





## Belize Water Services Assisting With The Refurbishing Of A Park In Benque



**Mayor Nicholas Ruiz (3rd From Left) flanked by two council officials with BWSL's Chairman**

**Herman Longworth (left) inside the Carmen Park**

**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, March 31, 2011:**

The Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL) today made good on its promise to assist the Benque Viejo Town Council with the refurbishing of a park in that western municipality.

**Herman Longworth**, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Belize Water Services Limited, this morning travelled to Benque Viejo Town where he officially handed over a check in the sum of \$7,000 to His Worship the Mayor of Benque Viejo Town, **Nicholas Ruiz**.

In making the presentation this morning, Chairman Longworth

expressed BWSL's willingness to assist in community projects geared at improving the social environment.

In accepting the financial assistance, Mayor Ruiz thanked BWSL for making good on its promise of assistance. He also took the opportunity to show Chairman Longworth the current condition of the park that will be refurbished with the intention to provide him with a before and after appreciation of the investment that will be made to the facility.

Mayor Ruiz informed the works on the Carmen Park at the intersection of George and Churchill Streets will begin as early as next week.

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## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### PUBLIC NOTICE

### PROPOSAL TO GRANT A LICENCE TO CONSOLIDATED WATER BELIZE LIMITED (CWBL)

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC; the Commission) hereby serves NOTICE** this day, March 17, 2011, pursuant to Section 15(4) of the Water Industry Act, that it proposes to grant a licence to Consolidated Water Belize Limited (CWB), authorizing it to purify, store and supply water to Belize Water Services Limited (BWS) for the purpose of enabling a supply by BWS to the public on Ambergris Caye, Belize.

#### Proposed Terms and Conditions of Licence

The proposed licence shall authorize CWB to furnish exclusively to BWS a supply of potable water of up to an average 450,000 US gallons per day on Ambergris Caye, subject to any potable water supply quality standards established by the Ministry of Health or which may be contained in the proposed licence or any agreement between CWB and BWS, as approved by the Commission.

The proposed term of the licence shall be 15 years, commencing with the effective date of the licence (being the date that the proposed licence is granted).

#### Representations or Objections

Interested persons (those who may be affected by the granting of the proposed licence) may make representations or objections to the proposal to grant the licence.

The deadline for making representations or objections is April 18, 2011.

Representations and objections in writing may be sent to the Public Utilities Commission, P.O. Box 300, 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City; or emailed to [info@puc.bz](mailto:info@puc.bz).

*Issued by the Public Utilities Commission on  
March 17, 2011.*



## THE 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. 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 or meetings
- Assist, as appropriate, in the determination and setting of tariffs, rates, fees and charges in rate review proceedings or filings
- Assist in the collection and analysis of comments received from Interested Persons and the general public where required
- 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

#### 2. Director – Telecommunications Sector

##### Duties and Responsibilities:

The **Director – Telecommunications Sector** is responsible for assisting the PUC in the regulation of the telecommunications sector in respect of the services provided by licensees and public utility providers. Specific duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Direct supervision of assigned staff
- Assist in the development and implementation of Byelaws, Regulations and Orders in respect of service quality and reliability standards
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- Assist in the development and implementation of short- and long-term objectives for the telecommunications sector
- Assist in the processing of applications for licenses, permits and authorizations
- Monitoring of licensees for compliance to licence conditions and relevant Acts, Byelaws, Regulations, Orders, Decisions and standards
- Supervise or conduct relevant studies in relation to current and forecast trends in demand and supply of telecommunications services
- Assist in supervising and conducting rate filings, approvals and determination
- Assist in the Preparation of annual budgets and reports
- Represent the PUC in international organizations, forums, conferences, workshops and working groups from time to time
- 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 Telecommunications Engineering, Computer Science 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 for both positions will be based on personal qualifications and experience, within the salary scales of BZ\$36,000.00 to BZ\$75,000.00 per annum for the position of **Consumer Affairs/Public Relations Officer** and BZ\$50,000.00 to BZ\$90,000.00 per annum for the position of **Director – Telecommunications Sector**.

Successful candidates 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.

##### Applications:

The deadline for applications is 5:00 PM on April 19, 2011.

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

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



# Mexico's Attorney General Resigns

Locked in a grueling and bloody war with drug cartels, Mexican President **Felipe Calderon** today replaced the nation's top legal official, whose lackluster stint had failed to improve paltry narcotics conviction rates or stem human rights abuses.

Attorney General **Arturo Chavez** stepped down after 18 months on the job. Calderon nominated **Marisela Morales**, head of the high-profile organized crime unit of the prosecutor's office, to replace Chavez. The Mexican Senate must ratify the appointment.

Chavez's departure comes at a time of soaring violence in the drug war that has claimed more



**Former Attorney General, Arturo Chavez**

than 35,000 lives since Calderon launched the offensive in December 2006.

A poll this week showed that a slight majority of Mexicans believe the cartels have the advantage in the war as

impunity goes unchecked. Despite thousands of arrests of suspected traffickers, only a fraction are prosecuted and convicted.

The removal of Chavez, however, is not likely to portend significant changes in Calderon's strategy, analysts said.

Chavez became attorney general under a cloud of controversy. He was seen by many Mexicans as a bland technocrat whose main qualification seemed to be his loyalty to Calderon's National Action Party, or PAN. Human rights activists were especially incensed because of Chavez's

perceived failure to adequately investigate a rash of killings of women when he was top state prosecutor in Chihuahua in the 1990s.

In a secret 2009 diplomatic cable disclosed this year by WikiLeaks, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico **Carlos Pascual** described Calderon's decision to name Chavez attorney general as *"totally unexpected and politically inexplicable."*

Along with other senior federal law enforcement authorities, Chavez's office badly bungled a case that was intended to show the government's willingness to go after politicians who protect drug traffickers. With great fanfare, more than 30 mayors, police chiefs and other officials were arrested in 2009 in

Michoacan state and accused of collaborating with the notorious La Familia drug gang.

Although Chavez inherited the case from his predecessor, his office failed to make the charges stick. The case collapse acknowledged was a **"much talked-about setback."**

He also may have been harmed by ongoing revelations that U.S. officials allowed weapons to be smuggled to known traffickers as part of a federal operation to track down kingpins. Chavez repeatedly avoided appearing before the Mexican Congress to testify about what he knew about the program.

Calderon, in a recent public appearance announcing that he had accepted Chavez's resignation, credited the outgoing attorney general with the capture of several top drug lords and the confiscation of weapons, illicit properties and drug profits. He said Chavez was key in toughening laws against kidnapping, a booming crime in Mexico.

Chavez had replaced **Eduardo Medina Mora**, one of the most seasoned politicians from Calderon's party but one who clashed repeatedly with powerful public security chief **Genaro Garcia Luna** and who eventually lost the confidence of U.S. officials.

Those same officials, in another secret diplomatic cable, noted that Chavez was seen as a *"less capable political operator"* than Medina Mora and predicted that Chavez *"will be overshadowed by Garcia Luna and stymied by his considerable human rights baggage."*

Morales, if confirmed, would be the first woman to serve in the post. She wins high marks from U.S. officials, and last month received the 2011 International Women of Courage Award in a ceremony in Washington headed by U.S. Secretary of State **Hillary Rodham Clinton** and First Lady **Michelle Obama**. But Morales too was tainted in the botched Michoacan case, and some of the senators who must approve her appointment may hold that against her.

## VACANCY

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**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:** 19 April, 2011

**ORGANIZATIONAL LEVEL:** Administrator

**DUTY STATION:** San Pedro Branch Office

**SUPERVISOR:** Branch Manager

#### QUALIFICATIONS

##### Education:

- Bachelors Degree in Nursing or Registered Nurse's Certificate/Diploma with five years or relevant work experience

##### Skills:

- Good managerial, leadership and human relations skills
- Excellent knowledge of computer applications (Word, Excel, Power Point)
- Fluent in English
- Ability to work in an organized manner and to meet targets
- Proven ability to work independently and with initiative
- Knowledge of company policies

#### COMPETENCIES

Applicant must possess excellent administrative skills, be assertive, confident and mature with a high degree of integrity, honesty, responsibility and commitment to Social Security. Must also be able to work independently and in a team environment, be flexible, motivated and willing to take initiative.

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# Cotton Tree Village Water Expansion Inaugurated

**Belmopan, Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011:**

The Prime Minister of Belize, Hon Dean O. Barrow, today officially inaugurated the Belmopan to Cotton Tree Water Expansion Project, which is part of a larger Government initiative to provide a reliable supply of safe and potable water to over 2,000 residents in three main villages along the Western Highway. The ceremony, which began at 10:30 this Monday morning, was held Cotton Tree Village.

Addressing the gathering of villagers, students, government officials, BWSL employees and other invited guests were the Executive Director of the Social Investment Fund, **Daniel Cano**; Director BWSL, **Alberto August**; Cayo South Area Representative, **Ramon Witz** and Prime Minister, **Dean Barrow**.

The \$1.3 Million Belmopan to Cotton Tree Water Expansion Project represents the first phase of a project that aims to improve the quality of water supply to over 386 households in the villages of Cotton Tree, St Matthews and Franks Eddy along the Western Highway.

The ongoing project will connect all three communities through a 64,100 feet transmission line from the central water system in Belmopan. The pipes are being

buried 3 feet underground so that it is not prone to damages by flooding, which is the only natural hazard in the area due to creeks that cross the highway. The water source in Belmopan is sufficient in quantity and quality to supply all three villages. In fact, BWSL had, in the past, already established expansion points on the Western Highway strategically placed for such an endeavour.

This \$1.5 million project is being funded by the Government of Belize (\$1.0 Million) through the Commonwealth Debt Initiative (CDI) and Belize Water Services Limited (\$0.5 Million).

The project is being executed by the Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL) with oversight by the Social Investment Fund.

The communities of Cotton Tree, St Mathews and Franks Eddy are located along the Western Highway in the Cayo District approximately 3 miles from each other and 9 miles from Franks Eddy to Belmopan City. All three villages have existing water infrastructure but the area has not yielded water in sufficient quantities and wherever water has been found it is not suitable for drinking. With the growth in population, reserves have diminished leaving the entire area without potable water. Hence, the residents in these three communities have to rely on

springs and hand dug wells for their daily consumption of water.

The project has come to fruition through the efforts of the Government and the **Hon. Ramon Witz**, Area Representative for Cayo South, working hand in hand with the village councils and water boards of the respective

villages.

The improvement to the water system in these communities will reduce health hazards due to water borne diseases. It will also assist these communities to provide better services to the tourism sector, improve their economic opportunities and enjoy better health, sanitation and living standards.

## BELIZE WATER SERVICES LTD.



### PUBLIC NOTICE



Belize Water Services Limited reminds customers that their water bills payment can be made via cash, check, credit or debit cards at any of the BWS's offices countrywide, or at any Authorized BWS Collection Agent.

Please note that authorized BWS collection agents do NOT charge any add-on fees for payment of your bill.

Authorized BWS Collection Agents include all the commercial banks, and designated agents in Ladyville, Burrell Boom, Hattieville and Benque Viejo. For a complete listing of Authorized BWS Collection Agents, visit our WEB Site at [www.bws.bz](http://www.bws.bz)

## Prime Minister Inaugurates Cotton Tree Water Distribution System

**Monday, 28th March 2011:**

Prime Minister of Belize, Hon Dean Oliver Barrow, officially inaugurates the Cotton Tree Water Distribution System, which is part of a Government initiative to improve provision of potable water to communities across the country.

The Cotton Tree Water Distribution System culminates the first phase of a project that aims to improve the quality of water supply to some 400 households in the three villages of Cotton Tree, St Mathews and Franks Eddy, located along the Western Highway near Belmopan. This project will connect all three communities through a main transmission line from BWS' Water Treatment Plant in Belmopan. This Plant, which already supplies Belmopan, Roaring Creek and Teakettle, has been upgraded to provide adequate supply to all areas.

This new system replaces the existing Rudimentary Water Systems in Cotton Tree, St. Matthews and Franks



**Hon. Ramon Witz,**  
**Area Representative,**  
**Cayo South**

Eddy which were unable to provide adequate water, especially in the dry season. The residents in these communities have had to rely on rivers, springs and hand dug wells for their daily consumption of water, with water transportation as an arduous daily chore.

This project came to fruition through the efforts of the Government of Belize in collaboration with the village councils, the Social Investment Fund and BWS. Having a fully functional water system in these communities will reduce health hazards due to water borne diseases and will directly improve sanitation, economic opportunities and living standards.

This \$1.5 million project is funded by the Government of Belize (\$1.0 Million) through the Commonwealth Debt Initiative (CDI) and Belize Water Services Limited (\$0.5 Million). The project is being executed by Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL) with oversight by the Social Investment Fund. The Belmopan-to-Cotton Tree component is estimated at \$1.3 Million.

For further information, please contact Haydon Brown, Public Relations Manager, Tel. 222-4757.



**Hon. Dean Barrow,**  
**Prime Minister of Belize**

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## Debbie & Bruce Robbed Near Cahal Pech

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, March 29, 2011:**

**Debbie Smith**, 56, and **Bruce Frank**, 55, reported to police that they were today robbed gun-point at around 8:30 p.m. while walking up the Cahal Pech hill in San Ignacio Town.

Frank informed that upon reaching an area near the museum, they were accosted by two male persons dressed in long sleeve white hooded

sweaters with the hoods over their heads and long dark pants. The attackers, one of whom was armed with handgun, reportedly approached the couple and demanded money. While the gunman held the gun to Frank’s head they reportedly searched his pockets and removed a \$100 bill from the right front pocket after which they ran off and disappeared into the darkness.

Police has no suspects as investigation continues.

## Football For All

**BY: Cruz Gamez**  
**Program Director**

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo Wednesday, March 30, 2011:**

Adventures Football Club, football day held for children 14 years and under on Sunday March 26, 2011 at the Joseph Andrews park in Santa Elena Town, Cayo. A total of twenty children participated in the event.

It was the first activity held

in Santa Elena under Adventures F.C "Football for all"program. More game are scheduled to take place in other areas.

The Adventures Football Club takes this opportunity to thank the children for participating in the event as well as their parents and coaches.

The event was made possible with the financial assistance from ABS Computers and RG&G Business Center.

# Guatemala's Top Drug Trafficker Captured

**GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala Wednesday March 30, 2011:**

The reputed top drug trafficker in Guatemala was captured Wednesday in a joint operation involving the government and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, authorities said.

**Juan Ortiz Lopez**, who is wanted in Florida on cocaine trafficking charges, was arrested at a house in the western city of Quetzaltenango, along with two suspected accomplices, **Interior Minister Carlos Menocal** said.

Ortiz, alias "*Chamale*," was under surveillance for seven days during the operation by Guatemalan intelligence agents



**Juan Ortiz Lopez in custody**

and the DEA, Menocal said. He was captured six months after one of his reputed top lieutenants was arrested as part of the same investigation, which also involved the FBI, Immigration

and Customs Enforcement and other U.S. agencies.

*"This is a big fish and we are satisfied with his capture. It's a great achievement by this government,"* Menocal said.

A U.S. federal indictment unsealed Wednesday in Florida charges Ortiz with two counts of conspiracy to distribute cocaine, U.S. Attorney Robert O'Neill said in a statement. The suspect faces up to life in prison if convicted.

It was unclear if there were any immediate extradition plans.

*"For over a decade, Ortiz-Lopez's drug organization received multi-ton cocaine shipments in Guatemala, which would then be transported through Mexico to the United States, where the cocaine would be further distributed,"* according to O'Neill's statement, which was sent to The Associated Press by the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala.

The DEA considered Ortiz to be the highest-ranking drug trafficker in Guatemala, and the U.S. Justice Department had designated him a *"consolidated priority target,"* the statement said.

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Further to our notice dated March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011, CPBL has notified the CGA of the following:

a. Fruit Payroll for March 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011: Checks will be released to large growers on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2011.

b. Fruit Payroll for March 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2011: Checks will be released on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011.

c. Second Fruit Price Submission for Grapefruit: Checks will be released on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2011, which will be four days late

d. Fruit Payroll for March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup> 2011: At this time it appears that CPBL may have to defer this payment but will notify CGA by April 5<sup>th</sup> 2011.

CGA will continue to keep its members informed.

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## Reader's Write



### "A Formal Complaint" Against The Insurance Company

Dear Editor

This is to make a formal complaint that I am not being adequately compensated by an insurance company. This company is the Insurance Corporation of Belize (ICB).

My van was hit by another customer from ICB. The driver of the other vehicle admitted that he had the fault. When we went to make the report he signed to that effect.

Then I went to two body shops to get estimates. These estimates are from two reputable auto body works. One is from Guerra's Body Shop (Cell 678-1088). He valued the body work, paint and back light at a total of eight hundred and twenty five dollars (\$825.00) being \$650.00 for parts and paint and \$175.00 for the tail light

The other estimate is from Beto's Auto Body Work (Cell 600-6468) at a total of eight

hundred and sixty five dollars (\$625.00) broken down to \$185.00 for the rear light and the remaining \$680.00 for materials and labour.

ICB later sent me a check in the sum four hundred and thirty two dollars (\$432.00). This is not enough to cover the above mentioned expenses. Maybe ICB has a body shop where they sends customers' damaged vehicles for repairs at those prices.

I have been insuring with ICB for the past eleven years. I have been paying \$145.00 every three months. *(for coverage in the event that I should collide with another vehicle in a private parking lot).* This is unfair treatment from ICB.

I've heard rumors of scams by ICB. But I never really believed until it happened to me!

Cordially yours,  
**Jose Guerra** Tel: 600-6895

## Offices Of The Ministry Of Natural Resources & Environment Relocated

**BELMOPAN, Friday, March 25, 2011:**

The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment informs that effective Monday, March 28, 2011, the Department of Lands and Surveys, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, will be operating from a new location.

The Lands and Surveys Department will now be located at Zenia Street, Cohune Walk, Belmopan.

This became necessary in order to facilitate a more spacious, comfortable and

customer-oriented atmosphere where improved services can be provided to the general public.

The General Public is further advised that the offices of the Department of the Environment, Geology and Petroleum Department, as well as the Solid Waste Management Authority, will be relocating to the building vacated by the Lands and Surveys Department, at Market Square.

All are welcome to visit the Ministry and the Departments at their new locations!

## Notice to the Public

Please be advised that as of March 17, 2011, **Mr. Arcenio Canto** of San Antonio Village is no longer employed with our company, namely HARMONY FOODS, located in Santa Elena Town.

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# Ministry of Health Cautions The Public On Heat Stroke

**BELMOPAN, Cayo Thursday, March 31st, 2011:**

The Ministry of Health advises the general public that in very hot weather it is important to keep in mind that persons of all ages can suffer a Heat Stroke.

Heat Stroke is the most severe form of heat related illness. Heat

Stroke is not necessarily caused by exercise or dehydration. High temperatures, lack of body fluids and overexposure to the heat and sun can all bring about a heat stroke.

Red flushed skin is the first sign to look for in a person suffering from a heat stroke.

Sometimes people experiencing heat stroke do not sweat. Other signs include a body temperature of 102 – 106 degrees or higher, seizures, headache, a rapid pulse and sometimes unconsciousness. Children and elderly persons are more vulnerable.

- It is possible to avoid suffering from heat stroke by
- a) Drinking plenty of water, eight or more glasses of water daily.
  - b) Staying in a place where there is plenty of airspace which will help your body to naturally cool itself,
  - c) Staying in shaded areas
  - d) Using light coloured and loose fitting clothing
  - e) Children in schools should avoid being exposed directly to the sun and move to a shaded area of the classroom

Heat stroke is a medical emergency, anyone exhibiting the signs and symptoms of heat stroke should be rushed to the nearest health center or hospital. *This has been a health and wellness message from your Ministry of Health.*

## What Is A Heat Stroke?

Heat stroke is a form of hyperthermia, an abnormally elevated body temperature with accompanying physical and neurological symptoms.

Unlike heat cramps and heat exhaustion, two other forms of hyperthermia that are less severe, heat stroke is a true medical emergency that can be fatal if not properly and promptly treated.

The body normally generates heat as a result of metabolism, and is usually able to dissipate the heat by either radiation of heat through the skin or by evaporation of sweat. However, in extreme heat, high humidity, or vigorous physical exertion under the sun, the body may not be able to dissipate the heat and

the body temperature rises, sometimes up to 106 F (41.1 C) or higher.

Another cause of heat stroke is dehydration. A dehydrated person may not be able to sweat fast enough to dissipate heat, which causes the body temperature to rise.

Those most susceptible individuals to heat strokes include infants and the elderly (*often with associated heart diseases, lung diseases, kidney diseases, or who are taking medications that make them vulnerable to dehydration and heat strokes*), as well as athletes, and individuals who work outside and physically exert themselves under the sun.

### What are heat stroke symptoms and signs?

Symptoms of heat stroke can sometimes mimic those of heart attack or other conditions.

Sometimes a person experiences symptoms of heat exhaustion before progressing to heat strokes.

### Signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion include:

Nausea, vomiting, fatigue, weakness, headache, muscle cramps and aches, and dizziness.

Some individuals can develop symptoms of heat stroke suddenly and rapidly without warning.

Different people may have different symptoms and signs of heatstroke. **But common symptoms and signs of heat stroke include:** high body temperature, the absence of sweating, with hot red or flushed dry skin, rapid pulse, difficulty breathing, strange behavior, hallucinations, confusion, agitation, disorientation, seizure, and/or coma.

### How do you treat a heat stroke victim?

**Victims of heat stroke must receive immediate treatment to avoid permanent organ**

**damage. First and foremost, cool the victim.**

- a) Get the victim to a shady area, remove clothing, apply cool or tepid water to the skin (*for example you may spray the victim with cool water from a garden hose*), fan the victim to promote sweating and evaporation, and place ice packs under armpits and groin.
- b) Monitor body temperature with a thermometer and continue cooling efforts until the body temperature drops to 101 to 102 F (38.3 to 38.8 C).
- c) Always notify emergency services (911) immediately. If their arrival is delayed, they can give you further instructions for treatment of the victim.

### How can heat stroke be prevented?

The most important measures to prevent heat strokes are to avoid becoming dehydrated and to avoid vigorous physical activities in hot and humid weather.

If you have to perform physical activities in hot weather, drink plenty of fluids (*such as water and sports drinks*), but avoid alcohol, caffeine, and tea which may lead to dehydration.

Your body will need replenishment of electrolytes (*such as sodium*) as well as fluids if you sweat excessively or perform vigorous activity in the sunlight for prolonged periods.

Take frequent breaks to hydrate yourself. Wear hats and light-colored, lightweight, loose clothes.

### Heat Stroke At A Glance

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stroke.

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Infants, the elderly, athletes, and outdoor workers are the groups at greatest risk for heat stroke.

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# Cheques, US\$, Gun and Bullets Stolen In Burglary At Running W Brand Meats

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, March 29, 2011:**

The office at Running W Brand Meats was this week reportedly again burglarized.

At around 7:30 a.m. on

Tuesday, March 29, **Escandar Bedran Jr.**, 52, Belizean, owner of the meat processing operation located at Mile 63 on the Western Highway near Central Farm, reported that at around 5:30 p.m. the previous day he



## ★STAR HUMOR★

### The Magic Of The Internet

My friend Nancy and I decided to introduce her elderly mother to the magic of the Internet.

Our first move was to access Google, and we told her it could answer any question she had.

Nancy's mother was very

skeptical until Nancy said, *"It's true, Mom. Think of something to ask it."*

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He pulls out of the dive and lands safely at an airport. They get into a jeep and drive off.

Pretty soon they meet a boy on the side of the road who's crying. They ask him why he's crying and he says **"A pistol hit me on the head!"**

They drive more and meet another boy who's crying even harder. Again they ask why and the boy says, **"A rifle hit me on the head!"**

They apologize and keep driving. They meet a boy on the sidewalk who's laughing hysterically.

They ask him, **"What's so funny?"** The boy replies, **"I sneezed and my wicked neighbour's house blew up!"**

locked and secured his office located upstairs of the processing plant. Upon returning to work at 7:00 a.m. the following day he found his office in a ransacked state. Upon making checks, he discovered that entry was gained through a back door from which tow dead bolts were removed. Further checks revealed that the door was removed from a small safe inside his office and missing there from were \$2,008 in checks, US\$1,461, a point 38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver with serial number 5A99502 along with ten round of ammunition for same being the property of Technical Security Services Limited.

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Anyone with information should call the San Ignacio Police at (911) or directly to Inspector Claudio Mai at 664-8878.

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**The People's Coalition of Cayo asks you to report Crimes by calling the police toll free at 911. You do not need to have credit on your telephone to call this number**

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## Your Weekly Horoscope & Lucky Numbers



**ARIES:**  
March 22 to  
April 20

Everyone in your life has some impact on you and this impact affects your decision making. However, what you may not realize is that this doesn't only include the people you are close to, but even complete strangers. Although there is nothing wrong with being impacted by the people around you, you need to take care that you don't let them influence you too heavily because then you'll risk just doing what you think others expect of you. Don't sell yourself short, you have a lot more to offer yourself than you give yourself credit for. Trust yourself and never forget that the only person who should ever have control of your life and your decisions are you. Your luckiest days, Friday and Sunday. **Lucky numbers: 05, 16, 34.**



**TAURUS:**  
April 21 to  
May 21

You are a strong person, but you need to know how to apply your strengths. By maintaining your toughness, you will have the confidence you need to put yourself ahead of the opposition, which will place you at an incredible advantage. Between Monday and Wednesday you will be at your strongest and luck will be on your side. The win will be yours for the taking, but you need to make sure that you are prepared at all times. Only make the choices you feel comfortable taking. **Lucky numbers: 01, 04, 44.**



**GEMINI:**  
May 22 to  
June 21

You have been very playful recently, and although this may have been beneficial for you, it is time you stopped fooling around and took a more serious approach in life. This doesn't mean that you

need to be intense and severe, what it does mean is that you need to apply more focus and have a plan of action, because being scatterbrained and spontaneous will not work in your favor this week. The more focused you are the higher your chances for winning. Therefore, build a strategy and then stick to it. **Lucky numbers: 10, 14, 50.**



**CANCER:**  
June 22 to  
July 23

You need to open your eyes and begin seeing all of the opportunities that are around you so you can make the most of them. You have always been successful at making the most of the opportunities that you've pursued, but you can make things even better for yourself if you manage to find the opportunities that are suited to you and your needs. The trick is to not lose sight of the fact that opportunity surrounds you all the time. You can find it in your strategies, your thoughts, games, timing and every other factor that affects the choices you make. However, it's up to you to recognize opportunity when it comes knocking and answer the door. **Lucky numbers: 03, 18, 39.**



**LEO:**  
July 24 to  
August 21

You can win this week, but you first need to recover from the rough patch you experienced last week. Take this time to concentrate on overcoming and recovering from the various negative things in your life. It doesn't matter how insignificant a problem may seem, everything needs to be resolved. Once you have wiped the negativity from your life and replaced it with positive feelings, you will feel your confidence return. Confidence will play an integral role in your attempt to win, especially on Thursday and Saturday. **Lucky numbers: 11, 21, 31.**



**VIRGO:**  
August 22 to  
September 21

You need to be careful that you don't give in to your desire to surpass the limits that you know are best for you. This is true for any decision that you make this week, whether it concerns your personal life. Every day this week, you need to be incredibly mindful of your decisions and ensure that they are made wisely and not made on impulse. You are in control of your fate, but the stars will act as your guide and help lead you down the right path. All you need to do is know your limits and stay within their parameters. **Lucky numbers: 19, 25, 57.**



**LIBRA:**  
September 22  
to October 23

You've been the master of your luck lately, and this is because you have been confident about the decisions you have made. Believing in yourself has made the difference between success and failure. If you want your success to continue, you need to remember that winning isn't simply a matter of hitting a lucky streak; your positive attitude, faith in your abilities and focus all play an important role. Thursday and Tuesday will be your luckiest days so remember to do your best always. **Lucky numbers: 07, 32, 42.**



**SCORPIO:**  
October 24 to  
November 21

Your past will help you guide your future, so don't forget your experiences and what you've learned, because even the most unpleasant memory can impact you positively and help you make the right decisions in your personal life. When thinking on your past, don't limit yourself to recent events, delve all the way back to your childhood. Look for the small things that put a smile on your face and remember these good times. You will find that the positive feelings that arise for taking a trip down memory lane will serve you well. **Lucky numbers: 02, 20, 52.**



**SAGITTARIUS:**  
November 22 to  
December 21

You were playing the catch-up last week, and this week it's time to wrap up any loose ends that you missed. Once the pressure is out of the way, you will then have a lot more freedom and will be in a better position to take advantage of all the opportunities that become available to you. Keep in mind, even if you don't see any good chances at first, luck will be on

your side next Wednesday. As soon as your current struggles become part of your past, you'll have the time and the positivity you need to not only enjoy your life but the rewards it brings as well. **Lucky numbers: 06, 23, 49.**



**CAPRICORN:**  
December 22 to  
January 20

You have overcome many of the doubts you have had that have been holding you back, but there are still a few that have you in their clutches. The time has come for you to shake away those last few uncertainties that continue to linger and prevent you from advancing in life. Confidence will be important to you over the next few days and you will need to make the most of the opportunities that are presented to you. Believing in yourself is key - trust the decisions you make and the stars will shine down on you. **Lucky numbers: 08, 27, 78.**



**AQUARIUS:**  
January 21 to  
February 19

You can't let life get the better of you. Even when things seem like they are difficult, they are not as awful as you may think; you've simply lost yourself in stress for too long. The negativity you've been feeling has overwhelmed you and impacted your life in many ways. You need to fight the desire you have to be pessimistic and you'll discover that the light at the end of the tunnel is much closer than you think. **Lucky numbers: 22, 35, 45.**



**PISCES:**  
February 20  
to March 21

You are starting to come to terms with all of the spending you have had to do and all of the expenses you've been faced with over the last few months. You have moved past denial and are now trying to accept the reality of your situation. Therefore, you need to actually put your faith and your positive energies into a reality you can depend on. Instead of aiming for one large win this week concentrate on scoring small wins. Though they may seem insignificant at first they will total to a nice sum by the time the week is through. **Lucky numbers: 30, 52, 95.**

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## Mundialito Infantil 2011 - Benque Viejo Del Carmen

por **Alejandro Rios**

El pasado domingo 27, el Mundialito de futbol infantil que se desarrolla en la municipalidad de Benque Viejo del Carmen, llego a su final en su etapa regular. Los 8 equipos que participaron en la Liga A y los 4 de la liga Mosquitos, jugaran ahora la etapa de finales. En la Liga Mosquitos solo había un clasificado, este era la selección de Belice dirigido por **Shamir Pacheco** con 9 puntos, y dos selecciones empatadas con 7

puntos cada una, por lo que se necesitaba un ganador. En el primer encuentro, Argentina entrenada por don **Rafael "Chapay" Contreras**, enfrentaba a la selección de Brasil dirigida por **Cesar Méndez**, ambos en pos de la victoria para clasificar a la gran final, durante el primer tiempo Argentina controlo el encuentro pero no hubo goles, después del descanso Brasil también toco las puertas, pero sin goles en el suplemento, así llegaron a los fatídicos penaltis para definir

el ganador de la serie, empatando en la serie de los primeros 5 tiros, en la muerte súbita, Brasil fallo su disparo y le dejo el festejo a los Argentinos que con esto, pelearan la final con Belice por el primer lugar, mientras que Brasil tendrá que buscar el tercer lugar contra USA.

En el segundo encuentro Belice ya clasificado enfrentaba a USA, cuando recién iniciaba el encuentro una jugada en el área, puso nervioso a la defensiva de USA

provocando un autogol, todavía antes de que finalice la primera parte, **Canon Alexander Sutherland** anoto un gol entre tres defensas, poniendo el dos a cero para Belice.

En la segunda parte USA intento remar contra la corriente, pero Belice controlo el partido, y a 2 minutos del final **Jaylen Lennon** anoto el 3 por cero definitivo, para la selección de Belice.

Los encuentros para este domingo 3 de abril son: a las 4pm USA vs Brasil juegan el primer encuentro por el tercer lugar, ya que es en dos partidos, partido de ida y partido de vuelta. A las 5pm los dos grandes se verán las caras, Belice vs Argentina por el primer encuentro por el Campeonato 2011, Belice llega a la final invicto sin perder ningún encuentro y con solamente 1 gol en contra, comandado por su goleador Jaylen Lennon con 3 dianas, mientras que Argentina llega motivado por su goleador Owen Sosa también con tres goles, duelo de goleadores esta semana.

En la Liga A, USA perdió por marcador de 3 goles a cero frente a la selección de Belice, dirigida por Víctor Kuylen, los goles fueron de **Rajim Cano, Alberto Balona y Mario Mayen**, para el segundo partido Brasil y Honduras no se hicieron daño empatando a cero goles.

Para el tercer partido Inglaterra se despidió del torneo con una victoria, sobre una Argentina que ya estaba clasificada a la siguiente ronda, el tanto fue anotado por **Randy August**, y en la ultima jornada del domingo, Portugal demostró su poderío ganador y derroto por 2 goles a cero a una Alemania que se paro bien en el primer tiempo empatándole a cero, pero para el complemento un buen gol de **Sammy Sosa** puso adelante a Portugal, y antes de terminar el encuentro la magia de **Ryan "gringo" Cuellar**, apareció entre tres defensas que no pudieron controlar su zigzaguo y les anoto el segundo y definitivo, con ello Portugal es el único equipo invicto, sin goles en contra hasta ahora, la jornada de semifinales para la Liga A son las siguientes: 4pm Belice vs Argentina (el ganador va a la gran final y el perdedor por el tercer sitio) y a las 5pm Portugal vs Brasil (el ganador va a la final y el perdedor por el tercer sitio), la entrada como cada domingo es gratuita, y el organizador del torneo el ministro **Hon. Erwin Contreras**, dará a conocer para la próxima semana cuando sean las finales, la invitación de una beca para un summer camp en los campos de la Lazzio de Italia, pero eso será la próxima semana.

## Sacred Heart Primary School In Dangriga Town Is In Need Of Urgent Repairs

By: **Wellington C. Ramos**



Sacred Heart School in Dangriga Town is one of the oldest schools. It was built sometimes around 1926.

This school has educated some of the greatest minds Dangriga Town has ever produced.

Over the past years, the school was administrated by the Jesuit Priest and the Holy Family Nuns. Most of the Priest came from some rich families in the United States and were able to ask their families for financial assistance to maintain the school and the church. The Nuns administrated the school with an iron fist and instituted corporal punishment to all the children. Yet, the school was able to excel in academics compared to most of the other schools that existed in the entire Stann Creek District.

A few years ago, the Catholic Church decided to change the administration of this school from the Jesuit Priest and the Holy Family Nuns to a different group of Priest and Nuns. Since this change occurred, there has been a drastic change in the academic standing of the school and the way the school building

and the church is kept.

I had the opportunity to visit the school building and the church recently and found both in deplorable conditions. They are badly in need of repairs and painting. Holes could be seen in the ceiling of most of the classrooms and some of the ceilings are falling from beams. This school building is in such a bad shape, that if this school was in the United States it would have long ago been condemned and closed down by the authorities for the safety hazard it poses

In Belize there are Public Schools and Parochial Schools but most of the schools in the country are administrated by the churches.

The government of Belize will assist the churches to repair or construct new buildings in those instances when the churches have fully demonstrated that they do not have the financial resources to repair existing buildings or construct or construct new ones.

Since 1963, Holy Ghost Primary School, the sister Catholic School to Sacred Heart Primary School, has had two new buildings while Sacred Heart School has had an extension to their old school and a Parish Hall constructed but no major repairs to the old building.

The main building for the Sacred Heart Campus was built with good materials and has survived several hurricanes. Some engineers believe that the main building is strong to sustain a second floor.

The population in Dangriga Town is growing rapidly and more space is needed for new

students. It is not healthy for the church and the government of Belize to continue having our young children go to this school and learn under these horrible conditions. When our children go to school and see this everyday, they will ask themselves, *"Is this the best that our church and government can provide to us?"* Since no major repairs has been done to the school for some years now, it is high time for the Catholic Church and the Government of Belize to conduct a thorough inspection of this school building before it's too late.

From the condition of the school, other problems may evolve with our children exposed to hazardous and toxic materials.

I am not aware of any efforts that are currently being made by the Pastor of this church to address this problem. I have been visiting Dangriga Town yearly and I have spoken to the priest and all he kept saying is that he is looking into it. As an alumni of the school, I refuse to continually hear this same answer because I am from Dangriga and hate to see our young children go through this daily. Other Dangriganans, should also join me with a call to the church and the Belize Government to have this school repaired and renovated as soon as possible. If no action is taken soon, I intend to expose the parish to the highest level of the Catholic Church Administration to have this problem be rectified. I do not think we can continue to sit here quietly and not champion the cause of our children because they are our future.



## Kelly Accused of Attempt Murder For Setting Her Cousin On Fire

**SAN PEDRO TOWN, Belize District, Tuesday, March 29, 2011:**

Belizean laborer, **Rene Martinez**, 19, reported that at around 4:00 pm on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 he was at the home of his grandfather **Santo Eljio** in San Pedro Town, where he entered his cousin's room and removed a 12-inches television belonging to his grandfather and placed it in the living room. Martinez and a friend were watch television in the living room when his female cousin **Elijia Kelly** who also lives with the grandfather, entered the house and asked him why he removed the TV from inside her room. She reportedly unplugged it and a struggle for the TV ensued between



**The Accused, Elijia Kelly**

Martinez and Kelly which ended with Kelly walking away with the TV.

After the commotion, Martinez reportedly began washing some dishes and while doing so he felt a cool liquid

running down his back and upon turning around he saw his cousin Elijia with a lighter which she used to set him fire after dousing him with gasoline. After setting Martinez on fire, Kelly reportedly ran out the house.

Martinez's friend managed to extinguish the fire and with

assistance from an uncle he was transported to the San Pedro Poly clinic. He was later transported to the Karl Huesner Memorial Hospital where he was admitted in critical condition.

Elijah Kelly was subsequently arrested and charged for attempt murder and dangerous harm.

## The Sudden Passing Of Teacher David Pinelo

**Continued From Front Page**

Teacher David Pinelo continued growing professionally so that by 1978 he passed his First Class Teachers' Examination. In August of 1983, he enrolled at the Belize Teachers' College, then known as BELCAST. Studying in Belize City and supporting a large family back home was not easy, but he was determined to complete his studies. In 1986, he successfully completed his teacher training and graduated from BELCAST with not one but two diplomas. He earned one diploma from BELCAST and one from The University of the West Indies School of Education, in conjunction with BELCAST at the time. He taught at various institutions for more than thirty-five years including Santa Familia R.C. School, Sacred Heart Primary R.C. School, Cristo Rey R.C. School, and Santa Elena R.C. School. Although he retired on September 2008, he was rehired and continued to pursue his passion in the classroom up until March 18, 2011 at St. Jude RC School in Camalote Village.

Apart from being an excellent teacher, he had a passion for music so much so that he played various instruments but his favourite was the guitar. He enjoyed entertaining his students, colleagues and family with his music. He played

during various social events but also at Eucharistic celebrations throughout Sacred Heart Parish.

Teacher Pinelo passed away suddenly on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at the age of 59. He will be sadly missed by his immediate family, other relatives, colleagues and many friends.

David is survived by his father, **Mr. Gregorio "Don Goyo" Pinelo**; his wife **Mrs. Ana Pinelo**; nine children, **Dorita, Reuben, Luis, Elisa, Noemi, Myra, Lourdes, Everaldo** and **Ricardo**, and several grandchildren.

He is also survived by five brothers: **John, Crescencio, Alfonso, Amalio** and **Angel** as well as six sisters: **Manuela, Angelica, Beatrice, Domitila, Aurelia** and **Jacinta**; other relatives and many friends.

Numerous are the lives that have been positively impacted by the life of teacher David Pinelo, it is in this light therefore that the Santa Elena, San Ignacio and the entire Cayo community joins the Pinelo family in bidding a painful farewell, to a good son, caring father, loving grandfather, supportive brother, true friend and compassionate teacher. We join in prayers for the eternal resting of the soul of Teacher David Pinelo.

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## Tribute To A Friend And Fellow Teacher

**BY: Hernan Ochaeta, Retired Teacher**

The entry in my 2011 exercise book diary for Thursday, March 24, 2011 reads: **"David Pinelo passes - a great loss!"**

I received the news from teacher/friend **Marco Coyoc**, a teacher at Unitedville RC Primary School, who explained that I had to be told since Dave and I were friends.

Shortly thereafter, the very sad news was confirmed by **Ms Frances Stanford**, the principal of St. Jude RC Primary School in Camalote Village.

That the news shocked me is an understatement. I was emotionally KOed. I just could not believe it, but it was very unfairly true.

I got to know Dave fairly well in the 1970's when he was a young teacher attending classes at Sacred Heart School in San Ignacio on Saturdays preparing for his teachers' examinations.

Dave was quite active in school activities and very dedicated to having his students succeed. He was his school's coach for many years, either at Santa Elena or Santa Familia (or

both), during the glory days of the Cayo Primary Schools Athletic Association. (CAPSAA).

For a few years, **Dave, George O'Brien** and I involved ourselves in a collaborative effort to help our standard 6 students prepare for the Belize National Selection Examination (BNSE).

More recently, when the Student's Companion was being published, Dave made sure that his students availed themselves of a monthly copy, and he used the publication as an effective supplementary teaching tool.

He visited me often at my business place, Hangout El Che, whenever I was still open and he had the time, and by his conversations I could tell how much he enjoyed his work with the students at St. Jude's.

Dave was an easygoing person. He was dedicated to his family and students, loyal and helpful to his friends and co-workers, and very serious about his work.

Dave will be missed by his family and all of us who knew him, and in a very special way by the students who were in his care.

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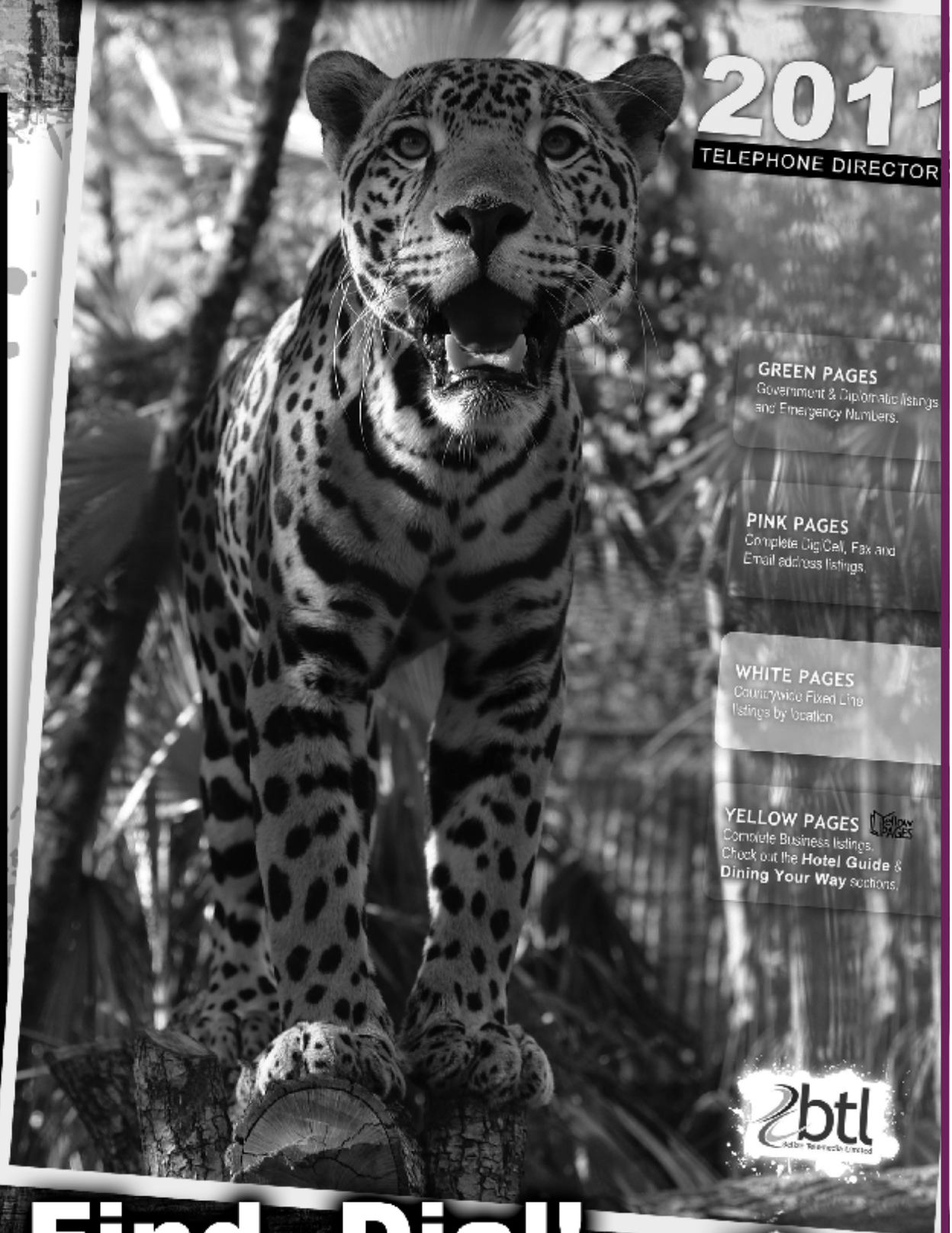


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