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Guerra Goes To Jail Again

SANTA ELENA, Cayo, Tuesday, June 24, 2014:

A troubled Santa Elena man was today remanded to prison on gun and ammunition charges.

Residents of Carmen Street in Santa Elena got a scare of their lives on Monday when **Rodel Guerra**, 27, busted out of his father's #14 Carmen Street

house brandishing a 16 gauge shotgun and a pocket load of cartridges.

The matter was reported to the police who promptly arrived on the scene just in time to see Guerra ridding himself of the shotgun and cartridges before fleeing the scene.

The shotgun and 14 cartridges



Rodel Guerra

were retrieved from the scene by police.

Guerra was later detained and transported to the San Ignacio police station where he was formally arrested and charged for keeping firearm and ammunition without a gun license.

Given the nature of the charges and the not guilty plea of the accused, magistrate **Narda Morgan** ordered that he be remanded to prison.

Getting Our Share Of The National Development Pie

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Friday, June 27, 2014:

As the unprecedented building of the nation continues, San

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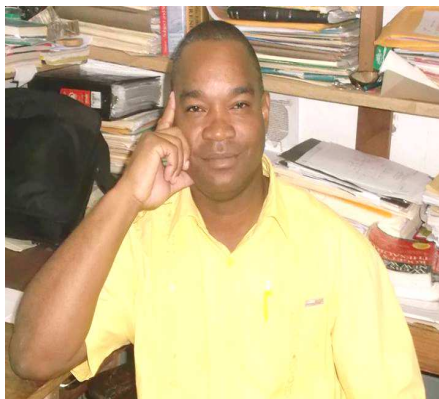

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THE DOMESTICATION OF A PEOPLE



By Leonides Sanchez, Punta Gorda, Toledo.

The domestication of a people and how can we turn this dilemma around:

In town where I live there are several cats around my house and yet I don't really own none. What I have observed is that while I am aware of the natural skills of a cat to be able to feed itself by hunting, they prefer to resort to begging and eventual stealing your food. I brought this up because our people are in a

similar situation.

The human being was gifted with a brain to be able to think and skills to be able to survive and overcome obstacles but somewhere along the way domestication interfered with the natural process.

Now instead of our people resorting to their natural skills to do the feed themselves, they chose instead to resort to begging and eventually deprive others. This is a real situation. My question now is how do we turn this around so that our people can regain back their natural instincts to do for themselves? I believe that a new kind of education has to be introduced to the children.

Begging and stealing must not be an option to human survival. The children must be taught how to think and given

the skills and tools for them to do for themselves and their community.

We have no other choice, it must be done less we end up in a society where the law of the jungle rules or a dog eat dog situation would be inevitable.

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Rotary Club is Refurbishing Park in Santa Elena



The Rotary Club of San Ignacio is planning ahead for the traffic on the by-pass coming to San Ignacio soon. Just a short block away from the new traffic circle in front of the La Loma Luz SDA Hospital, there is a community park sponsored by the Rotary Club. Club members raised concerns about the safety of children and families using the park since there will be a great deal more traffic on the Loma Luz Boulevard. The long term goal of the Club is to give the park a new look and upgrade the

play equipment and features. The first step for the makeover of the park was safety. The park now has a sturdy chain link fencing around three sides of the area. This will keep children away from the busy highway of the future. This effort was funded by money for the Rotary District. The Belize Fence company gave the Club a very helpful discount on the fencing material and the Rotoract Club of San Ignacio members participated in put the fence in place.



The next stage for the Santa Elena Park is to do extensive remodeling of the existing equipment and stage and adding new features for the community to enjoy. Some of the planned features are a water fountain, raised walkways, landscaping, and new park equipment. The Club is looking for a new corporate sponsor to help manage the monthly cost of the maintenance for the park. The funding for the additional work is still in the planning stage. All donations are welcome. Once the park remodel

is completed it will be a great community gathering place as well as a lovely entrance to San Ignacio by-pass, giving travelers a new perspective on our Twin Towns. The Rotary Club of San Ignacio has changed its meeting time from 7 am to 7 pm on Thursday nights. The Club meets at CET in the banquet building. For more information call Cynthia Reece at 670-0930. Follow our activities on Facebook at RotaryClubSanIgnacioBelize. Submitted by Cynthia Reece



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"my father stands behind me... he will always guide me to the right path..."

Our dads play an important role in all our lives; many times their efforts go unnoticed; through the eyes of their children, we were able to recognize the great work these dads do. The quotes above are just a few of the many great things that describe what these and all dads do for all of us.

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Office of the Prime Minister Responds to Attacks on Justice Awich

Belmopan. June 24, 2014.

The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) has noted with concern the continued attacks by some lawyers on Justice of Appeal **Mr. Samuel Awich**. These attacks, using the Belize Bar Association Resolution as their springboard, are contemptuous and contemptible. They seek to scandalize the Belize Court of Appeal by alleging bias on the part of a member of that court, and may well be actionable by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Indeed, even from the English common law, it is considered contempt to *“prejudice mankind [by speech or writing] in favour of or against a party before the case is heard”* and the same principle is reflected in the laws of Belize where it is stated to be an offence to write or do anything *“with intent to excite any popular prejudice for or against any party to [court] proceedings.”* And there are

cases pending before the Courts having to do with both (a) the acquisition of BTL and BEL (**which case is definitely not at an end**) and (b) the Bar Association against the Government of Belize on amendments to the Constitution on appointment of Judges of the Court of Appeal.

It is therefore especially concerning that the campaign is being led by persons with obvious interests to serve, namely Bar President **Eamon Courtenay**, **Jacqueline Marshalleck** and her husband **Andrew Marshalleck**. Mr. Courtenay represents the Ashcroft interests generally; and particularly in the litigation between those interests and the Government and people of Belize. It is that very litigation that recently concluded with the decision in favour of GOB, thus provoking the ire of the Ashcroft privies, especially because the leading judgment was written by

Justice Awich. Apart from Courtenay and his role as counsel, Mrs. Marshalleck is a lawyer in the permanent employ of the Ashcroft holding group headquartered in Belize. They speak of the *“appearance of bias.”* Then, what does this appear to be on their part?

The OPM makes the point that these same players have attacked Mr. Justice Awich before, and have taken their arguments about the propriety of his appointment all the way to the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ). That highest court found their position utterly baseless and wrong.

Of course, the cover of the Bar Resolution is much resorted to by those acting on instruction and with malice aforethought. But it is important to point out that a grand total of 18 Bar members attended the meeting that approved the Resolution, when the actual membership of the Bar is well in excess of 100. Also noteworthy is the fact

that there was no vote on the Resolution. It was declared adopted by consensus after the efforts of some present to water down and essentially change it, had failed. It is also a lie to claim that the law partner of the Prime Minister supported the Resolution since he was not even present at the meeting.

The OPM calls on all involved to desist from the continuing attacks on Mr. Justice Awich and the Court of Appeal. His new appointment is now fait accompli. And since it is for seven years, there can be no quarrel that it is short term and not in accordance with security of tenure considerations.

Finally, the OPM advises that Cabinet will actively consider a course of action that will address the situation in which a puny, eighteen-person minority can purport to speak in the name of all lawyers in Belize.

End.

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Mother, Daughter and Son On Dishonesty Charge

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, June 26, 2014:

A 16 year old boy was today remanded to prison on burglary and handling stolen goods charges.

San Ignacio police reports that at around 10:00 am on Wednesday, June 25, Esperanza Village resident **Maybelline Flores** visited the police station in San Ignacio where she reported that her house was burglarized two days earlier.

The complainant informed that between 12:30 pm and 3:00 pm on Monday, June 23 someone entered her house as a trespasser and stole there from a black Nikon brand digital camera with serial number 4234359 along with an extra lens and battery charger.

The investigation revealed that entry was gained through a hole created by the removal of two glass louvers from a window. The crime scene was processed during which finger prints were lifted from the glass louvers. The investigation led police, two miles further west, to the Cristo Rey Road residence in Santa Elena, of a suspect who was reportedly seen in the area during the material time.

Whilst executing a search warrant the police found a black plastic bag in the yard under a cover. When opened the bag was found to contain a black Nikon digital camera, an extra lens and matching battery charger. The serial number was found to be the same as the reported stolen camera. The bag also contained a gold looking chain and a bangle, a black and silver Apple brand iPod and three bottles of Victoria Secret brand lotion.

The complaint was later invited to the station where she positively identified the items as being the ones stolen from her house.

The boy, in the presence of the mother and a Justice of the Peace, provided the police with a cautioned statement consequently resulting in him being issued with a burglary charge. He was further jointly charged with his 17 year old

sister and his 38 year old mother, with handling stolen goods.

While we are legally prohibited from publishing the names of minors, given the possibility of this being the case of a child bringing home the heat, we are intentionally refraining from publishing the name of the mother.

The family appeared in court on Thursday, June 26 where they all pled not guilty as charged. The mother and daughter were released on bail. The 16 year old student was not as fortunate as he was remanded to prison on the prosecution's strong objection to the granting of bail after it was revealed that

he is in violation of a non custodial sentence stemming from a conviction on a minor traffic offence. The boy was consequently remanded to prison pending a report from the Community Rehabilitation Officer. The case was adjourned to Wednesday, July 9, 2014.

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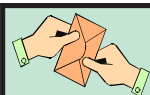
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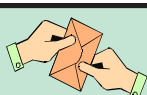
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TACKLING LACK OF YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

The lack of opportunity for the youth of Belize has been recognized for quite a while, yet results from efforts to deal with this problem are struggling and lack support. Whilst the economy of Belize shows little capacity to offer much, sport has an almost inexhaustible ability to bridge the gap between education and employment. In fact, sport can and frequently does open doors to successful careers, for those who grasp what's on offer.

* Guided and directed youth can have significant impact on the success of communities, as well as on the future of the youth themselves

* Using sport, as the basis for engaging with youth at community level, is a recognized model for promoting healthy lifestyle and producing successful adults and leaders of the future

* Youth engagement with sport results in more demand for community facilities, which in turn, creates better and a stronger awareness and sense of community

Rugby Belize recently announced plans to establish community-based rugby union clubs right across the country, to provide opportunities for youth and young people to engage in sport. As a result of that initial announcement, plans are afoot to

set up (initially) five such clubs in Belmopan, Belize City, Hattieville, Orange Walk and San Pedro. To advance these plans, Rugby Belize is now moving towards establishing a national governing authority for the sport.

The Belize Rugby Board will be the driving force behind further growth and development of rugby in Belize. It will be comprised of volunteers who are prepared to give up a little of their time to help develop, manage and promote the sport as it aims to offer a range of rugby activities at every level within the society of Belize.

The Board will work in conjunction with the National Sports Council, to ensure compliance with rugby laws and other aspects of safety and fairness, and will also, eventually, work to secure international recognition to enable Belize to compete regionally and further afield.

Rugby Belize Founder, **Tony Gillings**, *"We have already received significant interest from Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica and other places who wish to invite teams from Belize to compete. In these countries, rugby has been well established for many years and they have a lot to offer in terms of competition experience and support for players. But,"* he says *"We need to get the back-office*

organization established to enable participation in competitions, plan for training, coaching and ultimately to promote and encourage player development at national level. To do this we need volunteers".

Anybody interested in joining the Belize Rugby Board or finding out more should contact Tony via www.rugbybelize.com.
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Apprentice Blacksmith Turn Murderer

The village blacksmith finally found an apprentice willing to work hard for long hours.

The blacksmith immediately began his instructions to the lad, He said, *"When I take the iron out of the fire, I'll lay*

it on the anvil; and when I nod my head, you hit it with all your might with this hammer."

The apprentice did just as he was told. He is now facing a murder charge.

The Lawyer's Loot

A Mexican bandit made a specialty of crossing the Rio Grande from time to time and robbing banks in Texas. Finally, a reward was offered for his capture. An enterprising Texas ranger decided to track down the Mexican bandit.

After a lengthy search, The Texas Ranger traced the bandit to his favorite Texan cantina. The Ranger sneaked up behind the Mexican bandit, put his trusty six-shooter to the bandit's head, and said, *"You're under arrest. Tell me where you hid the loot or I'll blow your brains out."*

The bandit didn't speak or

understand English. The Ranger didn't speak or understand Spanish. Fortunately, a bilingual lawyer was in the saloon of all English speaking customers and so he translated the Ranger's message.

The terrified Mexican bandit blurted out, in Spanish, that the loot was buried under the oak tree in back of the cantina.

"What did he say?" asked the Ranger.

The lawyer answered, *"He said 'Get lost, you turkey. You wouldn't dare shoot me.'" and so ended the life of the Mexican Bandido.*

The Internet What's That?

"C'mon Ma you have got to try it" Johnpleaded to his elderly Mother.

He could not understand how his Mother lasted this long without ever using the internet.

"Ok" she said reluctantly settling down by the computer and slowly putting on her reading glasses *"what do I do now?"*

"Now I'm going to open the

home page of google", John explained. *"OK here it is! Now type in ANY question you want into the bar over here and you will find an answer to your question."* he confidently assured her.

Mother looked at John warily, thought for a second, and slowly began totyp, **How is Gertrude doing this morning?**

Too Old to Date

The neighbors thought it was odd, but 93 year old Morton was dating again.

One Monday morning Morton woke up with a funny feeling that something important happened last night.

It was during breakfast, that Morton finally remembered what it was.

He had proposed to his date Greta. But what she answered he

just couldn't seem to remember. Morton picked up the phone and dialed.

"Hi Greta", said Morton, *"I have a funny question for you, do you remember last night when I proposed?"*

"Oh my gosh" exclaimed Greta, *"I'm so glad you called, I knew I said yes to somebody but I just couldn't recall who it was!"*

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Sickle-Cell Anaemia

Sickle-cell disease (SCD), or sickle-cell anaemia (SCA) or drepanocytosis, is a hereditary blood disorder, characterized by red blood cells that assume an abnormal, rigid, sickle shape. Sickling decreases the cells' flexibility and results in a risk of various life-threatening complications. This sickling occurs because of a mutation in the haemoglobin gene. Individuals with one copy of the mutant gene produce a mixture of both normal and abnormal haemoglobin. This is an example of incomplete dominance.

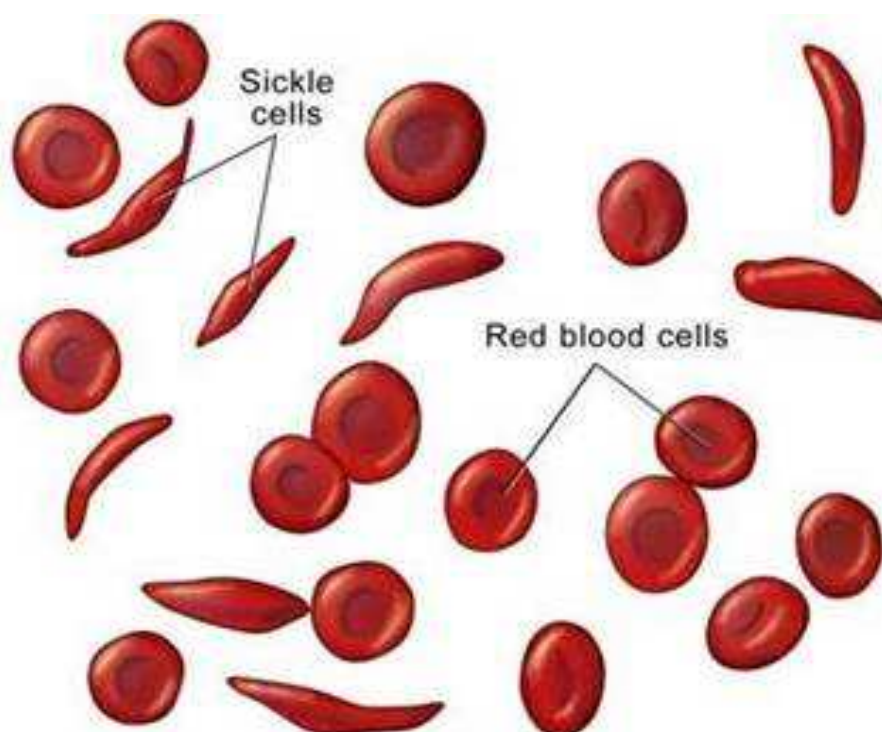
Sickle-cell disease may lead to various acute and chronic complications, several of which have a high mortality rate.

Sickle cell crisis

The terms "*sickle cell crisis*" or "*sickling crisis*" may be used to describe several independent acute conditions occurring in patients with sickle cell disease. Sickle cell disease results in anemia and crises that could be of many types including the vaso-occlusive crisis, aplastic crisis, sequestration crisis, haemolytic crisis and others. Most episodes of sickle cell crises last between five and seven days. **"Although infection, dehydration, and acidosis (all of which favor sickling) can act as triggers, in most instances no predisposing cause is identified."**

Vaso-occlusive crisis

The vaso-occlusive crisis is caused by sickle-shaped red blood cells that obstruct capillaries and restrict blood flow to an organ resulting in ischaemia, pain, necrosis and often organ damage. The frequency, severity, and duration of these crises vary considerably. Painful crises are treated with hydration, analgesics, and blood transfusion; pain management requires opioid administration at regular intervals until the crisis has settled. For milder crises, a subgroup of patients manage on NSAIDs (such as diclofenac or naproxen). For more severe crises, most patients require inpatient management for intravenous opioids; patient-controlled analgesia (PCA) devices are commonly used in this setting. Vaso-occlusive crisis involving organs such as the penis or lungs are considered an emergency and treated with red-blood cell transfusions. Diphenhydramine is sometimes effective for the itching associated with the opioid use. Incentive spirometry, a technique to encourage deep breathing to minimise the development of atelectasis, is



recommended.

Splenic sequestration crisis

Because of its narrow vessels and function in clearing defective red blood cells, the spleen is frequently affected. It is usually infarcted before the end of childhood in individuals suffering from sickle-cell anemia. This autosplenectomy increases the risk of infection from encapsulated organisms; preventive antibiotics and vaccinations are recommended for those with such asplenia.

Splenic sequestration crises are acute, painful enlargements of the spleen, caused by intrasplenic

trapping of red cells and resulting in a precipitous fall in hemoglobin levels with the potential for hypovolemic shock. Sequestration crises are considered an emergency. If not treated, patients may die within 1–2 hours due to circulatory failure. Management is supportive, sometimes with blood transfusion. These crises are transient, they continue for 3–4 hours and may last for one day.

Acute chest syndrome ACS

Acute chest syndrome (ACS) is defined by new pulmonary infiltrate with a manifestation of pulmonary symptoms like tachypnea and

dyspnea. It is the second most common complication and it accounts for about 25% of death in patients with SCD, majority of cases present with vaso occlusive crises then they develop ACS. Nevertheless, in Dessap et al., 2007 study they reported that about 80% of patients has vaso occlusive crises during ACS.

Aplastic crisis

Aplastic crises are acute worsenings of the patient's baseline anaemia, producing pallor, tachycardia, and fatigue. This crisis is normally triggered by parvovirus B19, which directly affects erythropoiesis (**production of red blood cells**) by invading the red cell precursors and multiplying in them and destroying them. Parvovirus infection nearly completely prevents red blood cell production for two to three days. In normal individuals, this is of little consequence, but the shortened red cell life of sickle-cell patients results in an abrupt, life-threatening situation. Reticulocyte counts drop dramatically during the disease (**causing reticulocytopenia**), and the rapid turnover of red cells leads to the drop in haemoglobin. This crisis takes 4 days to one week to disappear. Most patients can be managed supportively; some need blood transfusion.

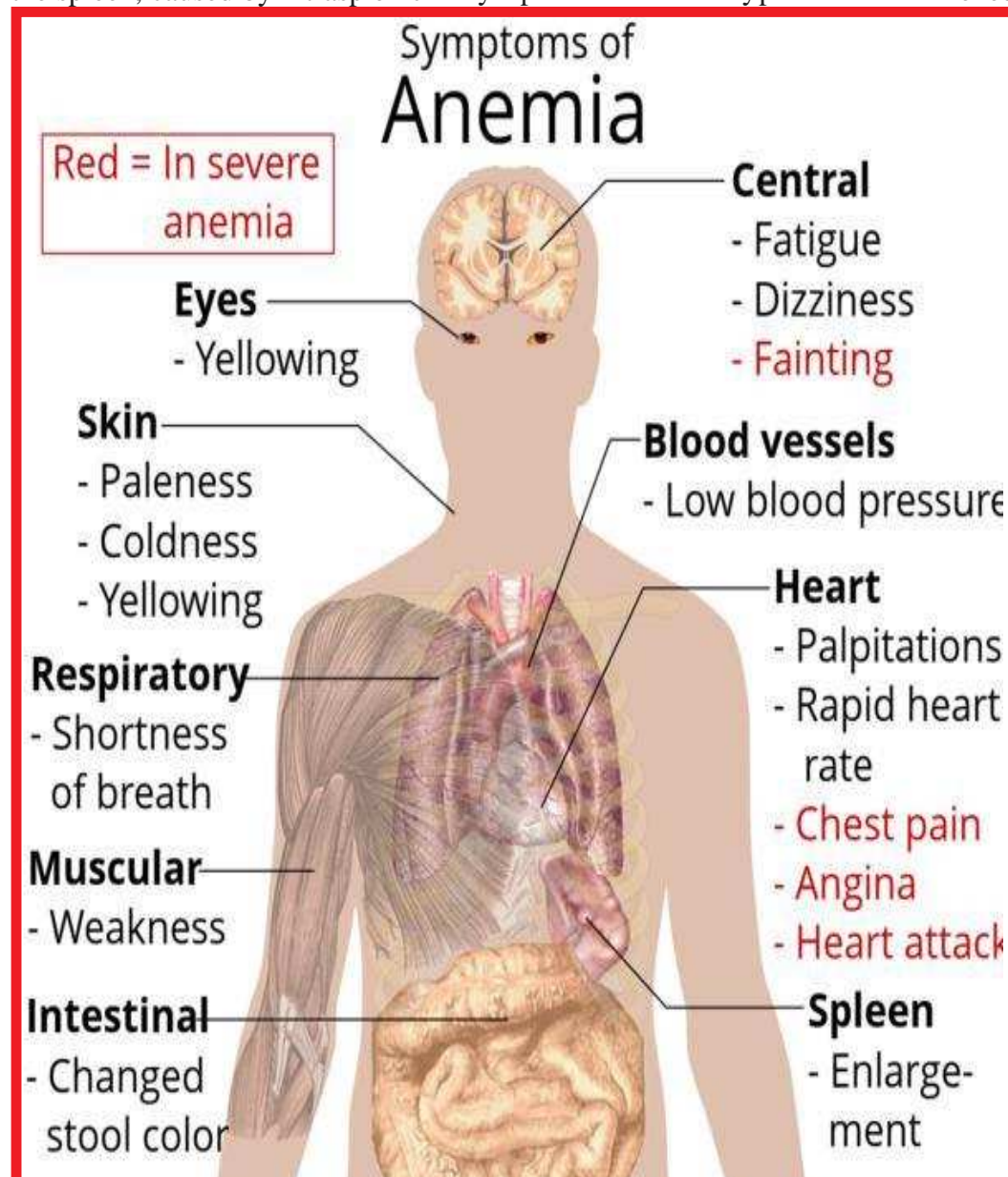
Haemolytic crisis

Haemolytic crises are acute accelerated drops in haemoglobin level. The red blood cells break down at a

faster rate. This is particularly common in patients with co-existent G6PD deficiency. Management is supportive, sometimes with blood transfusions.

Other

One of the earliest clinical manifestations is dactylitis, presenting as early as six months of age, and may occur in children with sickle trait. The crisis can last up to a month. Another recognised type of sickle crisis is the acute chest syndrome, a condition characterised by fever, chest pain, difficulty breathing, and pulmonary infiltrate on a chest X-ray. Given that pneumonia and sickling in the lung can both produce these symptoms, the patient is treated for both conditions. It can be triggered by painful crisis, respiratory infection, bone-marrow embolisation, or possibly by atelectasis, opiate administration, or surgery.



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Public Advisory on Use of Specific Health Products

Belmopan. June 24, 2014.

The Ministry of Health has received a public notification from the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), through the International Health Regulations of the World Health Organization, on health products that consumers are advised NOT to purchase.

Consumers are advised not to purchase or use the following products that are promoted and sold for weight loss on websites or in retail stores: **Dr. Ming's Chinese Capsule, 7 Days Herbal Slim, Sliming Diet**

Berry Plus, Asset Extreme, SlimEasy Herbs Capsule and Meizitang Citrus.

FDA Laboratory confirms that these products contain Sibutramine, a controlled substance removed from the market for safety reasons in October 2010.

In addition, consumers are advised to not purchase or use the following products promoted and sold for sexual enhancement: **CONTROL All Natural Sexual Enhancement and Best Whips.**

According to the FDA, these

products contain the undeclared ingredients Sulfoildenafil and Dimethylsildenafil. These ingredients may interact with nitrates found in medications prescribed specifically to men suffering from diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol or heart disease.

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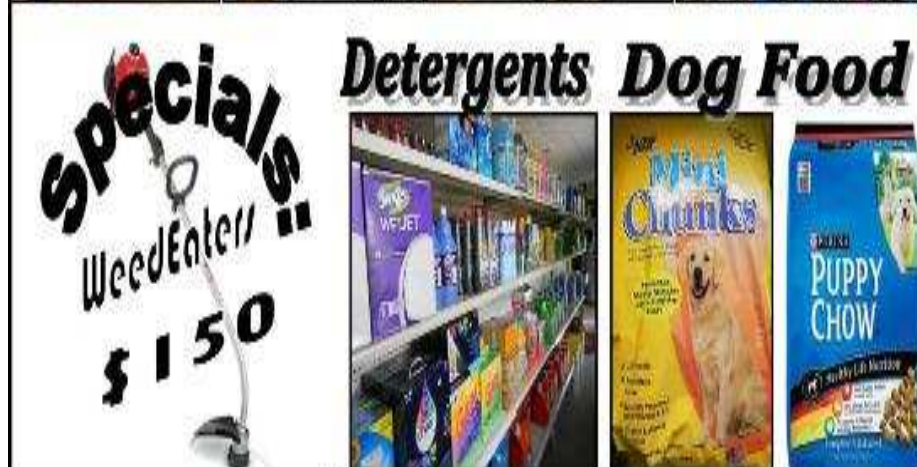
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Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20

Strengthen relationship ties and pursue partnership interests through understanding and listening. Though you're willing to discuss key matters, midweek may be a test of your patience. You might feel you've reached a point of no return regarding a certain person. However, a chance to clear the air and come to grips with the central issue could make it easier to cooperate on a range of matters. Start home-based DIY projects on Friday to coincide with the New Moon. **Lucky numbers: 01, 25, 81.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21

A change in your financial situation could see you pondering some fresh ideas. As Mercury continues its retrograde phase, you might want to rethink your budget or figure out the best way to save money without cutting back too much. The New Moon in Cancer on Friday may be very helpful for you, encouraging you to make a fresh start in any area you choose. Take it easy over the weekend, as someone with a hidden agenda may seem overly friendly. **Lucky numbers: 17, 38, 62.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21

Have a good plan in place, because some parts of this week could cause you to feel somewhat unsettled. Perhaps a friendship is a cause for concern, or a love interest seems to prefer to be alone rather than with you. Short trips bring pleasure, as does participation in group activities. Sweet words of love can make a relationship come alive. However, you will need to trust your intuition and let your desires take you where they will. **Lucky numbers: 31, 47, 79.**

CANCER

June 21 to July 21

Major plans could encounter challenges before they get underway, as conflict between family and career could cause trouble. However, Venus in your spiritual sector enhances your relationship with yourself, so you may find the courage to stand firm. The

New Moon in Cancer is the best time to come to grips with a plan that could be a game changer. There are romantic opportunities this weekend, but don't take someone's word as gospel. If your creative side has an opportunity to shine, go for it! **Lucky numbers: 52, 86, 93.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

This might not be the best time to ask favors, as others may seem indifferent. An edgy link midweek suggests that certain folks may need space, and they could have a desire to do their own thing. Yet, when it comes to romance, you'll be at your flirtatious best. Whether you're in a long-term relationship or looking for love, social events can add sparkle to the days ahead. The New Moon on Friday is perfect for starting a new spiritual practice, such as meditation or yoga. **Lucky numbers: 06, 29, 66.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

Career matters benefit from more interaction with key people. Perhaps an informal meeting could help you make the right impression. Take it easy midweek, particularly if you feel stressed. A conscious effort to slow down could make it easier to focus. However, if you're living on your nerves it might help to book a massage or spa treatment as a way to soothe ruffled feathers. Friday brings a chance of new beginnings in a social setting. Perhaps it's time to move in new circles? **Lucky numbers: 35, 59, 77.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

You may need all the patience you can muster, especially early in the week. Certain folks could let you down and be disruptive. Yet being pushed out of your comfort zone in this way might encourage you to give as good as you get. Perhaps it's time to stand up to someone who's been doing this for too long. A New Moon in your career sector on Friday brings an opportunity for a fresh start, whether it's a new job, contract, or idea for a business. **Lucky**

numbers: 10, 74, 88

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

Anxious feelings could leave you needing to retreat. Perhaps it's time to relax and work on stress-busting techniques, especially on Wednesday. Far horizons call with a focus on travel, learning, and expanding your options. This week brings a special opportunity to move outside your comfort zone. In particular, the New Moon brings a two-week window of opportunity in which to make a fresh start. Be careful in romance this weekend. All that glitters may not be gold. **Lucky numbers: 04, 13, 98.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

Certain friendly ties could be more of a burden than usual, particularly if they're argumentative. Be the best friend you can be, but don't expect the same treatment in return. However, the same folks could revert to their usual open and supportive selves in few days. Think about making a fresh start with shared finances. Friday's New Moon brings opportunities to consolidate debt and make radical changes where necessary. Keep receipts if buying big-ticket items this weekend. **Lucky numbers: 22, 46, 73.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

Luck is in the air as Venus moves into Gemini this week. This is when you can grab the brass ring, though

you might need to make an effort to avail yourself of an opportunity. A combination of good common sense and inventive genius can make you a winner at whatever you do. A relationship gets a special boost as the New Moon invites you to take it to the next level. Later, watch out for mixed signals, even if someone's intentions seem good. **Lucky numbers: 24, 33, 40.**

AQUARIUS:

January 20 to February 18

A dream or moment of quiet contemplation could bring inspiration, thanks to your intuition. When it comes to family affairs, a friend could suggest a radical solution that you might want to adopt. Kindness, sympathy, and good feelings abound, making for easy relationships. Friday's New Moon can be perfect for starting a diet or fitness routine, particularly if you're eager to get a beach-ready body. A romantic opportunity could be too good to miss on Saturday. **Lucky numbers: 56, 60, 84.**

PISCES:

February 20 to March 21

Don't take it personally if someone backs out of a commitment. This is one of those weeks when disruptions can occur right when you don't need them. Midweek may need special attention, as an impulsive desire to shop could affect your finances. If you can't stick to a budget, take a friend with you who can intervene at the right moment. The weekend seems made for romance, but try not to get stuck with someone who is a bit of a drain. **Lucky numbers: 19, 55, 89.**

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Luis Suarez bite: Uruguay striker banned for four months

Uruguay striker **Luis Suarez** has been suspended from all football-related activity for four months for biting Italy defender **Giorgio Chiellini**.

In addition, the Liverpool player, 27, has been banned for nine international matches, ruling him out of the rest of the 2014 Fifa World Cup.

He will also miss the first nine games of the Premier League season.

Uruguay say they will appeal, calling it an *"excessive decision"* for which *"there was not enough evidence"*.

Uruguay Football Association president **Wilmar Valdez** added: **"I have seen more aggressive incidents recently."**

"It is a severe punishment. I don't know exactly which arguments they used but it is a tough punishment for Suarez."

The player has also been fined 100,000 Swiss francs (£65,680) for the incident, which occurred on Tuesday as Uruguay beat Italy 1-0 to finish second in group D and qualify for the last 16 in Brazil.

The ban is the biggest in World Cup history, beating the eight games given to Italy's **Mauro Tassotti** for elbowing Spain's **Luis Enrique** in 1994.

"Such behaviour cannot be tolerated on any football pitch and, in particular, not at a Fifa World Cup when the eyes of millions of people are on the stars on the field," **Claudio Sulser**, chairman of the Fifa disciplinary committee, said in a statement.

Suarez has now been found guilty of biting three opponents in his career and former Liverpool defender **Mark Lawrenson** felt the suspension should have been longer.

"Say my boy was about 11 or 12, how do you explain to your lad who's a football fan exactly what Luis Suarez keeps doing," he told BBC Sport.

"He is now a persistent offender and I thought actually the ban would have been much harsher."

Suarez was banned for 10



Suarez's performance after the bite

games for biting Chelsea's **Branislav Ivanovic** during a Premier League match in 2013 and was also suspended for seven games for biting PSV Eindhoven's **Otman Bakkal** in 2010.

Mexican referee **Marco Rodriquez** did not see Suarez

bite Chiellini on the left shoulder, but Fifa ordered an inquiry after the match following protests by the Italian.

Suarez had tried to dismiss the incident, telling Uruguayan television: **"These are just things that happen out on the pitch. It was just the two of**

us inside the area and he bumped into me with his shoulder."

Suarez's first match back for Liverpool could be in round four of the Capital One Cup, should the Reds win their first game after entering the tournament in the third



The bite marks that Suarez gave Chiellini

round, with matches due to take place in the week commencing 27 October.

Reds chief executive **Ian Ayre** said: **"Liverpool Football Club will wait until we have seen and had time to review**

the Fifa disciplinary committee report before making any further comment."

Under the terms of the ban, Suarez cannot train with Liverpool and is prohibited from entering the confines of any

stadium during the period of his suspension.

But Liverpool would not be prevented from selling the former Ajax player this summer should they decide

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Mexican Tijuana Cartel Boss Sanchez Arellano 'Captured'



Francisco Javier Arellano

The **Arellano Felix** clan is one of the most feared criminal families in Mexico

The Mexican army says it has captured the leader of the once-powerful Tijuana cartel, **Luis Fernando Sanchez Arellano**.

In the 1990s, the cartel controlled much of the drugs flow from the northern Mexican city of Tijuana to the United States.

But it was dealt a severe blow after the arrest of four of the brothers leading it and the killing of a fifth.

Luis Fernando Sanchez Arellano is the nephew of the



Benjamin Arellano

Arellano Felix brothers who originally founded the cartel.

An army official said Mr Sanchez Arellano was captured on Monday afternoon shortly after the Mexican football team reached the last 16 of the Fifa World Cup by beating Croatia.

The security forces often time their raids to coincide with holidays or events when they know their target and its bodyguards may be less vigilant.

The government had offered a 30-million-peso reward (\$2.3m; £1.4m) for information leading to his capture.

Mr Sanchez Arellano is the



Ramon Arellano

latest of the infamous crime family to be arrested.

Family Business

The Tijuana cartel was founded by Benjamin Arellano Felix in the late 1980s.

After his arrest in 2002, his youngest brother Francisco Javier took over the leadership of

the cartel until he himself was captured by the US Coast Guard while fishing off the coast of Baja California in 2006.

Another brother **Eduardo** took over the reins for the following two years until his capture in 2008.

Ramon, considered the most violent of the brothers, was killed in a shoot-out with police in 2002.

The cartel is said to have tortured and killed rivals in the US and Mexico, sometimes dissolving their bodies in vats of corrosives.

The oldest of the Arellano Felix brothers, Francisco Rafael, was shot dead last year by gunmen disguised as clowns who burst into his birthday party.

Mexican officials believe the cartel has been led in recent years by Luis, along with his mother Enedina.

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to offload him to another club.

He has already been linked with moves to Real Madrid and Barcelona.

Sponsor Adidas said it "fully supports Fifa's decision" and will not use Suarez for any more

marketing purposes during the World Cup.

"We will again be reminding him of the high standards we expect from our players," added the company. "We will discuss all aspects of our future partnership directly with Suarez and his team."

No Arrest In Venus Burglary

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Friday, June 27, 2014:

Five days later, almost four thousand dollars worth of items stolen, three persons interviewed, Zero arrests made.

San Ignacio police informed of the receipt of a burglary report from **Teresita Silva Johnson** proprietor of Venus Store located at #6 Hudson Street in San Ignacio.

The complainant informed that the store was secured at 9:00 pm on Saturday, June 21 and that upon checking at around 5:30 am the following day, the store was found to have been burglarized. Entry was gained through an opening pryed into the metal shutter attached to the front entrance.

Missing from the various showcases inside the store were

the following:

- Six digicell cellular telephone of various brands with a combined value of \$2,135;
- Three wrist watches (2 **Casio**, 1 **Guess brand**): \$699;
- A gold ring: \$195;
- A silver ring: \$40;
- A set of silver bracelets: \$395;
- A Nintendo DS console: \$250 and
- A Game Boy advance Console: \$250.

All for a total value of \$3,964.

Police reports interviewing three suspects all of whom were later released without charges as an arrest is yet to be made.

Anyone with information that can assist the police is asked to contact Crimes Investigation Branch personnel at the police station in San Ignacio.



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Getting Our Share Of The National Development Pie

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A new cemented round-about is now in full operation at the junction of the George Price Highway and La Loma Luz Boulevard in Santa Elena. We can hardly remember what the area looked like prior to this major improvement.

The entire length of La Loma Boulevard is properly paved complete with cemented sidewalks on both sides. Steel light poles with underground wiring have replaced those old and leaning wooden lamp posts with their spider web of crisscrossing overhead high tension electrical cables that once dangerously hung overhead along La Loma Luz Boulevard.

Construction is now underway for the first ever two lane bridge across the Macal River connecting La Loma Luz Boulevard in Santa Elena to Joseph Andrews Drive in San Ignacio. A new roadway has been constructed through the Golden Orange orchard linking the new bridge with Joseph Andrews Drive.

The TOTAL transformation of Joseph Andrews Drive in San Ignacio is nearing completion. The carriageway is now much wider. As with La Loma Luz Boulevard, steel light polls with underground wiring will replace outdated wooden lamp posts. The new light poles will be securely anchored in the reconstructed median along the full length of Joseph Andrews Drive. New drains under covered sidewalks are now in place on both sides of the impressive Joseph Andrews Drive.

A new round-about is nearing completion in the area where



BWS Crew At Work, Columbus Park, San Ignacio



The paved Andrews Street In Santa Elena

Joseph Andrews Drive rejoins the George Price Highway in San Ignacio.

The new Welcome Center in San Ignacio is now a reality serving residents of the community and visitors alike. It replaces the outdated Coronation Park built many, many years ago to commemorate the coronation of **Queen Elizabeth II**.

The middle section of Burns Avenue has undergone major improvements consequently increasing the value of private

properties in the area.

The upper section of Burns Avenue is now ready to receive a cement surface with matching sidewalks on both sides.

Crews from the electricity, telephone and water companies are taking advantage of the dry weather as they are improving their underground assets in the area surrounding the Columbus Park in San Ignacio after which the area will be cemented making those trademark potholes in the area a thing of the past.

Eden Drive in Santa Elena is now paved all the way into Hillview.

Carmen and Andrews Streets also in Santa Elena are now paved. Residents along these streets are thankful for the improvement as they will now be living dust free. How we wish that Miss Kate was still with us as it was always her dream to see the day when the dust on Andrews Street in front of her house would be no more. Unfortunately she passed away before the **Hon. Rene Montero** and the United Democratic Party came to government. She must however be smiling from heaven as her family is living free from the dust she endured for most of her life on Andrews Street in Santa Elena.

Many more jobs have been created as works began this week on the historic cementing of the first street in Santa Elena. That’s right, Bishop Martin Street is lined with Santa Elena workers as they proudly labor to improve their community while earning an honest living.

Works likewise began this week on Falcon Field in San Ignacio as a million dollars is slated to be expended in the massive improvement of this basketball facility including an overhead cover, bleachers, lights and other modern conveniences.

The Victor Galvez Stadium in San Ignacio and the football field in Santa Elena are slated for major upgrading as the recently created Belize Infrastructure Limited undertakes signature projects with funds indetified by **Prime Minster Dean Barrow** and the United Democratic Party Government. Truly, A Government For ALL.



Eden Drive In Santa Elena Is Now Fully Paved
PHOTO Hon. Rene Montero (C) flanked by Councilors Eduardo Cano (L) and Michael Salazar(R)



The paving of Carmen Street In Santa Elena ... DONE!



TOP PSE EARNERS receive great rewards from BTL & Go Wireless Direct

On Wednesday, June 25, 2014 the Ministry of Education (MOE) hosted their annual PSE Award Ceremony at the Belize Biltmore Plaza and BTL was there to share in such a prestigious event. At this ceremony, the top 26 PSE performers were awarded for their hard work and great achievement.

Ashton Tillett

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BTL takes this opportunity to say congratulations to all the top ranking PSE performers, Go Wireless for their kind contributions, and MOE for allowing BTL to partake in this prestigious event.



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