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Barroom Brawl Lands B.D.F Behind Bars

SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, Monday, January 21, 2013:

A heated argument which began inside a popular nightclub in San Ignacio Town culminated in near fatality.

In the incident two on-duty security guards emerged with serious cut wounds while a police special constable was stabbed in the arm and the three alleged aggressors were badly beaten.

The incident reportedly began inside the Blue Angels Nightclub at around 2 0'clock on the morning of Sunday, January 20, 2013.

It is reported that the incident began when the attention of **Jermaine Pandy**, one of the club's security guards, was drawn to difficulties a colleague guard, **David Wright**, was



Citizen's Arrest
Fresh Out Of BDF Training,
Godwin Santos, 20



Citizen's Arrest
Badly Beaten
Conroy Meighan, 29

experiencing at the top of the entrance stairs, as he was seeking to eject two male persons from the club.

Pandy rushed over to assist the colleague and while escorting the men out of the club one of them, later identified as **Godwin Santos**, reportedly pulled out a knife and stabbed Wright to the right side of the neck.


Answering his colleague's shout for assistance after being stabbed, Pandy released the hold on the second male person, later identified as **Conroy Meighan**, and rushed to assist his colleague who struggling with Santos. It was while assisting the colleague that Pandy was reportedly attacked from behind by Meighan who allegedly stabbed him in the left side

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Readers Write

Police Covering For Police

Dear Editor;

Your comment in last week's edition of the **STAR** is indeed a valid one.

It is no secret that the police covers up for police. They go to every means to cover the corrupt activities of those within their ranks.

Apart from covering up the involvement of fellow policemen in drug trafficking and other corrupt activities, they also cover up the abusive domestic violence of those within their ranks.

My sister lives with a jealous policeman and whenever he comes home drunk, which is increasing in frequency, he never fails to administer a severe beating on her.

We Now Have An Adequate Supply Of Vehicles

Dear Star;

There was a time in the recent past when the police was operating with scarce transport. The problem was brought to Government's attention and the matter was quickly addressed.

We are now in a much better position. We no longer transport prisoners in an open back vehicle as they get wet when it rains on the road to and from prison. Today we have a new enclosed van to transport prisoners.

Our vehicle supply is now adequate and for this we thank the government of Belize in general and the Minister of National Security, **Hon. John Saldivar** in particular.

In fact on weekend and long holidays, the excess amount of police vehicles are parked in front of the OC quarters to minimize abuse.

During week days however, the effort to minimize abuse is more challenging as senior officers regularly request use of vehicles for personal purposes. One of them in particular believes that the police vehicle is his personal taxi. He uses it to go to lunch, to go shopping and often times to visit his female "*friends*" Colleagues in

He does not care if he beats their mother in the presence of their crying children.

My sister, my mother and I have reported this abusive policeman on several occasions but he is yet to be criminally charged for his abusive action.

The family is fearful that one of these days he will kill my sister with the gun he carries.

It is a crime for the ordinary citizen to be in possession of their licensed firearm while drinking. This policeman however will never leave the house to drink without the gun he carries.

This obvious bias, in enforcing the law is wrong, wrong, wrong.

Please do not publish my name.

the lower ranks are watching the abuse and if left unchecked, it will be accepted as the norm.

I was hoping that the OC would indicate at least once during our staff meeting that the police vehicle is no taxi cab for any policeman of any rank.

The same applies for those four wheel motorcycles that were recently donated to the department.

The next time you see a police person in civilian clothes driving a police vehicle or riding one of those ATV, there is a high probability that what you are seeing is an abusive police person.

In the department we encourage citizens to form themselves into neighborhood watch groups and to be on the lookout for criminal elements within the community. It is in this light that I ask the people to assist us in the effort to protect the expensive assets provided to us by the GOB. If you see a policeman drinking and in command of a police vehicle, please report the matter immediately to a senior officer. Take a picture - Take a video use it as evidence to support the case. ***Please do not print my name for obvious reasons***

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of the back.

In search of assistance, the two injured security guards, with the two attackers in pursuit, rushed down the stairs of the nightclub when they came upon a group of friends standing near the post office building on the same Hudson Street. It was at this point that a Special Constable on duty, **Ernesto Budna**, intervened and in the process emerged with a cut wound to the left arm allegedly inflicted by Santos.

Seeing Wright bleeding from the neck, Pandey bleeding from the back and the special constable struggling on the ground with one of the attackers, the group turned upon the two attackers who by this time were joined by a third one, later identified as Santos' brother, and proceed to administer a beating on them.

A team of policemen arrived on the scene in time to rescue the three attackers from the mob. All six injured persons were transported to the San Ignacio Community hospital. The three attackers were treated and released into police custody. The special constable was likewise treated and released while the two security guards were transported to the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan for further medical treatment. They were released on Monday and are recuperating at home.

The incident has led to the arrest of Ontario village resident, **Godwin**

Santos, 20, Belizean Soldier of the Belize Defense Force and **Conroy Meighan**, 29, Belizean construction worker residing in Blackman Eddy, both villages in the Cayo District. The badly beaten third person, identified as Santos' brother was released without charge.

Godwin Santos was charged for the attempt murder of **David Wright** along with supplementary charges of dangerous harm and use of deadly means of harms. He was additionally charged with wounding special constable **Ernesto Budna**.

The other attacker **Conroy Meighan** was charged with grievous harm for the stab wound he allegedly inflicted upon **Jermaine Pandey**.

Santos and Meighan appeared in the San Ignacio town Court room of magistrate **Narda Morgan** on Monday, January 21, 2013, where all charges were read to them.

Being a Supreme Court matter, no plea was taken from Santos on the attempt murder charge. They both pled not guilty to all charges. Due to the nature of the crime, Godwin Santos' remand to prison was automatic.

Given severity of the attack, Prosecutor **George Gomez** objected to the granting of bail to the other accused **Conroy Meighan**, magistrate Morgan concurred with the prosecution's request and proceed to remand them both to jail. The matter comes up for hearing again on Thursday, March 28, 2013.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **NELSON HYDE** is applying for the renewal of a **SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Carol's Shopping Center** located in Buena Vista Village Cayo District.

Notice is hereby given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **RONALD CASTAJNERA** is applying for the renewal of a **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Macaw Bank Jungle Lodge** located in Cristo Rey Village Cayo District.

MONEY LENDERS APPLICATION

Notice for the publication in newspaper of application for a moneylender's certificate

I, **NADYA J. NAL**, hereby give notice that I have applied to the Magistrate Court, at one of its sittings in San Ignacio Town during the month of January 2013, for a certificate to be granted to me under the Moneylenders Act, Chapter 260 to authorise me to carry on business as a moneylender in the name of **Cash Genie Quick Loans, Located at # 1 George Price Avenue, Santa Elena Town, Cayo.**
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Belize Wins First-Ever Copa Centroamerican Game

Contributed by: **Luis Peña**

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SAN JOSE, Costa Rica :

Belize won its first-ever game at the UNCAF Copa Centroamericana and grabbed the inside track on an automatic berth in the CONCACAF Gold Cup with a thrilling 2-1 victory over Nicaragua on Tuesday at the Estadio Nacional.

The scoreboard was opened against the run of play in the 29th minute, when Midfielder **Trevor Lennen** ran onto a ball at the top of the box, and rifled a shot into the back of the net that Nicaraguan goalkeeper **Denis Espinoza** could do little about.

Nicaragua continued to press, but it was Belize that nearly extended its lead two minutes before the half. **Harrison Rochez** shot strongly from the top of the box, but his drive was denied by a diving Espinoza, and Lennen's follow up shot rolled just wide of the Nicaraguan goal, sending the game to halftime with Belize up one.

In the second half, Nicaragua upped the pressure even more, pushing for the tying goal that would keep its quest alive to qualify for the Gold Cup. But they were denied time and time again by Belize's superb goalkeeper **Woodrow West**.



Belize A Team Takes On Honduras Friday at 5:30 PM

In the 70th minute, team captain **David Solorzano** put Belize on notice, placing a free kick just high from 20 yards.

The stage was set for a dramatic finish, and it wasn't until the 85th minute that Nicaragua finally broke through.

A long ball was settled skillfully in the box by **Felix Rodriguez**, who cut back for **Elvis Figueroa**. The 24-year-old pounced on the bounding ball and slammed the equalizer past West.

Nicaragua was inspired and just two minutes later **Samuel Wilson**

cracked a drive off West's post from 20 yards.

The game went to stoppage time and looked headed for a draw, until Belizean forward **Deon McCauley** caught up to a hopeful long ball up the middle and tapped past a sprawling Espinoza to give Belize the lead and, as time was signaled, the victory.

The victory was Belize's first in the competition after 23 games. Nicaragua's defeat extended its Copa winless streak to seven and eliminated it from contention.

Belize is now second in Group A

on four points in Group A, two ahead of Guatemala. The Chapines will face first-place Costa Rica later in the evening. If Guatemala fails to beat Costa Rica, Belize will qualify for its first-ever Gold Cup.

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Hon Rene Montero At Work

SANTA ELENA, Cayo, Friday, January 25, 2013:

Although it is early into his second term in office, Hon. **Rene Montero**, Minister of Works and Transport is certainly not committing the errors of the past. He is not leaving things for the last few months before the next general elections as his works in the constituency continues.

The road into Hillview up to Eden Adventist High School has been paved with the commitment to completing the paving of that entire stretch of access road into the Hillview community a project which has been promised by several Area Representatives dating as far back as to the days of the PUP's **Daniel Silva Jr.** The Hon. **Rene Montero** is making reality his promise to the people living in the Hillview Community.

This week the hot-mix pavement of Lily Street, from its junction with the George Price Highway, near Three Flags Supermarket, right up to the District Education Center in Santa Elena, has now become a reality.

As street upgrading works continues in Cayo Central, the Ministry of Works project is underway to pave the entire Carmen Street, with Salazar Street and Bishop Martin Street, also in Santa Elena to follow soon. This project



Hon. Rene Montero, Minister of Works and Transport Inspecting Works On Lily Street Beside Three Flags

informed Minister Montero resulted from the successful negotiation of funding in excess of a million dollars from the World Bank.

Furthermore, in keeping with the manifesto promise, Minister Montero informed that works will soon begin on a health clinic in Santa Elena and another in San Antonio village. The new health clinic in Santa Elena will be located at the corner of Peter August Street and Orchid Street in Santa Elena, just behind the Santa Elena Primary School.

On a tour today in the constituency, Minister Montero highlighted the construction of a resource center that is currently underway at the Community Library in Santa Elena. The new center which will soon be inaugurated will be equipped with a dozen new computers all of which will be pressed into use to assist students with homework and research.

In terms of institutions for higher education, Hon. **Rene Montero** informed that negotiations are currently underway for the construction of a spanking new sixth form building. The new school will be located on the Catholic Monastery compound in Santa Elena. The school will have easy access off La Loma Luz Boulevard which is undergoing major upgrading.

The tour of the constituency took us to Cristo Rey Village where works

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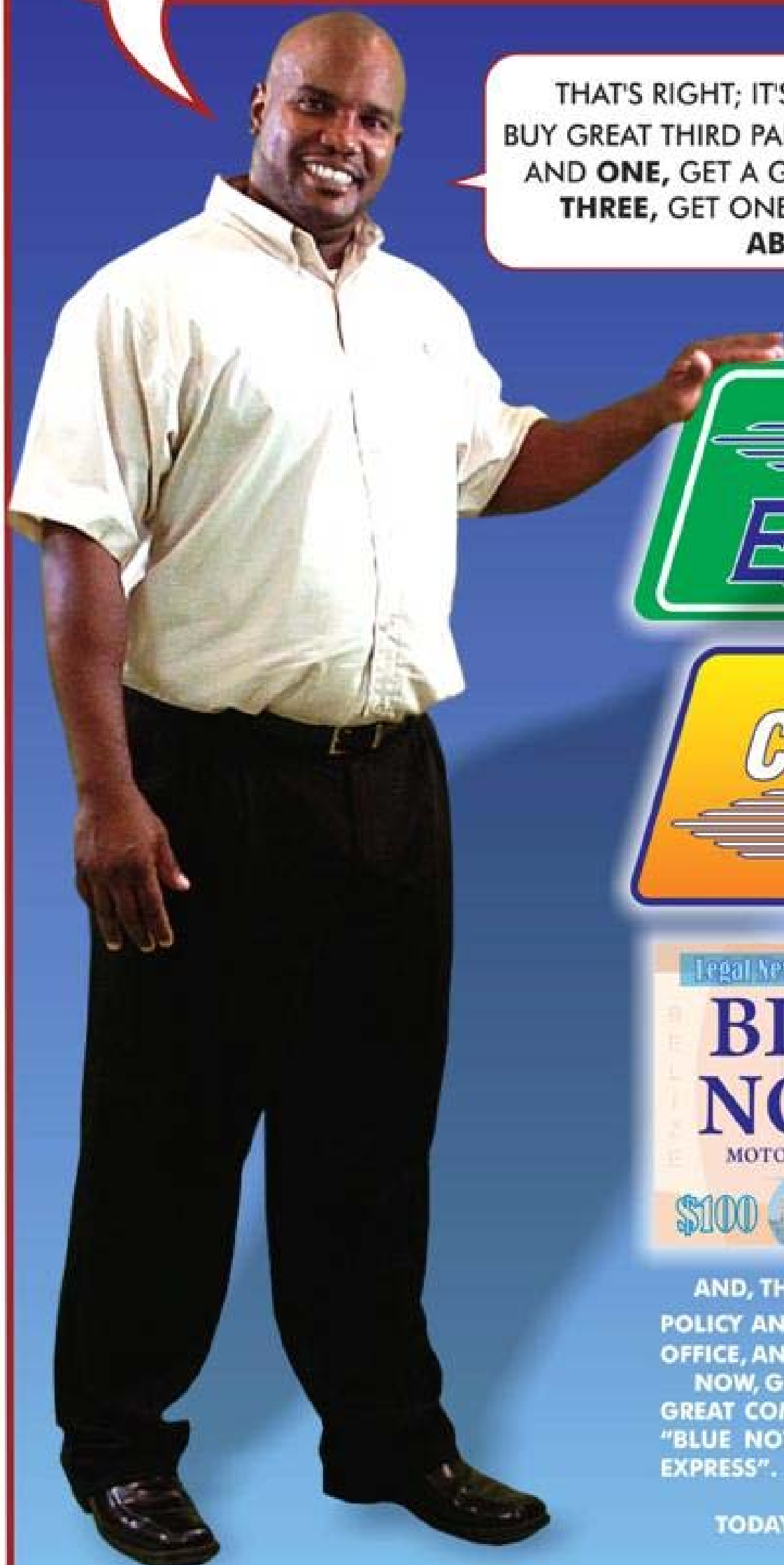


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North Korea 'Plans Third Nuclear Test'

North Korea says it is proceeding with plans for a third nuclear test.

In a statement carried by KCNA news agency, the country's top military body said the **"high-level nuclear test"** and more long-range rocket launches were aimed at its **"arch-enemy"**, the US.

The statement gave no time-frame for the test. North Korea has conducted two nuclear tests, in 2006 and 2009.

The move comes two days after a UN Security Council resolution condemned Pyongyang's recent rocket launch.

The Security Council also expanded sanctions against the isolated communist country following its December launch, which was seen by the US and North Korea's neighbours as a banned test of long-range missile technology.

North Korea said the rocket was solely aimed at putting a satellite into space for peaceful purposes.

The statement, which came from North Korea's National Defence Commission, hit out at the resolution as **"illegal"**, before pledging a response.

"We do not hide that the various satellites and long-range



Kim Jong-un, North Korea Leader

rockets we will continue to launch, as well as the high-level nuclear test we will proceed with, are aimed at our arch-enemy, the United States," KCNA quoted it as saying.

"Settling accounts with the US needs to be done with force, not with words," it added.

Recent reports from South Korean and US bodies which monitor North Korea's nuclear test sites had said North Korea could be preparing for a third test.

Earlier on Thursday, a South Korean defence ministry spokesman said it appeared that North Korea

was **"ready to conduct a nuclear test at anytime if its leadership decides to go ahead"**.

Regional neighbours and the US have urged it not to proceed.

"We hope they don't do it, we call on them not to do it. It will be a mistake and a missed opportunity if they were to do it," said **Glyn Davies**, the US special envoy on North Korea policy who is currently visiting Seoul.

"This is not a moment to increase tensions on the Korean Peninsula."

A South Korean foreign ministry spokesman said Seoul deeply

regretted the North Korean statement and **"strongly"** urged it not to go ahead.

China's foreign ministry, meanwhile, called on all relevant parties to **"refrain from action that might escalate the situation in the region"**.

Beijing - North Korea's closest ally and biggest trading partner - backed Tuesday's Security Council resolution, something which correspondents say will have angered its neighbour.

Both North Korea's previous nuclear tests followed long-range rocket launches.

If it were to go ahead, this would be the first nuclear test under Kim Jong-un, who took over the leadership after the death of his father Kim Jong-il in December 2011.

There was no explanation in the statement of what **"high-level"** test might mean.

Experts believe the two previous tests used plutonium as fissile material, but North Korea is also believed to have been working on a programme to produce highly-enriched uranium.

It is thought that North Korea is not yet able to make a nuclear device small enough to mount on a long-range missile, although the US believes that is Pyongyang's ultimate goal.

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Hon Rene Montero At Work

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continue on about 80 percent of streets. Minister Montero informs that the roadway leading into the village will be pave shortly at a cost of over two hundred and forty thousand dollars. This project, informed the Minister, will be funded solely by the Government of Belize. He informed that culverts are being installed where underground creeks destroy the road surface.

Minister Montero also informed of the construction of a new bus stop as well as an art and craft center both in Cristo Rey village.

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Hon. Rene Montero Inspecting Road Works In Cristo Rey Village

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Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20

Question the validity of anything you come in conflict with this week. You might find that people act on incomplete information, and that they are falsely accusing you of something you didn't say or do. Work to bring harmony to the situation by getting to the truth and helping to make the real motivations known. Words may be charged with strong emotions, so be gentle. **Lucky numbers: 10, 43, 76.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21

This week will be a great week for you. You should enjoy a great deal of playful conversation. Fantasy is likely to play a big role in events, and you may daydream as you walk down the street. Don't bother with reality if you don't have to. You are much better off keeping the tone light and playful. Enjoy your fantasy world and feel free to invite others into it. **Lucky numbers: 17, 22, 58.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21

There may be a rather confusing element to the week. You feel tempted to act, but some of the pieces seem to be missing. It could be hard to make a decision, since you don't have the whole picture in front of you. You are better off spending this day outside with a group of friends rather than trying to make any major life decisions or commitments. **Lucky numbers: 35, 66, 89.**

CANCER:

June 22 to July 23

Be the star of your own movie and proud of the role you play. You might find yourself taking on many different characters, depending on your mood of the hour. There is a special gleam in your eye that you should share openly with others. Don't feel rushed to get anywhere. You have already arrived. Enjoy yourself in the company of those you love. **Lucky numbers: 04, 30, 72.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

Take a break from your daily routine and get off the treadmill this week. The

world will turn without you for one day, so tune out for a while. Remember that whatever path you take is the right one. Regret is a useless emotion. Don't even bother with it. Enjoy the present day and all the small joys it has to offer. Communicate your dreams and bring things into balance. **Lucky numbers: 14, 39, 61.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

Things are flowing your way and you should find a great deal of pleasure in the company of others. There may be an element of fantasy about the day that causes you to lose track of time and space. Don't bother connecting to reality if you don't have to. Go to an art museum or attend a dance performance. See a movie and go out to your favorite restaurant. **Lucky numbers: 02, 28, 53.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

Don't try to nail down any answers this week because you will probably end up feeling frustrated. The less you try to force your will on others, the more you will find that things just automatically go your way. This week isn't about finding solutions to problems. It's about enjoying what you have already learned and accomplished. Keep things light. **Lucky numbers: 24, 47, 95.**

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

Let your childlike side come out and play this week. Your dreams are in full force, so let them lead the way. Enjoy lighthearted conversations with friends about the latest movies or novels. You might want to go shopping or get a haircut. This is a good day to improve your general appearance. You have a much keener eye for style on a day like this. **Lucky numbers: 38, 64, 97.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

Take a break from the routine and get off the beaten path. This is a week

to forge ahead with ideas and dreams rather than commitments and answers. Question things and debate the facts. Have fun whatever you do. This is the perfect day to go out and fly kites with your friends. All group activities are strongly favored. You can't go wrong chatting about the latest events in your life. **Lucky numbers: 09, 55, 84.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

It may feel like something has suddenly clicked into place for you this week, because you have found the missing piece of a puzzle you have been working on. The answers may be subtle, but they are there. Fantasy and a playful attitude will lead you to them effortlessly. Spread your ideas to the world, and encourage others to join in your daydreams. **Lucky numbers: 31, 46, 78.**

AQUARIUS:

January 21 to February 19

Things may seem surreal this week, so don't take other people's chatter too seriously. This is a day to reach out and touch someone, so pick up the phone. It's a good day to share your dreams, no matter how farfetched they sound. Others may look at you as if you have three heads, but as long as you are being honest with yourself, there's no reason to be shy about sharing. **Lucky numbers: 15, 50, 87.**

PISCES:

February 20 to March 21

You may find it hard to take a realistic approach to your emotions this week. A sensitive issue may pull

on you, leaving you feeling like you are out in left field in the way you relate to others. You might want to consider letting someone else take the lead for once, allowing you to regain your equilibrium before the next decision needs to be made. **Lucky numbers: 19, 42, 80.**

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 **CRISTINA ORTEGA** is applying for the renewal of a **RESTAURANT & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Maya's Cool Spot** located on George Price Avenue, 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, that **JOSE SERRANO** is applying for the renewal of a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Piache** located on Buena 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, that **BOTAI CHEN** is applying for the renewal of a **CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Chen Superstore** located in Bullet Tree Village in the Cayo District.

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICE FOR THE YEAR 2013

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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, that **SOBEYDA WRIGHT** is applying for the renewal of a **MALT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Iguana Junction** located in Bullet Tree Falls Village in the Cayo District.

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Mexican Man Barbecued Neighbour's Dogs

A municipal police official in northern Mexico says officers have arrested a man who confessed to killing his neighbour's three dogs and barbecuing them.

Police spokesman **Adrian Sanchez** says the arrest was made late on Tuesday based on an emergency call about a fight in the streets.

Police said on Wednesday that **Ulises Rodela**, 39, was confronted by his neighbour and told him he

turned the dogs over to animal control upon finding them in the street. The owner told police that animal control had no record of receiving the dogs.

Police said Rodela then confessed to barbecuing the dogs.

Officials were still trying to confirm whether Rodela sold the meat. The state Commission for Sanitary Risk Prevention said it would test various food stands for the presence of dog meat.

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Female Smoking Death Risk 'Has Soared'

By: James Gallagher
Health and science reporter, BBC News

Changing habits such as starting earlier and smoking more cigarettes have been blamed for the dramatically increased risks of lung cancer.

The trends, reported in the New England Journal of Medicine, show death rates in women have caught up with men.

The study looked at data from more than two million women in the US.

The first generation of women smokers started during the 1950s and 60s. In those early years, women who smoked were nearly three times more likely to die from lung cancer as people who had never smoked.

Looking at medical records from women between 2000-2010 showed they were 25 times more likely to die from lung cancer than their non-smoking friends.

It follows a similar pattern in men, who reached a similar level in the 1980s.

Lead researcher Dr Michael Thun said: *"The steep increase in risk among female smokers has continued for decades after the serious health risks from smoking were well established, and despite the fact that women predominantly smoked cigarette brands marketed as lower in 'tar' and nicotine."*

"So not only did the use of cigarette brands marketed as 'Light'



Women smoking nowadays are far more likely to die as a result of their habit than they were in the 1960s, according to a new study.

and 'Mild' fail to prevent a large increase in risk in women, it also may have exacerbated the increase in deaths from chronic obstructive lung disease in male smokers, since the diluted smoke from these cigarettes is inhaled more deeply

into the lungs of smokers to maintain the accustomed absorption of nicotine."

Research published last year suggested that lifelong female smokers died a decade earlier than those who never started.

However, those who gave up by the age of 30 almost completely avoided the risks of dying early from tobacco-related diseases with those stopping by 40 died a year younger.

Speaking after that study, Prof Sir Richard Peto, at Oxford University, said *"If women smoke like men, they die like men."*

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- Engage international cruise players such as the FCCA, Cruise executives of individual cruise lines, cruise marketing agencies on a regular basis. Scope of engagement includes correspondence, phone calls, face to face meetings, and cruise conferences.
- Engage, along with the Director of Destination Planning, local cruise players on a regular basis.
- Liaise closely with the Master Plan Implementing Agency to ensure that projects, activities, and programs undertaken are in line with the National Sustainable Tourism Master Plan.
- Act as a liaison between the BTB and the Ministry of Tourism & Culture, with a view to advance tourism related opportunities presented through Belize's membership in Regional Organizations.
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A new pastor moved into Santa Elena Town. He went out one Saturday morning to visit members of the church.

All went well until he came to a house on George Price Avenue. It was obvious that someone was inside the house, but no one came to the door even after he knocked several times.

Finally, he took out his card, wrote on the back "*Revelation 3:20*" and stuck it in the door.

The next day, as he was counting the offering he found his card in the

collection plate. Below his message was a notation "*Genesis 3:10.*" Upon opening his Bible to the passage he let out a roar of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 reads: (the Pastor's note) "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice, and opens the door, I will come into him, and will dine with him, and he with me.*"

Genesis 3:10 reads: "*And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked.*"

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"But why?"

"Because your wife came in earlier this morning and said that if you came by, I should tell you to take the Snapper. She wants you to know that she prefers Snapper for supper tonight."

Judi The Town Blonde

Judi the blonde in town was desperately trying to sell her old car. She was having a hard time selling it, because the car had 250,000 miles on the dashboard.

One day while visiting the hairdresser, she told her about the problem she was having.

"There is a possibility to make the car easier to sell, but it's not legal," responded the hairdresser.

"That doesn't matter," replied Judi, "All I want is to sell the car."

"Okay," said the hairdresser. "Here is the address of a friend of mine. He owns a car repair shop

out of town. Tell him I sent you and he will turn the meter in your car back to 50,000 miles. Then you should have no problem selling your car."

Two weeks later Jodi returns to the hairdresser who asked "Did you go to the mechanic and did he reverse the meter?"

"Yes I did. Yes he did," responded Jodi.

"Did you sell your car?" asked the hairdresser

"No," replied Judi, "why should I sell the thing, it only has 50,000 miles on it!"

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Thousands Of Venezuelans In Pro-Democracy Rallies

Allies of Venezuela's President **Hugo Chavez** and the opposition have taken part in separate rallies to celebrate the end of military dictatorship.

Thousands of "**Chavistas**" took to the streets of the capital, Caracas, while their opponents held a smaller event.

The opposition used the date to criticise the government's handling of Mr Chavez's absence for illness.

President Chavez has not been seen or heard since an operation six weeks ago to treat an undisclosed cancer.

The 23 January marks the 55th anniversary of the fall of Venezuela's last dictator, **Marcos Perez Jimenez**, who ruled between 1952 and 1958.

Many traditional pro-democracy speeches to mark the date have been used by allies to express support for the ailing Mr Chavez.

The Venezuelan opposition gathered in a sports arena and attacked the president's prolonged absence.

Mr Chavez did not attend his inauguration on 10 January, in a move that forced the Supreme Court to decide on the legality of the situation.

Although it said the president's absence was legal and authorised by



The opposition took the opportunity to criticise the fact that Mr Chavez was not sworn in on 10 January

the National Assembly, opponents did not agree with the interpretation.

In recent days, officials and allies have hinted at a speedier recovery of

President Chavez, who is said to have suffered respiratory complications after surgery.

Bolivia's president, **Evo Morales**, said he was "*receiving physiotherapy to return to his country*", while officials said Mr Chavez has been in good spirits and "gaining strength".

On Sunday, Vice-President **Nicolas Maduro** said the president was "*gaining strength*" following complications after cancer surgery on 11 December.

Mr Maduro said the leader was entering a new phase of treatment, after having suffered respiratory complications following the operation.

He also said he was optimistic about the president returning to Venezuela soon.



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The opportunity for Belizeans to pursue a Masters or a PhD degree is available once again through a program offered by the nation's tertiary institution, the University of Belize.

The European Union project has provided funding for the scholarships through "The Caribbean-Pacific Islands Mobility Scheme (CARPIMS).

CARPIMS II is funded by the Education, Audiovisual and Cultural Agency (EACEA) of the European Commission and is designed to facilitate the movement of Masters and PhD students and staff among a consortium of Universities from the Caribbean and Pacific regions. The program aims at building capacity and encouraging socioeconomic development in each country and each region.

The objective is to establish a strong network of Caribbean-Pacific academic leaders, and to develop a pool of engaged researchers. It also seeks to promote graduates, staff and researchers in partner Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) who can focus on capacity building and socio-economic development among the member countries.



The scholarships include expenses for tuition, monthly stipend, health insurance and round trip travel. In total the CARPIMS II Project will grant 88 Scholarships and will be distributed among the following categories: Full Masters Scholarships (up to 22 months); Full PhD (up to 36 Months); PhD Mobilities (up to 10 months); and Staff - Academic and Administrative (1 month).

CARPIMS will fund studies in several academic fields for Belizeans to pursue Masters and PhD qualifications in Agriculture Sciences; Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning; Art and Design; Business Studies and Management Sciences; Education and Teacher Training; Engineering and Technology; Geography and Geology; Humanities; Languages and Philological Sciences;



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Law; Mathematics/Informatics, Medical Sciences; Natural Sciences; Social Sciences; Communication and Information Sciences.

In order to provide opportunities to all nationals of the Caribbean and Pacific, Scholarships for Full Masters and PhD Mobilities will be separated into specific "Target Groups."

Who can apply? Target Group 1 (TG1) is comprised of applicants who are nationals of a Caribbean or Pacific Country; enrolled/registered with a Partner Institution (In the case of Master's and PhD Mobilities); working (full-time) in one of the partner institutions (In the case of Staff Mobilities).

Target Group 2 will comprise of applicants who are nationals of a Caribbean or Pacific Country; enrolled in an institution in a

Caribbean or Pacific (For PhD Mobilities); Alumni of a recognized higher education institution in a Caribbean or Pacific, including partner institutions (For Masters Mobilities.) There are no staff training opportunities available under target group 2.

The following are CARPIMS II Consortium Partners:

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- University of Belize
- University of Guyana
- Universite d'Etat d'Haiti
- Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo *New Partner

• University of the West Indies - (UWI is the coordinating institution for the implementation and management of the CARPIMS 2013 scheme, appointed by the European Union)

Pacific:

- The University of the South Pacific
- National University of Samoa
- Universidade da Paz Timor-Leste
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PRESS RELEASE

Water Rates to remain unchanged BWS requests no Annual Review Proceeding (ARP)

January 2013

Belize Water Services Limited (BWS) has informed the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) that the company is not requesting an Annual Review at this time, which dependent on the PUC's concurrence, will result in no change to the current water rates.

BWS is cognizant of the constantly increasing cost of living to the public and the important social impact of the essential services that the company provides. Given the recently announced almost 17% increase in electricity rates, BWS recognizes that an increase in water rates, although necessary for the continued sustainability of the company, would create an added financial burden to consumers. After consultation with the Government, which has now committed further financial support to the company, BWS is seeking the PUC's approval for the current rates to remain unchanged by way of the postponement of the Annual Tariff Review Proceeding.

The Government has committed to assist BWS with the following:

1. Government and Municipal Infrastructure projects requiring significant asset replacement and repair works
2. Expansion in furtherance of the Millennium Development Goals for water and sewerage expansion countrywide
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While BWS is committed to keep rates as affordable as possible to consumers, the need may arise to request a rate review in the future to ensure financial viability and in order to maintain the world-class level of service the company provides, as well as to continue to expand services to reach everyone in its ever expanding service areas.

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BTL congratulates the team for their continued passion, teamwork, commitment and pursuit of excellence in the sport. We wish the BTL Female Softball team the very best for the upcoming season slated to open on April 4, 2013. BTL is proud that you carry our name!

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Venezuela Vice-President Claims Assassination Plot

Nicolas Maduro, Venezuela's vice-president, claims the government has uncovered a plot to assassinate him and Diosdado Cabello, head of the national assembly.

Mr Maduro said groups have been followed for weeks that "have the goal of trying to kill" him and Mr Cabello.

"For that reason, they've said that we're fighting because their macabre and criminal move is to make attempts against our lives – something they won't achieve – and later on try to blame one or the other," he told supporters.

Mr Maduro referred to the alleged plot after announcing he would travel to Cuba on Wednesday along with Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez to see



Venezuelan Vice-President Nicolas Maduro
Photo: AFP/GETTY

the ailing Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, who underwent cancer surgery more than six weeks ago.

The vice president did not provide any evidence or say what sort of attacks the authorities believed to have been

planned.
Mr Maduro also did not mention any arrests, but said: "Don't be surprised by the actions that will be taken in the coming days."
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