SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursay, April 14, 2016:
Police are still investigating a traffic mishap that resulted in the death of a 12-year-old student of Sacred Heart Primary School in San Ignacio Town.

According to reports, shortly after madday on Thursday, April 7, Emil August, 12, was walking in his school uniform when he was knocked down by a Bahadur & Sons Truck in front of Trins Deli in downtown San Ignacio. It was a very emotional scene as many witnesses were brought to tears after seeing the condition of the little boy. August was rushed to San Ignacio Hospital for emergency treatment. Unfortunately, the injuries were too much for the little boy to withstand and he succumbed to his injuries which included head trauma, broken bones and damaged organs.

The track that ran over August was being driven at the time by Kurt Douglas Bahadur, 41, Belizean truck driver. Bahadur has been served with a notice of intended prosecution and police expect to complete their investigation by the end of this week. The file will then be forwarded to the Director of Public Prosecution for her directive.
Incidental Shooting Leaves Georgeville Residents Grieving

GEORGEVILLE VILLAGE, Cayo, Tuesday, April 12, 2016: Earl Tillette Sr., 53, of Georgeville Village died in one of the most unexpected ways on Tuesday, April 12. According to police reports, the veteran farmer was walking on his farm at around 9:45 a.m. when he tripped and accidentally pulled the trigger of his shotgun on himself. The gun went off hitting him in the jaw from very close range. Tillette was rushed to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital for emergency surgery. Unfortunately, he succumbed to his injuries while undergoing surgery sometime after 2:00 p.m.

Tillette was well respected in the village of Georgeville. He is remembered as a hardworking man, loyal and committed to his wider family. He was a humble man who loved going hunting and fishing. The Jack of all trades is best known for his talents as a plumber. Many who have no blood relation to him whatever from Georgeville and surrounding villages calls him uncle. He is well liked but stern. Tillette’s death was unexpected but if he was to pass away anywhere it was fitting for him to do so on his farm. He toiled countless hours on that grounds to provide for himself and loved ones. Police have labeled Tillette’s death as accidental shooting.

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Central Government Completes Salazar Street, More Road Work By Town Council

**SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo,**
*Thursday, April 14, 2016:*

Salazar Street in Santa Elena Town is now fully paved at world class standard. The final coat was laid down on Friday, April 8, and residents of the area have expressed great pleasure. Remembering what the street looked like before the upgrade, one resident said, “I feel like we moved from village to America.”

The upgrade will benefit a wider section of the community as motorists and pedestrians will enjoy less traffic congestion throughout the municipality with the widening of this new artery.

The paving of Salazar street is a project under the Belize Municipal Development Project (BMDP). The BMDP is funded through a $30 million loan from the World Bank and the objective is to improve access to basic municipal infrastructure and to enhance municipal management in selected town and city councils of Belize. The project is divided into three working areas including infrastructure development and two sub-projects for improvement of management capacity. The second area of focus will be technical assistance and capacity building for the city and town councils. The third and final component will entail the strengthening of the operational capacity of the Social Investment Fund for implementation and management of the project, to ensure compliance with fiduciary controls, supervision, monitoring and reporting.

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Fight in Roaring Creek Grave Yard Turns Deadly

ROARING CREEK VILLAGE, Cayo, Sunday, April 10, 2016:

A night out for drinks and relaxation turned deadly after the fun was over for Luis Ostuardo Ortiz, 39, and Jose Gonzalez, 40, on Saturday, April 9.

Ortiz and Gonzalez were socializing at the La Cabana Bar on Saturday and partied into the early morning of Sunday. According to police, sometime after 3:00 a.m. on Sunday, Gonzalez left La Cabana with Ortiz, also known as Chapin, in a green 1999 Chevy Prism. As they were passing in front of the Roaring Creek Burial ground they were reportedly assaulted by some males persons who attacked them and threw Gonzalez in some bushes off the highway. Ortiz was then carried off in his vehicle which was later found by police submerged in the river in the Young Bank area of Camalote Village.

Gonzales was taken to the Western Regional Hospital where his injuries were classified as wounding. About 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, the body of Luis Ortiz was found in the Belize Old River near Agripino Cawich Bridge with a cut wound to the back of the head and injury to left eye. The body was transported to the Western Regional Hospital where it was pronounced dead on arrival.

Police have detained six individuals from the Belmopan, Roaring Teakettle Village area for questioning.

Suspected Zika Case in the Cayo District

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, April 14, 2016:

There is at least one suspected case of the Zika virus in the Cayo District, says the Ministry of Health. According to a release from the Ministry, officials conducted a field investigation over the weekend based on the reported case of Zika by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the provisional case of Zika by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention over the weekend based on the reported case of Zika by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The results of those tests. The sample from Cayo has not been sent as yet. "The low lying areas in San Ignacio and Santa Elena are known hot spots for the Aedes mosquito," says Kim Bautista, Director of the Vector Control Unit. It is only a matter of time before cases are officially reported in Belize. The Vector Control Unit has already done considerable ground work to limit the spread of the disease, says Bautista. The Ministry of Finance has provided about $800,000 to the unit over the past years, in addition to the $2,000,000 in grants from the Global Fund and the European Union.

Residents should not panic over the threat of Zika. Zika is less dangerous than any of the vector borne disease already present in Belize, like dengue and chikungunya. Eighty percent of Zika infections are asymptomatic. The other 20 percent experience only mild symptoms. The Ministry of Health says, “All Regional Health Management teams have been debriefed and the Zika plan for Belize continues to be implemented and is now moving into a new phase as the Ministry continues to learn more of the situation.”

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ARIES: March 22 to April 20
This is a pleasant week. After all, the Sun is still in your sign boosting your energy and attracting favourable circumstances and people to you. Yay! Furthermore, fair Venus is also in your sign giving you opportunities to make yourself more attractive to others. Venus also enhances all your dealings with partners and close friends because you are more charming and diplomatic than usual. Meanwhile, you are full of moneymaking ideas! Trust these ideas because whatever you come up this week will boost your job success - no question. Be patient on Wednesday with domestic power struggles and hiccups - then you're home free! Lucky numbers: 07, 13, 46.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 21
In many ways, you are still saving your energy for your birthday month. The Sun and Venus are hiding in your chart while you prepare and plan for your new year ahead. However, bright, clever Mercury is in your sign dancing with Jupiter this week, which makes you keen to make future plans and create organizational systems. This favours all business and commercial activity. In fact, it favours every aspect of your life because it basically boosts your "power of positive thinking." You're learning lots of new information and loving it. Caution: this keenness makes you accident-prone day both verbally and physically. Ouch! Lucky numbers: 20, 33, 76.

GEMINI: May 22 to June 21
Enjoy lots of fun popularity this week because others want to share time with you - definitely. That's why many of you will be involved with clubs, groups and organizations more than usual. You will also enjoy hanging with friends and partners because you will be more physically active and vigorous for various reasons. Meanwhile, behind-the-scenes plans will yield positive improvements to your home or a family situation. Continue to be patient with partners and close friends while Mars is opposite your sign. Disputes about money and possessions might arise on Wednesday. Be cool. Lucky numbers: 05, 64, 76.

CANCER: June 21 to July 21
You continue to be high viz, especially in the eyes of bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs. Furthermore, these people are impressed with you! Naturally, take advantage of this and make the most of it. Some of you might strike up a new flirtation with your boss or someone in a position of authority. Others will want your creative input on things. This week you are very rah rah with friends groups because they welcome your enthusiasm and encouragement to think big and go for the brass ring. You might sign contracts with groups and friends or enter into a new level of negotiations with them. Don't get carried away on Wednesday when the Moon is in your sign at odds with Uranus and Pluto. This encourages arguments and accidents, so keep your head down and your powder dry. Lucky numbers: 09, 52, 88.

LEO: July 24 to August 21
Travel for pleasure continues to appeal to you because you want to treat yourself to a lovely trip somewhere. You want to expand your world in a pleasant way so you can enjoy intellectual stimulation with others in exotic, exciting surroundings. And why not? Romance with someone from another culture or a different country will blossom for some. However, all of you will impress parents, bosses, teachers and VIPs this week with your enthusiasm and big ideas! This is a strong time for you to sign contracts or conclude deals with important people. You're dealing with lots of new information and you love it. Lucky numbers: 34, 87, 93.

VIRGO: August 22 to September 21
This is an excellent week to tie up loose details with inheritances, taxes, debt and anything to do with shared property. Most likely, you will come out smelling like a rose. It's also a good time to go after a loan or a mortgage because the resources of others will be more easily available to you, and this includes banks. Those of you who are at school or studying or involved with the law, philosophy, religion and intellectual concepts will flourish this week because your mind will easily wrap itself around anything intellectually provocative and highfalutin'. Your travel plans are ambitious. Likewise, all your dealings with people from other cultures and different countries will be upbeat and positive. Oh! Lucky numbers: 30, 68, 70.

LIBRA: September 22 to October 23
Remember to get more sleep while the Sun is opposite your sign. This is the only time all year this happens and it lasts for about four weeks. Fair Venus also continues to be opposite your sign promoting and boosting your close relationships with partners and dear friends. Many of you will be more enthusiastic about writing, studying and talking to others because you have so much mental energy. Specifically, your ability to wrap up business deals and handle inheritances and insurance issues is tops this week. Therefore, do the deal! Use your mental energy and daily enthusiasm to your advantage. Lucky numbers: 41, 69, 82.

SCORPIO: October 24 to November 21
Work flows easily now because coworkers are supportive. But in addition, you have high standards for yourself now because you want to do everything possible to become more efficient, more productive and more effective in whatever you do. That's nice. Use this positive energy this week to get things done! Meanwhile, discussions with partners and close friends are great this week. Because others endorse your ideas, your enthusiasm simply grows! The only snag is on Wednesday, when power struggles and the unexpected could catch you off guard. Aside from that, this is an excellent week where you are empowered and productive. And you're happy! Lucky numbers: 06, 14, 57.

SAGITTARIUS: November 22 to December 21
In several ways, this week exemplifies how I see your sign - you work hard; you party hard. You manage to have it all! And this week, this is exactly what happens because vacations, parties, sports and social events are all prowling your horoscope. In addition, love affairs, romance and saucy flirtations will also blossom. Work-related travel is likely for many of you. This is a powerful work week for you because you are so enthusiastic and positive! This quality makes it easy for you to sell big ideas to others who will then jump on board. Work-related travel is likely, perhaps because you easily convince others to go along with your big ideas. Caution about money disputes on Wednesday. Let sleeping dogs lie. Lucky numbers: 23, 45, 85.

CAPRICORN: December 22 to January 20
Continue to focus on home, family and where you live because this is the perfect time to redecorate and tweak your digs. You will also want to entertain at home more than usual. In addition, all these favourable influences also mean that this is an excellent time to pursue real-estate deals or real-estate speculation. Family relations are warm and affectionate. In addition, playful activities with children will truly please you. Basically, this entire week is a positive experience for you with the exception of Wednesday when you will be challenged dealing with partners and close friends. Lucky numbers: 01, 43, 99.

AQUARIUS: January 20 to February 18
This is a busy, social week! Everyone wants to see your face, but this suit you just fine because your social skills are tops. In fact, your communication skills are so excellent at this time that you will make money from your words. Therefore, take note those of you who sell, market, teach, write or act. Relations with siblings, neighbours and relatives will be enjoyable and mutually affectionate. You might be more socially active with others, especially in groups, this week. In addition, plans for your home or something to do with a family member are big and ambitious! Good time to initiate major renovations and repairs where you live. Lucky numbers: 00, 63, 78.

PISCES: February 20 to March 21
Money, possessions, cash flow and earning potential continue to be a strong focus for you this week. Fortunately, your moneymaking abilities are strong. Look for ways to make deals or negotiate financial matters because you will be successful. You will also enjoy shopping for beautiful things for yourself and loved ones. Meanwhile, your communication skills are fabulous this week, which means this is a great time to negotiate deals, sign contracts and wheel and deal with siblings, relatives and neighbours. This is a very strong week for those of you who communicate with a living. Wednesday could be challenging with romantic partners as well as with your kids. In fact, Wednesday is an accident-prone day for your kids so parents should be extra vigilant. Lucky numbers: 28, 37, 95.
Silver advantage on points off turnovers. Hyram Augustine sets franchise record for NEBL, with 14 steals by Charles Gladden.

On Sunday night, Independence Thunderbolts traveled to the city at the Belize Elementary Gym, in their final regular season meeting between Smart Belize Hurricanes. Independence Thunderbolts held the slight 36 - 32 rebounding edge, 22 T 20 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the home team, Smart Belize Hurricanes, regained the lead at 37-36 at halftime. After halftime, Smart Belize Hurricanes just ran away with the lead and got their final home win for the season, with a margin of 28 points, 92 T 64. Smart Belize Hurricanes (11-2) had 3 players scoring in double-digits: Farrion Louriano, who got a double-double, 22 points, 14 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 steals; Akem Watters, who also got a double-double, finished with 17 points, 10 rebounds, 2 steals, and 1 blocked shot; and rookie sensation, Gilceny Lopez, finished the night with 11 points, 3 rebounds, 2 rebounds, and 2 steals. Independence Thunderbolts (6-7) had 2 players scoring in double-digits: Zane Burgess and 12 points and 3 steals, 2 assists, and 2 blocked shots and Hyram Augustine, who finished with a double-double, 30 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, and 1 blocked shot, and setting a franchise high and setting a new record for Most Steals in a Game with 14 steals.

San Pedro Tiger Sharks Got 2 Wins Over The Weekend
San Pedro Tiger Sharks traveled to Orange Walk on Saturday night to take on the Running Rebels, after coming off a win against Belize City No Limit on Friday Night. San Pedro Tiger Sharks jumped out to a 24 - 11 first quarter lead, which they never relinquished, easily winning 89 - 49, San Pedro Tiger Sharks(8-4) top scorer was Caleb Sutton, who scored 21 points to go with 4 steals and 3 rebounds, while Andrew Ortiz finished the game with 17 points and 8 boards. Jamal Kelly chipped in 10 points in the win. Orange Walk Running Rebels (2-8) was led by Ian Carcamo, who tallied a double-double with 13 points, 10 rebounds and 2 steals, while Jason Grant also recorded a double-double with 12 points and 10 boards. San Pedro Tiger Sharks had the slight 36 - 32 rebounding edge, while holding a 12 - 2 advantage on second chance points. San Pedro dominated the paint, outscoring Orange Walk 50 - 28, while leading the entire game.

Playoff Matchups
With only 1 week remaining in the regular season, the four playoff teams have already been decided. Below are the playoff scenarios for the seeding of the teams going into the playoffs. The other 4 teams have been eliminated from playoff contention.

1) Smart Belize Hurricanes - clinched the #1 seed
2) Belmopan Bandits - must win last 2 games versus San Pedro Tiger Sharks and Independence Thunderbolts to clinch the #2 seed. A loss will drop them to either #3 or #4 seed, depending on the tie-breaker with Dangriga.
3) San Pedro Tiger Sharks - must win their last 2 games versus Belmopan Bandits and Orange Walk Running Rebels to clinch #2 seed. A loss will drop them to the #3 seed.
4) Dangriga Warriors - will be the #4 seed if Belmopan beats San Pedro. Will be #3 seed if San Pedro beats Belmopan and they have a bigger point differential than Belmopan, for all games played this season.

Upcoming Games

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

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NEBL Playoff Teams Set Determined Last Week Of Regular Season

Thunderbolts On Sunday afternoon, Orange Walk Running Rebels hosted the Independence Thunderbolts at the Orange Walk Multi Purpose Complex up north. The visitors held a 16 - 15 lead at the end of the first quarter, but Orange Walk was able to grab a 28 - 24 lead by halftime. At the end of third quarter, Independence Thunderbolts regained the lead, 48 - 42, and half way through the fourth quarter, the visiting team was nursing a 54 - 50 lead. However, the home team went on a 22 - 5 run to end the game, getting the 72 - 59 victory. Orange Walk Running Rebels (5-8) was led by Gabriel Rochos who netted 17 points, while Calbert Carcamo tallied 13 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals and 2 assists. Jason Grant, Lupito Acosta and Ian Carcamo all scored 10 points each. Hyram Augustine was the top scorer for Independence Thunderbolts (6-12) with 27 points, 5 rebounds and 2 assists, while Aaron Valerio finished the night with 14 points and 2 boards. Orange Walk Running Rebels had the 35 - 26 advantage on the boards, and their bench outscored Independence Thunderbolts 28 - 15.

Playoff Matchups
With only 1 week remaining in the regular season, the four playoff teams have already been decided. Below are the playoff scenarios for the seeding of the teams going into the playoffs. The other 4 teams have been eliminated from playoff contention.

1) Smart Belize Hurricanes - clinched the #1 seed
2) Belmopan Bandits - must win last 2 games versus San Pedro Tiger Sharks and Independence Thunderbolts to clinch the #2 seed. A loss will drop them to either #3 or #4 seed, depending on the tie-breaker with Dangriga.
3) San Pedro Tiger Sharks - must win their last 2 games versus Belmopan Bandits and Orange Walk Running Rebels to clinch #2 seed. A loss will drop them to the #3 seed.
4) Dangriga Warriors - will be the #4 seed if Belmopan beats San Pedro. Will be #3 seed if San Pedro beats Belmopan and they have a bigger point differential than Belmopan, for all games played this season.

Upcoming Games

Friday night at 9 p.m. - Smart Belize Hurricanes at Belize City No Limit
Saturday night at 9 p.m. - San Pedro Tiger Sharks at Belmopan Bandits
Saturday night at 9 p.m. - Cayo Western Ballaz at Orange Walk Running Rebels
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The bartender asks the guy sitting at the bar, "What'll you have?" "A scotch, please," the guy answers. "Okay, you beat me for a drink. But don't ever let me catch you in here again!"

The next day, same guy walks into the bar. Bartender says, "What's the matter with you? Mrs. Terry is 63 years old, she has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?"

The new doctor calmly continued to write on his clipboard and without looking up said, "Does she still have the hiccups?"

"Sir! We cannot serve cold it's impossible to spread."

"That'll be five dollars," said the druggist. But the barman said, "Your coffee, and while he was drinking it, he told the druggist what his purpose was in town, then asked him if he had any idea why the birth rate was so high.

"Sorry buddy, but that's my lucky saucer. So far this week I've sold sixty-eight from having to get a dish."

"Sorry, but the cat isn't for sale."

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The new doctor calmly continued to write on his clipboard and without looking up said, "Does she still have the hiccups?"

"Sir! We cannot serve burnt toast, and butter that's so uncanny. You must have a double."

The president of the Camalote Village, who reported that while he was at his ranch on the Hummingbird Highway he received a call from his maid who said that she was held up at gun point at his residence. Penner called police and rushed down to check what was happening at his house to catch mice. I'll pay you 20 dollars for that cat."

And the owner says "Sold," and hands over the cat. The collector continues, "Hey, for the twenty bucks I wonder if you could throw in that old saucer. The cat's used to it and it'll save me from having to get a dish.

The owner says, "Sorry buddy, but that's my lucky saucer. So far this week I've sold sixty-eight cats."

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U.S. Embassy Highlights Work of Kim Simplis Barrow

BELMOPAN, Cayo, Wednesday, April 13, 2016: The United States Embassy in Belize has announced that it will highlight the stories of Belizean women from across the country each month to show what they are doing to make this country great. The first woman featured on the Embassy’s “BELIZE’S WONDER WOMEN! The Women Who Help Make Belize Great!” piece is Special Envoy for Women and Children, Kim Simplis-Barrow.

On Wednesday, April 13, the Embassy posted: “To kick off this campaign our first Belize Wonder Woman will be none other than Mrs. Kim Simplis Barrow!!!” Mrs. Kim Simplis Barrow is the wife of the Prime Minister of Belize, the Right Honorable Dean Barrow and Belize’s Special Envoy for Women and Children and Global Ambassador for Special Olympics since 2008 as well as the Founder and Director of the Lifeline Foundation, which raises thousands of dollars annually to aid disenfranchised children. Her two major projects as Special Envoy for Women and Children are a Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit constructed at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital and The Inspiration Center which offers healthcare and therapy for children with disabilities.

Her efforts to raise public awareness on the commercial sexual exploitation of children includes successfully advocating for the passage of two pieces of legislation to strengthen protection for victims of sexual violence and human trafficking as well as an amendment to the Criminal Code for harsher penalties for perpetrators of sexual offences. Mrs. Simplis Barrow has co-written two booklets on sexual abuse prevention and produced multi-lingual educational videos. She has also hosted national conferences on ending commercial sexual exploitation of children and ending all violence against children. She later produced a Children’s Rights Activity Book entitled Having Fun with Rights. In her efforts to improve the situation of women entrepreneurs in Belize, Mrs. Simplis Barrow focus groups and consultations countrywide and hosted the National Call to Action Conference on Women and Girls’ Financial Health as well as a global First Ladies Conference in New York. Under the 20,000 STRONG Women’s Empowerment campaign, two national rallies were held to uplift women and in 2016, the event was used to unveil the 20-4-20 Women’s Economic Development Program.”

The stories of other women will be posted monthly on the Embassy’s social media accounts.

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