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# Pech Walks Free

**SANIGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, July 23, 2012:**

This murder case did not even make it to the Supreme Court as it was dismissed right at the magistrate court level in San Ignacio Town.

The murder charge against **Geovanni Pech**, 24, at the time of the October 11, 2013 death of his cousin **Leroy Moises Tzib**, was today dismissed by magistrate **Narda Morgan** when the police could not produce a case file.

The accused walked free out of the San Ignacio Town courtroom



**The Accused  
 Geovanni Pech, 24**

after spending almost 10 months

in jail.

Prior to dismissing the capital charge magistrate Morgan noted that the instruction from the office of the Director Of Public Prosecutions was for the civilian prosecutor not to interfere in the case and for it to be left to the police to prosecute as it is alleged that, in keeping with established protocols prior to the institution of a capital charge, the police did not consult with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. The file has since been held in limbo. The charge was consequently dismissed *"due to lack of cooperation between the police and DPP"*, as noted by the presiding magistrate.



**The Deceased  
 Leroy Moises Tzib, 21**

The report indicates that it was just after 8:00 o'clock on a Friday night, October 11, 2013 when the deceased, **Leroy Tzib**, 21, left home to a neighborhood

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## Miss Manchie Laid To Rest



**Miss Manchi Jones**

**SANTAELENA, Cayo, Thursday, July 24, 2014:**

It is with profound sadness that we record last week's passing of a pioneer resident of Santa Elena, **Miss Manchie Jones**.

A faithful serving member of the Catholic Church, Ms. Manchie is pre-deceased by her husband, **Wilward "Willie" Jones** and a son **Randy Jones**. She is survived by daughters; **Florence, Priscilla, Sonia, Laura, Catherine** and

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### Flogging A Dead Horse

The case against UDP Cayo Northeast Area Representative **Elvin Penner** was one that even the layman on the street referred to as “*flogging a dead horse*” notwithstanding, the exception opposition lawyer continued flogging it thereby ending up with egg all over his face. It was the singular flogging horse in the opposition arsenal.

Mark our words, with nothing else to flog, the sole opposition lawyer/opposition Caribbean Shores Area Representative aspirant, will appeal the magistrate’s decision as he continues foolishly flogging a now legally confirmed dead horse as they sit in their individual corners hoping and praying for something else to flog. This opportunity, it seems, will never come their way as Prime Minister **Dean Barrow** continues to steer his administration in the right direction.

The three renationalized public utilities are functioning exceptionally well with the electricity company continuously decreasing rates while the telephone company, in conjunction with the Government of Belize, is on the verge of announcing cheaper internet rates and the water company is keeping rates affordable while expanding services, replacing aged underground assets and improving water and waste water services

countrywide.

Public officers and pensioners are receiving up to 9% increase in salaries and pensions.

Government this week announced the unfreezing of public officers’ salaries frozen for several years.

The Prime Minister, just this week, pulled off a major public relations coup when he visited the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital for personal medical care thereby injecting confidence in the nation’s flag-ship medical facility.

The people’s leader persona of our Prime Minister will be further amplified this Sunday at 8:00 pm with the unprecedented up-close and personal interview airing on every television station in the nation.

All of this is happening simultaneously with the unabated and unprecedented transformation of the nation’s infrastructure coupled with the spinoff increase in employment taking place in the north, south, east and west of the land we call home.

The sustained police operations in Belize City is producing the desired results as the opposition is hoping and praying for it to be discontinued only to be replaced with the senseless loss of human life in the old capital.

Belize is on the right path. There is NO TURNING BACK.

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## Movie Nights At The Cayo Welcome Center

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The bambu tee, in conjunction with D Catch , Masabaduga, Yoli's Pizza (all business owners operating in the Welcome Center) are working in partnership with the Center's Committee in organizing social activities.

The first such activity is Movie Night held on Wednesdays and Sundays. Residence of the twin towns and visitor alike are gathering at the Welcome Center on Movie Nights to watch the Movie garnering the most votes by customers visiting bambu tee, during the daytime hours.

We encourage families to bring out the children and friends for Movie Nights at the Welcome Center. Movie starts at 7:00 pm.

Our Welcome Center was built for us to use and enjoyment Let us come out and socialize in Peace, Love and Harmony.

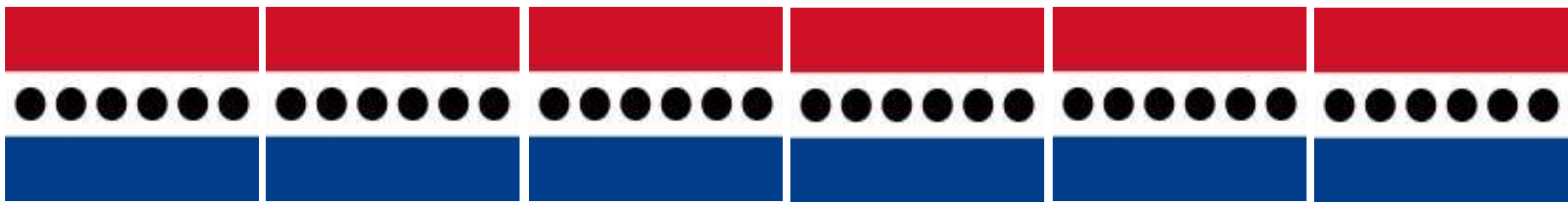


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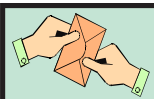
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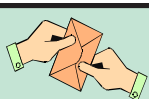
**Vote #15 Nick Singh**







## Readers Write



Dear Editor;

Thank you for last week's article showcasing **Dibary Store on Burns Avenue in San Ignacio**. After reading the article on Friday night, I decided to visit the store Saturday morning. I found it to be just like the article informed. I was not disappointed.

The new development in San Ignacio is indeed attracting a new and elevated caliber of stores in our community. Like the article said, I too felt like I was in an international store when I

entered. Apart from good prices, I also found that there were ample staff in the store to attend to customers.

A new era in the way we shop, indeed dawning in our community. I encourage everyone to visit Dibary Store on Burns Avenue in San Ignacio and experience the difference. Thank you for the article, please continue promoting those who are contributing to the transformation of our community.

**Carmen Lopez**

### Don't Cry Over Spilled Shampoo

BY: Tracie Miles

*"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy." James 1:2 (NLT)*

What began as a simple plan to renovate a bathroom in dire need of updating, quickly morphed our entire house into a disaster zone.

Due to unanticipated electrical and plumbing issues, the mess extended beyond the bathroom, affecting multiple rooms in the house. Due to bad advice and disappointing work, the project dragged on for months.

I could write my name in the layer of sheetrock dust on all the furniture, despite how many bottles of furniture polish I used. Then our old air conditioning unit

kicked the bucket, and our checking account was about to do the same. But it was a bottle of spilled shampoo in the one bathroom my family of five had been sharing that pushed me over the edge.

The day after splurging on an oversized bottle of moisturizing shampoo, I found it on the floor of the bathroom with half the contents spilled into a huge gooey puddle. I cleaned it up in silent aggravation. But the following day when I found it on the floor again, in yet another big puddle, tears began to spill as easily as that shampoo had from the bottle.

Later that day, I whined to a friend about my frustrating circumstances. She gently suggested I read James 1:2. I

confess, I wasn't in the mood to look up a Bible verse. But thankfully I did, and reading this verse prompted me to pause, think and refocus.

James 1:2 says, *"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy."*

I thought about how blessed we were to have lived in our home for 17 years, where we've raised all our children. I thought about the sweet memories our home held, despite its condition. I thought about the lessons we were learning as a family about tolerance, closeness, consideration and perseverance. I thought about the blessing of being able to afford the renovation.

As I focused on my blessings, all the small annoyances suddenly seemed much less important. I had countless reasons to be thankful, but had allowed daily frustrations and disappointments to steal my joy. In fact, my problems were nothing compared to the people James was addressing in today's key verse.

James wrote to Christians who

were experiencing severe persecution, facing various trials and sufferings. They endured difficult adversities and injustices, and were juggling an array of emotions including fear, mourning, confusion and loneliness.

James encouraged them to pause and refocus on their faith, even when life was hard. He knew that such times presented the opportunity to persevere and practice finding joy in Christ, despite their circumstances.

These daily problems can cause us to lose focus on things that really matter, and fill our hearts with fear, sorrow, frustrations, hopelessness and anger — things that steal our joy in Christ.

Sometimes we allow trivial things to steal our joy, such as a bottle of spilled shampoo. At other times we may reach a breaking point for much more serious reasons. But whether our problems are big or small, James 1:2 reminds us to purposely and intentionally choose joy in Christ, even in the midst of our troubles.

Joy comes from choice, not problem-free circumstances, and James wanted us all to know that.



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### EAST BLOCK & SOUTH BLOCK/GREEN HILLS EIAs (Agricultural Projects) EIA Lodgment & Public Consultation

The General Public is hereby informed that **Spanish Lookout Community Corporation Limited** has applied to the Department of the Environment (DOE) for environmental clearance for two separate agricultural development projects, being **SOUTH BLOCK/GREEN HILLS & EAST BLOCK** situated in the Spanish Lookout Region Cayo District and Yalbac Area, Orange Walk District, respectively.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) has been prepared for each of these proposed development projects, and these have been submitted to the Department of the Environment. The EIAs will be reviewed by the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC) before a final decision is taken by the DOE. The General Public is hereby informed that the EIAs will be available for public review and to submit their comments on or before **August 26, 2014** to the Department of Environment at Market Square, Belmopan City; Fax : 822-2860; Tel: 822-2548; 822-2819 or E-mail: [envirodept@ffsd.gov.bz](mailto:envirodept@ffsd.gov.bz) or [doe.eiaunit@ffsd.gov.bz](mailto:doe.eiaunit@ffsd.gov.bz).

**Kindly be informed that a Public Consultation for both EIAs will be held on August 21, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Country Side Park, Spanish Lookout Community, Cayo District.**

**Copies of the report may be perused at the offices of:** Chairman of La Gracia, Chairman of Los Tambos, Chairman of Yalbac, San Ignacio Library, the Spanish Lookout Corporation Office, the Department of the Environment Offices and at the DOE's website: [www.doe.gov.bz](http://www.doe.gov.bz).



# IDB President Meets With Belize's Prime Minister

**President Moreno confirms the IDB's commitment to partner with the Government of Belize**

Inter-American Development Bank President **Luis Alberto Moreno** met today with Belize Prime Minister, **Dean Barrow**, to exchange information and provide an overview of the IDB's activities in the country. President Moreno and Prime Minister Barrow also discussed the current IDB portfolio as well as future projects for Belize.

The current IDB Country Strategy with Belize for the period 2013-2017 has four priority areas: education; tourism; transport; and trade and tax policy. This year the IDB and the Belize Government are preparing two new loans in the education and transport sectors for a total of US\$30 million. The *"Education Quality Improvement Program"* was approved by the IDB on June 12 for a total of US\$10 million. This program seeks to improve the quality of primary education and the governance of Belize's education system by training teachers so they can adopt innovative and best practices; developing and implementing an Education Management Information System; and improving the profile of teacher candidates.

The second project involves the rehabilitation of sections of the George Price Highway and is expected to be approved in November 2014. The project aims to improve road connectivity within and between Belize's main districts and with Central America by bringing the George Price Highway's infrastructure to international standards, improving road safety, and ensuring better climate change resilience of the corridor.

**IDB President visits the Cayo Welcome Center**

After his meeting with the Prime Minister, President Moreno visited the Cayo Welcome Center in San Ignacio and Santa Elena, one of several infrastructure projects financed by the IDB as part of the Sustainable Tourism Program (STP). Inaugurated on March 7, 2013, the Cayo Welcome Center functions both as a tourist destination and as a hub for area tourism services and



**Belize's Prime Minister, Hon. Dean Barrow, IDB President Luis Alberto Moreno**

accommodations. The Welcome Center and park also provide a much appreciated social meeting place for local residents. The STP, a five-year program

completed in January 2014, sought to increase the contribution of tourism to national economic growth in an environmentally and socially

responsible manner through infrastructural investments in key tourism destinations and the development of a National Sustainable Tourism Master Plan. IDB supported Belize in this project with a loan for US\$13 million.

During his visit, President Moreno was accompanied by Belize's Minister of Tourism, Culture and Civil Aviation, **Jose Manuel Heredia, Jr.** and San Ignacio and Santa Elena Mayor **John August**, as well as by senior representatives of the Ministries of Tourism and Finance and Economic Development. The delegations toured the Welcome Center and discussed the impact it has generated for the municipality of

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2014**



# IDB President Meets With Belize's Prime Minister

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San Ignacio/Santa Elena and the Cayo District.

Discussions also focused on additional IDB investments in the Cayo District including the Xunantunich Welcome Center, facility upgrades at Cahal Pech Mayan Ruin and ATM (Actun Tunichil Mukal Maya Site), as well as the San Ignacio transfer station (Solid Waste Management Program).

## IDB Program in Belize

The IDB's current loan portfolio consists of six investment loans for US\$48.1 million; of which US\$17 million have been disbursed. The portfolio includes the recently approved education program as

well as loans to support flood mitigation in Belize City, water and sanitation upgrades in the Placencia Peninsula, a community action for public safety program, and solid waste management in the country's Western corridor.

Loan disbursements are projected to reach US\$6.6 million in 2014, which represents 21 percent of the available balance of the portfolio.

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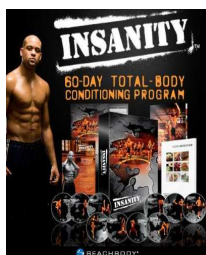
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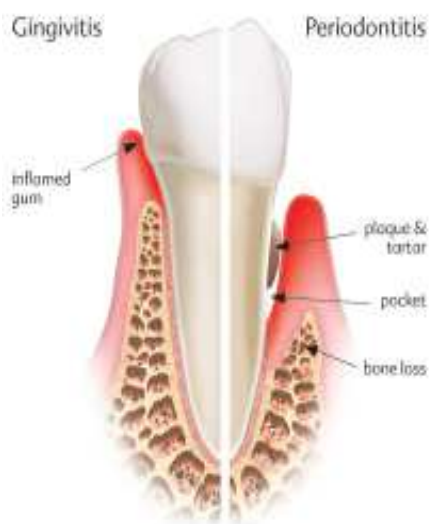


# Gingivitis

Gingivitis ("inflammation of the gum tissue") is a non-destructive periodontal disease

The etiology, or cause, of plaque-induced gingivitis is bacterial plaque, which acts to initiate the body's host response. This, in turn, can lead to destruction of the gingival tissues, which may progress to destruction of the periodontal attachment apparatus. The plaque accumulates in the small gaps between teeth, in the gingival grooves and in areas known as plaque traps: locations that serve to accumulate and maintain plaque. Examples of plaque traps include bulky and overhanging restorative margins, claps of removable partial dentures and calculus (**tartar**) that forms on teeth. Although these accumulations may be tiny, the bacteria in them produce chemicals, such as degradative enzymes, and toxins, such as lipopolysaccharide (**LPS, otherwise known as endotoxin**) or lipoteichoic acid (**LTA**), that promote an inflammatory response in the gum tissue. This inflammation can cause an enlargement of the gingiva and subsequent formation. Early plaque in health consists of a relatively simple bacterial community dominated by Gram-positive cocci and rods. As plaque matures, and gingivitis develops, the communities become increasingly complex with higher proportions of Gram-negative rods, fusiforms, filaments, spirilla and spirochetes. Later experimental gingivitis studies, using culture, provided more information regarding the specific bacterial species present in plaque. Taxa associated with gingivitis included *Fusobacterium nucleatum* subsp. *polymorphum*, *Lachnospiraceae* [**G-2**] sp. *HOT100*, *Lautropia* sp. *HOTA94*, and *Prevotella* *oulorum*, whilst *Rothia* *dentocariosa* was associated with periodontal health. Further study of these taxa is warranted and may lead to new therapeutic approaches to prevent periodontal disease.

Gingivitis can be prevented through regular oral hygiene that includes daily brushing and



flossing. Hydrogen peroxide, saline, alcohol or chlorhexidine mouth washes may also be employed. In a recent clinical study, the beneficial effect of hydrogen peroxide on gingivitis

has been highlighted. Rigorous plaque control programs along with periodontal scaling and curettage also have proved to be helpful, although according to the American Dental Association, periodontal scaling and root planing are considered as a treatment to periodontal disease, not as a preventive treatment for periodontal disease. In a 1997 review of effectiveness data the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**) found clear evidence which showed that toothpaste containing triclosan was effective in preventing gingivitis.

In many countries, such as the United States, mouthwashes containing chlorhexidine are available only by prescription.

Researchers analyzed government data on calcium

consumption and periodontal disease indicators in nearly 13,000 U.S. adults. They found that men and women who had calcium intakes of fewer than 500 milligrams, or about half the recommended dietary allowance, were almost twice as likely to have gum disease, as measured by the loss of attachment of the gums from the teeth. The association was particularly evident for people in their 20s and 30s.

Preventing gum disease may also benefit a healthy heart. According to physicians with The Institute for Good Medicine at the Pennsylvania Medical Society, good oral health can reduce risk of cardiac events. Poor oral health can lead to infections that can travel within the bloodstream.

A vibrant advertisement for DigiCell. It features two women in a tropical setting with palm trees in the background. The woman on the left has long red hair, wears a white DigiCell baseball cap, and is smiling while holding a pair of sunglasses. The woman on the right has short purple hair and is looking down at a smartphone. Overlaid on the image is large, stylized text: 'Thirsty Summer' in a pink script font, '20 DOUBLE' in large, bold, black-outlined numbers, and '3 TRIPLE' in even larger, bold, black-outlined numbers. Below this, a black banner with pink text reads 'EVERY THURSDAY IN JULY'. At the bottom, there is a black bar with white text containing promotional details and contact information.

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## Perfume

An elderly lady from San Ignacio is in an elevator at Princess Hotel in Belize City, going to visit some of her relatives.

A beautiful young white woman gets in smelling of very expensive perfume. She turns up her nose at the old woman and says arrogantly, *"Giorgio, Beverly Hills, \$240.00 an ounce."*

The elderly lady with a deadpan expression says nothing.

Another young and beautiful woman smelling expensive, enters the lift, turns, looks down her long pointed nose at the old

lady and says *"Chanel No.5, Paris, \$400.00 an ounce."*

The lift is now filled with the aroma of the magnificent scents of the combined perfumes.

One floor later, as the lady from Succots approaches her destination, she quietly eases out a long silent burst of gas, which quickly overpowers the combined expensive perfumes and leaves the two women with water in their eyes.

As she steps out of the elevator, she turns and says *"Beans, San Ignacio Market, \$2.00 a pound."*

## Mango Season

Three men were sentenced to die - a Chinese, a Ketchi, and Garifuna.

On the day they were sentenced to hang, the priest asked each man - *"what's your last wish?"*

The Chinese said *"I would love to eat a chow mein."* After he ate the meal, they hung him.

The Ketchi was next. He said *"I*

*want Escabeche with corn tortilla."* After he ate his meal, they hung him too.

The Garifuna then gave his last wish. He said: *"Well, its a very long time that I haven't sucked a mango."*

The priest replied: *"Sorry, its not mango season."*

The Garifuna replied: *"Well, I will wait."*

## Who Should Make the Coffee

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, *"You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee"*.

The husband said, *" You are in charge of the cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my*

*coffee."*

Wife replies, *"No you should do it, and besides it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."*

Husband replies, *" I can't believe that, show me."*

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and shows him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says: *"HEBREWS"*

## A Dying Man's Wish

A man was in the Western Regional Hospital dying from cancer. He told everyone that knows him he was dying from HIV/AIDS.

His son who visited him at

the hospital ask him, why was he telling everyone he was dying from HIV/AIDS.

He turn to his son and said, *"Because nobody will want your mother when I am gone."*



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# Rugby Sevens ~ First Rugby In Belize

Preparations are being made for the first rugby clubs to be established in Belize, focusing on the hugely popular and fast growing Sevens game, which will make its debut in the 2016 Rio De Janeiro Olympic Games.

Rugby Sevens is a variant of the traditional rugby union game in a number of ways, chiefly:

- Seven players on the field only (2 Props, Hooker, Scrum half, Fly-half, Centre & Winger)
- Seven minute halves, instead of forty minutes, with one minute half-time
- All conversions are drop-kicked, not place-kicked
- Only three players in the scrum instead of eight

*“Rugby Belize plans to focus on the development of rugby sevens as a forerunner to growing a full regular (15 man) team, and prepare to enter Belize into the next Commonwealth and Olympic games. Rugby Belize Global Ambassador, Jono Woodward, is himself an experienced sevens player and is enjoying a*



*very successful pro-rugby career in sevens.”* Explained **Tony Gillings**, Founder of Rugby Belize.

Rugby Sevens has seen significant growth in popularity, as rugby spread around the world and coaches realized that sevens offered an opportunity to introduce the sport to non-players and continue player development amongst traditional players, in a more focused manner, as it allows for better individual player development across the range of physical and cognitive skills before they move into the 15-man team game.

Players can also remain in the sevens game for the entirety of the career

The rise in popularity of sevens rugby is partly due to its fast paced physicality, but also because events are conducted in a festival atmosphere; many have a theme, like monsters or cartoon characters, and encourage spectators to turn up in costumes. This has resulted in an increase in the number of competitions around the world. Most notably is the World Series which is hosted annually by England, Scotland, South Africa, Dubai, Japan, Australia, New Zealand,

Hong Kong and the USA, amongst others.

Most member-countries of the IRB, now have a sevens programme to support their 15-man team development and boost awareness of the sport generally. Says Tony *“Sevens is very popular throughout Central America and the Caribbean, and I hope Belize will soon be participating in competition across this region because with its festival atmosphere, nobody could do a rugby sevens event like Belize.”*

Anybody interested in finding out more about the sport, or registering to join a team, should check out the website, and make contact via [www.rugbybelize.com](http://www.rugbybelize.com).

**Further inquiries or information:**

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# INNOVATION COMPETITION Belize 2014

Public Utilities Commission



The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is delighted to announce the launching of our **INNOVATION PROGRAMME BELIZE**, which will feature an **Annual Innovation Competition** for young, aspiring Belizean entrepreneurs and innovators.

The first instalment of the **Annual Innovation Competition** is being held this year during the month of August and will feature a **MOBILE APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP AND COMPETITION**.

Future instalments will be extended to include innovation in any subject matter or area related to the use or deployment of science and technology in enriching the quality and experience of life in Belize.

## MOBILE APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP AND COMPETITION 2014:

The PUC has retained the services of the **Bright Path Foundation** to conduct a workshop on the development of Applications for Mobile Telecommunications Platforms/Services (Mobile APPs) during the period August 18 – 22, 2014, at the RAMADA Princess Hotel & Casino in Belize City.

During the workshop, participants will be divided into groups and expertly guided in the process of developing a Mobile APP.

At the conclusion, the various groups of participants will be judged on the best Mobile APP developed during the workshop.

## PRIZES FOR WINNING GROUPS:

Each member of the two (2) groups judged to have developed the best Mobile APP during the workshop will receive one (1) Tablet and one (1) year's Internet Service.

The winning Mobile APPs will also be submitted by the PUC for consideration in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Young Innovator's Programme. Further information on this programme may be found on the ITU Website ([www.itu.int](http://www.itu.int)).

## CRITERIA AND PROCESS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKSHOP AND COMPETITION:

A total of forty-five (45) participants will be selected to participate in the workshop and competition. Of these, fifteen (15) will be selected from the Belize District and thirty (30) from the other Districts in Belize.

Any Belizean student from twelve (12) to eighteen (18) years of age may apply to be selected as a participant for the workshop and competition. There are no special qualifications or skills required to be considered for participation.

There is no fee to apply or to participate, and successful applicants will be provided with the following:

- a) Transportation from and to their home town or village before and after the workshop and competition;
- b) Lodging and meals [three (3) per day] at the RAMADA Princess Hotel & Casino in Belize City;
- c) Materials required during the workshop and competition;
- d) Reasonable and wholesome entertainment in the evening after the workshop is concluded for each day.

Please note that successful applicants from Belize City will not be provided with transportation or lodging, and will only be provided with lunch and any snacks served during the workshop.

Applications may be submitted in writing or by email to:

**Mr. Ruel Cima**  
ICT Manager  
Ministry of Education, Youth & Sports  
Belmopan City  
Email: [ruel.cima@moe.gov.bz](mailto:ruel.cima@moe.gov.bz)

**Mrs. Deseree Arzu**  
PR & Consumer Affairs Officer  
Public Utilities Commission  
41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City  
Email: [info@puc.bz](mailto:info@puc.bz)

Applications shall include:

- a) Applicant's name, address and current school and course of study (students enrolled in new school should include new and previous school);
- b) Letter of Reference from a current or past teacher, making a case why the applicant should be considered for participation (less than 500 words);
- c) Letter from parent(s) or guardian(s) giving permission to participate.

The deadline for submission of applications is: **July 31, 2014**

## CHAPERONES:

The PUC is also inviting interested persons to volunteer to serve as chaperones for the participants during the week of the workshop and competition. A total of eighteen (18) chaperones will be required. Chaperones will be expected to provide parental guidance to participants, particularly outside of the hours the workshop and competition will be conducted.

Any mature and responsible Belizean adult, twenty-five (25) years or older, may apply to serve as a chaperone. However, preference will be given to parents of participants or to Information Technology (IT) teachers throughout the country.

Chaperones will similarly be provided with transportation, lodging, meals and reasonable and wholesome entertainment during the week of the workshop and competition. Chaperones may further sit in the workshop sessions but would not be allowed to participate in the competition.

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## Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

### ARIES:

**March 22 to April 20**

This is a mixed week in which Uranus enters its retrograde phase, possibly bringing out the rebel in you. This, along with the Sun's move into Leo, encourages risk taking and a desire for adventure. However deeper currents show up as Mars moves into Scorpio on Friday. If financial matters have been rather slow to improve, progress can now be made. A strong determination to overcome challenges in this area will encourage you to put 100 percent into solving problems for good. **Lucky numbers: 05, 87, 93.**

### TAURUS:

**April 21 to May 21**

There's an accent on communication, although a cautious approach might best on Tuesday, when edgy influences could encourage arguments. If you want to stay friends with someone, it's best not to rock the boat. However, Thursday can be excellent for detailed work, planning, and organization. You can make great strides if you put your mind to it. Relationships could become a lot more passionate when Mars jogs into Scorpio on Friday. However, control battles might also be a problem unless you work to keep the peace. **Lucky numbers: 19, 55, 70.**

### GEMINI:

**May 22 to June 21**

The Sun joins Jupiter in Leo on Tuesday, spotlighting communication and interaction. This can be a great time to showcase your abilities or advertise your goods and services. However, you could also make a lot of money promoting and selling other people's products. The movement of Mars into Scorpio on Friday enlivens your zone of work and health. If you've been feeling under the weather, you might want to consider a short detox as a way to cleanse and refresh your body. **Lucky numbers: 63, 79, 91.**

### CANCER

**June 21 to July 21**

Finances look set to improve with Jupiter now in your money sector, and this week's move of the Sun into Leo adds emphasis to this area. Opportunities to increase your earnings may become more plentiful, especially if you're willing to work hard to find them. This is a time when the more effort you put in, the more you'll get out. The move of Mars into Scorpio brings passion to your romance sector. If you're a writer or artist, your creations may have a rich, deep intensity. **Lucky numbers: 24, 67, 73.**

### LEO:

**July 24 to August 21**

With Jupiter now boosting your energy and enlivening your creativity, you're truly in your element. Hang on

to your hat, as the next twelve months may be a real roller-coaster ride. You'll be a beacon of warmth and natural charisma as the Sun eases into your sign on Tuesday. Yet home and family matters may be stirred up when Mars moves into Scorpio on Friday, with a focus on transformation in this area. The New Moon in your sign on Saturday is perfect for making a fresh start. **Lucky numbers: 16, 47, 59.**

### VIRGO:

**August 22 to September 21**

A powerful focus on your spiritual sector shows up as the Sun joins Jupiter in Leo. You're in a natural phase when exploring your dreams, paying attention to your intuitive impulses, and becoming acquainted with your deeper purpose is very much in the fore. As a result, you may want to take time out to reflect, meditate, and tune in. However, you'll also be diving in deep as Mars moves into your communication sector. With detective-like ferocity, you may leave no stone unturned in your quest for knowledge. **Lucky numbers: 02, 27, 36.**

### LIBRA:

**September 22 to October 23**

The "fun meter" is set on high, with a delightful focus on dating, socializing, and romance. You'll be in your element when the Sun joins Jupiter, organizing events, matchmaking, and generally bringing folks together. Thursday could be particularly delightful for romance or even a first date, as a warm and cozy atmosphere encourages intimacy. Financial matters get a lively bump as Mars enters Scorpio on Friday. Perhaps you'll be more determined to sort out debt - and increase your earnings while you're at it. **Lucky numbers: 11, 29, 32.**

### SCORPIO:

**October 24 to November 21**

The spotlight beckons this week as the Sun joins Jupiter in Leo to make you the star of the show. Now more than ever it's time to prioritize your goals and focus on those that matter most. Success may become even more of a possibility as Mars moves into your sign on Friday. After what may have seemed like months of treading water, you'll be in the thick of the action. Along with this you'll be motivated to overcome challenges and explore new pathways to greater happiness. **Lucky numbers: 08, 23, 44.**

### SAGITTARIUS:

**November 22 to December 21**

New adventures open up for you as a focus on exploration coincides with a restless need to travel. You might also be motivated to study, perhaps to gain a certification, or try lecturing, teaching, or getting published. Yet deeper currents of

energy might draw your attention to inner impulses and feelings or to events that may have caused trauma at one time or another. Mars moves into Scorpio, which indicates the weeks ahead may bring an opportunity for healing and rebirth. **Lucky numbers: 10, 51, 66.**

### CAPRICORN:

**December 22 to January 20**

The current lineup can be helpful if you're an entrepreneur or businessperson with ambition. As the Sun joins Jupiter in Leo and your zone of shared resources, your optimism and willingness to take risks may ratchet up a notch or two. Being practical and down to earth, it helps to make a plan before you get started. Your social life perks up as Mars moves into Scorpio, enlivening relationships with friends and associates and connecting you to people with power and influence. **Lucky numbers: 39, 41, 58.**

### AQUARIUS:

**January 20 to February 18**

You're in a phase when relationships are at an all-time high, especially since

Jupiter moved into Leo. This week the Sun moves in, too, spotlighting interactions with others and bringing sunshine, warmth, and energy to business or romantic partnerships. Your social life may get busier and busier, which you might quite enjoy. However, career matters also get a boost as Mars moves into Scorpio on Friday. As it's here for a few months, the energy and determination to overcome challenges may be very pronounced. **Lucky numbers: 13, 33, 75.**

### PISCES:

**February 20 to March 21**

A feeling of vitality and radiance could give you a boost that not only enhances energy levels but also gives you that feel-good factor. With Jupiter and the Sun in Leo it's very possible you'll get a promotion, if not now, then at some point in the future. Romantic opportunities may coincide with intense exchanges, where control battles and a desire for power could unleash sexual desire. You might be trying hard - and failing - to resist someone's advances. Passion may win out in the end. **Lucky numbers: 53, 80, 98.**

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# PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) invites expressions of interest from suitably qualified and motivated candidates in respect of the following employment opportunities:

### 1. Director - Finance and Administration

#### Duties and Responsibilities:

The **Director - Finance and Administration** is responsible for the general management and supervision of the finance and administration functions of the Office of the PUC, including but not limited to:

- Direct supervision of finance and administrative staff
- Development, implementation and operation of financial and accounting systems
- Preparation of annual budgets and reports
- Human resources functions, programs and plans
- Human resources development and training
- Consumer affairs and customer services functions
- Public relations and public education functions, programs and plans
- Processing of applications for licenses, authorizations, reports, documents, etc.
- Maintenance of registers of licensees, Byelaws, Orders, Decisions, Regulations, etc.
- Maintenance of office equipment and other relevant assets of the PUC
- Other relevant duties and responsibilities that may be assigned from time to time

#### Qualifications:

The successful candidate shall possess:

- Minimum of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance, Accounting, Business Administration or related field
- At least five (5) years' experience in a senior management position in comparable organization
- Outstanding interpersonal, planning, motivational and organizational skills
- Unwavering interest and commitment to the purpose, duties and responsibilities of the PUC

#### Benefits:

The base salary will be based on personal qualifications and experience, within the salary scale of BZ\$50,000.00 to BZ\$90,000.00 per annum. The successful candidate will be entitled to an annual gratuity of 20% of base salary and to twenty (20) working days' vacation annually. Successful candidates will also be entitled to participate in all benefit plans, if any, provided by the PUC to its employees generally, including its ongoing training program.

### 2. Consumer Affairs/Public Relations Officer

#### Duties and Responsibilities:

The **Consumer Affairs/Public Relations Officer** is responsible for assisting the PUC in the regulation of licensees for all utility sectors particularly with respect to matters directly affecting consumers, including the handling of complaints, and to manage the public relations and public education functions of the PUC. Specific duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Direct supervision of assigned staff
- Assist in the development and implementation of Byelaws, Regulations, Orders and methodologies or processes for handling of complaints against licensees in all utility sectors
- Planning and logistical control of public proceedings, meetings, conferences, workshops, etc.
- Assist, as appropriate, in the determination and setting of tariffs, rates, fees and charges in rate review proceedings or filings
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- Assist in the maintenance and operation of the PUC Website
- Assist in the development of codes of practice for licensees and monitoring of licensees for compliance to such codes
- Assist in the Preparation of annual budgets and reports
- Other relevant duties and responsibilities that may be assigned from time to time

#### Qualifications:

The successful candidate shall possess:

- Minimum of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications, Public Relations or related field
- At least five (5) years' experience in a relevant position
- Outstanding interpersonal, planning, motivational and organizational skills
- Unwavering interest and commitment to the purpose, duties and responsibilities of the PUC

#### Benefits:

The base salary will be based on personal qualifications and experience, within the salary scale of BZ\$36,000.00 to BZ\$75,000.00 per annum. The successful candidate will be entitled to fifteen (15) working days' vacation annually. The successful candidates will also be entitled to participate in all benefit plans, if any, provided by the PUC to its employees generally, including its ongoing training program.

### Applications

The deadline for applications for both positions is **5:00 PM on August 22, 2014**.

Completed applications along with two letters of reference should be sent to:

**Employment Opportunities  
Public Utilities Commission  
41 Gabourel Lane  
Belize City, Belize**



# Rugby Sevens – First Rugby In Belize

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Hattieville United Youth Sports Club  
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www.rugbybelize.com

**EDITOR’S NOTES**  
Rugby Union is a new sport for Belize, which has seen significant interest from sportsmen and women across the country, following recent articles in local and national media and the launch of its website – [www.rugbybelize.com](http://www.rugbybelize.com). *“There’s been so much interest we are now busily setting up five rugby union clubs in Belmopan, Belize City, Hattieville, Orange Walk and San Pedro,”* says Tony. *“Other clubs will be organized where interest is expressed by local communities”*.

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To support the community-based clubs and act as the driving force behind further growth and development of rugby, a national governing authority is currently being set up. The Belize Rugby Board, working in conjunction with the National Sports Council, will ensure compliance with rugby laws and, eventually, work to secure international recognition to enable Belize to compete regionally and further afield.

The Belize Rugby Board will be affiliated with the National Sports Council and the Belize Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association, and will aim to achieve associate membership of the International Rugby Board


(the global governing authority of rugby union) within two years. This will allow teams to represent Belize in a professional competitive capacity in rugby union, sevens and other appropriate events, regionally and further afield.

There are rugby authorities throughout Central America, including Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama and El Salvador, and across the Caribbean. There are also two regional authorities: CONSUR – which organizes and manages competitions throughout South and Central America and NACRA, which looks after competitions in the North. Rugby Belize will seek to

apply for membership of NACRA, but will be guided by the IRB.

Rugby Union is just one of a number of variants (codes) of the sport. Others are League, Sevens, Wheelchair and Underwater. Whilst Sevens comes under the auspices of rugby union, each of the other codes has a separate global governing authority, and the Belize Rugby Board aims to establish links with these to help in future development of the sport.

The Founder of Rugby Belize, Tony Gillings, is a keen rugby enthusiast, writer and works as an HR Consultant. He is currently based in Ireland but plans to relocate to Belize.



## Belize Water Services Limited

### Vacancy: Manager - Engineering Services

Responsible for the direct management of multiple Engineering and Construction projects for the company and manage and oversee a department of technical staff. The ideal candidate should have managerial experience in engineering with good leadership and team player skills. He/She will partake in executing the company’s strategic plan to achieve short and long-term goals.

Essential Duties and Requirements	
<b>Duties and Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Oversee engineering project management for major capital projects and infrastructure upgrades.</li><li>Supervise the design, construction and start-up of major capital projects.</li><li>Prepare and update project engineering procedures.</li><li>Ensure projects are implemented in accordance with Request for Proposal (RFP) and contracting procedures.</li><li>Review inspection reports and assist in resolution of field construction, technical, safety and environmental problems.</li><li>Serve as liaison with business and governmental officials regarding the design and construction of new water and wastewater facilities, and safety or environmental issues.</li><li>Coordinate budgeting and procurement activities of the department.</li><li>Ensure that capital works are documented and constructed in accordance to BWS’ strategic and operation requirements.</li><li>Ensure that Progress and Monthly Reports are submitted to the Chief Executive Officer in a timely and consistent basis.</li><li>Provide leadership, professional guidance and technical advice to staff and other stakeholders.</li></ul>	<b>Requirements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ability to build, coach and motivate a high performance technical service team, while holding the team accountable for results.</li><li>Ability to work effectively under pressure in a fast-paced, time-sensitive environment with shifting priorities and multiple deadlines.</li><li>Strong interpersonal, communication and analytical skills, with the ability to present recommendations and ideas and to summarize issues.</li><li>Strong team building skills; Self-Starter; Problem-Solver; Results-Driven; Action-Oriented; Flexible and Adaptable.</li><li>High Integrity &amp; Ethics; Customer-Focused; Positive Attitude</li></ul> <b>Education and Experience:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minimum of Bachelor’s degree from an accredited university with a major in civil engineering.</li><li>Ten years of full time engineering and management experience</li><li>Experience in structural or hydraulic design, water supply planning and wastewater management</li><li>Project management.</li></ul>

This post carries an attractive salary and benefits package including pension and Health Insurance. Qualified candidates should forward their detailed curriculum vitae to:

**Human Resources Manager**  
**Belize Water Services Limited**  
P.O. Box 150, Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Belize  
Email: [hr@bwsl.com.bz](mailto:hr@bwsl.com.bz)

**Application deadline: Thursday, July 31, 2014**



# Pech Walks Free

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store to purchase a phone card. An altercation reportedly erupted between the accused and the deceased resulting in the deceased emerging with three stab wounds: one to the left side of the neck, another to the left side of the ribcage and a third stab wound to the right side of the chin. The blood trail revealed that the deceased walked about 50

# Miss Manchie Laid To Rest

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Geraldine. She is also survived by sons; Wilward Jr., Joshua and David Jones.

yards from the spot where he was allegedly stabbed.

The police arrived on the scene shortly after receiving the report. Upon arrival the police came upon the motionless body of the deceased in the middle of the village street. The suspect, allegedly under the influence of alcohol when detained by the police, was found with a pen knife strapped to the waist. When

# Miss Manchie Laid To Rest

Ms. Manchie was laid to rest on Saturday, July 19, 2014 in Santa Elena. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

inspected the knife was allegedly found with suspected blood stains and therefore believed to be the murder weapon.

It is alleged that the accused is claiming self defense in that the deceased, his cousin and fellow Cristo Rey villager, reportedly attacked him with stones thereby

triggering the incident.

As a condition of his release, the accused Geovanni Pech was ordered to surrender all travel documents. He was informed that the charge against him can be reinstituted if and when the police and the office of the DPP rectify the discrepancy.

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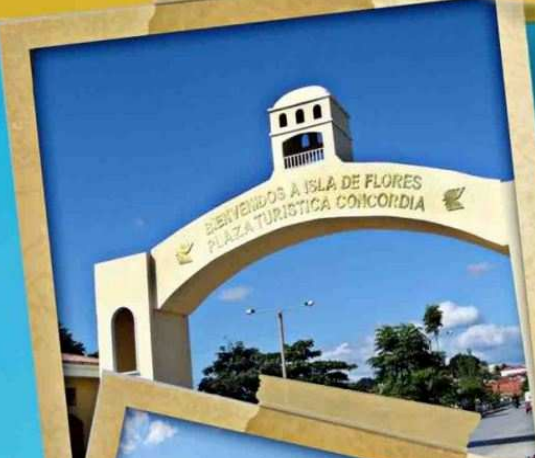
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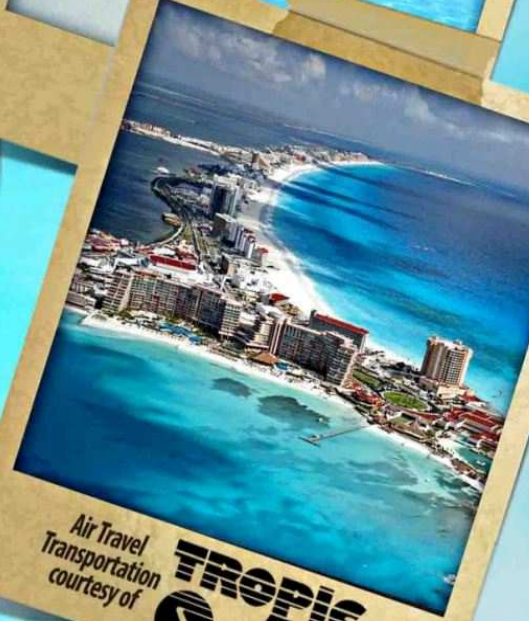
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