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Esquivel Takes The Rap - Pandy Walks

**SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, Monday,
July 2, 2012:**

Police reports the arrest of two boys on a joint marijuana charge. One of them took the rap and the charge against the other one was withdrawn.

At around 1:30 pm on Saturday, June 30, two policemen on a stakeout between Central Farm and the village of Georgeville saw two suspects exiting the location under surveillance. One of the suspects, described as being of maya indian descent, was seen with a knapsack on his back. Upon seeing the police he reportedly

took off the bag and threw it away. The other person, described as being of dark complexion, attempted to run off but was quickly apprehended by the police.

The knapsack was retrieved and found to contain two black plastic bags containing suspected marijuana. Both boys were detained and, along with the suspected weed, were transported to the police station in San Ignacio where, when weighed, the weed tipped the scale at exactly 300 grams. The

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Emerson Esquivel, 19



Marquis Pandy, 18

Belize City Men Busted With Guatemalan Weed

**SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, Monday,
July 2, 2012:**

A Sunday night check point in Central Farm, Cayo, resulted in the arrest of two Belize City men and the confiscation of a sack of weed and the vehicle in which they were travelling.

Acting upon information received the police installed a hasty check point on Sunday night on the Western Highway in Central

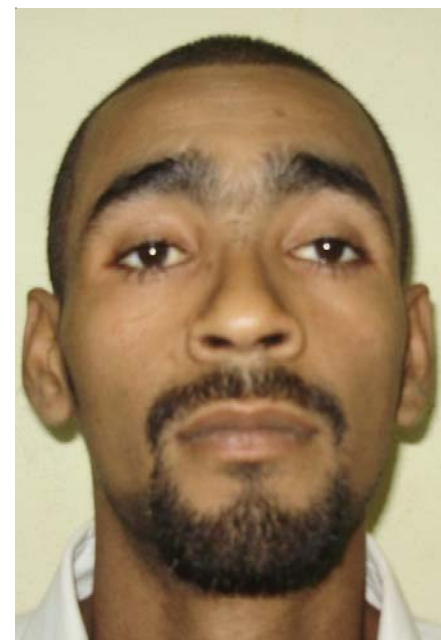
Farm when, shortly after 8:00 pm, a burgundy Jeep Grand Cherokee, with private Belize City license plates 40336 with two persons on board approached the check point and stopped.

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Hugo Castaneda, 27



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Facts Are Stubborn Things

We hear of plans by the local police to, in the coming week, step up the effort geared at strenghtening neighborhood watch groups within the community.

This effort they say *“is a part of our ongoing commitment to eradicate our community of criminals”* This is a commendable effort as it seems that crimes, especially those against life and property, are on the increase.

In its education campaign however, the police might also want to likewise educate itself on the subject of respecting the property of others as the number of reports against the police for *“disrespecting”* citizens’ property is on the increase.

The constitution of the nation, in Part II (c) guarantees, every citizen the right to *“protection for his family life, his personal privacy, the privacy of his home and other property.....”*

Many are the reports of detainees walking into the San Ignacio police station with money in their wallets, gold rings on their fingers, gold chains around their necks and cellular telephones in their pockets all of which are, by Standard Operational Procedures (SOP), removed prior to detention.

Many are those who, when released from detention, walk out of the station sans their valuable personal property and, when they inquire, are threatened with further incarceration if they don’t leave the station at once. Many are those who don’t mind leaving their valuables behind for the dishonest policeman to keep as they are forced into a sense of gratitude to the police for being released although they committed no crime.

Another of those reports was received just this week whereby the husband informed that at the time of detention last evening, on a commitment warrant, his wife had at least \$200 in her purse. He was going to pay the \$600 commitment but by the time he arrived at the station at around 8 o’clock the following morning, the wife was already, since 5 o’clock that morning, whisked off to the big jail in Hattieville without her money. When he tried to get the \$200 to put it with another \$400 he had, he was surprised when the police told him that she left no such money in their care.

There is a prisoners’ property register at the front desk where every piece of property taken from all detainees must be recorded. Every entry must be signed by the police and counter signed by the detainee. For the sake of transparency, this register **MUST** be made public and open for inspection by anyone with a relevant complaint against the police. However, when the attempt was made to review the register, the police acted as if he was guarding North Korea’s plan to launch a missile attack against the western world. This is the way they cover up for each other. The system affords them the means and the protection to engage in criminal behavior. If there was nothing to hide, why did the policeman not open up the register for the husband to inspect and allay his concern. As far as that citizen is concerned, he walked away believing that the police stole his wife’s money.

We know that previous commanding officers have struggled with ways to curtail, if not eradicated this entrenched cancerous dishonest behavior within the local constabulary, notwithstanding their best efforts, the dishonesty continues. As long as this register remains a secret document, as sure as day follows night, dishonest policemen will continue making off with property that does not belong to them.

Belizeans!!! Know your rights. Your personal property must be protected, it is your constitutional right, it is written in the supreme law of the land.

Please know that all activities inside the San Ignacio police station is video recorded. Protect your property!!! When handing over your property to the police, **tell it to the camera**. For eg: *“I am giving you \$500, a gold chain, a gold ring and a Samsung cellular telephone”* take a note of the time of the video recording as a clock hangs right next to the camera. This will allow you to pinpoint the time on the recording when the transaction occurred.



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Like the prisoner register, the video recording must be a public document. It must be viewed by the complainant and the investigating officer at the same time. To tell a complainant that the tape *“will be reviewed”* and that *“we will get back to you”* constitutes nothing more than a grave miscarriage of justice. Apart from maybe the senior ranks, we are yet to see other policemen who do not hasten to cover the tracks of an irregular colleague. Facts are indeed stubborn things.

Esquivel Takes The Rap - Pandy Walks

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boys, both Belizean laborers, were identified as **Emerson Esquivel**, 19, who gave his address as mile 31 on the Western Highway and **Marquis Pandy**, 18, of a Western Highway address in Santa Elena. They were formally arrested and jointly charged for drug trafficking.

They appeared in the San Ignacio courtroom of Magistrate **Narda Morgan** on Monday, July 2, where Esquivel took the rap by pleading guilty to the charge for which he was fined ten thousand

dollars in default three years in jail. He was ordered to pay six thousand dollars forthwith and the balance in less than three months time, by September 30, almost an impossible feat for these petty traffickers.

Esquivel was transported to the central prison in Hattieville where he is expected to spend the next three years of his young life.

The prosecution offered no objection to the request for the withdrawal of the charge against Marquis Pandy and so he walked free.

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A Few Chancy Men Still Around

SANIGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, July 4, 2012:

The incident of last Monday evening July 2, in Santa Elena, is a cruel reminder that there are still a few chancy men in our community.

The report reaching us indicate that a ten year old boy was on his way home after buying sugar and chips from a Chinese store when he was attacked by a grown man who robbed him of the three dollars and fifty cents change he was carrying in his pocket.

In a statement to the police, in the presence of his father, the child informed that he was on Bishop Martin Street in Santa Elena on his way home when a man grabbed the handle bar of the bicycle he was riding.

The man reportedly drew a black bicycle pump and slammed the boy with it to the right side of the neck. The man demanded money from the boy and when the child told him that he had no money, the man reportedly threatened to slam him a second time with the pump.

Fearing for his safety, the boy said that he was in the process of pushing his hand into his pocket to get the money for the man when the man grabbed him by the hand and instead inserted his hand into the child's pocket. The man then pulled out the three dollar coins and the two quarters that the child was carrying home as change from the purchase.

A police vehicle just happened to be passing the area shortly thereafter when they came upon the child crying as he was making his way home. The police stopped and asked the child what was wrong this was when the child recounted the incident.

The child described the attacker as being a man with long hair, wearing a brown shirt and a black cap. Within minutes the police spotted a man fitting the description. The man was



**The Accused
Edgar Jimenez, 26**

detained and when searched was found to be in possession of the black bicycle pump and three dollar coins and two quarters. The suspect was brought back to where the child was. He was positively identified by the child as being the attacker.

The man was later identified as **Edgar Jimenez, 26**, Belizean carpenter of an Orange Street address in Santa Elena.

The police visited the child's house where the father was asked to accompany them to the police station. The child, accompanied by the father, was transported to the community hospital in San Ignacio where he was examined by **Dr. Fidel Cuellar** who certified the injury as harm.

The accused, Edgar Jimenez, was consequently arrested and charged for robbery and harm. He appeared, on Tuesday, July 3, in the courtroom of Magistrate **Narda Morgan** where he pled not guilty to both charges. When questioned about coincidentally being in possession of the black pump and the exact change and in the denominations reported by the child, the man told the court that he was drunk and did not

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know what he was doing – as it being drunk is any excuse for criminal behavior.

Concurring with the prosecution's request, and in an expressed effort to protect other

innocent children, Magistrate Morgan proceeded to remand the accused to jail for almost two months ordering for him to be brought back to court on Friday, August 31, 2012.

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The Tragic Passing of Marco Tulio Polanco

SANIGNACIO, Cayo, Monday, July 2, 2012:

The post-mortem examination conducted today on the body of a San Ignacio construction worker confirmed that he was crushed to death when a section of the building he was working on, collapsed killing him on the spot.

It was at around 2:30 on the evening of Friday, June 29, when police were called to the Guadalupe Street apartment building of San Ignacio business-man **Nelson Tillett** where they were directed to the scene of the tragic incident.

The body was removed

and transported to the nearby community hospital in San Ignacio where, upon arrival ten minutes later, the medical officer on duty, **Dr. Fidel Cuellar** officially pronounced it dead and ordered for it to be placed in the morgue.

The deceased, identified as **Marco Tulio Polanco**, 42, of a 10th Street address in San Ignacio, was found with a large cut wound to the right side of the head, a puncture wound to the left

and right sides of the chest as well as a large cut wound to the left foot.

The police investigation revealed that Polanco was under a recently constructed stairway removing the form board when it suddenly collapsed upon him.

The post-mortem examination certified the cause of death as exsanguinations due to internal bleeding resulting from heart and chest trauma. Police suspect no foul play classifying the incident as an accident.



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NOTICE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BELIZE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



The Government of Belize is inviting students to apply for the Belize Scholarship Award for 2012. The qualifying examination for the award of the scholarship is the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE).

Academic Requirement

The Belize Scholarship will be awarded to the Belizean student who achieves the best results with:

- Grades 1 or 11 in six CAPE units comprising at least two “two-unit” courses, Communication Studies and Caribbean Studies taken within two (2) years of initial enrollment in an Associate Degree program at a tertiary level institution.

The award will be as provided under the Belize Scholarship Act Chapter 34 of the Subsidiary Laws of Belize RE 2003. The recipient of the award, however, must have his/her proposed course of study and his/her university of choice approved by the Ministry of Education.

The recipient of the award will be required to return to Belize whenever he/she successfully completes his/her course of study. Thereupon, he/she will practice his/her profession for a period representing two years of service for the first year of the scholarship period, and one year of service for each subsequent year. The maximum period of service is seven years.

Conditions of Entry-

- Every candidate shall –
 - Be not more than twenty-four on the first day of October in his/her year of candidature;
 - Be a citizen of Belize;
 - Have been born in Belize or, if not born in Belize, have been born of parents one of whom-
 - Was domiciled in Belize at the time of the birth of such candidate; or
 - Has resided in Belize for at least ten years ending with the month prior to that in which the examination is held; or
 - Has died in Belize;

Provided that in such case the candidate him/herself has resided in Belize for at least ten years next preceding the thirty-first day of July in his/her year of candidature;

- Have resided in Belize for at least five years next preceding the thirty-first day of July in his/her year of candidature;
 - Be of good personal character, vouched for to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Education; and
 - Not later than the last date of entry to the qualifying examination in his/her year of candidature, notify the Chief Education Officer (in such form as he/she may describe) that he/she is a candidate for the scholarship in the next year.
- For the purpose of subparagraph (d) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation, a candidate who, during the five years next preceding the thirty-first day of July in his year of candidature, has resided
 - or is residing in a territory outside Belize for the purpose of receiving his education in that territory shall be deemed to have been resident in Belize.
 - A person may be candidate on more than one occasion so long as he/she fulfills all the requirements of these Regulations.
 - Every candidate shall comply with the requirements of the Chief Education Officer as to fees, forms, date of entrance and all other matters relating to his/her qualifying examinations.

The scholarship award will cover tuition and fees, books, one return air travel and room and board to a maximum of eighty-five thousand (\$85,000) Belize dollars.

Candidates must obtain and submit application forms through the Dean of their particular Junior College Institution. The Ministry of Education will only accept completed applications with the required documents.

Completed applications must reach the Chief Education Officer (Attn: Director, Tertiary Unit), Ministry of Education, West Block, Belmopan, no later than **Friday 20th July, 2012.**



PUBLIC NOTICE



Public Utilities Commission (PUC')

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Utilities Commission Act, Chapter 223 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity Act, Chapter 221 of the Laws of Belize, the Electricity (Tariffs, Fees and Charges) Byelaws, and all other powers thereunto enabling, the Public Utilities Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission) hereby notifies the general public that it has made and issued the **2012 Annual Review Proceeding Final Decision** (hereinafter referred to as “the Final Decision”) for the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL; the Licensee).

Summary of the Final Decision:

a) The Commission approved the following Tariffs, Fees and Charges:

Approved Tariffs for remainder of Full Tariff Period (FTP) - July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2016

Customer Class	Service Type/ Consumption Block	Rate/Tariff
Commercial 1	0 - 50 KWhrs	0.33
	51-200 KWhrs	0.41
	>200 KWhrs	0.44
	Minimum Charge	5.00
Commercial 2	Service Charge	100.00
	0-10,000 KWhrs	0.42
	10,001-20,000 KWhrs	0.41
	20,000 KWhrs	0.40

Approved Fees and Charges effective July 1, 2012

Service Fes and Charges/Penalties		
Description	Customer Classification	Fee/Charge (\$, %)
New Connection		200.00
Temporary Supply		120.00
Service Upgrade		55.00
Service Relocation		55.00
Move In/ Activation/ Transfer		40.00
Temporary Disconnection by Request	Social, Residential, Commercial 1 & 2	10.00
	Industrial	100.00
Reconnection (Temporary Disconnection by Request)	Social, Residential, Commercial 1 & 2	10.00
	Industrial	100.00
Reconnection (Disconnection for Non-payment)	Social	10.00
	Residential	15.00
	Commercial 1 & 2	25.00
Reconnection at Pole (Disconnection for Non-Payment or Tampering		100.00
Replacement of damaged Meter		98.00
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Replacement of Meter due to service/Meter Tampering *		40.00
Pole Rental (Monthly Fee per Pole)	Telecommunications Operators (PSTN , Etc.)	2.70
	Cable Operators - Cities/Towns	1.46
	Cable Operators - Rural	1.16
Late Payment Penalty (Applied to Arrears over 30 days less amount held as Deposit)	Commercial 2, Industrial	0.83 % /Month
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Service Size	Customer Classification	Fee/Charge (\$)
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100 Amps Service	Residential	100.00
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125 Amps Service	Residential	100.00
	Commercial 1	200.00
	Commercial 2	1,000.00
200 Amps Service	Residential	100.00
	Commercial 1	200.00
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Notes:

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Where any requested service requires that extraordinary costs be incurred by a Licensee, the Licensee may recover some or all of such costs as determined according to a relevant methodology contained in any relevant and approved Code of Practice required by the Conditions of the Licence granted to such Licensee.

* To be applied, together with other applicable fees/charges/penalties, after summary conviction for Service/Meter Tampering.

b) The Commission approves no adjustments to any other previously approved Regulated Values, Mean Electricity Rates and Tariffs contained in the **BELIZE ELECTRICITY LIMITED 2011-2012 FULL TARIFF REVIEW PROCEEDING FINAL DECISION.**

Viewing of Final Decision/Report of Independent Expert:

The Final Decision and the Report of the Independent Expert may be viewed in their entirety at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission at 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, or on its Website at www.puc.bz.

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Your Weekly Horoscope & Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20

The pace of things is likely to slow down a bit compared to what was happening last week. Take this time to do some planning and stabilizing. You have plowed forth into the fields. Now stop and assess what you have accomplished. Take things one step at a time and don't get ahead of yourself. Be patient and things will come your way naturally. **Lucky numbers: 01, 34, 50.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21

You might find that there is a quality of dreaminess to your emotions this week that keeps you from focusing on the task at hand. People are likely to be stubborn and confused, and you could be one of them. It might seem as if your mind is going in two directions and you aren't sure which way to proceed. Try to incorporate more of your dreams into your waking reality. **Lucky numbers: 13, 40, 72.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21

Little voices are whispering in your ear this week. They could be asking you to join them in the clouds. You might get the feeling that there is a lot of tension between what your heart has to say and what your mind has to say. Don't be surprised if the energy of the day leaves you confused by the time the day ends. Don't stress about making hard decisions or commitments. **Lucky numbers: 10, 34, 56.**

CANCER:

June 22 to July 23

Someone could be prodding you to take action this week. It might be best if you beat them to it and motivate yourself. Stay a step or

two ahead of the herd. Lead your own stampede and go wherever you want to go. It's quite likely that you will run into conflict regarding issues about which you feel strongly about. **Lucky numbers: 65, 83, 00.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

You might experience a great deal of emotional confusion this week. There is a debate brewing inside you. You are having a hard time deciding whether to pursue the practical or the fanciful. Looking to others for help could only add to the confusion, so take their advice with a grain of salt. If nothing seems clear to you, then wait it out and proceed when you have a better handle on things. **Lucky numbers: 04, 21, 49.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

Keeping things in balance will be a challenge this week. You are likely to find that there is conflict brewing that doesn't seem to want resolution. It is OK. Don't press the issue. You may find that the best solution is to escape into the clouds and come back to reality when the storm has settled. There is no need to try to untangle the knots if they simply don't want to budge. **Lucky numbers: 17, 29, 63.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

Tension is likely to arise in many different areas of your life. It is possible that you are either too dreamy or too practical for the issue at hand. It is important for you to strike a balance. The toughest part will be finding people and situations that agree with you. Other people are likely to be quite inflexible and stubborn, and you may have

to adapt in order to reach a compromise. **Lucky numbers: 32, 44, 79.**

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

Last week's trajectory might run into a couple of snags this week. You could find that your dreamy nature conflicts with the planned and steady. This conflict of interests may be creating some tension that will be difficult to work with. Your emotions are apt to deceive you, so try not to get pulled off course by a passing whim. Try to keep your feelings well grounded. **Lucky numbers: 24, 59, 76.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

Try to keep yourself in line with your emotions this week. It is possible that a powerful yet subtle force is slowly trying to pull you off track. If so, think about taking a break and doing some physical activity to get your blood pumping. Go for a walk with a friend to help clear your head so you can think more rationally about the decisions you need to make. **Lucky numbers: 38, 51, 89.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

You could find that an emotional issue rubs you the

wrong way this week. Your tendency is to want to escape. Try to do so in a healthy manner. Go out and see a movie or read a book. Don't fall prey to the temptation to indulge in more dangerous pursuits. That would only push the problems away temporarily. When they resurface again, they could be even harder to handle. **Lucky numbers: 07, 46, 62.**

AQUARIUS:

January 21 to February 19

Your artistic side may want to take to the airwaves in some way this week. Your dreams need a vehicle for distribution. Give them the means to be dispersed to others. You have the ability to inspire many people. Take this ability seriously and make use of your creative talents. **Lucky numbers: 43, 58, 77.**

PISCES:

February 20 to March 21

You could find that what was so light and active last week runs into roadblocks this week. It might seem as if you are suddenly heading straight for a brick wall regarding some of your current projects. Suddenly there is a more reserved tone to things, and you may have lost a bit of your precious momentum. Use this time to back off and reassess the wisdom of your direction. **Lucky numbers: 22, 36, 94.**

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Will Cristo Rey Village Ever Get Water Again?

By: Mary Susan Loan

The Cristo Rey village water crisis is entering the third dry month. Prior to April 25, 2012 the water coming from faucet was sporadic, but at least a few days per week there was water to wash with, cook with and drink. Now there is none. Villagers have been washing their clothes, dishes and themselves and their families in the nearby Macal River, though the water is considered to be unsanitary many villagers are forced to continue to depend on the river as a water source and carry dishes and laundry and water jugs to the river. Several incidents of gastro-intestinal infections and rashes have affected residents of Cristo Rey, especially the children. In recent weeks, a water tanker has been providing water from Central farm to some of the village residents on an irregular schedule. This water is not potable. The gas and payroll costs for the tanker could have gone a long way to helping the dry village get a new pump/motor.

There are many opinions and theories about why there is no tap

water in the village, but no one seems to know what is being done. The problem stems from the village water pump. There has been a lot of talk, but no action. The latest scuttlebutt is that the pump is ok, but the motor is broken. So far there have been only two village meetings both were highly attended by the frustrated and angry citizens of Cristo Rey, then weeks of silence. The news media initially took an interest in the situation and things seemed hopeful. We all heard "be patient, two more weeks". It has been many weeks still no resolution or information about what is or is not being done.

During the campaign season the motto on the billboards was "Let the progress continue." No water for months, the village internet café inoperable for over a year, and no village board meetings leads one to ask, "What progress?" The village chairperson advises Cristo Rey residents to "Mind your water" as the tanker may be needed to dampen the roads. Meanwhile there is no end in sight for the empty taps in Cristo Rey village.

Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital



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Date: 1st July 2012

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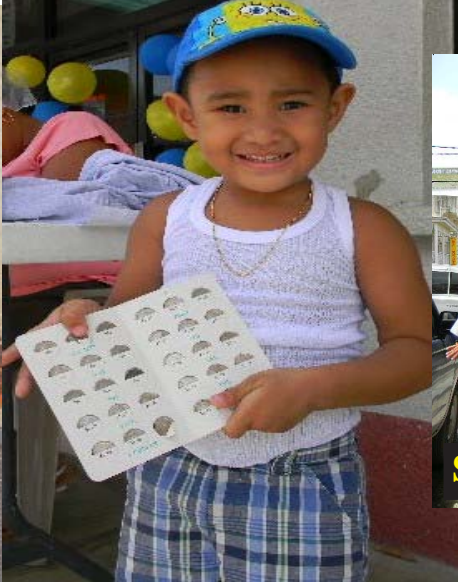
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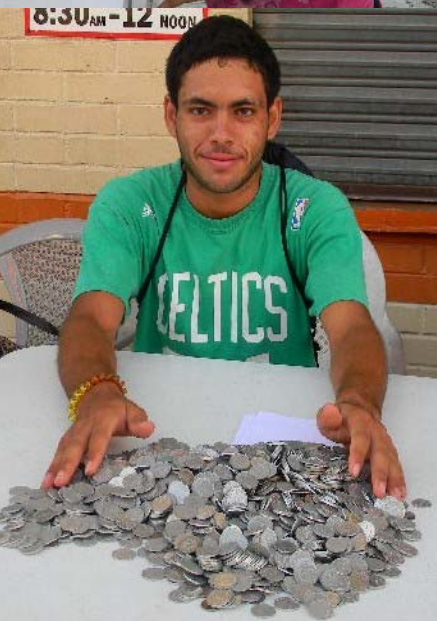


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"I have known Maria for four and a half months", responded Mr. Brown.

"Don't be silly Brown, how can that child be yours when the cycle takes nine months", said the nurse.

"You are right, that baby can never be mine. Let me go in and get Maria for trying to fool me", said Mr. Brown.

He rushes into the room and puts the question to Maria.

"Don't be silly Brown" said Maria, "You have known me for four and a half months and I have known you for four and a half months. Four and a half plus four and a half months, is that not nine months?" asked Maria.

"Your are right", responded Mr. Brown "That darn nurse was trying to fool me"

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Ministry Of Health

Monthly Report



Ministry Donate Machines For Dengue Control Program



The Ministry of Health handed over a Ultra Low Volume fogging (ULV) machine to the San Pedro Town Council to assist in its Dengue and Mosquito control efforts.

This donation compliments a donation done last year in which a machine was given to replace one

that was there previously. Both machines are valued at a total cost of \$70,200.00.

The Ministry was also please to hand over a another new ULV machine to the Northern Region which had one machine for the Corozal district and one in the Orange Walk district. The region now

has three machines.

Minister of Health, **Hon. Pablo Marin** especially welcomed the donation in the north because it

Ministry of Health participates in Indigenous Children Symposium

The Ministry of Health was pleased to be a part of a two day symposium focusing on indigenous children and adolescent rights which was held on 7-8 June 2012 in Punta Gorda Town.

Dr. Peter Allen, Chief Executive Officer in The Ministry of Health gave the keynote address in which he conveyed the Ministry's support for the initiatives taken to assist indigenous children.

The main objective of the Symposium was to articulate and draft an agenda for indigenous children and adolescents as part of the National Plan of Action at the national and

strengthens the capacity of the program to cover the continuously expanding urban communities.

A six week project is also currently taking place in the northern villages of Xaibe, Ranchito, Caledonia, Patchakan, San Victor and San Narciso.

The Health Education Bureau of the Ministry encourages the cooperation of the community when the spraying is done in your neighborhood.

Despite the odor, it is advised to keep windows and doors open so that the fumes reach possible infected mosquitos that may be hiding inside homes.

local levels.

During the two days, discussions were held on the programs and policies that presently exist for indigenous children and adolescents and also on the indigenous rights of children with an action to safeguard their rights.

The Ministry of Health is committed to contribute in safeguarding the rights of our indigenous children and adolescents. The symposium was held under the theme: *"Safeguarding the Rights of Indigenous Children and Adolescents."*

Belizeans to benefit from grant to improve the Belize Health Information System

The Ministry of Health is currently benefitting from a grant as part of the Global Fund Round 9. A component of the grant focuses on strenghtening the Health Systems and as a result, the Belize Health Information System (BHIS) will be expanded to improving the use of health information for decision making.

The contract was signed last month and it will be used to provide services in the development of an Operational Model, development of a metadata dictionary and solution design which will be carried out in three phases.

A fourth phase will include the construction of a National Health Data Repository which will also include training, support, use and

maintenance.

The Ministry is committed to the development of a National Health Data Repository. This repository would also include information coming from other government ministries and departments, the private health sector, Non-government organizations, faith-based rganizations and international agencies.

Minister of Health, **Hon. Pablo Marin** continues to pledge his government's committment to improve the National Health System of Belize and he is supporting the completion and implementation of this project.

The grant project is valued at approximately BZ\$400,000 dollars and it is expected to be completed in 2015.

Regional HIV Testing Day

Although the Caribbean celebrated its fifth Anniversary of the annual Regional HIV Testing Day, Belize joins this regional effort for the first time through the collaboration of Scotiabank Belize, Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Health and the National AIDS Commission.

In response to the need to heighten HIV awareness and public interest in testing, Belize joined regional partners in conducting HIV Testing and Counseling in four of the most affected districts across the country: Orange Walk, Belize, Cayo and Stann Creek.

A total of 830 tests were done countrywide meeting the country target of 500 as follows:

1. Belize City - 285 HIV rapid tests,
2. Orange Walk - 250 HIV rapid tests,
3. San Ignacio - 187 HIV rapid tests,
4. Dangriga - 108 HIV rapid tests.

HIV testing is an important part of prevention and treatment efforts. Studies show that those who learn they are HIV positive modify their behavior to reduce the risk of HIV transmission.

The Ministry of Health extends special thanks to everyone who participated in the initiative.

HECOPAB conducts workshop for Community Health Workers



Last month the Health Education Community and Participation Bureau (HECOPAB) of the Ministry commenced a series of workshops countrywide to access and evaluate Community Health Workers. The workshops focus on the functions of the workers and it also identifies the weaknesses from the community's perspective in service delivery and action plans.

Workshops have been conducted in the Stann Creek and Toledo districts.

Health Eduation Officer, **Mrs. Arlette Sheppard** is facilitating the

workshops and she mentioned that so far the response has been very positive. She also mentioned that emphasis on the program is on the Maternal and Child Health program and preventative practices on communicable diseases.

The Ministry employs 245 Community Health workers across Belize.

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Ceibo Chico Conservation Post And South Chiquibul Joint Enforcement Unit Launched

CHIQUEIBUL NATIONAL PARK, Cayo, Wednesday, July 4, 2012:

The **Ceibo Chico Conservation Post** and the formation of the **South Chiquibul Joint Enforcement Unit** was launched today in the **Chiquibul National Park**. Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and Sustainable Development, **Senator Hon Lisel Alamilla** gave the keynote address while Lieutenant Colonel **Louis Sutherland** from Camp Belizario, Central Farm, Cayo and Assistant Superintendent **Amin August** from the Police Department addressed the participants to this event which took place at Tapir Camp in the Chiquibul National Park.



Presentation of document to FCD by Minister Alamilla for managing Las Cuevas Research Station

The Ceibo Chico Conservation Post situated on the extreme southern flank of the Chiquibul Forest comes about as a result of

a Cabinet directive to bolster enforcement in the Chiquibul Forest. This joint forces presence comprised of **FCD** park rangers, **BDF**, **Forest Department** and **Police** personnel has the key objective of addressing the ongoing illegal activities taking place in the southern region of the Chiquibul forest.

Attending the ceremony were representatives from the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, **British Embassy**, **PACT**, **Bullridge Timber Company**, **Forest Department**, **Fisheries Department**, **Special Patrol Unit**, **Government Press Office**, **National Security Council** and **Camp Belizario**.

Minister Alamilla unveiled the

plaque commemorating the launching of the Conservation Post and the four institutions, namely the **BDF**, **Police Department**, **Forest Department** and **FCD** signed the **Ceibo Chico Protocol**. The protocol stipulates the standing operating procedures and specifies the role of each participating institution.

Funding for the installation of the Ceibo Chico Conservation Post was obtained from the **Protected Areas Conservation Trust** and the **FAO/FLEGTACP (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Support Programme for African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries)**.

After this launching ceremony, Minister Alamilla travelled to **Las Cuevas Research Station** where the Chief Forest Officer provided the official authorization for FCD to administrate and manage this research station. The vision of Las Cuevas Research Station is to document and make known the biodiversity of the Maya Forest and contribute practical knowledge to its sustainable development and conservation. Las Cuevas is located in the Chiquibul Forest Reserve, 15 km away from the FCD Ranger headquarters. FCD expects to create the Las Cuevas Commission, comprised of several national and international partners, with the aim of assisting FCD in guiding management of this station.



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Opponent Demand Recount In Mexico's Presidential Election

MEXICO CITY, July 5, 2012:

Mexico's electoral authorities have announced a recount of votes cast at more than half the polling stations in Sunday's presidential election after finding inconsistencies.

Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador of the leftist PRD had demanded a total recount after initial results put him in second place.

He accused leading candidate Enrique Pena Nieto of breaking electoral rules.

Mr Ernesto Pena Nieto of the PRI denied allegations his party had bought votes.

Preliminary results gave Mr Pena Nieto a lead of more than six percentage points over Mr Lopez Obrador.

Executive Secretary of the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE) **Edmundo Jacobo** said the recount was "*an exercise in openness and transparency*".

He said votes cast at 78,012 of the 143,132 polling stations would be recounted.

Results at some two-thirds of polling stations will also be re-examined in the elections for the federal congress.

According to Mexico's electoral law, votes should be recounted if any of the following apply:

- a) there are inconsistencies in the final tally reports
- b) the result shows a difference of one percentage point or less between the first and second-placed candidate
- c) all the votes in one ballot box are cast in favour of the same candidate.

Mr Lopez Obrador had demanded a full recount citing evidence of widespread irregularities.

"Where these things happen, there needs to be a recount of the votes. It is not asking for a favour; it is asking for the law to be fulfilled," he said on Tuesday.

He has said the process itself was neither fair nor clean, accusing Mr Pena Nieto's Institutional Revolutionary party (PRI) of spending more than their allotted electoral budget and condemning biased media coverage.

There have also been allegations of vote-buying, which Mr Pena Nieto denied.



Ernesto Pena Nieto, 45

He told the BBC's Will Grant in Mexico City that he was "*completely clear that the party acted within the law*".

Asked about videos showing

voters claiming they received credit with a major supermarket chain in exchange for their votes, Mr Pena Nieto said they had been faked. He added that although vote-counting was still under way, there was no doubt the Mexican people had expressed their will, giving him a lead over his nearest rival of more than 3.2m votes.

Mr Pena Nieto said he was disappointed Mr Lopez Obrador had not recognised the result.

He said his rival had a long record of refusing to accept defeat.

After losing the 2006 presidential election by a narrow margin to **Felipe Calderon**, Mr Lopez Obrador launched street

protests that lasted for several months.

Preliminary results put Mr Pena Nieto on 38.15% and Mr Lopez Obrador on 31.64%.

The BBC's **Will Grant** in Mexico City says Mr Pena Nieto now faces an uncomfortable period.

Another correspondent says even though he continues to hold the lead, there is a long legal process to go before any candidate is officially confirmed as Mexico's president-elect.

The final official results after the count and recount should be completed by next Sunday.

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Successful Lobster Festivals 2012



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BY: Lenny Ayuso
Local Press and Events Officer,
Belize Tourism Board
Belize City, Wednesday, July 4,
2012:

The Lobster Festival concluded this weekend as Caye Caulker hosted its last day of festivities.

The lobster feasting started in San Pedro on June 15th – 24th, Placencia hosted its 15th Annual Placencia Lobster Festival from

June 22nd - 24th and the 17th Annual Caye Caulker Lobster Festival started on June 29th and concluded on July 1st.

Every year, the Lobster Festivals are enjoyed by both locals and international visitors. **Shola Babb**, Media & Public Relations Manager at the BTB shared, *“The Lobster Festivals are celebrated in Belize to announce the opening of*

Lobster Season – the Lobster being one of Belize’s most succulent crustaceans. It is the perfect opportunity to taste lobster just about any way you like it, whether it is grilled, in a ceviche, a ravioli or sushi.”

The three festivals were uniquely different in their

offerings. San Pedro was ambitious and offered a record-breaking 10, event-filled, days with a special **“Lobster Crawl 2012 Passport”** opportunity. This granted one lucky participant an all-inclusive trip for San Pedro Lobster Festival 2013!

A highlight of the 15th Annual Placencia Lobster Festival was that this year; it coincided with the 50th Anniversary of the Placencia Fishermen’s Cooperative.

Caye Caulker’s 17th Annual Festival, **Sylvia Marie** was crowned Miss Lobster Fest 2012-2013.

While the Lobster festivities have come to an end, the Lobster Season has not. The season in Belize opened on June 14th and will close on February 14th 2013. With the success of this year’s festivals, both locals and visitors can look forward to expect an even more festive Lobster Season in 2013.

For more information on Belize’s Lobster Festivals and other events occurring in Belize, visit <http://www.travelbelize.org/events>.

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Meet Charles The Tree Frog

A newly discovered tree frog has been named after Prince Charles in recognition of his charity work to protect their rainforest homes. Hyloscirtus princecharlesi, or the Prince Charles stream tree frog, was first discovered by **Dr. Luis A. Coloma** in 2008 amongst specimens collected for a museum. A subsequent

expedition in theCotacachi-Cayapas National Park, Ecuador, found limited numbers of the frogs after areas of the forest were cleared for agriculture. Two juvenile frogs are now being raised in captivity as part of the Amphibian Ark project in the hope they will breed and eventually boost populations in the wild.



Belize City Men Busted With Guatemalan Weed

Continued From Front Page

brown sack, with spanish words, tucked inside the spare wheel well in the back portion of the Cherokee. When the sack was opened it was found to contain a large quantity of suspected marijuana.

The two occupants of the vehicle were instantly detained. The driver was identified as **Hugo Castaneda**, 27, Belizean businessman of #1 Central American Boulevard in Belize City while the passenger was identified as **Mason Patnett** who gave his ad-

dress as #2086 Felcan Street, Vista Del Mar, Ladyville. They were searched resulting in the discovery of one thousand four hundred and twenty nine dollars on Castaneda and five hundred and seventy dollars on Patnett for a combined total of one thousand nine hundred and ninety nine dollars which police say is suspected to be the proceeds of drug sales.

The suspected marijuana was weighed amounting to exactly 16 pounds resulting in the arresting and formal charging of Castaneda



The Jeep Grand Cherokee with license plates BZ-C- 40336

and Patnett on a joint drug trafficking charge.

They appeared in the San Ignacio courtroom of Magistrate **Narda Morgan** where they pled not guilty to the charge. Much to

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