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SUCCOTZ FAMILY RECEIVES \$70,000 SETTLEMENT FOR LOSING LOVED ONE

BELMOPAN, Cayo, Tuesday, **April 12, 2016:**

The Government of Belize settled with the family members of the late Succotz resident, Yolanda Consuelo Valencia, 54, who was killed in a traffic accident involving then Deputy Commissioner of Police, Miguel Segura. After Segura was charged criminally for the accident, the Valencia family brought a civil suit against the Government since Segura is a Government official and was in a Government vehicle at the time of the incident in which he was clearly at fault. On Tuesday, April 12, Government informed Justice Shona **Griffith** that they have decided to settle out of court with the family. According to reports, government will compensate the Valencia family with \$70,000 which will be paid within a month and a half.



Yolanda Consuelo Valencia

Deputy Police Commissioner Miguel Segura, the #2 cop in the Belize Police Department, was arraigned on six criminal charges for being involved in an accident which killed Valencia taxi driver Yanie Cu seriously injured. A blood sample test later confirmed that Segura was under the influence of alcohol above the prescribed limit. The accident happened between miles 70 and 71 on the outskirts of Succotz Village in the Cayo District. Valencia was in a



Miguel Segura

blue Toyota Corolla taxi, which was being driven by her close relative, Yanie Evan Cu. They were heading to the San Ignacio market like they usually do every Saturday so that Valencia could sell her vegetables and other goods.

At around 5:35 a.m., on Saturday, August 16, 2014 they had a head-on collision with Deputy Commissioner Segura, who was driving a government issued Nissan Pathfinder. He was heading back to his home in Benque Viejo Town, reportedly after a night of partying in San Ignacio. Eyewitness reports suggest that he was veering all over the highway, and missed another motoristos vehicle before he slammed into the

Valencia is believed to have died on impact, while Cu struggled inside the taxi before aid was rendered to him. Shortly after it happened, a civilian caught Miguel Segura on cellular phone footage placing his gun inside his pants pocket, zipping up his pants and taking a smoke a few

Still No Charges Against Truck **Driver For Death Of Emil August**





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 midday 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 truck 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



Earl Tillette Sr.

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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. Tilletteøs 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® death as accidental shooting.

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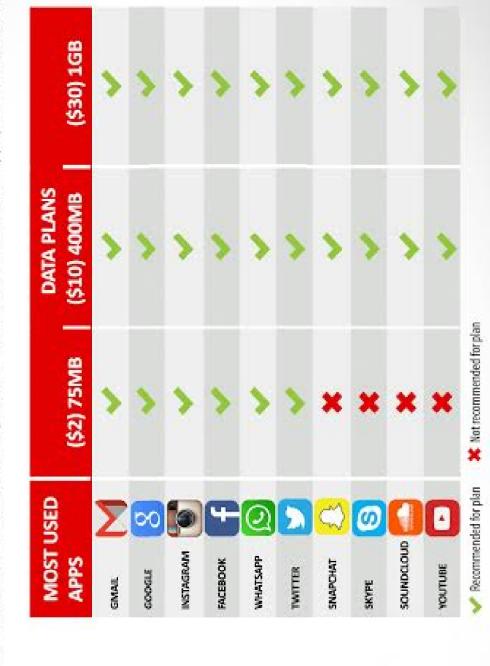


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Central Government Completes Salazar Street, More Road Work By Town Council

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 layed 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



Salazar Street in Santa Elena Town

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,

and compliance with social and environmental safeguards, through the provision of technical advisory services, training, operating costs, and acquisition of goods including vehicles.

The San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town Council is also spearheading additional infrastructure projects with funds from the municipal pot. Using revenues collected, the Town Council is cementing a section of dirt road at the entrance of the Sacred Heart Primary School that has been terrorizing students and residents since the dry season started. Other areas will be addressed across the municipality using funds from collected revenues.



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Fight in Roaring Creek Grave Yard Turns Deadly

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

Anight 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



Luis Ostuardo Ortiz

Creek Burial ground they were reportedly assaulted by some male persons who attacked them and



Green 1999 Chevy Prism

threw Gonzalez in some bushes off the highway. Ortiz was then carried off in his vehicle which was later found by pólice 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 data they provided. "The field investigation revealed two local potential cases, one in the Stann Creek District and the other in the Toledo District. A person of interest was also identified from the Cayo District." Samples were taken from the persons in the southern districts and have been sent to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) in Trinidad for testing. The Ministry is now awaiting

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 to combat vector borne illnesses. These monies have allowed the unit to replace its formerly dilapidated vehicle fleet, procure equipment and train personnel at both the community and technician level. The



Ministry of Finance stands ready to release additional funds to the unit if needed to launch a campaign against the Aedes Aegypti Mosquito.

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"

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Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

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,

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 on Wednesday which is an 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 vigourous for various reasons. Meanwhile, behind-thescenes 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 scintillating conversation 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 your 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. Ole! 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 promising. In addition, love affairs, romance and saucy flirtations will also blossom. Workrelated 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. Workrelated 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 fact, 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 earnings 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 for 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.

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NEBL Playoff Teams Set - Seeds Will Be Determined Last Week Of Regular Season

BY: Karim Juan, Commissioner SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Sunday, April 10, 2016:

Bandits Beat Ballaz In Belmopan

On Friday night, Cayo Western Ballaz took on their district rivals, Belmopan Bandits, at the UB gymnasium in Belmopan, with huge playoff implications hinging on this game. A win and Ballaz is in the playoffs, and a loss would send them home for the first time in three years, after reaching the finals the previous two years. At the half, Belmopan was up 35 - 24, but the lead was cut to three points, 50 - 47, going into the fourth quarter. In the fourth and decisive quarter, Belmopan opened the lead behind a few three point shots, easily winning 73 - 57. With the loss, Cayo Western Ballaz will not make the playoffs this season, while Belmopan Bandits is riding a 7 game winning streak going into the last weekend of the regular season. The top scorer for Belmopan Bandits (8-4) was Jarrell Velasquez with 21 points, 5 dishes and 3 points, while Nick Brown finished with a double-double, tallying 16 points and ripping 11 rebounds. Kyle Pascascio contributed 14 points, 9 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals, to go with 4 three-pointers and **Stephen** "Muerte" Williams finished the night with 11 points and 8 rebounds. Cayo Western Ballaz (7-6) was led by Brandon Flowers who had the game high with 22 points and 9 rebounds, while Jamal Harris was the only other player in double-digit scoring, with 11 points. Belmopan Bandits out-rebounded Cayo Western Ballaz 45 - 33 on the glass, while having a 21 - 5 advantage on second chance points. The home team sank 12 three-pointers, compared to only 4 from the visitors.

San Pedro Tiger Sharks Bounces Back Against Belize City No Limit

San Pedro Tiger Sharks traveled to Bird& Isle on Friday night to take on Belize City No Limit, as both teams were trying to bounce back from a loss last week. San Pedro Tiger Sharks jumped out to an early 18 - 10 first quarter lead, maintaining a double-digit lead for most of the game, to get the 68 - 55 victory. San Pedro Tiger Sharksø (7-4) top scorers were Caleb Sutton with 20 points and 3 steals and Raul Roches with 13 points, 9 rebounds and 3 steals. Belize City No Limit (4-8) was led by Gregory "Chippy" Rudon who tallied 15 points, 7 assists, 4 steals and 2 rebounds and Keith "Superman" Acosta finished with 10 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals and 2 assists. San Pedro had the 40 - 32 edge on the glass, and also the 23 -

14 advantage on points off turnovers. Hyram Augustine sets franchise record for NEBL, with 14 steals by **Charles Gladden**.

On Saturday 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 a 22 ó 20 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the home team, Smart Belize Hurricanes, gained 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 ó 64. Smart Belize Hurricanes (11-2) had 3 players scoring in double-digits: FarronLouriano, who got a double-double, 22 points, 14 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 steals; **Akeem Watters**, who also got a double-double, finished with 17 points, 10 rebounds, 2 steals, and 1 blocked shot; and rookie sensation, Glency Lopez, finished the night with 11 points, 3 rebounds, 2 rebounds, and 2 steals. Independence Thunderbolts (0-11) had 2 players scoring in double-digits: Zane Burgess with 12 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 steals, 2 assists, and 2 blocked shots and Hyram Augustine, who finished with a double-double, 30 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 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 Sharksø(8-4) top scorer was Caleb Sutton, who scored 21 points to go with 4 steals and 3 rebounds, while Andrew Ortiz finished the night 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.

Orange Walk Running Rebels

<u>Defeats Independence</u>

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 half time. 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 (3-8) was led by Gabriel Bochnia 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 (0-12) 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

Friday night at 9 p.m. - San Pedro Tiger Sharks at Belmopan Bandits Friday night at 9 p.m. - Cayo Western Ballaz at Orange Walk Run-

ning Rebels **Saturday night at 9 p.m.**
Belmopan Bandits at Independence

Thunderbolts

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

Sunday at 1 p.m. - Independence Thunderbolts at Belize City No Limit Sunday at 1 p.m. - Dangriga Warriors at Orange Walk Running Rebels

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Free Drinks

The bartender asks the guy sitting at the bar, "What'll you have?" The guy answers, "A scotch, please." The bartender hands him the drink, and says "That'll be five dollars," to which the guy replies, "What are you talking about? I don't owe you anything for this."

A lawyer, sitting nearby and overhearing the conversation, then says to the bartender, "You know, he's got you there. In the original offer, which constitutes a binding contract upon acceptance, there was no stipulation of remuneration."

The bartender was not impressed,

but says to the guy, "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 the heck are you doing in here? I can't believe you've got the audacity to come back!"

The guy says, "What are you talking about? I've never been in this place in my life!" The bartender replies, "I'm very sorry, but this is uncanny. You must have a double."

To which the guy replies, "Thank you. Make it a scotch."

You Told Her What?!

A woman went to doctors office where she was seen by one of the new doctors. After about 4 minutes in the examination room, she burst out, screaming as she ran down the hall. An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him her story.

After listening, he had her sit down in another room and told her to relax. The older doctor marched down the

hallway to the back where the first doctor was and demanded, "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?"

Separation

One morning in a posh hotel breakfast room, a guest called over the head waiter. "Good morning, sir! I'd like to order two boiled eggs, one of them so undercooked that it's runny, and the other so overcooked that it's tough.

"I also want some rubbery bacon, burnt toast, and butter that's so cold it's impossible to spread. "Finally, I'll have a pot of extra-weak coffee, served at room temperature."

The bewildered waiter almost stuttered. "Sir! We cannot serve such an awful breakfast to you here!"

"Why not?" the guest replied.
"That's what I got here yesterday!"



Home Invasion In Camalote Village

ROARING CREEK VILLAGE, Cayo, Tuesday, April 12, 2016:

Roaring Creek Police are investigating a home invastion in Camalote Village that took place on Tuesday, April 12. Acting upon information received police visited the residence of 33-year-old **Gladwin Penner**, a trucker driver of 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

home. Upon arrival, he noticed that his black Rugger SR 9 nine millimeter pistol with serial number 330-86294 was missing. An assortment of jewelry with an estimated value of \$3,000 was also stolen from inside his bedroom. The firearm is valued at \$2,500.

Police are seeking the public assistance in getting to the bottom of this case. The maid received no serious injury but was shaken up during the incident.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to please call the nearest police station.

Downtown Parking

A famous art collector is walking through the city when he notices a mangy cat lapping milk from a saucer in the doorway of a store. He does a double take.

He knows that the saucer is extremely old and very valuable, so he walks casually into the store and offers to buy the cat for two dollars.

The store owner replies, "I'm sorry, but the cat isn't for sale."

The collector says, "Please, I need a hungry cat around the

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."

Speeding

A little rural town had one of the highest birth rates in the country and this phenomenon attracted the attention of the sociologists at the state university.

They wrote a grant proposal; got a huge chunk of money; moved to town; set up their computers; got squared away; and began designing their questionnaires and such.

While the staff was busy getting ready for their big research effort, the project director decided to go to the

local drugstore for a cup of coffee. He sat down at the counter, ordered his 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.

"Sure," said the druggist. "Every morning the six o'clock train comes through here and blows for the crossing. It wakes everybody up, and, well, it's too late to go back to sleep, and it's too early to get up."

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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 Embassyøs "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 kickoff 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.



Mrs. Kim Simplis-Barrow

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 Criminal Code for harsher penalties for perpetrators of sexual offences. Mrs. Simplis Barrow co-written twobooklets on sexual abuse prevention and produced educational multi-lingual 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 Under the 20,000 STRONG Women's Empowerment campaign, two national rallies were held to uplift women and in 2016, the event was used unveil the 20-4-20 Women's Economic Development Program."

The stories of other women will be posted monthly on the Embassyøs social media accounts.

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May 14, 2016 Muffles College Auditorium, Orange Walk Town 9:00am -11:00pm

Categories:

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Visit: https://btb.travelbelize.org/btb/taste-of-belize-2016 to download application forms & get more information on categories and criteria, email tasteofbelize@travel belize.org, or call Shola Babb or Xanierre Velasquez at 227-2420

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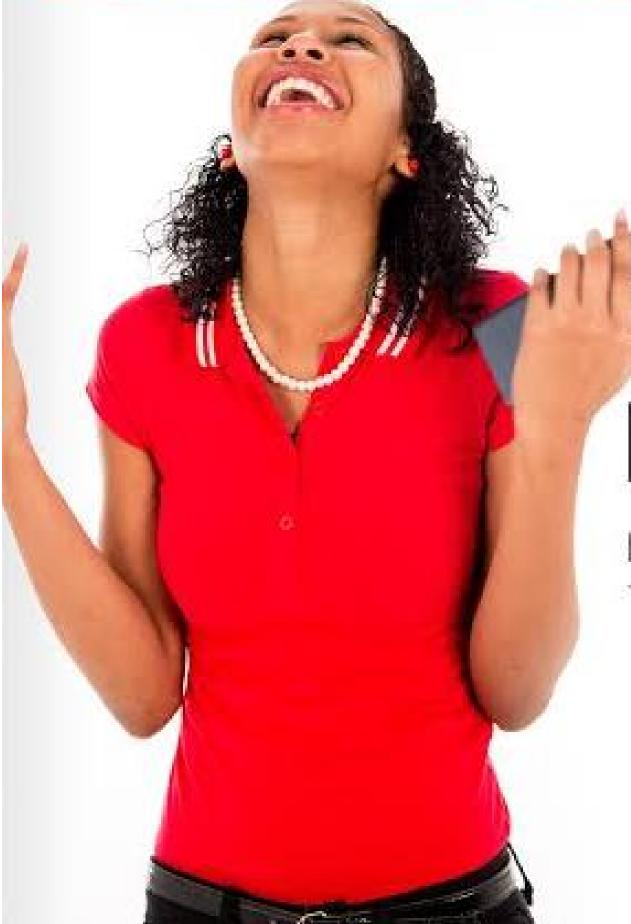




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