No Arrest Yet In The Murder of Rene Vera

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Sunday December 30, 2012:

As the community records yet another murder with homosexual overtones, an arrest is yet to be made while the Christmas plans of the victim’s family was shattered and the remains of yet another productive male person was committed to the earth from whence it is said to have come.

Funeral services for Rene Vera, 36, Belizean laborer formerly of a Bishop Martin Street address in Santa Elena, Cayo was held at the Sacred Heart Church in San Ignacio, on Thursday, December 27.

The body was laid to rest inside the Carmen Memorial Cemetery in Santa Elena.

The sequence of events, which eventually ended in Vera’s death began on the night of Thursday, December 20 when he was seen socializing with a group of male friends inside the Princess Casino in San Ignacio. From the Princess, the group reportedly moved to a popular karaoke bar in San Ignacio. At closing time the party reportedly moved to Vera’s home on Bishop Martin Street in Santa Elena. It is reported that at around 1:00 am that Friday morning, Vera was seen sitting behind the steering wheel of his parked vehicle about two blocks from his residence in Santa Elena along with a male person sitting in the front passenger seat.

While an arrest is yet to be made, in the process of the investigation, San Ignacio police has detained, questioned and released several persons including the individual he was seen with in the parked vehicle. It was around 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 29 when Vera’s male roommate, Juan Vega, was dropped off at home, by a female who works with him at Blacaneaux Lodge, a resort in the Mountain Pine Ridge area. He reportedly asked the co-worker to wait while he checked if his roommate was at home. The opened front door reportedly seemed strange for Vega. Notwithstanding, he entered the house where he came upon a blood stained large rum bottle, the kind popularly referred to as “Elephant Foot”, on the floor inside the house as well as blood stains on the interior walls. He reportedly rushed outside and asked the co-worker to accompany him inside the house. The female reportedly followed a blood trail to one of the two bedrooms inside the house where, upon pushing open the door, she first saw the victim’s foot as he laid on the floor. Both Vega and the female colleague rushed outside the house and called the police. A team of policemen arrived on the scene shortly thereafter. Upon

The Deceased
Rene Vera, 36

Belize, Belmopan, Friday, December 28, 2012:

Mr. Lionel L. Arzu, has been officially sworn in as the new Ombudsman for Belize. This took place in brief ceremonies this morning in the presence of the Governor-General of Belize, His Excellency Sir Colville Young.

Mr. Arzu leaves behind his post as a teacher at Julian Cho Technical High School in the Toledo District, where he resides. Prior to this, he served as an Adjunct Lecturer at the University of Belize, Toledo Campus; Project Coordinator for the Meso-American Project, and numerous other posts within the agricultural sector. Additionally, he holds a Master of Science Degree in International Commerce and Policy from Valparaiso University; a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts with Manage-
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Rotary Project “Literacy Alive” Brings Professional Laminators To Cayo Schools

Literacy is one of the most important preconditions for a successful life. Being able to read enables a person to take part in everyday and business life and make a good living. Consequently learning to read belongs to the most important objectives in primary schools throughout Belize.

The educational success however depends on several factors like the talent of a kid as well as his or her social and language background. Equally important are the literacy related capacities of the teachers as well as the methods and materials that are used to teach reading. Large classes with kids of various language backgrounds in combination with a lack of special literacy education and materials for teachers often results in extremely varying reading levels.

But if a student cannot read properly he or she will not be able to follow the lessons and might not even understand the questions in tests and will finally fail. This situation is a catch-22 that occurs more often than we would expect and that needs to be broken.

The motto of the Rotary Club of San Ignacio is “Educate our Youth”. For almost 10 years the Club has done education related projects in Cayo with the generous help of Rotarians from Canada. Their main goal is the professional development of teachers.

In coordination with the Ministry of Education over the years many Canadian teachers have come to Belize to support their Belizean colleagues with up-to-date methods and materials. Educators from Belize have also traveled to Canada.

The latest project in a long series of activities is called “Literacy alive” and focuses on literacy only. During the last year six pilot schools in Cayo (Sacred Heart, St. Martin, Monsignor Romero, Los Tamboos, St. Hilda and Our Lady of Fatima) have conducted specific reading tests for students and exactly determined the skill levels and deficiencies of each and every student from infant 2 to primary 2.

Based on this detailed knowledge and with the help of newly introduced teaching methods and the corresponding materials the reading skills of many kids could be improved significantly in a short period of time. The results of the reading tests with the very same students after one year were extremely promising.

Consequently the Rotary Club of San Ignacio and the Rotary Club of Red Deer, Canada are targeting a follow-up project that will continue the measures and extend them to 3rd grade.

As a part of this project two professional laminators were distributed to the District Education Centers in Belmopan and San Ignacio. Teachers can go there and laminate their teaching materials to preserve them.

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On Tuesday 15th January 2013 @ 10.30 AM AT THE DFC Office In Belmopan.

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<td>All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel No. 1259, Block No. 23 in the San Ignacio South Registration Section, together with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, held under Land Certificate, being the Freehold property of JACOB MARTINEZ.</td>
<td>A- 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom concrete bungalow house (451 sq.ft.). Site dimensions: approx. 55X98. Property is situated in the Carlos Habet Housing Area.</td>
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<td>All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel No. 1934, Block No. 23 in the San Ignacio South Registration Section, together with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, held under Land Certificate, being the Freehold property of ELVINA ROSANA GARCIA.</td>
<td>A concrete bungalow measuring 65 x 90 in dimension. Area Size: 722.52 sq.yds. Swamy Housing Area</td>
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<td>Parcel No. 1236, Block 23, San Ignacio South Registration Section, Cayo District, held under Land Certificate, being the freehold property of GUALBERTO BOL.</td>
<td>A 2-bedroom Bungalow house containing 1-dining &amp; living room combined, 1-kitchen with 1 bathrooms with an entrance porch. Size: 622.47 S.Y. Dimensions: 56 X 100. Habet Housing Area</td>
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<td>All that lot piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 341, situate in Bullet Tree Falls Village Expansion, Cayo District, together with all developments and erections standing and being thereon, held under Minister's Fiat Lease dated the 7th day of November, 2000, being the leasehold property of ANTONIO TZIB.</td>
<td>A 3-bedroom bungalow house containing 1-dining, 1- living room, 1-kitchen with 1 bathroom. Size: 555.556 S.Y.</td>
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Wishes To Take This Opportunity To Wish All Residence of Cayo Central A Most blessed And Prosperous New Year

Learn From Yesterday, Live For Today, Hope For Tomorrow.

Happy New Year
Ten Life-Changing Facts About Anger

By Gail Brenner, PhD.


“Does it change anything?” he asked in a small voice.

“Not really,” I said.

“Then why are you doing it?” he asked.

“Because I hate them,” I said.

“Why hate them?” he asked.

“Because they wronged me,” I said.

“Then why not let it go?” he asked.

“Because I’m afraid,” I said.

“Afraid of what?” he asked.

“Afraid of what will happen if I let it go,” I said.

“Then why are you afraid?” he asked.

“I don’t know,” I said.

“Don’t you?” he asked.

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ARIES: March 22 to April 20
This is a good week for quiet contemplation. You may have worried about finances lately, but there is no longer any need to concern yourself. All signs indicate that your financial fortunes are about to change. You have been working hard and should reap some rewards. Today's aspects suggest that you will. Enjoy your newfound peace of mind, but don't go out and use the credit cards in celebration! Lucky numbers: 79, 82, 96.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21
You are bound to enjoy this week! It's full of possibilities and opportunities. It may begin routinely, but keep your eyes and ears open for hints of change. Your new adventure may come about in a mundane way. You might meet someone in line at the store who becomes a business partner. Or maybe you will meet a romantic interest at the ATM. Adventure is all around. Trust that you will find it! Lucky numbers: 16, 50, 71.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21
Forget about work for a change and focus instead on your love life! This is one area that can really use some attention. There is no sense waiting for your partner to do it. It's up to you. Why not book a romantic weekend? It will do wonders for your relationship and add spark just by anticipating the fun you will have. Your commitment should mean more than your independence. Lucky numbers: 82, 28, 41.

CANCER: June 22 to July 23
You greet the week energized! Your confidence is at an all-time high because of recent events. You have every reason to be proud of what you have accomplished, especially at work. But your love life could benefit from the same level of commitment. Why not be proactive? Arrange a romantic evening for you and your partner. What a difference a few hours can make in your relationship! Lucky numbers: 21, 36, 89.

LEO: July 24 to August 21
You have strong humanitarian instincts. You think of your fellow humans more than most. This, combined with your intuition and empathy, makes you well suited for the healing professions. If you have felt a bit disgruntled at work lately, it may be that you are in the wrong career. Consider training as a counselor or therapist. You would be good at it and help a lot of people. Lucky numbers: 07, 23, 39.

VIRGO: August 22 to September 21
You have been more thoughtful lately and more true to yourself. This is due to your recent introspection. You really can change your life. All it takes is time and commitment. You have made great progress in your development. Continue on this path and you will wind up in a much better place. Keep your eye on the goal, but don't be so focused that you forget to enjoy the journey. Lucky numbers: 33, 54, 78.

LIBRA: September 22 to October 23
You are feeling confident and more comfortable in your own skin than you have in a long time. You are so accomplished, why are you the last one to acknowledge it? Try to look up from your desk long enough to socialize with friends and loved ones. You have been so focused on work that your relationships may have suffered a bit. Spend some quality time with those you care about. Lucky numbers: 14, 45, 76.

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21
It is time to loosen up. The planetary aspects bring a new cycle of tolerance and understanding your way. You could use a bit of both. Take baby steps as you introduce the kinder, gentler you to your friends and co-workers. They won't accept a rapid transformation, but they won't mind gradual changes. Listen more and speak less. This can make a big difference in a relationship. Lucky numbers: 18, 43, 92.

SAGITTARIUS: November 22 to December 21
Remember all those resolutions you made in the past? It's time to recommit to them. All signs indicate that you need to take better care of yourself. You have been so busy working that exercising has begun to feel like a luxury you can't afford. Actually, exercise and proper nutrition are luxuries you can't afford to ignore. You are burning the candle at both ends. Stop before you burn out completely! Lucky numbers: 10, 25, 64.

CAPRICORN: December 22 to January 20
This is an auspicious time for you. It gives you the energy and enthusiasm to make the necessary changes in your life. There is a lot of work to do, but you are up to it! First focus on your relationships. Your loved ones don't care about your professional successes. They want (and perhaps need) to spend more time with you. Do what you can to bring your life more into balance. Lucky numbers: 37, 58, 74.

AQUARIUS: January 21 to February 19
You have great creativity inside you. Use it, don't hide it! Your creative cycle will last for the next month or so. Don't let it pass without taking advantage of it. Use the other side of your brain for a change. Take up sketching or painting. What you do is less important than doing something. The simple act of creation unlocks the brain. Lucky numbers: 17, 48, 62.

PISCES: February 20 to March 21
Be excited, because this is going to be one great week! All will go your way. It will seem as if you simply can't lose. At work, your team look to you as the leader. At home, family members express gratitude and affection. You may be tempted to try this luck at the casino, but don't be impulsive. You are already a winner. You have earned this shining moment. Lucky numbers: 04, 57, 85.
Benque Viejo Christmas Bash

BENQUE VEIJO, Wednesday, December 26, 2012:

Zone 4 Neighborhood Watch Program under the leadership of Captain Samuel Bruce since 2008; participating with the Community Policing Effort of Police Sub-Formation Benque Viejo, produced a spectacular event for the residents, with their annual Christmas Bash for the community of Benque Viejo.

Located at the spacious multi-purpose community park on Mr. Bruce’s property, the party had all the trimmings; Stone constructed community center, 3-tents, chairs, DJ karlib sound system, bathroom facilities, electric & water supply, two football courts, volleyball court, running track, BMX Bike track, and swimming pool under construction.

Event coordinators all Volunteer’s; Zone Captain & Special Constable S.C. Samuel Bruce, zone lieutenants; S.C. Amin Avilez, C.O.P. Irma Puc, S.C. Manuel Sosa, S.C. Steve Richert, sports coaches Pablo Uck, and other volunteer’s Otto Martinez, Carlos Martinez, Rafa Martinez, Luis Sosa, Otto Martinez, Carlos Martinez, Rafa Martinez, Luis Sosa.

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VACANCY

I. Positions

Engineer/Procurement Specialist

Provide engineering and procurement services for the design and construction of a wastewater system in Placencia.

II. Objectives

1. Bachelor degree in civil engineering.
2. Registered as a professional engineer with a recognised body or extended experience.
3. At least five years experience providing technical and civil engineering services.
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III. Minimum Qualifications

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IV. Duties

The EPS will be responsible for providing comprehensive engineering and procurement services to the Project. In order to carry out the responsibilities stipulated in these terms of reference. The EPS will be supported by two Technical Specialists who will be dedicated full-time to this project. The EPS shall assist with the preparation of the TOR for the Technical Specialists.

The Engineer/Procurement Specialist shall assist with the revision of engineering drawings and documents as may be required by the PMU. He or she will be required to do field visits of all works and activities to verify that the level of effort performed corresponds to that of the effort contracted.

The Engineer/Procurement Specialist will plan, prepare for and carry out all procurement activities for the PMU. He/She will attend and participate in all procurement training exercises and workshops which are made available during his or her contract period

V. Terms of Reference

The full terms of reference and duties area available on BWSL’s web site; www.bws.bz

VI. Expression of Interest

All interested persons can send their letter of interest accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae no later than Monday December 10th, 2012 at 2:00pm to:

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER
Belize Water Services Limited
#7 Central American Boulevard
Belize City
Ref: Placencia Project Engineer/Procurement Specialist Vacancy
Or e-mail:
IWSPPP.PMU@bwsl.com.bz

VII. Remuneration

Salary will be negotiated and will be dependent on qualifications and experience. Salary will be paid twice per month.
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Benque safe now and in the future by delivering a message “police and community as one” with the common goal of reducing crime and corruption.

Hundreds of persons enjoyed the gift items that were given out; food baskets containing rice, cereals, candies, chips, can goods, 300lbs of Rice, other items; toys, tee shirts, household articles, 1000’s of ideals, juice, jewelry, hand bags, radio controlled cars, dolls, digicell phone cards, cash certificate from Atlantic Bank, and Zone 4 neighborhood Watch Calendars with all the emergency phone numbers including confidential crime line.

Zone Captain Samuel Bruce; wishes to thank all the Volunteers, and sponsors that made this event possible with so many activities coordinated at the same time for everyone’s enjoyment was a challenge, however by working together we can achieve the impossible and make it reality!

Sponsors: Belize Telemedia, Atlantic Bank, Sam Bruce, ICB Insurance Co., Belize Custom’s Western Border, Riener’s Feed Mill, Benque Viejo Cable Vision, Vega’s Distributing, BRC, Econo

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A rookie police officer was out for his first ride in a police truck with an experienced partner. A call came in telling them to disperse some people who were loitering. The officers drove to the street and observed a small crowd standing on a corner. The rookie rolled down his window and said, "Let's get off the corner people."

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Rookie Police

Too Materialistic

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- An outgoing personality
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- 2 pictures
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Applications can be obtained at the Reception Desk inside the Princess International San Ignacio.

All applications should be delivered in person to the MANAGEMENT from 12 midday to 6pm Monday-Friday.

Or call 824-6947 for more information.

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Benque Viejo
Christmas Bash

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**Special Note:** This event like ALL the community events from Zone 4 Neighborhood Watch Program since 2008; was accomplished with hard work, dedication, and sponsors that believe in the effort and support Zone 4.

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**OPENING HOURS FOR HOLIDAY SEASON**

December 31st, 2012: 8:00AM - 12:00PM
Drive Thru - Belize City: 8:00AM - 12:00PM
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The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby notifies the public that, pursuant to Section 33(2) of the Electricit (TARIFFS, FEES AND CHARGES) BYELAWS, on December 27, 2012, it made its Final Draft in respect of Amendments to the 2012 Annual Review Proceeding (ARP) Final Decision for the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL).

BEL made a submission for amendments to 2012 ARP Final Decision on December 10, 2012, for increases in the Mean Electricity Rate (MER) and previously approved tariffs due to unexpected increases in the cost of power.

The Final Draft of Amendments to the 2012 ARP Final Decision provides for an approximate increase of 16.87% to the Mean Electricity Rate (MER) and previously approved tariffs, to be applied during the period January 1 to June 30, 2013. This represents an increase in the Mean Electricity Rate (MER) from 41.81¢ to 48.86¢.

The Final Draft of Amendments to the 2012 ARP Final Decision may be viewed in its entirety at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission at 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, or on its Website at www.puc.bz.

Interested Parties now have until 5:00PM on Monday, January 7, 2013, to file written comments to the PUC in regards to the Final Draft of Amendments to the 2012 ARP Final Decision before it is adopted or amended after consideration of such comments.

Summary of Amendments to the 2012 APR Final Decision

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US Requests Colombia Urabenos 'gang leader' Extradition

Prosecutors in the United States have requested the extradition of one of Colombia's most wanted drug dealers, detained two months ago in Argentina.

Henry de Jesus Lopez Londono, known as Mi Sangre or My Blood, is the alleged leader of the Urabenos gang, which operates in northern Colombia.

Argentine media reported that he was due to be released on 2 January unless there was a formal extradition request.

Lopez entered Argentina with a false passport, police said.

The 41-year-old Colombian posed as a Venezuelan businessman, travelling for work.

He was arrested with his wife and 11 children in Buenos Aires on 30 October.

**LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES**

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that Gerson Zetina is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2013 to operate Caracol Bar located at Mile 62 on the George Price Highway in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that Florita Cider Liquor License for the year 2013 to operate Flor A & A Fast Food located on Flamingo Ave, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that Michael Canto is applying for the renewal of a PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2013 to operate Maya Bar located in Cristo Rey Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that Elvira Muhlolland is applying for the renewal of a MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE for the year 2013 to operate Gina's located at # 35 George Price Avenue in Santa Elena Town, in the Cayo District.
Bolivia Takes Over Ownership Of Two Spanish Owned Electricity Companies

Bolivia has brought two Spanish-owned electricity supply companies under state control.

President Evo Morales accused the subsidiaries of the Spanish company, Iberdrola, of overcharging consumers in rural areas.

Mr Morales said rural households had been paying three times more for their electricity than people in urban areas.

The left-wing president has previously nationalised oil, telecommunications and energy-generating companies.

"We had to see that the quality of electricity service is uniform in rural as well as urban areas," Mr Morales said.

He added that his decree was in line with the South American country's constitution, which says that the public interest is above private interests when it comes to the supply of energy.

"We were forced to take this measure," he said, describing the electricity charges as "unfair and unequal".

An independent arbiter will decide in up to 180 days how much compensation Iberdrola will get for its assets, Mr Morales said.

In its first reaction to the Bolivian government decision, Iberdrola said it hoped to be paid a fair price for the companies.

"We hope we will get the real value of our share" a spokesman told the AFP news agency.

Iberdrola owned 89.5% of Electropaz, which operates in Bolivia's largest city, La Paz, and surrounding areas, and 92.8% in Elfeo, based in the Oruro region.

Armed police guarded the companies' headquarters and plants in both cities as Mr Morales announced their nationalisation.

How Indian Women Are Treated

People have called her Braveheart, Fearless and India's Daughter, among other things, and sent up a billion prayers for a speedy recovery.

When the unidentified woman died in a Singapore hospital early on Saturday, the victim of a savage rape on a moving bus in the capital, Delhi, it was time again, many said, to ask: why does India treat its women so badly?

Female foetuses are aborted and baby girls killed after birth, leading to an appallingly skewed sex ratio.

Many of those who survive face discrimination, prejudice, violence and neglect all their lives, as single or married women.

TrustLaw, a news service run by Debraj Ray, has ranked India as the worst country in which to be a woman.

This is the country where the leader of the ruling party, the speaker of the lower house of parliament, at least three chief ministers, and a number of sports and business icons are women.

It is also a country where a generation of newly empowered young women are going out to work in larger numbers than ever before.

But crimes against women are rising too.

With more than 24,000 reported cases in 2011, rape registered a 9.2% rise over the previous year. More than half (54.7%) of the victims were aged between 18 and 30.

Most disturbingly, according to police records, the offenders were known to their victims in more than 94% of the cases.

Neighbours accounted for a third of the offenders, while parents and other relatives were also involved.

Delhi accounted for over 17% of the total number of rape cases in the country. And it is not rape alone. Police records from 2011 show kidnappings and abductions of women were up 19.4%, women being killed in disputes over dowry payments by 2.7%, torture by 5.4%, molestation by 5.8% and trafficking by an alarming 122% over the previous year.

The Nobel Prize-winning economist Amartya Sen has estimated that more than 100m women are “missing” worldwide - women who would have been around had they received similar healthcare, medicine and nutrition as men.

New research by economists Siwan Anderson and Debraj Ray estimates that in India, more than 2m women are missing in a given year.

The economists found that roughly 12% of the missing women disappear at birth, 25% die in childhood, 18% at the reproductive ages, and 45% at older ages.

They found that women died more from "injuries" in a given year than while giving birth - injuries, they say, “appear to be indicator of violence against women.”

Deaths from fire-related incidents, they say, is a major cause - each year more than 100,000 women are killed by fires in India. The researchers say many cases could be linked to demands over a dowry leading to women being set on fire.

Research also found a large number of women died of heart diseases.

These findings point to life-long neglect of women in India. It also proves that a strong preference for sons over daughters - leading to sex selective abortions - is just part of the story.

Clearly, many Indian women face threats to life at every stage - violence, inadequate healthcare, inequality, neglect, bad diet, lack of attention to personal health and well-being.

Analysts say deep-rooted changes in social attitudes are needed to make India’s women more accepted and secure. There is deeply entrenched patriarchy and widespread misogyny in vast swathes of the country,
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