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A Five Year Old Case Finally Concluded

SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, Tuesday, July 8, 2014:

Five years after the vacation house of a Belizean engineer was cleaned out by burglars and destroyed by fire, the case finally ended today with the incarceration of one, the imposition of a fine against another and a third suspect still at large.

The case began way back in February 2009 when **Godwin Sutherland's** vacation house in the Mountain Pine Ridge area was burglarized and destroyed by fire. Police received information at around 9:00 pm on February 23, 2009 of a grey van heading from

San Antonio Village to San Ignacio town loaded with suspected stolen goods. A team of policemen headed towards San Antonio Village. The police came upon the van on the road between San Antonio Village and Cristo Rey Village. The driver complied with the order to stop the van, exit the vehicle and to open the back door. The van was found packed with plastic chairs, a brown sofa, a folding table, floor tiles and other construction materials. The driver, identified as **Rene Rivera**, 26 at the time, told the police that he is a Belizean mechanic residing in Santa Familia Village, Cayo.



The Victim
Eng. Godwin Sutherland

father in law **Albert Woodye**. Under caution Rivera told the police that he had gone with Woodye to get the items from a house in the Mountain Pine Ridge. He said that after loading the van and they were departing, Woodye told him to stop the vehicle. He said that Woodye exited the vehicle, walked back to the building after which he saw a huge flame coming from the building as Woodye returned to the van for the journey to Santa Familia.

The investigation later led to Woodye's house as well as the home of one **Gabriel Martin**

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Rest In Peace Ambassador

Belmopan. July 9, 2014.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs regrets to announce the passing of **Senior Ambassador H.E. Alfredo Martinez**, who was serving as Belize's Ambassador to Guatemala from 2003 to the present. He had also been serving as Non-Resident Ambassador to the Republics of Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama. In earlier postings he had served as Non-Resident Ambassador to Venezuela in 1994-1997, Cuba in 1996-1997, as Non-Resident High Commissioner to Jamaica in 1996-1997.

During his tenure in the Diplomatic Service of Belize, Ambassador Martinez served as Belize's Chief negotiator in the Belize/Guatemala negotiating process and as a member of the negotiating team for many years.



Senior Ambassador
H.E. Alfredo Martinez

His first diplomatic appointment took him to Mexico where he served

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Learning From Past Mistakes

If the possibility of a contempt charge was non-existent in terms of matters before a court, we would have long commented on the only possible outcome of the criminal proceeding against **Elvin Penner**.

What we find interesting in this matter is at least two "*firsts*" that it presents in the history of the nation. It is the first time that any Prime Minister of Belize has ever publicly announced the banning of an area representative from ever serving in the party he leads.

It is also the very first time that any serving Area Representative is before a court of law on a matter relevant to the ministerial portfolio that individual held.

If the government would have had a larger majority of area representatives, there would also have been the possibility that this would have been the first time an area representative would have been successfully recalled triggering a bye-election in the constituency to which that individual was elected.

A larger majority of area representatives for any one political party can either have positive or negative implications dependent on the integrity of the leader of that party. On the positive side a large majority in a team lead by an individual with the moral fortitude to take action against any and all forms of corruption will afford that leader and his party the leverage to recall the individual who has gone astray.

On the down side, a large majority with a leader who, himself is engaged in official corruption, will only mean the presence of a larger group of individuals raping the nation at the expense of the masses. Such a situation can easily result in the amassing of a large national debt with nothing to show for it. It can result in the corrupt giving away of a nation's key facilities to friends and cronies for very little or nothing at all. It can lead to the awarding of bloated contracts to relatives and friends resulting in substandard work like for example a bridge that washes away even before a single person or vehicle passes over it. It can mean the washing away of a multi-million dollar bridge on the Southern Highway with the first flood. It can mean a leaking center for the performing arts which is less than ten years old. It can mean the giving away of 12,000 acres of land (*over 40,000 house lots*) to a single individual who has no intention of using the land and instead walks into a bank gets a huge sum of money as mortgage for the land and allows the bank to take ownership of the land.

A large majority in the House of Representatives with a corrupt leader can result in the signing of secret agreements to accommodate a multi-billionaire friend. It can result in this same special individual not paying taxes to the government or dividends to Belizean shareholders of the lucrative

enterprise he owned.

A large majority in the House of Representatives with a corrupt leader can result in extreme arrogance where one of them can publicly tell the people that it does not matter how many mistakes he and his government makes and that the more mistakes they make, the harder the Belizean people will work to get them out of trouble.

A large majority with a corrupt leader can result in the hurling of insults to the employable among us as they do not create jobs because they publicly accuse us of being lazy thieves. They can come forward and proudly announce that they don't need us and that they can go to any of their offices in Montevideo, Canada and Cayman, where they can make a lot of money.

A large majority with a corrupt leadership can result in the collection of an environmental tax and after a couple years increasing that tax by 100% without using the funds derived therefrom for its intended purpose while the people living in the nation's commercial

capital as well as those living in the largest geographical district in the land are subjected to the toxic smoke emanating from garbage dump sites perpetually burning.

The negative effects of a larger majority with a corrupt leader are real and numerous, the nation must therefore never ever again fall into that trap.

The standard of living and the meaningful development of a nation can be realized in an environment where official corruption is at its lowest level. The best combination for this to happen is by way of the election of a leader of a political party with the moral fortitude to take action against all forms of corruption among the team he leads given a comfortable majority in the house of representatives.

It was a wise man who once said that a nation who studies not its history, learns not from mistakes of the past and highlights not, to the younger generation, the errors of the past, is doomed to a lifetime of suffering.



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STAR Congratulates Kaylin Jimenez

BY: Aaron Humes

The Police Department regularly honors high school students who have met the requirements for the “Du Di Rait Ting” program.

Acting Commander of Community Policing, **Inspector Dehanne Augustine**, says the program has become a favorite with businesses who seek to help to honor those who have turned their lives around from various circumstances.

Of the 39 total winners, a top ten were selected by a national selection board for special recognition. One of those is Eden SDA graduate **Kaylin Jimenez**, who lost her mother to gun violence mere months after reconciling with her.

She had been removed from her mother’s home at fourteen as a result of physical abuse from an alcoholic mother.

For someone who has been through so much, she says she never gave up on herself, and hopes other children in similar circumstances do the same.

From Belize City, Edward P.



Kaylin Jimenez (Photo) Patrick E. Jones

Yorke’s **Zipporah Taylor** told us that finishing second provides even more motivation.

She says she had a sour attitude

and was on the verge of flunking out of school until she had a personal epiphany and became determined to turn her life

around. She moves on to business studies at the University of Belize.

Today’s winners took home scholarships and attractive prize packages from the various sponsors of the program.

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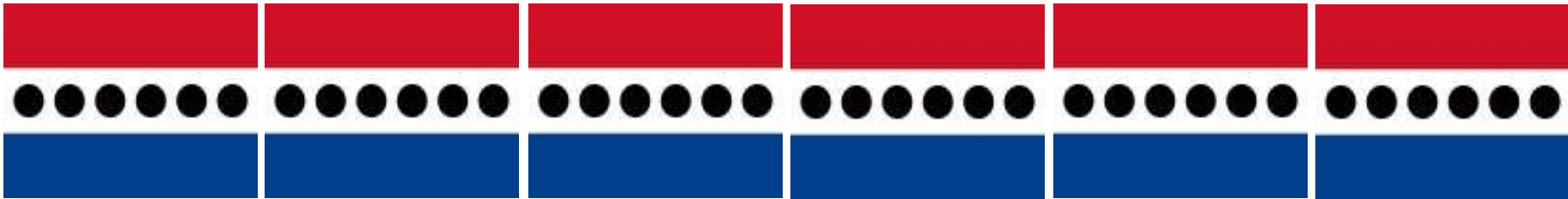
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Gallstone

A gallstone (**also called cholelithiasis**) is a crystalline concretion formed within the gallbladder by accretion of bile components. These calculi are formed in the gallbladder but may distally pass into other parts of the biliary tract such as the cystic duct, common bile duct, pancreatic duct or the ampulla of Vater. Rarely, in cases of severe inflammation, gallstones may erode through the gallbladder into adherent bowel potentially causing an obstruction termed gallstone ileus.

Presence of gallstones in the gallbladder may lead to acute cholecystitis, an inflammatory condition characterized by retention of bile in the gallbladder and often secondary infection by intestinal microorganisms, predominantly *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella*, *Enterobacter* and *Bacteroides*

species. Presence of gallstones in other parts of the biliary tract can cause obstruction of the bile ducts, which can lead to serious conditions such as ascending cholangitis or pancreatitis. Either of these two conditions can be life-threatening and are therefore considered to be medical emergencies.

Definitions

Presence of stones in the gallbladder is referred to as cholelithiasis (from the Greek chol- (**bile**) + lith- (**stone**) + iasis- (**process**). If gallstones migrate into the ducts of the biliary tract, the condition is referred to as choledocholithiasis, from the Greek chol- (**bile**) + docho- (**duct**) + lith- (**stone**) + iasis- (**process**). Choledocholithiasis is frequently associated with obstruction of the biliary tree, which in turn can lead to acute

ascending cholangitis, from the Greek: chol- (**bile**) + ang- (**vessel**) + itis- (**inflammation**), a serious infection of the bile ducts. Gallstones within the ampulla of Vater can obstruct the exocrine system of the pancreas, which in turn can result in pancreatitis.

Characteristics and Composition

Gallbladder opened to show numerous gallstones. The large, yellow calculus probably comprises cholesterol, while the green-to-brown stones suggest bile pigments, such as biliverdin and stercobilin.

Gallstones can vary in size and shape from as small as a grain of sand to as large as a golf ball. The gallbladder may contain a single large stone or many smaller ones. Pseudoliths, sometimes referred to as sludge, are thick secretions that may be present within the gallbladder, either alone or in conjunction with fully formed gallstones. The clinical presentation is similar to that of

cholelithiasis. The composition of gallstones is affected by age, diet and ethnicity. On the basis of their composition, gallstones can be divided into the following types:

Cholesterol Stones

Cholesterol stones vary from light yellow to dark green or brown and are oval, between 2 and 3 cm long, each often having a tiny, dark, central spot. To be classified as such, they must be at least 80% cholesterol by weight (**or 70%, according to the Japanese- classification system**).

Pigment Stones

Pigment stones are small and dark and comprise bilirubin and calcium salts that are found in bile. They contain less than 20% of cholesterol (**or 30%, according to the Japanese- classification system**).

Mixed Stones

Mixed gallstones typically contain 20–80% cholesterol (**or 30–70%, according to the Japanese- classification system**). Other common constituents are calcium carbonate, palmitate phosphate, bilirubin and other bile pigments. Because of their calcium content, they are often radiographically visible.

Treatment Medical

Cholesterol gallstones can sometimes be dissolved by oral ursodeoxycholic acid, but it may be necessary for the patient to take this medication for up to two years. Gallstones may recur, however, once the drug is stopped. Obstruction of the common bile duct with gallstones can sometimes be relieved by endoscopic retrograde sphincterotomy (ERS) following endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP). Gallstones can be broken up using a procedure called extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy (**often simply called "lithotripsy"**), which is a method of concentrating ultrasonic shock waves onto the stones to break them into tiny pieces. They are then passed safely in the feces. However, this form of treatment is suitable only when there is a small number of gallstones.

Treatment involves an operation called a choledocholithotomy, which is the removal

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The first instalment of the **Annual Innovation Competition** is being held this year during the month of August and will feature a **MOBILE APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP AND COMPETITION**.

Future instalments will be extended to include innovation in any subject matter or area related to the use or deployment of science and technology in enriching the quality and experience of life in Belize.

MOBILE APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP AND COMPETITION 2014:

The PUC has retained the services of the **Bright Path Foundation** to conduct a workshop on the development of Applications for Mobile Telecommunications Platforms/Services (Mobile APPs) during the period August 18 – 22, 2014, at the RAMADA Princess Hotel & Casino in Belize City.

During the workshop, participants will be divided into groups and expertly guided in the process of developing a Mobile APP.

At the conclusion, the various groups of participants will be judged on the best Mobile APP developed during the workshop.

PRIZES FOR WINNING GROUPS:

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The winning Mobile APPs will also be submitted by the PUC for consideration in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Young Innovator's Programme. Further information on this programme may be found on the ITU Website (www.itu.int).

CRITERIA AND PROCESS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKSHOP AND COMPETITION:

A total of forty-five (45) participants will be selected to participate in the workshop and competition. Of these, fifteen (15) will be selected from the Belize District and thirty (30) from the other Districts in Belize.

Any Belizean student from twelve (12) to eighteen (18) years of age may apply to be selected as a participant for the workshop and competition. There are no special qualifications or skills required to be considered for participation.

There is no fee to apply or to participate, and successful applicants will be provided with the following:

- Transportation from and to their home town or village before and after the workshop and competition;
- Lodging and meals [three (3) per day] at the RAMADA Princess Hotel & Casino in Belize City;
- Materials required during the workshop and competition;
- Reasonable and wholesome entertainment in the evening after the workshop is concluded for each day.

Please note that successful applicants from Belize City will not be provided with transportation or lodging, and will only be provided with lunch and any snacks served during the workshop.

Applications may be submitted in writing or by email to:

Mr. Ruel Cima

ICT Manager
Ministry of Education, Youth & Sports
Belmopan City
Email: ruel.cima@moe.gov.bz

Mrs. Deseree Arzu

PR & Consumer Affairs Officer
Public Utilities Commission
41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City
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Applications shall include:

- Applicant's name, address and current school and course of study (students enrolled in new school should include new and previous school);
- Letter of Reference from a current or past teacher, making a case why the applicant should be considered for participation (less than 500 words);
- Letter from parent(s) or guardian(s) giving permission to participate.

The deadline for submission of applications is: **July 31, 2014**

CHAPERONES:

The PUC is also inviting interested persons to volunteer to serve as chaperones for the participants during the week of the workshop and competition. A total of eighteen (18) chaperones will be required. Chaperones will be expected to provide parental guidance to participants, particularly outside of the hours the workshop and competition will be conducted.

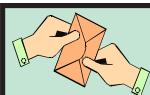
Any mature and responsible Belizean adult, twenty-five (25) years or older, may apply to serve as a chaperone. However, preference will be given to parents of participants or to Information Technology (IT) teachers throughout the country.

Chaperones will similarly be provided with transportation, lodging, meals and reasonable and wholesome entertainment during the week of the workshop and competition. Chaperones may further sit in the workshop sessions but would not be allowed to participate in the competition.

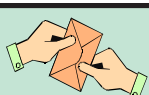
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God Always Provides. It's Your Job To Ask

By: Rick Warren

"Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?" (Romans 8:32 NLT)

When I was a kid, any time I needed something, I'd go talk to my dad. Sometimes what I needed was expensive, but I remember that not once as a kid did I worry about where my father was going to get the money for whatever I needed. That wasn't my job! It was my dad's job to figure out where the money was going to come from. It was my job as a kid to simply ask.

It's not your job to figure out how God's going to provide. It's your job to ask.

The Bible says in James 4:2, *"You do not have because you do not ask God"* (NIV).

Here's the second key to stress management: Worry less, and ask more. Instead of worrying, pray about everything.

Romans 8:32 says, *"Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?"* (NLT)

If God solved your biggest problem, everything else is small by comparison. If God loved you enough to send Jesus to die for your sins, don't you think he loves you enough to help you with your finances? Don't you think he loves you enough to help you with your

health? With your relationships? With career decisions? With closing a deal? With your deadline?

There's no area of your life that God is not interested in. He already knows what you need, but he still wants you to ask him for it. Instead of worrying, pray about

everything.

Talk It Over

- * What keeps you from asking God for the things that you need?
- * Why do you think God wants you to ask him for what you need when he already knows all your needs?

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Gallstone

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of the gallstone from the bile duct using ERCP, although surgeons are now increasingly using laparoscopy with cholangiography. In this procedure, tiny incisions are made in the abdomen and then in the cystic duct that connects the gallbladder to the bile duct, and a thin tube is introduced to perform a cholangiography. If stones are identified, the surgeon inserts a tube with an inflatable balloon to widen the duct and the stones are usually removed using either a balloon or

tiny basket.

If laparoscopy is unsuccessful, an open choledocholithotomy is performed. This procedure may be used in the case of large stones, when the duct anatomy is complex, during or after some gallbladder operations when stones are detected, or when ERCP or laparoscopic procedures are not available.

Typically, the gallbladder is then removed, an operation called cholecystectomy, to prevent a future occurrence of common bile duct obstruction or other complications.

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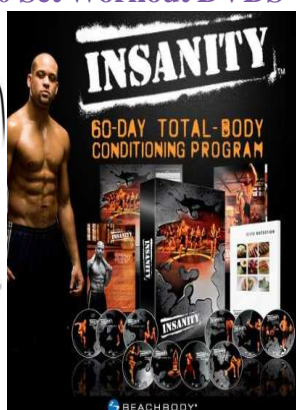
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Getting A Hair Dryer Through Customs

A distinguished young woman on a flight from Belize asked the Priest beside her, "Father, may I ask a favor?"

"Of course. What may I do for you?"

"Well, I bought an expensive woman's electronic hair dryer for my mother's birthday. The dryer is unopened and well over the Customs limits; and I'm afraid they'll confiscate it. Is there any way you could carry it through Customs for me? Under your robes perhaps?"

"I would love to help you, dear, but I must warn you: I will not lie."

"With your honest face, Father, no one will question

you."

When they reached the Customs area, she let the priest go ahead of her.

The official asked: "Father, do you have anything to declare?"

"From the top of my head down to my waist, I have nothing to declare."

The official thought this answer strange, so asked, "And what do you have to declare from your waist to the floor?"

"I have a marvelous instrument designed to be used on a woman, but which is, to date, unused."

Roaring with laughter, the official said, "Go ahead, Father."

Little Old Ladies

Three old ladies were sitting at the dinner table discussing their problems with getting old. The first one said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand, while standing in front of the refrigerator, and I can't remember whether I need to put it away, or start making a sandwich."

The second lady says, "Yes,

sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember whether I was on my way up or on my way down."

The third one says, "Well, ladies, I'm glad I don't have any of those problems, knock on wood." As she hit her knuckles on the table she looked up and said, "That must be the door... I'll get it!"

The Lost Dog and the Ferocious Lion

A lost dog strays into the jungle. A lion sees this from a distance and says to himself with caution, "This guy looks edible, never seen his kind before."

So the lion starts rushing towards the dog with menace. The dog notices and starts to panic but as he's about to run he sees some bones next to him and gets an idea.

He says loudly, "Mmm...that was delicious lion meat!"

The lion abruptly stops and says "Woah! This guy must be tougher than he looks...I better leave while I can."

Over by the tree top, a monkey

witnessed everything. Evidently, the monkey realizes that he can benefit from this situation by telling the lion and getting something in return.

So the monkey proceeds to tell the lion what really happened and the lion says angrily, "Get on my back, we'll go get him together".

So they start rushing back to the dog. The dog sees them and realized what happened and starts to panic even more. He then gets another idea and shouts, "Where the hell is that monkey?! I told him to bring me another lion an hour ago!!"

Mom's Birthday Present

Two children ordered their mother to stay in bed on the morning of her birthday. As she lay there looking forward to breakfast in bed, the smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen.

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Rest In Peace Ambassador



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as Belize's Ambassador to Mexico between 1993-1997. In recognition of his outstanding work he was honoured by the Government of Mexico with the Order of the Aztec Eagle, the highest award offered to Foreign

A Tribute to Senior Ambassador H.E. Alfredo Martinez Diplomats.

He was appointed Senator and Leader of Government Business in the Senate from 1984-1989 and again from 1997-1998. After serving as Ambassador of Belize to Mexico he served as Minister of Trade and Industry

from 1997-1998. Early in his political career he was elected Mayor of Orange Walk Town from 1985-1988 and served in that capacity again in 1991-1992. He was also the National Chairman of the United Democratic Party between 1990-1993.

Ambassador Alfredo Martinez is survived by his wife Mrs. Ennalisa Agneli Martinez and three sons Carlo, Giovanni and Etienne.

A State Funeral will be held at the La Inmaculada Church on Saturday, July 12, 2014 in his hometown of Orange Walk.



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World Cup 2014: Argentina Victory Would Complete Brazil's Humiliation

If Brazil thought the country's World Cup wounds could not go any deeper, that the sense of national despair could not become more acute, the cheers echoing around the concourses of Arena de Sao Paulo sounded a warning that the worst may be yet to come.

As the rain finally ceased and Argentina won their World Cup semi-final against the Netherlands on penalties, the celebrations were in full swing with sights fully set on Sunday's meeting with Germany.

The South American side's fans repeatedly counted in increasingly deafening volume to seven - the number now synonymous with Brazil's humiliation after their worst ever defeat in that 7-1 loss to Germany in Belo Horizonte.

Hastily assembled banners repeating the insult were in evidence in Argentina's section of support in Sao Paulo on Wednesday. They do not intend to let their fiercest rivals forget that day in a hurry - and winning the World Cup at the Maracana would only serve as another painful reminder for the hosts.

There was no mistaking the added pleasure the prospect of their captain **Lionel Messi** lifting the World Cup in Brazil's own iconic arena would give Argentina. It would be a show of sporting strength on enemy territory that would sustain them for generations.

And for the Barcelona forward and Argentine talisman to lead his country to their first World Cup triumph since the 1986 win in Mexico's Aztec Stadium against West Germany would also be heavy with symbolism given the tribal rivalry with Brazil's own favoured son Neymar.

Neither set of supporters would ever forget the image of Messi taking possession of the World Cup in an arena rich in the history of Brazil's own number 10s such as **Pele, Zico** and latterly **Neymar**. It would be as close to perfection as was winning it in their own River Plate Stadium against the Dutch in 1978.

Miguel Angel Vicente, from Buenos Aires-based newspaper



Argentina Celebrating their victory after Rodriguez scored

Diario Clarin, told BBC Sport: *"Of course it is a special feeling to win the World Cup - but to come to a rival like Brazil and win in their country would be extra special."*

"In Argentina, the fans have taken pleasure from the progress of the team. It is not a great team and we think

appreciation for the legendary Argentina-born **Alfredo Di Stefano**, who died this week aged 88.

Coach **Alejandro Sabella** also spoke of the "tragic event" that was the death of Argentine journalist **Jorge "Topo" Lopez** from La Red Radio, who died on Wednesday when the taxi he was

(£11,500) in secondary markets.

Sabella's side finally overcame their Dutch opponents to set up a repeat of the 1986 and 1990 World Cup finals (the latter the most recent occasion that Germany - albeit pre-unification - have lifted the trophy) on a night that could not have not have been in sharper contrast to



Phenomenal block by Argentina's goalkeeper, Romero

Germany is the best team at the World Cup but this is one match - the dream lives on and to win the World Cup in Brazil would make the whole nation very proud."

He added: **"Argentina's supporters will enjoy being in the World Cup final in Brazil when Brazil are not there."**

There were other inspiring factors at work for Argentina too. There was a moment of

travelling in was hit by a stolen vehicle in Sao Paulo.

The World Cup now moves on to its conclusion - and judging from the noise generated by Argentina fans as their players addressed the media in Sao Paulo, they cannot wait to return to Rio.

Demand for a place inside the Maracana will be high on Sunday and just minutes after the final whistle on Wednesday there was talk of tickets costing \$20,000

the seismic events at the Estadio Mineirao 24 hours early.

While Brazil's thrashing by Germany offered goals, drama, and the full range of human emotions, this was a night for attrition, much of it dull.

It was a night for the tough tackling of defensive midfielder **Javier Mascherano** rather than the inspiration of his Barca team-mate **Messi** - graft in the

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Let Colombia End Its Civil War

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Jun 4, 2014

Washington Office on Latin America

Colombia has been the host of some of the most extreme and brutal violence in Latin America's history. The country's half-century long conflict has taken the lives of almost a quarter million women, men, and children, and displaced nearly six million more. The United States has financed much of the conflict in recent years, investing \$9 billion since 2000—much of it to bolster Colombia's security forces.

Yet peace may be near. On May 16, the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), the country's largest guerrilla group, signed a preliminary accord on the third of five negotiating points in their ongoing peace talks in Havana, Cuba: illicit drugs. The agreement offers a viable plan for the FARC to end its involvement in the Colombian drug trade, alternatives for the small-scale cultivators of crops destined for illicit drug markets, and meaningful policy reforms at the national level for addressing issues of drug consumption and public health.

Hope too lies with an announcement that came earlier the same day. Following national and international pressure—including an inter-parliamentary letter signed by 245 representatives from the United States, United Kingdom, and Ireland—the FARC announced a unilateral ceasefire. While the government maintains that it will not end military operations until an agreement is signed, and though the FARC's temporary ceasefire ended on May 28, this act is encouraging because it both significantly decreased violence and will likely increase confidence at the negotiating table. According to the International Committee of the Red Cross, hundreds of thousands of Colombians continue to be affected by the conflict every year. Ensuring that all parties respect international humanitarian law is essential and will likely help to advance the peace talks.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 4, 2014

Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20

Although you may be on the ball regarding business, commerce, and related plans and projects, you're also eager to enjoy some quiet time. A focus on your home and family sector encourages opportunities for reflection, particularly regarding your future path. Yet the Full Moon at the weekend also stirs up energies, bringing certain issues to your attention. You may be thinking about what you really want to do in life - and what might move you deep down - not what you think you should do. **Lucky numbers: 01, 33, 46.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21

It's a good week to put your energy into work and financial planning, especially if you need to shop for big-ticket items. An intuitive hunch may let you know where that special bargain is hiding out. Plus, this can be a good week for collaboration on a project that could be quite demanding but worth your while. When the Full Moon comes calling, you may want to pack up and travel, or at least consider going on an adventure. Later, an attraction at work may set your heart fluttering. **Lucky numbers: 12, 36, 49.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21

An invitation or fun social event could set the pace for the rest of the week, encouraging plenty of mixing and mingling. Along with this, you may hear news of a pay raise or contract that could earn you some extra income. Things are looking up in this regard if you're willing to take on extra work. Romantic options look set to sparkle as a special aspect heats up a budding liaison. You may have stars in your eyes by the time the weekend comes around. **Lucky numbers: 62, 86, 97.**

CANCER

June 21 to July 21

You may be taking your leisure very seriously as a positive connection encourages you to explore a new hobby or pastime or dive into a luscious romance. In this regard, the Full Moon heightens feelings, enticing you to go with the flow and say it like it is. You may feel vulnerable doing so, but your connection with the special person could deepen as a result. Plus, as Mercury shimmies into your sign, you'll find it easier to sync with your gut instincts and turn them into action. **Lucky numbers: 58, 79, 92.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

Sparkling social options show up, encouraging you to go on an adventure.

Moving out of your comfort zone could be a bonus, especially as an instant attraction could be in the cards. But with a focus on your spiritual sector, a part of you needs time to reflect and recharge. No matter what you're doing, give yourself a chance to meditate and generally chill. You'll find that when you do this your best and most lucrative ideas may come to you, as well as a solution to any ongoing problems. **Lucky numbers: 27, 42, 60.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

Career matters show a positive face, especially when you're willing to explore new ideas with a futuristic twist. At the same time, moving in circles with folks who share your interests and ambitions could also help you get ahead. One connection may be particularly useful this week. As Mercury glides into Cancer, networking and other social events can also be an aid to moving ahead and finding success. Finally, the Full Moon on Saturday could be the catalyst to help a romance take off. **Lucky numbers: 09, 22, 85.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

As Mars continues in your sign it's time to assert yourself and push your own interests forward. However, the call of adventure and the thrill of romance might also tempt you away from your plans and goals. Make time for each this week and you can win on both counts. Later, the Full Moon brings feelings to a head on the domestic front. However, the chance to clear the air may help resolve key issues and leave peace in its wake. **Lucky numbers: 06, 52, 73.**

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

This is a good time to explore learning options or think about increasing your skill set, especially as doing so could improve your chances for a better job and income. Plus, you may want to take travel plans to a new stage by committing to purchasing tickets and booking rooms. Regarding a relationship, your sex life sizzles, and for now things seem upbeat in this department. Take it easy around the Full Moon on Saturday, as hasty words could upset a friendship. **Lucky numbers: 25, 66, 98.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

Romantic options look good as a promising transit brings a chance for an unexpected meeting. Though in its early stages, an attraction could quickly develop as a result. However, thoughts turn to financial management as the focus shifts to your zone of shared resources. A chance to get

back on solid footing regarding loans or debts shouldn't be ignored. At the very least, this is a time when planning for the future can not only help ease anxiety but also give you a sound structure for present plans. **Lucky numbers: 55, 64, 81.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

You seem to be forging ahead in your career, with chances to make special connections and encourage profitable partnerships. Networking and other social opportunities are encouraged, as your connections may be a key to a better career and income. Partnerships also flourish, and over this week the Full Moon in your sign may send your feelings into overdrive. If you've been backward about coming forward, you may let it all out into the open over the weekend. Perhaps this is all to the good! **Lucky numbers: 04, 19, 40.**

AQUARIUS:

January 20 to February 18

The week ahead seems positive and

upbeat, when good feelings and fresh opportunities are all you need to be happy. Long-term relationships can lighten up, especially if you're willing to allow private feelings out into the open. However, someone may not be upfront about issues they're having, which might require some dedicated conversation. Along with this, romance is sweet and playful as someone seems to really care. The weekend may be an opportunity for a very special date night. **Lucky numbers: 11, 77, 83.**

PISCES:

February 20 to March 21

A focus on a more sensitive part of your chart suggests that secrets come to light and intimacy tinged with romance can deepen. There's also fun to be had on the home front, with opportunities for entertaining with family or friends. Romantic options continue to shine. With the Full Moon in your social sector, it could be party time or at least a chance for a great occasion or celebration. Mercury's move into Cancer spotlights creative opportunities and enjoying cultural entertainment. **Lucky numbers: 20, 45, 78.**

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World Cup 2014: Argentina Victory Would Complete Brazil's Humiliation

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Sao Paulo rain rather than flowing football in the warmth of Belo Horizonte. Inside Arena de Sao Paulo, Brazil's famous yellow colours - so prominent at almost every game - appeared to have been airbrushed out of the scene. Their party is over.

And in a tactical battle that only added to the entertainment deficit, Dutch coach **Louis van Gaal's** plan to subdue Messi by shadowing him with first **Nigel de Jong** and then **Jordy Clasie** was so successful that the Argentine captain did not touch the ball in the penalty area through the 120 minutes before penalties.

So Germany will be favourites on Sunday - but Argentina have a tough spine to complement the brilliance of Messi. They have progressed from all four of their World Cup semi-finals and have never trailed at this tournament.

For Van Gaal and the Dutch, there was only sadness. After losing to Spain in the final four years ago, they are the nearly men again.

There was sympathy in particular for **Aston Villa** defender **Ron Vlaar**, whose magnificent performance did not deserve the fate of missing the first Dutch penalty, especially as Van Gaal seemed to suggest the dubious honour only befell him because two other unnamed team-mates declined.

And the struggles of **Robin van Persie**, who looked short of fitness, meant he had to be removed, denying Van Gaal the option of introducing substitute goalkeeper **Tim Krul** in the hope



Wednesday's game proved more an occasion for Mascherano (right) than Messi

he could repeat his penalty shootout heroics against Costa Rica. First-choice keeper **Jasper Cillessen** had never saved a professional penalty before the shoot-out - he is still waiting.

As Van Gaal prepares for the meaningless World Cup window dressing of Saturday's third-place play-off against Brazil in Brasilia before he takes up the manager's role at Manchester United, the World Cup reaches its climax.

And for Messi, in particular, this is the stage to confirm his status as the world's greatest player. Some still questioned him, wrongly, before this World Cup on the grounds he had never quite distinguished himself at a major tournament. Winning one closes the debate.

He did, however, look jaded against the Dutch, as Argentine journalist Vicente acknowledged.

"We need Messi in his best condition," he said. "Now he is tired. In the first three matches

of the World Cup he was very important but now he is not the same. Mascherano is the support for the team."

And would a win place him alongside **Maradona**, who also won one World Cup in Mexico in 1986?

"It is a very difficult question."

They are different players. Maradona has different characteristics but I think Messi needs this title."

The elements are in place for the finale this World Cup deserves but for Brazil there is still that lingering fear that their pain may not be over.



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Domestic political shakeups, though, threaten to disrupt this progress. In the first round of Colombia's presidential elections on May 25, sitting president **Juan Manuel Santos**, who began the talks to the dismay of many former political allies, came in second to conservative hardliner **Oscar Ivan Zuluaga**. Zuluaga, who is allied with former president (and current senator-elect) **Alvaro Uribe**, has made clear his skepticism towards the talks. While he has now softened his stance in advance of the runoff election, his longtime opposition to the process remains concerning. Santos and Zuluaga will face off in a second-round vote on June 15.

The accord on the drug issue—declared a *“partial agreement,”* as no individual agreements are final until all points on the agenda have been agreed upon—is little short of historic. The language, which was agreed upon by both parties, reflects a significant shift away from the prohibitionist approach to drug policy. Adopting some of the proposals of the growing community calling for drug policy reform, the accord acknowledges that *“evidence-based alternatives”* to current policies are needed to address problems that may be associated with drug consumption, and distinguishes between the cultivation of crops for the illicit market and drug trafficking.

Furthermore, it calls for the expansion of crop substitution programs, recognizing that many rural communities rely on coca and opium poppy cultivation for their economic livelihoods. However, it stipulates that *“supportive measures...will be conditioned to...agreements on substitution and no-replanting,”* implying that cultivators would be required to cede their earnings from crop cultivation before they see the benefits of alternative crops. Experience in Latin America has shown that conditioning assistance on total eradication harms the chance of developing lasting alternatives, as cultivators lack a successful bridge between when the cultivation of crops for the illicit market ends and

alternative livelihoods become sustainable. Not surprisingly in these circumstances, many growers return to the cultivation of coca and poppy crops. A more effective model would be to offer a phasing out period and/or subsidies to cultivators until meaningful alternative livelihoods are actually in place.

Yet while proper sequencing on reducing crops for the illicit market will need to be reviewed, the parties get it right on local involvement. Opting for what one Colombian analyst described as *“building the state from below,”* the development program would rely heavily on and actively engage with local communities to ensure their participation—and hence the program's sustainability.

The most monumental point came with the government's concession to de-prioritize—though not entirely retire—the destructive and ineffective aerial herbicide spraying of coca crops, opting first for alternative development and manual eradication before spraying crops. In more than a decade of its use in Colombia, aerial spraying has served only to disperse coca crops, destroy poor farmers' livelihoods, and engender local distrust for government authorities, as the only contact many communities have had with the state has been the occasional visit of a plane conducting aerial spraying.

The agreement also addresses drug consumption, an issue generally thought to be outside the purview of the peace talks. While details here are scant, linking this issue to the peace talks will help continue regional debates on drug policy reform. Recognizing that drug policy should be based on respect for human rights and public health is a valuable contribution.

But a full agreement, if eventually signed, will not be a panacea. Taking the FARC out of the cultivation and trafficking business will not independently solve the drug issue or the associated violence. As long as there is worldwide demand—and particularly U.S. demand—for drugs, criminal organizations will find a way to supply them. Furthermore, an accord will likely leave a power vacuum in

rural regions of the country as the FARC demobilizes and cedes those territories. There is a good chance that right-wing paramilitary successor groups and criminal gangs will try to fill it. Establishing a positive state presence and providing basic services will be a major challenge, especially in regions where the armed forces have been the primary face of the state.

Because of these continued challenges, the United States has an important role to play in the implementation phase, both in supporting Colombia financially and in granting the Colombian government political space to implement the accords—even when they contradict U.S. policy priorities. A State Department communique on the drug policy agreement, which highlights the continuation of forced eradication, raises questions about whether the United States will help or hinder the advancement of the peace process.

Nearly two of every three aid dollars destined for Colombia goes to the public security forces. Will the U.S. government be willing to shift aid to build peace rather than continue war?

Achieving durable reductions in poppy and coca crop cultivation for illicit drug production will require implementing alternative livelihoods and connecting long-forgotten rural areas with the national infrastructure. After decades of waging a largely ineffective *“war on drugs”* in Colombia, will the United States allow its longtime ally to break with the prohibition-focused model and explore alternatives to the current militarized approach? Some of the most revolutionary agreements in the accord, such as all but ending aerial spraying, would challenge the existing U.S. approach.

These questions, and the many more that will be raised as the talks progress, will likely dismay hardliners in the U.S. government who are not ready to shift drug control tactics. But with little progress to show after decades of violence and billions of dollars spent, the Colombian and FARC negotiators have made an important step toward ending decades of violence. The United States should stand ready to support Colombia, both financially and politically, in the coming months and years—and it should know when to stand down.

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A Five Year Old Case Finally Concluded

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Canto, in Santa Familia Village where a number of suspected stolen items were found resulting in the arrest of Canto on a handling stolen goods charge.

Furthermore, the investigation resulted in Woodye and Rivera being charged for arson, burglary and handling stolen goods while Canto was charged only with handling stolen goods. Woodye

pled guilty to the handling stolen goods charge. He was ordered to forthwith pay a one thousand fine which he did. They pled not guilty to all other charges. On instructions from the office of the DPP, the arson charge was withdrawn and the entire case fell apart.

The burglary and handling stolen goods charges were later resurrected against Rene

Rivera while Gabriel Canto was issued with only the handling stolen goods charge. An arrest warrant was also issued for one **Gregory Reyes** who remains at large.

After all these years, the case finally ended today. Gabriel Canto was found guilty of the handling stolen goods charge and was ordered to forthwith pay a one thousand dollar fine which he

did. Rene Rivera was not as fortunate given that, on the burglary charge, magistrate **Narda Morgan** sentenced him to three years in jail.

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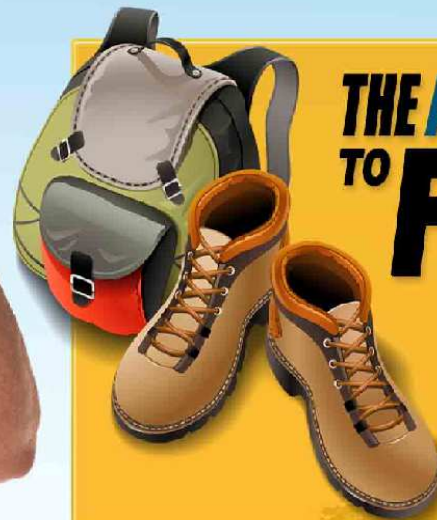
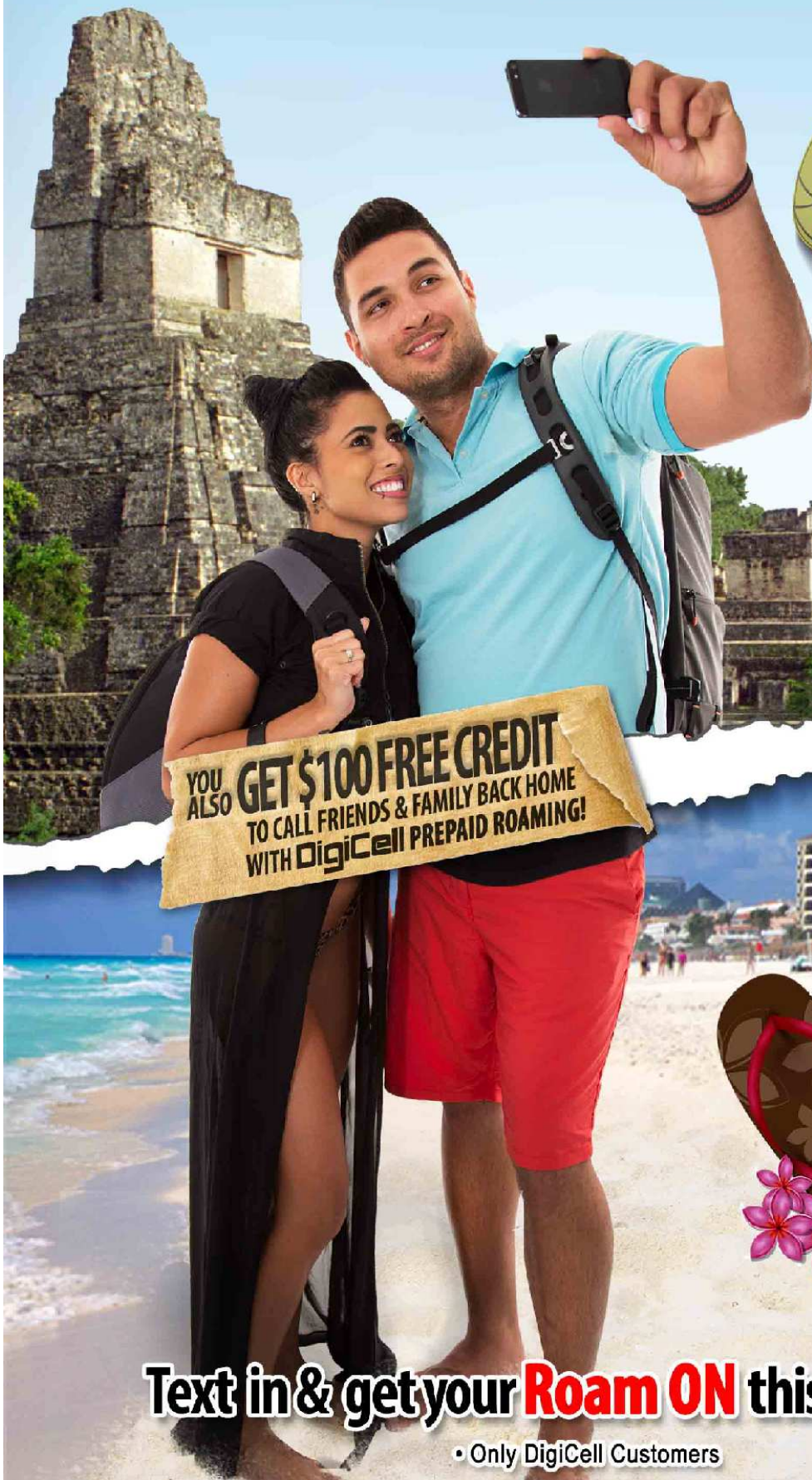
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