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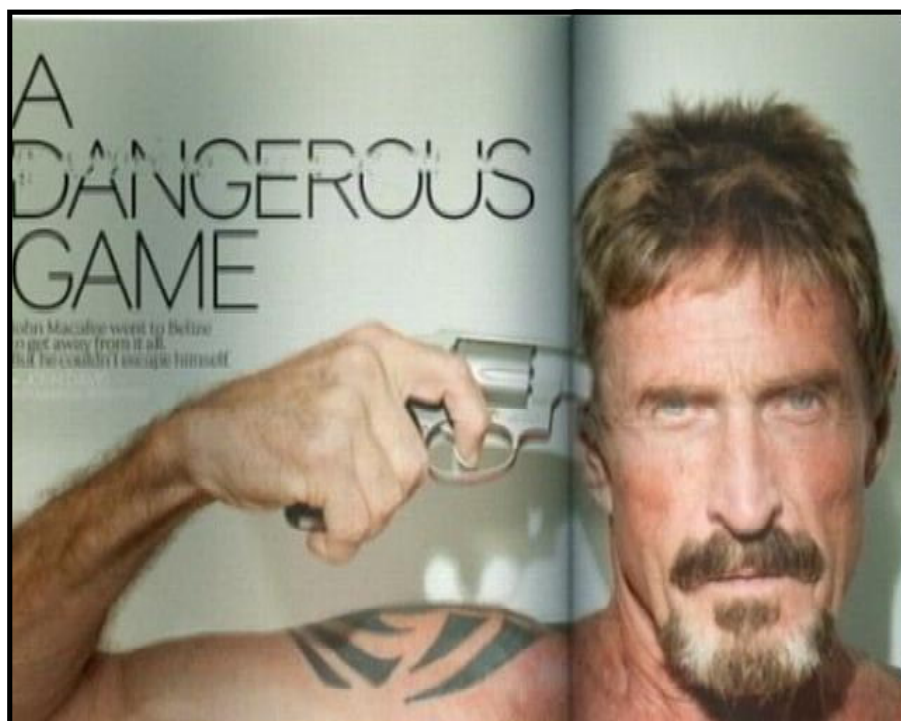
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John McAfee, went into hiding as he is wanted by our authorities and is labeled as the prime suspect in the murder of 52yrs. old Gregory Viant Faull who was murdered in his home in San Pedro, Ambergris Caye sometime between the 10th. - 11th. November 2012.

Gregory Faull was an American expatriate and was the neighbor of the 67yrs.old, Anti-Virus Pioneer, John McAfee.

Sometime prior to his death, Gregory Faull made a formal complaint against



John McAfee : “ I am indeed that same Stuffmonger “

John McAfee in the form of a letter addressed to the San Pedro Town Council complaining about some

vicious, loose dogs that Mr. McAfee had that were and chasing and attacking people both residence and tourist.

The Victim

52-year-old
American expatriate



Mr. Faull also complained that Mr. McAfee's security guards were trespassing by “going into private property”. On the Friday subsequent to the complaint, McAfee claims “*that his dogs were poisoned and four of them died*”.

The Police Press Officer,

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THE PRIME MINISTER
OF BELIZE
RT. HON. DEAN BARROW

The Super Bond IDB President, the US Treasury Department and Barack Obama

The Super Bond Re-negotiation has suffered its first set back as a direct result of the IDB President Luis Alberto Moreno refusal to take to his board our proposal for the IDB partial guarantee of its restructuring with a policy based loan. The US Treasury Department has insists that

the Government of Belize must first go to the IMF. Our Belize Government has and will simply refuse to go to the IMF.

The IDB feeling pressured by the US Treasury Department has therefore withdrawn its support for a partial guarantee.

Negotiations is continuing with the bondholders notwithstanding this latest set-back but the Prime Minister of Belize is not at all pleased with the outcome and has not hidden his displeasure with the President of the IDB Luis Alberto Moreno, the US Treasury Department or the

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The Lord is my Shepherd I Shall not Want!



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MAIRA D. MONTEJO

Another year is almost over, and many believe that the end of the Mayan Calendar, signals the ending of the world as we know it. But what they fail to realize is that it is not the end of the world but simply the ending of a cycle, a generation, a system that has quickly become obsolete, no longer useful for the new Era that is dawning.

And so with this new genesis on the horizon; we begin a new start, full of vigor, with high expectations, hope, opportunities and an undeniable love of God, an unending belief that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior along with the conviction that "The time to save our country is before we lose it!"

We start the new cycle with this new appearance to our Northern Star Newspaper.

Our paper is filled with many new sections that we hope you will enjoy to the fullest as we took this time to consult, reflect and redesign our product in order to reflect your desires and enhance our bond with you, our readers and subscribers.

We have stayed with our original logo since it represents what we believe and respect. The Northern Star, the guiding-light that informs, illuminates and inspires the People and Nation of Belize.

The coming year promises to be one of tough decision

making. One thing we are certain about, that real changes must be made because the status-quo has become as obsolete as this old Mayan Calendar will soon be.

Nonetheless; our new sections includes, the joke of the week which has more spice. We have created and added our own cartoon which makes it more attractive. Our horoscopes section has been redesign to target both English and Spanish readers.

International News will not focus only on North America and Asia but also will cover stories and articles from our Central American neighboring Countries and the Caribbean.

We have added articles in Spanish, creating a somewhat bilingual-newspaper since we are geographically, the only National Newspaper that is based in the Northern Section of the Country of Belize where there is a dense population of Spanish speaking readers.

We trust you will enjoy our new look and content; for any queries, suggestions, advertisement, letters to the editor or response to any article that appears in this paper. Feel free to contact us by phone, mail, email or just visit us at the address listed below. We are always waiting to hear from you.

WELCOME !



RT. HON. DEAN BARROW

President of the United States, Barack Obama.

In an interview with Channel 7's Jules Vasquez yesterday he stated, "I had met with Moreno and I understood from then that he was not as committed as his

The Super Bond IDB President, the US Treasury Department and Barack Obama

staffers seem to be but I thought that we had been able to persuade him.

Ultimately it was that the US Treasury indicated clearly to Moreno and directly that it would not support the IDB agreeing to the guarantee.

It then became a matter of us saying to Moreno to take it to the board nonetheless. I understand that the IDB, a branch of the US Treasury.

Moreno, for his own reasons ultimately did not do that. He called me to say that because of the US Treasury

opposition it was off. That's where things stood."

The PM continued, "I told him that I thought that it amounted to a failure of nerve on his part. I was very clear; I said that Belize is not disappointed with the decision, it is disgusted and that the responsibility was his and his alone. I am not

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saying anything behind his back; I have said this to him directly on the phone.

He made the ultimate decision and he must bear the ultimate brunt of Belize's ire. I don't know that that will put us anywhere, but it's good to have these things on record and I sure as hell placed it on record, he had I thought the support at his board to push this thing through notwithstanding US Treasury's objection.

Even though it is what it is, I am not going to say the bank of Belize will withdraw from the IDB, we have to be mature, it's not in our interest not to continue our relationship with the IDB.

Having said what I have said, having made plain that Belize has the dignity and the sovereign courage to speak truth to power, we move on.

We can't throw out the baby with bath water although Moreno is no baby. I having placed on record our disgust, I intend to move on. I would not be sharing any podium with Moreno anytime soon, but Lord, institutionally the

relations can should and will continue."

The Prime Minister of Belize also commented on the President of the United

States; Barack Obama, his re-election and how Belize has

so far benefitted from the relationship.

"I am in fact pleased that he was re-elected. Now that the election is over I can offer my comments freely, I certainly believe that he and his vision are better for the US than what I saw as the Romney vision, but the fact is that Obama hasn't done anything for Belize, personally and in the case of this whole IDB situation while it is the treasury department that's part of the Government of the United States and I am disappointed as well over the way the treasury behave but I am as I tried to signal at the last business; I am an older and wiser fellow now that's what it is.

I am not going to go out

there and try to on the world stage or local stage denounce the United States.

It's what has happened, there are other areas in which we

"...the fact is that Obama hasn't done anything for Belize..."

do enjoy some cooperation and collaboration with them

particularly with respect to the security all in their self-interest of course but that is the way big powers behave I am physiological about it."

Publisher's Note

Our team of negotiators are still at work despite our somewhat weaken position.

This re-negotiation of the burdensome Super Bond for Belize and Belizeans is a must come what may. We as a people can hardly contemplate the hardship that comes with the fall-out of other than success.

The United States by not supporting our position and declaring that Belize should turn to the IMF is in effect delivering a slap to the face of all Belizeans. Every country in this hemisphere

knows of the suffering unleash on its people when their governments are forced to bargain with the IMF. We must be ever vigilant as a Country and our Leaders must take note of this experience and be ever cautious of their so called Allies in the International World. Some of these same so-called Allies have enormous influence world-wide and its people have humongous business interest in Guatemala.

The Prime Minister is right in his remarks and we have always been convinced that this so-called love, partnership and mutual respect seems to run only in one direction ultimately to the utmost benefit of the USA.

Let history show us that this is the second time the US has voted against Belize.

The time when this country wanted its Independence. The US voted against Belize and along with Guatemala.

The IDB, IMF, OAS and ICJ are to be looked upon with eyes wide-opened...

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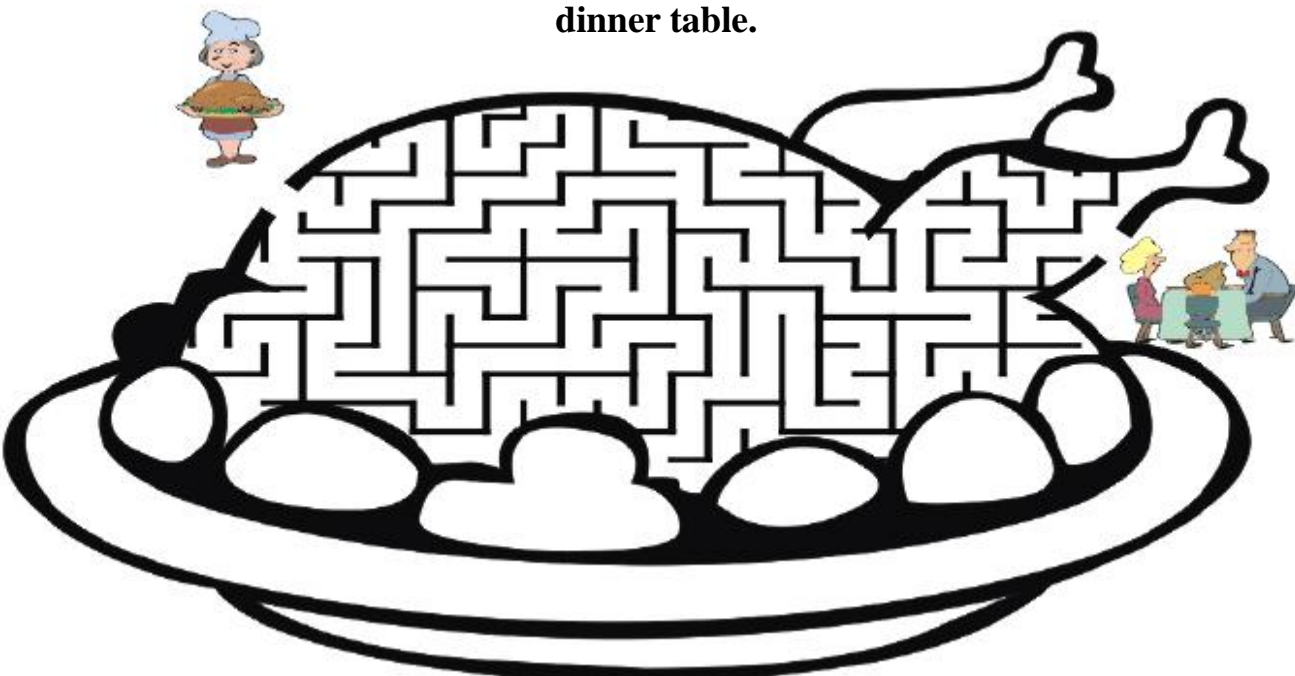
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Facts Vs. Fiction!

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Raphael Martinez; reported to the Media that on Sunday, November 11th. 2012, San Pedro police visited the residence of 52yr. old Gregory Viant Faull of 5.75 miles north of San Pedro Town.

His housekeeper of Boca Del Rio area of San Pedro reported that at 7:20 am she arrived at Mr. Faull's home where she found him in a motionless state lying in a pool of blood. The police were called and the scene was processed, where one 9 mm. expended shell was recovered. The body had an apparent gunshot wound to the back of the head. There were no signs of forced entry but police report that a laptop computer and I-Phone were missing.

McAfee is claiming that he is innocent. One of the claim amongst many others that this millionaire, now fugitive has acquired in his arsenal of claims within this



Guns and Ammo seized from John McAfee's house by the G. S. U year alone.

Earlier this year, on April 30th; 2012 the G.S.U. (Gang Suppression Unit) descended on his then home in Carmelita Village near the Toll- Booth at the entrance



McAfee's Photo shoot for WIRED Magazine. of Orange Walk Town.

The G.S.U. seized seven 12 gauge pump action shotguns (one of which had a scope), one 12 gauge single action shotgun, one Taurus 9mm pistol and one 9MM CZ pistol, five air-rifles with scopes. Resembled sniper rifles that use 6.26 mm slugs were also found along with two hundred and seventy 12 gauge cartridges, thirty 9 mm rounds and twenty .38 rounds.

He was at the time accused of operating an illegal laboratory and possessing unlicensed weapons. Those charges were eventually dropped but McAfee believes that the government has a vendetta against him.

McAfee immediately following the raid claimed "that there was a certain politician from Orange Walk in the newly elected Government of Belize that

had instructed the Security Forces of Belize to conduct the raid on his premise because he refused to give to that individual a campaign contribution."

Lately since, the start of his run from the Law here in Belize McAfee has been posting up other comments and allegations on his personal web-site The Hinterland almost daily.

His most recent was posted on both November 19th, November 20th. 2012.

Beside his prior claim of having buried, "himself in the sand while covering with a card-board box in order to breathe" a feat that is fit for a James Bond Movie. McAfee is also claiming the following on November 19th. He wrote: "The first day I colored my full beard and my hair light grey-almost white. I darkened the skin of my face, neck and

hands carefully with shoe polish and put on an LA Saints baseball cap with the brim facing backwards and tufts of the front of my hair sticking out unkempt through the band. I stuffed my cheeks with chewed bubble gum stuck to the outside of my upper and lower molars – making my face appear much fatter. I darkened and browned my front teeth. I stuffed a shaved down tampon deep into my right nostril and died the tip dark brown – giving my nose an awkward, lopsided, disgusting appearance. I put on a pair of ragged brown pants with holes patched and darned. I wore an old, ragged long sleeve shirt. I donned an old Guatemalan style sarape and toted a bag containing a variety of Guatemalan woven goods. I adjusted my posture so that I appeared a good six inches shorter than my actual height and slowly walked up and down the beach with a pronounced limp, pushing an old single speed bicycle and peddling my wares to tourists and reporters using a broken English with a heavy Spanish accent. On my second day, while peddling small wooden carvings, I nearly sold a dolphin carving to an Associated Press reporter standing at the edge of my dock. He was pulled away from my enticement by an urgent phone call.

Among the people I spoke with that day was the caretaker at Mr. Faull's house. The police had stated



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that Mr. Faull's housekeeper discovered the body. His caretaker told me that Faull did not have a housekeeper. He himself discovered the body he said. I found this interesting and filed it away as a piece of data that might help at some point. Why would the police lie about this? Lies always have a reason.

Then I watched the police dig up my four dogs that had been poisoned and buried. They cut off the heads and re-buried the bodies. I found this curious. The dogs had been dead too long for an effective autopsy, considering it would be performed in a Third World country with limited access to laboratory resources. What was this all about?

I watched the police search my residence 7 times. At one point I got too close and was angrily ordered to go away. I did so while muttering "Pendejos!" loud enough for the officers to hear. Every search was allegedly performed in order to find me.

On two occasions, however, the police carried large duffle type bags into the premises and left with the bags appearing nearly empty. Perhaps the bags contained their lunch and they ate while searching. Perhaps not.

On subsequent days using different disguises, I did the same general thing, one day selling tamales and burritos that I had purchased wholesale from a real vendor, on another pretending to be a drunk German tourist with a



The sign posted by McAfee's

partially bandaged face and wearing speedo swimming trunks and a distasteful, oversized Hawaiian shirt and yelling loudly at anyone who would listen – "Leck mich um auch!". At 67 years of age it was quite a spectacle.

What I discovered is that the police are more concerned with finding me than catching Mr. Faull's killer. Rumors are rife. The most enduring and frequently passed rumor is that the killing was punishment for a soured real estate transaction. I did not know, until I heard the rumor that Mr. Faull was working for a local real estate company. No-one seems to know the true details of the transaction or the parties involved, but the police could easily discover the details if they were so inclined.

I also was able to observe the machinations of the press. They stayed mostly on my long boat dock and behaved themselves, but occasionally they would nab one by passer or another and ask questions. Mostly they waited for me to be caught on camera. Yesterday I got to watch Amy bring

NBC to film the police illegally (again) search my property. NBC used my boat service (Coastal Express) so I would like to thank them for the business. They also sat for a while just offshore doing God knows what. I watched perplexed and eventually they went back to town.

I will continue my investigations, since the police seem to have defaulted on this obligation. I have offered a reward. If anyone has any information, please give it directly to me. I will publish it here on this blog first, and then provide it to the police. That way it cannot just conveniently disappear if it is evidence that the Government finds distasteful.

I want to again beg the International community to apply whatever pressure it can to win the release of my friends and employees who have been arrested:

Eddie Ancona

William Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan's Wife

Cassian Chavarria

Pease do what you can. Write your congressman to



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ask for sanctions against Belize. Write the Prime Minister and shame him. Just speak out. When enough people join a clamor for justice, the world changes.

P.S. No-one at the house, including the staff, know that I am nearby. If the police are reading this, do not randomly round up everyone for harboring a fugitive. Please."

It is beyond comprehension at this desk that McAfee was not declared persona-non-grata in this country long ago. Many of his comments have been degrading, insulting and down-right lies.

Last week the Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. Dean Barrow weighed-in on one of McAfee's allegation.

The statements made by McAfee and an associate that the software pioneer was being targeted for refusing to donate to Belize's ruling United Democratic Party (UDP) to help fund its successful re-election bid in March.

The Prime Minister said that: "I know of no individual in the UDP who

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BELIZEAN TEEN MURDERED ABROAD



Suri Baeza
15 years old

Suri Baeza, a 15-year-old, Belizean Student from Rockwall High School who left her home in Orange Walk in 2002 was killed on Tuesday. Baeza's mother found her body on the floor of her bedroom at about 7.15 p.m. and called 911.

She told the police her daughter had stayed home from school that day because she had felt ill and that, though she'd arrived home at about 4 p.m., she hadn't seen Suri since that morning.

Baeza reportedly sent a text message around 2 p.m. and was killed between that time and 4.30 p.m. Her

mother went to wake her up for dinner, but found her unresponsive on the floor in a pool of her own blood.

The murder has caused quite a stir in the small community. Rockwall police said Juan Enrique Torres, 41yrs. old Belizean also, called them at about 1:30 p.m that Thursday and said he wanted to talk. When he met with detectives he told them that he had argued with Baeza on Tuesday morning and killed her in a fit of rage when she threatened to call police.

Torres also confessed that he left the knife used in the slaying inside the girl's home. In details he said he had struck Baeza in the head with a wooden closet rod, stabbed her and then locked the bedroom door as he left the room. He then cleaned the knife, put it back in a drawer and left. he later ditched any bloody items in

a Dallas trash-bin.

Investigators later returned to the scene and recovered what they believe is the knife used to kill Baeza. Police said there has to be tested by Forensic Investigators to ensure it is the murder weapon. They also recovered the bloody items from the trash bin.

An autopsy revealed that the teen died of stab wounds to her torso, and that she tried to defend herself from her attacker.

Torres didn't escape the attack unscathed, officials said he had a broken wrist and has complained of stomach pain.

Torres was in a relationship with Baeza's mother for eight years, they had a 7-year-old child. Until recently, he lived at the home and had access to the residence.



Juan Enrique Torres

Torres has been placed under arrest and is being held in the Rockwall County Jail. He was formally charged Thursday night and is being held on \$1 million bond.

This is not the first time he has been charged for a crime. He served 15 months probation for a 2008 domestic violence charge in Dallas County. The victim in that case is not yet known, but Torres and Baeza's mother were dating at the time.

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has spoken to McAfee about contributions,”

“I don’t want to be unkind, but he seems to be extremely paranoid - I would go so far as to say bonkers,”

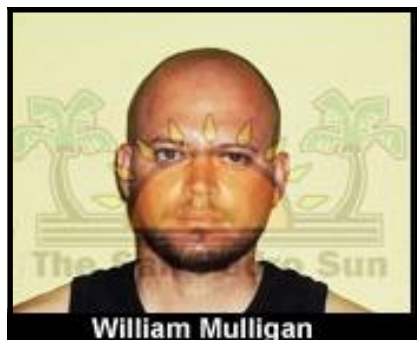
Prime Minister, Hon Dean Barrow added that “He ought to man up and respect our laws and go in and talk to the police.”

The Prime Minister referred to McAfee statements as “nonsense,” noting he had “never met the man” and that the media attention McAfee had attracted was offering him “the best possible safeguard.”

“It’s not as if the police have said he is a suspect and certainly there is no question at this point of charges pending.

The fact that this is smeared across international headlines means the police would have to act extremely cautiously in the full glare of the public spotlight.”

At the very first Press Briefing after the murder of Mr. Faull the Police Press Officer, Raphael Martinez; told the Media that, “I just spoke to the investigating officer and there are several leads that the police are actually following. We don’t want to rule out any possibility at this point at this early stage in the investigation. I can assure you that the police are following all the leads they can at this point.”



McAfee’s claims that his weapons and more specifically the Lugar Brand Gun which uses the same type of bullet that killed Mr. Faull has not been returned to him by the authorities here in Belize.

The Belize Police are presently testing the bullets that McAfee claims he used to shoot his dogs that were poisoned “in order to stop their suffering”. Our authorities are attempting to see if there is a match with the one slug that was used to kill Mr. Faull.

Just last week, however; his personal body-guard, William Milligan and his wife Stefanie Mulligan were arrested and jailed for multiple counts of kept firearm and ammunition without a license for which remand is automatic. The firearms were found at McAfee’s home on northern Ambergris Caye.

Tropical Vision Channel 7 News in Belize reported that one of the guns was “a 12 gauge Remington pump action shot gun which is sold in an edition identical to the one McAfee is shown” with on page 4 “in the photo-shoot for WIRED Magazine. The other gun is a Baikal brand 12 gauge single action shot gun. The guns were loaded also found was a belt



containing twenty-two 12 gauge cartridges.”

It has also been reported in many of the International Media that Mr. McAfee walked around San Pedro with armed guards while he himself sported a pistol.

In respect to the “rumors are rifle” statement; in Orange Walk Town, the talk among locals regarding Mr. McAfee is about a purported torture and death of a young man in Carmelita Village who was said to be related to one of his concubines. Nonetheless, Mr. McAfee claims that he is been framed and has simply refused to talk to the Belize Police.

On November 20, 2012, McAfee further claims via his web-site. *“The media has portrayed me as paranoid. I am a poor judge, since if I am paranoid; it is a paranoid mind judging itself. However, I am a technologist and use that as best I can for my own purposes. Shortly after the raid on my property by 42 soldiers in riot gear looking for a non-existent meth lab, I began a program of observation and recording of everything that happened to me.*

I planted tiny POV video cameras and sound recorders on myself, some of

my dogs, all around my property, in my cars, on my boats, at the Studio 54 bar in Orange Walk, on trees, in bushes, – everywhere I could. The first two months were audio only. I knew that The Government was recruiting friends, neighbors and acquaintances for information about me and for help with “dealing with me” in some fashion. Most declined. No-one would ever believe my story, so recording it was my only option.

My first big break came when an ex-councilman from the village of Carmelita, named Anthony Rhaburn, was caught on one of my devices while trying to convince one of my employees to help the government kill me. The language is Creole, but non-Creole speakers can get the gist of it if you listen closely. Creole is derived from English after all.

*I will be posting these recordings slowly over the next few months as the World digests them. I have recordings of the Prime Minister responding “Who does he think he is?”, in Creole, after I requested an apology for the April raid. I have recordings of the Police Commissioner telling one of my lawyers that “If Mr. McAfee doesn’t like the system here he can f-*xyz*-leave”. I have many, many recordings – some 6,000 hours in total. They are devastating. They are safely in the States, and copies are in the vaults of Lombard*

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MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY REMARKS – PRIME MINISTER FORUM – 1st NOVEMBER, 2012

Prime Minister, Members of the Cabinet, Members of the business community, CEO's, other distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen.

The recent spike in crime and violence especially in Belize City hits at the core of our efforts to create a safe and secure environment where our citizens and visitors can live in peace and security. Let me assure you though, that despite these occasional spikes which have the effect of eroding any appearance of progress in our fight against crime, the Ministry of National Security and the Police Department have been employing and will continue to employ new and innovative strategies to vanquish what is undoubtedly the greatest national challenge in our post-independence history.



HON. JOHN SALDIVAR
Minister of National
Security

My task, as the Minister, is to move the Ministry of National Security

forward and ensure that we strengthen its Departments to allow them to deal with the various threats to national security and safety in an efficient and effective manner. While we are doing that we have to deal with the challenges of the day to day policing realities as it relates to crime and violence.

We at the Ministry of National Security have a plan which we have been implementing for the last three months and which we are confident will work well to take us out of these difficult times and achieve the desired results.

Before I unveil the details of this plan to which I refer, I ask your indulgence in allowing me to muse briefly on how we may have arrived at such a critical state of affairs, not to assign blame but to understand the nature of what confronts us, and the complexity and hence long term nature of the solution.

Our crime problem has been a long time in the making perhaps as far back as the sixties and seventies when economic and political domestic policy combined with the lure of first-world living began an exodus of fathers and mothers to North America leaving many children behind in the care of grandmothers, aunts, uncles and even elder siblings. The barrel and box mentality conditioned many of our then youths to rely on and anxiously await packages from the North. The impact of this on school attendance, self motivation and industry cannot be measured. With the relaxing of immigration policy in the eighties many of these youths were able to join their parents only to be later deported back to their homeland but not before learning and adopting hardcore first-world criminal behavior.

This reentry began in the late eighties and early nineties coinciding with our first national experience of institutional corruption. A recent World Bank study has shown beyond a doubt that the leading impediment to growth and the number one cause of poverty in developing countries is corruption. Poverty when added to a behavioral tendency to crime provided a lethal combination. The first-world prescriptions of the middle to late nineties, which were suppose to lead to economic progress only exacerbated poverty by placing close to a thousand families in the unemployment pool and caused an unintended rise in cost of living form which households took some time to recover.

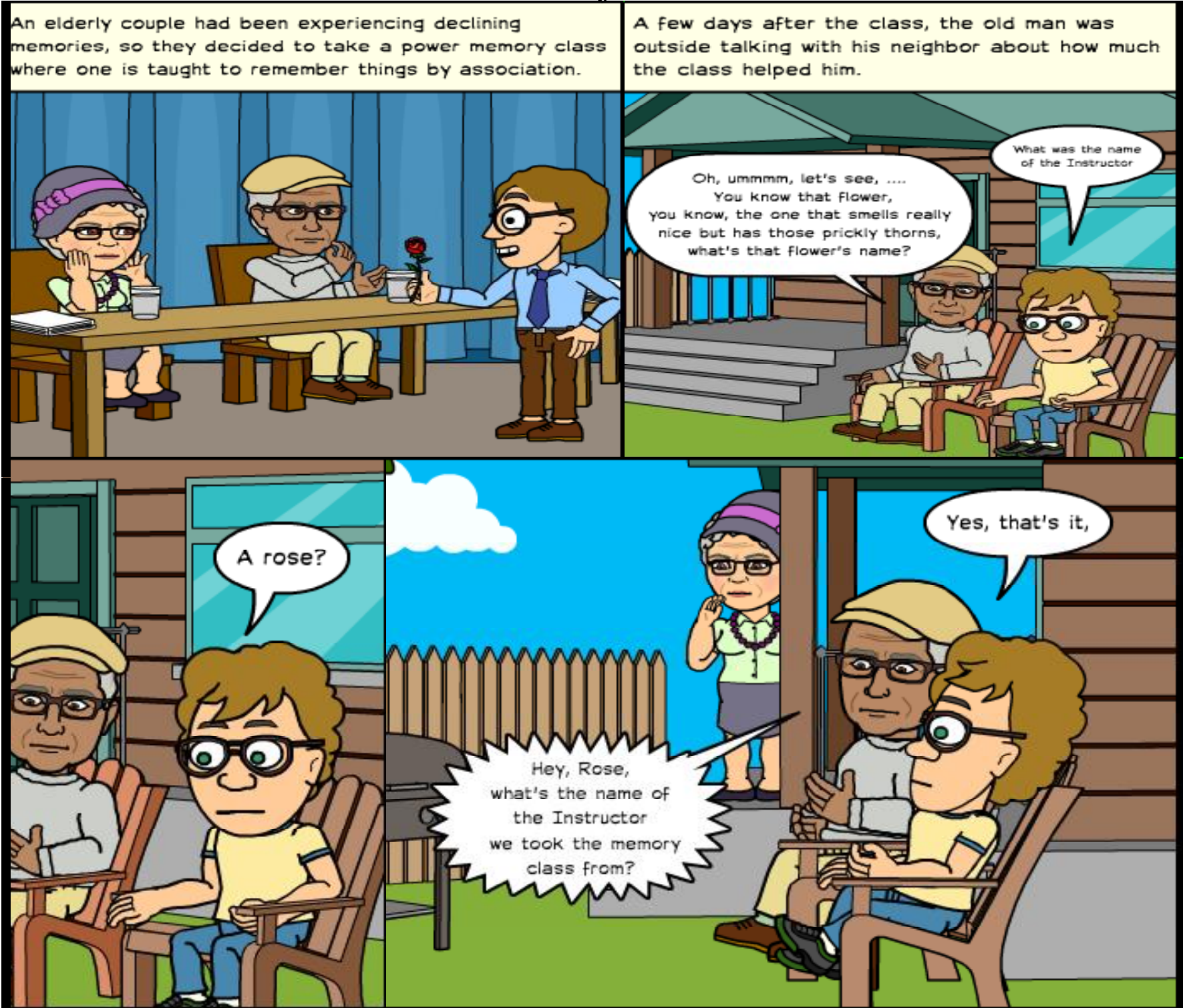
A second and continuing wave of deportees into the native population and new signs of a social breakdown within the naturalized population has our law enforcement officers scrambling to maintain control over a society on the brink of social chaos. Tough decisions must be made, tough decisions are being made.

When this Government was sworn in for a second term in office in March of this year, the Gang truce was at an advance state of deterioration, and, consequently, there was a corresponding increased in major crimes. The months of March to May saw a spike in the major crimes, especially in the Belize, Cayo and Corozal Districts. It was noted that some 709 major crimes were recorded for this period

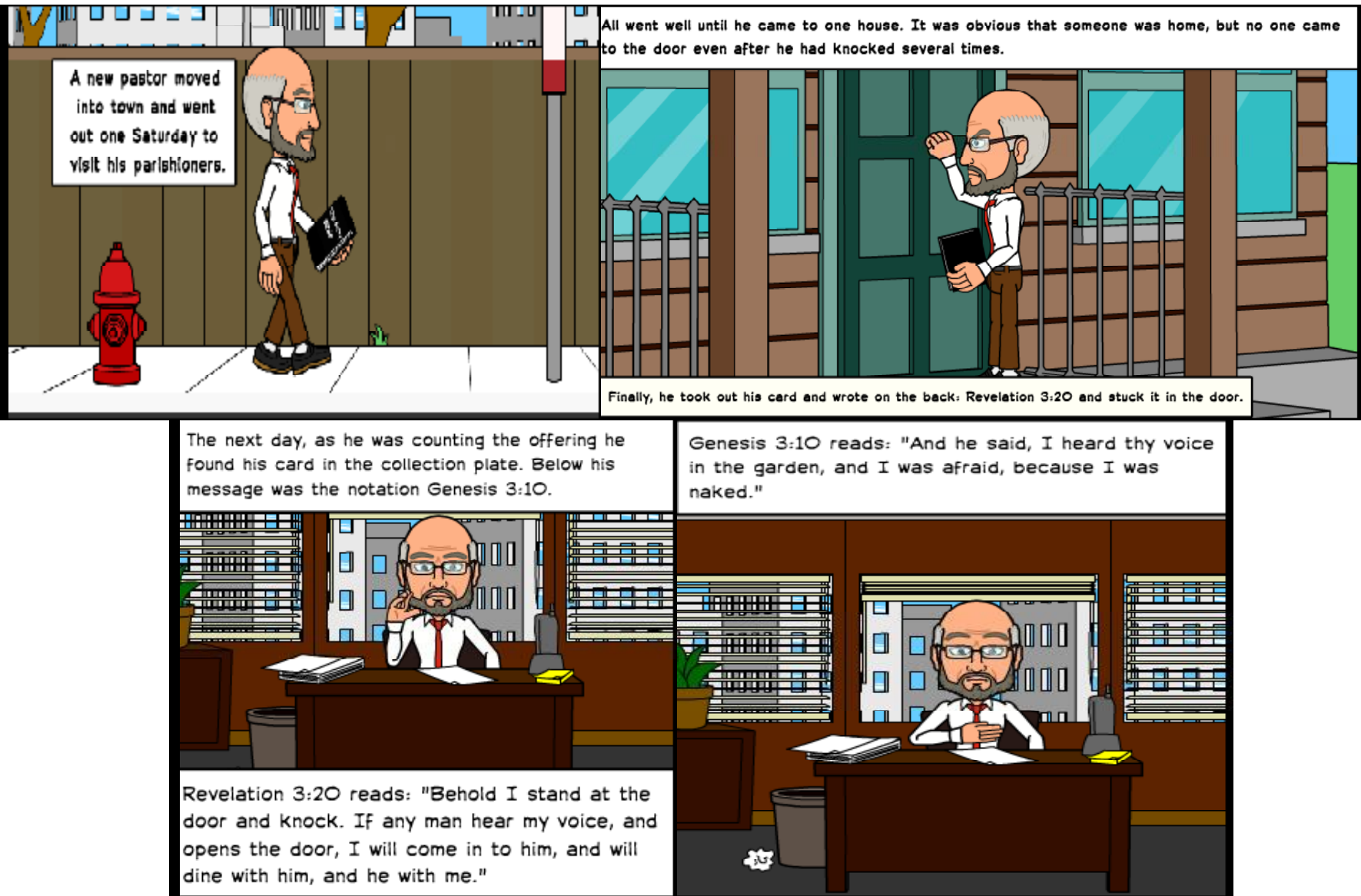
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2012; this is 119 or 17% more than what was recorded for the same period in 2011.

Something had to be done. As a result, we began an active engagement exercise with friendly Governments. Dialogue with the British, Canadians, Mexicans and the US Governments and others has resulted in major capacity building and general strengthening of our law enforcement agencies to tackle to crime crisis that confronts us.

On the local front, some meaningful interventions were initiated by a number of community stakeholders. The People Coalitions countrywide were and continue to be, sterling examples of the community/police relation required in our fight against crime. The many Government entities which coordinated the various programs for at risk youth, all contributed and continue to contribute to the overall effort.



HON. JOHN SALDIVAR
Minister of National
Security

These efforts have proven to work as we have seen a gradual decrease in the accumulated major crimes from June to September of this year. Our records show a total of 901 major crimes for 2012 and 1070 major crimes when compared for the same period for 2011. This is 69 or 6.4% less the 2011 figures to date. It is important to note that all this success, limited as it may seemed, came at a time when the Gang truce was tenuous at best and more latterly, the various work programs have been streamlined and are in the process of winding down.

Over the past few weeks and definitely for the past few days we are once again experiencing one of those spikes in crime which as a mentioned before has the effect of eroding any appearance of even limited success in our fight against crime. This has again caused us to step back and revisit our approach. Since yesterday, the security forces including the BDF have been deployed into crime-ridden areas and are as we speak aggressively targeting and disrupting criminals and their activities. There is now visible presence in these areas and we ask again for your cooperation and understanding during the security forces operations.

The police commissioner will be invoking today for the first time I believe since the law was passed, the declaration of several crime infested areas of Belize City as Crime-ridden areas which will give his police and BDF the power to search any and all houses in the area without the need for a warrant. This declaration will also allow the police and the BDF to restrict movement in and out of these areas. These areas will be cordoned off and every person entering and exiting the area will be stopped and searched and a systematic house to house, house by house search of these areas will be done.

The police and BDF have for several weeks now been conducting special operations in the City on the weekends. These operations in our opinion have been successful in stemming the regular weekend spate that use to full the Monday night newscasts. However, the criminals have adapted and shifted their activities to weekdays. We therefore are very quickly adapting and as of yesterday the weekend special operations of the police and BDF have now become an everyday, seven days a week operation. Patrols which used to be stepped up on weekends are now stepped up on a daily basis. Six ATVs with police and BDF are now deployed on a daily basis. Special foot patrols are now in place on a daily basis. Vehicle check points are once again being strategically place across the City to intercept and disrupt criminals. Special intelligence officers who are familiar with these criminals are being placed at these check points with a list of names and pictures of persons of interest. Every person in whom we have an interest will be detained and held for questioning as often and as long as it takes for the police to conduct proper investigations into the many unsolved crimes that are under investigation.

As of today, the police are under instructions to begin to crack down on all those who commit petty offences and quality of life crimes. Discipline begins with the small things and it is perhaps because of neglect of small crimes that we now have a crisis with big crimes.

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PRESS RELEASE

British Government Donates Motorcycles for Belmopan Police



(left to right)

Minister of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Latin America, Hon. Hugo Swire, MP, British High Commissioner resident in Belize, H.E. Pat Ashworth, Belize's Minister of National Security, Hon. John Saldivar, and Commissioner of Police, David Henderson.

November 16, 2012

A donation of two (2) motorcycles, to be assigned to the Belmopan City Formation of the Belize Police Department, was made this morning to the Ministry of National Security by the British Government through its Embassy in Belize.

Making the presentation on behalf of the British Government was the visiting Minister of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Latin America, Hon. Hugo Swire, MP, along with the British High Commissioner resident in Belize, H.E. Pat Ashworth. Receiving the donation was Belize's Minister of National Security, Hon. John Saldivar, accompanied by the Commissioner of Police, David Henderson.

Prior to making the donation, the visiting Minister of State and his delegation held bilateral talks with the

Minister of National Security and his team in the conference room at the Ministry of National Security Headquarters. The discussion covered a wide range of issues relating to security and how the British Government can lend further assistance to enhance the work of the Belize Police Department, the Belize Defense Force and the Belize National Coastguard.

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As of today the Director of Public Prosecution is being asked to petition the Court for the imposition of stiffer conditions for bail and even the denial of bail for repeat offenders. I am making a public call to magistrates and judges to use the discretion afforded them by law to impose stiffer penalties on persistent criminals, impose stiffer conditions for bail, and to even begin denying bail to these habitual criminals.

With regards to habitual criminals, especially juvenile habitual criminals, I am happy to report that the Ministry of National Security has received the go-ahead from the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to establish a Corrective Training Facility where we intend to house convicted habitual juvenile criminals for a period of corrective training and discipline. More on this proposal will be released shortly however I can indicate from the outset that the facility will be located in the Pine Ridge Area, it will be administered by Belize Defense Force personnel, and schedule of crimes which, once a conviction is secured, will attract sentencing to this Facility will include misdemeanors and such petty crimes that will be easily prosecuted for a conviction.

Let me close by making a quick statement on the way forward outside of the immediate actions being taken to arrest the current spike. the Ministry of National Security acknowledges that the three weakest areas in the police department continue to be Intelligence gathering, Investigations and Prosecution. The major crime and their frequent spikes, like the one we are currently experiencing, has drawn much of the available resources and attention to the everyday policing, patrolling, and crime prevention efforts. And while such is necessary it has done so at the expense of building a modern and more effective Police infrastructure. The operations I just described will cost in excess of \$100,000 on a weekly basis.

In Prosecution, for example, core reasons for the weakness includes: a lack of training, routinely

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transferring the more skilled prosecutors from the department once they are promoted from Sergeants, inadequate supervision and review of case files prior to hearing, inadequate preparation and follow-up with witnesses, resources such as transportation, computers, etc. to aid in the efficient delivery of their service.

It is clear that if we do not treat Prosecution as a *career department* and allow for skilled prosecutors at all ranks to be retained in the Department it will continue to lose the benefit of its specially trained personnel.

It is with this in mind that Cabinet recently approved the hiring of an Attorney to head the prosecution branch and current police prosecutors will be asked to decide if they want to stay permanently in the prosecution field or return to regular police duties. We are determined to fix the Police Prosecution Branch.

Going hand in hand with prosecution is investigation. In an era where the public has lost faith in the justice system, one in which witnesses frequently recant their statements due to intimidation, or far worse – are murdered, more reliance must be placed intelligent investigations, and the tools must be secured to enable such.

Presently the investigations department has at their disposal a scene Of Crime (SOC) department, a Crime Information Management Database (CIMS), a Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), Cell Phone and CIM card Diagnostic Equipment and Computer Forensics Tools, a small network of expensive cameras, and most recently courtesy of the Canadians -the most advanced ballistic forensic equipment available (IBIS). A DNA lab is soon to be added to this list. To gain the best from all these equipment and tools the Forensic Lab and the Scenes of Crime Unit and forensic pathology will be amalgamated and the management of the new department will be strengthened.

The Government of India has agreed to provide us with technical support in the form of an Advisor to Ministry of National Security. This individual will be with us shortly.

We will continue to improve the physical working conditions and provide the necessary equipment to enable officers to respond in a timely fashion to emergencies. Upgrade the terms and conditions of service for the Police Department.

Finally, I want to stress the need for full community participation in the fight against crime.

- People Coalition
- Placencia Initiative
- Citizen on Patrol Program??

I want to leave you with the assurance that, despite this temporary setback in our plans, with your continued support, we will overcome the many challenges that the criminal elements are creating for us.

I Thank you for your attention and continued support.

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HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Schizophrenia

Schizophrenia can be frightening, but it doesn't have to define your life. With medication, therapy, and support, many people with schizophrenia are able to control their symptoms, gain greater independence, and lead fulfilling lives. Early diagnosis and treatment can prevent many unnecessary complications and improve the chance of recovery, so if you're worried that you or someone you care about has schizophrenia, don't hesitate to seek help.

Recovering from schizophrenia doesn't happen overnight. Finding the right treatments takes time and setbacks happen. But it is possible. In fact, most people with schizophrenia get better over time, not worse. So no matter what challenges you presently face, there is always hope.

What is Schizophrenia?

Schizophrenia is a brain disorder that affects the way a person acts, thinks and sees the world. People with schizophrenia have a altered perception of reality, often a significant loss of contact with reality. They may see or hear things that don't exist, speak in strange

or confusing ways, believe that others are trying to harm them, or feel like they're being constantly watched. With such a blurred line between the real and the imaginary, schizophrenia makes it difficult - even frightening - to negotiate the activities of daily life. In response, people with schizophrenia may withdraw from the outside world or act out in confusion and fear.

Most cases of schizophrenia appear in the late teens or early adulthood. However, schizophrenia can appear for the first time in middle age or even later. In rare cases, schizophrenia can even affect young children and adolescents, although the symptoms are slightly different. In general, the earlier schizophrenia develops, the more severe it is. Schizophrenia also tends to be more severe in men than in women.

Although schizophrenia is a chronic disorder, there is help available. With support, medication, and therapy, many people with schizophrenia are able to function independently and live satisfying lives. However, the outlook is best when schizophrenia is diagnosed and treated right away. If you spot the signs and symptoms of schizophrenia and seek help without delay, you or your loved one can take advantage of the many treatments available and improve the chances of recovery.

report knowing early on that something was wrong with their loved one, they just didn't know what.

In this early phase, people with schizophrenia often seem eccentric, unmotivated, emotionless, and reclusive. They isolate themselves, start neglecting their appearance, say peculiar things, and show a general indifference to life. They may abandon hobbies and activities, and their performance at work or school deteriorates. The most common early warning signs of schizophrenia include:

- Social withdrawal
- Hostility or suspiciousness
- Deterioration of personal hygiene
- Flat, expressionless gaze
- Inability to cry or express joy
- Inappropriate laughter or crying
- Depression
- Oversleeping or insomnia
- Odd or irrational statements
- Forgetful; unable to concentrate
- Extreme reaction to



Early warning signs of Schizophrenia

In some people, schizophrenia appears suddenly and with-

out warning. But for most, it comes on slowly, with subtle warning signs and a gradual decline in functioning long before the first severe episode. Many friends and family members of people with schizophrenia

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Pumpkin Puree:

Ingredients:

1 sugar pumpkin

Directions:

- 1) Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).
- 2) Cut the pumpkin in half, stem to base. Remove seeds and pulp. Cover each half with foil.
- 3) Bake in the preheated

Double Layer Pumpkin Cheesecake

oven, foil side up, 1 hour, or until tender.

4) Scrape pumpkin meat from shell halves and puree in a blender. Strain to remove any remaining stringy pieces. Store in the freezer in freezer safe bags.

Ingredients:

- 2 (8 ounce packages cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 1 (9 inch) prepared graham cracker crust
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinna-

mon

- 1 pinch ground cloves
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup frozen whipped topping, thawed

Directions:

- 1) Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).
- 2) In a large bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Beat until smooth.
- 3) Blend in eggs one at a time.
- 4) Remove 1 cup of batter and spread inot bottom of crust set aside.
- 5) Add pumpkin, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg to

- the remaing batter and stir gently until well blended.
- 6) Carefully spread over the batter in the crust.
- 7) Bake in preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes, or until center is almost set.
- 8) Allow to cool, then refrigerate for 3 hours or overnight. Cover with whipped topping before serving.

Makes 8 servings

Prep 1 hour

Cook 1 hour 40 minutes

Ready in 5 hours

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criticism

- Strange use of words or way of speaking

While these warning signs can result from a number of problems - not just schizophrenia - they are cause for concern. When out-of-the-ordinary behavior is causing problems in your life or the life of a loved one, seek medical advice. If schizophrenia or another mental problem is the cause, treatment will help.

Signs and symptoms of schizophrenia

There are five types of symptoms characteristic of schizophrenia: delusions, hallucinations, disorganized speech, disorganized behavior, and the so-called "negative" symptoms. However, the signs and symptoms of schizophrenia vary dramatically from person to person, both in pattern and severity. Not every person with schizophrenia will have all symptoms, and the symptoms of schizophrenia may also change over time.

Delusions

A delusion is a firmly-held idea that a person has despite clear and obvious evidence that it isn't true. Delusions are extremely common in schizophrenia, occurring in more than 90% of those who have the disorder. Often, these delusions involve illogical or bizarre ideas or fantasies. Common schizophrenic delusions include:

Delusions of persecution - Belief that others, often a vague "they", are out to get him or her. These persecutory delusions often involve bizarre ideas and plots (e.g. "Martians are trying to poison me with radioactive particles delivered through my tap water").

Delusions of reference - A neutral environmental event is believed to have a special and personal meaning. For example, a person with schizophrenia might believe a billboard or person on TV is sending a message meant specifically for them.

Delusions of grandeur - Belief that one is a famous or important figure, such as Jesus Christ or Napoleon. Alternately, delusions of grandeur may involve the belief that one has unusual powers that no one else has (e.g. the ability to fly).

Delusions of control - Belief that one's thoughts or actions are being controlled by outside, alien forces. Common delusions of control include thought broadcasting ("My private thoughts are being transmitted to others"), thought insertion ("Someone is planting thoughts in my head"), and thought withdrawal ("The CIA is robbing me of my thoughts").

Hallucinations

Hallucinations are sounds or other sensations experienced as real when they exist only in the person's mind. While hallucinations can involve any of the five senses, auditory hallucinations (e.g. hearing voices or some other sound) are most common in schizophrenia. Visual hallucinations are also relatively common. Research suggests that auditory hallucinations occur when people misinterpret their own inner self-talk as coming from an outside source.

Schizophrenia hallucinations are usually meaningful to the person experiencing them. Many times, the voices are those of someone they know. Most commonly, the voices are critical, vulgar, or abusive. Hal-

lucinations also tend to be worse when the person is alone.

Disorganized speech

Fragmented thinking is characteristic of schizophrenia. Externally, it can be observed in the way a person speaks. People with schizophrenia tend to have trouble concentrating and maintaining a train of thought. They may respond to queries with an unrelated answer, start sentences with one topic and end somewhere completely different, speak incoherently, or say illogical things.

Common signs of disorganized speech in schizophrenia include:

- Loose associations - Rapidly shifting from topic to topic, with no connection between one thought and the next.
- Neologisms - Made-up words or phrases that only have meaning to the patient.
- Perseveration - Repetition of words and statements; saying the same thing over and over.
- Clang- Meaningless use of rhyming words ("I said the bread and read the shed and fed Ned at the head").

Disorganized behavior

Schizophrenia disrupts goal-directed activity, causing impairments in a person's ability to take care of him or herself, work, and interact with others. Disorganized behavior appears as:

- A decline in overall daily functioning
- Unpredictable or inappropriate emotional responses
- Behaviors that appear bizarre and have no purpose
- Lack of inhibition and impulse control

Negative symptoms (ab-

sence of normal behaviors)

The so called "negative" symptoms of schizophrenia refer to the absence of normal behaviors found in healthy individuals. Common negative symptoms of schizophrenia include:

- Lack of emotional expression - Inexpressive face, including a flat voice, lack of eye contact, and blank or restricted facial expressions.
- Lack of interest or enthusiasm - Problems with motivation; lack of self-care.
- Seeming lack of interest in the world - Apparent unawareness of the environment; social withdrawal.
- Speech difficulties and abnormalities - Inability to carry a conversation; short and sometimes disconnected replies to questions; speaking in monotone.

Types of schizophrenia

There are three major subtypes of schizophrenia, each classed by their most prominent symptom:

- **Paranoid schizophrenia**
- **Disorganized schizophrenia**
- **Catatonic schizophrenia**

The defining feature of paranoid schizophrenia is absurd or suspicious ideas and beliefs. These ideas typically revolve around a coherent, organized theme or "story" that remains consistent over time. Delusions of persecution are the most frequent theme, however delusions of grandeur are also common.

People with paranoid schizophrenia show a history of increasing paranoia and difficulties in their re-

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MESSAGE FROM THE CLERGY



Rev. Dr. Rudolph Anthony
*Priest of the
Anglican Diocese
of
Belize*

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 12: 38-44**

St. Mark's Gospel tells us today that "A poor widow came and put in 2 small copper coins, which were worth a penny". And Jesus, after he saw what happened, told his disciples "***This poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury...out of her poverty she has put in everything she had***".

Today as we look at this lesson, we will find that this is only a snippet of Scripture. In the theological world, these snippets are called "***periscopes***", "***clippings***". You see, as we read the clipping, we may not know what comes before or after it. If we were to tract Mark's Gospel, we would know that Jesus had a busy week as it is laid out in the Gospel. One day, he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey; next day he overturns the moneychangers' tables in the temple. The day after, he is engaged in theological debates with at least six different religious leaders.

In today's story, he enters

the courtyard of the temple where 13 containers were provided for offerings. They had narrow inverted funnel like parts at the top, and wide parts at the bottom. Each funnel container was for different category of the Temple's Budget. One was, say for salaries, another for benefits, electric bill, telephone bill, the assessment to the diocese and so on. Don't think I am getting any ideas to ask that 13 jars be put in our church for that purpose.

Well the story went on. In the crowd was a poor widow. A widow in those days was not only someone whose husband died. A widow was one who had no resources and was vulnerable. A widow wore a veil, her clothes were ragged; quite in contrast to the Pilgrims who wore clothing of rich fabric. Remember this was a Patriarchal Society. The Amazing thing with this widow was she showed up among all, the well-dressed. She knew her contribution would be a drop in the bucket, and could not do much to further the cause of Religion or clean the Temple. But she quietly dropped her two copper coins in one of those 13 containers, turned around and left quickly and quietly. Her act would have gone unnoticed were it not for Jesus. It is always interesting how Jesus zeroed in on those most needful, pitiful, friend less, isolated, rejected, and scorned people.

Remember how he zeroed in on one Blind Bartimeous? This act by the Widow was an example of great generosity and he used it as an example for his disciples to see. Jesus tells us she had put in more than all those who were contributing to the treasury. The others have contributed out of

their abundance, their wealth, their riches. But the widow, out of her poverty, has put in everything she had. You don't need to be a rocket Scientist or you don't need to have a PH.D. in New Testament to understand this.

Mark Twain once said, "***It is not what I don't understand in the Bible that troubles me, it is what I do understand***". It is that time of the year, again when we do the uncomfortable exercise of talking about money. Time for the budget assessment, etc.; if we go to a cocktail party, we can talk about money with ease. We talk about how to get out of bankruptcy, we talk about how much out of our salary we will take to the circus, fair, party, etc., we talk about the Economy, we talk about the GST Tax, how much our investment is yielding etc. etc. etc. We talk about BTL, Digicell, Smart, and Superbond. But the subject of money becomes uncomfortable only when religion or church is mentioned. You see, we are so smart that we know Religion is "***Spiritual***" and money is "***Material***" and never the twain should meet.

The message though is clear. There is no dollar amount that will get one into the Kingdom. Yes, \$10 a week to give to the church for someone on a small income might be like the widow. But those who are making much more and give \$10 a week is next to nothing.

The question we need to ask is "***Are we giving from the leftovers of a large disposable income, or are we giving sacrificially or at least proportionately from what we have?***" You know,

literature has many instances, where rich people in the stories give up their wealth and live and identify with the poor. This is also done in real life.

In 2002, the Bishop of Rhode Island spent part of her sabbatical as a homeless person in New York to learn what it feels like. Identifying with the poor; Jessie Jackson did the same thing one time. Maybe some of us need to do the same, so we can learn a lesson. You see, when you live close to the bone, the grace of God becomes a daily reality. When you are not sure where your next meal is coming from, you are open to God's loving presence in a new way. You indeed thank God for small blessings. It was important for the widow to thank God for keeping her body and soul together.

When we were growing up, there were a lot of things we didn't understand. But now, we put away childish things. Today's Gospel is about the Widow's Mite. When I was young, I thought of it as the Widow's Might. I thought the word "***collect***" meant "***collection***" and we should collect the money then.

My friends, you and me have ***might*** in our gifts. We need ***might*** together with God's grace to carry out our mission and Ministry in the name of Christ. If the widow could have done so much with so little, how much more we can do, who are blessed with so much. So let Jesus also identify you as one giving much.

Just as I am poor, wretched blind-sight, riches, healing of the mind, all I need, in thee to find - O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

EN ESPAÑOL

Honduras: Quinceañera y su novio actuaron con cinismo y frialdad

San Pedro Sula,
Honduras

La motivación de una quinceañera para planificar el asesinato de su madre se vuelve un análisis complejo para los especialistas en conducta humana.

La menor, en complicidad con su novio de 17 años, mató a puñaladas a su madre Ana Brenda Bodden Guzmán por oponerse a aquel noviazgo que comenzó en las aulas de un colegio en Siguatepeque, donde ambos estudiaban.

El perfil en las redes sociales de ambos menores podría dar un punto de partida para los estudios que psiquiatras y psicólogos deberán hacerle a la pareja, que sin ningún remordimiento confesó su crimen.

Días antes de asesinar a su madre, la adolescente elaboró varios dibujos que según expertos reflejan las emociones que trataba de expresar. Rosas llenas de espinas, águilas queriendo alzar vuelo, corazones heridos por el filo de cuchillos y mariposas son parte de la colección que exhibía en su perfil social.

Para elaborar un perfil de esa personalidad oculta que afloró por defender el amor que le profesaba al que se volvió su cómplice se requiere un estudio del entorno, los detalles y hechos que antecedieron al asesinato, expresa Bismark Espinoza, médico psiquiatra. “Hay una expresión de emociones en los dibujos. Se plasma el dolor. Probablemente se sentía sola y posiblemente encontrarse con este joven fue una unión de dos



En esta casa, en el barrio Bella Vista de Siguatepeque, ocurrió el crimen

personalidades que se complementaron. No sabemos qué motivó a estos menores a cometer el crimen. Lo que sí es claro es que el cinismo y la frialdad detonaron en ellos ante una posible separación”, explica la psicóloga Sonia Mejía.

Los especialistas coinciden en que los menores deben ser evaluados de inmediato debido a que puede estar aflorando un trastorno de personalidad antisocial que no es común. “Las pruebas psicométricas para conocer el contexto en que se dieron los hechos son importantes”, señalan. Afirmen que ante cuadros como el que se observa en la conducta de los adolescentes, ambos deben ser vigilados porque son signos de alerta que pueden llegar incluso a formar parte de los trastornos generados en pacientes con psicopatía. “Es urgente el tratamiento intenso para ambos jóvenes. Estar separados en algún momento puede representar peligro por un estado depresivo que podría llevar al suicidio. En pacientes diagnosticados con psicopatía hay conductas que aparecen repentinamente, pero ha estado oculto a los ojos de

los que conviven en el entorno”, indicó Espinoza.

Con un apasionado beso se despidieron, antes de ser enviados a distintos centros de rehabilitación, la quinceañera y su novio, asesinos confesos de la madre de la menor.

Al salir de los Juzgados de la Niñez y estar frente al que considera el amor de su vida, la menor se mostraba feliz y sonriente. En su rostro no había el menor rastro de tristeza ni arrepentimiento.

Durante el breve encuentro dentro de un vehículo hubo susurros al oído, caricias y hasta apasionados besos. Luego cada uno fue enviado a una correccional diferente: ella al centro Sagrado Corazón en Támara y él al Centro El Carmen en San Pedro Sula.

Los agentes de la DNIC (Dirección Nacional de Investigación Criminal), antes de partir a Támara, le consultaron a la adolescente si quería pasar a la iglesia donde era velada su madre, pero un rotundo no dejó boquiabiertos a los policías, quienes, tras tragar en seco, hicieron subir en el vehículo a la

quinceañera de apariencia dulce y delicada.

El hecho mantiene conmocionados a los habitantes de Siguatepeque, especialmente a los alumnos del primer año de bachillerato en computación del instituto Pablo Weir, quienes fueron los compañeros de la pareja. Los estudiantes estaban impactados; incrédulos leían la noticia de la tragedia, no imaginaron que tras la apariencia serena y callada de la menor hubiese una mente capaz de asesinar a su propia madre. Los docentes del instituto Pablo Weir no quisieron hablar de lo ocurrido. A todos los marca la historia que a Siguatepeque le costará olvidar.

Investigaciones

Con la cabeza fría y repasando cada detalle, los agentes de la DNIC reevaluaron el hecho, cada pista, cada evidencia, pero las conclusiones son las mismas: la hija planificó el asesinato, todo lo tenía calculado y no había más hipótesis que confirmar. La quinceañera se valió del amor que el adolescente de 17 años le profesaba y lo indujo a asesinar a sangre fría a su propia madre. “En la investigación quedó claro que la autora intelectual del crimen fue su hija. El novio fue inducido a cometer el asesinato. El joven manifestó que todo lo hizo por amor y ahora se enfrentan a un proceso legal”, informó Marlon Cruz, agente de la sección de Homicidios de la DNIC en Siguatepeque. En un mes se

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Your Weekly Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS



November 22 to December 21

You need to know that people aren't actually trying to drive you insane - so treat them with some measure of tolerance! They may have their own problems, but it's probably best to just shut the door.

CAPRICORN



December 22 to January 19

People need to hear from you - so reach out! It may require a bit of finagling to connect with some of your farflung friends, but that's a small price to pay to keep your relationships alive.

AQUARIUS



January 20 to February 18

Try to focus on the small stuff - otherwise, you may be at loss when things start to get weird later next week. It's not a disaster, but the details are sure to really matter this time.

PISCES



February 19 to March 20

Your closest relationships all need a wee bit of adjustment - or maybe you're just more readily noticing small problems? In any case, you've got what it takes to make things right.

SCORPIO



October 23 - November 21

Symbol: The Scorpio

Element: Water

Planet: Mars & Pluto

Qualities:

Passionate, Protective, Magnetic, Energetic, Emotional, Exciting, Intense & Tenacious

Lucky Color: Burgundy

Lucky Stone: Topaz

Lucky Day: Tuesday

Lucky Number: Two (2)

Scorpio as a Friend:

You are discriminative in friendship. You are an intensely loyal friend. You are ultra sensitive in matters of pride and self-respect. Secrets would be well kept. You would have stable friendships. You could be betrayed in friendships.

This week's solar eclipse in Scorpio, your Sun sign, suggests this would be a good time to put yourself forward, to promote yourself and your ideas. This is a good time for furthering your career and personal goals. It looks like a certain someone could take your breath away over the next few weeks, in what could be an eventful, if disruptive time romantically.

So don't be surprised to find others beating a path to your door. However, it looks like your rose colored spectacles may need new lenses if a dream or aspiration is to have more substance than a fairytale castle in the sky.

LEO



July 23 to August 22

You are feeling somewhat downbeat - but not depressed! You just would rather have a quiet week to yourself than have to frolic with your people, and they should understand that.

VIRGO



August 23 to September 22

Your organizational skills save the day! A problem is quickly solved - or never arises in the first place - thanks to your deep awareness of where things are and how they should be. Congratulate yourself!

ARIES



March 21 - April 19

Try to slow down and take things one step at a time - otherwise, you are sure to stumble! Things may start to look pretty weird for you if you can't take a break, so force yourself to do what's right.

GEMINI



May 21 to June 20

Your closest friends are harder to read - but they aren't trying to keep anything from you! It's just some downtime that's crucial to any intense relationship, so don't make too much of it.

LIBRA



September 23 to October 22

This week is perfect for doing absolutely nothing - if you can swing it! That's not to say that every action is sure to end disastrously, just that sometimes you need to hang loose and let your energy recharge.

TAURUS



April 20 - May 20

You can ease any tensions - so sit down and help people come to agreements! Your natural diplomacy makes almost any situation seem resolvable, so make sure you're in the right place.

CANCER



June 21 to July 22

You need to drill down and pay careful attention to the small details of your work. If you're not working, that could mean that you need to go over your home budget or clean up.

infractores y según esta ley pagarían una condena de ocho a 10 años en prisión.

Las evidencias han sido llevadas a Medicina Forense, los dos cuchillos, los tenis, la ropa del menor a la que se le aplicarán las pruebas de luminol.

Jessenia García, fiscal de la Niñez, coordinaba con el equipo de investigadores las evidencias, los testimonios y la escena para documentar el caso y presentar todas las pruebas

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celebrará la audiencia en los tribunales. "En esa fecha esperamos tener los resultados de las pruebas de ADN que se le hicieron al muchacho y a la madre para determinar con pruebas

científicas su participación", agregó el investigador.

A los dos menores se les aplicará el Código de la Niñez que los tipifica como

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SAGITARIO



22 de Noviembre al 21 de Diciembre

Usted necesita saber que la gente no está realmente tratando de volverle loco - por lo que tratalos con cierto grado de tolerancia! Ellos pueden tener sus propios problemas, pero es probablemente mejor de cerrar la puerta.



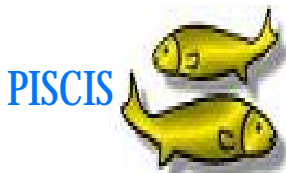
21 de Diciembre al 19 de Enero

La gente necesita saber de usted - por lo que alcanza! Puede requerir un poco de artimañas para conectar con algunos de sus amigos farflung, pero eso es un pequeño precio a pagar para mantener sus relaciones con vida.



20 de Enero al 18 de Febrero

Trate de concentrarse en las cosas pequeñas - de lo contrario, es posible que a pérdida cuando las cosas se ponen raras después de la próxima semana. No es un desastre, pero los detalles están seguros de que realmente importa en esta ocasión.



19 de Febrero al 20 de Marzo

Sus relaciones más cercanas necesitan un

Su Horoscopo Semanal

ESCORPIO



(23 Octubre al 21 Noviembre)

Símbolo: El Escorpión

Elemento: Agua

Planeta: Marte y Plutón

Cualidades:

Apasionado, protector, Magnético, energético, emocional, emocionante, intensa y tenaz

Color de la suerte: Borgoña

Piedra de la suerte: Topacio

Día de suerte: Martes

Número de suerte: Dos (2)

Escorpio como amigo:

Usted es discriminatorio en la amistad. Usted es un amigo muy leal. Usted es ultra sensible en cuestiones de orgullo y amor propio. Secretos estaría bien cuidado. Usted tendría amistades estables. Usted podría ser traicionado en la amistad.

Eclipse solar de esta semana en Escorpión, su signo solar, sugiere que este sería un buen momento para proponer, promover y tus ideas. Este es un buen momento para avanzar en sus metas profesionales y personales. Parece que cierta persona podría quitar el aliento durante las próximas semanas, en lo que podría ser una memorable, si el tiempo disruptivo románticamente.

Así que no se sorprendió al encontrar a otros batiendo un camino a su puerta. Sin embargo, parece que las gafas de color de rosa puede necesitar nuevas lentes si un sueño o aspiración es tener más sustancia que un castillo de cuento de hadas en el cielo.

poquito de ajuste - o tal vez sólo estás más fácilmente darse cuenta de los pequeños problemas? En cualquier caso, usted tiene lo que se necesita para hacer las cosas bien.



21 de Marzo al 19 de Abril

Trate de disminuir la velocidad y tomar las cosas un paso a la vez - si no, usted está seguro de tropezar! Las cosas pueden empezar a parecer bastante extraño para usted si usted no puede tomar un descanso, así que se obligue a hacer lo que es correcto.



TAURO

20 de Abril al 20 de Mayo

Usted puede aliviar cualquier tensión - para sentarse y ayudar a la gente llegar a acuerdos! Su diplomacia natural hace que casi todas las situaciones parecen resolverse, así que asegúrate de que estás en el lu



GEMINIS

21 de Mayo al 20 de Junio

Sus amigos más cercanos son más difíciles de leer - pero ellos no están tratando

de mantener algo de ti! Es sólo un poco de tiempo de inactividad que es crucial para una relación intensa, así que no hacer demasiado de él.



CANCER

21 de Junio al 22 de Julio

Es necesario profundizar y prestar especial atención a los pequeños detalles de su trabajo. Si usted no está trabajando, eso podría significar que tienes que repasar el presupuesto de tu casa o limpiar.



LEO

23 de Julio al 22 de Agosto

Te sientes algo pesimista -, pero no deprimido! Simplemente prefieres tener una semana tranquila a ti mismo que tienes que festejar con su gente, y deben entender eso.



VIRGO

23 de Agosto al 22 de Septiembre

Sus habilidades de organización salva el día! Un problema se resuelve rápidamente - o nunca se planea en primer lugar - gracias a su profundo conocimiento de dónde están las cosas y cómo deberían ser. Felicitarle ti mismo!



LIBRA

23 de Septiembre al 22 de Octubre

Esta semana es perfecta para no hacer absolutamente nada - si puedes balancearlo! Eso no quiere decir que cada acción está segura de terminar desastrosamente, sólo que a veces tiene que quede suelto y deje que su energía recarge.

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HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Schizophrenia

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relationships. They tend to function better than individuals with other schizophrenic subtypes. In contrast, their thinking and behavior is less disordered and their long-term prognosis is better.

Signs and symptoms of disorganized schizophrenia

Disorganized schizophrenia generally appears at an earlier age than other types of schizophrenia. Its onset is gradual, rather than abrupt, with the person gradually retreating into his or her fantasies.

The distinguishing characteristics of this subtype are disorganized speech, disorganized behavior, and blunted or inappropriate emotions. People with disorganized schizophrenia also have trouble taking care of themselves, and may be unable to perform simple tasks such as bathing or feeding themselves. The symptoms of disorganized schizophrenia include:

- Impaired communication skills
- Incomprehensible or illogical speech
- Inappropriate reactions (e.g. laughing at a funeral)
- Emotional indifference
- Infantile behavior (baby talk, giggling)
- Peculiar facial expressions and mannerisms

People with disorganized schizophrenia sometimes suffer from hallucinations and delusions, but unlike the paranoid subtype, their fantasies aren't consistent or organized.

Signs and symptoms of catatonic schizophrenia

The hallmark of catatonic schizophrenia is disturbance in movement: either a decrease in motor activity, reflecting a stuporous

state, or an increase in motor activity, reflecting an excited state.

Stuporous motor signs.

The stuporous state reflects a dramatic reduction in activity. The person often ceases all voluntary movement and speech, and may be extremely resistant to any change in his or her position, even to the point of holding an awkward, uncomfortable position for hours.

Excited motor signs.

Sometimes, people with catatonic schizophrenia pass suddenly from a state of stupor to a state of extreme excitement. During this frenzied episode, they may shout, talk rapidly, pace back and forth, or act out in violence - either toward themselves or others. People with catatonic schizophrenia can be highly suggestible. They may automatically obey commands, imitate the actions of others, or mimic what others say.

Causes of schizophrenia

The causes of schizophrenia are not fully known. However, it appears that schizophrenia usually results from a complex interaction between genetic and environment factors.

Genetic causes of schizophrenia

Schizophrenia has a strong hereditary component. Individuals with a first-degree relative (parent or sibling) who has schizophrenia have a 10% chance of developing the disorder, as opposed to the 1 percent chance of the general population.

But schizophrenia is only influenced by genetics, not determined by it. While schizophrenia runs in families, about 60% of schizophrenics have no family members with the disorder. Furthermore, in-

dividuals who are genetically predisposed to schizophrenia don't always develop the disease, which shows that biology is not destiny.

Environmental causes of schizophrenia

Twin and adoption studies suggest that inherited genes make a person vulnerable to schizophrenia and then environmental factors act on this vulnerability to trigger the disorder.

As for the environmental factors involved, more and more research is pointing to stress, either during pregnancy or at a later stage of development. High levels of stress are believed to trigger schizophrenia by increasing the body's production of the hormone cortisol.

Research points to several stress-inducing environmental factors that may be involved in schizophrenia, including:

- Prenatal exposure to a viral infection
- Low oxygen levels during birth (from prolonged labor or premature birth)
- Exposure to a virus during infancy
- Early parental loss or separation
- Physical or sexual abuse in childhood.

Abnormal brain structure
In addition to abnormal brain chemistry, abnormalities in brain structure may also play a role in schizophrenia. Enlarged brain ventricles are seen in some schizophrenics, indicating a deficit in the volume of brain tissue. There is also evidence of abnormally low activity in the frontal lobe, the area of the brain responsible for planning, reasoning, and decision-making. Some studies also suggest that abnormalities in the temporal lobes, hippocam-

pus, and amygdala are connected to schizophrenia's positive symptoms. But despite the evidence of brain abnormalities, it is highly unlikely that schizophrenia is the result of any one problem in any one region of the brain.

Effects of schizophrenia

When the signs and symptoms of schizophrenia are ignored or improperly treated, the effects can be devastating both to the individual with the disorder and those around him or her. Some of the possible effects of schizophrenia are:

Relationship problems.

Relationships suffer because people with schizophrenia often withdraw and isolate themselves. Paranoia can also cause a person with schizophrenia to be suspicious of friends and family.

Disruption to normal daily activities. Schizophrenia causes significant disruptions to daily functioning, both because of social difficulties and because everyday tasks become hard, if not impossible to do. A schizophrenia person's delusions, hallucinations, and disorganized thoughts typically prevent him or her from doing normal things like bathing, eating or running errands.

Alcohol and drug abuse.

People with schizophrenia frequently develop problems with alcohol or drugs, which are often used in an attempt to self-medicate, or relieve symptoms. In addition, they may also be heavy smokers, a complicating situation as cigarette smoke can interfere with the effectiveness of medications prescribed for the disorder.



Belize Police News

**BELIZE POLICE
DEPARTMENT
Press Release
20th November 2012**

BELIZE DISTRICT

Murder



Kevin Gentle

Photos courtesy of Channel 7

On Saturday 17th November 2012 at approximately 7 pm Police visited the KMH where they saw 32 year old Kevin Alvin Gentle of #8887 Curl Thompson Street, Belize City lying motionless with apparent multiple gunshot wounds to the body. (One to the left side of temple, one to the right side of neck, right shoulder, one to the back of the head.) Initial investigations revealed that Gentle was socializing with Arden Alex Robinson at Robinson's yard when an unknown male person arrived and fired several shots at both persons causing the fatal injuries to Gentle and injuring Robinson. Both men were transported to the KMH where Kevin Gentle was pronounced dead at 7:15 pm and Robinson admitted in a stable condition.

Police have retrieved one slug and a grey warm cap from the scene and are looking for a Belize City man for questioning.

House Fire



On Tuesday the 20th day of November, 2012, about 2.30 am, C.I.B personnel visited #4 Flamboyant Street, Belize City, where they saw the long Barracks with zinc roofing measuring approximately 40' x 30' and comprising of 4 apartments, engulfed in flames and fire personnel extinguishing the fire. Initial investigation revealed that about 2:10 am on the said date Tuesday the 20/11/12, MS. ALICE GUZMAN, Traffic Officer of the said address was awakened by smoke and fire coming from her apartment and as a result alerted the other occupants of the long Barracks. Subsequently the entire long Barracks was damaged by fire. In total (6) adults and (13) minors were left homeless. The long Barracks is property of G.O.B and the value of the building and items damaged by fire is not ascertained as yet. No one was hurt.

Found Property

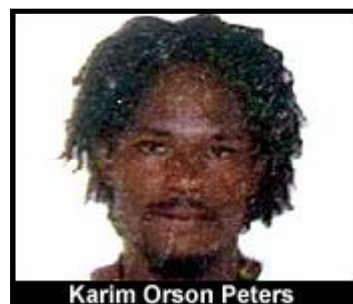


On Friday 16th November, 2012, based on Special Branch information, a search was conducted on an abandon lot in Price Alley led to the discovery of **(51) parcels of Crack Cocaine to wit: 7 grams** along with **154 grams of cannabis** found inside a black plastic bag. Both were labeled as **"FOUND PROPERTY"**.

SAN IGNACIO **Vehicle Theft**

Martin Garcia a farmer of #14 Humming Bird Street, San Ignacio Town reported that sometime between Saturday the 17th day of November 2012 around 9:00 pm and Sunday the 18th day of November 2012 around 4:00 am; someone stole his 1985 green single cab Toyota Pickup with Texas plates, valued at \$6,400 Bcy which was parked in front of Piache night club situated on Buena Vista Street, San Ignacio Town. He stated that his vehicle was properly secured and he was the only one with keys for it. Police investigations continue into this vehicle theft in San Ignacio.

DANGRIGA **Murder**



Karim Orson Peters

On 18.11.12 about 8:48 pm, Dangriga Police visited the Southern Regional Hospital where 25 year old Karim Peters of Pomona New Site was seen on a bed apparently dead. Initial investigation reveal that around 8:25 pm Peters and one Juan Rubio were involved in a confrontation on a street in the Pomona New Site Area and Rubio produced a knife and inflicted a single stab wound to the upper left side of Peters' chest. Peters was rushed to the Southern Regional Hospital where he succumbed to his injury whilst undergoing treatment. Police have detained Juan Rubio 34 yrs DOB 16.5.71 Belizean heavy duty opera-



Raphael Martinez

BELIZE POLICE **PRESS OFFICER**

tor of Pomona New Site.

Shooting

On 19.11.12 about 5:30 pm, Dangriga Police responded to shots being fired at the BTL Park located in front of Dangriga Town Council where upon arrival two male persons were seen engaged in a struggle for a black pistol. As a result, Police shot one of the persons namely Derrick Gorosica 23 yrs DOB 24.4.89 Belizean labourer of 2nd New Site Area Dangriga Town in the upper leg near the hip. The other male person namely Eugene Thompson 29 yrs DOB 7.12.82 Belizean Artist of Benguche Area Dangriga Town reported that whilst socializing at the said park, he was approached by Gorosica who pulled out what appeared to be a black 9mm pistol from the front of his pants waist and pointed at his direction but missed. Thompson then grabbed hold of the gun and during (10) minutes struggle two more shots were fired but missed. The park was occupied by other people socializing and 45 year old Rosalie Simon housewife of Isla Road Dangriga Town was shot in the upper center of the back. She was treated and released. Thompson did not sustain any injuries and Gorosica was detained and transported to KMH for further treatment.

Police retrieved (2) .45 caliber expended shells at the scene. (1) black Norinco brand .45 caliber pistol (1) magazine and (5) live .45 caliber rounds retrieved as exhibit.

Honduras: Quinceañera y su novio actuaron con cinismo y frialdad

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en la audiencia que se celebrará en Siguatepeque en 30 días.

Conducta atípica

La frialdad con que actuó la joven en la planificación y el asesinato de su madre lleva a los especialistas a analizar el comportamiento de la menor; califican el caso como atípico y de trastorno mayor. “En todos estos casos hay que hacer una evaluación psiquiátrica y psicológica. Hay que ver el historial, su noviazgo, la relación de ellos, los antecedentes y ver si es producto de algún pacto, de una conducta suicida o de otras motivaciones”, refirió el psiquiatra Bismark Espinoza.

“En el caso particular de esta quinceañera, por las

características que presenta, estamos ante una psicopatía, un trastorno de personalidad; las personas que la padecen actúan con frialdad. Es una conducta atípica que raras veces se presenta, pero en el caso de ella hay que analizar la relación de la joven con el entorno. La mayoría de adolescentes cuando sufren por estar enamoradas y hay oposición en las familias tienen conductas depresivas que en muchos casos las llevan al suicidio, pero aquí estamos ante un trastorno mayor”, explicó el especialista.

El padre Saturnino Senis reaccionó indignado por el crimen y les hizo un llamado a los padres: “Es una situación terrible. Se me puso la carne de gallina

y cómo es que una hija de 15 años comete tal atrocidad. Habría que ver la familia, pero esto no tiene justificación, cómo la chica ha reaccionado así. Aquí vemos la importancia fundamental de que los padres eduquen a sus hijos. Hay que estar atentos.

La familia es la primera iglesia doméstica y si los padres viven lejos de Dios se van a criar como animalitos. Siguatepeque ha de estar abochornado”, expresó el religioso.

Alertas

Los expertos recomiendan que desde la niñez los padres deben estar pendientes de las reacciones de sus hijos, como rabietas incontrolables en todos los ambientes, dificultad de

atención, no cumplir sus tareas o deberes y no prestar atención.

“Cada persona tiene sus rasgos, pero es necesario que los padres estén más pendientes de sus hijos, las salidas de casa, ausencias del colegio, aislamientos, evitar el contacto, problemas de sueño, carácter irritable, son parte de los síntomas que nos deben poner alertas con nuestros hijos”, dijo el psiquiatra.

La tragedia marca la vida de dos familias y con ella una ciudad que sigue conmocionada con el dantesco crimen de una madre que lo único que deseaba era lo mejor para su hija.

Extracto de

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Millionaire wanted for Murder Facts Vs. Fiction!

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Odie & Cie in Switzerland, and Banco Pinchincha C.A. in Ecuador.”

Most web-surfers attributed, John McAfee to the alias “Stuffmonger”, a drug addict who has been experimenting in creating the “drug of all drugs” while posting various lunatic cal articles appearing there-under in that web-site.

Well guess what, Mr. McAfee wrote the following on the 20th.

At one point Stuffmonger mentions that he lives in Belize, in the jungle, beside a river. Connections were made, and people began to believe that Stuffmonger was actually myself, and that I was indeed doing the drugs that I was encouraging

others to create. I am indeed that same Stuffmonger. I, however, do not do drugs, and I am no chemist. I am, however, a practical joker who does not mind investing months in a given joking enterprise.

ED. Note

Belize is indeed a most Democratic Nation. Our leaders are well respected world-wide and extremely loved locally. Mr. McAfee has said some nasty things about our country and no patriotic Belizean will tolerate him, Mr. McAfee here in Belize money can't buy love! You simply need to turn yourself in and stop playing a dangerous game with yourself. There is no time for practical jokes a man life ended tragically and his friends and family deserves your “man-up” not fiction.



stuffmonger



Murder Suspect John McAfee On Bath Salts: 'The Finest Drug Ever Conceived!'

Posted on Nov 13, 2012 @ 05:00AM - 5 comments

By Jon Boon - Radar Reporter

Belize-based murder suspect John McAfee confessed to being a "huge fan" of MDPV — better known as bath salts — and worked for a year trying to purify psychoactive drugs from compounds commercially available over the Internet.

The millionaire co-founder of McAfee virus software posted several messages under the moniker "stuffmonger" on a drug-focused Russian-hosted message board called Bluelight chronicling his attempts to create a "super perv powder" strain of the banned substance. *reprinted from Radar*

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Another Earthquake Rocks Guatemala in just Four Days

lost their homes.

Residents felt the 7.4 magnitude quake throughout Central America and as far north as Mexico City. Its epicenter was about 15 miles off the western coastal town of Champerico, at the depth of 26 miles.

It was the strongest quake to hit Guatemala since 1976, when a 7.5 magnitude quake killed 23,000 people.

Roads collapsed in multiple locations around the Pacific coastal region of Guatemala.

There were reports of

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Yet another 6.5 magnitude earthquake struck in the Pacific off the western coast of Guatemala.

Striking about 17 miles (27 km) below sea level, the tremor was centered about 19 miles west-south-west of Champerico, Guatemala, and 115 miles from the capital, Guatemala City.

The quake was not far from southern Mexico, with the USGS reporting it was 27 miles south-southeast of the border community of Suchiate, Mexico.

The U.S. agency had said it was a 6.2 magnitude tremor, but later revised the report with the higher magnitude. It was followed by



A 7.4-magnitude earthquake hit Wednesday off the coast of Guatemala, near its border with Mexico.

a number of significant aftershocks with magnitudes as strong as 5.0.

A powerful earthquake off the Pacific Coast of Guatemala just four days before Sunday's sent debris crashing down onto cars, collapsed roads and killed dozens in the Central American

Nation.

At least 48 people died in the earthquake and doctors treated at least 150 others for injuries.

Earlier Wednesday, Guatemala's disaster relief agency said 29 people were missing and hundreds had

Maddox Derkosh Dead, First Picture Of Boy, 2, Killed By Wild Dogs At Pittsburgh Zoo



Maddox Derkosh died of blood loss after falling into the pit of African wild dogs

A two-year-old boy who died after falling into a zoo pit of African wild dogs has been named as Maddox Derkosh.

The toddler fell into the exhibit at Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium on Sunday, November 4, 2012.

The Allegheny County medical examiner's office on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, announced he had died of blood loss by multiple trauma.

He was the only child of Jason and Elizabeth Derkosh. They have asked for those who attended his funeral to

donate a toy construction truck to a children's Christmas charity.

Police say Maddox's mother had lifted him onto a railing so he could have a better look at the dogs when he fell. It is believed he bounced out of netting below before falling more than 10 feet into the enclosure.

Eleven of the dogs swarmed over the toddler after he fell. Zookeepers rushed to the area firing darts to frighten them away.

Staff secured ten of the dogs but the final dog, which was being "particularly aggressive" towards the child, was shot dead.

The zoo was closed after the incident, but is set to reopen on Tuesday, November 13, 2012. It has met or exceeded all safety standards for animals and visitors in the recent assessment.



African wild dogs, also known as painted or Cape hunting dogs, are endangered animals

The dogs will not be euthanised it was con-

firmed. African wild dogs, which are also known as painted or Cape hunting dogs, are endangered animals. National Geographic points out. It adds: "Packs hunt antelopes and will also tackle much larger prey, such as wildebeests, particularly if their quarry is ill or injured."

Loughner sentenced to life for Arizona shootings

(CNN) - Gabrielle "Gabby" Giffords stood next to her husband in court as he spoke directly to Jared Loughner, the Arizona man who tried to assassinate the then-congresswoman in a January 2011 shooting.

Giffords was seriously wounded when Loughner walked up and shot her in the head during her meet-and-greet event with constituents outside a Tucson grocery store on January 8, 2011. A federal judge, a congressional aide and four others were killed and 12 other people suffered wounds.

U.S. District Judge Larry Burns sentenced Loughner to serve the rest of his life in prison without the possibility of parole. The punishment include seven consecutive life terms plus 140 years.

Beside the dramatic appearance by Giffords and her husband, nine other victims spoke at the sentencing hearing held in a packed federal courtroom in Tucson.

Giffords leads crowd in pledge at vigil marking 1

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Loughner sentenced to life for Arizona shootings

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By Alan Duke, CNN



year since shooting.

Loughner pleaded guilty to 19 charges in exchange for a life sentence to avoid facing the death penalty. He had been facing more than 50 federal charges.

“Mr. Loughner, you have been given a gift, whether you know it or not,” Assis-

tant U.S. Attorney Wallace Kleindienst said, just before recommending a life sentence. “Almost all the victims you shot and the families of those y o u k i l l e d came to us and said they

“Mr. Loughner, you have been given a gift, whether you know it or not...”

Loughner also admitted causing t h e deaths of

didn’t want us to seek the death penalty in this case.”

Under the pleas, Loughner admitted guilt in the wounding of Giffords and the murders of federal employees U.S. District Court Chief Judge John M. Roll, 63, and congressional aide Gabriel M. Zimmerman, 30. Loughner also pleaded guilty to the attempted murders of federal employees and congressional aides Ronald S. Barber, 65, and Pamela K. Simon, 63.

Christina-Taylor Green, 9; Dorothy “Dot” J. Morris, 76; Phyllis C. Schneck, 79; and Dorwan C. Stoddard, 76.

Prosecutors said Loughner admitted injuring with a Glock pistol 10 people participating at an activity provided by the U.S. government and creating a grave risk of death to 13 more people.

Prosecutors agreed to the plea deal after taking into account Loughner’s history of mental illness and the views of victims and their families. The judge in August ruled Loughner competent to stand trial.

Buenos Aires (CNN) - Argentinian lawmakers passed a new measure Wednesday lowering the nation’s voting age to 16.

Representatives in the South American country’s lower house overwhelmingly voted in favor of the law. A majority of senators approved it last week.

The move to lower the voting age from 18 to 16 comes a year before a key mid-term election in Argentina, and some critics have said it’s an attempt by President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner and her party to garner more votes.

But supporters of the measure say it will give young people more opportunities to participate in politics.

“I think it’s important that the law reflects reality,” said Rep. Hector Recalde of the Victory Front party. “Reality indicates that the participation of young

Argentina drops its voter age to 16



Argentinian youngsters attend a Chamber of Deputies debate over lowering the voting age in Buenos Aires on October 31, 2012.

people is increasing in our country. It’s good that it’s this way.”

Rep. Eduardo Amadeo of the Peronist Front party offered a more cynical take on the nation’s youth.

“If you ask me what is the worst social problem in Argentina, it is the youth. Education is worse. The consumption of drugs is worse. Employment is worse. Things like teen pregnancy, they are much worse than they were at the beginning of this govern-

ment, and now the government has discovered them and they say, we are going to vote,” he said.

With the measure’s passage, nearly 1.5 million Argentinians between 16 and 18 years old will be added to voting rolls.

The new rules will apply in next year’s mid-term elections, when half of the seats in the nation’s house, or Chamber of Deputies, and a third of the seats in the Senate will be at stake.

Another Earthquake Rocks Guatemala in just Four Days

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homes and schools destroyed in western Guatemala. Many people fled buildings when the tremor first hit.

Some 60,000 people remained without power in the country because of the quake.

It was fortunate that the school year in Guatemala had recently come to its end of its classes, so no children were inside the school buildings that were damaged.

Fearing powerful aftershocks, the government issued a “red alert” that warns people take precautions, such as evacuating tall buildings. The alert stretches along the country’s entire Pacific Coast.



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