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Notorious Criminal Pleas Guilty - Policeman Allegedly Involved In Robbery Masterminded By Electrician



**Notorious Criminal
Jermaine Palacio**

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, 20 October 2011:

Exactly one year and a day after allegedly robbing two gas station attendants at gun point on 17 October 2010, **Jermaine Palacio** today, 18 October 2011, changed his not guilty plea to a guilty plea for the possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition charge and was sentenced to five years prison time for each of the two counts.

The broad daylight robbery occurred at around 8:30 that Sunday morning as **Vini Avella**, then 19, and **Daniel Montejo**, then 20, were on duty at Sergio Chuc's gas station on the Bullet Tree Road in San Ignacio. In the incident the gas station attendants were relieved by a lone unmasked gunman of combined total of six hundred and seventy nine dollars in cash as well as a red Samsung cellular telephone and a blue

**Police Constable
Holly Vasquez**

a woman over twice his age.

The alleged victim **Dorothea Godfrey**, 41, Belizean Domestic of a 2nd Street address in San Ignacio, reported that she was walking home from a friend's house party when at around 3:15 on the morning of Sunday, 16 October she was approached near the Falcon Field by **Oscar Quewell**, a boy she has known

**Electrician
Edward Glenford Torres**

Woman Attacked, Robbed and Sexually Assaulted

SAN IGNAIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, 19 October 2011:

A student from San Ignacio Town is today on a five thousand dollar bail for injuring, robbing and sexually assaulting

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Couple Robbed Near Police Station

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, 14 October 2011:

A man from San Ignacio Town stands accused of pulling off a brazen early morning double robbery within shouting distance from the nearby police station in San Ignacio Town.

Nelina Ayuso, 30, Belizean businesswoman, of a Zericote Street address in San Ignacio Town visited the police station at around 2:20 on the morning of Friday, 14 October and reported that about five minutes earlier she and her common-law husband were robbed by a masked male person.

Ayuso told the police that after closing her business place, **Canta Bar**, on Hudson Street, she and her common-law husband, **Jose Jimenez**, were walking to their separate vehicles for the journey home. Jimenez' car was parked across the street from Trin's Meat Shop while her car was parked in the lot in front of the town hall.

She said that as she was about to reach her car she heard



Kevin Manzanero

Jimenez calling out for her and when she looked in his direction she saw a person holding him up with a gun. The assailant reportedly instructed Jimenez to call Ayuso over and for her to bring along her purse. She complied with the instruction and upon approaching she saw the medium built person, with shoulder length hair and a red rag tied over his nose and mouth, pointing a black hand gun at Jimenez. She complied with his instructions and placed her bag on the hood of Jimenez' vehicle.

The assailant reportedly took possession of Ayuso's sling bag

valued at ninety five dollars along with its contents being nine hundred and fifty dollars in cash, a Victoria Secret lotion valued at twenty dollars and a make-up set valued at one hundred and fifty dollars. Before running off, the assailant also relieved Jimenez of his wallet containing four hundred and eighty dollars in cash.

The investigation later led to the detention and positive identification of **Kevin Manzanero**, 28, Belizean laborer of a Benque Viejo Road,

San Ignacio Town address. Manzanero was subsequently arrested and formally charged for robbery.

He appeared in court on Wednesday, 19 October where he pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The prosecution's objection to bail was upheld by **Magistrate Linsbert Willis**. He was remanded to prison and ordered to return to court on Friday, 2 December 2011.

Notwithstanding however, Manzanero is currently out on bail granted by the by the Supreme Court.

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iPod belonging to Avella and a black Motorola cellular telephone belonging to Montejo.

The daylight hours worked to the advantage of the team of policemen responding rapidly to the report resulting in the arrest of Palacio and two alleged co-conspirators.

The investigation revealed that while the robbery was pulled off by Palacio acting solo, the masterminds behind the plan were Police Constable **Holly Vasquez**, then 21, and Belizean electrician **Edward Glenford Torres**, then 34.

The first to be found was Palacio, still in possession of the loaded gun, the two stolen telephones and over five hundred dollars in cash. He was found hiding under banana tree leaves, behind a house on Collins Boulevard. The investigation later revealed that the property was connected to Torres.

The investigation further revealed that whilst in hiding, waiting for the get-away ride, Palacio was busy sending and receiving text messages from

Vasquez and Torres as revealed by all three phones the police found in their possessions. In connecting the dots of the text message communications between the trio investigators were able to establish that the crime was initiated by Torres with Vasquez brought in by Vasquez' own text admission as **"the best passport unu got"**

In a statement to police, Palacio, who told the police that he resides at #52 Castle Street in Belize City, informed that he was chilling out in Esperanza village when he allegedly received a call from Vasquez, at around 7 o'clock that Sunday morning, he **"told me that he had a move for me"**. He said that he met his police friend Vasquez, along with Torres, at the double court behind the old hospital in San Ignacio Town. He said that **"Vasquez then briefed me carefully about the Gas Station and told me how to do it and get out of the area."**

He was dropped off at the Gas Station across the street in the white pick-up. **"I then went to the Gas Station and I robbed the Gas Station. I called both**

of them multiple times to come and pick me up but they failed."

Palacio was later arrested and formally charged for three counts of robbery, one count of keeping an unlicensed firearm for the black 941F Jerico brand 9 mm pistol with serial number 153182 found in his possession, and one count of keeping unlicensed ammunition for the 10 rounds of live hollow point 9 millimeter bullets found in the magazine.

They were all remanded to prison for 10 days. They reappeared in court on 28 October and were all granted bail. After which Palacio returned to Belize City where he was later arrested for attempt murder. He was again offered bail and later arrested for possession of a prohibited firearm when he was found in possession of an AK-47 machine gun for which he is now finally serving several years.

Realizing that he might not soon be free from jail, Palacio was extremely boisterous in court towards the Magistrate and the Prosecutor when he appeared in San Ignacio's magistrate court on Monday, 17 October. His actions resulted in Magistrate **Linsbert Wills**, ordering that he be returned to the police holding cell. However, when he appeared in court the following day he was even more boisterous, this time with curse words, towards the Magistrate and the Prosecutor. When he eventually cooled down, he informed that he was changing to a guilty plea. He was consequently sentence to two five-year terms which of course will be swallowed up by the time he is currently spending for other convictions.

While Police Constable Holly Vasquez, of an Awe Street address in San Ignacio Town,

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Update on Water System Expansion Projects country-wide

BWS takes this opportunity to inform the public, especially those eagerly awaiting water in newly expanded areas within our service areas, that we are diligently working to bring connections to household. Although somewhat restricted by availability of cash, BWS has an aggressive expansion program aimed at delivering water to existing residences and residential developments.

The table below shows our recently completed as well as approved pending expansion works.

District Area	Area/Description of expansions	No. of Households	Cost \$	Status
Corozal	Rodney Mognel Area and Diego Street Extension	70	\$60,120	Completed
	Santa Rita Road, Nachan Can Street, Altamira Layout, Baeza Layout and Xaibe Village	175	\$31,465	Pending
Orange Walk	West Trial Farm and Stadium Street	375	\$110,100	Completed
	Igesia de Dios	80	\$13,086	Pending
Belmopan	Camalote Village, Columbia Street, Costa Rica Street, George Price Boulevard and Peru Street	115	\$39,752	Completed
	Kaimat Street, Suriname Street, residential lots off Peru Street, Columbia Street and Rivera Road	135	\$55,895	Pending
San Ignacio & Santa Elena	Collins Boulevard, Hillview & Santiago Juan Layout	215	\$46,807	Completed
Benque Viejo	Succotz Village	80	\$15,595	Completed
	Hills of Promise Area and Benque New Area	200	\$37,584	Pending
Belize City & Rural Area	Lords Bank including BDF and Hollywood area, 12 1/2 Mile Northern Highway, East Windmill area, Vernon Leslie Crescent, Belama Phase 4, BDF Layout, Belizean American Site, and Mile 4 Western Highway, Superintendent Street, Gaulin & Falcon Street, Mahogany Street Extension, Fabers Road, Jane Usher Area, Antelope Street Extension, Caribbean Shores, Caribbean Shores, Hattieville, Ring Road, Candy Road, Los lagos, Tibruce Street and 4 miles Western Highway	710	\$156,370	Completed
	Coney Drive, 8 1/2 Miles Western Highway, Hattieville Road; Milpa Site; West Lake; Marage Road; Joy Avenue; Drift Wood Bay; Los Lagos; Tropical Park Area; Belama Phase 4 section 3	420	\$147,369	Pending
Dangriga	1 st Street, West Wagierale Area, South Wagierale Area, Rivas Estate and Melinda Road	700	\$142,329	Completed
	Carib Reserve Area and Monument Area	45	\$40,382	Pending
Punta Gorda	Forest Home & Eldridge areas such as Mango Street; "A" Street; yard to yard elimination connections on Bukut Street, Sapodilla Street; Santa Maria Street and Ex-Serviceman Area	620	\$138,783	Pending
San Pedro	DFC Area and Southern San Pedro	20	\$10,978	Pending
Total		3,960	\$1,046,615	

For more information regarding this or any other BWS Release, please contact
Belize Water Services at
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Christian Voice - Resist Pro-Sodomy Motion

20th October 2011 10.23 GMT
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 Call to Resist Pro-Sodomy Motion at Commonwealth Meeting Next Week

A British Christian pressure group says African, Caribbean and Asian nations must oppose a motion to legalise homosexual acts at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Australia at the end of next week.

The motion, tabled by Australian delegate **Michael Kirby**, will be supported by the official United Kingdom delegation.

Stephen Green, National Director of Christian Voice,



said today: ‘Across the West, homosexual rights is now mainstream in every political party and is promoted by the whole public sector. The Church is fighting a rear-guard action in nations like Australia and the UK, and few are found who will support those countries in the world where homosexual

acts are rightly against the law.

Sex tourism is already a problem in African, Asian and Caribbean nations. Legalising sodomy and other obscene homosexual practices would make matters even worse. Young people across the world deserve to be protected from the moral and physical dangers of homosexual activity.

The last thing the Caribbean needs is the neo-colonialist imposition of homosexuality from countries like Britain whose society is described as ‘broken’ even by our own Prime Minister. And yet David Cameron’s obsession with homosexuality even extends to promoting the abomination of ‘gay marriage’ and using foreign aid to export Western depravity.

‘I also call on the churches of the Caribbean to come together and pray for their delegations to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting and for righteousness to flow as a river in the Caribbean to the glory of God.’

Psalm 18:29: For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

Stephen Green is the National Director of Christian Voice in the United Kingdom and a world expert in the politics and nature of homosexuality. He teaches regularly in Africa on the need to follow Scriptural principles and resist Western immorality. He and his wife, who is of African descent, are prepared to travel to address presidents, politicians, people and pastors anywhere in the world.

Education Minister Replace Bruce Golding As Prime Minister of Jamaica

Jamaican Prime Minister Hon **Bruce Golding’s** popularity suffered over his handling of a US request to extradite a notorious gang leader and so he is stepping aside.

Jamaica’s Education Minister **Andrew Holness** is to replace Bruce Golding as prime minister.

Mr. Golding said he would step down on Sunday and Mr. Holness would be sworn in as prime minister the same day.

Mr. Golding announced last month that he would resign once the ruling Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) had chosen a new leader - who automatically becomes Prime Minister.

He said his handling of a US



Incoming Prime Minister, Andrew Holness

request to extradite a gang leader was a key factor in his decision to resign.

The Jamaican government resisted US requests to extradite **Christopher “Dudus” Coke** for



Outgoing Prime Minister, Bruce Golding

nine months before launching an operation to capture him in which scores died.

Once Mr. Holness is sworn in on Sunday, he will become Jamaica’s youngest prime minister, at 39 years of age



ProWorld Belize (ProBelize) is a community development organisation located in San Ignacio. We are currently accepting applications for the post of Project Coordinator

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Flores Facing Drug Trafficking Charge

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Tuesday, 18 October 2011:

San Ignacio police is this week reporting the arrest of a Santa Elena man reportedly connected to the discovery of almost two pounds of weed near his residence.

Acting upon information received, a team of policemen rushed to the George Price Avenue, Santa Elena Town, residence of **Nelson "Quack" Flores**. The report indicates that upon arrival, a member of the team reportedly saw Flores as he ran behind the house with a black plastic bag in his hand. He was reportedly seen throwing the



Nelson "Quack" Flores

bag across a creek. The police caught up with him, detained him and escorted him to the area where the bag landed.

When the bag was retrieved and opened it was found to contain suspected marijuana.

Flores was transported to the police station and the content of the bag was weighed in his presence tipping the scale at exactly 900 grams (**1.98 pounds**). Flores was formally arrested and charged for drug trafficking.

He appeared in the San Ignacio Town courtroom of presiding Magistrate **Linsbert Willis**, on Wednesday, 19 October, where he pleaded not guilty to the charge. He was offered and met bail in the sum of ten thousand dollars and was ordered to return to court on Thursday, 19 January 2012.

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, CHUN HUA HUANG is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate HUANG STORE located on the Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, CAIYIN HUAG is applying for a RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate FEI WANG RESTAURANT located on the Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, LE WEI HUANG is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate ABC SUPER STORE located on the Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, DEPEI ZHANG is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate NEW PK SHOP located on the Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, WEN HUA LIN is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate ROSES CHINESE SHOP located on the Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, CHUN WEN HUA LIN is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate ROSES CHINSES RESTAURANT located on the Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, JIAN CHENG LI is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate WING SING STORE located in San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, WEN QUAN ZHEN is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate LILY'S SUPERMARKET located in San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, RUI MIN ZHEN is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate CHEN'S STORE located in San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, ZHONG XIAN LI is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate TAM'S SUPERMARKET located in San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, DA HUAN CHEN is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate HIGHWAY SUPERMARKET located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, JIN CHENG CHEN is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate CHEN'S SUPER MARKET located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, FENG YING TANG is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate THREE FLAGS located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, ZIAN LI is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate BROTHER'S SUPERMARKET located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, ZHUO JUN HUANG is applying for a RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate BROTHER'S RESTAURANT located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, WEN FENG ZHU is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate FIRST STOP RESTAURANT located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, JIE XOING LIN is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate LIN'S SUPER STORE located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, HE YUE DONG is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate ANTHONY'S SUPER STORE located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

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Tortilla Vendor Jacked In Santa Familia Village

SANTA FAMILIA VILLAGE, Cayo, Wednesday, 19 October 2011:

A corn tortilla vendor, on a routine evening run in Santa Familia Village, was reportedly jacked of the little cash he carried. **Ezequiel Jimenez**, 38, Belizean tortilla vendor employed by **NL’s Corn Tortilla Factory** located on Liberty Street in Santa Elena Town, reported that at about 4:30 this Wednesday evening, he was driving the company’s white Toyota pickup truck in Santa Familia Village, on routine evening sales run, when he was robbed by two armed masked men.

Jimenez informed that upon reaching behind the primary school in Santa Familia village on his usual route, having reached the end of the road, he was reversing the vehicle as usual when he was robbed. Jimenez said that he was approached by two male persons, one on either side of the pickup truck. He told the police that the men were both wearing warm caps covering their faces and peeping through holes in their caps. Jimenez alleges that both persons were armed with black handguns. He said that the one on the driver’s side pointed the gun at his head while the other assailant positioned himself behind the vehicle. The

assailant on his side of the vehicle reportedly ordered him to hand over the black cash purse which was on the seat beside him. He promptly handed over the purse containing one hundred and twelve dollars along with his grey SMART Verizon flip cellular telephone valued at sixty dollars.

Jimenez alleges that after grabbing the purse and the phone,

both assailants disappeared into nearby bushes. He promptly contacted his employers by using the mobile radio with which the vehicle is fitted and reported the incident. He then travelled to the police check point where he reported the matter to the policeman manning the check point.

Jimenez informed that this is the

very first time he has been robbed. No arrest has been made as police investigate the report.

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Notice is hereby given that, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **DESIREE BEDRAN PUGA** is applying for a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **CAMP 6** located on Joseph Andrews Drive, San Ignacio Town, in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that, under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **MERCEDES DEL CARMEN CUS** is applying for a **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2011 to operate **MERCY’S KITCHEN** located on Andrew’s Street, Santa Elena Town, in the Cayo District.

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WANTED DENNIS IRELAND



The Belize Police Department is looking for **DENNIS IRELAND** of a Mahogany Street, Belize City address as a person of interest in connection with the **THEFT** of the firearms reported stolen from the Belize Defense Force Armoury reported on 12th October, 2011.



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Your Weekly Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

ARIES:
March 22
to April 20

Be persistent. There is a lot of sense in that old adage: if at first you don't succeed, try and try again! Giving up too soon is not going to make you feel very lucky. **Lucky numbers: 04, 43, 71.**

TAURUS:
April 21
to May 21

Good things are happening to you all the time so don't think you aren't being lucky. Instead of preying on the negatives focus on the positives in your life this week. **Lucky numbers: 22, 57, 70.**

GEMINI:
May 22
to June 21

An old friend or your partner could voice their disappointment over the personal plans you are making but remember: you aren't responsible for their happiness. **Lucky numbers: 24, 63, 92.**

CANCER:
June 22
to July 23

If you're torn between two diverse choices, why not write down all the good points of each potential decision, then the bad? Weigh them up and it will be easier to make your mind up. **Lucky numbers: 17, 38, 76**

LEO:
July 24
to August 21

Finding a parking space just in time to attend an important meeting or appointment is actually a stroke of good fortune to be thankful for. A promotional offer works to your advantage. **Lucky numbers: 35, 41, 60.**

VIRGO:
August 22
to September 21

An older person's advice is useful if you're in the process of setting a new project in motion. You may have to put your social

life on the back burner for a while but this won't be a problem. **Lucky numbers: 16, 55, 89.**

LIBRA:
September 22
to October 23

Make sure you stick to your promises because if you don't, others will go elsewhere for what they want. No more excuses get your foot through the door before it slams in your face! **Lucky numbers: 07, 33, 49.**

SCORPIO:
October 24
to November 21

Perseverance has always been your strong point and no matter how many mountains you have to climb or hurdles you might face, your determination to keep going will stand you in good stead. **Lucky numbers: 26, 45, 83.**

SAGITTARIUS:
November 22
to December 21

There is lot to be gained from adopting a share and share alike approach to both cash and material possessions. Your social life is about to soar to new heights.

Lucky numbers: 11, 52, 87.

CAPRICORN:
December 22
to January 20

Limit your ambitions to a fairly modest level and don't make too much of a fuss about presenting them to those who will have a say on whether or not your plans might go ahead. **Lucky numbers: 10, 37, 68.**

AQUARIUS:
January 21
to February 19

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February 20
to March 21

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In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of

*Attorney Richard Stuart and
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Sunrise: January 9, 1967 Sunrise: May 23, 1967

Sunset: October 17, 2011

There is a place in our hearts
Which is yours alone,
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We hold back tears
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But the ache in our hearts remain the same.

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Rest in eternal peace Richard and Maria, rest in peace.



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The deadline for representations and/or

Libya Plans Secret Burial For Muammar Gaddafi

21 October 2011 Last updated at 11:34 GMT

It is believed Colonel Gaddafi and his entourage had been trying to flee Sirte

Libyan authorities are planning a secret burial for ousted leader **Colonel Muammar Gaddafi** following his capture and death, the BBC understands.

However, it appears there may be a delay in his burial, which under Islamic tradition should take place as soon as possible. Oil minister **Ali Tarhouni** told Reuters that Col Gaddafi's body may be kept *"for a few days"*.

Nato is expected to declare an end to its Libya campaign in the coming hours.

French President **Nicolas Sarkozy** said the death of Col Gaddafi meant Nato's military intervention in Libya had reached its conclusion.

"Clearly the operation is coming to its end," he told reporters.

Earlier, French Foreign Minister **Alain Juppe** said the Nato operation would end *"subject to a few transitory measures in the week to come"*.

Authorities now have the dilemma of what to do with the body of Muammar Gaddafi, now in the town of Misrata where it was paraded in the streets on Thursday.

Disagreements appear to have broken out over what should be done with it. Under Islamic law Col Gaddafi should be buried within 24 hours of his death. Interim authorities want a secret burial but no decision has yet been taken on where it should take place - in Misrata, Sirte or out in the Libyan desert.

One official told the BBC that fighters from Misrata who captured the fugitive leader don't want to give up control over what happens to his body now.

The BBC's Caroline Hawley in Tripoli says the authorities now have to decide how to deal with Col Gaddafi's death and in particular his burial.

They have said they will conduct a secret burial and there is some speculation that they might even try to bury him at sea, as al-Qaeda leader **Osama**



The Late Libyan Leader.Colonel Muammar Gaddafi

Bin Laden was buried, to prevent any grave being turned into a shrine, she adds

Mr. Tarhouni told Reuters that Col Gaddafi's body - currently in Misrata - was not going to be released for burial immediately. *"I told them to keep it in the freezer for a few days... to make sure that everybody knows he is dead,"* he said.

Asked about the burial arrangements, he said: **"There is no decision yet."**

Reuters also quoted an unnamed official as saying there was disagreement within the **National Transitional Council (NTC)** over what to do with the body.

Meanwhile, questions are mounting as to exactly what happened in Col Gaddafi's last moments following his capture. Officials have denied he was executed.

There are two videos out there, one showing him alive and one showing him dead and there are four or five different versions of what happened in between those two videos. That obviously raises major concerns.

Acting Prime Minister **Mahmoud Jibril** said Col Gaddafi had been shot in the head in an exchange of fire between Gaddafi loyalists and NTC fighters following his capture in his hometown of Sirte

shoot.

The fighter showed reporters a golden pistol he said he had taken from Col Gaddafi.

Sayeh told the BBC he doubted that the colonel was deliberately killed, but added: *"Even if he was killed intentionally, I think he deserves this."*

He added: *"If they kill him 1,000 times, I think it will not pay back the Libyans what he has done. We've lost over 70,000 of our best men because of this monster."*

On Friday, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights **Navi Pillay** said there should be a full investigation into the way Col Gaddafi was killed.

Her spokesman **Rupert Colville** told the BBC that Col Gaddafi's death could have been illegal.

"There are two videos out there, one showing him alive and one showing him dead and there are four or five different versions of what happened in between those two cell phone videos. That obviously raises very, very major concerns," he said.

"People get killed in wars and
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Don't Argue With A Woman Who Reads

One morning, the husband returns the boat to their lakeside cottage after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap.

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Along comes a Fisheries Warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?"

"Reading a book," she replies, (thinking, 'Isn't that obvious?')

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her.

"I'm sorry, officer, but I'm

not fishing. I'm reading."

"Yes, but I see you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to arrest you and take you in."

"If you do that, I'll have to press charges against you for sexual assault," says the woman.

"Sexual Assault, But I haven't even touched you," says the Game Warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am," and he left.

MORAL: Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think.

Telemedia's Football Tournament Slated To Kick Off This Sunday

BY: Cruz Gamez



Adventures Sports Club "Telemedia 15 and under Football Tournament" is slated to commence this Sunday 23 October 2011, with games being played at Santa Elena football field. Teams participating are, **Cristo Rey Juventus, Esperanza Gentle Touch, Unitedville Rockets, 7 Miles Stealth Bombers, Hearts F.C. Adventures, and Santa Elena.** Games will commence at 9:00 am.

All coaches/managers of participating teams are invited to attend a clinic on "How to deal with sports injury" scheduled for Thursday 20 October 2011 at Sacred Heart Primary School room 21 at 7:00 pm sharp. All teams attending will be receiving two footballs (**Belize Telemedia**) and some cones (**Adventures Sports Club**). Santa Elena, 7 Miles and Esperanza being the more needy

teams will also be receiving a set of uniforms (**Ian Mork, Futbali**).

Adventures Sports club is also conducting training for children seven years to ten years every Sunday at Macal River Park. To register contact **Cruz Gamez** at 665-7079 or **Gerard Martinez** at 600-4639

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Can't Fool The Parents

The mother and father had just given their teenage daughter family-car privileges.

On Saturday night she returned home very late from a party.

The next morning her father got up early and went out to the driveway to get the newspaper and came back into the house frowning.

At 11:30 am the girl sleepily

walked into the kitchen, and her father asked her, "Sweetheart, what time did you get in last night?"

"Not too late, Dad," she replied nervously.

Dead-panned, her father said, "Then I will seriously have to talk with the paperboy about raising up the car and putting my paper under the front tire this morning."

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that is recognized clearly in international law. On the other hand, it is also very clear under international law that summary executions, extra-judicial killings, are illegal."

UK-based human rights group **Amnesty International** called for "a full, independent and impartial inquiry" into the circumstances of Col Gaddafi's death.

As reports of Col Muammar Gaddafi's death spread thousands of people took to the streets across Libya

Venezuelan President **Hugo Chavez**, an ally and friend of the colonel, called his death deplorable.

"They murdered him," Mr. Chavez told reporters.

However, our correspondents say few Libyans are worried about the manner of their former dictator's humiliating end. They are simply elated that he is gone.

Despite the controversy, celebrations continued late into the night in towns and cities across Libya.

Groups of young men fired guns in the air, and drivers honked their horns in jubilation. US Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton**, speaking in the Pakistani capital Islamabad, said Col Gaddafi's death marked the start of a new era for the Libyan people.

The NTC is expected to formally announce the liberation of the country on Saturday in the eastern town of Benghazi.

Nato Secretary-General **Anders Fogh Rasmussen** said that with the death of Col Gaddafi, an end to the alliance's involvement in the country "has now moved much closer".

"After 42 years, Gaddafi's rule of fear has finally come to an end," he said. "I call on

all Libyans to put aside their differences and work together to build a brighter future."

Nato's seven-month campaign of air strikes was carried out under a UN mandate authorizing the use of force to protect civilians in Libya.

Nato has carried out some 26,000 sorties and almost 10,000 strike missions.

Jim Swire: "I think it would have been much better if he could have been kept alive"

Col Gaddafi, who came to power in a coup in 1969, was toppled from power in August. He was making his last stand in Sirte alongside two of his sons, **Mutassim** and **Saif al-Islam**, according to reports.

A body that officials identified as that of Mutassim has been shown on Libyan TV.

There are conflicting reports as to the whereabouts of Saif al-Islam.

On Friday he was reported to be fleeing south towards Niger, according to a senior NTC commander.

Abdul Majid Mlegta told Reuters that Saif al-Islam was believed to be in a convoy of three armoured vehicles trying to escape NTC forces that overran Sirte on Thursday.

"We are searching for him. The fighters in the region are on full alert," Mr. Mlegta said. Earlier, acting Justice Minister **Mohammad al-Alagi** told AP news agency that Saif al-Islam had been captured and taken to hospital with a leg wound.

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Treaty Energy Begins Drilling In Independence



**INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE,
Stann Creek District, Friday,
21 October 2011:**

Jimmy LaRose, (*photo center*) President of the Treaty Charitable Trust, was on hand for the start of oil drilling operations in the village

of Independence.

In commencing the operation, LaRose, representing Treaty Energy and Princess Petroleum said, *“This is the beginning of something big for the Belizean people. We look forward to these*

Falcon Field A Crime Hotspot

The reports coming out of San Ignacio police suggests that it might not be safe to be walking alone in the area of Falcon Field Park in San Ignacio Town during nighttime or early morning hours.

In one of the instances this week a woman was injured, robbed and sexually assaulted

near the park by a boy whom she has known for many years and who obviously recognized her as he reportedly called her by her name before beating, stealing and inappropriately touching her. Several other reported and unreported incidents have also occurred in the area over the past several months.

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93 Police Promoted

**BELMOPAN, Friday, 21
October 2011:**

After waiting for almost a year since sitting promotional examinations in November 2010, the list of Non-Commissioned Officers in the Belize Police Department was finally published today as follows:

FROM POLICE CONSTABLE TO CORPORAL

PC 414 Angel Chan
PC 430 Hansel Nunez
PC 474 Leodan Gonzalez
WPC 1094 Marisol Castellanos
PC 497 Dervin Sambula
PC 1100 Mannon Dennison
WPC 313 Shannae Caballero
PC 28 Ryan Timmons
WPC 610 Erica Flowers
PC 1105 Orlando Gonzalez
PC 1099 Zenubio Coc
PC 613 Daniel Pasqual
PC 839 Rene Cu
PC 551 Anibal Castellanos
WPC 1120 Shaida McKenzie
PC 516 Manolo Cortez
PC 223 Jorge Gomez
WPC 998 Audrey Moody
PC 650 Johnny Tun
PC 347 Luis Quixaj
PC 836 Leroy Hernandez
PC 1034 Allan Woods
PC 443 Ricky Valencia
PC 876 Michael Rosado
PC 905 Eric Henry
PC 557 Solomon Mas
PC 1008 Leonel Martinez
PC 985 Leroy Mangar
PC 1050 Maximiliano Lanza
PC 1131 Jordany Pech
PC 678 Stephen Parham
PC 47 Jose Alfaro
WPC 563 Shiera Nicholas
PC 117 Emil August
PC 164 Brian Flowers
PC 338 Valentin Uk
PC 545 Guido Marin
WPC 502 Letecia Lambey
WPC 83 Jane Usher
PC 1163 Elroy Vernon
PC 622 Mark Martinez
PC 963 Otto Manzanerio

FROM CORPORAL TO SERGEANT

WCPL 911 Constance Pascacio
CPL 38 Delroy Barrow
CPL 94 Jorge Ayala
CPL 843 Edlin Lorenzo
CPL 287 Julio Shal
CPL 756 Julio Shal
W/CPL 634 Alma Mortis
CPL 607 Wilfredo Ferrufino
WCPL 671 Marleni Flowers
CPL 690 Keith Clarke
CPL 188 Jaime Gonzalez
CPL 731 Alejandro Romero
CPL 530 Pedro Ical
CPL 682 Manuel Espat
CPL 269 Armando Dubon
CPL 900 Dwayne McCulloch
CPL 796 Sheridan Lemmoth
CPL 97 Mark August
CPL 480 Amilcar Millian
CPL 476 Jose Mendez
Cpl 687 Santiago Patt
Cpl 849 Marciano Mejia
Cpl 456 Edwardo Patt
W/Cpl 722 Martha Rhys
Cpl 166 Elroy Carcamo
Cpl 732 Macedonio Sanchez
Cpl 901 Alejandro Hernandez
Cpl 773 Juan Sam
Cpl 676 Timothy Card
Cpl 435 Titus Parham
Cpl 758 Jerome Stephen
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Tourism Board Trains Trainers

BELIZE CITY, Thursday, 20 October 2011:

The Belize Tourism Board conducted two day Train the Trainer Workshops in Tour Operator Quality Assurance held on October 11th and 12th in San Ignacio and 13th and 14th in Belize City.

A total of thirty participants

took part in the two training sessions including seasoned tourism trainers, tourism lecturers from tertiary level institutions and technical staff from the Ministry of Tourism, Bureau of Standards, and Ministry of Health and Belize Tourism Board.

The trainings arose from

findings of a secret shopper program conducted in May and June of this year in which thirty five different tours conducted all over Belize.

The main gaps were found in the areas of tour quality, safety, cultural protocols and environmental performance.

The two day workshop covered topics such as Standards and Best Practices for Maintaining Tour Quality, Planning for a Safe Visitor Experience, Environmental Performance:

Protecting Your Natural Assets, Cultural Protocols and Interpretation: Enhancing the Visitor Experience. This training in Tour Operator Quality Assurance forms the basis for the establishment of minimum standards and continuous performance improvement in the industry.

For more information on how you can contact a trainer for Tour Operator Quality Assurance, contact the Capacity Building Officer, Juliet Neal (jneal@travelbelize.org) or call 227-2420.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, GUO JIE ZHEN is applying for a MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate YAN ZHONG RESTAURANT located on the Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, WEI YI WU is applying for a MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate 8 & 8 RESTAURANT located in Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, XING TING ZHEN is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate 8 & 8 SUPER MARKET located in Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, RUBIN CHEN is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate MAXIM'S STORE located in San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, YIN DI MEI is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate YAXIANG YAN RESTAURANT located on the Hudson Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, HAO LIAN CAI is applying for a SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate HOT SUMMER STORE located on Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, RONG LI LIANG is applying for a RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate TAI SAN RESTAURANT located on Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, BING HUI ZHU is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate NEW YANG STORE located on Bella Vista Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, HE YUE LI is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate HUDSON SUPERMARKET located on Hudson Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, ZHAO PEI ZHU is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate ANNA'S SUPERMARKET located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, FEN ZHEN is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate WELCOME SUPERSTORE located on the Western Highway, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, BING CHI is applying for a RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate BING FRIED CHICKEN located on Bishop Martin Street, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, CAN SHAO WU is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2012 to operate JENNY'S SUPER STORE located on the Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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No Leader Of The Opposition In The House Of Representatives

BELIZE CITY, Friday, 21 October 2011:

For the first time in post independence history, Belize's House of Representatives met today with no leader on the opposition side of the floor.

Former Prime Minister, **Rt. Hon. Said Musa**, was initially selected to act as the Opposition Leader for the day, but this was retracted when it became evident that he did not have support from three of the six opposition representatives.

Musa's bid for a day at the helm of the opposition was not supported by former party leader, **Hon. John Briceño**; former interim leader, **Hon. Mark Espat** and Lake Independence area representative, **Hon. Cordel Hyde**.

The opposition People's United Party (PUP) has been experiencing leadership challenges for over three years since Said Musa's resignation in 2008.

After serving for twelve years, since replacing the original leader **Rt. Hon. George Price**, in 1996, Musa abruptly resigned the leadership position in the wake of the February 2008 General Elections defeat of his party which served for two consecutive five year terms between 1998 and 2008.

Orange Walk Central's Area Representative and former Deputy Prime Minister under the Musa administration, **John Briceño**, emerged as the new party leader after Musa resigned in 2008.

From its inception the Briceño leadership has been marred with challenges emanating particularly from the so called "old guard" faction the party, represented by **Francis Fonseca** who contested the leadership convention against Briceño.

The challenges continued with repeated requests for Briceño to call a national convention for the election of a party leader as stipulated by the constitution of the People's United Party. A questionable convention was held in late 2010 in the northern village of Patchacan where Briceño was endorsed to serve another two-year term as leader of the PUP.



Hon John Briceño

The pressure further worsened from within as support for Briceño began to further dwindle resulting in the party suffering terrible defeats at the polls in the 2009 municipal elections and the 2010 village council elections.

Briceño's leadership further suffered when a United States Embassy correspondence to Washington emerged via the infamous wikileaks alleging the receipt of a 1.5 million US dollar bribe for the granting of a petroleum exploration license to a foreign company, the proceeds of which, it is allegedly, was used to purchase two cable TV companies in northern Belize.

Much to the surprise of many within the PUP, especially the "old guard" Briceño abruptly resigned on 7 October and the reigns was immediately handed over to his colleague in the "new guard" **Hon. Mark Espat** one of three deputy leaders of the party.

Given the element of surprise and the potential crisis that was enveloping the party with the sudden resignation of **John Briceño**, the initial reaction was to show, at the very least, a semblance of unity and so emerged Espat as the interim leader of the PUP. However, given a few days for the reality of the decision to sink in, the old guard reemerged, first with the announcement of the untested, **Arthur Saldivar**, being the only candidate to submit an application for the leadership position.

However, just as the application period was coming to a close on 19 October, Espat announced that he was not seeking election as leader of the party

With Saldivar alone in the race three other elements from the old guard were announced as candidates for the leadership being the untested candidate in



Hon Mark Espat

the person of the party treasurer, **Julius Espat**, and the veteran politician **Michael Espat** from the Toledo East constituency all three of whom hold no nationally elected position in any constituency.

Having bought enough time, the previously defeated Francis Fonseca, after first refusing the position, was eventually "convinced" to take on the leadership following the eventual withdrawal of **Arthur Saldivar**, **Julius Espat** and **Michael Espat**.

While Fonseca is awaiting formal anointment as party

Notorious Criminal Pleas Guilty - Policeman Allegedly Involved In Robbery Masterminded By Electrician

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continues to appear at every adjournment, the other accused, Edward Glenford Torres, who was residing in the Kontiki Area also in San Ignacio Town, has failed to show up in court since he was released on bail on 28 October 2010. Interestingly however, almost a year later, the police are yet to execute the court issued notice to surety to the person who bailed this non-appearing defendant.

If the name Jermaine Palacio and his involvement with policemen in robbery sound familiar, that is because this is the same Jermaine Palacio who was detained for allegedly being involved with Detective Police Constable Jermaine Mangar in the plan to rob Chon Saan Palace in Belize City on April 7, 2010. Interestingly also, is that the policeman with whom he is alleged to be involved with in the San Ignacio robbery, now on interdiction from active duty, was actually assigned to the specialized Joint Intelligence



Hon Francis Fonseca

leader, On Saturday, 29 October, former party leader Said Musa was anointed to serve as leader of the opposition during this Friday's sitting of the House of Representatives. This position however was rejected by the Governor General, **Sir Colville Young**, with whom ultimate authority for the appointment of the leader of the opposition rests. In addition to lacking support from the "new guard" Francis Fonseca also carries the stigma of being accommodating to **Michael Ashcroft** with his signature appearing on the infamous accommodation agreement signed with the equally infamous **Michael Ashcroft** for a guaranteed 15% rate of return on Ashcroft's investments in the Belize Telemedia prior to the August 2009 nationalization of the company.

Coordinating Center (JICC) at Police Headquarters in Belmopan. He is scheduled to appear in court on Wednesday, 11 January 2012. Why this case against PC Vasquez, is dragging on so long is anybody's guess. By some indication it seems that someone somewhere is hiding from the black eye it could bring upon the department and would therefore rather see it die a natural death as is apparently becoming the norm.

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Struggling Wikileaks Stops Publishing Classified Files

MONDAY, 24 October 2011:

Julian Assange says a blockade by US finance companies has cut off 95% of Wikileaks' revenue

The whistle-blowing website Wikileaks is suspending its publication of classified files.

Wikileaks said that it would focus instead on raising funds to ensure its future survival.

The announcement came after what the group called a blockade by US-based finance companies.

This followed its disclosure on the internet of hundreds of thousands of secret US government files and diplomatic cables.

Wikileaks founder **Julian Assange** said that since last



Wikileaks Founder, Julian Assange

December an *"arbitrary and unlawful financial blockade" had been imposed by Bank of America, Visa, MasterCard, PayPal and Western Union. The attack has destroyed 95% of our revenue,"* he said.

The former computer hacker

said the organisation had lost *"tens of millions of dollars in lost donations at a time of unprecedented operational costs. A handful of US finance companies cannot be allowed to decide how the whole world votes with its pocket,"* he added.

Mr Assange said Wikileaks must *"aggressively fundraise in order to fight back against this blockade and its proponents"*.

He said the group was taking pre-litigation action against the blockade in Iceland, Denmark, the UK, Brussels, the United States and Australia and had lodged an anti-trust complaint at the European Commission.

Mr Assange is in Britain awaiting a decision by the High Court on the appeal against his extradition to Sweden to face sex assault charges.

After the hearing in July, judges did not give a date for their decision on Mr Assange's bid to overturn a judgment made in February.

He fears extradition to Sweden may lead to him being sent to the United States to face separate charges relating to Wikileaks, for which he could face the death penalty.

The Australian won bail in December and has been staying at Ellingham Hall, a 10-bedroom Norfolk farmhouse owned by Vaughan Smith, director of the Frontline media club.

His bail conditions include wearing an electronic tag and daily appearances at a nearby police station.

Mr Assange describes the allegations as "without basis".

Hugo Chavez Is Not Dying Says Venezuelan Doctors

CARACAS, Venezuela, Monday, 24 October 2011:

Doctors treating Venezuelan President **Hugo Chavez** have disputed a claim that he has only two years to live.

The claim was made by **Dr Salvador Navarrete**, who has fled Venezuela, saying he feared for his life.

Dr Navarrete said last week that Mr Chavez had a very aggressive form of cancer.

A member of Mr Chavez's medical team said Dr Navarrete was wrong and had no access to the president's clinical records.

In their first official public comments on the Venezuelan leader's health, three doctors dressed in white coats said Salvador Navarrete was uninformed and had only had minimal contact with Mr Chavez 10 years ago.

"The president, from the standpoint of cancer, has been diagnosed and treated early. Subject to the appropriate follow-up treatments, the current status is quite satisfactory with an excellent prognosis," one of the doctors, **Fidel Ramirez**, said in a televised news conference at Venezuela's main military hospital in Caracas.

"Navarrete was not Chavez's physician, or a trusted party, or



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez

his family," Dr Ramirez said. But the three doctors still did not say what type of cancer the Venezuelan leader has.

'Complete secrecy'

On Thursday, Mr Chavez returned from a medical check-up in Cuba saying he was cured.

Dr Navarrete made the remarks about the Venezuelan leader's health to a Mexican magazine, Milenio, last Monday.

He said in the interview that he had treated Mr Chavez around 10 years ago and had stayed in touch with members of the president's family and medical team.

Dr Navarrete said he had information from the family that the president was suffering from a serious form of cancer - a sarcoma - in his pelvis.

"I'm worried that the president and those around him do not know the full magnitude of his illness given it has been handled with complete secrecy," he said.

After the interview was published, he said in an open letter published by local media on Friday that police had visited his office, and had searched his files and computers.

He fled Venezuela, along with his family, to an undisclosed location.

The 57-year-old president insists he is well enough to run in the 2012 elections and serve another six-year term.

Mr Chavez travelled to Cuba four months ago for surgery, and has had four cycles of chemotherapy.

Last month, he denied US media reports that he had been

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rushed to hospital with kidney failure linked to his cancer treatment.

Doctors warn that patients must generally wait at least two years after treatment before they can be considered out of danger.

Argentina's Cristina Fernandez celebrates landslide win



"What else can I ask for"

President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Friday, 21 October 2011:

Argentine President **Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner** has won re-election in a landslide victory, on the back of strong economic growth in the country. Ms Fernandez secured nearly 54% of vote, with her closest challenger, socialist Hermes Binner on just 17%.

Ms Fernandez told jubilant supporters in Buenos Aires' Plaza de Mayo that she wanted to keep Argentina growing.

She also made an emotional reference to her late husband, former president Nestor Kirchner, who died a year ago. *"Count on me to continue pursuing the project,"* she said, watched by supporters on a huge TV screen. *"All I want is to keep collaborating ... to keep Argentina growing. I want to keep changing history."*

Her critics say she has benefited from a weak and fragmented opposition in this election.

But Ms Fernandez, 58, has presided over strong economic growth and pursued popular social policies.

The sudden death of Nestor Kirchner in October 2010 brought her a wave of public sympathy.

"This is a strange night for me," Ms Fernandez told her jubilant supporters. *"This man*

who transformed Argentina led us all and gave everything he had and more. Without him, without his valour and courage, it would have been impossible to get to this point."

Ms Fernandez may also regain control of Congress, which she lost in mid-term elections in 2009.

Nearly 30 million voters were choosing who will fill 130 seats in the lower house of Congress, 24 Senate seats and nine governor's offices as well as hundreds of local seats.

The victory marks a dramatic change of fortune for Ms Fernandez, the BBC's Vladimir Hernandez in Buenos Aires says. Ms Fernandez is set to remain the Pink House's resident for the next four years

Following her election in 2007, her public support quickly plummeted to around 20% after rows with farmers and media groups over of the introduction of exports quotas.

It was often suggested, during her early years in office, that it was her husband who was really running the country.

Nestor Kirchner was president from 2003 to 2007 and stood aside to let his wife run for office to succeed him.

He was widely expected to run again for the presidency in 2011 until his sudden death from a heart attack last October.

Political analysts say Ms Fernandez's current popularity is mostly due to the health of the economy, which has boomed thanks to high prices for exports such as soya.

She has also carried out social programmes - such as benefits for three million of the country's

poorest children - which have proved extremely popular.

But her critics accuse her of pursuing populist policies, and question whether such programmes can be sustained.

She has also been accused of downplaying the rate of inflation, which is now the second highest in Latin America, behind Venezuela.

Woman Attacked, Robbed and Sexually Assaulted

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since he was a child.

The complainant told the police that Quewell called her by her name followed immediately by him hitting her in the face with the beer bottle he was carrying. The blow sent the complainant to the ground with a large cut wound over the left eyes.

The complainant additionally informed that while she was on the ground, Quewell punched her to the right side of her face resulting in a cut wound to the chin. While she was still on the ground Quewell reportedly touched her private part telling her that he *"wants this"*. Fearing for her safety, the victim with blood pouring from the two cut wounds to the face, reportedly told him that he can have *"it"* but told him that she was menstruating. This apparently did not go down well Quewell as, while she was still on the ground, he reportedly kicked her several times to the mid section of her body.

The victim further informed that Quewell searched her pockets and ran off with her pink Motorola Razr brand cellular telephone valued at one hundred seventy five dollars.

She was issued with a medico-legal form and

transported to the San Ignacio Community Hospital where **Dr. Misael Ramirez** classified the injuries as wounding.

The search began for the accused. He was detained almost seven hours later, at around 10:00 am and was transported to the police station where he was formally arrested and charged for Robbery and Aggravated Assault.

The accused, Oscar Quewell, 18, Belizean student attending Mopan Technical High School in Benque Viejo Town, residing at the corner of 3rd and 5th Streets in San Ignacio Town, appeared before Magistrate **Linsbert Willis** on Wednesday, 19 October, where he pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Prosecutor **George Gomez** strongly objected to the granting bail on the basis of the prevalence of the crime, the brutal nature of the force used to commit the crime and the fact that the victim lives in close proximity with the accused. Notwithstanding, Quewell was offered and met bail in the sum of five thousand dollars on the condition that he does not interfere with the complainant and that he not be charged with another offence whilst on bail. He was ordered to return to court on Wednesday, 18 January 2012.

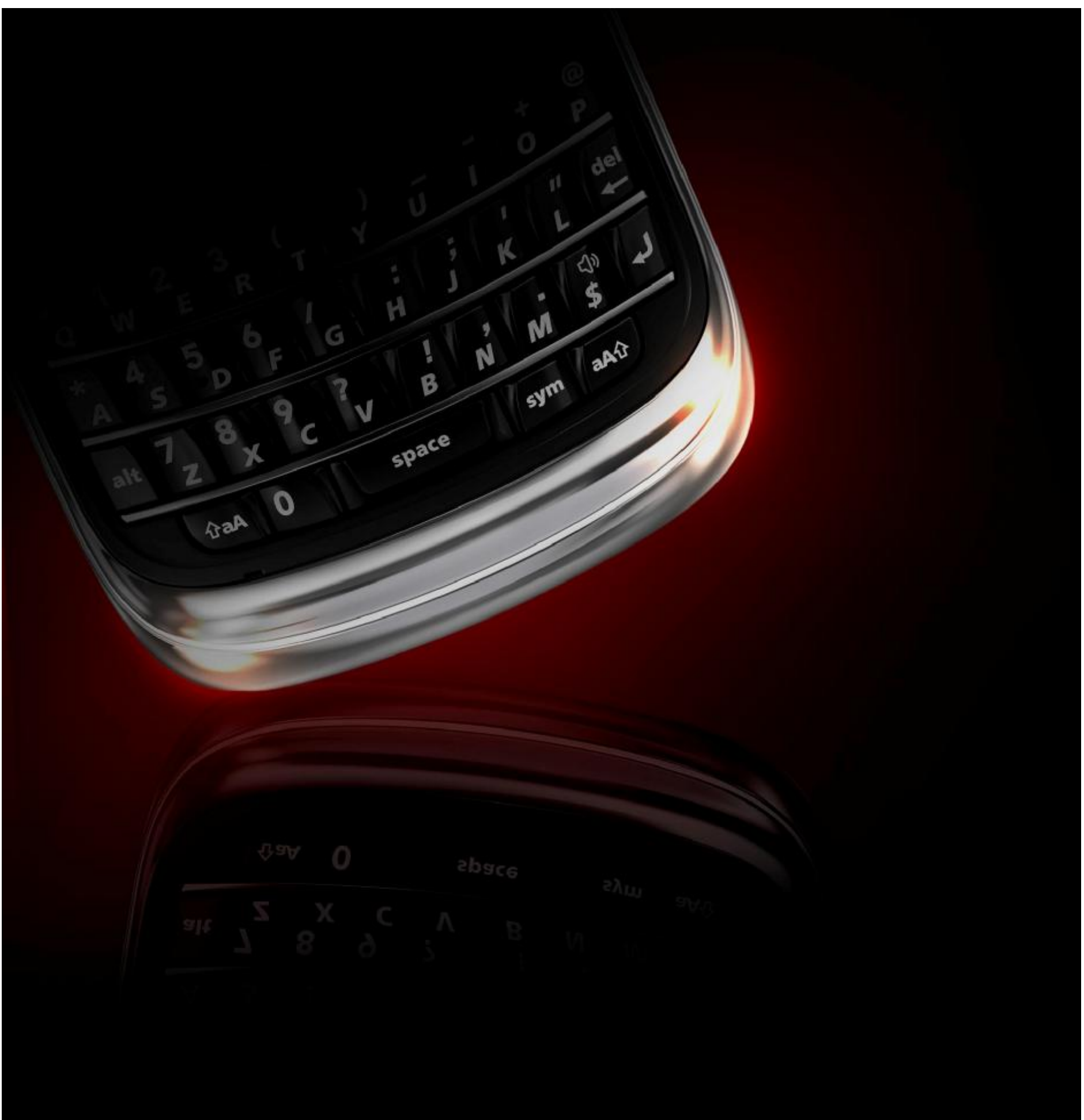
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