

Sunday, March 27, 2016

SAN IGNACIO TAXI MAN AND WIFE ROBBED ON BULLET TREE ROAD

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, March 16, 2016:

Sixty-one-year-old Albino Itzab, a taxi driver of San Ignacio Town, and his wife are lucky to be alive after they were lured to the Santa Rosa area by three passengers and robbed of his vehicle and their possessions.

Itza took a job from in front of the Caoba Restaurant in San Ignacio Town when two males and a female requested service Calla Creek on Wednesday afternoon, March 16. Itzab was not the slight bit suspicious of the three Hispanic decent individuals. On the way to Calla Creek, about 500 yards from a farm

in the Santa Rosa area, one of the males took out a knife and placed it at Itzabø neck. The would be robber made it clear that he was dead serious and ordered Itzab to hand over everything he had. He handed over his wallet containing over \$200 in Belize currency and his wife& Alcatel cell phone with an undisclosed value. The three persons then took off in Itzabøs grey 2002 Toyota Corolla with license plate number SID-00616, valued at \$9,000.

Police investigation has resulted in collaboration between the Belize Police Department, the Belize Defense Force and the Guatemala Civil Police.

Killed In Spanish Lookout **Man Knocked** Down And

SPANISH LOOKOUT, Cayo, Wednesday, March 16, 2016:

Police have issued a notice of intended prosecution upon Spanish Lookout resident, Felix Sandoval, 59, who knocked down and killed 89-year-old Guatemalan National, Alejandro Padillo in Spanish Lookout last week Wednesday, March 16.

Police received information of a road traffic accident in Spanish

Lookout at about 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Initial investigation revealed that Mr. Felix Sandoval of Duck Run address had just finished repairing his truck tire at the Esso Gas Station compound on the Center Road in Spanish Lookout and while reversing out he felt an impact at the rear end of the vehicle. When he got out to check what had happened, he saw an elderly man, later identified as Padillo, lying on the



Alejandro Padillo

ground with abrasions to the side of his face.

Padillo was transported to the Western Regional Hospital and subsequently to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Upon completion of the case file, relating to this accident, it will be forwarded to the office of the Director of Public Prosecution for

New Kitchen At Octavia EXT LOUNGE AND ECLIPSE ENT **Waight Center**



Claudette Hulse, Chairperson of the Octavia Waight Center stands in the new kitchen

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Monday, March 21, 2016:

Octavia Waight Center for the aged now has a fully equipped new kitching thanks to a partnership with the Gobie Foundation. The center is managed by Help Age Belize and is currently home to 32 residents.

The center was founded in San Ignacio Town about 25 years ago with a visit by Raleigh International.

The kitchen is fully furnished with stainless steel refrigerators, two large stoves, mixers and other appliances. Donations were made by businesses in the San Ignacio/Santa Elena area such as Bennyøs and Builders Hardware.

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Benque Viejo Archaeological Reserve Opened

BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, March 17, 2016:

Benque Viejo del Carmen now has a new attraction at its center, with the opening of the Benque Viejo Archaeological Reserve on Thursday of last week. Once a suburb of the nearby flourishing Xunantunich City State, which existed around 700 A.D, the just opened Maya site may have once been the home of an elite leader or warrior; that gathered significant tribute last week with the presence of Ambassadors from Mexico, Guatemala, Canada, Britain and Brazil.

Master of ceremony for the opening was **Dr. Allan Moore**, Associate Director of the Institute of Archaeology, who welcomed all the guests and attendees. At the start of the ceremony, the National Anthem was played by the Benque Marimba Academy from the Benque House of Culture. During the ceremonies, Mayor of Benque Viejo, Hilberto Ramcharan accredited the efforts of Subrata Basu, a US Peace Corps volunteer, who had worked tirelessly for a period of three years to preserve the Maya site.

H.E. Carlos Moreno, Ambassador of the United States of America, expressed that he appreciated the work of the National



The Benque Viejo Archaeological Reserve

Institute of Culture and History NICH, which had done considerable work to make the Benque Viejo Archaeological Reserve a reality. The U.S Ambassador also shared some of his personal history and interests in the Maya culture, arising from when he was studying Mesoamerican history in college some 45 years ago.

The newly opened Benque Viejo Archaeological Reserve was made possible as a result of a unique partnership between the Benque Viejo Town Council, the Institute of Archaeology within NICH and the United States Embassy. Work began at the site in October of last year, with NICH investing \$50,000.00 and the US Embassy another \$110,124.00 from under the U.S Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation AFCP.

One remarkable feature of the newly opened archaeological site of Benque Viejo is that is has a direct

line of sight to the main temple of A6 El Castillo at Xunantunich, which is located several miles away. The Benque site was first recorded and excavated in the 1930¢s by the famous British archaeologist **Sir J.** Eric S. Thomson. A subsequent 1990¢ survey by the Xunantunich Archaeological Project (under the auspices of the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of Pennsylvania) and the Belize Institute of Archaeology conducted further investigation of the site and produced a brief description of the settlement.









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National Budget Debate Set For Tuesday And Wednesday

BELMOPAN, Cayo, Tuesday, March 22, 2016:

The General Revenue Appropriation Bill (the national budget) will be debatede on Tuesday, March 22, and Wednesday, March 23. Prime Minister Barrow entitled his budget speech, "Stability in a Time of Change". The budget is more conservative than those of recent years ó not because Government cannot afford bold ventures but because there is too much uncertainty ahead. Questions are left to be answered such as how will the sugar industry fair in the changing market; how will the citrus and aquaculture industry rebound from disease; how will the financial sector be affected in the long term by derisking exercises; what does the future hold for the PetroCaribe Initiative and what will be the payment ordered by the court for acquisition of Belize Telemedia Limited, among others. Despite these uncertainties, Governmentøs infrastructure program continues with \$191.9 million budgeted for Capital Expenditure for 2015-2016.



Government is proposing to allocate \$191.9 million for infrastructure projects in the upcoming fiscal year. According to Prime Minister Barrow, \$93.4 million will be locally funded Capital II expenditure and \$95.9 million in externally funded Capital III

expenditure. "The bulk of our capital program will be allocated toward the upgrading of highways, roads, streets and drains across the country to improve transportation and to make the road network more resilient to extreme climatic

changes."

A new bridge will be built in Toledo at the end of the Southern Highway near the Belize/Guatemala border. The George Price Highway will be upgraded from Belmopan to San Ignacio Town with a new two-lane bridge at Roaring Creek. The Hummingbird Highway will be upgraded with several new two-lane bridges in the Stann Creek Valley. In the Belize District, the South-side Poverty Alleviation Project Phase III will be rolled out with more housing for the poor and the Philip Goldson Highway will be upgraded from the Haulover Bridge to Ladyville. In the North, improvement of sugar roads and upgrading of village roads will continue under the European Union program.

Even as Government tightens its belt in face of an uncertain future, Prime Minister Barrow continues to spend on job creating infrastructure projects. Not mentioned here are the numerous projects already underway across the country such as the Macal River Bridge in Cayo and sporting facilities being constructed under the Belize Infastructure Limited.

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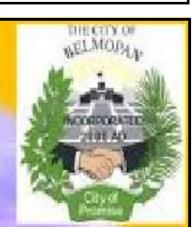
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Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20

It's empowering now to have the Sun in your sign because it means it's your turn to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year. Naturally, your focus becomes more personal. You are concerned much more with your own world than the world at large. But this is normal. Hey, the Sun in your sign gives you a subjective viewpoint. This can however, trigger problems in relationships because others think you're all wrapped up in yourself, which is kind of true. This also triggers a strong need within you to express yourself to others, which is why you should never leave home without your soapbox. Lucky numbers: 00, 11, 42.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21

This weekend, which marks the beginning of spring, also marks the last month of your personal year (birthday to birthday). Since your personal year is coming to an end, this next month is the perfect time to think about future goals and plan what you want for your new personal year ahead. If you want to plan a party, a sports victory, a theatrical production, the building of a house or the creation of a company - you need a list. And lists for the future are goals. And goals with deadlines are the most deadly, and therefore, the most effective! Think of three things that you want to achieve next year. Write down how you want your new year to be different from this year. Lucky numbers: 23, 31, 65.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21

As the Sun enters Aries at this time of the Vernal Equinox, it ushers in a time of increased popularity for all Geminis. This is why you will find yourself involved with friends and groups much more than usual. Not only that, you might also examine the role that friendships and groups play in your life. While you do this, it's important to establish who you are, especially in your own mind. Of course, you will help your friends, but you won't be a doormat. Ironically, your interaction with others will benefit you, which is why team efforts are a great thing. Show up with a dozen beer and everyone loves you. Lucky numbers: 02, 34, 49.

CANCER June 21 to July 21

The next four weeks are the only time all year when the Sun is at the top of your chart. Symbolically, this means the Sun is shining down on you, which in turn, means others notice you more than usual, especially bosses, VIPs and the police. One more thing: This light is

flattering, which means that not only do others notice you they admire you! Naturally, this is why someone will approach you and offer you increased responsibilities or ask you to take on a special job. What you need to know is this flattering light works! People will think you're the cat's meow even if you don't do anything special. Just say yes and you will dazzle them. Lucky numbers: 05, 42, 56.

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

The month ahead is an exciting time because your desire to explore more of life will be ignited. You will broaden your horizons through study plus new and unfamiliar experiences. Travel will thrill you because you want to learn more and you want a sense of adventure! But more than that, basically, you want to break free from the tyranny of your daily routine. This is why if you cannot travel, you can at least be a tourist in your own city. Book a weekend in town. Take a hotel. Visit restaurants and go to places you usually take for granted. The month ahead is also a good time to explore metaphysical, philosophical and religious ideas. It's time to enrich your life! Lucky numbers: 37, 78, 95.

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

You are a practical sign. You take care of yourself. You are aware of diet, hygiene and what benefits and harms you (not to say you follow your own rules, but at least, you know them). This is because every astrological sign rules a part of the body, and Virgo rules the intestines. Therefore, as spring begins, you are filled with an urge to become a better person. You want to improve your body, your mind, your health, your wealth - the whole enchilada. And why not? What better aspiration? You also want to experience life on a feeling level - something more real and gutsy, not just intellectual inquiry. Many of you will meet someone who challenges your values or makes you rethink things. Oh my. **Lucky numbers: 20, 28, 90.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

Starting this weekend, the Sun will be opposite your sign for the next four weeks. This is the only time all year this occurs. Symbolically, it means that you will need more sleep because the Sun is your source of energy and it is now as far away from you as it gets all year. Respect this need for more sleep and more rest because it's important. This oppositional position of the Sun also makes you focus more on close friendships and partnerships. You will be able to see your role in these relationships more clearly. What you will likely conclude is that for a

relationship to be successful, you must be as good for your partner as he or she is for you. Lucky numbers: 66, 82, 93.

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

The words "Spring cleaning!" resonates with Scorpios because by nature, you love to get rid of what is no longer relevant in your life. Scorpio has rulership over many things ranging from plumbing, crime, police work, medicine and psychiatry. But Scorpio also has rulership over garbage, including old garbage like archaeology and anthropology. This is why you love spring cleaning because you like to get rid of your junk! Use the next four weeks to go through closets, cupboards and drawers and turf what you no longer use. It will feel so good! When you are de-cluttered, physically efficient and on top of your scene - you will feel better! Lucky numbers: 04, 12, 63.

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

You love Spring! This is because you love the outdoors and the freedom it implies. What you like overhead is sky. Now the warmer weather allows you to bike, hike, row, jog and enjoy the outdoors with more enthusiasm. This is just one reason that the next four weeks will be more fun and playful! You will definitely feel lighter than usual. Many of you will enjoy playful times with children; in addition, many of you will explore romance and new love. If you can travel on vacation - great! Basically, in the month ahead, you will give yourself the time to just be yourself. What a welcome luxury! Lucky numbers: 27, 51, 73.

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

In the month ahead, your attention will be on home, family and your personal life. It will please you to be surrounded by familiar things, especially family heirlooms and such because you are a sentimental sign. In terms of home, you will want to fix up where you live, make improvements and do something to welcome the shift of emphasis that the coming summer will bring. In terms of family, you might be involved with a parent more than usual. Family discussions will be important. And finally, in terms of your personal life, in the next four weeks, you will cocoon at home and do a little navel gazing. It's time to plan for the rest of the year! Lucky numbers: 05, 33,

AQUARIUS:

January 20 to February 18

As spring is ushered into your world,

your daily pace accelerates. It happens every year. Suddenly, you have that feeling that the world is awakening and you've got places to go, things to do and people to see. And you do! Your month will be full of short trips, busy errands and lots of conversations with others. Many of you will read, write and study more than usual as well. This is a very energetic time for you. In addition to which, some of you are competitively involved with someone in a group. This could be because of sports or it could be a repositioning of power with someone in a group. Lucky numbers: 58, 77, 91.

PISCES: February 20 to March 21

You are the last of the signs; however, every spring, you jumpstart your preparation for spring; and one of the ways you do this is by checking your finances. New plans require money! Plus you need wardrobe goodies and equipment so that your summer unfolds the way you want. This is why many of you are focused on cash flow, earnings and your assets. You want to use your earnings and possessions to make your life easier. You want to make your assets work for you. Therefore, think of how to make more money. The next four weeks are also the perfect time to clean, mend and repair what you own so that your possessions are useful. More than that, you might want to show something off! Lucky numbers: 40, 62, 75.

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Press Release

Hon. John Saldivar Declares His Candidacy For UDP Deputy Party Leader



Belmopan March 21, 2016

With the conclusion of our National Convention on Sunday in Dangriga, the stage is now set for a Special Convention to fill the vacant post of First Deputy Leader for our great United Democratic Party. As I had indicated in several media interviews, I would be happy to offer myself to serve in a higher leadership capacity.

Over the last few days I have been consulting far and wide within my Party, and the overwhelming response supports my decision to officially offer myself for the post of First Deputy Leader for our great Party.

It would be a great honor and privilege to serve my Party and country in this new capacity. I believe my training in economics, as well as my attributes as a person and leader, make me well suited for the post of First Deputy leader.

Great challenges lie ahead for our country, especially in the areas of finance, economy and sovereignty. Challenges also lie ahead for our Party to maintain unity and ensure continuity. These challenges require steady hands, intellectual capacity, experience, compassion, fairness, and calm maturity.

It is my hope and humble prayer that the delegates, who are entrusted with the great responsibility of choosing the best person for this post, will see these attributes and abilities in me.

I place my trust in the wisdom of the delegates of our great Party and pray Godøs blessings and guidance on the process as we seek to continue to build on the successful legacy of our great leader the Right Honorable Dean Oliver Barrow.

God bless Belize and our great United Democratic Party!

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Ashton Edwards Drops 45 Down South, Including 10 From Downtown

BY: Karim Juan, Commissioner SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Sunday, March 20, 2016:

Cayo Western Ballaz Stunned By Belize City No Limit

On Friday night, Belize City No Limit hosted Cayo Western Ballaz at Bird Isle in Belize City. The home team jumped out to an early 20 - 16 first quarter lead, which they extended to 36 - 27 by intermission. In the second half, the lead was extended to 26 points, which Belize City No Limit never relinquished, easily winning the game 85 - 61. Belize City No Limit (4-5) was led by Michael Babbles who had the game high of 24 points, to go with 6 assists, 4 steals and 3 rebounds. Jamal Augustine had the best game of his career, with 19 points and 6 rebounds, while Gregory õChippyö Rudon scored 18 points to go with 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals. Keith õSupermanö Acosta finished the game with 18 points and 9 rebounds. The top scorer for Cayo Western Ballaz (6-5) was Winston Pratt with 17 points, 5 rebounds, 4

steals and 3 dimes. The only other scorer in double digits for the visiting team was James Milton with 16 points and 8 rebounds, while Brandon Flowers finished with 8 points and 9 rebounds. Cayo Western Ballaz was out-rebounded by Belize City No Limit, 38 - 32, while Belize City No Limit also had the edge on points off turnovers, 17 - 5, and on fast-break points, 15 - 2.

The Warriors took control of Smart Belize Hurricanes In Culture City By Charles Gladden

On Friday night, Smart Belize Hurricanes traveled to the south to face their rivals, Dangriga Warriors at the Ecumenical High School; where in their meeting last season down south, was stopped due to controversy. Unfortunately, there was no hurricane found down south, as the Dangriga Warriors delivered a 72 - 54 blowout win at home over the Smart Belize Hurricanes, splitting the regular season series. Dangriga Warriors (6-5) had 3 players scoring

in double-digits; James Erwin had 20 points, 6 rebounds, and 1 steal; Edgar Mitchell finished with 12 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 assists and 1 blocked shot; Macario Augustine finished with a double-double of 10 points, a game high of 17 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 blocked shots and 1 assist. Meanwhile, Smart Belize Hurricanes had only two players scoring in double figures; Farron Louriano with 15 points, 5 rebounds, and 1 steal and Akeem Watters who helped his team, coming off the bench with 10 points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals and 1 assist. Dangriga Warriors had a 45 - 35 advantage on the glass, while capitalizing on turnovers, with a 22 - 13 edge. Dangriga Warriors led for the entire game, while having a 25 point lead in the third quarter.

Ashton Edwards, San Pedro Tiger Sharks keeps Independence Thunderbolts Winless

San Pedro Tiger Sharks traveled down south to take on Independence Thunderbolts at the Independence High School on Friday night. The tempo was set from the tip-off, as San Pedro Tiger Sharks jumped out to a huge, 35 - 8 lead at the end of the first quarter. San Pedro was able to maintain control of the game, easily winning 99-82. San Pedro Tiger Sharks was led by Ashton Edwards who had his career high 45 points, including 10 three-pointers, shooting 59% from the field, registering 3 assists and 3 rebounds, playing less than 30 minutes of the game. Caleb Sutton tallied 15 points and 5 rebounds, while Douglas Valley finished with 14 points and rebounds. Independence Thunderboltsøtop scorer was Arnold Torres who tallied 23 points, 5 boards and 4 steals, while Aaron Valerio finished the game with 20 points and 6 rebounds. Hyram Augustine had a solid game with 15 points, 8 rebounds, 7 assists and 3 steals and Alroy Foreman finished with 10 points. San Pedro

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Tiger Sharks had a slight rebounding edge 41 - 38, while holding a 21 - 9 advantage on second chance points. Belmopan Bandits blows out Orange Walk Running Rebels

Orange Walk Running Rebels (2-6) hosted Belmopan Bandits on Friday night at the Orange Walk Multi Purpose Complex in Sugar City. Belmopan Bandits (6-4) won 98 - 67. Box scores will be available next week.

All Star Night

The NEBL hosted its second All Star Night at the UB gymnasium in Belmopan City on Saturday night. Caleb Sutton from San Pedro Tiger Sharks claimed the Wings Stop Skills Challenge, while Marcel Orosco from Belize City No Limit was the Aguada Hotel Three Point Champion. Caleb Sutton from San Pedro Tiger Sharks was the winner of the Wings Stop Slam Dunk contest, and the North team won the VIP Wireless All Star Game. The top scorer for the All Star game was Farron Louriano with 34 points, who claimed the MVP honors for the second consecutive year.

Easter Break

Games will resume on Friday, April 1, after taking the weekend off, for Easter break.

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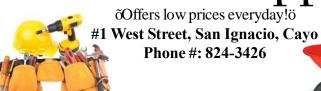
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Speeding

One Sunday, sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees a car puttering along at 22 MPH.

He thinks to himself. "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five little old Indian ladies - two in the front seat and three in the back - wide eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! I always go exactly the speed limit. What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the

speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly! Twenty-two miles an *hour!"* the old Indian woman says a bit proudly.

The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask . . . Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole *time*," the officer asks with concern.

"Oh, they'll be all right, officer. We just got off Route 119."

Soursop Fertilizer

A farmer was driving along the road with a load of fertilizer. A little boy, playing in front of his house, saw him and called, "What've you got in your truck?"

"Fertilizer," the farmer replied.

"What are you going to do with it?" asked the little boy.

"Put it on soursops," answered the farmer.

"You ought to live here," the little boy advised him. "We put condense milk on ours."

Foiled Carjacking

An elderly lady did her shopping and upon return found 4 males in her car. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at them at the top of her lungs that she "knows how to use it and will shoot if required.... so get out of MY car!"

The 4 men didn't wait around for a second invitation. They got out and ran like mad, where upon the lady proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the drivers seat.

Small problem: Her key wouldn't fit the ignition. Her car was identical and parked four or five spaces further down.

She loaded her bags into her car and drove to the police station. The sergeant that she told the story to nearly tore himself in two with laughter and pointed to the other end of the counter where 4 pale white males were reporting a carjacking by a mad, elderly, white woman.

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Massive National Convention In Dangriga

DANGRIGA TOWN, Stann Creek, Sunday, March 19, 2016:

The United Democratic Party army marched into Dangriga Town on Sunday, March 20, and flexed its muscle with a turnout of over 5,000 supporters at an uncontested convention. The coalition that took the UDP to victory in 2008 was made up of veteran UDP warriors, patriotic Belizeans who were disgusted at the PUP stifling of national pride and an unprecedented youth base that wished to rescue a future that the PUP was giving away. The convention on Sunday proved that the same coalition is well oiled and growing even stronger. They assembled under the theme: "One Team, One Dream... United We Work, United We Win".

After years oin control of the country to local and foreign affairs, there is no longer any question about the strength and staying power of the UDP coalition. Co-hosts of the event, Area Representative for Dangriga, Hope Creek and Sarawee, Hon. Frank Papa Mena, and Mayor of Dangriga Town, His Worship Francis Humphries welcomed UDP relatives from across the nation. Mena said the massive showing reaffirms what just a few months ago we confirmed when we got the results of the General Elections.



The convention was indeed a massive event. There were way more than 5,000 people at the event but what made the turnout more impressive was the demographic even in an uncontested exercise. The

majority of the attendees were not the usual convention participants like campaigners, party employees and long time party supporters. The majority of the participants were first time convention attendees who were

attracted to the warm embrace of the UDP. These were young Belizeans who had Representatives that they can identify with and single mothers who want to honour leaders fighting for

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them. There were reformed gangsters who are now working under the many government programs and current gang members who appreciate a party that does not refer to them as devils and terrorist but instead continues to work with them in hope of rehabilitation.

Several Amendments to the UDP Constitution were approved; including a motion to make the Secretary General a member of the Central Executive Committee. The Secretary General had been attending and voting at Central Executive meetings but this was not recognized by the Constitution. The amendment was simply to make right on paper what had long been accepted in practice. Policy statements were presented on youth and women. The party reemphasized its commitment to youth development and getting crime under control. It also pledged to make a conscious effort in promoting women representation in decision making bodies.

By 12 ∞ clock in the afternoon the musical entertainment was in full effect as the convention took a lunch recess. The recently formed The X Band, made up of mostly members of the Sweet Pain Band, Captain

Roby, Supa G and others performed for all to enjoy. Many showed off their dancing skills; including, the Representative from Mesopotamia, **Hon. Michael Finnegan** who danced across the stage as **Roby** performed a cultural piece.

The delegates endorsed the Party Leader, Rt. Hon. Dean Barrow; Second Deputy Leader, Hon. Erwin Contreras, Chairman Alberto August and Vice Chairman Fern Gutierrez. One post will be set for a contested convention at a date not yet determined. In that election, the Representative from Collet, Hon. Patrick Faber, is expected to go up against Representative for Belmopan, Hon. John Saldivar.

In his Keynote address the Party Leader thanked the members and supporters of the United Democratic Party for displaying the confidence in him to lead the party once again. He spoke of the elephant in the room (or not in the room), the absence of Hon. Gaspar Vega, saying that it was a great loss for the party but it is time to move on. Prime Minister Barrow was a little more emotional than supporters are accustomed to in acknowleding that this was the last time he will be accepting the endorsement for leadership of the

party. He said, "This is how it should be. The old must eventually make way for the new." He said that he will step down no later than January of 2020 to make way for a new leader who "will do far more than I ever had." He emphasized that the party

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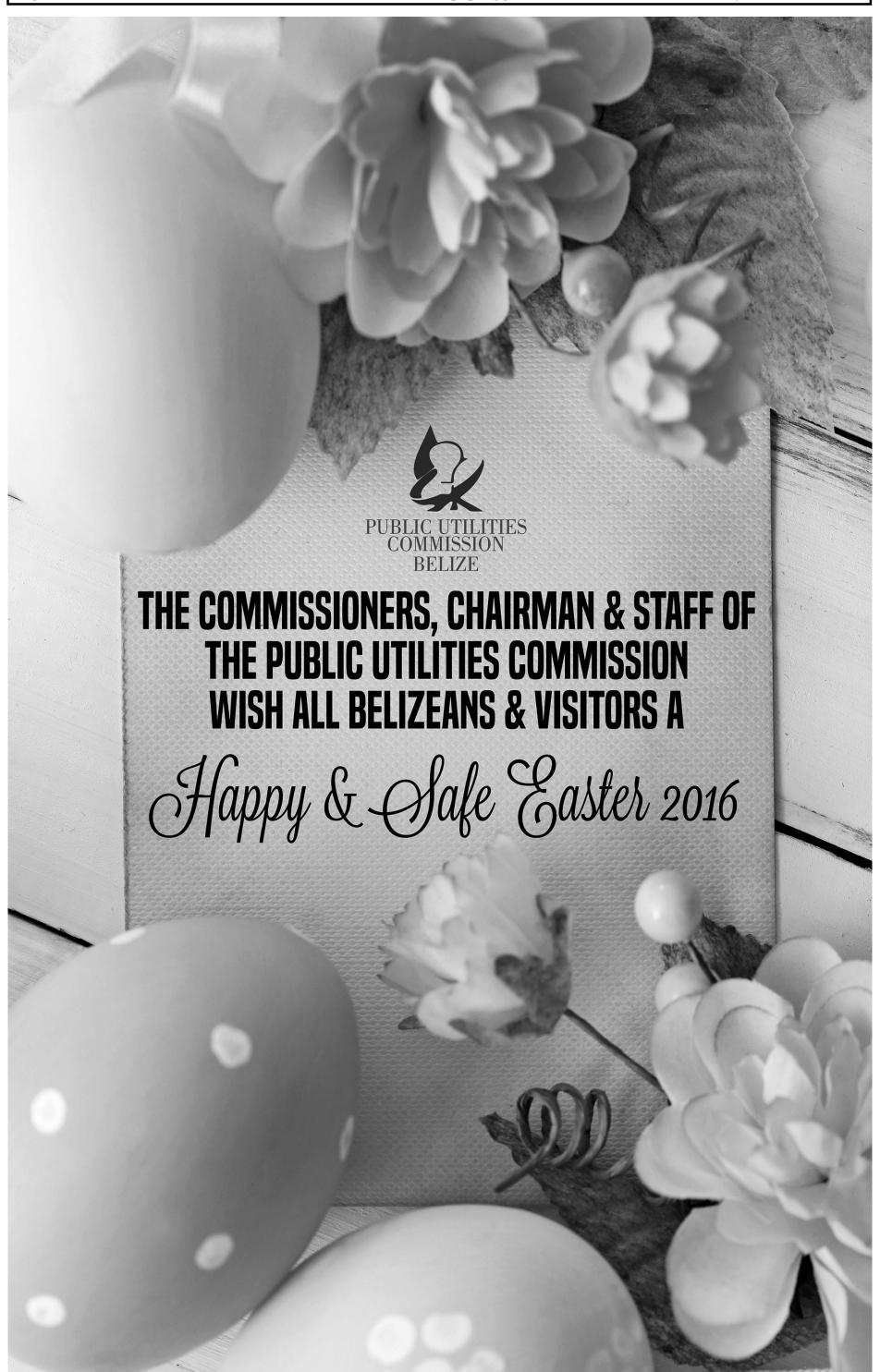


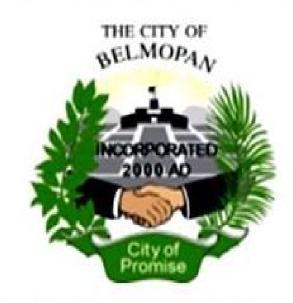
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