

Santa Elena





2008 - Going Out With A Bang

The year 2008, in several regards, can be considered a historic one.

For the purposes of this editorial, the year started off with the worse electoral defeat for Belize's oldest political party in early February.

A few months later the price of oil on the world market peaked at the highest prices per barrel.

Tropical depression #16 produced the worse flooding conditions experienced in recent

memory. The flooding affected areas in western, central and northern parts of the country causing tens of millions of dollars in personal losses especially within rural farming communities where agriculture and livestock as well as the tourism sector were hardest hit.

In early November, an African American was overwhelmingly elected, for the first time in history, as the president of the United States of America.

The year is closing with the pump price for all grades of fuel, as well as butane, at the lowest prices they have ever been in many, many years, for consumers in Belize.

A former Prime Minister and a senior power minister in his cabinet have been arrested and charged for theft. This singular occurrence ushers in a new era for Belize. Although the move to proceed with the arrest was leaked in the media several weeks ago, there were many who publicly said that the arrest would never happen.

There are those who continue to say that while small time supporters of UDP and PUP are at each other's throats, Dean Barrow and Said Musa are knocking whiskey glasses at

the same table and so Said Musa will never be arrested. Well, the arrest is now history. Said Musa has been arrested, charged and is on a \$100,000 bail signed and collateralized by a single female acquaintance.

The arrest of Said Musa ushers in a new era for Belizean politics as from henceforth politicians should consider themselves under close scrutiny as those from opposing political

parties, especially the old guard of the PUP, might never forgive anyone for the arrest of their former leader and could very well be tempted to seek revenge for this historic move. This new era should therefore serve to keep politicians on guard when dealing with the people's money.

In the final analysis it is the people who could stand to benefit most.

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Six Months To The Date, Crooks Hands In Report

BELMOPAN, Cayo District, Monday, December 1, 2008:

The Ministry of National Security informs the public that **Mr. Harold Crooks** officially handed over his report titled *"A Review of the Belize Police Department"* to the **Honourable Carlos Perdomo**, Minister of National Security on 30th November 2008 at the Phillip Goldson International Airport. The consultancy commenced on 2nd June 2008.

During his six months at the Ministry of National Security, Mr. Harold Crooks conducted a review of the Belize Police Department in which he focused on Police Management and Supervision, Command and Control, Use of Technology, Training, Discipline, Resource Allocation, Formal Mechanisms for Social Integration, Community Based Policing Practices, Officer Safety, Health and Welfare, Policing Strategies, Policies, Prevention and Crime Control, Criminal Investigation, Traffic Control and Accident Prevention, and additional measures for the overall improvement in the delivery of service.

The Ministry of National Security has established a working group to review the recommendations made and provide a report to the National Security Council by 15th January 2008 after which selected elements of the Review will be made available to the media and the general public. The working group will scrutinize the recommendations for their feasibility, acceptability and suitability for implementation. The Ministry of National Security continues to seek the continuous improvement of the Belize Police Department, and to improve its delivery of service to the general public.

Mr. Crooks' study will no doubt go a long way in transforming the Belize Police Department into an ethic based and professional police department capable of effectively contributing to creating a safe and secure Belize.

Anyone requiring further information on the Crooks' Report or other pertinent matters is advised to contact **Brig. Gen. (Ret'd) Lloyd Gillett**, Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of National Security, at 822-2217.

Can I Borrow \$25?

Sent in by: Bismillah Stores, San Ignacio Town, Cayo.

A man came home from work late, tired and irritated, to find his 5-year old son waiting for him at the door.

SON: **"Daddy, may I ask you a question?"**

DAD: **"Yeah sure, what it is?"** replied the man.

SON: **"Daddy, how much do you make an hour?"**

DAD: **"That's none of your business. Why do you ask such a thing?"** the man said angrily.

SON: **"I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?"**

DAD: **"If you must know, I make \$50 an hour."**

SON: **"Oh,"** the little boy replied, with his head down. **"Daddy, may I please borrow \$25?"**

The father was furious, **"If the only reason you asked that is so you can borrow some money to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you are being so selfish. I don't work hard everyday for such childish stuff."**

The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door.

The man sat down and started to get even angrier about the little boy's questions. How dare he ask such questions only to get some money?

After about an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think:

Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$25.00 and he really didn't ask for money very often.

The man went to the little boy's room and opened the door.

"Are you asleep, son?" He asked.

"No daddy, I'm awake," replied the boy.

"I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier" said the man. **"It's been a long day and I took out my aggravation on you. Here's the \$25 you asked for."**

The little boy sat straight up,

smiling. **"Oh, thank you daddy!"** he yelled. Then, reaching under his pillow he pulled out some crumpled up bills.

Seeing that the boy already had money, the man started to get angry again.

The little boy slowly counted out his money, and then looked up at his father.

"Why do you want more money if you already have some?" the father grumbled.

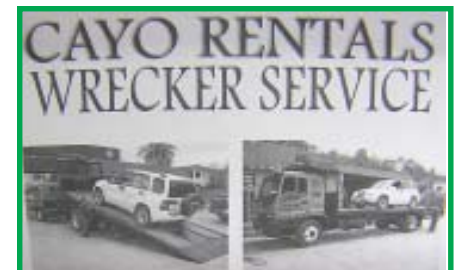
"Because I didn't have enough, but now I do," the little boy replied. **"Daddy, I have \$50 now. Can I buy an hour of your time? Please come home early tomorrow. I would like to have dinner with you."**

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little son, and he begged for his forgiveness.

It's just a short reminder to all of you working so hard in life.

We should not let time slip through our fingers without having spent some time with those who really matter to us, those close to our hearts. Do remember to share that \$50 worth of your time with someone you love.

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Six Persons, Including A Policeman, Injured In Bar Brawl

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, December 4, 2008:

A midmorning violent confrontation generated much excitement on the streets in Santa Elena Town last Friday leaving many residents wondering what was going on.

Reports reaching us indicate that off duty **Police Constable 191 Kemsley "Donkey" Duncan**, of a Santiago Juan Layout address in San Ignacio Town, was socializing at the Cozy Corner Club on La Loma Luz Boulevard in Santa Elena Town, with two friends, **Dwayne Tillett**, Belizean mechanic of 11th Street, Santa Elena and **Ernesto Guzman**, Belizean construction worker residing in the village of Bullet Tree Falls.

In a report to the police PC Duncan informed that as they were about to leave the club, a gold color

Toyota Camry car pulled up behind the vehicle in which they were about to enter thereby blocking them from leaving. Three male persons emerged from the car, one of them brandishing a jack handle and began attacking Duncan, Tillett and Guzman. A fight erupted resulting in all six person sustaining varied degrees of injuries. The car then sped off with Duncan and his friends in hot pursuit. While the brawl was underway, the police were contacted and they rushed out deal with the report.

The vehicles sped down the western Highway with the Camry in front, it was eventually stopped on Andrews Street in Santa Elena where the bleeding occupants of the car were violently removed and taken into police custody.

The car, with large blood stains streaking down the back door on



The Camry car left for several hours on Andrews Street in Santa Elena - Blood stains streaking down back door

the driver's side, was left in the middle of the street for several hours.

The occupants of the Camry were identified as **Alfredo Marin**, **Alfredo Panti** and **Oscar Tzib**. They were taken to the San Ignacio hospital where Marin was treated for a cut wound to the head, Panti for swelling to the face and Tzib with a large cut wound to the head.

Whilst at the hospital, Marin and his friends indicated to the police that they will be proceeding with filing a complaint for criminal action. They were advised to visit the police station after receiving

medical attention for the recording of statements. However, today, one week later, they are yet to do so.

Police reports that the detection of the aroma of alcohol on the breath of all six persons involved in the confrontation thereby suggesting that they were all consuming alcoholic beverages prior to the incident.

Officials close to the investigation informed that, if Marin and his friends proceed with filing complaints, the matter could wind up with the laying of counter charges against all six persons involved in the incident.

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The Ministry of Health, along with the Embassy of Mexico in Belize and the Department of Health of Quintana Roo, Mexico held a two day Health Fair in Corozal Town on 28th and 29th November, 2008 under the theme “**Eat Healthy, Exercise, Live Longer**”.

The objective of the Health Fair was to sensitize the population of Corozal and its surrounding areas on the importance of a healthy lifestyle for the prevention of diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, HIV infection, cervical cancer.

Hundreds of residents from Corozal and its surrounding areas accessed services during the course of the two days.

- 48 persons received HIV pre-counseling and testing
- 636 patients accessed pharmaceutical services
- 565 laboratory tests were performed
- 595 persons received general medical care
- 156 children were seen by Pediatrician
- 392 persons received Ophthalmological services
- 207 pap smears were done
- 169 persons accessed dental services



The health fair held in Corozal was the second for 2008 with the first being held in Belmopan in July.



Victor "Jefe" Valdez - Laid To Rest

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo District, Monday, December 1, 2008:

He came from very humble beginnings, worked long and hard to become a self made successful businessman.

Victor Modesto Valdez, known to many as **"Jefe"** or **"Don Victor"** passed away quietly around noontime on Monday, December 1, 2008, at his home on the Western Highway in the heart of Santa Elena Town, Cayo.

Victor Valdez was the first child born on January 12, 1929 in Santa Elena, Cayo to the union of **Emedio Valdez** and his wife **Telesfora Sosa Valdez**.

El Jefe knew no other home but Santa Elena, Cayo, where he was born, grew up, married, worked and passed away.

Although he had very little formal education, Victor Valdez possessed four of the greatest qualities anyone could have in life; he was honest, dedicated, ambitious and above all hardworking.

Jefe was only 23 years of age, when in 1952 he met and married the young **Cenaida Castellanos** from Benque Viejo Town. He

dedicated his life to Ms. Cenaida right up and even after her passing a few years ago.

The union of Don Victor and Ms. Cenaida gave birth to two girls and two boys: Daughters, **Bertha Del Carmen Valdez Brizuela** and **Yolanda Valdez Frutus**; Sons, **Luis** and **Carlos Valdez**.

Don Victor started off as a shoemaker in that era when consumerism barely existed. It was in those days when everything was repaired including shoes. When the income from shoemaking proved insufficient to provide for his young family, he started the **Tienda Gracias De Dios** which today, over half a century later still bears that same name at #34 Western Highway in Santa Elena Town.

Don Victor later designed and constructed the **Mar Azul Club** building, just across the street from **Tienda Gracias De Dios**. **Mar Azul** once housed a popular dance hall



Victor Modesto "Jefe" Valdez, 79

SUNRISE: Jan. 12, 1929

SUNSET: Dec. 1, 2008

and billiards palour on the upper floor and a rum shop on the ground floor.

In those days when the transportation of passengers and goods to and from Belize City was done by truck (*long before the commuter buses came into existence*) the ambitious Victor Valdez invested in a truck, which he name **"Yolanda"** and in so doing he was able to tap into the

passenger and goods transportation business.

Ever interested in the real estate/land holding business Don Victor acquired many adjacent properties on the Western Highway. He owned a ranch in the Chaa Creek area up the Macal River. His family recalls fond memories of traveling by boat to the farm.

About two years ago Jefe fell seriously ill from a collapsed right lung. Despite his children's effort to get him the best medical attention, from henceforth it was a continuous downslide for a man who knew not what it was like to be slowed down by incapacitation. His condition grew progressively worse as he sustained a mild heart attack a few months ago causing him to forgo the use of his legs and producing a speech impediment until his passing on Monday, December 1, 2008.

El Jefe was laid to rest on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at the Santa Rita Cemetery in San Ignacio after a 3:00 pm funeral services at St. Ignatius Church in Santa Elena.

We express condolences to Bertita, Yoly, Luis and Carlos as well as to his several grandchildren, great-grandchildren other relatives, acquaintances and many friends. May his soul rest in eternal peace.



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National Security Minister Tours The West

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, December 4, 2008:

As the nationwide tour continues, **Minister of National Security Hon. Carlos Perdomo** will be in the west next week.

Minister Perdomo, accompanied by **National Security Chief Executive Officer, Ret. Brig. Gen. Lloyd Gillett**, are scheduled to arrive in San Ignacio during the mid morning hours on Thursday, December 11 where he will be met by **Police Commissioner Gerald Westby** and the **Officer Commanding the Cayo (Police) District Sr. Supt. Paul Wade**.

Minister Perdomo will then be invited to inspect a guard of honor mounted by Police, Special Constables and Cadets attached to the San Ignacio Police Station after which the minister will be



Minister of National Security Hon. Carlos Perdomo

invited for a brief tour of the refurbished police station and cell block. The minister and his team will then be invited into the new conference room at the San Ignacio Police Station where he will be meeting and addressing the staff after which he will avail himself to listen to their concerns and answer their questions.

From the San Ignacio police station, Minister Perdomo and his team will move on to tour rural communities which, for obvious security purposes, we will refrain from going into details.

In winding up the first day of the western tour, the Minister will be meeting the public at a town



National Security Chief Executive Officer, Ret. Brig. Gen. Lloyd Gillett

meeting set to commence at 7:00 pm, at Sacred Heart College in San Ignacio. The general public is invited to attend this public meeting to voice their concerns and to listen to responses from Minister Perdomo, CEO Gillett, Commissioner Westby and Cayo Commanding Officer Wade.

The ministerial tour continues on Friday, December 12 when Minister Perdomo and the team travels to Benque Viejo Town and the Western Border station for facility and personnel inspections as well as personnel and public meetings.



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"Of course." replied the patient. *"In the beginning, I created the Heavens and the Earth..."*

Deathbed Confession

On her deathbed Ms. Alice called her husband, James and instructed him to look under their bed and open the wooden box he found.

James was puzzled by the 3 eggs and \$7,000 in cash he found in the box, so he asked his wife what the eggs were for.

"Oh those", she replied, *"every*

time we had unsatisfactory marital relations, I put an egg in the box".

Not bad, thought James to himself, after 35 years of marriage, then he asked, *"But what about the \$7,000?"*

"Oh that", replied Ms Alice, *"every time I got a dozen I sold them."*

The Helpful Little Monkey

A police officer came upon a fatal traffic accident where he found two persons inside the wrecked vehicle.

As he surveyed the scene a little monkey came out of the bush and hopped around the crashed car.

The officer looked down at the monkey and said *"I wish you could talk."*

The monkey looked up at the officer and shook his head up and down.

"You can understand what I'm saying?" asked the officer.

Again, the monkey shook his head up and down.

"Well, did you see when this accident took place?"

"Yes," motioned the monkey.

"What happened?"

The monkey pretended to have a bottle in his hand and turned it up to his mouth.

"They were drinking?" asked the officer.

"Yes."

"What else?"

The monkey pinched his fingers together and held them to his mouth.

"They were smoking marijuana?"

"Yes."

"What else?"

The monkey motioned the shuffling of cards.

"They were gambling, too?" asked the puzzled officer.

"Yes."

"Now wait a minute, you're saying that these people were drinking, smoking and gambling before the accident."

"Yes."

"And what were you doing when all of this was happening?"

"Driving" motioned the monkey.

Saturn Envy

A guy driving a Saturn pulls up at a stoplight next to a Rolls-Royce.

The driver of the Saturn rolls down his window and shouts to the driver of the Rolls, **"Hey, buddy, that's a nice car. You got a phone in your Rolls? I've got one in my Saturn!"**

The driver of the Rolls looks over and says simply, **"Yes I have a phone."**

The driver of the Saturn says, **"Cool! Hey, you got a fridge in there too? I've got a fridge in the back seat of my Saturn !"**

The driver of the Rolls, looking annoyed, says, **"Yes, I have a refrigerator."**

The driver of the Saturn says, **"That's great, man! Hey, you got a TV in there, too? You know, I got a TV in the back seat of my Saturn !"**

The driver of the Rolls, looking very annoyed by now, says, *"Of course I have a television. Listen to me buddy a Rolls-Royce is the finest luxury car in the world!"*

The driver of the Saturn, says, **"Very cool car! Hey, you got a bed in there, too? I got a bed in**

the back of my Saturn!"

Upset that he did not have a bed, the driver of the Rolls-Royce sped away, and went straight to the dealer, where he promptly ordered that a bed be installed in the back of the Rolls.

The next morning, the driver of the Rolls picked up the car, and the bed looked superb, complete with silk sheets and brass trim. It was clearly a bed fit for a Rolls Royce.

So the driver of the Rolls begins searching for the Saturn, and he drove all day. Finally, late that night, he finds the Saturn parked, with all the windows fogged up from the inside. The driver of the Rolls got out and knocked on the Saturn.

When there wasn't any answer, he knocked and knocked, and eventually the owner stuck his head out, soaking wet. **"I now have a bed in the back of my Rolls-Royce,"** the driver of the Rolls stated arrogantly.

The driver of the Saturn looked at him and said, **" Oh boy, I can't believe this, you got me out of the shower just to tell me THAT?"**

Taking No Chance

Lee was known among his friends for the punctuality with which he sent his wife her alimony payment each month.

When he was asked the reason for

making prompt payment he shivered and replied: *"I'm afraid that if I should ever fall behind in the payments to that witch, she might well try to repossess me."*

Is This Actually How They Do It?

In an effort to determine the #1 crime fighting agency in the country, the Minister of National Security narrowed the field down to three finalist, **the Special Branch (SB)**, the **Anti Drug Unit (ADU)**, and the **Crimes Investigation Branch (CIB)**.

The three contenders were given the task of catching a rabbit which was released into the forest.

The SB went into the forest. They placed animal informants throughout. They questioned all plant and mineral witnesses.

After two months of extensive investigation they concluded that rabbits do not exist.

The ADU went into the forest. After two weeks without a capture, they burned the forest killing everything in it, including the rabbit. They made no apologies and reported that the rabbit deserved to die.

The CIB went into the forest. They came out two hours later with a badly beaten bear. The bear was yelling **"Okay, Okay, Yes, Yes, I'm a rabbit, I'm a rabbit"**.

Sixteen New Trained Volleyball Coaches

BELIZE CITY, Monday, December 1, 2008:

The Belize Volleyball Association (BVA) announces the entry of 16 new trained coaches into the sport.

A media release from the association informs that the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) Level 1 Coaches Course was conducted between November 13 and November 26, 2008.

Sixteen participants completed the 13 day intensive experience. Among the participants were 2 coaches from the BH Stars Club, as well as teachers/coaches from the University of Belize, Anglican Cathedral College, Wesley College, Gwen Lizarraga High School and the following primary schools: St.

Ignatius, Hattieville Government School, Lucky Strike, Caye Caulker Primary School, Ladyville Evangelical and Hummingbird Elementary.

The course, sponsored by the Olympic Solidarity through the Belize Olympic Committee, was aimed at teaching local coaches the basic techniques and tactics of volleyball.

The highly esteemed and well known FIVB instructor, **Mr. Jivko Jetchev** was the chief instructor for the entire course which, despite timing and challenges, had been described as a major success.

The BVA intends to hold a similar local course during the summer to have local qualification of coaches for other primary, secondary, and tertiary schools.



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Robbery At Huang's Supermarket

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo District, Thursday, December 4, 2008:

The surveillance camera inside the store recorded the entire robbery clocking it at exactly 50 seconds from entry to exit.

Just as Huang's Supermarket on Bullet Tree Road, San Ignacio, was preparing to close for the business day last Thursday, November 27, it became the latest victim of armed robbery as three masked men pulled off the act in under a minute.

The surveillance tape running from 9:12 to 9:13 pm shows three masked persons rushing into the store from around the left corner. One of the robbers was armed with a sawed off shotgun while the other two were armed with short machetes.

The workers, and a sole male customer, were ordered face down on the floor while two of the robbers stripped the right side register of its cash contents and the third one did likewise with the register on the left side of the entrance. One of them took two bottles of liquor from a shelf and jammed it onto the bag he was carrying.

The surveillance tape shows two of the attackers wearing ¾ jeans pants while the third wore a



They Entered This Way

and Exited This Way

full-length black pants. Two of them wore warm caps while the other had a white cloth strapped over the head. All three had

handkerchiefs over their noses and mouths.

After pulling off the quick act, they beat a hasty retreat and when they were outside, the gunman squeezed off a shot which found its target on the driver's door of the sole customer's taxi that was parked in front of the store. The blast left a dozen pellet holes in the door. They then headed in the opposite direction, right towards Bullet Tree, bending the first left street corner and disappearing into the darkness.

The store owner, **Selwin Huang** who witnessed the entire incident, offered no resistance as he maintained his hands up during attack. He estimates the loss at round \$1,500 in cash along with two bottles of liquor.

Investigators have been facilitated with a copy of the surveillance tape but to date one week later, no one has been arrested.

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Your Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

ARIES: March 22 - April 20



This week is likely to be marked by lots of good events that leave you feeling satisfied. There will be a sense of lightness. Personal and financial problems seem to disappear. You are in a mood for revelry and there could be increased socialising on a large scale. There could be an urge to spend lavishly on some luxury product. Be careful not to get carried away. Health needs to be taken care of. **Lucky numbers : 9, 21, 33.**

TAURUS: April 21 - May 21



This week is likely to bring in fulfillment of your innermost desires. Financial gains are foreseen. You will be actively working out the balance sheet of your life and will try to work on the areas that have been sidelined for sometime now. There will be efforts on to cement ties with a breakaway relation. Remember that you need to be chipping away on the work front to sustain your gains. **Lucky numbers : 6, 18, 30.**

GEMINI: May 22 - June 21



There will be smooth progress on the professional front. You will be drawn towards causes that are more social in nature and also towards projects that promise tangible gains for the underprivileged ones. You are very satisfied with the love you get from the people close to you and how quietly they have supported you. There will be a strong desire to return favours. **Lucky numbers: 5, 29, 41.**

CANCER: June 22 - July 23



You are contemplative and at ease with the environment around you; but that calm outside belies the plans that you are working at, on the inside. You have done your duties fairly well, as regards to your elders. Now is the time to set about digging deeper information and doing some research about the work that you are planning up. **Lucky numbers: 2, 38, 74.**

LEO: July 24 - August 21



This week is indicative of success in work. There will be some achievements that you can be proud of. There are possibilities of your taking care of people associated to with work. It is a good phase in all respects especially where working as a part of a team or leading people is concerned. However, take care to keep a non-partisan attitude. Do not get involved in any controversies. **Lucky numbers: 1, 25, 73.**

VIRGO: August 22 - September 21



You are likely to walk the path of life with more contentment. It is a phase of intangible gains where you could possibly beget honour and accolade in material terms but are able to make strong strides where personal growth is concerned. These are favourable times when you learn from the people around you. **Lucky numbers: 4, 28, 65.**

LIBRA: September 22 - October 23



There is increased sharpness of vision and you set about making new plans for the future. Much of your decision making will be very calculated. This time it is not about making a dash for things but setting far more realistic aims that can be achieved in a better manner. There will be a very visible slow down in activity in some areas of your life. Concentrate on main activity at hand. **Lucky numbers: 19, 27, 35.**

SCORPIO: October 24 - November 21



The emphasis this week is on organising legal and financial issues. Investments, loans, banking issues will also go smoothly. At the same time, your spiritual strength and your belief in the universal power brings peace and a touch of balance to your life. All in all, a rewarding phase coming to you after a long time. **Lucky numbers: 20, 55, 83.**

SAGITTARIUS: November 22 - December 21



A good time which sees realisation of material desires and a tangible inflow of funds. You are at your sharp alert best and this helps you in organising legal and financial issues to your comfort. Domestic environment is likely to be harmonious unless you let petty issues get out of hand. Try to resolve issues calmly. Composure will not only help rule out chances of strife, it will open doors for greater spiritual benefits. **Lucky numbers: 3, 40, 67.**

CAPRICORN: December 22 - January 20



This is a time for introspection and you are about to figure out what is important for you. There are issues that have been languishing in neglect and there are those that have been overemphasised. You need to prioritize what comes first. There will be ease in money coming in and it makes things easier for you.

Lucky numbers: 8, 44, 75.

AQUARIUS: January 21 - February 19



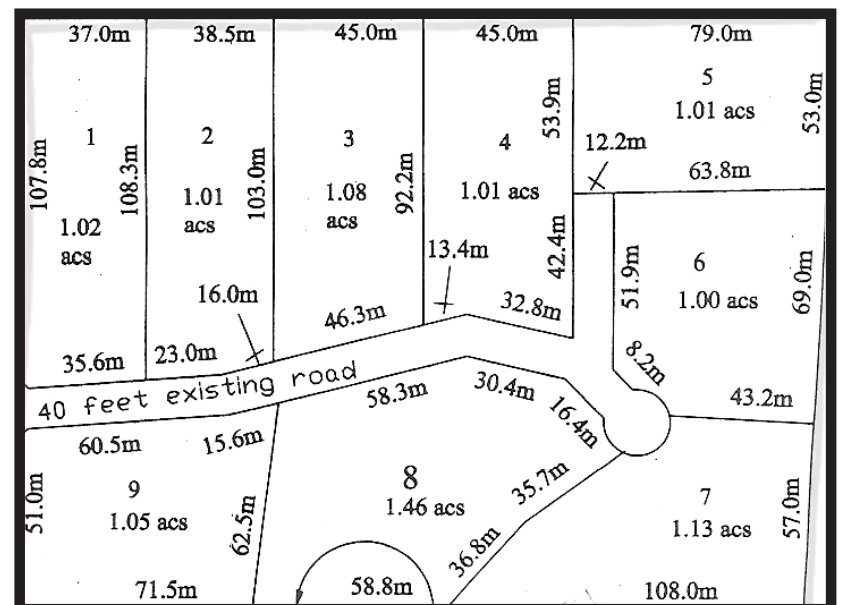
This week brings a lot of realisations your way. There will be clarity on many long pending issues and about whether they will be resolved. This phase also marks the successful start of new beginnings together in terms of relationships personal and professional. Be flexible and you will remain unhurt. **Lucky numbers: 7, 69, 82.**

PISCES: February 20 - March 21



This week is a time of personal gains. You are likely to receive public applause for your work. Also on cards is a show of affection and gratitude from your loved ones. Finally some people who have been misunderstanding you also get to see the true picture. This is a phase that you can use to further good with the authorities. Gentle talk will solve matters for you that aggression will not. **Lucky numbers: 17, 42, 80.**

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Dignity and justice for all of us

BY: Antoinette Moore, Attorney at Law and Human Rights Advocate

DANGRIGA TOWN, Stann Creek District, Monday, December 1, 2008:

On Wednesday, December 10, 2008, the Human Rights Commission of Belize (HRCB) will host a conference at the House of Culture, Belize City to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the United Nation's adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (*the Declaration*).

The theme for the event is *"Dignity and Justice for All of Us,"* which has been designated by the United Nations for the



anniversary.

Senator **Godwin Hulse** will deliver the Keynote Address. There will also be music, poetry, films and panel discussions on human rights in Belizean society.

The conference will be held between the hours of 9:00 am to

4:00 pm.

Countries around the world will also be organizing activities to celebrate this human rights milestone.

The Declaration is the most translated human rights document in the world. It sets out the most basic rights each human being is entitled to regardless of that person's race, sex, religion, status or other circumstances.

In 1948 when the United Nations adopted the Declaration, the world was very different than it is today yet the Declaration speaks as loudly and eloquently to human rights in 2008 as it did 60 years ago.



United Nations

In Belize, the Declaration is, in part, the basis for Chapter II, the *Protection of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms*, enshrined in the Constitution of Belize.

It is essential that we know our rights so we can protect them and not violate the rights of others.

HRCB is a nonpartisan nongovernmental human rights advocacy organization which has helped promote and protect human rights in Belize since shortly after independence.

The organization has members in each district and hopes to expand its membership in the upcoming year.

Any individual or organization that would like to join or know more about the Human Rights Commission of Belize can call 601-8484 or 522-2457 or e-mail moorelaw@btl.net

Galen University's MBA Students Invite You

GALEN UNIVERSITY, Central Farm, Cayo District, Monday, December 1, 2008:

In light of the devastating impacts of Tropical Depression 16 on Belize's Sustainable Development, the Business Administration Students in the Masters Degree

program enrolled in the Sustainable Development course at Galen University are staging a presentation entitled **"The Social, Economic, Environmental and Institutional Impacts of Tropical Depression 16 on Belize: Implications for Sustainable**

Development".

The presentation will be held at Galen University, Central Farm, Cayo, commencing at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2008. All interested persons and organizations are invited to attend.



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Bandits Re-emerge In Arenal, Belize

BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Monday, December 1, 2008:

With three occurrences in one day, Benque Viejo police are reporting what they suspect to be the re-emergence of armed Guatemalan bandits roaming, terrorizing and robbing Belizeans in the area of Arenal Village on the Belize side of the border.

In the first reported incident on Friday, November 28, 2008, **Ovidio Howe**, 44, Belizean taxi driver, of an E Street address in Benque Viejo Town, reported that at about 8:30 that morning he was driving his 1996 green, four door Saturn car along with 28 year old **William Ruiz** of Arenal Village when upon reaching about a mile and a half from Arenal Village he saw four male persons of Hispanic descent each wearing a rag covering the area of their face below their eyes, emerging from nearby bushes all armed with both long and short guns.

Speaking in Spanish, the assailants ordered Howe to drive the car into a nearby feeder road where car and persons were searched.

Howe had nothing of value in his possession, while Ruiz was

relieved of his \$75.00 Casio watch, \$12 green cap, \$10 brown leather wallet, \$150 Samsung cellular telephone, and \$150 in cash all for a total value of \$397.00. After pulling off the act, the bandits returned from whence they came.

In the second incident, **Simon Najaro Quinonez**, 50, Naturalized Belizean Guatemalan farmer residing on the road to Arenal, reported that while reaching the same area he came upon four male persons wearing dark clothing, two of whom were armed with what appeared to be M16 riffles.

Quinonez reported that he instantly placed his two door red Escort car in reverse while several shots were fired at him.

The car ended up stuck in a small ditch. He jumped out of the car and ran towards Arenal Village. He reported that several shots were fired at him while running, none of which struck him.

When he went to check on his car later he found the following items missing from inside the car: one cellular phone valued at \$275, one CD player valued at \$250, driver's license, social security and nationality identification card.

He also found the car with three

bullet holes on the hood and a single shot on the driver's side front windshield.

In the third incident of the day, five persons were reportedly robbed this time however, by a group of eight heavily armed unmasked male persons.

Teresita Penados, 52, Belizean housewife, of Central American Street Benque Viejo Town, Belarmino Toralla, 49, Belizean farmer of a George Street address in Benque Viejo Town, Alvaro

Gongora, 45, Belizean farmer of #8 Providence Street Benque Viejo Town, Marco Guzman Jr., 22, Belizean watchman of a George Street address in Benque Viejo Town and Carlos Barrera, Belizean watchman of Arenal Village, reported to Benque Viejo police that they were at Teresita Penados' ranch which I situated about three and a half miles on the Hyrdo Road and about five hundred yards off the road when they were attacked and robbed by eight unmasked Hispanic young male persons suspected to be between 18 and 20

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Simon Najaro Quinonez's red Ford Escort with bullet holes on the hood and windshield



VACANCY

Position: Health Education Officer: Health Education and Community Participation Bureau (HECOPAB)

Qualifications:
Masters in Health Education/Health Promotion or Masters in Public Health.

Principal Duties:

- Responsible for the development of technical norms, standards and protocols in regards to health education and health promotion.
- Monitor and evaluate program performance at regional level.

Payscale: 21

For detailed information on the vacancy kindly visit the Ministry of Health website: health.gov.bz



VACANCY

Position: Director Laboratory Services

Qualifications:
Diploma in Medical Technology or equivalent

Principal duties:

- a) Establish all laboratory procedures and quality control practices for the provision of clinical medical laboratory services.
- b) Provide technical support to health.

Payscale: 16

For detailed information on the vacancy kindly visit the Ministry of Health website: health.gov.bz

TAXI DRIVER ATTACKED AND SEVERELY BEATEN

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him with bottles, stones and even a bicycle. Whilst shouting for help an acquaintance came onto the

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years, armed with high powered rifles suspected to be AK47's and M16's.
All eight persons were dressed in dark clothing with each carrying knapsacks. In the incident, Teresita Penados was robbed of a pair of gold rings valued at \$120.00, a pair of gold ear-rings valued at \$220.00 and one ladies watch valued at \$30.00. Belarmino Toralla, was robbed of his \$200.00 Motorola

Two Policemen Charged For Extortion

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approached by two uniformed Belizean policemen. One of the policemen reportedly demanded to inspect the truck after which the driver was informed of the following findings:
a) Driving without a valid insurance (*the one on the truck had an expiry date of November 25, 2008 that very same day*). This "offence", according to one of the policemen, carried a fine of \$800.
b) Defected headlamp which according to the same policemen carried a fine of \$150 and
c) A defected tire with a fine of \$150. All for a total obligation of \$1,100.

Aguilar Pajares reported that one of the policemen threatened to lock him up for the night if he did not come up with an \$800 payment.
After some back and forth negotiations the policeman decided to settle for \$400 and Aguilar Pajares handed over the money in denominations of: 1- \$100, 2 - \$50 and 10 - \$20.
An immediate investigation was conducted by **Sgt. 591 Jesus Palma**. The policemen allegedly involved in the incident were identified as **PC 813 Luis Coc** and **PC 980 Simon Teck**. The investigation led to a search at the residence of both constables Coc and Teck whereby \$80, believed to be the proceeds of the illegal activity was recovered from PC Coc while PC Teck handed over his exact \$200 half of the deal.
The investigation led to the detention and subsequent arrest of PC 813 Luis Coc, 32, Belizean policeman of a Santiago Juan Layout Area address in San Ignacio Town.
Coc appeared in Benque Viejo's Magistrate Court on Thursday, November 27, where he pleaded


scene and managed to ward off the attackers. By this time the friends with whom he was drinking showed up on the scene and transported him to the San Ignacio Town Hospital where he was treated and later released.
Whilst the attack is of a criminal nature and with Towel willing to pursue court action, the police have thus far failed to provide him with the required medico legal forms being a vital component in criminal proceedings of this nature. Furthermore, while the police might have a workable knowledge of the identity of at least two of the attackers, no arrest has thus far been made.
coordinate efforts in tackling criminal occurrences of this nature.
cellular telephone and \$2.00 in cash, while Carlos Barrera was robbed of a \$200.00 Samsung cellular phone and \$150.00 in cash all for a total value of \$922.00.
The robbers then escaped into nearby bushes. While no arrest has been made, police and BDF presence has been increased in the area. Additionally, a meeting was held on Wednesday, December 3, between Belizean and Guatemalan law enforcement officials, to
not guilty to the charge of extortion. He was offered and met bail in the sum of \$2,500 to reappear in court on Wednesday, February 18, 2009.
In the second incident, Belize City police reports that on Sunday, November 30, a vehicle was stopped by the police at the check point on the Northern Highway. The vehicle was reportedly found with expired insurance and the driver was consequently issued with a summons to appear in court to answer to the charge. The driver of the vehicle was identified as **Ayte Klin Kelat** of a New Horizon Area address in Belize City.
Police informed that it was sometime around 2:30 the following afternoon, Monday, December 1, when a policeman identified as **PC Marlon Harris** visited Kelat at his residence and reportedly told him that the matter could be diverted from the court with the simple payment of \$100 to the visiting policeman. Kelat handed over the \$100 requested but not before discretely recording the serial number and placing a call to the police. A mobile was dispatched to the area and Harris was promptly arrested with the very same \$100 bill still in his possession. He was subsequently arrested and criminally charged for the extortion.
With the coming to light of these two recent cases, **Police Commissioner Gerald Westby** seized to opportunity to informed those under his command that these kinds of irregular and criminal actions will not be tolerated and that the full force of the law will come crashing down on the heads of those accused of violating their sworn obligation to uphold the constitution and the law.

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **EUGENE BURNS** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **HODE'S PLACE** located in the Savannah Area, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.
Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **GUO LIAN WU** is applying for the renewal of his **SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **MAXWELL SUPERSTORE** located in the village of Bullet Tree Falls in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **CARMEN BOYD** is applying for the renewal of her **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **BLACK ROCK** located in Benque Viejo Town in the Cayo District.
Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **SAUL LISBEY** is applying for the renewal of his **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2009 to operate **CABANA DEL SOL** located in the Village of Bullet Tree Falls in the Cayo District.



VACANCY

Position:

Chief of Operations, Vector Control, Ministry of Health

Qualifications:

First degree in Environmental Health or equivalent

Principal Duties:

- (1) Responsible for devising and monitoring national policies, strategies and standards in all areas of vector control.
- (2) Coordinate the development of technical norms, standards, protocols of management of services to be implemented at regional level.

Payscale: 14

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