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DRUG TRAFFICKER BUSTED

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo,
Tuesday, 10 March, 2015:

The Police from the Crimes Investigation Branch and the Special Branch are cracking down on drug peddlers in the twin towns of San Ignacio and Santa Elena.

Their latest bust was on Tuesday, 10 March, based on the information they received of a cream Geo Prism with taxi licenses plate BVO-00289. Police acted swiftly and intercepted the vehicle between mile 68 and 69, right in front of the Inglewood Camping Grounds.

There were four occupants including, a male driver and three women passengers. All occupants were ordered out of the vehicle with



Merikita Castillo, 28



Suspected Cannabis

their belongings. Police then conducted a search on each individual however nothing incriminating was found on the occupants except for one of the female occupants, whom police found as **Merikita Castillo**, 28 year old domestic of Belize City.

Castillo had a grey crochet bag in her hand. Upon searching the bag police found a dark blue Everest school bag what contained some clothes, cosmetics, personal documents, a clack plastic bag and a transparent Miltex plastic bag. Further search of the black plastic bag, led to the discovery of green leafy substance suspected to be marijuana. The other Miltex plastic bag was also

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Teenager Drowns In The Mopan River

SAN JOSE SUCCOTZ VILLAGE, Cayo, Sunday, 10 March, 2015:

A third-form student of Eden High School in Benque Viejo Del Carmen drowned in the Mopan River on Sunday while swimming with friends.

Family members believe that seventeen year old **Michael Quintanilla** caught a cramp while attempting to cross the river.

They got the call at around four Sunday evening, after his friends had tried unsuccessfully to save him. Police was call immediately after, and upon arrival found Quintanilla's lifeless body on the bank of the Mopan River.

The body was transferred to the San Ignacio Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Father of Deceased, **Alfredo Quintanilla**, said that he was told



Michael Quintanilla, 17

by the father of one of the kids that they had lunch a couple of minutes before taking a dip in the in the Mopan river and upon swimming across, Michael, unfortunately did not make it.

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The Belize Natural Energy Charitable Trust Signs An Agreement With The Belize Enterprise For Sustainable Technology To Serve As Implementing Agent Of The Trust's Student Loan Programme

Belmopan, Tuesday, March 10, 2015:

The BELIZE Natural Energy Charitable Trust (BNECT) today signed an Agreement with the Belize Enterprise for Sustainable Technology (BEST) to expand the Trust's Student Loan Program to the underserved areas of the Cayo and Belize Districts. The initial investment of \$350,000 will be made available to BEST in two tranches of \$175,000 each. The overall objective of the partnership is to create a revolving fund to provide loans for Belizean students attending or planning to attend Belizean educational



institutions of secondary, tertiary and vocational designation, accredited by the Ministry of Education. The BELIZE Natural Energy Charitable Trust shares the same agenda of our partners and envisions this collaboration as a joint effort to empower and uplift Belizeans so that they can become the conscious architects of their own future. To obtain information on the specific eligibility criteria for the Student Loan Program, please contact BEST by calling telephone numbers 822-3043 or 822-3150 or visit their office at Mile 54, Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan, Cayo District. In Belize City, visit their office at No. 113 Cemetery Road or call telephone number 227-0946.

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La Ruta Maya River Challenge 2015

The 2015 La Ruta Maya took center stage in the Jewel over the Baron Bliss weekend. At the start of the 4th and final stage of this canoe race, were 50 vessels afloat on the calm of the Belize or Old River at Henderson Bank in Burrell Boom Village, the starting signal brings an outburst of unrestrained energy as the competition comes to life.

At Lord's Bank, OCEANA Wavemakers display their intention to make it 2 stage wins in a row with the overall victory mathematically; almost inaccessibly grabbing the 2nd premie en route to Belize City. Behind them, the 2 real challengers for the 2015 title B.T.L. Cobb's Arm and NICH continue to bitter struggle for supremacy as NICH boasts only a 2 second lead over the Corozal based team that has displayed a tremendous improvement in a year's time.

The Belize bank Bulldogs in 2015 has become a mere shadow of its



former self. A team that had already secured 10 wins now shows real sign of struggle. Indeed there's no place for complacency at the top.

While Wateva Boys with a man down is destined to fall even lower on the totem pole of the big time player. The turn at Haulover Creek displayed the determination of B.T.L.'s Cobb's Arm as they survive the challenge from Wavemakers. NICH, some 50 seconds behind are now cognizant of the hard fact that in this last stage, Cobb's Arm and Wavemakers are churning the waters at a higher level. Lo and behold, at

the finish line, it's OCEANA Wavemakers launching a desperate chase on B.T.L. Cobb's Arm that has been buoyed by the smell of victory. And they do prevail to take the win in 2015 and relegating Wavemakers to 2nd place in the stage win. Some 3 minutes later, a fatigued NICH rolls in for 3rd in the stage win and their position in the overall standings subject to the official time keeper. They would be pronounced to have officially finished 2nd while the OCB Wavemakers is officially 3rd overall. For the Belize bank Bulldogs, it was unthinkable to lose this sprint to the tape so they burn Westrac Stingers.

We say congratulations to Western Home Supplies as they roll in to capture the Intramural Division. Watt a Thing is master in the Master's Class and that's big especially after edging out Grumpy Old Men. Print Belize winds the Pleasure Craft Division. Big respect to Koop Sheet Metal who fought off a tough Belize Bank Bulldogs Female Team to grab top honors.

Cayo Western Ballaz Survived A Scare Versus Belize City No Limit

Contributed by: Karim Juan

On Friday night, Cayo Western Ballaz(5-0) hosted the Belize City No Limit(1-4) team at the Sacred Heart College Auditorium in San Ignacio Town, as they tried to keep their record unblemished.

However, the visiting team jumped out to an early 8 - 0 start, taking a 5 point lead into the half.

With 3 minutes to go, Cayo Western Ballaz was nursing a 6 point lead, but they were able to pull out the 64 - 57 victory at home, to remain undefeated. The home team was led by **Richard Troyer** who scored 27 points, and had 4 rebounds, 4 steals and 3 assists. **Giovanni Lennan** had 9 points with 12 rebounds, while **Akeem Watters** finished with 8 points and 7 rebounds. **Kurt "Chengo" Burgess** scored 7 point and



finished with the game high 19 rebounds.

For the visiting team, Belize City No Limit was led by **Gregory "Chippy" Rudon** who had 15 points, 4 rebounds and 3 steals, while **Lennox Bowman** had 13 points with 2 rebounds and **Kevin Domingo** chipped in with 8 points.

Upcoming Games

On Friday night, the defending champions, San Pedro Tiger Sharks(4-1) will travel to Belize City

to take on Belize City No Limit(1-4) at the Bird's Isle. On Saturday night Belize Hurricanes (2-3) will travel to the UB gymnasium in Belmopan to challenge the Belmopan Red Taigaz(4-1) who is presently riding a four game winning streak, as the Belize Hurricanes will be trying to record back-to-back wins for the first time in the season. Also on Saturday night, Cayo Western Ballaz (5-0) will take their undefeated record to Sugar City to take on the Orange Walk Running Rebels (2-3) at the Orange Walk Multi Purpose Complex, where they have won all their home games for this season. The two teams down south will do battle on Saturday night at the Ecumenical College in Dangriga, as Toledo Diplomat (0-5) will take on the home team Dangriga Warriors (2-3) for supremacy of the south. Games on Thursdays and Saturdays tip off at 8 p.m., while all Friday night games start at 9 p.m.

	Team	GP	W	L	Pts.
1	Cayo Western Ballaz	5	5	0	15
2	San Pedro Tiger Sharks	5	4	1	13
3	Belmopan Red Taigaz	5	4	1	13
4	Dangriga Warriors	5	2	3	9
5	Orange Walk Running Rebels	5	2	3	9
6	Belize Hurricanes	5	2	3	9
7	Belize City No Limit	5	1	4	7
8	Toledo Diplomats	5	0	5	5

GP- Games Played, W - Won, L - Loss and Pts. - Points

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Inaguration Of The Rotary Park

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, March 11, 2015:

The renovated Rotary Park, complete with new playground equipment, was officially inaugurated Today.

Members of the San Ignacio Rotary Club, with assistance from the Rotaract Clubs of San Ignacio and Benque Viejo del Carmen, spent the long holiday weekend working alongside members of the Rotary Club of Jasper, Canada to complete the installation of the new equipment.

The installation included see-saw, swing-set, a circular slide and



monkey-bars.

The sound of excited children at play filled the park on a bright, sunny afternoon, following the official speeches and ribbon-cutting.

Guest speaker at the inauguration was Mayor-designate of San Ignacio/ Santa Elena, **Earl Trapp**.

In his address to the gathering, Mayor-designate Trapp said that the twin towns of San Ignacio and Santa Elena are blessed with beautiful landscapes, rich natural resources and a vibrant mixture of rich cultures.

It is important he said, that we recognize the value of our resources and more significantly that we teach our children to value them.

Being an ardent advocate for parks and playgrounds himself, Mayor -designate Trapp says these public spaces are places where

children can explore their imagination, develop social skills and embark on their athletic potential.

“Playgrounds are the start to creative thinking, community interaction and individual development,” said Mayor-designate Trapp.

In her address, the president of the Jasper playground committee **Libby Weir** said that for her and her group, it is a great honor to be Rotarians and to be able to help people in other parts of the world.

She used the Rotary 4-way test to drive home the organization’s motto of service above self saying that this



playground renovation is exactly what the spirit of the 4-way test exemplifies as it brings benefits to all concerned.

President of the San Ignacio Rotary Club **Sheree Fukai** noted that for years the Club has been involved in educating our youths and that playgrounds are a part of that education initiative.

And so without apologies, Fukai said she begged for playground equipment and when a positive response came from the Canadian group, it was in answer to those many requests.

Fukai also explained that the old playground equipment that were taken down from the park will be refurbished and installed in another place where no such equipment is available to the children.



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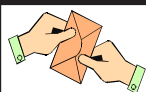
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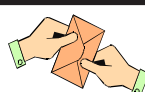
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Readers Write



Unfinished Doesn't Equal Unworthy

BY: Suzie Eller

Contributed by: Janice Swift

"Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand." Isaiah 64:8 (NIV)

The local grocery store in my new town wasn't just a grocery store. It was where women gathered to talk.

I wanted to casually saunter over and chat with a potential new friend, but I didn't. I worried about what I might say or whether I'd be able to talk at all.

Everyone else could easily talk. Why couldn't I? I felt unfinished and uncomfortable in this new situation.

So I became pretty good at outmaneuvering all their efforts. If I saw someone across the way, I'd duck down the soap aisle. If they tried to catch my eye, I'd pretend I didn't see them. Sometimes my savvy moves didn't work, and I would end up trapped in the produce section, tongue-tied.

It wasn't that I was just shy, though there was that element. Growing up in a home of chaos, I learned early that my words could be misinterpreted. So I retreated, rather than try to speak up.

Looking back on that season of life, I wish I could pull my younger self close and tell her she was worth talking to, and that one day she'd feel a little less unfinished in this area.

I wish I could tell her God was 100% tuned in to the beauty of who she was becoming.

And I'd tell her we are all a little unfinished in some way. Even those who seem to live in easy confidence. Even those who call out your name in the grocery aisle.

Because here's what I've learned: Unfinished doesn't equal unworthy.

Unfinished just means we're still growing.

I had no idea that one day I'd become a speaker, or that I'd love nothing more than meeting a new friend. I didn't know that one day I'd

feel complete in God's hands, like our key verse reminds us: *"We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand."* (Isaiah 64:8).

Do you ever feel unfinished like I did? Do you feel insecure in any area?

If so, here are three ways that have helped me feel more secure and might help you, too:

1. Acknowledge there's work to be done and that's okay. I didn't realize back then that some of the very women calling out my name struggled with their own insecurities. We all battle this to some degree.

2. Trust God knows what's inside of us. We are all waiting to be shaped with His tender touch. And most importantly? The more we trust God's abilities, the less power our insecurities hold.

3. Our last step is to start the growth process. I know this is the hard part, but every step we take helps us discover who we really are and what God knows we are capable of accomplishing.

Over time, that once oh-so-unfinished girl started taking baby steps.

I held a conversation with a potential friend and chose not to beat myself up over what I said (*or didn't say*) on the way home.

I started offering myself the same grace I gave to others.

I embraced the truth that spiritual and emotional growth isn't a one-time deal, but rather a lifetime of discovery. God's hands are on my life in every area.

And that's where the Potter's wheel keeps on turning. I'm still unfinished in many ways, but now it's an adventure rather than an obstacle.

Dear Lord, many things shape the way I see myself, but today I choose to see myself in Your hands. Shape me. Work through me. Shine through the cracks to show others who You are. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

God's Voice Will Bring Peace

BY: Rick Warren

Contributed by: Janice Swift

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7 NLT)

The past few days I've given you several ways you can test an impression to know if it's from God. There are two final questions you can ask to test your idea.

You need to ask, *"Is it convicting or is it condemning?"*

A lot of Christians go through life living under condemnation and guilt, thinking it's the voice of God. But it's not. That's the devil!

Conviction comes from God. Condemnation comes from the devil. The purpose of conviction is to correct something that's out of whack in your life. The purpose of condemnation is just to put you down and make you feel miserable and guilty and ashamed. The motivation behind conviction is that God loves you and wants to help you be better. The motivation behind condemnation is that Satan hates you and wants to make you miserable. When God speaks to you about an area in your life for conviction, he's very specific. Condemnation is general.

God will give you a specific area of your life where something is out of whack. Then, he gives you the solution. You confess it to God, and the feeling of conviction leaves instantly. Condemnation, on the other hand, goes on and on and on.

Romans 8:1 says, "There is no

condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus" (NLT). God will never attack your value. If you hear a voice that says, *"You're hopeless! You're worthless! You're unlovable!"* you can know that is not the voice of God.

Finally, you need to ask about your idea or impression, *"Do I sense God's peace about it?"*

If you get an impression and it makes you feel pressured, overwhelmed, or confused, you need to question whether that impression is from God. Because God doesn't want us to live under pressure. He wants us to sense his peace.

Satan wants to drive us compulsively. But God desires to draw us compassionately. Peter Lord used to say, *"Ninety percent of what God says to us is encouragement."* Have you sensed God saying anything encouraging to you lately? Or is it all about pressure? God has some encouraging things to say to us.

There is a word for the pressure that comes into our lives that drives us away from God's peace: worry. But Philippians 4:6-7 says, *"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."*

These verses tell us that worry is never from God. It only creates pressure in our lives. Those verses also give us this incredible promise: Take your worry to God, and leave it there. Listen to his voice. It will bring peace if you only obey it.

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ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES DEPARTMENT

MUNICIPAL ELECTION OFFICIAL RESULTS

BENQUE VIEJO DEL CARMEN TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

The following is the result of the Benque Viejo Del Carmen Town Council Election which was held on Wednesday, 4th March 2015

	SURNAME	Other Names	OFFICE SOUGHT	VOTES POLLED	% Votes Polled	REMARKS
1	RAMCHARAN	Heraldo Jr. "Rancha"	MAYOR	1816	9.02	Elected
2	COLEMAN	Eroll Joseph	COUNCILLOR	1815	9.01	Elected
3	CONTRERAS	Manuel Luis "Tach"	COUNCILLOR	1873	9.30	Elected
4	GONGORA	Alvaro Enrique "Bayo"	COUNCILLOR	1950	9.68	Elected
5	GUERRA	Elmer	COUNCILLOR	1875	9.31	Elected
6	KOTCH	Marcos Moises "Checha"	COUNCILLOR	1813	9.00	Elected
7	THOMPSON	Miguel Angel "Charcoal Gonzalez"	COUNCILLOR	1860	9.24	Elected
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			13002		
1	KUYLEN	Alfredo Rene	MAYOR	1049	5.21	
2	COCOM	Edgar Luis "Eggie"	COUNCILLOR	1018	5.05	
3	IGLESIAS	Salvador "Jorge"	COUNCILLOR	1168	5.80	
4	MARTINEZ	Clemencia Araceli "Colocha"	COUNCILLOR	999	4.96	
5	MENDEZ	Victor Manuel "Meme"	COUNCILLOR	951	4.72	
6	OCHAETA	Antonio Ramon "Tony"	COUNCILLOR	1021	5.07	
7	SALAS	Juan Carlos	COUNCILLOR	922	4.58	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			7128		
1	OBANDO	Domingo "Mingo"	MAYOR	10	0.05	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			10		
	OVERALL VOTES POLLED			20140		

No. of Registered Electors:	4,575
No. of Used Ballots:	3,049
No. of Ballots Spoilt:	13
No. of Ballots Cast:	3,036
% of Ballots Cast:	66.36
% of Ballots Spoilt:	0.43
No. of Ballots Rejected:	43
% of Ballots Rejected:	1.42

COROZAL TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

The following is the result of the Corozal Town Council Election which was held on Wednesday, 4th March 2015

	SURNAME	Other Names	OFFICE SOUGHT	VOTES POLLED	% Votes Polled	REMARKS
1	CAMPOS	Hilberto	MAYOR	2776	7.44	Elected
2	ARANA	Guillermo	COUNCILLOR	2787	7.47	Elected
3	CASTILLO	Rafael Shaffrir	COUNCILLOR	2866	7.68	Elected
4	CHI ARMSTRONG	Stacy	COUNCILLOR	2764	7.41	Elected
5	CRUZ	Estevan	COUNCILLOR	2794	7.49	Elected
6	GOMEZ	Nicholas Raul	COUNCILLOR	2803	7.52	Elected
7	PEREZ	Elva Oralía	COUNCILLOR	2804	7.52	Elected
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			19594		
1	VEGA	David "Dido"	MAYOR	2476	6.64	
2	IGLESIAS	Orlando	COUNCILLOR	2514	6.74	
3	PASOS	Esteban Raul	COUNCILLOR	2537	6.80	
4	PERDOMO	Zeni Nelda	COUNCILLOR	2571	6.89	
5	RANCHARAN	Mia Dee	COUNCILLOR	2482	6.65	
6	SANKER-RIVEROL	Yvette	COUNCILLOR	2574	6.90	
7	VARGAS	Enrique	COUNCILLOR	2550	6.84	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			17704		
	Overall Votes Polled			37298		

No. of Registered Electors:	8,221
No. of Used Ballots:	5,596
No. of Ballots Spoilt:	10
No. of Ballots Cast:	5,586
% of Ballots Cast:	67.95
% of Ballots Spoilt:	0.18
No. of Ballots Rejected:	30
% of Ballots Rejected:	0.536

BELMOPAN CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

The following is the result of the Belmopan City Council Election which was held on Wednesday, 4th March 2015

	SURNAME	Other Names	OFFICE SOUGHT	VOTES POLLED	% Votes Polled	REMARKS
1	BELISLE	Khalid	MAYOR	3193	8.39	Elected
2	BANNER-GUY	Anna	COUNCILLOR	3411	8.96	Elected
3	BURNS	Jacklyn	COUNCILLOR	3386	8.90	Elected
4	FRAZER	Ralston	COUNCILLOR	3198	8.40	Elected
5	LOPEZ	Gene Briceño	COUNCILLOR	3082	8.10	Elected
6	PASTRANA	Angel	COUNCILLOR	3141	8.25	Elected
7	WILLIS	Louise	COUNCILLOR	3208	8.43	Elected
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			22619		
1	CHACON	Jose Amilcar	MAYOR	1697	4.46	
2	AVILA	Noel Feliciano	COUNCILLOR	1801	4.73	
3	BOTES	Ruby	COUNCILLOR	1648	4.33	
4	CHAN	Francis	COUNCILLOR	1556	4.09	
5	HERNANDEZ	William	COUNCILLOR	1635	4.30	
6	LEWIS	Anthony W.	COUNCILLOR	1899	4.99	
7	RIVERO	Judith	COUNCILLOR	1690	4.44	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			11926		
1	ENRIQUEZ	Hubert Dennis	MAYOR	270	0.71	
2	BENNETT	Eudel Vanburine	COUNCILLOR	315	0.83	
3	CAL	Landelimus Vitus "Landy"	COUNCILLOR	308	0.81	
4	DUECK	Henry	COUNCILLOR	439	1.15	
5	ESPAT	Kamil	COUNCILLOR	548	1.44	
6	MORGAN	Paul Marcel	COUNCILLOR	944	2.48	
7	WILLIAMS	Andrew	COUNCILLOR	371	0.97	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			3195		
1	GUERRERO	Wilfredo Ernesto	MAYOR	66	0.17	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			66		
1	SMITH	Richard Albert	MAYOR	250	0.66	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			250		
	Overall Votes Polled			38056		

No. of Registered Electors:	9,057
No. of Used Ballots:	5,745
No. of Ballots Spoilt:	27
No. of Ballots Cast:	5,718
% of Ballots Cast:	63.13
% of Ballots Spoilt:	0.30
No. of Ballots Rejected:	52
% of Ballots Rejected:	0.574

BELIZE CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

The following is the result of the Belize City Council Election which was held on Wednesday, 4th March 2015

	SURNAME	Other Names	OFFICE SOUGHT	VOTES POLLED	% Votes Polled	REMARKS
1	BRADLEY	Darrell	MAYOR	11928	5.68	Elected
2	CUELLAR	Hyacinth Latchman	COUNCILLOR	11733	5.58	Elected
3	EDWARDS	Jason	COUNCILLOR	11622	5.53	Elected
4	ELRINGTON	Alifa	COUNCILLOR	11492	5.47	Elected
5	GONZALEZ	Dr. Alain	COUNCILLOR	11879	5.65	Elected
6	LESLIE	Dion	COUNCILLOR	11954	5.69	Elected
7	PITTS JR.	Bernard B.Q.	COUNCILLOR	11676	5.56	Elected
8	SAMUELS	Dean Trevor	COUNCILLOR	11746	5.59	Elected
9	SINGH	Kevin Vincent	COUNCILLOR	11753	5.59	Elected
10	THEUS	Michael L.	COUNCILLOR	11715	5.58	Elected
11	WILLOUGHBY	Philip	COUNCILLOR	11502	5.47	Elected
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			129000		
1	SCHAKRON	Yolanda	MAYOR	6573	3.13	
2	GALVEZ	Jermyn	COUNCILLOR	7470	3.56	
3	GONZALEZ	David	COUNCILLOR	7408	3.53	
4	GOODIN	Micah	COUNCILLOR	7548	3.59	
5	HERRERA	Delroy	COUNCILLOR	7428	3.54	
6	HYLTON	Deltrude	COUNCILLOR	7355	3.50	
7	NOVELO	Michael	COUNCILLOR	7360	3.50	
8	PIPERSBURGH	Natasha	COUNCILLOR	7472	3.56	
9	PITTS	Sanja	COUNCILLOR	7287	3.47	
10	YEARWOOD	Sharret	COUNCILLOR	7546	3.59	
11	YOUNG	Lennox "DJ-Tambran"	COUNCILLOR	7319	3.48	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			80766		
1	TORRES	Eustaquio "Ernesto"	MAYOR	326	0.16	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			326		
	OVERALL VOTES POLLED			210092		

No. of Registered Electors:	42,540
No. of Used Ballots:	15,000
No. of Ballots Spoilt:	50
No. of Ballots Cast:	14,950
% of Ballots Cast:	35.14
% of Ballots Spoilt:	0.33
No. of Ballots Rejected:	14
% of Ballots Rejected:	0.093

★ STAR HUMOR ★

Thou Shalt Not Lie

A Parish Minister was walking down the street when he came upon a group of about a dozen boys, all of them between 10 and 12 years of age.

The group had surrounded a dog. Concerned that the boys were hurting the dog, he went over and asked *"What are you doing with that dog?"*

One of the boys replied, *"This dog is just an old neighborhood stray. We all want him, but only one of us can take him home. So we've decided that whichever one of us can tell the biggest lie will get to*

keep the dog."

Of course, the reverend was taken aback. *"You boys shouldn't be having a contest telling lies!"* he exclaimed. He then launched into a ten minute sermon against lying, beginning, *"Don't you boys know it's a sin to lie,"* and ending with, *"Why, when I was your age, I never told a lie."*

There was dead silence for about a minute. Just as the reverend was beginning to think he'd gotten through to them, the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, *"All right, give him the dog."*

Letter To God

There was a man who worked for the Post Office whose job it was to process all the mail that had illegible addresses. One day, a letter came addressed in a shaky handwriting to God with no actual address. He thought he should open it to see what it was about.

The letter read:

Dear God,

I am an 83 year old widow, living on a very small pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had \$100 in it, which was all the money I had until my next pension check.

Next Sunday is Christmas, and I had invited two of my friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with. I have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope.

Can you please help me?

Sincerely,
Edna

The postal worker was touched. He showed the letter to all the other

workers. Each one dug into his or her wallet and came up with a few quid. By the time he made the rounds, he had collected \$96, which they put into an envelope and sent to the woman.

The rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of Edna and the dinner she would be able to share with her friends. Christmas came and went. A few days later, another letter came from the same old lady to God. All the workers gathered around while the letter was opened.

It read:

Dear God,

How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your gift of love, I was able to fix a glorious dinner for my friends. We had a very nice day and I told my friends of your wonderful gift.

By the way, there was \$4 missing.

I think it must have been those thieves at the Post Office.

Just the Truth

Following a great sermon on lifestyle evangelism one family thought they had better do something to witness to Jesus. So they invited their neighbours to dinner the following Friday night.

When it came to the meal, the hostess was keen to show their neighbours that they upheld Christian standards in their home.

So she asked little 5 year old , *"Johnny can you say grace."*

Little Johnny was a bit shy.

"I don't know what to say" replied Johnny.

There was an awkward pause, followed by a reassuring smile from the boy's mother.

"Well darling," she said, *"just say what Daddy said at breakfast this morning."*

Obediently, the boy repeated, *"Oh God, we've got those awful people coming to dinner tonight"*

What Would You Have Done

The two thousand member church was filled to overflowing capacity one Sunday morning. The preacher was ready to start the sermon when two men, dressed in long black coats and black hats entered thru the rear of the church.

One of the two men walked to the middle of the church while the other stayed at the back of the church. They both then reached under their coats and withdrew automatic weapons.

The one in the middle announced, *"Everyone willing to take a bullet for Jesus stay in your*

seats!"

Naturally, the pews emptied, followed by the choir. The deacons ran out the door, followed by the choir director and the assistant pastor.

After a few moments, there were about twenty people left sitting in the church. The preacher was holding steady in the pulpit.

The men put their weapons away and said, gently, to the preacher, *"All right, pastor, the hypocrites are gone now. You may begin the service."*

All Booked Up

A newlywed farmer and his wife were visited by her mother, who immediately demanded an inspection of the place. The farmer had genuinely tried to be friendly to his new mother-in-law, hoping that it could be a friendly, non-antagonistic relationship. All to no avail though, as she kept nagging them at every opportunity, demanding changes, offering unwanted advice, and generally making life unbearable for the farmer and his new bride.

While they were walking through the barn, during the forced inspection, the farmer's mule suddenly reared up and kicked the mother-in-law in the head, killing her instantly. It was a shock to all no matter their feelings toward her demanding ways...

At the funeral service a few days later, the farmer stood near the casket and greeted folks as they walked by. The pastor noticed that whenever a woman would whisper something to the farmer, he would nod his head yes and say something. Whenever a man walked by and whispered to the farmer, however, he would shake his head no, and mumble a reply.

Very curious as to this bizarre behavior, the pastor later asked the farmer what that was all about. The farmer replied, *"The women would say, 'What a terrible tragedy and I would nod my head and say 'Yes, it was.' The men would ask, 'Can I borrow that mule?' and I would shake my head and say, 'Can't, it's all booked up for a year.'"*

I Never Go To Church

A man was sitting down next to a pastor at the bus stop. *"I never go to church,"* boasted the man. *"Perhaps you have noticed that pastor?"*

"Yes, I have noticed that," said the pastor.

"Well, the reason I don't go is because there are so many hypocrites there."

"Oh, don't let that keep you away," replied the pastor with a smile. *"There's always room for one more."*

Learning Information

Pat and Mike were walking down the street, when they came to the church, Pat says, *'Mike, you wait here, I'm going to run in for confession, it's been a long time'.*

Pat enters the confessional and says, *'Father forgive me, I have sinned with a married woman'.*

The priest asks, *'was it Mrs Murphy'?*

'No, Father', he replied.

'Was it Mrs O'Boyle'?

'No, Father'.

'Was it Mrs. O'Grady'?

Pat said, *"Father, I'll not be telling you the lady's name!"*

So the priest told him to say two Hail Mary's for each time he had sinned with the woman.

Back on the street, Mike said, *'Well, how did you do'?*

Pat said, *'Just fine, I kept me mouth shut and got 3 new prospects'!*

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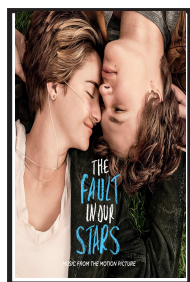


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MUNICIPAL ELECTION OFFICIAL RESULTS

DANGRIGA TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

The following is the result of the Dangriga Town Council Election which was held on Wednesday, 4th March 2015

	SURNAME	Other Names	OFFICE SOUGHT	VOTES POLLED	% Votes Polled	REMARKS
1	OVADO	Gregory	MAYOR	1227	5.80	
2	BERNARDEZ	Hilberto	COUNCILLOR	1184	5.60	
3	FLORES	Gilroy Howard	COUNCILLOR	1256	5.94	
4	GARCIA, GENTLE	Gwendelyn Alice	COUNCILLOR	1189	5.62	
5	MELENDREZ	Howard	COUNCILLOR	1230	5.81	
6	SIMPSON	Grace	COUNCILLOR	1250	5.91	
7	TEUL	Liberato	COUNCILLOR	1195	5.65	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			8531		
1	HUMPHREYS	Francis	MAYOR	1741	8.23	Elected
2	DIEGO	Yadira	COUNCILLOR	1734	8.20	Elected
3	FRANCISCO	Gary Troy	COUNCILLOR	1839	8.69	Elected
4	JOSEPH	Alexander "Lexus"	COUNCILLOR	1821	8.61	Elected
5	LOPEZ	Earth	COUNCILLOR	1812	8.57	Elected
6	MOLINA	Cheryl	COUNCILLOR	1862	8.80	Elected
7	NICASIO	Herbert	COUNCILLOR	1792	8.47	Elected
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			12601		
1	LEWIS	Chris "Master Chris"	MAYOR	21	0.10	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			21		
	OVERALL VOTES POLLED			21153		

No. of Registered Electors:	5,599
No. of Used Ballots:	3,168
No. of Ballots Spoilt:	15
No. of Ballots Cast:	3,153
% of Ballots Cast:	56.31
% of Ballots Spoilt:	0.48
No. of Ballots Rejected:	36
% of Ballots Rejected:	1.14

ORANGE WALK TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

The following is the result of the Orange Walk Town Council Election which was held on Wednesday, 4th March 2015

	SURNAME	Other Names	OFFICE SOUGHT	VOTES POLLED	% VOTES POLLED	REMARKS
1	BERNARD	Kevin	MAYOR	3873	7.10	ELECTED
2	ARANA, FLORES	Rozel	COUNCILLOR	3987	7.31	ELECTED
3	CAL	Ian	COUNCILLOR	3949	7.24	ELECTED
4	CARBALLO	Josue	COUNCILLOR	3992	7.31	ELECTED
5	SHEPPARD	Ladrick "Mad Bull"	COUNCILLOR	4218	7.73	ELECTED
6	URBINA	Jose "Joe"	COUNCILLOR	3876	7.10	
7	VASQUEZ	Gian "Bibs"	COUNCILLOR	3778	6.92	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			27673		
1	TORRES	Yvette "Liu"	MAYOR	3809	6.98	
2	CASIMIRO	Shartel "Shantel"	COUNCILLOR	3943	7.22	ELECTED
3	DE LEON	Perla Pasos	COUNCILLOR	3811	6.98	
4	GOMEZ	Lougie	COUNCILLOR	3923	7.19	ELECTED
5	HOARE	Roberto "Captain Roby"	COUNCILLOR	3802	6.97	
6	VASQUEZ	Aldo	COUNCILLOR	3782	6.93	
7	VEGA	Yahaira "Yaya"	COUNCILLOR	3832	7.02	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			26902		
OVERALL VOTES POLLED				54575		

No. of Registered Electors:	11,777
No. of Used Ballots:	8,053
No. of Ballots Spoilt:	33
No. of Ballots Cast:	8,020
% of Ballots Cast:	68.10
% of Ballots Spoilt:	0.41
No. of Ballots Rejected:	51
% of Ballots Rejected:	0.64

PUNTA GORDA TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

The following is the result of the Punta Gorda Town Council Election which was held on Wednesday 4th March 2015

	SURNAME	Other Names	Colour	VOTES POLLED	% Votes Polled	REMARKS
1	FUENTES	Anthony	MAYOR	578	3.84	
2	CAL	Moses	COUNCILLOR	517	3.44	
3	NORALEZ	Raimundo "Papito"	COUNCILLOR	592	3.93	
4	PALACIO	Mary	COUNCILLOR	657	4.37	
5	PARHAM	Waylon "Daddy P"	COUNCILLOR	601	3.99	
6	ROCHES	Francis Crispin	COUNCILLOR	632	4.20	
7	SELGADO	Charles	COUNCILLOR	562	3.74	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			4139		
1	GUTIERREZ	Fern	MAYOR	1189	7.90	Elected
2	AVILA	Aphane	COUNCILLOR	1160	7.71	Elected
3	CAYETANO	Lucia "Lucy"	COUNCILLOR	1238	8.23	Elected
4	CHUN	Winston	COUNCILLOR	1136	7.55	Elected
5	GUTIERREZ	Luzanne	COUNCILLOR	1233	8.19	Elected
6	MCKENZIE	Ashton Akeem	COUNCILLOR	1242	8.25	Elected
7	POLONIO	Franklin "Kranka"	COUNCILLOR	1272	8.45	Elected
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			8470		
1	MAHEIA	William "Wil"	MAYOR	372	2.47	
2	BORLAND	Deborah	COUNCILLOR	356	2.37	
3	COC	Eleazer	COUNCILLOR	222	1.48	
4	MCKENZIE	Linston "Blues"	COUNCILLOR	406	2.70	
5	REQUENA	Placida "Ms. Leonie"	COUNCILLOR	291	1.93	
6	VALERIO	Daniel "Danny Ciego"	COUNCILLOR	300	1.99	
7	WESTBY	Anthony "Mak"	COUNCILLOR	312	2.07	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			2259		
1	GABRIEL	Anthony "Hammer"	COUNCILLOR	37	0.25	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			37		
1	MORGAN	Hervan Marion Sr.	COUNCILLOR	74	0.49	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			74		
1	MUSCHAMP	Orlando Albert	COUNCILLOR	67	0.45	
	TOTAL NO. OF VOTES			67		
	OVERALL VOTES POLLED			15046		

No. of Registered Electors:	3,601
No. of Used Ballots:	2,250
No. of Ballots Spoilt:	8
No. of Ballots Cast:	2,242
% of Ballots Cast:	62.26
% of Ballots Spoilt:	0.36
No. of Ballots Rejected:	17
% of Ballots Rejected:	0.76

SAN IGNACIO/SANTA ELENA TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

The following is the result of the San Ignacio/Santa Elena Town Council Election which was held on Wednesday, 4th March 2015

	SURNAME	Other Names	OFFICE SOUGHT	VOTES POLLED	% Votes Polled	REMARKS
1	TRAPP	Earl	MAYOR	4443	9.14	Elected
2	BOITON	George	COUNCILLOR	4397	9.05	Elected
3	FERNANDEZ	Bernadette	COUNCILLOR	4667	9.60	Elected
4	MOREY	David Richard	COUNCILLOR	4516	9.29	Elected
5	NEAL	Vanessa Jeaneane	COUNCILLOR	4428	9.11	Elected
6	SALAZAR	Michael "Mike"	COUNCILLOR	4394	9.04	Elected
7	SINGH	Nick	COUNCILLOR	4120	8.48	Elected
TOTAL NO. OF VOTES				30965		
1	QUIROZ	F. Ramon "Monchi"	MAYOR	2532	5.21	
2	CODD	Sharon Glenda	COUNCILLOR	2538	5.22	
3	RODRIGUEZ	Danielle Victoria	COUNCILLOR	2504	5.15	
4	RODRIGUEZ	Elias Jose "Joe Nino"	COUNCILLOR	2585	5.32	
5	RODRIGUEZ	Omar Lucio	COUNCILLOR	2515	5.17	
6	URBINA	Sheena	COUNCILLOR	2357	4.85	
7	VASQUEZ	Shane	COUNCILLOR	2612	5.37	
TOTAL NO. OF VOTES				17643		
Overall Votes Polled				48608		

No. of Registered Electors:	12,676
No. of Used Ballots:	7,382
No. of Ballots Spoilt:	19
No. of Ballots Cast:	7,363
% of Ballots Cast:	58.09
% of Ballots Spoilt:	0.26
No. of Ballots Rejected:	66
% of Ballots Rejected:	0.896

Herpes Zoster

Herpes zoster (or simply zoster), commonly known as shingles and also known as zona, is a viral disease characterized by a painful skin rash with blisters in a limited area on one side of the body (**left or right**), often in a stripe. The initial infection with varicella zoster virus (VZV) causes the acute, short-lived illness chickenpox which generally occurs in children and young adults. Once an episode of chickenpox has resolved, the virus is not eliminated from the body and can go on to cause herpes zoster often many years after the initial infection. Herpes zoster is not the same disease as herpes simplex, despite the name similarity; both the varicella zoster virus and herpes simplex virus belong to the same viral subfamily Alphaherpesvirinae.

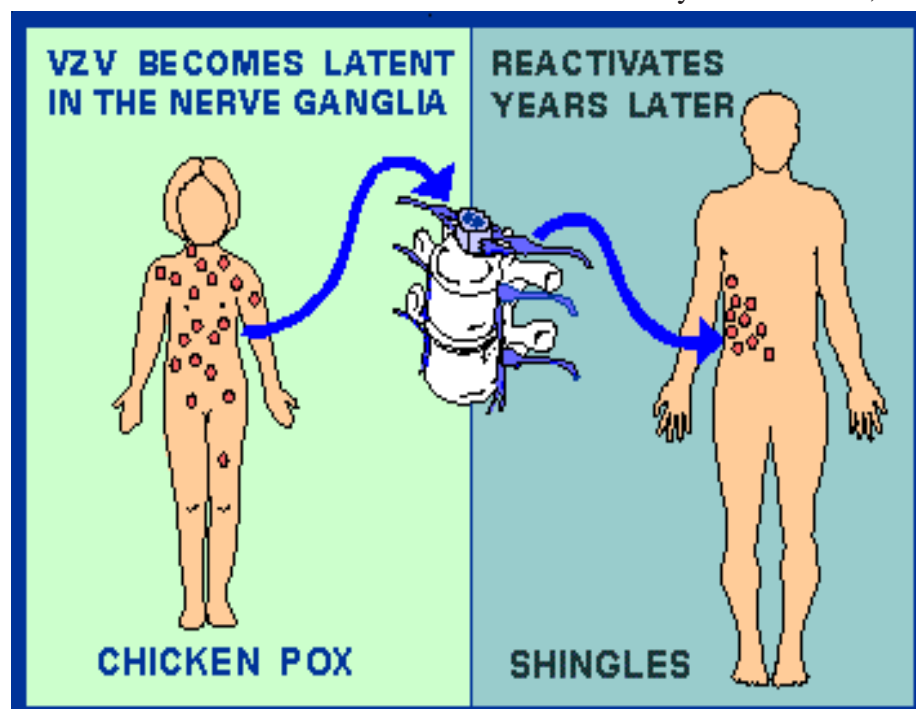
After the initial episode of chickenpox resolves, the varicella zoster virus remains latent in the nerve cell bodies and, less frequently, the non-neuronal satellite cells of the dorsal root, cranial nerve or autonomic ganglia, without causing any symptoms. Years or decades after the initial infection, the virus may break out of nerve cell bodies and travel down nerve axons to cause viral infection of the skin in the region of the nerve. The virus may spread



from one or more ganglia along nerves of an affected segment and infect the corresponding dermatome (**an area of skin supplied by one spinal nerve**) causing a painful rash. Although the rash usually heals within two to four weeks, some sufferers experience residual nerve pain for months or years, a condition called postherpetic neuralgia. Exactly how the virus remains latent in the body, and subsequently re-activates, is not understood.

Throughout the world, the incidence rate of herpes zoster every year ranges from 1.2 to 3.4 cases per 1,000 healthy individuals, increasing to 3.9–11.8 per year per 1,000 individuals among those older than 65 years. Over a lifetime, a large fraction of people develop herpes zoster, though usually only once; a 1965 16-year British study proposed that, of those individuals living to age 85, 50% would likely have had at least one attack, and 1% had at least two attacks.

The zoster (**shingles**) vaccine is



considered the most effective way to reduce incidence of herpes zoster and postherpetic neuralgia, and to reduce severity of any outbreak. Antiviral drug treatment is considered a second-line approach, but can reduce the severity and duration of herpes zoster if a seven- to ten-day course of these drugs is started within 72 hours of the appearance of the characteristic rash.

Signs and Symptoms

The earliest symptoms of herpes zoster, which include headache, fever, and malaise, are nonspecific, and may result in an incorrect diagnosis. These symptoms are commonly followed by sensations of burning pain, itching, hyperesthesia (**oversensitivity**), or paresthesia ("**pins and needles**": **tingling, pricking, or numbness**). The pain may be mild to extreme in the affected dermatome, with sensations that are often described as stinging, tingling, aching, numbing or throbbing, and can be interspersed with quick stabs of agonizing pain.

Herpes zoster in children is often painless, but older people are more likely to get zoster as they age, and the disease tends to be more severe.

In most cases after one to two days, but sometimes as long as three weeks, the initial phase is followed by the appearance of the characteristic skin rash. The pain and rash most commonly occurs on the torso, but can appear on the face, eyes or other parts of the body. At first the rash appears similar to the first appearance of hives; however, unlike hives, herpes zoster causes skin changes limited to a dermatome, normally resulting in a stripe or belt-like pattern that is limited to one side of the body and does not cross the midline. Zoster sine herpette ("**zoster without herpes**") describes a patient who has all of the symptoms of herpes zoster except this characteristic rash.

Later the rash becomes vesicular, forming small blisters filled with a

serous exudate, as the fever and general malaise continue. The painful vesicles eventually become cloudy or darkened as they fill with blood, and

crust over within seven to ten days; usually the crusts fall off and the skin heals, but sometimes, after severe blistering, scarring and discolored skin remain.

Prevention

There is a live vaccine for VZV, marketed as Zostavax. It must be maintained at a temperature not exceeding -15 °C during shipping and storage, although it can be stored and transported at refrigerator temperature for up to 72 continuous hours before reconstitution. The incidence of side effects is low. There is no recommended upper age limit.

A systematic review by the Cochrane Library concluded that Zostavax can reduce the absolute risk of shingles by 1.75%, i.e. 1 episode of shingles prevented for every 70 patients vaccinated. This equates to a 50% relative risk reduction. The vaccine reduced incidence of persistent, severe pain after shingles (i.e., PHN) by 66% in people who contracted shingles despite vaccination.

Duration of protection was not known as of 2013. In the Shingles Prevention Study (SPS), vaccine efficacy was maintained through four years of follow-up, and a larger and longer study was in progress; evidence suggested that protection persists for up to 7 years. The need for revaccination had not been defined. An episode of HZ has an immunizing effect, greatly reducing the probability of a subsequent recurrence. However, patients with a history of severe HZ are often insistent on receiving the vaccine, and there have been concerns about the validity of patient histories of HZ. Both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the ACIP recommended the vaccination of adults regardless of a previous episode of HZ.

It has been recommended that people with primary or acquired immunodeficiency should not receive the vaccine.

The likelihood of vaccination causing a case of HZ appears to be very low.

Treatment

The aims of treatment are to limit the severity and duration of pain, shorten the duration of a shingles episode, and reduce complications. Symptomatic treatment is often needed for the complication of postherpetic neuralgia. However, a study on untreated herpes zoster shows that, once the rash has cleared, postherpetic neuralgia is very rare in people under 50 and wears off in time; in older people the pain wore off more slowly, but even in people over 70, 85% were pain free a year after their shingles outbreak.

Analgesics

People with mild to moderate pain can be treated with over-the-counter pain medications. Topical lotions containing calamine can be used on the rash or blisters and may be soothing. Occasionally, severe pain may require an opioid medication, such as morphine. Once the lesions have crusted over, capsaicin cream (**Zostrix**) can be used. Topical lidocaine and nerve blocks may also reduce pain. Administering gabapentin along with antivirals may offer relief of postherpetic neuralgia.

Antivirals

Antiviral drugs may reduce the severity and duration of herpes zoster. They however do not prevent postherpetic neuralgia. Of these drugs, acyclovir has been the standard treatment, but the new drugs valaciclovir and famciclovir demonstrate similar or superior efficacy and good safety and tolerability. The drugs are used both for prevention (**for example in HIV/AIDS**) and as therapy during the acute phase. Complications in immunocompromised individuals with herpes zoster may be reduced with intravenous acyclovir. In people who are at a high risk for repeated attacks of shingles, five daily oral doses of acyclovir are usually effective.

Prognosis

The rash and pain usually subside within three to five weeks, but about one in five patients develop a painful condition called postherpetic neuralgia, which is often difficult to manage. In some patients, herpes zoster can reactivate presenting as zoster sine herpette: pain radiating along the path of a single spinal nerve (**a dermatomal distribution**), but without an accompanying rash. This condition may involve complications that affect several levels of the nervous system and cause many cranial neuropathies, polyneuritis, myelitis, or aseptic meningitis. Other serious effects that may occur in some cases include partial facial paralysis

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION OFFICIAL RESULTS

SAN PEDRO TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

The following is the result of the San Pedro Town Council Election which was held on Wednesday, 4th March 2015

	SURNAME	Other Names	OFFICE SOUGHT	VOTES POLLED	% Votes Polled	REMARKS
1	GUERRERO	Daniel "Danny"	MAYOR	2534	7.63	Elected
2	ALAMILLA	Hector "Tito"	COUNCILLOR	2581	7.77	Elected
3	ANCONA	Flora	COUNCILLOR	2692	8.11	Elected
4	GONZALEZ	Ruben "Rux"	COUNCILLOR	2663	8.02	Elected
5	GREIF	Gary	COUNCILLOR	2702	8.14	Elected
6	GUERRERO	Severo "Severito"	COUNCILLOR	2629	7.92	Elected
7	NUNEZ	Gabriel "Gaby"	COUNCILLOR	2570	7.74	Elected
TOTAL NO. OF VOTES				18371		
1	SOLORZANO	Dr. Giovanni	MAYOR	1879	5.66	
2	FLOTA	Maria "Conchita"	COUNCILLOR	2010	6.05	
3	GUERRERO	Omar "Kanasi"	COUNCILLOR	1846	5.56	
4	KAY	Marina Graniel	COUNCILLOR	1931	5.81	
5	NORALEZ	Alex	COUNCILLOR	1880	5.66	
6	NUNEZ	Gualberto "Wally"	COUNCILLOR	2124	6.40	
7	NUNEZ	Raymundo "Mundo"	COUNCILLOR	1934	5.82	
TOTAL NO. OF VOTES				13604		
1	LOPEZ	Roberto "Bobby"	MAYOR	256	0.77	
2	BOITON	Mary	COUNCILLOR	143	0.43	
3	DAWSON	Martin	COUNCILLOR	206	0.62	
4	HENKIS	Virginio "Bill"	COUNCILLOR	166	0.50	
5	REQUENA	Amalio "Tua"	COUNCILLOR	132	0.40	
6	REYES	Fatima	COUNCILLOR	176	0.53	
7	SALGUERO	Francisco	COUNCILLOR	157	0.47	
TOTAL NO. OF VOTES				1236		
OVERALL VOTES POLLED				33211		

No. of Registered Electors:	7,588
No. of Used Ballots:	5,004
No. of Ballots Spoilt:	27
No. of Ballots Cast:	4,977
% of Ballots Cast:	65.95
% of Ballots Spoilt:	0.54
No. of Ballots Rejected:	68
% of Ballots Rejected:	1.37



PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Utilities Commission Act, the Water Industry Act, the Water and Sewerage (Tariffs) 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 **2014-15 Full Tariff Review Proceeding Final Decision** (hereinafter referred to as the "**Final Decision**") for the Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL; the Licensee) for the Full Tariff Period (FTP) of April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2020.

Summary of BWSL FTRP Submission:

On November 17, 2014, BWSL made a formal FTRP Submission with a Business Plan containing various proposals for approval by the Commission, summarized as follows:

- a) Total Investments over the FTP of some \$108.6 million (\$30.1 million by BWSL, \$26.4 million from debt, \$52.1 million contributed);
- b) Total Operational Expenditure (OPEX) over the FTP of some \$151.3 million;
- c) Average increases in Tariffs of some 5.0% for April 2015 to March 2017 and some 7.5% for April 2017 to March 2020.

Adoption of Initial Decision as the Final Decision:

On January 6, 2015, the Commission issued its **2014-15 Full Tariff Review Proceeding Initial Decision**. Interested parties were allowed until January 23, 2015, to submit written comments or objections in relation to the **Initial Decision**. No objections were received and the **Initial Decision** is adopted as the **Final Decision**, pursuant to the Water and Sewerage (Tariffs) Byelaws.

Summary of the Final Decision:

The **Final Decision** contains approved Regulated Values and Tariffs, Fees and Charges, summarized as follows:

- a) Approved addition of assets to the Regulated Asset Value (RAV) of some \$60.4 million over the FTP;
- b) Approved total Operational Expenditure (OPEX) of some \$129.8 million over the FTP;
- c) Average increase of 2% in Tariffs to be applied over the FTP;
- d) No adjustments to any other currently approved Fees and Charges.

Approved Tariffs for Full Tariff Period (FTP) of April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2020

Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

ARIES:

March 22 to April 20

Compared to the rest of the week, Monday through Wednesday are going to be the days you want to remember. Maybe not days for the history books, but you're certainly solid-gold happy with the abundance of energy and creativity you sense around you. Or maybe you're embroiled in professional sports. Anyway, you're grinning from ear to ear until Thursday — a day of obligations and details. It's a great day to do something to get fit, though, and a great day for athletic games. This weekend is relatively quiet, which will likely come as a relief. **Lucky numbers: 77, 83, 95.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21

As you watch the pompous people parade down the street on Monday, you consider them and decide to be tolerant. And anyway, there are times when you have been mistaken about others. In any case, by Tuesday you'll be spending time around people you know like the back of your hand. People you love. Romance (and caressing in particular) figures into your life on Thursday. And Friday, companionship and attraction remain key themes. The routine of your weekend — especially following such a jam-packed week — seems more fun and stimulating than usual. **Lucky numbers: 08, 17, 29.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21

You surround yourself with like-minded people, and this week, your crowd is feeling especially cerebral. The conversation shoots into abstract directions and even disagreements, in these settings, are entertaining. A light debate on Tuesday or Wednesday puts you on your toes, and keeps you on your toes for the next few days. Thursday and Friday you are careful and quick, although make sure not to let your face fall into a sour-looking expression if you stare off into space — someone might misread you. This weekend: romance, energy and a ton of new projects. **Lucky numbers: 36, 49, 51.**

CANCER

June 21 to July 21

Why settle for anything less than the biggest and the best? That's your opinion on Monday. And Tuesday and Wednesday. All big days in the spending department. Make sure you can afford whatever doodad it is you have your heart set on, and then enjoy your indulgence. Thursday is a great day — the lines of communication are strong, you're feeling social, the brain is working nicely — and you're happy

and relaxed on Friday. Plans and details seem taken care of by the end of the week, but then Saturday comes along and everything goes out the window. Chances are, it will be a frantic weekend. **Lucky numbers: 19, 33, 55.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

It may be sweltering outside, but you're burning up inside, too. With excitement. About everything. Share this incredible warmth of yours with your friends and hug them tight. How you ever got to feeling this goofy is beyond you, but you're happy to enjoy it. Wednesday is a creative day, but by Thursday everything changes — your mood is still up, but your focus has changed. You're introverted and thinking financial thoughts. You'll stay this way for about a day or two — until the weekend, that is, which returns you to hugging your friends, jumping up and down and kissing people enthusiastically. **Lucky numbers: 01, 12, 22.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

The underdog has captured your imagination on Monday. You were a fan of someone else, but recent information has led you to change your mind. You have the capacity to be flexible, which is a good quality right now. The only drawback to the flurry of excitement at the beginning of the week is that it will leave you exhausted by Wednesday afternoon. That's right about the time your week really starts to get good. Thursday and Friday are terrific, top-of-the-summit days. Unfortunately, Saturday brings your fearless streak to an end. Indecision hampers you this weekend, but only somewhat. **Lucky numbers: 43, 57, 69.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

For some reason, when there's a question at the beginning of the week, all heads look to you for the answer. You are tapped into the bigger picture right now, and friends, as well as perfect strangers, can sense it. Tuesday and Wednesday are great days too. The details? Don't worry about them — you're operating on a higher plane. Thursday and Friday, show off your talent for listening to others. The way to be social is to ask a lot of questions. This is the kind of weekend when you may find yourself blown away by some incredible art or architecture, and flirting comes into play on Saturday. **Lucky numbers: 05, 27, 71.**

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

A challenge can be invigorating, but on Monday and Tuesday, the

challenge you face stresses you out. You almost feel like demonstrating how stressed you are, but that would be flamboyant of you — and flamboyance is not the way to go right now. Watch yourself on Wednesday as well. Thursday returns you to happier waters, and a couple of unexpectedly free hours in the afternoon on Friday give you the time to make plans. Decisions might be tough over the weekend, so the fewer you have to make, the better. Don't feel like you have to exhaust yourself Saturday night. If the mood strikes you, stay home. **Lucky numbers: 20, 39, 53.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

If you are traveling at all Monday through Wednesday, luck is on your side. There's a first-class upgrade with your name on it. Cheerfulness abounds the first half of the week, which is why Thursday — when a run-in with an authority figure or older family member rattles your cage — will come as such a shock. Friday won't be a banner day either. But this weekend? This weekend, luck is on your side again. You are back in your comfort zone, and your friends are delighted to see you. Sunday would be a fine time to make your life goals known to a new friend. **Lucky numbers: 46, 74, 88.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

Monday might not be the easiest day in the whole world, but don't take anything to heart. What you're seeing may not be what's actually going on. Still, resources are tight, and on Tuesday or Wednesday someone may ask you for your last piece of gum. Whether or not you give it to them is up to you. Connecting with a

family member or old friend centers you on Thursday — the telephone is amazing, isn't it? — and Friday is packed with accomplishments and the resulting pride and good feelings. The weekend sees you thinking nonstop about your career. **Lucky numbers: 68, 85, 93.**

AQUARIUS:

January 20 to February 18

A strange contradiction presents itself on Monday; pursue it, and you may stumble upon a discovery. Experiments and extraordinary strides figure into Tuesday and Wednesday as well — you feel a bit like a mad scientist making a series of breakthroughs — but by Thursday you're more careful, taking care and covering the details. You know as well as anyone that oftentimes things are not as they seem. Keep this in mind on Friday. And this weekend, someone who seems to have little to do with your life will tell you a story you find endlessly fascinating. Amazing what you can learn from other people. **Lucky numbers: 11, 30, 79.**

PISCES:

February 20 to March 21

As long as you mind your own business at the beginning of the week, you'll be spared any unnecessary drama. Not that you mind drama. But you have enough things going on in your own life right now to let yourself be distracted. Keep your mind from wandering, especially on Wednesday. On Thursday, maintaining good relationships is more important than knowing all the facts. Trust your friends. Believe in your gut. On Saturday, a small financial crisis encourages you to collect on an old debt — as well you should. There's a chance that whoever owes you something merely forgot. **Lucky numbers: 10, 25, 97.**

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Tourist Killed By Whale Crashing Into Boat Off Mexico

A grey whale (*Eschrichtius robustus*) dives into the Ojo de Liebre Lagoon in Mexico on 3 March, 2015.

A record number of grey whales has been spotted off the Mexican coast this season

A Canadian woman died after a grey whale crashed into the tourist boat she was on off Mexico's Pacific coast.

The woman had been snorkelling off the north-western resort of Cabo San Lucas.

The exact circumstances of the incident are unclear. Firefighters say the whale jumped up and landed on the boat, throwing the victim into the water.

But the tour company said the woman was injured when the captain had to make a sudden turn to avoid the surfacing whale, which hit one side of the boat.

She later died in hospital. Two other people were also injured.

A grey whale (*Eschrichtius robustus*) emerges from the waters of the Ojo de Liebre Lagoon on 3 March, 2015.

Grey whales breed and nurse their calves in the lagoons and bays

Local media said the unnamed woman, believed to be 35 years old, was on a boat with 23 other people



when the accident happened.

The vessel was returning from taking tourists on a snorkelling trip.

Boating accidents involving whales are relatively rare - although two years ago a US sail boat sank off western Mexico after a breaching whale fell onto it.

In July a sightseeing boat was overturned by a whale off the coast of California.

On Wednesday, Mexican authorities said more than 2,500 grey

whales had gathered in the area, one of the highest numbers in the past two decades.

The lagoons and bays off Baja California Sur are popular with pregnant females who bear their calves here.

Grey whales can reach a length of almost 15m (50ft) and a weight of 36 tonnes.

Liquor License Notice

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **GOMER ENRIQUEZ** is applying for a **MALT AND CIDER** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Paradise Auto Spa** located on George Price Boulevard, Benque Viejo Del Carmen Town, Cayo District.

Herpes Zoster

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(usually temporary), ear damage, or encephalitis. During pregnancy, first infections with VZV, causing chickenpox, may lead to infection of the fetus and complications in the newborn, but chronic infection or reactivation in shingles are not associated with fetal infection.

There is a slightly increased risk of developing cancer after a herpes zoster infection. However, the mechanism is unclear and mortality from cancer did not appear to increase as a direct result of the presence of the virus. Instead, the increased risk may result from the immune suppression that allows the reactivation of the virus.

Although herpes zoster typically

resolves within 3–5 weeks, certain complications may arise:

- * Secondary bacterial infection
- * Motor involvement, including weakness especially in "*motor herpes zoster*"
- * Eye involvement: trigeminal nerve involvement (**as seen in herpes ophthalmicus**) should be treated early and aggressively as it may lead to blindness. Involvement of the tip of the nose in the zoster rash is a strong predictor of herpes ophthalmicus.
- * Postherpetic neuralgia, a condition of chronic pain following herpes zoster

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Mexican Mayoral Candidate Murdered

The decapitated body of a politician has been found in one of Mexico's most violent states, Guerrero, where she had been standing for mayor in June's elections. Aide Nava's body was discovered on a road near the state capital, Chilpancingo. She had been kidnapped on Tuesday. A note near her body threatened the same treatment for other politicians. Violence in Guerrero has cast doubt over polls scheduled there for June. The note near Aide Nava's body said if politicians did not "fall into line" they would be executed. It was signed by Los Rojos, one of the main criminal groups in the state. Last year Aide Nava's son was kidnapped and has never been found. Her husband, a former mayor, was also murdered. Guerrero and eight other Mexican states hold local elections in June, but there are doubts elections can take place in Guerrero because of the high levels of violence. Last year, 43 students in Guerrero disappeared, and remain missing. According to the government the students were abducted by corrupt local police and handed over to a criminal gang for execution. The disappearances sparked an international outcry over criminal violence in Mexico. President Enrique Pena Nieto promised to restore order to Mexico when he took office in 2012.



DRUG TRAFFICKER BUSTED

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search and also contained suspected cannabis. Castillo was cautioned and was escorted to the San Ignacio Police Station. The suspected cannabis was weighted in her presence tipping the scales at a total of 2,041.2 grams equivalent to 4.5 pounds. Castillo was formally arrested and charged for the offence of Drug Trafficking.



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