

Sunday, April 10, 2016

POLICE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR TWO SUSPECTS IN THE SELENA MURDER

SELENA VILLAGE, Cavo, Saturday, April 2, 2016:

Police are searching for two residents of Selena Village, Cayo for their role in the murder of 63year-old Guatemalan laborer, Edgar Alfonso Perdomo Aldana, of Selena Village. The persons of interest are Guillermo Duarte. 27. and Marlon Padilla. 22.

Sometime around 3:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, Aldana was drinking in the Iguana Creek Government School compound, about 50 feet from his residence.

According to reports, this was when Duarte and Padilla approached them. Words were exchanged between the men and a fight started. During the fight, either Duarte or Padilla pulled out a machete and began to chop his rivals. Manzon received multiple chop wounds to the upper part of his body but was able to escape and ran for help. Unfortunately, Aldana was not as lucky. He could not escape the fury of his attackers. He was chopped multiple times to the head and body and bled out at the scene of the fight.



Edgar Alfonso Perdomo Aldana

Manzon was taken to the San Ignacio Hospital to seek medical attention. He was subsequently transported to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital where he was admitted into ward in a critical condition.

Police detained two individuals shortly after the incident for questioning. However, they are still on the lookout for Guillermo Duarte and Marlon Padilla.

Anyone with any information they believe might be of assistance to the police can visit the nearest police station.

Sacred Heart Primary School Student Hit By Truck - In Critical Condition

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, April 7, 2016:

Reports reaching us indicate that during the school lunch break, a Sacred Heart Primary student was hit by a truck owned by Bahadur & Sons Trucking.

The incident occured in front of the popular Trings Deli located on Eve Street in San Ignacio.

Eye witnesses report that everything

transpired so quickly, resulting in the little boy being hit and laying on the street with blood coming from his mouth and behind his head. The little boy was subsequently rushed to the San Ignacio polyclinic where he is listed in a critical condition.

(Subsequent unconfirmed reports suggest the little boy succumed to his injuries)

New Cayo Top Cop - Happy With Community Involvement





Drugs Found In Red Creek And Santa Elena Town

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Monday, April 4, 2016:

Cayo Police conducted a series of searches over the last week. At 2:39 p.m. on Monday, April 4, police conducted a search in an empty lot on the George Price Highway in the Red Creek area.

This led to the discovery of a plastic bag which contained 198 grams of Cannabis.

Noone was in the immediate area; theerfore it was labeled and deposited as "Found Property".

Later that day, conducted a

search in an empty lot on Carmen Street, Santa Elena Town which led to the discovery of a black plastic bag containing 710 grams of Cannabis. This bag was labeled and deposited as "Found Property".

The final searched was conducted in an empty lot on Perez Street in Santa Elena Town. This led to the discovery of a blue plastic bag containing 40 grams of Cannabis in six transparent plastic bags.

In each of these searches no one was arrested and charged.

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Belize Produces \$27 Million More In Goods And Services In 2015

BELMOPAN, Cayo, Thursday, April 4, 2016:

The fourth quarter preliminary estimates by the Statistical Institute of Belize show that the level of economic activity during the months of October to December 2015 increased by 0.6 percent when compared to the same quarter in 2014. The total value of goods and services produced in Belize was \$661.1 million, up \$3.7 million from \$657.4 million in 2014. For the first nine months of the year, the level of production in the country was 1.2 percent higher than it was in 2014, as the relatively strong growth experienced during the first quarter largely offset declines in the subsequent two quarters. Therefore, the economy grew by 1.0 percent in the year 2015, just over \$27 million in goods and services.

Jefte Ocihaeta, Statistician of SIB, says the primary sector continues to struggle. The primary sector experienced a drop of 27.4 percent in the fourth quarter of 2015. This follows



a decline of 35.5 percent during the third quarter as several major industries have bottomed out and are only just showing signs of recovery. Marine exports decreased by 58 percent, largely due to a significant fall in shrimp production. Most other

marine products experienced minimal gains. Banana shipments declined by 25 percent due to lower than expected rainfall and an extended dry season which affected the maturity of the fruit this year. It was not all bad news in the agriculture sector however, as king crops such as citrus and sugar saw increases in production. With sugarcane deliveries starting a month earlier than in 2014. over 122 thousand metric tons of sugarcane was delivered when none was delivered the year before. Also as anticipated, citrus fruit deliveries saw some recovery during the months of October to December with an increase in production of 2.5 thousand metric tons of oranges. Livestock production decreased for the quarter, as both swine and cattle were

Secondary activities experienced an increase of 8.4 percent for the third quarter, driven by strong performance in "Electricity and Water" and "Construction".

Electricity production increased by 18 percent, with hydro generation surging due to high reservoir water levels even prior to the start of the rainy season. Likewise, water distribution increased by 8 percent as access was expanded to more rural areas in the country. Construction increased by 5 percent, as municipal recreational parks and other infrastructural development works commenced. There was also an increase in construction loans of 9 percent. Manufacturing and Mining recovered with a 3 percent increase after a drop of 7 percent in the third quarter. Though crude petroleum extraction declined significantly, beverage production experienced an increase of 5 percent, mainly due to an 8 percent increase production of beer and 27 percent increase in production of soft drinks.

The tertiary sector, which accounts for about a half of Belize's total economy, grew by 3.6 percent during the fourth quarter of 2015. This reflected a moderate growth of 2 percent in wholesale and retail activities and an increase in government services of 8 percent during the period. Despite a decrease of 3 percent in cruise tourism, accommodation and food services recorded an increase of 11 percent as overnight tourism increased by an incredible 25 percent.

The final report on the 2015 annual GDP performance will be ready sometime in May of this year.



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New Cayo Top Cop - Happy With Community Involvement

Continued From Front Page SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, April 7, 2016:

Superintendent Richard Rosado, Officer Commanding San Ignacio Formation, has been the top cop in Cayo for two months now and he is settling in well. Rosado emphasizes the importance of community policing and sees the department as simply an extension of the community it serves. In order to keep crime under control in the area, it will take the residents of San Ignacio, Santa Elena, and the 20 surrounding villages to effectively police their space. Offciers of the formation are enforcement agents that act on behalf of the people they

serve.

"It has been a wonderful experience so far because we have received the full support of the community," Rosado told the **STAR**. He is in the process of setting up a "Cayo Formation Advisory Board" to better police the jurisdiction. Rosado says this advisory board will include representatives of each stakeholder group of the community and regular meetings will be held. During these meetings, the board will discuss issues plaguing the society and come up with best ways to address the situation.

What has been the number one challenge so far? "It would have to



Superintendent Richard Rosado, Officer Commanding San Ignacio Formation,

be the issue of noise pollution," Rosado said. "Many residents are

complaining about the loud music coming from bars and clubs near residential neighbourhoods." Rosado says the police has a great relationship with the Town Council and they are making the council aware of their concerns about noise pollution. "We recently met with the Liquor License Board and we are looking at ways to improve the situation."

Rosado has been in the Belize Police Department for 15 years. He is one of the Department star pupil as he currently holds a Masterøs Degree from Murray State University and is working on his dissertation for a Doctorate degree.

The STAR Newspaper would like to wish Superintendent Richard Rosado the best of luck in his new posting as Officer Commanding the San Ignacio Formation.

Belize has the second lowest national inflation rate in Central America. The lowest is Costa Rica with a -0.03 percent inflation rate. Guatemala has the highest inflation rate of 4.3 percent. Inflation rates in Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama are 2.9 percent, 1.7 percent, 3.4 percent and 1.2 percent, respectively. No figures were provided for CARICOM states but Jamaica reported inflation rate of 3.6 percent.

Cost Of Living Increases But Falls Slightly In Cayo

BELMOPAN, Cayo, Thursday, **April 7, 2016:**

Cost of living has increased slightly in Belize, according to the Statistical Institute of Belize, but San Ignacio/ Santa Elena saw price fell by a fraction of a percentage point. SIB released its latest statistics on the Consumer Price Index on Wednesday, March 30, and it reveals that cost of living increased by 0.3 percent in February of 2016.

According to S.I.B., the All-Items Consumer Price Index stood at 102.7 in February of 2016, up from 102.5 in the same month last year. The price of beef, pigtail, eggs, cabbage and premium gasoline increased by 20.1 percent, 8 percent, 17.2 percent, 37.6 percent and 27.1 percent; respectively, in the month of February 2016 as compared to 2015.



However, there were decreases in diesel, butane gas, red kidney beans and milk of 9 percent, 11.3 percent, 18.6 percent and 8.9 precent, respectively. There were also marginal decline in prices of whole chicken, flour, condensed milk, yellow onions, sweet pepper, carrots, potatoes and watermelon.

S.I.B. reports that inflation was highest in Orange Walk Town at 2.1 percent. Inflation in Corozal Town was 1.5 percent; -0.2 percent in Belize City and San Ignacio/Santa Elena; -0.9 percent in Dangriga and 1.4 percent in Punta Gorda. The lowest level of inflation was experienced in Belmopan at -1.1 percent. .

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Why Mexicans Are Troubled By Donald Trump

BY: Katy Watson

BBC Mexico and Central America Reporter

BBC NEWS, Tuesday, April 5, 2016:

"Immigration is the only thing that drives Donald Trump crazy apart from yellow number 5 hair colour," jokes Chumel Torres, a Mexican comedian that has taken the internet by storm.

His show, El Pulso de la Republica (*The Pulse of the Republic*), is Mexico's answer to the US late-night talk show The Daily Show.

While there are few Mexicans who find US Republican candidate **Donald Trump** funny, laughing in the face of adversity is the strategy Torres has decided to adopt and he seems to be doing something right.

The comedian, who originally trained as an engineer, has 1.5 million subscribers to his Spanish-language YouTube channel and a growing number of fans for his newer English-language version too.

The appetite for Trump gags is high but it is starting to wear thin, Torres says.

"I'm tired of talking about Trump because it's always the same," he tells me.

"It's like [musician] Kanye West, it's like [reality TV stars] the Kardashians. You know it's stupid so let's just move on - it's not funny anymore. As a comedian you want the fresh kick and with Trump it's just the same jokes every time. It's starting to get dull."

Joking aside, Donald Trump's rise is worrying for many Mexicans who rely on remittances from their families who live in the US.

Dona Irlanda Lujano, 58, lives in Cuautepec, a poor neighbourhood to the north of Mexico City.

She shares her simple house with her husband, daughter and two grandchildren.

The neighbourhood they live in is right on the border with Mexico State, one of the most deprived parts of the country.

Most of the people here have family living in the US or have relatives who have spent time there and have now returned.

Dona Irlanda's three sons all made the journey to the US illegally.

They now live in Los Angeles and she has not seen one of them for more than 20 years.

They talk on Skype at least once a week and they send her between \$100 (£70) and \$150 every month which enables the family back in Mexico to live.

In recent months, they have had several chats about the implications of Donald Trump, who has made the fight against illegal immigration the main plank of his campaign, winning the Republican nomination.

"It's pretty worrying no?" she says. "It's going to get much harder if they send all of the Mexicans back here. My sons ask me where they would find work. It's hard, you can't earn very much."

Many here in Mexico have been angered by Mr Trump, who has called Mexican migrants "criminals" and "rapists".

For a long time, the Mexican officials refused to comment publicly, arguing it was not their place to discuss US presidential candidates.

But there seems to have been a change of heart recently.

Foreign Secretary Claudia Ruiz Massieu called his policies and comments "ignorant and racist" and, more recently, President Enrique Pena Nieto compared Mr Trump's strident tone to that of Hitler and Mussolini.

But one of the fiercest reactions came from former Mexican President **Vicente Fox.**

Mr Fox responded to Mr Trump's demand that Mexico pay for a border wall to keep Mexican migrants from crossing to the US with a strong expletive and an assurance that Mexico would not pay.

In the past month, his language may have mellowed but his attitude has not.

"He will never change and this is a danger for the world," Mr Fox told me, speaking of Mr Trump.

"Well, we Mexicans may be small, but we are hot like chilli [peppers], so he shouldn't mess with us."

Most Mexicans I have met feel that whether or not Mr Trump gets the Republican nomination in the end, the relationship between the two countries has already been damaged.

"I am surprised about the opinion of the Americans, I didn't think so many people would be supporting these crazy ideas," says Daniela Robedo, 27.

"I used to go every year to summer camps [in the US]. If I had kids right now I wouldn't send them. What if they meet these people with these crazy ideas and they are influenced by it?"

Mexican historian Enrique Krauze thinks the US presidential campaign is bringing out the worst in some Americans: "The nativism - the mistrust of the immigrant - has always been a feature of the United States.

"They distrusted and hated the Irish, the Poles, the Jews, the Italians. Every wave since the 19th Century was met with distrust. And now the new victims are the Mexicans. Frankly, I cannot be more offended by the words of that ignorant bigot saying that Mexicans are murderers and rapists."

"He's truly playing into the most obscure and darkest places of the American soul," the Mexican historian adds.

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NEBL Playoffs Fast Approaching As Teams Fight For Playoff Positions

BY: Karim Juan, Commissioner SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, **Sunday, April 3, 2016:**

Smart Belize Hurricanes dominates the battle of the city teams

On Friday night, Smart Belize Hurricanes hosted their city rivals, Belize City No Limit at the Belize Elementary School gym in Belize City. Smart Belize Hurricanes had a 39 -33 lead going into intermission, which was reduced to 1 point in the third quarter, by Belize City No Limit. However, Smart Belize Hurricanes was able to muster a strong fourth quarter to easily seal the 74 - 63 victory. Smart Belize Hurricanes (10-2) was led by league-leading scorer, Farron Louriano who tallied 23 points and 8 rebounds, while **Leroy** Louriano had 11 points, 6 assists, 3 steals and 2 rebounds. Akeem Watters finished with a doubledouble, with 10 points and 11 rebounds. The top scorer for Belize City No Limit (4-6) was Jamal Augustine with 17 points and 5 rebounds, while Michael Babbles had 13 points, 4 assists and 3 rebounds. Lennox Bowman tallied 11 points and 4 rebounds and **Keith** "Superman" Acosta finished the night with 12 boards and 6 points. Belize City No Limit had a 48 - 38 rebounding edge, but Smart Belize Hurricanes had a 26 - 16 advantage on bench points.

Cayo Western Ballaz slows down Orange Walk Running Rebels out

Orange Walk Running Rebels traveled out west to take on Cayo Western Ballaz at the Sacred Heart College auditorium on Friday night. The home team jumped out to an early 21 - 15 lead, which they extended to 34 - 22 at the half. Cayo Western Ballaz built on that lead in the second half to easily secure the 88 - 58 win. Cayo Western Ballaz (7-5) was led by Winston Pratt who had the game high with 14 points, to go with 9 rebounds and 4 assists, while **Brandon Flowers** finished with a double-double, with 13 points and 13 boards. Jamal Harris tallied 12 points and 8 rebounds and James Milton netted 11 points, while grabbing 7 rebounds. Calbert Carcamo was the top scorer for Orange Walk Running Rebels (2-7) with 11 points and 6 rebounds, and he was the only scorer in doubledigits for the visiting team. Shemar White and Lupito Acosta finished the night with 9 points each. Cayo Western Ballaz had a huge 61 - 28 rebounding edge, while outscoring Orange Walk Running Rebels 23 - 2 on second chance points, while grabbing 22 offensive rebounds.

Belmopan Bandits gets big win

against Belize City No Limit

On Saturday night Belmopan Bandits traveled to the old capital to complete their game versus Belize City No Limit, which was stopped in the third quarter, due to inclement weather. The game continued in the third quarter, where Belmopan Bandits had a 37 - 25 lead, when the game resumed. At the end of the third quarter, Belmopan increased that lead to 62 - 47, and was able to get the easy 82 - 67 victory. Belmopan Bandits (7-4) was led by **Kyle Pascascio** who tallied 24 points, 6 rebounds and 5 steals, including shooting 8/8 from the charity stripe. Stephen "Muerte" Williams had 21 points, 4 rebounds and 2 steals and Nick Brown recorded a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds, to go with 4 assists and 4 steals. Jarrel Velasquez also finished in double-digit scoring with 13 points, 7 dishes, 6 caroms and 2 steals. Keith "Superman" Acosta was the main man for Belize City No Limit, tallying 19 points and 7 rebounds, while rookie sensation, Jamal Augustine has become an explosive big man, recording 15 points, 4 rebounds and 4 steals. Michael Babbles finished with 12 points and Gregory "Chippy" **Rudon** tallied 9 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals. Belmopan Bandits had the lead for majority of the game, shooting 41.3% from the field compared to Belize City No Limit 30%. The battle on the glass was even at 45 rebounds each, and Belmopan Bandits had the 22 - 15 edge on points off turnovers.

Dangriga Warriors conquered San Pedro Tiger Sharks on the island

Dangriga Warriors, coming off a huge win before the All-Star break versus Smart Belize Hurricanes, sailed to the island to take on San Pedro Tiger Sharks on Saturday night. In a hotly contested battle, with both teams taking the lead during the game, Dangriga Warriors was able to close off the game on a 13 - 8 run, to claim the 63 - 55 victory. Dangriga Warriors (9-4) was commandeered by Jamir Flores who tallied 16 points, 4 steals, 2 rebounds and 2 assists, while Edgar Mitchell chipped in 15 points and 2 assists. Macario Augustine recorded a double-double with 10 points and 15 rebounds, to go with 2 steals and 2 blocks, and James Ewing and **Daniel Nolberto** registered 9 points each in the win. San Pedro Tiger Sharksø(6-4) top scorer was Caleb **Sutton**, who scored 16 points to go with 5 rebounds, while Gene Myvett tallied 9 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists. Andrew Ortiz finished the night with 9 points and 10 boards. Dangriga Warriors had the slight 32 -31 rebounding edge, while holding a 12 - 8 advantage on second chance points.

Playoff Implications

With only 2 weeks remaining in the regular season, below are some playoff scenarios.

- 1] Smart Belize Hurricanes first team to clinch a playoff spot, and has clinched the #1 seed going into the playoffs.
- 2] **Dangriga Warriors** they will clinch a playoff berth if they win their last game versus Orange Walk Running Rebels, or if Cayo Western Ballaz loses their game versus Belmopan Bandits.
- 3] Cayo Western Ballaz can clinch a playoff spot if they win their last 2 games versus Orange Walk Running Rebels and Belmopan
- 4] **Belmopan Bandits** must win 2 of remaining 3 games to make playoffs, including a win by more than 1 point versus Cayo Western Ballaz. Belmopan Bandits is riding a 6 game winning streak.
- 5] San Pedro Tiger Sharks must win 3 of 4 remaining games to make playoffs.
- 6] **Belize City No Limit** must win remaining three games AND San Pedro Tiger Sharks, Belmopan Bandits and Cayo Western Ballaz must lose all their remaining games, for Belize City No Limit to make the playoffs.
- 7] Orange Walk Running Rebels - must win remaining 5 games AND San Pedro Tiger Sharks, and Cayo Western Ballaz must lose all their remaining games, for Orange Walk Running Rebels to make the playoffs. 8] Independence Thunderbolts has been eliminated from making the

playoffs

Upcoming Games

There are three weeks remaining in the NEBL regular season, as each game becomes even more critical, as teams are making their final playoff push. Below is the schedule for the upcoming games.

Friday night at 9 p.m. - Cayo Western Ballaz at Belmopan Bandits Friday night at 9 p.m. - San Pedro Tiger Sharks at Belize City No Limit Saturday night at 8 p.m. - Smart Belize Hurricanes at Independence Thunderbolts

Saturday night at 9 p.m. - San Pedro Tiger Sharks at Orange Walk Running Rebels

Sunday at 1 p.m. - Independence Thunderbolts at Orange Walk Running Rebels

Standings with 2 weeks remaining

in regular season Rank Team GP W L Pts. 1 Smart Belize Hurricanes * 12 10 2 **Dangriga Warriors** 13 8 21 3 Cayo Western Ballaz 12 7 Belmopan Bandits 4 11 7 18 5 San Pedro Tiger Sharks 10 16 6 Belize City No Limit 11 15 Orange Walk Running Rebels 7 9 11 8 Independence Thunderbolts 10 GP - games played; W - win; L loss; Pts - points

* clinched a playoff berth

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Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20

This is a significant week because the Sun is in your sign; and on Tuesday, fair Venus moves into Aries to stay for three weeks. To add to the mix, the only New Moon in your sign all year is also taking place on Thursday. The Sun will continue to invigorate you and attract people and favourable situations to you. Venus will make you especially charming, diplomatic and attractive to others; plus it means this is the best time of the year to buy wardrobe goodies! The New Moon is your chance to make resolutions about how you want to make your life better. Wow! Shop for clothes, schmooze with others and make resolutions for your New Year. **Lucky numbers: 07, 13, 46.**

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21

On Tuesday, Mercury moves into your sign where it will stay until mid June. Usually, Mercury is in one sign for about two weeks. Why this lengthy stay? You guessed it - Mercury is going to go retrograde at the end of this month (the 28th) and stay that way until May 22. Actually, there is an upside to Mercury retrograde. But the upside is that you will easily finish old business and wrap up staff already on your plate. Mercury retrograde is also an excellent time for introspection and self scrutiny. Sit quietly, perhaps light a candle, and ask yourself, "Where did all my money go?" Lucky numbers: 20, 33, 76.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21

This continues to be a busy, popular time for you. In fact, starting this week, the rest of the month will be even more fun because you will attract creative, artistic people to you. Not only that, you will be fond of the people you're hanging out with, perhaps to the point where a friend becomes a lover. This week is an excellent time to make long-range plans for the future, especially regarding partnerships. Remember that fiery Mars is opposite your sign now and will stay there until the beginning of June. Unfortunately, this tends to make you annoyed with others, especially those closest to you. Just be patient because by June, this irritating factor will not return again until the two months (August and September) of this year. Then after that, you won't experience it again until February 2018. That's ecouraging. Lucky numbers: 05, 64, 76.

CANCER June 21 to July 21

This is a lovely time for you because this is the only time all year when the

Sun is at the top of your chart casting a flattering light on you This makes other people impressed with you, especially bosses and VIPs. Since this is the case, use this to your advantage. This week, fair Venus will also move to the top of your chart to join the Sun; thereby paving the way for successful negotiations with bosses, parents and authority figures. This adds a beautiful energy to the Sun making you even more attractive to others! This is why someone will ask for your advice about design, office redecorating, layout, gardening or how to make something look better. Some of you will even fall in love with someone older, richer or a mentor figure. Not too shabby. Lucky numbers: 09, 52, 88.

LEO: 4 to August

July 24 to August 21 This week Venus joins the Sun in a

part of your chart that spurs your desire to travel and "get away from all this." Of course, you want to travel for pleasure and good times. Imagine elegant hotels with perfect service. Leos are fond of fawning. In fact, you are so fond of fawning, you often fawn over others, but generally, you like it coming the other way. If you cannot travel this week, it is definitely an excellent week to make plans for future vacations and travel. Some will also make plans for fun activities with kids. Romance with someone from another culture or a different country might also percolate. Lucky numbers: 34, 87, 93.

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

This is a passionate time for Virgos. Even before this week, your gonads were already in overdrive; but now, with Venus in the picture, your sex life will become more intense, more passionate and more affectionate for the rest of this month. Ay carumba! However, Venus also has another influence that will please and benefit you. It will attract money to you through your spouse, your partner or a financial institution. That's why this is an excellent month to ask for a loan or a mortgage This is also a profitable time to enter into a business relationship with someone. Good to know. Lucky numbers: 30, 68, 70.

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

Even you might be surprised at how aggressive, forthright and direct you are conversing to others now. You won't hesitate to ask for what you want or share your views. Take note: This bold approach will last for the whole month. Pow! This is why it's a good time for you to negotiate with others because this month Venus is opposite your sign, and Mercury is in one of your Money houses. This means it's time to roll up your sleeves

and do some serious financial negotiations or wheeling and dealing that will ultimately benefit you at work and at home. This week is a good time to make long-range plans. You need to know where you want to live. And if you know this, then you need to repair or fix your home so it feels reliable and solid. Lucky numbers: 41, 69, 82.

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

This is a productive time for you because not only are you motivated to clean up your act and back get better organized; you have the energy and drive to follow through on your plans. It's always twofold: you have to have the idea, the plan and the motivation; but to make anything a reality it takes energy, effort and probably some money. Everything in your chart points toward a successful outcome in whatever you do that is job-related or about getting better organized at home. Therefore, psych yourself up and begin. You can change your daily world just because you want to - it's that simple. Churchill said it was a mistake to look too far ahead. "Only one link in the chain of destiny can be handled at a time." Lucky numbers: 06, 14, 57.

SAGITTARIUS: November 22 to December 21

It's your turn to play! You must grab every opportunity to enjoy a vacation or a weekend getaway. Focus your energy on sports events, parties, social occasions, the arts, the entertainment world and the hospitality industry because this will give you the outlet you need right now for your pumped energy. Your enthusiasm needs a place to go! This is also an excellent time for romance, which means that some of you will strike up a new love with someone, while others will rekindle existing partnerships into something more playful and fun loving. Lucky numbers: 23, 45, 85.

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

This is the perfect time to focus on home, family and your private life. You will particularly enjoy entertaining at home, especially if you do some redecorating, which is on your mind. Some of you might also explore realestate deals. It is a good idea to improve things at home because next year, your reputation will be stellar, which means you will be focused on career matters and dealing with the public. Your peers will respect you and want your input and assistance. Therefore, use this time to improve and strengthen your home scene so that you feel comfortable living in it

and proud to show it. Lucky numbers: 01, 43, 99.

AQUARIUS: January 20 to February 18

For the rest of this month, you'll buzz at an accelerated, pace, talking to siblings, relatives and neighbours. It's a strong time for those who write, sell, teach and act because you are keen to express yourself. Someone older might have wise advice for you. Competition with a friend or perhaps even a group will continue until the end of the month. In addition, family discussions will be significant, which might encourage you to tackle home repairs. Meanwhile, this month, you can make money from your words and your writing. Lucky numbers: 00, 63, 78.

PISCES: February 20 to March 21

"Money, money, money!" This is a money month for you. You might spend more money than usual but you might earn more money as well. Trust your moneymaking ideas! And trust your impulses with your ideas on how to use your possessions to make your life easier. In fact, first and foremost, you can do is have a big favour by going through drawers, closets and cupboards and getting rid of junk and stuff you just don't use anymore. Recycle it, sell it, give it away or turf it. Make your world lighter! Once you get rid of things, you will attract what you really want to you. This is also a good time to make long-range plans about your life direction in general. Dig your well before you get thirsty. **Lucky numbers: 28, 37, 95.**

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United States to Donate \$13 Million for Belize Law Enforcement

BELMOPAN, Cayo, Thursday, April 7, 2016:

U. S. Ambassador to Belize H.E. Carlos Moreno and the Right **Honorable Prime Minister Dean** Barrow signed the 16th Amendment to the Letter of Agreement (LOA) implementing the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) program through the Central America Regional Security Initiative (CARSI) on April 7, 2016. The U.S. Government has provided over \$35 million in programs and grants to Belize through the Central America Regional Security Initiative (CARSI) since 2008.

Today agreement provides USD \$6,450,000 in funding to be used for the following projects: Improved Border Inspection, Vetted Units, Capacity Enhancement, Justice Sector Reform, and Community



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Policing. To date, the U.S. Government, through INL, has committed a total of USD \$28.4 million since 2008 to these programs

in Belize.

In addition to INL programs, the U.S. Embassy has also provided over USD \$6 million in CARSI Economic

My Father Wouldn't
Like That

A clergyman walking down a country lane and sees a young farmer struggling to load hay back onto a cart after it had fallen off. "You look hot, my son," said the cleric. "why don't you rest a moment, and I'll give you a hand."

"No thanks," said the young man,
"My father wouldn't like it."

"Don't be silly," the minister replied, "Everyone is entitled to a break. Come and have a drink of water."

Again the young man protested that his father would be upset. Losing his patience, the clergyman said, "Your father must be a real slave driver. Tell me where I can find him and I'll give him a piece of my mind!"

"Well," replied the young farmer, "he's under the hay."

Separation

A man is waiting in line for a hit movie. Behind him are two women. The usher comes along and says that he has two seats together. Seeing the problem, the usher says to the man. "Let them go first. You wouldn't want to separate a woman from her mother, would you?"

The man says, "No, sir. I did that once, and I've been sorry ever since."

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Support Fund grants to local and international NGOs operating in Belize. Programs have included entrepreneurship, vocational training and job placement, after school activities, educational assistance, skills training, and arts and culture. Another \$1.2 million will be issued as grants again this

INL-CARSI has also focused on the concept of community policing, both within the police and in communities. In areas with active, U.S.-funded neighborhood watch and community policing programs, local police stations have reported decreases in burglaries and other crimes.

The INL-CARSI program continues to support safer streets and more resilient communities in Belize. Ongoing efforts will enhance capacity throughout Belize with programs in forensics, prosecution, and the judiciary. INL-CARSI continues to support law enforcement agencies as well as community led programs.

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Flat Tire

A motorist had a flat tire in front of an insane asylum. He took the wheel off, but when he stood up he tipped over the hubcap containing the bolts, spilling them all down a sewer drain.

A patient, looking through the fence, suggested that the man take one bolt from the remaining three wheels to

hold the fourth wheel in place until he could get to a service station.

The motorist thanked him profusely and said, "I don't know why you are in that place."

The patient said, "I'm in here for being crazy, not for being stupid."

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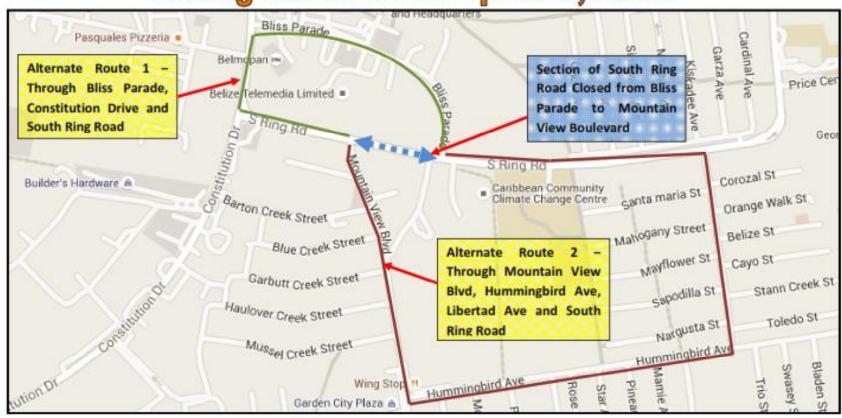
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