**Who Bex Bex!!! Mahmud Resigns From The House**

SAN IGNACIO, Cayo District Monday, 24 November, 2014:

“Who Bex Bex”!!! Joseph Mahmud, Peoples United Party (PUP) Area Representative for Cayo North, has abruptly resigned.

About a month ago Mahamud had indicated that he would not be seeking re-election in 2017 but would serve out his term. Today however, all that changed when he resigned as a member of Parliament.

This immediately puts his Cayo North seat up for grabs as a bi-election must be held within the next 90 days.

The UDP is rearing to go with its standard bearer Omar Figueroa, who was elected as Standard Bearer earlier this year in February. The PUP on the other hand has not found a new standard bearer since Mahmud indicated he would not run again.

Attorney Michel Chebat and businessman Richard Harrison have both declared an interest in the division. The PUP must now move quickly to hold a convention to either elect or endorse someone.

It must be said that the opposition seems to have been caught with their pants down, because up until mid-October Mahmud said that he would serve out his term and not seek re-election, he mentioned nothing about resigning. However, something happened between then and this morning at 11:00 am, when he resigned with immediate effect.

A release from the Clerk of the National Assembly says that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has accepted his resignation.

Now, a bi-election must be held no later than Monday, February 23, 2015. In fact, it can be held within just 15 days. The trigger is that a writ of election will be issued by the Governor General and after that an election must be held within 15 to 21 days.

A voluntary resignation by a
By: Maya Angelou, 1928 - 2014
You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I’ll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
‘Cause I walk like I’ve got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I’ll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,
Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don’t you take it awful hard
‘Cause I laugh like I’ve got gold mines
Diggin’ in my own backyard.

You may punch me and push me
And deeply contemplate me
But still, like a vet, I’ll rise.

You may kill me with your hatefulnes,
But still, like air, I’ll rise.
Does my sexiness upset you?
Does it come as a surprise
That I dance like I’ve got diamonds
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history’s shame
I rise
Up from a past that’s rooted in pain
I rise
I’m a black ocean, leaping and wide,
Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that’s wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise.

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Mexico’s President Enrique Pena Nieto delivers a speech during a national broadcasting message from National Palace in Mexico City, México, 27 November 2014.

Protesters have criticised Mexico's leader over the disappearance of 43 students.

Mexico gang ‘admits student deaths’ and Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto has announced plans to overhaul the country’s police forces, in the wake of the disappearance of 43 students.

Mr Nieto said he would unify all local police units into one national force.

The students, all trainee teachers, went missing in September after joining a protest in Iguala, Guerrero state.

Their disappearance sparked mass protests, with many still unconvinced by the official explanation that the students were murdered by a drugs gang.

In a televised speech, President Nieto said that “Mexico must change”.

He announced proposals for a series of constitutional reforms that would allow the country’s 1,800 municipal forces to be dissolved and taken over by state agencies.

The overhaul would begin in Mexico’s four most violent states, he added - Tamaulipas, Jalisco, Michoacan and Guerrero.

Guerrero is where the 43 students vanished on 26 September and a rally began by relatives of the 43 missing Mexican students.

Relatives of the missing travelled across the country gathering support and they had been attacked by local police in Iguala after attending a labour rights demonstration.

President Nieto had faced widespread criticism over the crime, despite vowing to track down those responsible.

Relatives of the missing have led mass protests across the country to express their anger at the government.

The official explanation offered by the Mexican authorities is that the students were murdered by a drugs gang, but family and supporters say they are unconvinced.

Forensic tests are being carried out on bodies found in mass graves in Guerrero.

The mayor of Iguala, Jose Luis Abarca, has been arrested and faces accusations that he ordered police to confront the students on the day of their disappearance.

The case has highlighted the issue of collusion between drug cartels and the Mexican authorities.

In recent years thousands of people have disappeared or been killed after being caught up in drug-related violence.
Belmopan, Cayo District, Wednesday, November 26, 2014:

HIV is now considered to be a concentrated epidemic in Belize. The recently completed Modes of Transmission Study suggests that around 70% of new infections in 2014 will occur in men and thus the shift of the response has now turned towards testing more men.

Our most recent figures show that the total number of HIV cases has decreased and the number of new HIV infections continues to decrease compared to what has been documented in the past. The national initiative will be refocused on increased HIV testing for men, the provision of condoms and also the creation of more treatment options for Belize.

This year, the NAC, the Ministry of Health and their partners collaborated to design a national campaign with the following key activities:

- A nationwide text-blast campaign aimed at raising funds for children with HIV (Belize Bank a/c #: 695-116-4268) from Nov. 1st to Dec. 1st.
- An Art & Health Fair (at 8 locations countrywide) on Dec. 1st in order to promote testing and information on multiple aspects of health.
- At the Art & Health Fair the public is invited to participate on our commemorative HIV Graffiti mural
- The launch of the NAC Gaming App on World AIDS Day 2014, which will be available for download in early 2015, free of charge.

World AIDS Day is a global initiative to raise awareness, decrease stigma and discrimination, and improve education about HIV and AIDS. NAC has been serving Belize through resource mobilization, research, and a coordinated approach to the HIV/AIDS response for Belize since 2002. We are closing the gap but a gap still remains. Anyone can get HIV. Know your status. Get tested today.

Money Lenders Application

Notice for the publication in the newspaper of application for the moneylender’s certificate

1. Trinidad Juan Jr., hereby gave notice that I have applied to the Magistrate Court, at one of its sitting in San Ignacio during the month of December 2014, for a certificate to be granted to me under the Moneylenders Act, Chapter 260 to authorise me to carry out business as a moneylender in the name of LUCKY PAWN located at Hudson Street, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

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Everything In The Universe Has Rhythm, Everything Dances.
You Can Never Be Undone

Contributed By: Janice Swift

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people." Genesis 50:20 (NLT)

It can be a real mess out there. And the crazy thing is, there can be whole rising muck of stuff on the inside too. And yet — we do it anyways: String up a tangle of lights. Set a mushy angel atop the tree.

Deck the front porch and the back streets and the whole tilted world in this twinkling robe, this tinseled robe. Watch how the whole world spins round in these lit colors.

But as much as the world decorates and prepares for Christmas, it’s like the hem of our robe is dirty and dragging; there’s always the ripped underside of things, the dreams and bits of us and unspoken hopes, all torn to pieces.

You can feel this — in a torn-up world, you feel a bit torn apart.

When you are brave, you give yourself the gift of facing and touching your own torn places. The places where you’re torn to pieces — can be thin places where we touch the peace of God.

Like Joseph, in the book of Genesis, who reaches out touches his own worn-thin place. He feels along the edges of the torn places, and he sees through, telling his brothers that verse we can hold onto like a gift today: "You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good." Genesis 50:20 (NLT)

What was intended to harm, God intended all of it for good, and no matter what intends to harm you, God’s arms have you. You can never be undone.

No matter what intends to harm you ... God is never absent, never impotent, never distant.

You can never be undone.

In the middle of all our collective mess stands the most monstrous evil. The wood of the crèche that held baby Jesus lies torn apart behind the wood of the Cross. The cries of the innocent Babe under the stars of Bethlehem twist into the agonized cries of the innocent victim atop the injustice of Calvary.

The holy dark over the manger gives way to the heinous dark over the Messiah and the slamming hammer and the tearing vein and the piercing thorn — the created murdering the Creator.

The Cross stands as the epitome of evil.

And yet God takes the greatest evil ever known to humanity and turns it into the greatest Gift you have ever known.

"If the worst things work for good to a believer, what shall the best things?" writes puritan Thomas Watson. "Nothing hurts the godly ... all things ... shall cooperate for their good, that their crosses shall be turned into blessings.

If God can transfigure the greatest evil into the greatest Gift, then He intends to turn whatever you’re experiencing now into a gift. You cannot be undone. Somewhere, Advent can storm and howl and look messy.

And still, the world all robed for Christmas can spin bravely and beautifully on — holding on to a God who won’t let you be undone.

Lord, we come to You not because waiting on You is wisest of all. We trust You to work all this out in You good time. You are only good. We trust You to work all this out in You good time. You are only good.

"Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes Courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I’ll try again tomorrow." - Mary Anne Radmacher

A Sacrifice of Praise

Written by: Mary Whelchel
Contributed by: Janice Swift

During a past holiday season a friend stopped me in church and said, "Mary, I know you’ll understand this. Tell me what to do. I’ve just been in the dumps lately, thinking about being single, wishing I were married, wishing I had someone to be with during the holidays, feeling sorry for myself. I thought about you and I said, ‘Mary would understand what I’m feeling.’ But what do I do?”

I said to her, very simply, "Start praising God." That’s all I needed to say to her—she knew the principle but had just forgotten to practice it.

"Of course," she said, “that’s the answer." She recalled how a few years earlier she had come out of a real depression by praising God.

The next Sunday she reported to me that it worked immediately. She said, "I went home and started praising God for all his goodness to me and in short order, my spirits were lifted, the self pity was gone, and I was able to truly be thankful for who I am and what I have."

I’m talking about offering a sacrifice of praise—praising God in the midst of depression or self-pity or whatever. Praising God when we don’t feel it or even when we don’t want it. It is a biblical principle to offer God sacrifices of praise, and a sacrifice is something costly, right? It will require us to sacrifice our right to grumble or complain or feel sorry for ourselves. But when we choose to offer a sacrifice of praise—in spite of our feelings or circumstances—we discover that it changes us.

Also, praise is a weapon to be used in spiritual conflict. Psalm 8:2 says, “From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.” Scripture says that God inhabits the praise of his people. This means that where there is praise and adoration of God, he takes up residence in that praise, and his presence always makes Satan run the other way. Satan cannot abide the presence of the living God. Satan is allergic to praise of God.

Do you feel like Satan has been defeating you on every hand lately? Is he robbing you of blessings and peace that God has intended for you to have? Start praising God; your enemy has to flee when you do. When you offer a sacrifice of praise, you are simply obeying Scripture, and God will honor your obedience. If we love him, we will keep his commandments. And he wants us to praise him at all times, because praise changes us.

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The Perfect Woman

Once upon a time, a perfect man and a perfect woman met. After a perfect courtship, they had a perfect wedding. Their life was, of course, perfect.

One snowy, stormy Christmas Eve, "perfect." the perfect couple was driving their perfect car along a winding road, when they noticed someone at the side of the road in distress. Being the perfect couple they stopped to help.

There stood Santa Claus with a huge bundle of toys. Not wanting to disappoint any children on the eve of Christmas, the perfect couple loaded Santa and his toys into their vehicle.

The Perfect Woman soon were driving along delivering the toys.

Unfortunately, the driving conditions deteriorated and the perfect couple and Santa Claus had an accident. Only one of them survived the accident.

Who was the survivor? The perfect woman survived. She’s the only one who really existed in the first place. Everyone knows there is no Santa Claus and there is no such thing as a perfect man.

So, if there is no perfect man and no Santa Claus, the perfect woman must have been driving. This explains why there was an accident.

Jesus is Better Than Santa

Santa lives at the North Pole.

Jesus is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh

Jesus rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year

Jesus is an ever present help.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies

Jesus supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited

Jesus stands at your door and knocks and then enters your heart.

You have to stand in line to see Santa

Jesus is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap

Jesus lets you rest in His arms.

Santa doesn’t know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, What’s your name?"

Jesus knew our name before we did. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.

Praying and Playing

A man and a friend are playing golf one day at their local golf course. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course. He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows down in prayer.

His friend says, "Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You truly are a kind man."

The man then replies, "Yeah, well we were married 35 years."

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Jesus has a heart full of love.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly.

Jesus is still the reason for the season.

Yes, Jesus is better, he is even better than Santa Claus!

While Santa puts gifts under your tree

Jesus became our gift and died on the tree.

It’s obvious there is really no comparison.

We need to remember WHO Christmas is all about.

We need to put Christ back in Christmas.

Jesus is the reason for the season.

Yes, Jesus is better, he is even better than Santa Claus!

Jesus is an ever present help.

Jesus supplies all your needs.

Jesus stands at your door and knocks and then enters your heart.

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Jesus knows our name before we did. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.

Jesus offers health, help and hope.

Jesus makes new life, mends broken relationships and service is our #1 priority!!!
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Influenza (Flu Virus)

Influenza (Flu) Viruses

There are two main types of influenza (flu) virus: Types A and B. The influenza A and B viruses that routinely spread in people (human influenza viruses) are responsible for seasonal flu epidemics each year. Influenza A viruses can be broken down into sub-types depending on the genes that make up the surface proteins. Over the course of a flu season, different types (A & B) and subtypes (influenza A) of influenza circulate and cause illness.

Flu Symptoms & Severity

Influenza Symptoms

Influenza (also known as the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The flu is different from a cold. The flu usually comes on suddenly. People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms:

- Fever* or feeling feverish/chills
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Headaches
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)

Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

* It's important to note that not everyone with the flu will have a fever.

Flu Complications

Most people who get influenza will recover in a few days to less than two weeks, but some people will develop complications (such as pneumonia) as a result of the flu, some of which can be life-threatening and result in death.

Pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections are examples of complications from flu. The flu can make chronic health problems worse. For example, people with asthma may experience asthma attacks while they have the flu, and people with chronic congestive heart failure may experience worsening of this condition that is triggered by the flu.

People at High Risk from Flu

Anyone can get the flu (even healthy people), and serious problems related to the flu can happen at any age, but some people are at high risk of developing serious flu-related complications if they get sick. This includes people 65 years and older, people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease), pregnant women, and young children.

Flu Severity

Flu is unpredictable and how severe it is can vary widely from one season to the next depending on many things, including:

- what flu viruses are spreading,
- how much flu vaccine is available,
- when vaccine is available,
- how many people get vaccinated,
- and how well the flu vaccine is matched to flu viruses that are causing illness.

How Flu Spreads

Person to Person

People with flu can spread it to others up to about 6 feet away. Most experts think that flu viruses are spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Less often, a person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth or nose.

To avoid this, people should stay away from sick people and stay home if sick. It also is important to wash hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Linens, eating utensils, and dishes belonging to those who are sick should not be shared without washing thoroughly first. Eating utensils can be washed either in a dishwasher or by hand with hot water and soap. If you need to clean separately, further, frequently touched surfaces need to be cleaned separately.

Liquor License Notice

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, LI QIN CHEN is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2015 to operate Sale’s Cool Spot located on George Price Highway in Santa Elena Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, JUN WIN LI is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE liquor license for the year 2015 to operate Table Rock located in Kristo Rey Village, Santa Elena, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, RONG JI LIANG is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2015 to operate Chen’s Restaurant located on Table Rock located in Kristo Rey Village, Santa Elena, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, WANG CHENG ZHENG AND CAI YIN HUANG is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2015 to operate Shan’s Restaurant located on Table Rock located in Kristo Rey Village, Santa Elena, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, ZHONG HAO CHEN is applying for a CONVENIENCE STORE liquor license for the year 2015 to operate Tamae Store located on Tamae Road, San Ignacio, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, ELEJO COH is applying for a RESTAURANT liquor license for the year 2015 to operate Tamae Store located on Table Rock located in Kristo Rey Village, Santa Elena, Cayo District.
Body Of Canadian Man Found In Mopan River

BULLET TREE FALLS, Cayo District, Saturday, 22 November, 2014:

The lifeless body of a man, was retrieved from the Mopan River on Sunday, November 23, the person was wearing only a black jacket.

Nicole Warner, 54, naturalized Canadian accountant, residing in Bullet Tree Falls village reported to police that on Saturday, November 21, at about 4:00 p.m. she picked up her husband, James Garfield Searles, 59, Canadian national, from the Philip Goldson International Airport and headed back to San Ignacio.

She informs that whilst enroute to San Ignacio, they stopped at Amigos Restaurant and Bar, had food and a few drinks. Upon arriving in San Ignacio, they stopped at ABC Supermarket on the Bullet Tree Road to purchase a bottle of Travellers Gold and two cokes. Shortly after, at around 6:30 p.m. they arrived home in Bullet Tree Falls, where they continued drinking. She informs that she went to bed but cannot recall at what time since she was drinking, but recalls that her husband was still with her at that time. She reports that when she woke up at about 3:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 22, she noticed that her husband was missing. She described her husband as being Caucasian, medium built, 6 feet in height, weighing 210lbs, with a sharp nose, oval face and blue eyes. She was unable to say what clothing he was wearing at the time of his disappearance.

At about 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 22, the lifeless body of a Caucasian man was found face down, clothed in only a black jacket, in the Mopan River. The body was later identified by his wife as being that of her husband, James Garfield Searles. A post mortem examination was conducted on the body of Searles, where Dr. Mario Estradabran certified the cause of death as being Asphyxiation by drowning.
ARIES:
March 22 to April 20
As the leader of the pack, you will encounter things before anyone else does. If you meet someone who has something to offer the group, make the necessary introductions. You excel at facilitating interactions between others. Toward the middle of the week, you are using others to your advantage, or at least you’re putting their unique talents to use for the sake of the greater good, and by Friday you’re going to get some recognition for all the connections and possibilities you’ve created. On Saturday, your friends will all build a statue in your honor. Sunday, get some rest. Lucky numbers: 03, 14, 20.

TAURUS:
April 21 to May 20
As tangibility is delivered at the wrong time, it won’t resonate. So spend Monday and Tuesday with time, it won’t resonate. So spend Monday and Tuesday, consider what your life at the start of the week is as expansive as a cloudscape. Wednesday and Thursday are, unfortunately, the opposite of expansive (restriction and discipline figure strongly, and you may not get the answers you’re looking for). But Friday is just about perfect: you have energy, you feel inspired, you feel significant. This mood, gloriously enough, lasts through the weekend. Lucky numbers: 66, 75, 94.

GEMINI:
May 21 to June 20
Your opinions are pretty solid, but that doesn’t mean everyone’s in the mood to hear them. If the right moment isn’t delivered at the wrong time, it won’t resonate. So spend Monday and Tuesday with time, it won’t resonate. So spend Monday and Tuesday, consider what your life at the start of the week is as expansive as a cloudscape. Wednesday and Thursday are, unfortunately, the opposite of expansive (restriction and discipline figure strongly, and you may not get the answers you’re looking for). But Friday is just about perfect: you have energy, you feel inspired, you feel significant. This mood, gloriously enough, lasts through the weekend. Lucky numbers: 66, 75, 94.

LEO:
July 23 to August 22
You’ve seen romantic comedies about people as giddy as you and you-know-who are, although you also feel like your romantic happiness at the start of the week is transcendent. Certainly, it lifts you up higher than you’ve been in a while. Success on the love front translates into more emotional energy. Wednesday and Thursday are, therefore, ideal days to recharge. Eat a banana, put on some comfortable socks and plug yourself in to a deep sleep. Friday and Saturday you’ll feel restored and confused when someone else emotionally retreats. Although you’ve completely understood why they’re coming from. If you have nothing else to do on Sunday, go exploring. Lucky numbers: 49, 55, 67.

VIRGO:
August 23 to September 22
You have responsibilities and you’re dedicated to seeing them through — even when, on Monday and Tuesday, you have a perfect excuse to let yourself off the hook. This is admirable of you. And fate will reward you: Wednesday and Thursday are a postcard of romance. A postcard with swans on it. And cute buildings. The great thing about love is you can take it anywhere in the world with you. Friday and Saturday you’re itching to do some cleaning. Blast the radio and get out your sponges. Sunday, some confusion about your relationship with you-know-who requires your attention. Lucky numbers: 73, 89, 97.

LIBRA:
September 23 to October 22
The right words just slide out of your mouth on Monday without your having to think about it. And people are responding the way you want them to. Expression and high ideas figure into your day on Tuesday as well, but Wednesday you fall into a sentimental mood and by Thursday you feel entirely unsocial. People from your past keep walking through your thoughts. Then, Friday, a dose of fun — and possible romance — dramatically improves your outlook on everything and returns you to the present. You will remain cheerful, alert and attuned to beauty through the weekend. Lucky numbers: 59, 77, 95.

SCORPIO:
October 23 to November 21
Largeness is a theme on Monday. ‘The bigger the better’ is your mantra. Your reasons are philosophical, but the effect this outlook will have is financial. By Tuesday, you might find yourself the proud and somewhat embarrassed owner of an incredibly expensive piece of art. Or furniture. Or even jeans. Midweek, practice self-control. Instead of eating out, make yourself a sandwich. Focus on non-material things — your future, for example. Define a path. Friday and Saturday your problem-solving skills are needed at home, and Sunday will tax your imagination in pleasurable ways. Lucky numbers: 23, 46, 63.

SAGITTARIUS:
November 22 to December 21
You and your friends are more jovial than a performance troupe on Monday and Tuesday. You feel a bit like you’re in some kind of play — or a sitcom. Your social circle is satisfying on a deep level. But Wednesday and Thursday your focus turns inward. Values, original thinking and music figure strongly. Friday is a fine day to go to a party — introduce yourself to a stranger, see how much you have in common — and Saturday is rife with new ideas. You impress people wherever you go. But you exhaust yourself in the process. On Sunday, slow and steady is the answer. Lucky numbers: 39, 52, 83.

CAPRICORN:
December 22 to January 19
Your dreams are smarter than you may realize. If you’re trying to solve a problem on Monday or Tuesday, consider what your own mind has been telling you. And whatever you do, don’t stress. By Wednesday or Thursday, when positivity and good outcomes are strong themes, everything will have sorted itself out. Money is in the stars on Friday — either a lot of it or a lack of it — and Saturday has something to do with your future. On Sunday, your compassionate side emerges in an interaction with friends. You are only too glad to help. Lucky numbers: 13, 26, 48.

AQUARIUS:
January 20 to February 18
Remember the ‘Care Bears’? They lived on clouds, they each had their own specialty and they harnessed the group’s power to do good things. That’s what your group of friends is like on Monday and Tuesday. The start of the week is as expansive as a cloudscape. Wednesday and Thursday are, unfortunately, the opposite of expansive (restriction and discipline figure strongly, and you may not get the answers you’re looking for). But Friday is just about perfect: you have energy, you feel inspired, you feel significant. This mood, gloriously enough, lasts through the weekend. Lucky numbers: 66, 75, 94.

PISCES:
February 19 to March 20
An authority figure (most likely a boss) is a big part of your life at the start of the week. Do the right thing. Give them the respect they deserve. And when a blabbermouth starts in about something inconsequential, put your foot down. You’re not a goody-goody; you’re a person who cares about relationships. Relationships with friends in high places are crucial on Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday, kick off your shoes and give yourself a break after what will have most likely been a grueling week. Then spoil yourself this weekend. Lucky numbers: 58, 79, 87.

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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

BELIZE

Renovation and Expansion at the Belize Archives and Records Service (BARS) Building

1. The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Civil Aviation, in conjunction with the Belize Archives and Records Service, will be renovating and expanding the existing Archives and Records Service office facilities located at 26/28 Unity Boulevard, Belmopan, Belize.

2. The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Civil Aviation, and the Belize Archives and Records Service, are inviting proposals to provide construction services for the: Renovation and Expansion at the Belize Archives and Records Service Building in Belmopan.

The scope of works will include:

a) Break in of slab and walls to allow for construction of new staircase at ground floor level.
b) New dry wall construction at ground floor for enclosing of the research area.
c) Metal support and walls for new lift to be built on ground floor.
d) New walls, roofing system, and proposed finishes for the completion of first floor level.
e) Provide and install proposed mechanical, electrical and plumbing at first floor level.
f) Carry out all other necessary works to complete project as per design.

3. The proposal shall be reviewed and evaluated based on completeness and compliance of the quotation with the minimum specifications required.

4. The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Civil Aviation, and the Belize Archives and Records Service, are not bound to accept any quotation nor award a contract, nor be responsible for any costs associated with the preparation and submission of a quotation, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

5. The bid proposal shall be valid for 3 months from the date of submission.

6. Interested Eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Director of the Belize Archives and Records Service, 26/28 Unity Blvd., Belmopan. Tel: (501)-822-2247. Fax: (501)-227-4031. Email: herman.byrd@archives.gov.bz.

7. Qualifications requirements include:

a) The contractor should have specialization and experience in supervision of construction projects and provision of related quality assurance and quality control services.
b) The contractor should be registered with Government of Belize and should have at least five (5) years of experience in undertaking work related to the requirements (construction/rehabilitation projects).
c) The contractor should have knowledge of international standards for safety and security at the work site.
d) The contractor should have good knowledge of reinforced cement concrete, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, Information Communication Technology, heating/ventilation/air-conditioning for large scale construction projects.
e) The contractor should have demonstrated ability to read, understand and interpret construction documents such as technical drawings, work plan, specification, and generally engineering data in English.
f) The contractor should maintain a high level of confidentiality.

8. A complete set of Bidding Documents on Compact Disk can be requested free of cost by interested bidders from the contact person at the address below.

9. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before January 12th, 2015 at 2:00 PM. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders or their representatives who choose to be present at address below on the January 12th 2015 at 3 P.M.

10. A site visit will be held at the BARS in Belmopan on January 5th 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

11. All bids shall be accompanied by a “Bid Security” of BZ$10,000.00.

12. The address referred to above is:

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San Ignacio Resort Hotel’s restaurant, Running W Steakhouse, Introduces Fresh New Menu Items

SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, November 20, 2014: Running W Steakhouse will launch its latest menu that features new, innovative items made fresh daily by our Chefs. The restaurant, known for its local and international cuisine, welcoming atmosphere and premium meats from their own family ranch, will introduce the new menu on December 1st which includes eight new appetizers, four new sandwiches & salads, nine new entrées, six new desserts and several new cocktails.

During the process of revamping the Running W Steakhouse menu, the restaurant tested many of the new dishes on the weekly specials menu. “We had so many great ideas for new dishes that it became extremely difficult choosing what should be featured permanently,” said Kristin Utzman, Assistant Manager. “We have enough new dishes to feature 3 different menus that will be introduced seasonally.”

The lunch and dinner menu now showcases the new appetizer, Filet Mignon Beef Carpaccio: tender thin sliced grass fed filet topped with house made caper crème, roasted red peppers and shaved parmesan accompanied with our own French baguette garlic crostini. If you’re in the mood for a lighter appetizer, you can try our new Chicken Lettuce Cups: Hosin scented chicken vegetable slaw served with spicy peanut coconut dipping sauce and fresh lettuce leaf wraps.

Our New Bar Bites menu, served in our recently introduced Chic Lobby Bar, features a Habanero Queso Fresco hors d’oeuvre that tantalizes the taste buds with a perfect mix of local fresh cheese, Belizean herbs and spices alongside fresh baked bread. Sliders of the month and our infamous Shrimp Poppers can also be found on the Bar Bites Menu and Dinner Menu.

Happy Hour, which is Monday- Friday from 4pm-7pm, also features $4BZ Belikin beers, 2 for 1 local rum drinks and $10BZ Cocktail Specials.

New entrées on the dinner menu include the Coconut Crusted Caribbean Grouper: Fresh grouper filet coated in shredded fresh coconut and fried to perfection drizzled with a Thai inspired ginger coconut milk sauce and served with Coconut Rice. Other new menu items include:

- Tender Fried Conch (seasonal)
- Popcorn Lobster Bites
- Aged Angus Rib eye in Red Wine or Chimichurri Sauce
- House Made Pita Pizza (Pomodoro or White Garlic)
- House Made Capellini Spaghetti Pan Seared Pork Tenderloin
- Cho Cho Cinnamon “Apple” Pie
- Chocolate Mousse Cake topped with Chocolate Ganache

The modern Baroque design Lobby Bar is also boasting new additions with this latest rollout, including several new cocktails. In the mood for something refreshing? Try one of our Signature Cocktails, the Maya Refrescante: A perfect mix of Tequila, tamarind, freshly squeezed orange and lime juice, shaken to perfection and served with a sweet & salty rim.

The new menu items, new cocktails, dinner specials and Happy Hour specials will be available beginning December 1, 2014 at the Running W Steakhouse, located in the San Ignacio Resort Hotel, San Ignacio, Belize. For more information please contact the Running W Steakhouse & Restaurant at restaurant@sanignaciobelize.com.

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Influenza (Flu Virus) should be cleaned and disinfected at home, work and school, especially if someone is ill.

The Flu Is Contagious

Most healthy adults may be able to infect other people beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick. Children may pass the virus for longer than 7 days. Symptoms start 1 to 4 days after the virus enters the body. That means that you may be able to pass the flu on to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Some people can be infected with the flu virus but have no symptoms. During this time, those persons may still spread the virus to others.

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Who Bex Bex!!! Mahmud Resigns From The House

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sitting member of the House is a huge, historic deal. There have only been two previous bi-elections in the post-independence era of our nation. The first was to replace Derek Aikman in Freetown when he was declared bankrupt and the second, in Cayo South, when Agripino Cawich died. Both of those bi-elections were forced by circumstances, however, this bi-election is because of a voluntary resignation, leading one to believe that Mahmud couldn’t care less about the position he has placed those in his party as it is heavily rumored that he did not inform any of them of his decision, they all found out by default.

The Barrow administration is ready as Omar Figueroa has been in place for some time now and Cayo North has long since been a UDP division.

Belize Water Services Limited (BWS) continues to invest to improve the lives of consumers and the environment. BWS announces the initiation of a project to construct a new sewage pumping station to facilitate the residents in the north area of San Pedro Town.

This Pumping Station will be constructed on the corner of Laguna Drive and the River at a location that was reserved for this expansion when the original sewage system was designed and implemented in 1992.

Approximately 80 households and businesses will benefit immediately from this improved sewage collection facility. This includes all customers that are located in north San Pedro, between the High School and Boca del Río.

All components required for this project have already been purchased. The construction is expected to commence in early 2015 to coincide with the dry season and the construction should take approximately three months to complete.

This project was initiated based on the requests of residents channeled through the Area Representative, Hon. Manuel Heredia, and the Mayor of San Pedro, Mr. Daniel Guerrero.

BWS takes this opportunity to thank all those involved for their contribution to the project and looks forward to providing full services this area of San Pedro Town.

BWS — Delivering Water and More ...

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Press Release
November 27, 2014

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SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Sunday, 16 November, 2014:

Two young men from Santa Elena have been remanded to the Central Prison in Hattieville for the rape and forcible abduction of a 14 year old minor.

On Sunday, November 16, a female minor accompanied by her mother visited the San Ignacio police station and reported that whilst walking on George Price Avenue in the company of her sister, a red heavily tinted four door car, pulled up beside them when an occupant of the vehicle alighted wearing a white cloth covering most of his face, revealing only his eyes, forced her sister into the waiting car. She reported that upon witnessing this, she ran away.

Swift police investigation discovered the missing sister, who informed that she was forced into the said red vehicle and taken to an area known as the sand pit. Whilst there, she alleges that two male persons forcibly had sex with her and threatened that if she said anything to anyone they would kill her. She reports that she was then taken back to the location she was picked up from and she went home.

The minor was taken to the San Ignacio hospital, where she was examined by a doctor, who certified that she was carnally known.

Further police investigations led to the arrest of Avery Bahadur, 21, Belizean truck driver, and Craig Molina, 18, Belizean laborer both of Santa Elena. Both young men were jointly charged with rape and forcible abduction.

They appeared before Magistrate Narda Morgan on Tuesday, November 18, in San Ignacio’s Magistrate Court, where she ordered that both Bahadur and Molina be remanded to the Central Prison in Hattieville until Monday, February 23, 2015.
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