

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo,  
Thursday, March 3, 2016:**

Mayor Trapp says the building has been condemned as far back as 1992 and three or four engineers have come to the same conclusion. He says the building is ***“not safe for human use”*** and it has demoralized the staff of the council. ***“When it rains outside, it rains inside,”*** Mayor



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Trapp says making reference to the leaking roof and cracked up walls. ***“When a truck passes outside the entire building shakes. If you leave a ball on the floor it rolls to the other side of the room.”*** The building is leaning on one side by a slope of almost 11 inches.

The only reason they have stayed in the building so long is because previous councils have not been able to secure the funds to do otherwise. The Mayor says he cannot subject the staff of the council to this kind of working conditions any longer. ***“I personally have come upon members of the staff meeting in a corner, organizing not to return to work because of the terrible condition the building is in.”*** He

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# Esperanza Village Resident Loses His Licensed Firearm



## **.380 Walther Pistol**

**ESPERANZA VILLAGE, Cayo,  
Tuesday, March 1, 2016:**

Another dangerous weapon may be in the hands of dangerous elements after a resident of Esperanza Village lost his firearm on Tuesday March 1.

According to police reports, 43-year-old **Phillip Elvis Orellano**, businessman of Esperanza Village, Cayo reported that on at about 4 p.m. on Tuesday his wife rented a red 2002 Mitsubishi Montero vehicle to a customer. Shortly after the customer left with the vehicle, Orellano realized that he had forgotten his license. 380

Walther Pistol, serial number S130557 with 7 live rounds of ammunition. He claims that he left the firearm inside the glove compartment of the Mitsubishi Montero.

The family immediately contacted the client to inquire about the pistol; however, when asked the client informed them that there was no gun in the glove compartment of the vehicle. Police are investigating the matter and hope to recover the firearm before it gets into the hands of dangerous people. The Walther brand pistol is valued at \$2500.



## Road Near Camolte Village Under Inspection

CAMALOTE VILLAGE, Cayo, Thursday, March 3, 2016:

Residents of Camalote Village and motorists travelling that part of the George Price Highway need to exercise extreme caution over the next week.

The Ministry of Works and Transport issued a release to inform the general public that an axle weight survey for heavy construction and heavy transport vehicles is taking place in Camalote Village, Cayo District in front of the Community Center.

The main purpose of this survey is to gather preliminary information regarding the range of heavy axle loads borne by Belize's main highways that will be used to

assist engineers in improving future highway design, improve the performance of routine and periodic maintenance and to expand its database of vehicular axle weights.

The survey in Camalote Village will be carried out from Wednesday, March 2, to Thursday, March 10.

The Ministry apologizes for inconveniences in the form of minor delays for heavy construction and heavy transport vehicles.

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## Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

### ARIES:

#### March 22 to April 20

For the next three months, you will be more enthusiastic about life! Your natural desire to explore new realms and pioneer ideas will be ignited. Many of you will travel. Others will explore opportunities to learn more through higher studies or advanced courses. Opportunities in publishing, the media, medicine and the law will abound. Admittedly, legal conflicts might arise. But on the whole, the next three months promise adventure, a change of scenery and exciting chances to expand your mind and your experience of the world. All you have to do is decide what you want to do with this exciting opportunity! **Lucky numbers: 00, 11, 42.**

### TAURUS:

#### April 21 to May 21

In the next three months, disputes about shared property, taxes, debt and anything jointly held with others might arise. You might also have conflicts with partners about shared responsibilities. On the upside, a resolution to these conflicts is now possible. In another vein - this same three month period will amp your sex drive! You might want to explore new ways of how you express yourself sexually. But the biggest area that you will explore in the next three months is how you meet and deal with the values of those who are closest to you. Will you fight about these values and dispute them? Or will you find a common ground? **Lucky numbers: 23, 31, 65.**

### GEMINI:

#### May 22 to June 21

Mars is energetic and aggressive and very much tied up with our ego. For the next three months, when Mars is opposite your sign, you will experience ego conflicts with partners and close friends. It's unavoidable. In many cases, a third party might help you out, especially because you might not be open to compromise. On the upside, it will give you a chance to clear the air, which is something we often do not do. But definitely - avoid needless fighting and controversy because it can weaken a good relationship. Remember: This is a temporary stress that will not last forever. That light at the end of the tunnel is not a train. **Lucky numbers: 02, 34, 49.**

### CANCER

#### June 21 to July 21

For the next three months, Mars will help you to work hard. You will be pumped with energy to achieve whatever you want on the job or for any task that you set for yourself. The only downside is you will be so keen, you will expect others to work just as

hard. But hey - Mars might not be in that part of their chart. They might want to kick back, relax and play! That's because Mars activates different parts of our charts according to our sign. Therefore, use this energy to your best advantage to accomplish what you want; but do not be judgmental about others. They're not slackers - you're just gung-ho. **Lucky numbers: 05, 42, 56.**

### LEO:

#### July 24 to August 21

Fiery Mars will help you in the next three months because it will recharge your energy to play and be creative. Those who work in the arts, the entertainment world or the hospitality industry will be enthused about what you do! All Leos will want to go on vacation. They will want to party, enjoy the theatre, musical performances, social diversions and playful activities with children. Sports events will be fun; in fact, Leos who are involved in sports will be motivated and competitive! Romance and love affairs will get a boost of sexual energy and pizzazz. Enjoy this playful time but remember to get enough rest to keep up this fun pace! **Lucky numbers: 37, 78, 95.**

### VIRGO:

#### August 22 to September 21

You will be surprised you at how much energy you have in the next three months for home improvements or big projects that involve the family or something to do with real-estate speculation. That's because all of these areas are where you suddenly will have energy to burn! You will want to work hard to secure your home, as well as fix it up so that it's the way you want it to be. Admittedly, family disputes might arise because you are opinionated about what you want. You will definitely call the shots. Make sure that your increased focus on family and home doesn't alienate you from a family member. That would be so contrary to what you actually want to achieve. **Lucky numbers: 20, 28, 90.**

### LIBRA:

#### September 22 to October 23

You are a social sign. You enjoy the company of others. In the next three months, you will love the boost to all your interactions -- be they talking, writing or visiting with others (*especially siblings, neighbours and friends*). Because Mars will magnify your energy, you will embrace a busier schedule. Short trips, errands and discussions with everyone will keep you hustling! Furthermore, your communications will have strong energy. You'll be decisive, forthright and aggressive. You will persuade others to agree with you. You will sell your ideas! This is a great time for those who write,

market, teach and act - nevertheless, embrace your Libran charm and diplomacy. You need to be loved. **Lucky numbers: 66, 82, 93.**

### SCORPIO:

#### October 24 to November 21

You will be stoked to make money in the next three months. This will manifest in several ways. For starters, you're going to dream up moneymaking ideas. Furthermore, you will have the energy to implement these ideas and get them off the ground. Some might explore self-employment or how to make money on the side. Others will be keen to make major purchases because Mars will make you identify with what you own more than usual. Be aware of this tendency so that you don't rack up too much debt. Disputes about possessions or the ownership of something might also arise. On the positive side, you will see ways to use what you own to do what you want to do. **Lucky numbers: 04, 12, 63.**

### SAGITTARIUS:

#### November 22 to December 21

You will definitely feel a change in the next three months while fiery Mars is in your sign. No question. For starters, it will make you more assertive and more ready to fight for your rights. You might even fight for the rights of others. One benefit is that it gives you tons of energy to use to do whatever it is you want to do - work, plan, implement, directly energies of others, whatever. Therefore, this will be a productive time for you! Just be careful about being too bossy. All your relationships will have more energy, especially romantic relationships. Every aspect of your life will be supercharged with enthusiasm and activity. **Lucky numbers: 27, 51, 73.**

### CAPRICORN:

#### December 22 to January 20

The placement of Mars in the next three months is just what the doctor ordered for Capricorns. Two major things are going on in your life: One is you are divesting yourself of what is no longer important or relevant. The second big influence is you are getting ready for a fantastic year where you will promote your reputation and good name. This lovely influence will begin late this year and flourish all of 2017. Therefore, use the next three months to plan, research and reflect upon your goals. You're undergoing big changes right now and headed in a new direction, which means you have to think about what it is you want to do, and who you want to be. **Lucky numbers: 05, 33, 98.**

### AQUARIUS:

#### January 20 to February 18

You understand the power of gathering together like-minded individuals to bring about change for the better in your community, your country or the world. In the next three months, you will have wonderful energy to achieve goals that require group activities or the cooperation of others. You will stand out as a natural leader. Your networking skills will be fabulous. Quite likely, your humanitarian goals will be fired up, which is why you will embrace projects and make abstract ideas become concrete realities. Be kind to yourself and don't take on more than you can handle. We all have our kryptonite. **Lucky numbers: 58, 77, 91.**

### PISCES:

#### February 20 to March 21

For the next three months, fiery Mars is at the top of your chart arousing your ambition as never before. You will be determined to make a name for yourself. This will manifest professionally in your career, or personally, as you relate to your community. Consciously or unconsciously, you will do things to make others notice you and especially to respect you. Self-promotion will come easily. You will be PowerPoint on steroids. You want to be your own boss and you want credit for what you do. All of this is just fine - but don't leave home without your diplomacy. Obviously, the downside is you will threaten bosses and people in authority, including parents. **Lucky numbers: 40, 62, 75.**

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## Last Undefeated Team Falls In NEBL Tournament

BY: Karim Juan, Commissioner  
SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo,  
Sunday, February 28, 2016:

### Belmopan Bandits Stuns Smart In The Hurricane Shelter

On Friday night, Smart Belize Hurricanes hosted Belmopan Bandits at the Belize Elementary School gym, in a rematch of a thrilling season opener. The home team jumped out to an expected lead, with an early 20 - 11 advantage at the end of the first quarter. At the half, Smart Belize Hurricanes was able to extend that lead to 12 points, going into the fourth quarter with a 63 - 58 lead. Belmopan Bandits was able to cut the lead to 2 points midway through the fourth quarter, and with great end-of-game execution, secured a huge win for their team, claiming the 85 - 83 victory. American import, **Nick Brown**, was the top scorer for Belmopan Bandits (3-4) with 24 points to go with 6 boards and 3 steals. **Jarrel "Bird" Velasquez** tallied 17 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists while **Kurt "Chengo" Burgess** finished with a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds, with 4 assists and 2 steals. **Stephen "Muerte" Williams** and **Kyle Pascascio** chipped in with 12 and 11 points respectively. Smart Belize Hurricanes (6-1) was led by **Farron Louriano** who had the game high with 30 points and game high 14 rebounds and 5 steals, while **Darwin "Puppy" Leslie** finished with 15

points, 5 caroms and 3 steals. **Ty Bradley** tallied 10 points and 5 rebounds while **Brian White** finished the game with 8 points and 14 rebounds. Smart Belize Hurricanes out-rebounded Belmopan Bandits 58 - 38, but Bandits shot 38% from the field, capitalizing on their opportunities, compared to Hurricanes 33% shooting from the field. Belmopan Bandits was only able to muster 6 points off the bench, compared to Hurricanes 14 points, and had the 18 - 7 advantage on second chance points.

### Griga Warriors Was Ready For Battle In Rematch Versus Belize City No Limit

Dangriga Warriors hosted Belize City No Limit on Saturday night at the Ecumenical College in Dangriga Town, in an attempt to even their regular season meetings. Dangriga Warriors jumped out to an early 21 - 14 first quarter lead, which they never relinquished, maintaining a double digit lead most of the game, to seal the 81 - 67 victory. Dangriga Warriors (5-3) was led by **James Ewing** with the game high 23 points, 7 rebounds and 3 assists, while **Edgar Mitchell** is having his break out season, tallying 18 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists. **Jamir Flores** scored 13 points to go with 4 rebounds, 3 assists and an impressive 8 steals while league-leading rebounder finished with 6 points and 12 rebounds. **Gregory "Chippy" Rudon** was the top scorer

for Belize City No Limit (2-3) with 18 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals, as he continues to struggle on offense, as the defending scoring title. **Michael Babbles** and **Earl "Bolo" Johnson** finished the game with 12 and 10 points respectively. Dangriga Warriors out-rebounded Belize City No Limit 46 - 43, while having the 10 - 2 bench points advantage.

### Western Ballaz Back To Their Winning Ways As Independence Continues To Struggle

Cayo Western Ballaz traveled down south to take on Independence Thunderbolts on Saturday night. Independence Thunderbolts play significantly better on their home court, always striking first and putting up a much better fight down south, compared to their road games. Cayo Western Ballaz had a 20 - 15 lead at the end of the first quarter, but Independence Thunderbolts quickly turned things around to take a 43 - 41 lead going into intermission. At the end of the third quarter, the visitors were able to reclaim the lead, claiming the 93 - 80 win. Cayo Western Ballaz (4-3) top scorer was **Winston Pratt** who had the game high with 28 points, 8 assists and 5 rebounds, while **Milton James** finished with a double-double of 28 points, 11 boards and 3 assists. **Brandon Flowers** chipped in with 17 points and 9 rebounds in the win. Independence Thunderbolts (0-8) was led by **Alroy Foreman** with 22 points and 5 rebounds while **Lisaney Lambey** tallied 17 points, 3 rebounds and 3 assists. **Dominique Guzman** and **Kareem Andrews** scored 13 and 10 points respectively for the home squad. Cayo Western Ballaz dished out 19 assists compared to Independence Thunderbolts 9, while having the 20 - 12 edge on points off turnovers. Independence Thunderbolts bench outscored Ballaz bench 38 - 21.

### Orange Walk Falls Short In Home Game Opener As Hurricanes Continue To Dominate

On Saturday night, Orange Walk Running Rebels hosted their first home game of the season, as Smart Belize Hurricanes traveled up north. Coming off a loss on Friday night, Smart Belize Hurricanes were focused and ready to quickly turn things around. Smart Belize Hurricanes opened up an early 25 - 15 lead, which they increased to 40 - 23 at half time. The visiting team held on to the lead the entire game, handily winning 98 - 47. Smart Belize Hurricanes (7-1) was led by **Farron Louriano** who had another great game with 28 points, 8 rebounds and 6 steals while **Glency Lopez** posted 14 points. **Akeem Watters** tallied 12 points, 9 boards and 2 assists while **Randy Usher** finished the night with

12 points, 4 rebounds, 6 assists and 7 steals and **Jacob Leslie** netted 10 points. Orange Walk Running Rebels was led by **Roger Reneau** with 13 points, 6 steals, 5 rebounds and 2 assists. Jason Grant posted a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds while **Calbert Carcamo** finished with 10 points. Smart Belize Hurricanes out-rebounded Orange Walk Running Rebels 59 - 36, while having the lead for the entire game. The visiting team also had a 25 - 10 advantage on fast break points and a 40 - 14 advantage on points off the bench.

### Upcoming Games

**Friday at 9 p.m.** - Smart Belize Hurricanes at Cayo Western Ballaz  
**Saturday at 8 p.m.** - Belize City No Limit at Orange Walk Running Rebels  
**Saturday at 8 p.m.** - Belmopan Bandits at Dangriga Warriors  
**Saturday at 9 p.m.** - Independence Thunderbolts at Belize City No Limit  
**Saturday at 9 p.m.** - Cayo Western Ballaz at San Pedro Tiger Sharks

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Thursday, March 3, 2016:

From Monday, February 29, to Thursday, March 3, **BELTRAIDE** is hosting a workshop in collaboration with InfoDev, a World Bank Group, *“to chart a way to foster an innovative entrepreneurship ecosystem in Belize”*. During the workshop, managers, entrepreneurs, students, government officials, donors and investors will take part in Business Incubation Management (**BIM**) Training. A business incubator is a company that helps new and startup companies to develop by providing services such as management training, market information, office space, etc.

Many great business ideas fail shortly after take off because they did not get the chance to have enough air under the wings. Business experts around the world will tell you that the most vulnerable time for a business is the infancy stage - the period of time in which the business is susceptible to numerous terminal conditions. Some businesses crash in the infancy stage because of unexpected and unbudgeted expenses. Others fail because they could not stay above water long enough for the business to start seeing a profit. There are



several factors that can cause a business to fail in the early stages and the Belize Trade and Investment Development Service (**BELTRAIDE**) is hoping to provide protection for young entrepreneurs by introducing a business incubator.

*“The country needs a greater support environment for entrepreneurship and so we are doing this through the Incubation Program,”* said **Melanie Gideon**, Director of Enterprise and Innovation at **BELTRAIDE**. *“The purpose of the workshop over the next few days is to work with stakeholders in designing an appropriate incubation program for Belize.”*

The program is part of a regional initiative launched by Accelerate Caribbean called the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development project. It is part of a seven year \$20 Million Entrepreneurship Program of Innovation in the Caribbean (**EPIC**) and its objective is to strengthen entrepreneurship and boost job creation across **CARICOM**.

**Natalia Pipia**, team leader for Accelerate Caribbean, was very optimistic after the first two days of the workshop. She said, *“After talking with the audience here, we will figure out where the gaps are in Belize and what actually is the country doing very well at.”*

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# STAR HUMOR

## Belizean Maid

A man gets his telephone bill and realizes it was a whopping \$25,000, so he calls a family meeting.

The man says he doesn't use the phone because he makes all his call from his company phone.

Next his wife says she has no need to use it because she makes all her

local and foreign calls from her office.

The son says that he makes all his calls from his work phone, so they all turn and look at the maid who was Belizean.

She blurted out, *"So weh uno de look pan mi fah? Me cyant mek call from my work phone to?"*

## Wedding Dress Blues

When my sister Andrea got married, she asked to wear my mother's wedding dress. The day she tried it on for the first time I was sitting with Mother in the living room as Andrea descended the stairs. The gown was a perfect fit on her petite frame. Mother's eyes

welled with tears. I put my arm around her.

*"You're not losing a daughter,"* I reminded her in time-honored fashion. *"You're gaining a son."*

*"Oh, forget about that!"* she said with a sob. *"I used to fit into that dress!"*

## Bathroom Woes

While carpenters were working outside the old house I had just bought, I busied myself with indoor cleaning. I had just finished washing the floor when one of the workmen asked to use the bathroom.

With dismay I looked from his

muddy boots to my newly scrubbed floors. *"Just a minute,"* I said, thinking of a quick solution. *"I'll put down newspapers."*

*"That's all right, lady,"* he responded. *"I'm already trained."*

## Two Blondes Fishing

These two blondes rent a boat and go fishing in a lake. They're amazed at the number of fish that they catch, so one says to the other, *"We'll have to come back here tomorrow!"*

The other asks, *"But how will we remember where this spot is?"*

The first blonde then takes a can of spray paint, paints an X on the bottom of the boat, and says, *"We'll just look for this X tomorrow."*

The other blonde says, *"You idiot! How do you know we'll get the same boat?"*

## Your Time Is Up

A middle-aged woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table, she had a near death experience.

Seeing God, she asked *"Is my time up?"*

God said, *"No, you have another 43 years, 2 months, and 8 days to live."*

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a facelift, liposuction, and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color.

Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, *"I thought you said I had another 40 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?"*

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# Arson In Billy White Village

**BILLY WHITE VILLAGE, Cayo, Sunday, February 28, 2016:**

One family from the Cayo District has lost their home and all their belongings after a fire gutted a structure in the early hours of Sunday, February 28.

San Ignacio Police responded to a house on fire at 1:38 a.m. on Sunday in Billy White Village. There they saw a yellow wooden structure measuring about 24x24 feet with zinc roof and standing about three feet off the ground completely destroyed by

fire. The wooden structure was the property of 39-year-old **Dimas Duarte** of Billy White Village who reported that at around 12:50 a.m. he went to San Ignacio Police station to make a report about an individual who was causing him problems and

while at the station he was informed by the police that his shop was on fire. The wooden structure and its contents is estimated at \$60,000.00 and was not insured. Police are investigating the incident and have people of interest that they intend to question in relation to the incident. Police are treating this fire as a case of arson.

## Billy White Village BDF Couple Free of Illegal Weapon Charges

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, March 3, 2016:**

BDF corporals **Gerald and Lloida August**, husband and wife of Billy White Village, were convicted of firearm and ammunition offences in February of last year. The couple were being accused of being in possession of guns and ammunitions that were stolen from the BDF Price Barracks compound on December 23, 2011. They were sentenced to seven years imprisonment each by Magistrate Nardia Morgan on February 23, 2015. Through their attorney, **Leeroy Banner** of Chebat and Co. Law Firm, the couple appealed the conviction and sentence. A group of Cayo residents had protested the case in May 2015 because the couple's four children were left with an overwhelmed grandmother while they were in prison. Fortunately for all involved,

Gerald and Lloida are now free after Supreme Court Justice Antoinette Moore upheld the couple's appeal of illegal weapons convictions. Banner argued before Justice Moore that the accused did not get a fair trial since there was no attorney present for them during the trial. Even though they had sought representation, no attorney was present on the day of the trial. Magistrate Morgan still proceeded with the matter and Banner argued that the Magistrate did not assist them during the trial. The final submission by Banner is that Magistrate Morgan did not give a reason for her judgment; therefore, the court cannot say how she concluded that his clients were guilty.

Justice Antoinette Moore agreed with the submissions made by Banner and ruled that Gerald and Lloida August were subjected to an unfair trial. The couple were freed of the charges.



**Gerald and Lloida August**

## PM Barrow Appointed As Member Of The Privy Council By Queen Elizabeth II

**BELMOPAN, Cayo, Tuesday, March 1, 2016:**

Her Majesty **Queen Elizabeth II** has announced that Prime Minister of Belize **Hon. Dean Barrow** has been appointed as a Member of the Privy Council. With this, the Prime Minister can now legitimately be referred to as the **Right Honourable Dean Barrow**.

The announcement was published on the website of the Office of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on March 1, 2016. This comes after the Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow's appointment to his third term as the Prime Minister of Belize. Rt. Hon. Barrow was first elected Prime



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### TENDER INVITATION FOR THE SUPPLY OF SECURITY SERVICES

Belize Water Services Ltd (BWS) is inviting tenders for the supply of security guard and courier services for the period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

#### Services being requested are for the following locations:

- Belize City Offices and Main Compound
- Double Run Water Treatment Plant, Sand Hill Village
- Lords Bank Storage Facility
- San Pedro Branch Office
- Caye Caulker Office and Compound
- Corozal Branch Office
- Orange Walk Branch Office
- Belmopan Branch Office
- Belmopan Water Treatment Plant
- Santa Elena Branch Office
- Dangriga Branch Office
- Dangriga Water Treatment Plant
- Placencia Branch Office
- Seine Bight Compound
- Punta Gorda Branch Office

Tenders can be submitted for any location or combination of locations. Interested firms should pick up the detailed requirements at BWS main office in Belize City between the hours 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday commencing **Wednesday March 2, 2016** or can request for it to be forwarded electronically.

The closing date for tenders is **Monday March 14, 2016 at 10:00am**. BWS reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders.

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# Belize Elects First National Youth Council... Almost

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, February 29, 2016:**

A group of young talented community servants have been elected by their peers to serve on the country's first National Youth Council. Six District Youth Councils were elected on Monday, February 29, and the group of representatives are waiting for two more members to complete the body that will represent the voice of seventy percent of the population. The final two members will be **Stafin Duncan** or **Micah Goodin** and **Phillip Wade** or **Herman Sanchez**.

Duncan and Goodin finished tied in the race for President of the Belize District Youth Council. Wade and Sanchez finished tied in the race for treasurer of the Corozal District Youth Council. The Department of Youth Services has set March 14 as the date for runoff elections in both districts. Other races for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Relations Officer have been decided.

In the North, the newly elected Corozal District Council includes **Damari Tesucum** as President, **Dominique Vellos** as Vice-President, **Immer Campos** as Secretary and **Digna Ramirez** as Public Relations Officer. The Orange Walk District Council includes **Joshua Carrillo** as President, **Joslin Alvarez** as Vice-President, **Katy Magana** as Secretary, **Delia Toledano** as Treasurer and **Makeda Anderson** as Public Relations Officer. In Central, the Cayo District Council is headed by **Ricky Cunil** who was elected as President. He is joined by **Raven Galvez** as Vice-President, **Josselyn Balona** as Secretary, **Chantae Guy** as Treasurer and **Shantel Jacobs** as Public Relations Officer. The Belize District Council includes **Dominique Noralez** as Vice-President, **Shayanne Dena** as Secretary, **Sharissa Perez** as Treasurer and **Renata Samuels** as Public Relations Officer.

In the South, for the Stann Creek District the President is **Jamall Swaso**. **Ruth Virula** is the Vice-President; **Kylesha Ciego** was elected as Secretary, **Antonette Nunez** as Treasurer and **Dwayne Don Neal** as Public Relations Officer. The President of the Toledo District Council is **Adriana Avilez**. She is joined by **Fern Foster** as Vice-President, **Leshawn Sanchez** as Secretary, **Zalika Garbutt** as Treasurer and **Albert Coleman Jr.** as Public Relations Officer.

**Hon. Patrick Faber**, Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture says he was very impressed with the process. *"Some years ago we decided we were going to put together the [Nationall Youth]*



**Voters From Santa Elena**

*policy; we were going to put together the registration process where youth groups can register*

*and be a part of the activities." He says the goal is "to empower the young people so that they*

*themselves can take the lead in terms of the youth agenda in this country."*

Voters are selected by youth groups which are registered with the Department of Youth Services. Each registered youth group was allowed to select two members as delegates for the district elections. The names had to be submitted by February 12 to allow candidates to have a two week window to make their pitch directly to voters. The four candidates in the runoff elections now have another two weeks to convince the voters who supported other candidates to vote for them on March 14.

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# Real Madrid's James Rodriguez Fined After 124mph Police Chase

BBC NEWS, Tuesday, March 1, 2016:

Colombian footballer **James Rodriguez**, 24, has been fined **£10,400 (\$11,300; £8,090)** by the Spanish authorities for refusing to stop for police, Spanish media report.

The Real Madrid star was caught speeding on New Year's Day on his way to training, and refused to stop.

Police said he was driving at 200km/h (**124mph**), double the speed limit.

The fine is for refusing to stop when police told him to pull over. The fine for speeding has yet to be announced.

The incident happened on 1 January as Mr Rodriguez was driving in his Audi R8 on the M-40 motorway in the outskirts of Madrid.



James Rodriguez

Police in an unmarked vehicle caught the player speeding and hailed him over loudspeaker, telling him to pull over. The player did not stop and was followed by the police car with a

flashing siren all the way to the training ground.

The officers said Mr Rodriguez told them he did not stop because he feared they were trying to kidnap him.

Carjackings are not uncommon in his native Colombia but rather more rare in Spain.

He also said that he had not heard the siren because the music in his car had been too loud.

He has 15 days to appeal against the fine. But if he pays within the next two weeks, the sum due will be halved.

The player earns **£7.6m** per year.

James Rodriguez is not the only current Real Madrid player to have been in trouble on the roads.

His team-mate Karim Benzema was caught driving at 195km/h (**121mph**) in February 2012.

He had his driving licence suspended for eight months and was fined **£18,000 (£14,012)**.

# Mexican Drug Lord El Chapo Guzman 'Requests US Extradition'

BBC NEWS, Wednesday, March 2, 2016:

The jailed Mexican drug lord, **Joaquin Guzman**, has asked to be extradited to the United States rapidly so he can receive better treatment in prison.

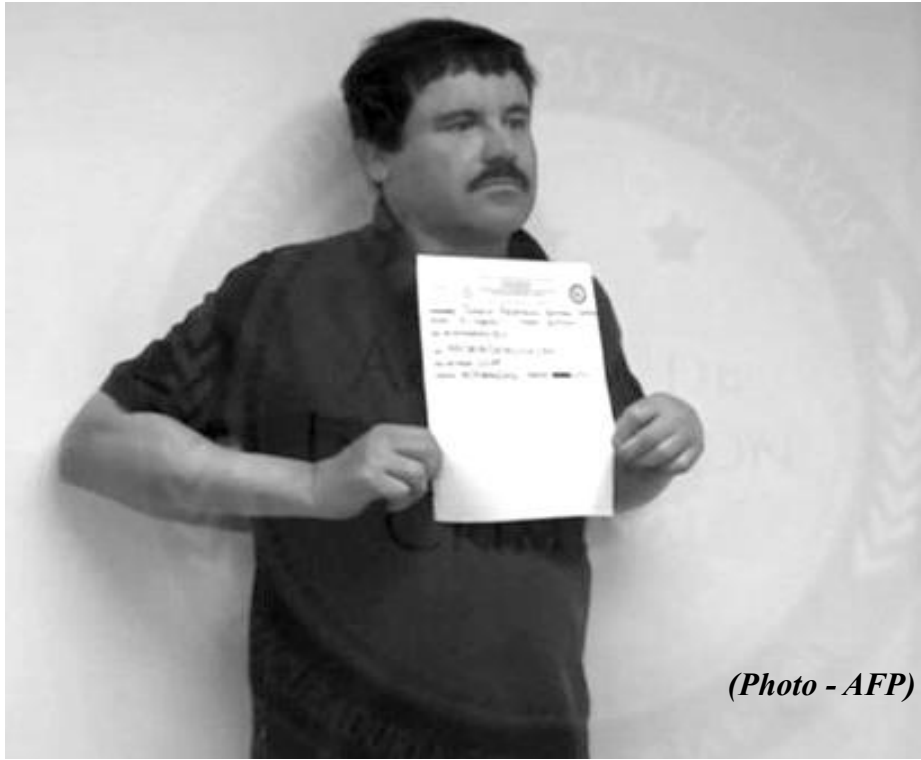
His lawyer said Guzman had asked him to stop fighting his extradition because guards at his prison would not let him sleep.

**"El Chapo" Guzman** was recaptured in January, six months after he escaped from prison.

Prison authorities say he is woken and checked every four hours.

Two US courts have requested Guzman's extradition on charges of drug trafficking in California, and murder in Texas.

But Guzman's defence teams filed



Guzman says his jail regime is too harsh

an estimated nine appeals against his extradition. Guzman's lawyer, **Jose Refugio Rodriguez**, said his client had told

him to negotiate with the US authorities for a lighter sentence and confinement at a medium-security prison.

Speaking on a Mexican radio station, Radio Formula, he said: **"He has reached his limit, it is an act of desperation."**

Guzman escaped down a 1.5 km (**1 mile**) tunnel from the Altiplano maximum security prison outside Mexico City and was on the run for six months.

He was returned to the prison in January but to a much harsher regime.

Mr Rodriguez said his client was now kept isolated and segregated and complains his cell is small, cold and he does not see the sun.

Previously, Guzman said he had been given an hour-and-a-half every day to talk to his lawyer and an hour in the prison patio.


Every nine days, he had been allowed a four-hour conjugal visit and a four-hour family visit.

Mr Rodriguez said it would take two months to organise his extradition to the US.

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# Guatemalan Military Intercepts Belizean Sarstoon Excursion

PUNTA GORDA TOWN, Saturday, February 27, 2016:

The Belize Territorial Volunteers planned an excursion on the Sarstoon River for Saturday, February 27, to mark the one year anniversary of team members detention by Guatemalan authorities. This excursion was a disappointment from the beginning, however. The campaign that once had dozens of supporters from the North and South of Belize has dwindled to less than a handful. There were more news reporters at Wil Maheia's excursion than there were supporters. Still, the lack of support did not deter the Leader of the Volunteers.

Maheia set off for his citizens patrol of the Sarstoon and met up with officers of the Guatemalan armed forces at the mouth of the Sarstoon. The naval vessel, according to members of the press, acted as blockades to prevent the Belizean skiffs from entering into the Sarstoon. It is a situation that could have escalated out of control. However, the captains of the Belizean boats informed Maheia that they do not wish to cause trouble and a decision was made to turn around.

After the failed mission, Maheia was asked if he is giving up. He said, *"Clearly we are not giving up. We will not give up. This river belongs to us as well as to Guatemala. Half belongs to us and half belongs to them. We are being denied our right to go on our river and I just think that's it's unfortunate, it's unfair and in addition to that the amount of destruction that Guatemalans are doing to our environment, we need to take a stand."*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has chosen to take a more diplomatic approach to what it calls *"an increased state of alertness by the Guatemalan Armed Forces in the Sarstoon River"*. The Ministry in a release states, *"Belize's security forces witnessed on Saturday, 27th February, 2016 an increased state of alertness by the Guatemalan Armed Forces in the Sarstoon River who appeared intent on blocking entry of Belizean civilians into the Sarstoon River from the Bay of Honduras."* In an effort to address the matter on the international level, *"Ministry of Foreign Affairs will raise its concern with the Republic of Guatemala and the Organization*

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*of American States on this matter, and will continue to actively seek the adoption of confidence building measures for the area, pending a definitive resolution of the dispute arising from Guatemala's claims."*

Until the matter is resolved, *"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs cautions that while there are no public areas in Belize where Belizeans are not permitted to visit, there are areas in the proximity of our western and southern borders which are prone to generate tensions between the citizens of the two countries, and, in the circumstances, the Ministry maintains its view that it is imprudent and potentially dangerous for the organizers of excursions of this type to expose innocent Belizeans to the risk of inadvertently coming into conflict with Guatemalans be they civilians or officials."*

## Is The Town Council Property Really For Sale? - Mayor Earl Trapp Updates Residents

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says the situation must be improved immediately.

The Town Council is getting ready to rent a building from which it will operate until a new Town Hall is built. In the mean time, they will proceed with plans to sell the property in order to pay for construction of a new building. Atlantic Bank has already shown interest in the property since their headquarters is close by. The

council has not made a final decision on sale as yet and other interested buyers may still have time to make an offer. It is important to understand that the building will be of no use to interested investors because of the deplorable condition; therefore, the item of focus is the actual property.

There has been concern raise from individuals who claim that the building was constructed with

money from th Baron Bliss Trust Fund. Mayor Trapp says that information is false. The Town Hall building was built with funds from the Government of Mexico. Contributions from the Baron Bliss Trust Fund was used to build the old market.

The Mayor is inviting residents to come out to the public meeting on March 17, when this sale and many other business will be discussed.

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