Witnessing The Passing Of A Generation

SANTA ELENA, Cayo, Friday, July 4, 2014:

It’s with profound sadness that we record the passing of two well known Santa Elena women, Mrs. Pricilla Cruz Wiltshire and Mrs. Martha Oralia Waight.

Mrs. Pricilla, better known as “Ma Pris” was born on November 14, 1936. She passed away on Wednesday, July 2, 2014.

Ma Pris is survived by her husband, Cecil Wiltshire; daughters: Jacqueline and Janell as well as Sandra “Tosh” Lanza. Sons: Lyndon “Peels” and Dion Wiltshire; brothers David Cruz of Belmopan and George Frazer (BNTU Secretary General); one sister, Dorothy Frazer-Garbutt. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and many friends. A wake will be held on Friday, July 4 at the Wiltshire Residence on Zaiden Street in Santa Elena. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 6 at 2:00 pm at the Nazarene Church in San Ignacio. She will be laid to rest inside the Carmen Memorial Cemetery in Santa Elena.

Mrs. Martha was born on January 15, 1943 and the Lord called her home on July 3, 2014. She is predeceased by her Superintendent of Police Dinsdale Timothy Thompson

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**Editorial**

**Are You A Hater Or Are You A Lover?**

As we journey through this life and witness the passing of that generation just before ours, we begin to realize just how short this life is. Why are we not more loving to each other? Why do we spend time hating and harming one another?

In the natural course of life, we have come to accept the passing of our mothers and our fathers, this tells us that the next generation on the way out is ours.

Our children are now having children, this makes us grandparents, our children’s children will soon be having children, this makes us great grandparents. Do you honestly believe that you will be around to see your children’s, children’s, children’s having children? The unstoppable passing of your generation is at hand.

It is when we reach this juncture in our lives that we realize just how short life is. If we want to do our part in making a better world it is imperative for those with infant children to teach them to love and care for others. The best way to do this is to educate your children. Prepare them for a successful life ahead. A child unprepared to face life’s challenges will become a menace to society.

Let’s stop hating and start loving each other. Those who hate and harm others are testimonies of the ill prepared. Ask yourself, were you prepared or ill prepared to face life challenges? The answer can be had by simply asking yourself another question: Are you a hater or are you a lover?

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Additional Flights and Route to Belize

Belize City, Belize – June 27th, 2014 – There is exciting news to report on the international flights to/from Belize. As the tourism numbers continue to grow, the international airlines operating in Belize have recognized the demand for increased airlifts to Belize. Delta has responded by implementing additional flights through the Atlanta route to Belize. Starting mid-December, 2014, Delta will increase its Atlanta-Belize frequencies from 8 flights a week to 12. These additions will represent 596 seats more per week for the high season from this key gateway. The airline will also resume its Saturday non-stop Los Angeles – Belize flight on November 7, which is seven weeks earlier than last year and represents an additional 160 seats per week from the west coast of the USA for November and December.

Also capitalizing on the growing demand for the destination, United Airlines has announced a new direct flight for Chicago-Belize. This new service will be available on Saturdays and will be operational starting December, 2014, to May, 2015. United already flies to Belize from Houston and Newark Liberty.

When the new Chicago route resumes, Belize will be directly accessible via 7 major hubs in the US:

- Miami, Florida
- Houston, Texas
- Dallas, Texas
- Los Angeles, California
- Charlotte, North Carolina
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Chicago, Illinois

With these new developments in airlifts, the Belize Tourism Board expects an increase in the tourism numbers to Belize for the upcoming high season.

About the Belize Tourism Board
The Belize Tourism Board (BTB) is a statutory body within the Belize Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Civil Aviation, and it is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Minister of Tourism and Culture. The BTB works in conjunction with members of the private sector - including the Belize Hotel Association, Belize Tourism Industry Association and Belize National Tour Operators Association – and is dedicated to building tourism in the most economically and environmentally sustainable manner. As a part of its responsibilities, the BTB promotes Belize as a premier tourism destination to both in-country and international consumers. Among its outreach to the international travel market, the BTB markets the country’s unique attractions to travellers, members of the travel trade industry and media outlets in key markets.

The BTB is also dedicated to developing and implementing tourism programs that will help strengthen and grow the Belizean tourism industry; promote good destination stewardship; and instil high quality standards for accommodations and travel experiences. For more information on the BTB and its services, visit [www.travelbelize.org](http://www.travelbelize.org).
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Remuneration is commensurate with MOE approved salary scales.

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Nine San Ignacio Police Promoted

Cpl. # 1168 Leonard Puc and Cpl.# 597 Rigoberto Patt
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo,
Thursday, July 3, 2014:
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To be promoted from constable to corporal are: PC # 292 Rowland Augustine; PC # 495 Jason Jones; PC # 1121 Ciriaco Medina; PC # 597 Rigoberto Patt; PC # 692 Jose Pinelo; PC # 1168 Leonard Puc and WPC # 625 Debbie Reynolds.

Raising from the Non-Commission to Commission rank (NCO) are Sergeant #651 Stanley Bowden and Wsergeant #433 Natalie Castillo both of whom will now retire their regulation numbers to become Inspectors of police thereby being elevated to the Commission Officer rank of the Belize Police Department.

Congratulations are therefore in order for these nine deserving members of the department. Given that apart from doing well in the recent promotional exams, several factors are known to have been taken into consideration in this round of promotions, we therefore encourage these personnel to stay on the right track and to continue conducting their duties to the very best of their abilities with respect always to the community they are sworn to serve and protect.

Cpl. # 1121 Ciriaco Medina

Dear Editor;
Thank you for the enlightening article last week by Mr. Leonides Sanchez. I fully agree with his view and reiterate the need to instill in our children the skills necessary for their honorable survival.

In furtherance of Mr. Sanchez’ views, I am one of those disgusted by the increasing number of adults and now children, message on a Bristol board in hand, begging at speed bumps along our highways. In some instances they stand dangerously in the middle of our highways and in many instances they are female children.

Every time I come upon this situation, it makes me ask: Are we creating a society of beggars? Why do these people not organize fundraising events in their communities? Is it because it is easier to beg than to work for what we need?

I would prefer any time to stop and spend ten dollars at a Bar-B-Q fundraising event than to drop a shilling into the outstretched hands of beggars on our highways. Kudos!!! Very well said Mr. Sanchez.

Yolanda Alvarado

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**Breastfeeding**

A man was riding a bus, minding his own business, when the gorgeous woman next to him started to breastfeed her baby.

The baby wouldn't take it, so she said, "Come on, eat it all up or .... I'll have to give it to this nice man here."

Five minutes later, the baby was still not feeding, so she said, "Come on, honey. Take it or I'll give it to this nice man here."

A few minutes later, the anxious man blurted out, "Come on, kid. Make up your mind! I was supposed to get off four stops ago!"

**What's in the Bag**

Simple Simon and the Pie Man are walking down different ends of a street toward each other and the Pie Man is carrying a sack. When they meet, Simple Simon says to the Pie Man, "Hey, what'cha got in th' bag?"

"Jus' some chickens."

"If I guess how many there are, can I have one?"

"I'll give you both of them."

"Ok. Ummmmm, five?"

**The Confident Genius**

A proud and confident genius makes a bet with an idiot.

The genius says, "Hey idiot, every question I ask you that you don't know the answer, you have to give me $5. And if you ask me a question and I can't answer yours I will give you $500."

The idiot says, "Okay."

The genius then asks, "How many continents are there in the world?"

The idiot doesn't know and hands over the $5.

The idiot says, "Now me ask: what animal stands on two legs but sleeps on three?"

The genius tries and searches very hard for the answer but gives up and hands over the $500.

The genius says, "Dang it, I lost. By the way, what was the answer to your question?"

The idiot hands over $5.

**Racial Profiling**

Tom was standing at the bar in Blue Angel’s Night Club and this small Chinese guy comes in, stands next to me and starts drinking a beer.

Tom asked him, "Do you know any of those martial arts things, like Kung-Fu, Karate or Ju-Jitsu?"

He says "No, why the hell you ask me that? Is it because I am Chinese?"

"No", Tom said, "It's because you're drinking my beer, you little prick."

**Wife:** "How would you describe me?"

**Husband:** "ABCDEF GHIJK."

**Wife:** "What does that mean?"

**Husband:** "Adorable, beautiful, cute, delightful, elegant, fashionable, gorgeous, and hot."

**Wife:** "Aw, thank you, but what about IJK?"

**Husband:** "I'm just kidding!"

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Dengue fever, also known as breakbone fever, is a mosquito-borne tropical disease caused by the dengue virus. Symptoms include fever, headache, muscle and joint pains, and a characteristic skin rash that is similar to measles. In a small proportion of cases the disease develops into the life-threatening dengue hemorrhagic fever, resulting in bleeding, low levels of blood platelets and blood plasma leakage, or into dengue shock syndrome, where dangerously low blood pressure occurs.

Dengue is transmitted by several species of mosquito within the genus Aedes, principally A. aegypti. The virus has five different types; infection with one type usually gives lifelong immunity to that type, but only short-term immunity to the others. Subsequent infection with a different type increases the risk of severe complications. As there is no commercially available vaccine, prevention is sought by reducing the habitat and the number of mosquitoes and limiting exposure to bites.

Typically, people infected with dengue virus are asymptomatic (80%) or only have mild symptoms such as an uncomplicated fever. Others have more severe illness (5%), and in a small proportion it is life-threatening. The incubation period (time between exposure and onset of symptoms) ranges from 3–14 days, but most often it is 4–7 days. Therefore, travelers returning from endemic areas are unlikely to have dengue if fever or other symptoms start more than 14 days after arriving home. Children often experience symptoms similar to those of the common cold and gastroenteritis (vomiting and diarrhea) and have a greater risk of severe complications, though initial symptoms are generally mild but include high fever.

The characteristic symptoms of dengue are sudden-onset fever, headache (typically located behind the eyes), muscle and joint pains, and a rash. The alternative name for dengue, "breakbone fever", comes from the associated muscle and joint pains. The course of infection is divided into three phases: febrile, critical, and recovery.

The febrile phase involves high fever, potentially over 40 °C (104 °F), and is associated with generalized pain and a headache; this usually lasts two to seven days. Nausea and vomiting may also occur. A rash occurs in 50–80% of those with symptoms in the first or second day of symptoms as flushed skin, or later in the course of illness (days 4–7), as a measles-like rash. A rash described as "islands of white in a sea of red" has also been described. Some petechiae (small red spots that do not disappear when the skin is pressed, which are caused by broken capillaries) can appear at this point, as may some mild bleeding from the mucous membranes of the mouth and nose. The fever itself is classically biphasic or saddleback in nature, breaking and then returning for one or two days.

In some people, the disease proceeds to a critical phase as fever resolves. During this period there is leakage of plasma from the blood vessels which typically lasts one to two days. This may result in fluid accumulation in the chest and abdominal cavity as well as depletion of fluid from the circulation and decreased blood supply to vital organs. There may also be organ dysfunction and severe bleeding, typically from the gastrointestinal tract. Shock (dengue shock syndrome) and hemorrhage (dengue hemorrhagic fever) occur in less than 5% of all cases of dengue, however those who have previously been infected with other serotypes of dengue virus ("secondary infection") are at an increased risk. This critical phase, while rare, occurs relatively more commonly in children and young adults.

The recovery phase occurs next, with resorption of the leaked fluid into the bloodstream. This usually lasts two to three days. The improvement is often striking, and can be accompanied with severe itching and a slow heart rate. Another rash may occur with either a maculopapular or a vasculitic appearance, which is followed by peeling of the skin. During this stage, a fluid overload state may occur; if it affects the brain, it may cause a reduced level of consciousness or seizures. A feeling of fatigue may last for weeks in adults.

There are no approved vaccines for the dengue virus. Prevention thus depends on control of and protection from the bites of the mosquito that transmits it. The World Health Organization recommends an Integrated Vector Control program consisting of five elements:

- Advocacy, social mobilization and legislation to ensure that public health bodies and communities are strengthened;
- Collaboration between the health and other sectors (public and private);
- An integrated approach to disease control to maximize use of resources;
- Evidence-based decision making to ensure any interventions are targeted appropriately; and
- Capacity-building to ensure an adequate response to the local situation.

The primary method of controlling A. aegypti is by eliminating its habitats. This is done by getting rid of open sources of water, or if this is not possible, by adding insecticides or biological control agents to these areas. Generalized spraying with organophosphate or pyrethroid insecticides, while sometimes done, is not thought to be effective. Reducing open collections of water through environmental modification is the preferred method of control, given the concerns of negative health effects from insecticides and greater logistical difficulties with control agents. People can prevent mosquito bites by wearing clothing that fully covers the skin, using mosquito netting while resting, and/or the application of insect repellent (DEET being the most effective). However, these methods appear not to be sufficiently effective, as the frequency of outbreaks appears to be increasing in some areas, probably due to urbanization increasing the habitat of A. aegypti. The range of the disease appears to be expanding possibly due to climate change.
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Utilities Commission Act, Chapter 223 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity (Tariffs, Fees and Charges) Byelaws, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC; the Commission) hereby notifies the general public that it has made and issued the 2014 Annual Review Proceeding Final Decision (hereinafter referred to as “the Final Decision”) for the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL; the Licensee).

2014 Annual Review Proceeding Initial Decision and Comments/Objections:
The Commission made and issued the 2014 Annual Review Proceeding Initial Decision (hereinafter referred to as “the Initial Decision”) on May 2, 2014. The Licensee and Interested Parties were allowed to submit written comments on, or objections to, the Initial Decision by 5:00 PM on Monday, May 12, 2014. No objections were received. Therefore, in accordance with the Electricity (Tariffs, Fees and Charges) Byelaws, the Initial Decision is adopted as the Final Decision.

Summary of the Final Decision:
a) The Commission approved a Mean Electricity Rate (MER) of $0.4347 per kilowatt-hour, representing a 2.65% reduction in the MER (current MER is $0.4465 per kilowatt-hour).

b) The Commission approved various adjustments to Cost of Power, Regulated Asset Value (RAV) and other Regulated Values approved for the Full Tariff Period of July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2016.

c) The Commission approved the following Tariffs to be applied for the Annual Tariff Periods (ATP) of July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, and July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016.

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL)
Approved Tariffs for the Period of July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2016

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*The Commission approved no adjustments to any other previously approved Regulated Values, Mean Electricity Rates, Tariffs, Charges and Fees in any relevant Final Decision made for the Full Tariff Period (FTP) of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2016.*

**Viewing of Final Decision:**
The Final Decision may be viewed in its entirety at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission at 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, or on the PUC Website at www.puc.bz.

*Issued by the Public Utilities Commission on June 30, 2014*
Victor Galvez Gets Face-Lift

By: Richard Zul

Volunteers Katherine Goodman, Miranda Porter, Emily Fuller, Cassie Schuttrumpf, Mary Scouten, with country directors Angela and Adam Carmack from the Help International organization have painted a total of 20 murals along the inner walls of the Victor Galvez Stadium in San Ignacio. Help International has been coming to Belize since 2010 working with Richard Zul to fight poverty and empower people.

Working early in the mornings for the past four weeks, these volunteers have dedicated their time and money towards covering up graffiti in the park and sharing uplifting messages along these walls.

If anyone would like to further help this project, paint donations and more volunteers would be greatly appreciated. To donate please contact Richard Zul at 670-8876 or 665-4921. These volunteers have also planned a Park-Clean-Up Day on July 18th from 11am-3pm at the Victor Galvez Stadium.

Help International Volunteers

in which youth are especially invited.

There will be games and activities such as football and a water balloon toss after the trash pick-up. Feel free to bring gloves, garbage bags, sports balls, and water if you can!

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Chinese couple charged

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, June 30, 2014:

A Chinese business couple was today in court charged with wounding a customer.

The incident reportedly occurred 11 days ago, at around 2:30 pm on Thursday, June 19, when Linda Ellis entered, as a customer, Tom’s Grocery Store on Bullet Tree Road in San Ignacio. Ellis reportedly asked why the Fantasy Five numbers were not on the board. The Chinese woman, later identified as Yan Na Liang, reportedly told her that they had wiped off the numbers.

When Ellis requested an explanation as to why the numbers were removed, an argument reportedly erupted between Ellis and the Chinese woman. It is alleged that Ellis threw a carton box at the woman after which a physical contact ensued. The husband, Zhong Xien Li, reportedly joined in and allegedly began hitting Ellis to the feet with a stick. The matter was reported to the police who arrived on the scene shortly after receiving the report. The feuding parties were reportedly questioned after which Ellis was issued with a pair of medico legal forms. She sought medical attention resulting in the medical officer certifying the injury as wounding.

The investigation led, one week later, on Thursday, June 26 to the arrest of Yan Na Liang, 29, Chinese businesswoman and Zhong Xien Li, 36, Chinese businessman on a joint wounding charge while Zhong Xien Li was additionally issued with an aggravated assault charge.

The couple appeared in court on Monday, June 30 where they pled not guilty to all charges. They were offered and met bail in the sum of $800 each. They return to court on Monday, August 11, 2014.
Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

ARIES: March 22 to April 20
Interactions fuel positive friendships and lucrative deals. This is a great time to sell your goods and services and get your message out to the world. But when it comes to domestic affairs there could be a conflict between worldly duties and family matters. Mercury forges ahead from Tuesday, so you can now proceed with any projects that have been on the backburner. The weekend has a sparkly outlook, especially if you’re partying and having fun. Lucky numbers: 19, 29, 85.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21
You may be tempted by a few luxuries, but with the current focus on hard work you deserve to treat yourself. Enjoy it! Recent delays and frustrations may come to an end as Mercury turns direct from Tuesday to ease your path ahead. There could be one communication issue that develops into a running battle, especially on Friday. Tempers may be frayed, leading to arguments. However, if you know what this is about, try to deal with matters before they get to this stage. Lucky numbers: 07, 28, 55.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21
Good news as Mercury now dances ahead in your sign, putting an end to any troubles you might have encountered recently. Interactions and transactions should be less frustrating and more productive. But you might want to tweak your routines to make your love life in all sorts of fun ways. Avoid rocking the boat. Lucky numbers: 33, 49, 61.

LEO: July 24 to August 21
Social opportunities continue to be upbeat, with regular networking and other events to keep you connected. Whether you’re looking for love or touting for business, the days ahead can help further your agenda. All of this is made easier when Mercury dances ahead on Tuesday. This should put an end to mixed messages and misunderstandings that may have plagued your progress lately. Consider a stress-management program if you’ve been feeling overwhelmed. You are your own best resource, so take care. Lucky numbers: 73, 89, 97.

VIRGO: August 22 to September 21
Career matters seem to be going great guns. Mercury, your personal planet, forges ahead on Tuesday, so you can now proceed with plans and ideas that have been on the backburner. You’ll also find business and other interactions a lot smoother, too. Chance meetings with key players in your field can help to further your plans. When it comes to your social life, jealousy or other dark emotions could spoil a friendship. It might be best to confront things directly and make your peace. Lucky numbers: 14, 42, 64.

LIBRA: September 22 to October 23
You may experience ups and downs with folks, especially the unpredictable kind. But travel plans look positive as Mercury pushes ahead on Tuesday. If you’ve been itching to close a deal or sign a contract, you can now proceed. Yet there may be discontent concerning your work/home balance. You might have to stand firm regarding an important goal or career move, even in the face of opposition. Thankfully, edgy feelings blow over by the weekend to bring a chance to relax.

Lucky numbers: 23, 38, 46.

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21
Mercury turns direct on Tuesday, which could put an end to delays associated with shared finances or loan applications. Whether you’re single or in a long-term relationship, romantic opportunities look largely positive. Venus is currently in a more intimate sector of your chart, enhancing your love life in all sorts of fun ways. Try to avoid conflict on Friday, though, especially if you can’t see eye to eye with someone. If you want to remain friends, it might be best to walk away from arguments. Lucky numbers: 10, 31, 77.

SAGITTARIUS: November 22 to December 21
If misunderstandings have occurred recently, Mercury’s forward dance from Tuesday on offers a chance to make amends. Any frustrations associated with important deals or the signing of contracts begins to melt away, too. Progress can be made at last! However, it doesn’t mean that all tensions vanish as finances still need a careful appraisal. Try to avoid impulse purchases, especially if it’s a big-ticket item, as you could regret it later. Thankfully, the weekend brings stress relief and an unexpected invite that you might enjoy. Lucky numbers: 09, 17, 37.

CAPRICORN: December 22 to January 20
Mercury’s forward motion on Tuesday makes a positive difference at work and in everyday affairs. Interactions flow with ease, while delays and frustrations may become a thing of the past. Yet certain relationships could show signs of tension. If you know what this is about, try to nip it in the bud before it develops into an argument. Lifestyle issues also come into focus, particularly if you’ve been thinking about upgrading your gadgets. A little online research could spotlight some awesome bargains. Lucky numbers: 45, 66, 81.

AQUARIUS: January 20 to February 18
Leisure and pleasure options spotlight good times with family, children, and friends. Your fun-o-meter is set to high, so enjoy mingling and any romantic options that might show up. When it comes to your job, feeling energized and on top of your workload may be crucial to a stress-free life. If this is the case, you might want to tweak your routines to give you a little more downtime. A social event over the weekend could encourage a new friendship or instant attraction. Lucky numbers: 26, 40, 92.

PISCES: February 19 to March 20
If delays have stymied DIY or remodeling projects at home, these should ease as Mercury forges ahead on Tuesday. Whatever complications you may have experienced should now abate, allowing you to make progress. When it comes to your social life, things may not be so hunky-dory. If you and another have been putting off a conversation, you might want to get it over with this week. It’s time to sort out issues and make your peace. An impulsive buy could delight you this weekend. Lucky numbers: 01, 88, 96.

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World Cup 2014: Who Holds The Balance Of Power In World Football?

The last three weeks have provided a consistent narrative of fast, attacking football and excitement - exactly as the game’s rulers would have imagined it when they handed the tournament to Brazil.

Even the line-up for the last eight has a balance that brings pleasure to the purists, as four teams from the Americas are complimented by a quartet from Europe - all of them group winners.

The destiny of this World Cup will be decided in the iconic surroundings of the Maracana in Rio de Janeiro on Sunday week but all quarter-finalists have the opportunity to show where the balance of power lies between the two continents.

The seven World Cups held here in the Americas have failed to produce a European winner. On the flip side, Brazil are the only nation from the Americas to achieve a win on European soil - when they triumphed 5-2 in the final against hosts Sweden 56 years ago.

So for Netherlands coach Louis van Gaal, France's Didier Deschamps, Germany's Joachim Low and the Belgian Marc Wilmots there is the dual opportunity to make history for their countries and exert European domination.

For the likes of Luiz Felipe Scolari, attempting to win his second World Cup with Brazil, and Argentina's Alejandro Sabella in particular, there is the chance to send Europe home empty-handed once more.

At this stage Europe has often dominated. When Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay reached the last eight in South Africa four years ago, it was the first time representation from the Americas had been so strong since the Mexico World Cup in 1970.

So a similar number here represents a continued resurgence and an advance on the dark days of 1990 and 1994 when only one nation from the Americas reached the last eight - although Brazil did what mattered in the United States and claimed the trophy against Italy on penalties.

It was an era when the great Diego Maradona was critically on the wane for Argentina, even though they advanced to lose a desperately dull final to West Germany at Italia 90 - the South Americans showing they could still usually get one team in at the World Cup’s sharp end.

So do these figures represent a lasting shift in the balance of power back towards the Americas, or are there just geographical forces at work?

Germany coach Low believes tournaments held in South America hold a special appeal for those born there. As he prepared for an all-European quarter-final against France, he said: 'The South and Central Americans - Argentina, Colombia, Brazil, Mexico, Costa Rica - have certainly shown that on their continent they want to show their class. They want to show the entire world 'this is where we're playing, this is our continent and we will do whatever is necessary to satisfy our fans and our countries'.

'It was no surprise that these teams performed so well. They are very strong; they are at home on this continent and you can feel that.'

The continued influx of South American players into Europe since those struggles in the early 90s has bred familiarity with the style and demands, producing
Boyfriend Charged For Stealing From Partner

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, July 2, 2014:
A man from Esperanza Village, Cayo was today taken to court for allegedly injuring his girlfriend and for stealing her purse containing cash and a cellular telephone.

The charge stems from a June 15 report lodged by US national, Misty Dawn Oloughlin, 31, in which she alleged that at around 9:40 pm that day she was at her Church Street home in San Ignacio when her boyfriend, Floyd Alfred Anthony, apparently drunk arrived and entered the house through a window. An argument reportedly erupted between the complainant and the accused in the process of which the accused allegedly choked and scratched the complainant on various parts of her body.

The complainant reportedly managed to escape from the accused and locked up herself in another room. When she emerged from the room the accused was gone. The victim alleged that checks revealed that her white purse, containing four hundred and eighty two US dollars and her gray Kyocera brand cellular telephone, valued at one hundred and nine dollars, was missing. She was issued with a pair of medical legal forms on which the medical officer classified the injuries as harm.

The accused was detained fifteen days later. He was transported to the police station in San Ignacio where he was formally arrested and charged for harm under the Domestic Violence Act and for theft under the Criminal Code.

The 42 year old Belizean laborer was taken to court on Wednesday, July 2, where he pled not guilty to both charges. He was offered and met bail in the sum of one thousand dollars. He comes back to court on Wednesday, August 6, 2014.

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more rounded players and perhaps helping in the World Cup environment. The three superstars of the tournament so far - Brazil's Neymar, Lionel Messi of Argentina and the emerging Colombian James Rodriguez - ply their trades at Barcelona and Monaco respectively.

South America football writer Tim Vickery also believes the continent benefited from a change in the qualification process.

"There can be no doubt that the so-called lesser nations in South America have made dramatic strides since the introduction of the marathon World Cup qualification format in 1996," he said. "Regular competitive games and guaranteed income has allowed them to appoint good coaches and build proper sides.

"The South American nations realised that the forces of globalisation take their players to Europe at an ever-earlier age. The youth sides are where they secure them for the long-term future of the national team - where talented players are identified and given a crash course in their country's footballing identity."

The South, Central and North Americans have also bought into the fast-flowing, high-tempo styles that have been a feature of this World Cup. The African sides such as Nigeria and Algeria have shown the way too.

It would be wrong to suggest defence has become a forgotten art but the most successful teams have embraced the mood of swift, counter-attacking intent.

Algeria coach Vahid Halilhodzic, whose team created such a fine impression before going out to Germany in extra time in the last 16, believes the demands of the European leagues have also given the Americas an opportunity to make their mark here.

"The debacles of some European teams like Italy, Spain or even England - although for me England was not a surprise - were due to the fact they were a little bit tired," he said. "There was some saturation because their own national leagues were difficult, challenging, with a high number of matches. "They rested for a few days but it's not enough. There was a lot of physical tiredness but also psychological - a lack of motivation I've seen in some of the European teams. For me, some players who had won a number of things and were not really willing to win here. They didn't want to make more money or really give it their all to win the World Cup."

He believes this particularly applied to the dramatic decline in holders Spain, who were expected by many to fly the flag for Europe once more as they attempted to break through the South American barrier and retain the trophy.

"There was a lack of ambition," he said. "They won absolutely everything in the last decade and I think they were not willing to fight any more."

One element that has always been regarded as having a significant influence is the heat of the Americas, in particular the fierce temperature of two tournaments held in Mexico.

Former England winger Chris Waddell said: "Of course there is an advantage for players who have been brought up in hot climates, but I think with modern sports science and preparation techniques it is not as much of a factor as it was.

"I played in Mexico in 1986 and that was really hard. It was played at altitude and the temperatures were up about 35 to 40 degrees."

"In some ways we were the guinea pigs back then and now, in the modern era, you've got dieticians, sport scientists and all manner of people who give you advice on how to get the most out of your body. I think it is a more level playing field for European teams coming to places like Brazil now."

And on that level playing field in Brazil, a wonderful World Cup has delivered a straight fight for supremacy between Europe and the Americas.
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There Is A New Police Chief In Town
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Friday, July 4, 2014:
Recently promoted Superintendent of Police, Dinsdale Timothy Thompson is the new Commander of the San Ignacio Police Detachment.
Supt. Thompson is a 29 year veteran and former Chaplin of the Police Department. He is no stranger to the community as he had, just a few years ago, served as the Deputy Commander of the detachment he now commands.
Dinsdale Thompson joined the Police Department in October 1985. He has served in various branches at Eastern Division in Belize City as well as in Belmopan. He first arrived in San Ignacio in 2008 as an Inspector of Police second in command of the formation where he served for two years. He was transferred to Benque Viejo Town in 2010 where he took over full command from now retired Superintendent of Police Mrs. Louise Willis.

Benque Viejo Town has been good to Thompson as it was whilst commanding that formation that he was first promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Police, and in May 2014 he was again promoted to Superintendent of Police and transferred to San Ignacio.
Supt. Thompson assumed command of the San Ignacio Police formation on Tuesday, July 1. He relieved Inspector Reymundo Reyes holding over for Supt. Ralph Moody who was on vacation. Moody has since been transferred to Dangriga as the Commander of the Stann Creek (Police) District.
We join the community in again welcoming Supt. Thompson to the community simultaneously wishing him all the very best in this senior position. We look forward to working closely with him and the personnel under his command in the challenging task of creating a safer community.

Recording The Passing Of Two Santa Elena Women
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husband Mr. George “Bibi” Waight. She is survived by her sisters Ms. Ophelia Carbajal, Mrs. Gloria Delcia Burgess both of USA and also by Mrs. Graciela Bradley of San Ignacio. She is also survived by her children Eduardo, Santiago and Carlos Waight; Daughters, Guadalupe Valdez, Tomasita Rivera, Elvira Wolhers and Juanita Waight; 22 grand children and 4 great grand children; many nieces, nephews, family and friends. A wake will be held at her residence on George Price Avenue, Santa Elena on Friday, July 4, 2014. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 5 at 2:00 pm at St. Ignatius Church in Santa Elena followed by internment at the Carmen Memorial Cemetery in Santa Elena.
May the souls of Mrs. Pricitlla Wiltshire and Mrs. Martha Waight rest in eternal peace.

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