Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez**

when he last addressed the nation, Mr Chavez confirmed what many had suspected - his health problems were more serious than first thought, says the BBC’s **Sarah Grainger** in Caracas.

Standing behind a podium, the

president said he had made the “*fundamental error.*” of failing to look after himself.

Former Cuban President **Fidel Castro** first told him he looked unwell while he was on a state visit to Havana, he added.

Mr Chavez said he underwent a first operation on a pelvic abscess on 10 June, just as officials had informed the Venezuelan public.

But during his recuperation, tests had “*confirmed the existence of a tumour with cancerous cells.*”, forcing him to undergo another operation. The extraction of the tumour was “*completely successful.*”, he said.

He added that his condition has been “*evolving satisfactorily.*” while he received a “*complementary treatment to combat the different types of cells found, and thereby*

*continue on the path to my full recovery.*”

Mr Chavez called it a “*new battle that life has placed before us.*”, and ended the speech with the revolutionary slogan: “*Until victory forever.*”

The address was aired by the pan-American channel Telesur late on Thursday. It is unclear when it was recorded. Screen captions indicated that he was speaking from Cuba.

Afterwards, Venezuela’s vice-president said the government was united and that Mr Chavez’s reforms would be “*deepened.*” despite his ill-health.

Mr Chavez did not say how much longer he expected to remain in Cuba recovering, but everyone hopes he will be back in Venezuela on Tuesday, when the nation celebrates 200 years of independence.



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Applications should be directed to:

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Belize Tourism Board  
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## ROTARY CLUB OF SAN IGNACIO

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### Rotary Club Supports Local Interact Club

The Rotary Club of San Ignacio had a party with the Interact Club of Sacred Heart College this past Saturday at the JC Park in San Ignacio. Interact is a Rotary based organization for young people whose purpose is to provide opportunities for them to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding. There are several Interact Clubs around Belize.

The Rotarians conducted a workday in the park painting benches and had a cookout to support the Interact Club in their annual pinning



ceremony for their members. In order to earn their club pin, the students had to work in the community and on club projects.

### Sacred Heart College Honors Rotary Club With Breakfast

**SACRED HEART COLLEGE,  
San Ignacio Town, Cayo  
Thursday, June 23, 2011:**

Sacred Heart College celebrated the Rotary Club of San Ignacio this Thursday morning for their efforts to make the campus safer and healthier for their students through the implementation of a Drainage and Dengue Education Project.

The project has been underway for several months with financial support provided through Rotary Global Grant.

After a breakfast presentation the Club toured the progress of the drainage phase of the project looking at the new concrete drain running through the campus.

The project involves Rotary Clubs around the world through their financial support.

Having long realized the need for the drainage project, the local Rotary club formulated and submitted a project proposal



to Rotary International for the funding.

The local sponsoring club had to provide a certain level of counterpart funding before complementary funding could be tapped into from the Rotary Global Grant fund.

The drainage component of the project immediately addresses the flooding of the campus during heavy rains and the run-off from the

neighborhoods south of the campus especially given that the campus sits at the foothill of the



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Students receiving a club pin on Saturday worked a minimum of 25 hours. Interact projects include cleaning the JC Park, delivering food and blankets to needy families in local villages, and providing a summer chess camp for local students.

The Interact Club of Sacred Heart College has a membership of 20 students, with **Mrs. Jacqueline Jones** as their advisor. This Club has been in existence for seven years.

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western hilly terrain.

The previous pooling of water on the campus created a health hazard as it provided fertile breeding grounds for mosquitos. This condition therefore triggered off the educational component of the project with the launching, this fall, of an educational campaign on the health issues of mosquito borne diseases for the students and the community.

*There will be a ceremony later this year celebrating the completion of the drainage system once the town has completed the upgrades and connections to existing town drains.*

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# The Garifuna Bat - Name Selected By Researchers From Texas Tech

## The Garifuna People Are Upset About The Name And Are Seeking A Reversal And An Apology

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The reason for this first letter is to inform of the proposed appointment of a species of bat to be named "Garifuna," which will take place over the next few days.

We need a coalition of organizations on a temporary / permanent basis to address this crisis, which could have a permanent negative impact presently and very catastrophic for our future generations. Therefore, we urge you to take action immediately.

The protest will be against the Texas Tech Institute, which is sponsoring the research and responsible for the actions undertaken by the researchers. The following is proposed:

a) Texas Tech to rename the mammal to "**Buriri**" the name which is already provided by our ancestors centuries ago.

b) The resignation of the biologist involved in the naming of the bat.

c) A public apology from Texas Tech and St. Vincent's government to the Garifuna people

d) Create a Garifuna Collegiate Studies Taskforce where Texas Tech and Universities across the country will partner with members of the Garifuna community to have a better understanding of the history and challenges of the Garifuna Diaspora.

Let's stop the questionable intentions of those who want to denigrate our Culture, Garifunaduaü and our name, as we are the architects of our own blueprint and the engineers of

our future.

As we all know this is an issue beyond any individual. Therefore, we must come together as a nation to face an attack purposely directed to damage the integrity of our name. Ours is the responsibility to tell the world of who we are, and how we should be treated.



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Applications

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# THE CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE RULING AGAINST FORMER MINISTERS OF THE BELIZE GOVERNMENT JOSE COYE AND FLORENCIO MARIN COULD HAVE WIDER IMPLICATIONS

By: Wellington C. Ramos



The recent ruling handed down by the Caribbean Court of Justice (C.C.J.) against two former Ministers of the People’s United Party government **Jose Coye** and **Florencio Marin Sr.** in Belize, could have wider implications in Belize, Guyana and Barbados because these are the only three former British colonies that have this court as their last court for all appeals.

These two Ministers were accused of buying 56 parcels of government land for a company owned and or controlled by one of them. They bought the land for \$1 million dollars below market value.

A release from the Belize Government press office indicated that the government won the case and that they intend to go back to court to seek a judgment against these two former Ministers for the money.

When the United Democratic Party took over the reigns of government in February of 2008, they re-examined the land transactions made by these two former government Ministers and found a lot of discrepancies in the sale transactions. As a result of this, the Attorney General acting on behalf of the government brought charges against these two Ministers in

the courts of Belize.

The Appeals Court in Belize, upheld the ruling that the government of Belize had the right to bring charges against these two Ministers for actions that they took while in office.

The two Ministers then decided to appeal their cases to the Caribbean Court of Justice in Trinidad where they lost.

To my knowledge there has never been any case in Belize’s history where a former Minister or Ministers of Government were brought to trial by a new government for acts they committed while serving as Ministers.

Former Prime Minister of Belize **Said Musa** and his Housing Minister **Ralph Fonseca** were also indicted by this government for diverting a large sum of money from the Belize government that was donated by the Venezuelan government to provide housing for poor people in Belize. It was alleged that these two Ministers allowed the money to be used to pay off a debt to Belize Bank that was owed by a private medical institution bearing the name Universal Health Services (UHS) without the approval of the Cabinet and the members of the House of Representatives and Senate.

Musa and Fonseca were charged for theft and were acquitted for insufficient evidence presented by the prosecution. Said Musa is currently running for re-election while his comrade Ralph Fonseca has refrain from running for elective office.

The Attorney General’s office might be thinking about

bringing back different charges against these two former Ministers Said Musa and Ralph Fonseca for the actions they committed while they were Ministers of government. There are many people in Belize who believe that the charge of Theft was not the appropriate charge these Ministers should have been charged with. If they were to be re-indicted, former Prime Minister Said Musa would have to withdraw his candidacy for the Fort George constituency which he was recently endorsed for and allow another person to run in his place. Since his acquittal, he has been very active and might be thinking about challenging **John Briceno** for the party leadership after the Briceno led PUP is again defeated at the municipal polls in March 2012.

Since the last election, many Belizeans have a negative view

of these two former Ministers and wish that they stay out of Belize’s politics forever.

It is left to be seen however, what will be the next step the Dean Barrow administration will take against these two individuals.

There are several business deals that were made under the previous administration that caused the people and government of Belize to assume a huge debt.

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## Wladimir Klitschko VS David Haye



**Wladimir Klitschko**, left, and **David Haye** after the weigh-in for their heavyweight title bout in Hamburg. Photograph: Odd Andersen/AFP/Getty Images

The weigh-in for Saturday night's world heavyweight title fight between **David Haye** and **Wladimir Klitschko** has taken place in central Hamburg, with the Londoner roared on to the scales by vociferous British support.

Haye, 30, weighed in at 212lb 12oz (**15st 2lb 12oz**), two pounds more than when he defeated **Audley Harrison** last time out and lighter than for most of his fights at heavyweight.

Klitschko, as expected, was much heavier at 242lb 8oz (**17st 4lb 8oz**), nearly five pounds lighter than for his last fight, against Samuel Peter.

Klitschko is the heavy favourite. The consensus is that Haye (*who has a record of one defeat from 26 fights, with 23 knockouts*) must knock out the 6ft 6in Germany-based Ukrainian to cause an upset.

Haye said: *"I'm so proud to be involved in it and to be the guy that knocks the other unconscious is going to be a great feeling, to be the main man, at the pinnacle of the heavyweight division."*

*"I believe being the unified heavyweight champion is the pinnacle of the sport and I'm looking forward to going in there and claiming my rightly-deserved titles."*

Klitschko, who has a record

of 55 wins, 49 knockouts and three knockout defeats, is happy to keep on proving the doubters wrong, saying: *"I've been called a dead man walking before. But this dead man keeps walking! And you know what? It's OK the way Haye talks and represents himself. I'll definitely enjoy the fight. I've*

*been involved in this for the last two years and David Haye has been around, talking a lot, and now it is time for the talking to end."*

Klitschko denied he has been wound up by Haye's numerous publicity stunts and regular goading. *"I'm just more focused,"* the Ukrainian said.

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## Eco-Kids Winners Announced

**San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize June 21, 2011** - The Eco-Kids Summer Educational Adventure Camp is officially on!

Yes, the competition entry essays have all been submitted and carefully read, and the winners have been selected.

And now, 24 very lucky young people aged between eight and 13 years old will be taking part in an incredible opportunity to experience, up-close and personal, Belize's beautiful natural environment while learning about how to help preserve this stunning national treasure and ensure its survival into the future.

The Eco-Kids will attend the week long, all-inclusive educational adventure during the week of July 23 - 31 as Chaa Creek's guests, with everything, from comfortable cabins at the Macal River Camp, delicious, healthy meals, a range of carefully designed activities and events, arts and craft materials, professional naturalist guide instructors and camp counsellors all provided for free.

However, according to Lucy Fleming, who with her husband Mick own Chaa Creek and developed the Eco-Kids program, there is a catch.

*"We want the kids to take this opportunity to really appreciate their natural heritage and think about how important it is to protect and preserve it. We like to think that, over the years, the Eco-Kids program will inspire our youth and perhaps plant the seeds for further study and maybe even add to the next generation of environmentalists."*

*"After all, today's environmentally aware kids represent the best chance for the future survival of Belize's spectacular, yet fragile, environment."*

The Flemings and their Chaa Creek staff have been conducting the Eco-Kids Summer Camp since 2010 and plan to continue it as an annual event to engage young students and foster an awareness of environmental responsibility.

*"It's a huge week that's chock full of activities and, to be honest, something we enjoy almost as much as the kids," Ms Fleming said, "And if we can communicate our love and respect for this beautiful part of the world to the young people who are inheriting it, as well as the sense of responsibility to look after it, it will be more than worth the effort."*

Chaa Creek is set within a pristine 365 acre private nature reserve that is home to an extraordinary range of wildlife, birds and flora, and the Eco-Kids program is designed so that young people will come away with a deeper understanding and respect for the natural world and their place in it.

This years' winners had to write a 300 word essay in English explaining why they wanted to be an Eco-Kid. Six boys and six girls from each category (Eco Greenies at 8-10 years and Eco Saplings of 11-13 years) were then picked as winners.

Congratulations Eco-Kids, and have a great adventure!

### List of Winners

#### Girls 8- 10 years old

1. **Andrea Gutierrez** – San Ignacio, Cayo District
2. **Shaneli Pop** – Santa Elena, Cayo District
3. **Kaithlynn Haylock** – Belize City, Belize District
4. **Chloe Auil** – Belize City, Belize District
5. **Esperanza Nesbitt** – Barranco, Toledo District
6. **Zephr Nesbitt** – Barranco, Toledo District

#### Girls 11- 13 years old

1. **Cindy Lu** – Corozal Town, Corozal District
2. **Stacey Grange** – Corozal Town, Corozal District
3. **Sundita Forbes** - Burrell Boom, Belize District
4. **Stephanie Ruiz** – Belmopan, Cayo District
5. **Brittney Garcia** – Yo Creek, Orange Walk District
6. **Crystal Cal** – Yo Creek, Orange Walk District

#### Boys 8 – 10 years old

1. **Alex Alkinson** – Toledo District
2. **Elias Alamina** – Belize City, Belize District
3. **Kory Gillett** – Belize City, Belize District

4. **Wayne Arnold** – Stann Creek District
5. **Jaron Pakeman** – Belize City, Belize District
6. **Giovanni Pinelo** – Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District

#### Boys 11 – 13 years old

1. **Federico Reyes** – Corozal Town, Corozal District
2. **Nelson Esteban** – San Ignacio, Cayo District
3. **Clifford Richard Coc** – Maya Mopan, Stann Creek District
4. **Kevin Levy** – Corozal Town, Corozal District
5. **Abel Blanco** – Yo Creek, Orange Walk District
6. **T.J. Pronk** – Hopkins, Stann Creek District

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## ★ STAR HUMOR ★

### Where Are We?

Two tourists were driving through Wisconsin.

As they were approaching Oconomowoc, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town's name.

They argued back and forth until they stopped for lunch. As they stood at the counter, one

tourist asked the blonde employee. *"Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are... very slowly?"*

The blonde girl leaned over the counter and said, **"Burrrrrr, gerrrrrr, Kiiiiing."**

### Unfit To Drink

One day Gramma sent her Johnny down to the water hole to get some water to cook dinner.

As he was dipping the bucket in, he saw two big eyes looking back at him. He dropped the bucket and hightailed it for Gramma's kitchen.

*"Well now, where's my bucket and where's my water?"* Gramma asked him.

**"I can't get any water from that water hole, Gramma"** exclaimed Johnny. **"There's a BIG bad man down there!"**

*"Now don't you mind that Big Ban Man, Johnny. He's*

## Guatemalan Cab Drivers Attack Belizean Policeman

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approached the group of about five Guatemalan cab drivers advising them to discontinue their behavior. The group apparently did not take lightly to the policeman's intervention and surrounded him. One of them reportedly picked up a stone and, from a close distance, slammed it into the back of the policeman's head. He reportedly fell to the ground rendering him momentarily unconscious. With the policeman on the ground the attacker reportedly relieved him of a 9 mm pistol he had in his hand. The attacker then stood over the policeman, pointed the gun at his head and pulled the trigger, fortunately for the policeman, the gun was not fitted with a magazine. The police regained consciousness with the attacker still pointing the gun at him and pulling the trigger. The policeman quickly

sprang to his feet and reportedly pulled out a backup 9 mm pistol, pointed it at the attacker and ordered him to drop the gun. The attacker quickly dropped the gun and the group ran across to their side of the border.

The injured policeman was immediately transported to the San Ignacio Community Hospital where it took ten stitches to close the wound he sustained to the back of head.

Unarmed Border Management Personnel are extremely concerned about this practice on the part of Guatemalan cab drivers since they are known to viciforously defy all orders to vacate the area. They repeatedly defend their presence as being on OAS land and that on one can remove them. OAS officials in the area have reportedly provided very little, if any, assistance in addressing this volatile situation.

*been there for a few years now, and he's never hurt no one. Why, he's probably as scared of you as you are of him!"*

**"Well, Gramma,"** replied Johnny, **"if he's as scared as I am, then that water ain't fit to drink!"**

## The Benefits Of Drinking Green Tea

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- Green tea is a good supplier of vitamins like B, B5, H, K, A, C, E & D. It's also quite popular for carrying good amount of fluoride as well as amino acids, folic acid & protein.
- It also completes the mineral necessity by supplying sodium, magnesium, iron, potassium, manganese & little bit of copper.
- It's able to increase the metabolic rate along with fat oxidation, which in turn is quite beneficial for losing some weight.
- Green tea is known as a completely fat free beverage. It's totally free from trans-fat as well as monounsaturated, saturated & polyunsaturated fat.
- Green tea is quite beneficial for lowering down your whole process of aging because it contains epigallocatechin-3-gallate (EGCG) as well as catechin polyphenols. EGCG is also quite helpful for reducing your bad cholesterol level



as well as to avert the development of cancer cells.

- Research shows that people going through chemotherapy can overcome the nausea by consuming the green tea. It also helps them to feel fresh.
- For people suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, green tea has been found to be quite beneficial for them. It also helps you to make your immune system strong.
- Green tea is a rich supplier of fluorides, which is beneficial for fighting tooth decay as well as cavities.
- Because green tea is a rich supplier of folic acid, doctors recommend green tea for expecting women.
- Various studies revealed that people with Alzheimer's can get some relief once they begin consuming green tea.
- The presence of amino acid makes the green tea more beneficial for its tissue repairing quality. It's also quite helpful for manufacturing bile acids, several essential enzymes, antibodies, hormones, haemoglobin etc.

## Rodel Guerra Remanded To Prison For A Month

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complainant, Carlos Requena, like the accused Rodel Guerra, was slapped with a disorderly conduct counter charge apparently with intention to induce Requena into dropping both charges against Guerra in exchange for Guerra dropping the disorderly conduct counter charge against him.

Requena apparently did not take the bait and, with hardly any evidence to support the disorderly conduct charge against Requena, it was dropped even before reaching the court. The same was likewise done for Guerra. **Oh - the games some people play!!!**

Consequently, Rodel Guerra, 24, Belizean construction worker of #14 Carmen Street, Santa Elena, Cayo was formally charged for wounding Carlos Requena with a machete at

around 9:30 am on Thursday, June 23, in front of A&R Store on the Western Highway in Santa Elena, Cayo.

Guerra appeared in San Ignacio's Magistrate Court on Monday, June 27 where the single wounding charge was read to him by Magistrate **Dale Cayetano**.

Prosecutor **George Gomez** quickly objected to bail on the grounds of the volatile and potential dangerous nature of the prevailing circumstances citing that the distance between the complainant and the accused could serve to ease tensions.

Magistrate Cayetano concurred with the prosecutor's recommendation resulting in Guerra being remanded to the central prison in Hattieville where he will remain for a month until Tuesday, July 27, 2011 when he is scheduled to reappear in court.

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