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## Girl Dies In Traffic Accident After Twin Town Parade

Evelyn Kuylen, 31, of Churchill Street, Benque Viejo Town, took her three children to watch the Independence Day Parade in San Ignacio on Monday, September 21. After the parade was over, Kuylen got into her dark grey Mazda Tribute SUV with her son **Ken Francis Mai**, 9, and two daughters, **Kaylene Luceli Mai**, 8, and **Andrea Desaree Chiroy**, 2. The family was on their way home to Benque at about 2:30 p.m. when just before passing **Rumors Hotel** between miles 68 and 69 on the George Price Highway Kuylen lost control of the vehicle .

Kuylen said, *"The car started to tremble from the back*



Scene Of The Traffic Accident

*wheel - from the driver's side and started to swerve from side to side*

*on the way and I couldn't control it,. I lost control and it started to flip."* She said the vehicle flipped several times and when it stopped she noticed her children were flung unto the road side and she was trapped inside the vehicle. A taxi man was first to come to her aid then other motorists arrived and assisted the family. All passengers received various degrees of injuries with eight-year-old Kaylene Mai receiving the most severe damages. Unfortunately, Kaylene succumbed to her injuries shortly after reaching the hospital.

Kuylen said, *"I received injuries to my left hand and I have a little pain to my neck and my lower*

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## Armed Home Invasion In Santiago Juan Layout Area



Pulido Family Home

Residents of the Santiago Juan Layout area of San Ignacio Town are concerned for their safety after reports surfaced that a family from their

community was waylaid on Independenced Day and ambushed by masked gunmen shortly after

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## Editorial



Over the last few months, I've often sat and wondered - where do I go from here? Some days, the obstacles seemed so huge it was easiest just to sit and cry. If I was honest, I can admit that I did just that, cry and cry and cry.

Well, the crying period has passed and I've come to realize that I am the only person who can chart my course. The only person who can determine if I sink or swim. With the help of family and close friends, I have dealt with my demons, I'm smiling, I'm happy and I'm fighting like never before.

With that said, I take this opportunity to thank my Cayo

family for your relentless support over the years. It is with your assistance and commitment that the **STAR Newspaper** has been able to survive. To all those advertisers who have stuck by our side through thick and thin I say a very humble thank you. We have not only appreciated the business relationship we have shared with you, but you all have become like family.

So, as I chart this new course, I ask for your continued support, I ask that you afford me the opportunity to make the STAR shine! This paper is as much yours as it is mine, let's make this new season spectacular!

## Armed Home Invasion In Santiago Juan Layout Area

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arriving home from the day's festivities.

Police say that at about 11 p.m. the Pulido family of #29 Rose Wood Street, Santiago Juan Layout, had just got home from attending the Independence Day festivities when Immigration Officer **Ismael Pulido**, 46, went into the yard to feed his dogs. While Pulido was feeding his dogs, three masked men jumped the fence and entered the yard. They held him at gunpoint and forced him into the house. One of the men hit Ismael

in the head with a firearm and demanded money. He handed over \$1,500 in cash to the men. Before leaving, the men took away Ismael's gold chain and 9 mm Glock pistol. Ismael's wife, **Judith Pulido**, was also present during the invasion but she was not harmed.

Police believe the Pulido's attackers had been watching them and they went directly after Ismael.

Investigation into this incident is ongoing and police are seeking the public's assistance for information.

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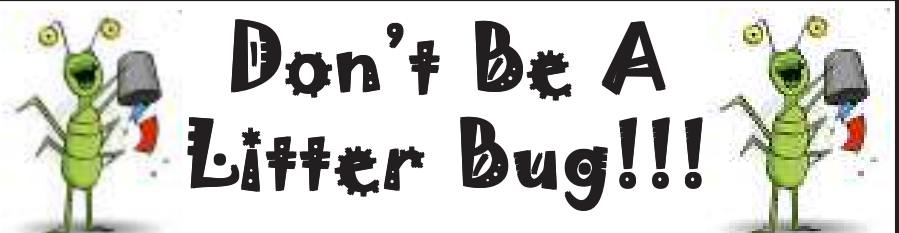
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# Jobs Coming With Paving Of Caracol Road

The Prime Minister of Belize has announced that Government will be paving the highway to Caracol “with two points of origin from Georgeville and Santa Elena”.

According to PM Barrow, contracts have already been signed for the first phase of works. “We are funding locally, and have already signed the contract for, road rehabilitation from Cristo Rey to San Antonio and thereafter to the junction with the Georgeville road.” Another forty miles, from the Georgeville junction to Mountain Pine



Road To Caracol Ridge and the Caracol, will be paved with financing from the Kuwait Fund

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# BECOL Basketball Highlights

Contributed By: Karim Juan,  
SSBA Secretary  
Sunday, September 20, 2015, San  
Ignacio Town, Cayo

On Friday night, Yabra defeated Belmopan, 73 - 33, in the Over 35 division. Yabra was lead by **Gasden Ferguson** who netted 14 points, while **Vince “Post” Estrada**, **Kevin Domingo** and **Cashan “Russian” Flowers** all scored 13 points each. In a losing effort, Belmopan’s top scorers were **Carlisle Barrow** with 13 points and **Clifford King** with 8 points. In the second game, Panthers defeated Snipers in the senior division, by the score of 72 - 63, where **Daniel “Buddy” Nolberto** had the game high with 33 points and **Trevaughn Usher** who finished with 16 points. Snipers was lead by **Jimmy Rudon** who scored 16

points, while **Emerson King** and **Elroy “Shabba” Willis** tallied 13 and 9 points respectively. In the nightcap, Falcon Ballers defeated Flames 57 - 48, in the seniors division, behind **Jamie Carbajal** who had the game high with 12 points, while **Afternee Young** and **Nigel Martinez** netted 8 points each. **Mark Wagner** was the top scorer for Flames with 11 points and **Stephen “Muerte” Williams** finished the night with 10 points. On Saturday night, it was a rematch from last week’s epic buzzer beater in overtime, in the Under 23 division, where Santiago Juan Warriors defeated Spartans again, 44 - 43, in another nail biter. **Jeffrey “Turtle” Carillo** had the game high with 20 points, while **Elvert Ariola** chipped in 10 points in the win. In a losing

effort, **Vijan “Patch” Scott** was the main man for Spartans with 17 points and **Julio Sabido** scored 12 points. In game 2, Roaring Creek Special Effects defeated Invaders, 44 - 36, to record their first win of the season. Roaring Creek Special Effects was lead by **Arlan Tucker** who was the top scorer in the game with 19 points, while **Karon “Civic” Neal** finished the night with 17 points. Invaders’ top scorers were **Peter Odinga** with 12 points and **Evan Reynolds** with 7 points. In game 3, Benque Power got their first win of the season, as they defeated R. C. V. Stallions 62 - 49. Benque Power was lead by **Brandon Flowers** who sank 19 points, **Roberto “Mosho” Castellanos** had 15 points and **Ivan Flowers** finished with 12 points. **Jamie Gillett** was the top scorer for R. C. V.

Stallions with 12 points, while **Frederick Banner** scored 8 points and **Rupert Hendy**, **Brett Smith** and **Mark Gentle** chipped in 7 points apiece. Games for this coming weekend are listed below.  
**Friday, Sept. 18:** 6:30 p.m. Game 1 - **F** - Cayo Insterstellers vs. SHC  
7:30 p.m. Game 2 - **O35** - Belmopan vs. Roaring Creek Special Effect  
8:30 p.m. Game 3 - **Seniors** - Flames vs. Panthers  
**Saturday, Sept. 19:** 6:30 p.m. Game 1: **U19** - Spartans vs. Alpha Warriors  
7:30 p.m. Game 2 - **O35** - Yabra vs. Eagles  
8:30 p.m. Game 3 - **Seniors** - Falcon Ballers vs. Assassins  
**Sunday, Sept. 13:** 2:00 p.m. Game 1: **U19** - SHC vs. Christian Ambassadors  
3:00 p.m. Game 2 - **O35** - Tuff Enuff vs. Benque Power  
4:30 p.m. Game 3 - **Seniors** - Light & Peace vs. Snipers



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### April Calendar

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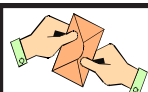
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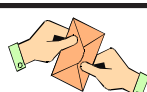
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### CSKC 25th Anniversary Results

On Saturday, 26th September, 2015, the **Cayo Shotokan Karate Club** successfully hosted it's 25th Anniversary Invitational Karate Championship at the Falcon Field in San Ignacio Town. A total of 45 athletes from Belize, Guatemala and El Salvador demonstrated high standards of sportsmanship as tension rose while they defended their clubs and by extension their countries. The Clubs that represented Belize were The Cayo Shotokan Karate Clubs Belmopan and San Ignacio, Dangriga Shotokan Karate Club and the Belize City Centre Karate Dojo.

The Cayo Shotokan Karate Club -San Ignacio edged out the Cayo

Shotokan Karate Club -Belmopan for first place with a total gold medal count of 21 to 20. Congratulations are extended to all of our Belizean karate athletes who are showing constant development in their karate skills, and work diligently in upgrading our status in the region.

We hereby thank our sponsors, the **Cahal Pech Village Resort, Emil Moreno, Spanish Lookout Sunshine Pharmacy and Dentistry, Asha's Beauty Salon** and **Eva's Restaurant** for making this event a success!

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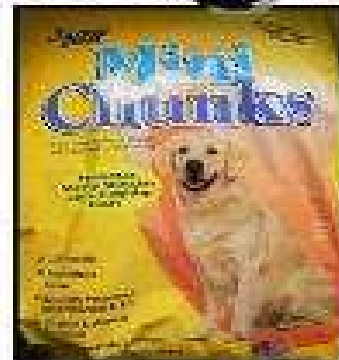
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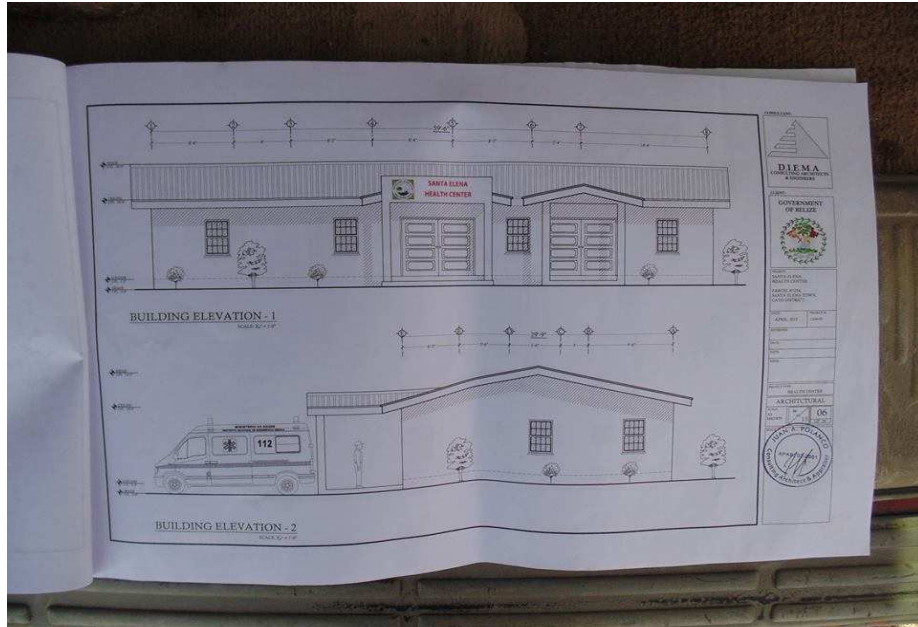


# New Health Center For Santa Elena

Residents of Santa Elena Town will no longer have to travel all the way to the San Ignacio Hospital for basic medical services. That is because **Hon. Rene Montero**, Area Representative for Cayo Central, is spearheading the construction of the Santa Elena Health Center.

Hon. Montero recently unveiled the design for the health center after a strong lobbying effort directed at the Ministry of Health. Minister Montero says that *"Works have commenced on the renovation of the Marketing Board office in Santa Elena to create a first class Medical Center for the wonderful residents of Cayo Central."*

Access to quality healthcare is one of the most fundamental of human rights. The Cayo Central Committee has been organizing temporary clinics and other initiatives to bring healthcare services closer to constituents but the long term goal has always been to establish a permanent first class medical center. Currently, residents of the Santa Elena area have to pay taxi fare to go all the way to the new San Ignacio Hospital on Bullet Tree road. Many people cannot afford that; therefore, news of a health center in Santa Elena Town is extremely welcomed.



Plan Of The Health Center



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## Found A Girl

Little Johnny was very excited one day and quickly ran to his Father who was sitting down in the couch. Johnny said, "*Daddy, Daddy, I want to get married!*"

Hi father says, "*For that son, you have to have a boy and a girl.*"

Johnny says, "*I've found a girl.*"  
"Oh really? Who is that lucky

girl of yours?"

"*Well, my grandmother.*"

"Now wait a minute let me get this straight," the father says. "*You actually want to marry my mother? You definitely cannot do that!*"

"*Well, why not?*" Johnny says.  
"*You married mine!*"

## Parents Deny Brazilian Footballer Neymar Evaded Taxes

The parents of the Brazilian football star, Neymar, have denied their son has done anything wrong, after a judge formally accused him of evading \$16m in taxes.

They said the judge had not correctly understood their son's finances.

The judge accused Neymar of only declaring the equivalent of 8% of his assets in 2013.

He said the forward had omitted payments received from advertising and from Barcelona football club.

The judge froze \$47.6m (£30.5m) of Neymar's assets.

He said this was to cover potential interest and fines and to prevent the player selling assets before the case was settled.

The judge said the frozen assets were in the name of the Brazilian player and three companies in which he and his parents jointly owned.

However, Neymar's parents said the decision was based on an



**Brazilian Football Player, Neymar**

"*incorrect understanding*" of their son's income.

"*Neymar did not avoid paying taxes, and neither did any of our companies,*" they said.

Neymar joined Barcelona in June 2013 after a successful career with the Brazilian club, Santos.

But the transfer has prompted fraud investigations in Spain over allegations that the fee paid was much higher than the declared €57m (\$65m; £41m).

## Moby~Sick Whale Vomit Auctioned

The 1.1kg (2.4lb) chunk of whale vomit, known as ambergris and used mainly in perfume, sold to a phone bidder in France on Friday - exceeding the estimated price of up to £7,000.

Auctioneer Adam Partridge said he was "*elated*" at the sale, in Macclesfield.

"*Somebody brought this smelly waxy rugby ball-shaped lump to us and asked us to sell it for them,*" he added.

There are many things which can be mistaken for ambergris - fat, rubber and palm oil amongst others -



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"*We've had lots of unusual items pass through the doors over the years, but this is by far the weirdest.*"

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5. If you write in the dust, please don't date it!
6. I would cook dinner but I can't find the can opener!
7. My house was clean last week, too bad you missed it!
8. I came, I saw, I decided to order take out.
9. If you don't like my standards of cooking ... lower your standards.
10. Although you'll find our house a

- mess, Come in, sit down, converse.
11. It doesn't always look like this: Some days it's even worse.
12. A messy kitchen is a happy kitchen, and this kitchen is delirious.
13. A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand!
14. Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.
15. Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.
16. Countless number of people have eaten in this kitchen and gone on to lead normal lives.
17. My next house will have no kitchen ... just vending machines.
18. I'd live life in the fast lane, but I am married to a speed bump.

## Men and Women - Difference

While eating out and the bill arrives, Mike, Charlie, Bob and John will each throw in \$20 even though the bill is only \$22.50. None will have anything smaller, and none will admit they want change back. When girls get the bill out come the calculators.

With money a man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he wants. A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 dollar item she doesn't want.

In a bathroom a man has 5 items. A toothbrush, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel from Holiday Inn. A women has on average 337 items in her bathroom. A man would not be able to identify most of these Items.

In arguments a woman has the last word. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

Women love cats. Men say they love cats, but when women aren't looking men kick cats.

A women worries about the future until she gets a husband. A husband doesn't worry about the future until he gets a wife.

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the garbage, answer the phone, and read a book. A man will get dressed up for weddings and funerals.

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Prime Minister DeanBarrow announced on Independence Day that *“next year should see a third salary raise for Government workers and this is really quite extraordinary.”*

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In February of 2014, the negotiating teams of Government and the Public Service Union,



Members Of The Teachers Union

Belize National Teachers Union and the Association of Public

Service Senior Managers signed a Framework Agreement to chart the

way forward for both parties. The agreement included a commitment for one half of the increase in actual recurrent revenue from one year to the next (*in a three year span*) to be allocated to salary increases for teachers and public officers. Based on this formula, \$29 million was allocated to salary increases for fiscal year 2014/2015 and \$38 million for 2015/2016. The formula resulted in a 5 percent raise in 2014/2015 and an 8.8 percent raise in 2015/2016.

Now the Government of Belize is getting ready to grant public officers a third straight raise and according to Prime Minister Barrow it is *“because we expect continued economic and revenue growth.”*

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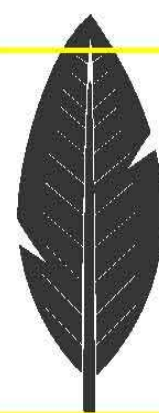
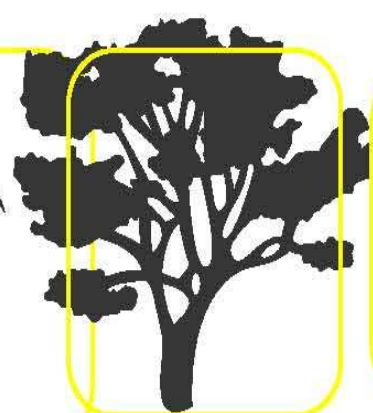
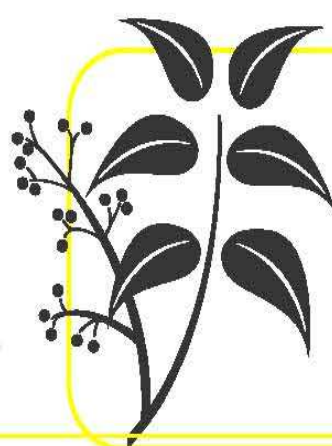
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# Teaching Services Commission Rules Against Compromise At Faith Nazarene

Management, teachers and parents of Faith Nazarene Primary School were hopeful that the hostilities at the institution would subside after a compromise was reached with the embattled Principal **Policarpia Pech**. However, a decision by the Teaching Services Commission to reject the compromise has just about dashed all hopes for peace.

**Raymond Shepherd**, General Manager of Nazarene Schools, explained that the compromise was for Pech to stay as principal until her application for long leave can be approved by the Teaching Services Commission. While on long leave, the Nazarene management would pursue a transfer for Pech to another school within their system. This compromise was agreed upon by the principal, teachers, union and officials of the Education Department.

Unfortunately, Shepherd had to deliver the message to teachers and parents on Tuesday, September 22, that the applications for long leave and transfer were rejected by the Teaching Services Commission.



Therefore, Pech must remain in place as the principal of Faith Nazarene – not the outcome everyone was hoping for.

Hoping to dissuade parents and teachers from reacting negatively to the Commission's decision, the Ministry of Education issued a press

release on Tuesday saying that it *“recognize and fully support the rights of parents to quality education for their children in a safe supportive learning environment”* and *“recognize and fully support the rights of teachers to be treated fairly and*

*justly by their administrators and management.”* However, the release goes on to state, *“Such rights are not gained by resorting to measures that do not recognize the rights of others to be afforded due process and to be heard in their own defense. In fact, such rights are undermined when the rights of others are undermined.”*

With that the Ministry suggests that there is a need for Managing Authorities to improve upon their supervision of their schools for quality assurance purposes. It also states that there is also a need for parents to hold schools accountable through the school's Managing Authority. That is, grievances should be reported to the Managing Authority who has a responsibility to act to investigate those grievances and take appropriate action, in accordance with the law, based on their findings.

The release concludes by reminding parents that school-aged children must attend school. Parents who choose to withhold their children from attending Faith Nazarene Primary School have a legal obligation to find another school for their children to attend.

# Ashcroft Concedes In Fight for BTL - Government Ready To Pay And Move On

After doing everything in his power for six years to try and steal back BTL from the Government and people of Belize, **Lord Michael Ashcroft** has waved the white flag. **Prime Minister Barrow** announced at a press conference on Monday, September 14, that *“the Government of Belize has settled the B.T.L. issue. We have reached an agreement with the former shareholders of B.T.L., the Employees Trust and with British Caribbean Bank Ltd.”*

Government nationalized Belize Telemedia in 2009 and has been dragged into a legal war ever since. The alliance that owned BTL prior to the nationalization has taken government to court to challenge the constitutionality of the nationalization, the validity of a US\$22.5 million loan that the British Caribbean Bank lent to Telemedia, the validity of the accommodation agreement and compensation for all these actions taken against them by the Government of Belize. After six years of not really making head way with their legal attacks, the former owner(s) of BTL reached out to prime Minister Barrow in May of this year to settle the dispute.

The negotiations resulted in government agreeing to a payment of \$162.7 million to British Caribbean Bank for the loan that had been



Lord Michael Ashcroft

disputed and the former owners of BTL as compensation for the takeover.

When government nationalized BTL it assumed a US\$22.5 million loan which BCB had given to BTL. Government argued that the loan was illegal and that led BCB to initiate arbitration under the 1982 Bilateral Investment Treaty between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Belize for the promotion and protection of investments. On December 19, 2014 the Arbitral Tribunal ruled in favor of the Bank and ordered the Government to pay compensation. As part of the settlement, the Government agreed to pay the Bank US\$48,544,927.78 representing compensation, including costs, expenses and interest on the original US\$22.5 loan.



Prime Minister Barrow

Additionally, government will be paying \$65.3 million as compensation for assuming the shares of Dunkeld International Investment Limited and the BTL Employees Trust. Dunkeld held 71.2 percent shareholding while Sunshine held a 23 percent shareholding. Dunkeld will receive US\$24,557.12 while the Trustees of the BTL Employees Trust will receive US\$7,986,848. These payments are in line with a valuation done by NERA Economic Consulting out of the United Kingdom.

The former owners of the company are seeking a much larger payment for their shares and have taken the matter to tribunal. PM Barrow stated that he does not expect the tribunal to rule for payment beyond the NERA valuation but in the event that

it does the difference between the NERA valuation and any tribunal award will be made in two payments. Half of the amount will be paid within 10 days and the balance within a year.

## Liquor License Notice

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## Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

### ARIES:

#### March 22 to April 20

Monday and Tuesday, just about anything that can go wrong will. It takes all your energy just to feel comfortable among a group of people. And your new shoes aren't fitting right. Wednesday and Thursday see you taking action and not letting anyone get in your way. If those shoes still hurt, by all means return them. If you're still uncomfortable socially, find a new social group. Friday and Saturday are career-oriented: Everything you do has an effect on your reputation. Sunday you're surrounded by like-minded people and filled with optimistic thinking about the future. **Lucky numbers: 38, 42, 55.**

### TAURUS:

#### April 21 to May 21

Monday and Tuesday are beset by all-consuming passion. It isn't a fun sort of passion -- not artistic or musical or anything like that -- it's emotional. The outside world is almost distorted by the strength of your feelings. You go into Wednesday and Thursday understandably wary of other people. The key is to not let that wariness transform into what may appear as righteousness. That's no way to charm someone. Friday and Saturday, something that's dogged your understanding for a while suddenly makes sense. Until Sunday, that is. Nothing makes sense on Sunday. **Lucky numbers: 05, 11, 28.**

### GEMINI:

#### May 22 to June 21

Think of yourself as a space exploration vehicle on Monday and Tuesday, wandering into unknown territory, snapping pictures -- and not making any kind of judgment, just collecting facts. Let someone else figure out what it all means. Wednesday and Thursday you're more engaged intellectually, but you still aren't putting your hands on your hips and telling people what to think. That attitude's just not interesting to you right now. Friday and Saturday, the shifting breeze is sending you in one direction after another, but on Sunday your feet are firmly planted and your attention is unswayable. **Lucky numbers: 14, 33, 46.**

### CANCER

#### June 21 to July 21

You have one foot in one camp and one foot in another. Where does your allegiance lie? What do you need most at this moment? On Monday and Tuesday, if at all possible, put off making any decisions. Wednesday through Friday, you're just as torn. About everything. Though canceling your evening plans and cozying up in

front of a DVD on Friday night sounds, perhaps, lazy, it is also wise. This is just not the week -- or the weekend -- to dazzle people in social settings. (If you find yourself in such a setting, expect to be wildly misinterpreted.) On Sunday, money is on your mind. **Lucky numbers: 61, 78, 84.**

### LEO:

#### July 24 to August 21

Time to haul out the magnifying glass and take a closer look. What you're looking at on Monday and Tuesday isn't entirely clear, but allow yourself to hold some unknown variables in your head; it will be a while before this puzzle coheres. Wednesday and Thursday, amplification in the romantic realm intensifies everything else -- which is exactly what you're in the mood for: more, better, richer, sweeter. Knowing exactly what you want grants you a confidence on Friday and Saturday that some might be threatened by. On Sunday, strike a minor chord. Show off your infamous reserve. **Lucky numbers: 29, 36, 44.**

### VIRGO:

#### August 22 to September 21

There are so many ways of seeing something -- as the opinions of your friends so amply demonstrate on Monday and Tuesday. Instead of coming down hard on those you disagree with (which is something you have been known to do), listen. Think of yourself as a pair of giant cartoon ears. Wednesday and Thursday, you are pretty sure you know how things should be done, but, again, adopt a passive role and let someone else shoulder the burden. (Your shoulders have been taking the brunt of it lately.) Friday and Saturday, all tension melts when you lock lips with someone. Sunday is revelatory. **Lucky numbers: 73, 87, 96.**

### LIBRA:

#### September 22 to October 23

You sweep your arms across the table on Monday and draw all your money and possessions toward your chest. Tuesday you spend counting your chips. How can this be explained, this weird urge toward materialism? It'd be good for you to give something away. Then, on Wednesday and Thursday, be generous in other ways: be emotionally giving, insist on hearing the long versions of stories. Friday and Saturday may have you shuffling your feet and casting your eyes downward -- you're lost in thought about something that happened a while ago -- but Sunday is nothing short of sensational. **Lucky numbers: 65, 71, 92.**

### SCORPIO:

#### October 24 to November 21

Your radiance is a little hard for

everyone else to take on Monday and Tuesday. You walk into a room and everyone else looks slightly less magical. It's as if you pull all cosmic energy toward you, though it's not like you're doing it on purpose. Wednesday and Thursday, you become a beneficiary of the very excitement you help generate; you become wrapped up in an activity you wouldn't involve yourself in if you were alone. Friday and Saturday are less wild, days of calculations and self-control; likewise, the extent of excitement on Sunday consists of rearranging the furniture in the living room. **Lucky numbers: 02, 19, 30.**

### SAGITTARIUS:

#### November 22 to December 21

You are like a cartoon giant walking through a cartoon forest on Monday and Tuesday -- an imaginative Goliath who's sometimes in the mood to be alone. You have a beautiful vision for the future, but it's all so overwhelming and vague that you wouldn't be able to explain it to anyone. Yet. Wednesday and Thursday, a new friendship seems to be taking off, and you might try filling this other person in on what you've been thinking about. Friday and Saturday you stick close to the path you know well, but Sunday finds you daringly introducing yourself to a stranger. **Lucky numbers: 23, 41, 69.**

### CAPRICORN:

#### December 22 to January 20

All the information is lined up and in order, clear as day -- all you have to do at this point is make the call. Obviously, it'd be smart not to make it alone. Ask others what they think. Then detach yourself emotionally from the proceedings and decide. Once a course has been decided,

Wednesday commences a blur that extends into the foreseeable future, a blur of speed and productivity and brightness. Discipline is important on Thursday -- you may begin to have second thoughts, but ignore them -- and modesty is important on Friday and Saturday. The weekend is a chorus of praise. **Lucky numbers: 57, 75, 89.**

### AQUARIUS:

#### January 20 to February 18

What with your career on the rocks -- or, at least, not moving at quite the pace you'd like -- on Monday and Tuesday, spend the start of the week doing something socially useful; make phone calls, help out at a community center. Wednesday and Thursday, you're feeling fortunate to find yourself in a group of people who agree with you on almost every issue, you come up with an excuse that would put you all in touch a lot more often. Friday and Saturday offer little in the way of satisfaction or reward, but Sunday is the opposite. Sunday is unbelievable. **Lucky numbers: 17, 22, 37.**

### PISCES:

#### February 20 to March 21

It's hard to tell the difference between what's going on in your head and what's going on in the outside world on Monday and Tuesday. The thing is, the outside world is just confusing. Wednesday and Thursday, a move toward simplicity is in the stars. You, a clean kitchen, some music, some leftovers, a magazine -- that's an entire evening right there. Friday and Saturday, too, are modest in scope. Let the direction of your evenings be guided by the people involved. No one wants a tight schedule. On Sunday, you ask a sage friend for advice. It's good, strong advice, and it sends you reeling. **Lucky numbers: 08, 66, 91.**

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**Belmopan Sewerage Expansion Phase 2 - Supply of Material**

1. The **Government of Belize** has received financing from the **Inter-American Development Bank** toward the cost of **Belmopan Sewerage Expansion Project Phase 2**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the Contract '**Belmopan Sewerage Expansion Phase 2 - Supply of Material**'.
2. **Belize Water Services Limited** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the *supply of*:
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3. Bidding will be conducted through the **International Competitive Bidding (ICB)** procedures specified in the Inter-American Development Bank's *Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank*, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from:  
**Francisco Gonzalez, Consulting Engineer**  
**Belize Water Services Ltd.**  
**7 Central American Blvd.**  
**Belize City, Belize.**  
**Email: [francisco.gonzalez@bws.com.bz](mailto:francisco.gonzalez@bws.com.bz) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the same address given above from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in **English** may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **BZ\$100.00**. The method of payment shall be *cash*.
6. Completed bid documents together with all the required enclosures shall be placed in a sealed envelope and marked '**BID FOR BELMOPAN SEWERAGE EXPANSION PHASE 2 - SUPPLY OF MATERIAL**' and delivered to the address below on or before **3:00 pm local time, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**. Electronic bidding **shall not** be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below by **3:10 pm on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**.
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# AIDS Commission Concerned About Amount of Youths Having Sex

The National AIDS Commission reached out to the Statistical Institute of Belize last year because it was concerned about the number of youths engaging in sexual activities and wanted to know exactly how prevalent the practice actually is. Therefore, in September 2014, the Statistical Institute conducted a survey on the sexual behaviour of youths from the ages of 15 to 24. The study was titled *KAP (Knowledge, Attitude and Practices in Sexual Behaviour & HIV in Belize 2014)* and it confirmed that there is cause for concern because youths are engaging in sexual activities at a very young age.

The report on the 2014 study was released on Wednesday, September 16, by the National AIDS Commission. The study shows that 61.2 percent of the 73,369 youths age 15 to 24 have had sex already.



The rate is even higher for youths in this group that are out of school. 74.4 percent of those have had sex compared to only 38.7 percent of youths still in school.

Nine percent of youths in this age group had their first sexual encounter before the age of 15. The rate is higher with boys (11 percent) than it is with girls (7.3 percent) having sex before

the age of 15. The average age for boys at the time of their first experience is 16 while the average age for girls is 16.8. During their first experience, approximately 61 percent of them used a condom and 49.8 percent used when having sex in the last 12 months.

11 percent of youths have had sex with multiple partners in the last 12 months. 26 percent have had sex with four or more partners since their first encounter. 59 percent of this group reported using a condom in their last sexual encounter.

There is no HIV testing rate for this specific group but for individuals age 15 to 49 the statistics shows that 61.4 percent had been tested for HIV at some point in their lives.

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## Econo Diesel Donates Chairs To Welcome Center

The Spanish Lookout Community has an exceptional relationship with the San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town Council and that partnership continued on Friday, September 11, with a donation of 30 chairs to the Cayo Welcome Center by **Ben Barkman** of Econo Diesel.

**Mayor Earl Trapp** received the chairs on behalf of the Welcome Center and expressed the community's gratitude for the kind donation. The chairs will be used for conferences and other community base activities hosted at the center. Mayor Trapp said he looks forward to the continued partnership between the San Ignacio-Santa Elena Town Council and the Spanish



Mayor Earl Trapp and Ben Barkman

Lookout Community.

Econo Diesel is a firm known for diesel engine repairs. They specialize in fixing fuel injectors. After handing over the chairs, Barkman gave Mayor Trapp a tour of his business.

## Girl Dies In Traffic Accident After Twin Town Parade

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*back and my left foot, but that pain is nothing to what I am feeling right now for losing my daughter." She is struggling with the guilt of being the person behind the wheel in an accident that took the life of her daughter. "It is tough," she said, "but I have to remind myself that it was an*

*accident."*

San Ignacio police warn motorists that the location where the accident occurred is very dangerous and ask drivers to exercise caution when approaching the area. On August 15, of this year there was another fatality in the very same location where U.S. national, Davis Turner, 68 had lost his life.



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