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No Arrest Yet In The Murder of Rene Vera

SANTA ELENA TOWN, Sunday December 30, 2012:

As the community records yet another murder with homosexual overtones, an arrest is yet to be made while the Christmas plans of the victim’s family was shattered and the remains of yet another productive male person was committed to the earth from whence it is said to have come.

Funeral services for **Rene Vera**, 36, Belizean laborer formerly of a Bishop Martin Street address in Santa Elena, Cayo was held at the Sacred Heart Church in San Ignacio, on Thursday, December 27.

The body was laid to rest inside the Carmen Memorial Cemetery in Santa Elena.

The sequence of events, which eventually ended in Vera’s death began on the night of Thursday, December 20 when he was seen socializing with a group of male friends inside the Princess Casino in San Ignacio. From the Princess, the group reportedly moved to a popular karaoke bar in San Ignacio. At closing time the party reportedly moved to Vera’s home on Bishop Martin Street in Santa Elena. It is reported that at around 1:00 am that Friday morning, Vera was seen sitting behind the steering wheel of his parked vehicle about two blocks from his residence in Santa Elena along with a male person sitting in the front



**The Deceased
Rene Vera, 36**

passenger seat. While an arrest is yet to be made, in the process of the investigation, San Ignacio police has detained, questioned and released several persons including the individual he was seen with in the parked vehicle. It was around 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 29 when Vera’s male roommate, **Juan Vega**, was dropped off at home, by a female who works with him at Blacaneaux Lodge, a resort in the Mountain Pine Ridge area. He reportedly asked the co-worker to wait while he checked if his roommate was at home. The opened front door reportedly seemed

strange for Vega. Notwithstanding, he entered the house where he came upon a blood stained large rum bottle, the kind popularly referred to as “*Elephant Foot*”, on the floor inside the house as well as blood stains on the interior walls. He reportedly rushed outside and asked the co-worker to accompany him inside the house. The female reportedly

followed a blood trail to one of the two bedrooms inside the house where, upon pushing open the door, she first saw the victim’s foot as he laid on the floor. Both Vega and the female colleague rushed outside the house and called the police.

A team of policemen arrived on the scene shortly thereafter. Upon

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Introducing The Nation’s New Ombudsman, Mr Lionel L. Arzu

Belize House, Belmopan, Friday, December 28, 2012:

Mr. Lionel L. Arzu, has been officially sworn in as the new Ombudsman for Belize. This took place in brief ceremonies this morning in the presence of the Governor-General of Belize, **His Excellency Sir Colville Young**.

Mr. Arzu leaves behind his post as a teacher at Julian Cho Technical High School in the Toledo District, where he resides. Prior to this, he served as an Adjunct Lecturer at the University of Belize, Toledo Campus; Project Coordinator for the Meso-American Project, and numerous other posts within the agricultural sector.

Additionally, he holds a Master of Science Degree in International Commerce and Policy from Valparaiso University; a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts with Manage-



**Ombudsman
Mr. Lionel L. Arzu**

ment and Computer Science concentration from Knoxville College.




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Questioning The Appointment Of The New Ombudsman Of Belize. Is It Really Because He Is A Garifuna?

BY: Wellington C. Ramos
Columnist



Ombudsman Mr. Lionel Arzu

This is the first time a Garifuna person in Belize has been appointed as Ombudsman and we should be proud of this especially given the fact that the chances for a Garifuna to be appointed to a post like this in Honduras, Nicaragua and Guatemala is slim to never.

I suspect that because he is a Garifuna someone is questioning whether he will be able to handle the responsibilities of the office.

This did not occur when **Paul Rodriguez**, a former Mayor of Belize City, was appointed as the first Ombudsman of Belize. We likewise did not see it happen when **Cynthia Pitts** was similarly appointed until the recent expiration of her contract.

I do not know **Mr. Lionel Arzu** but reviewing at his academic credentials, given the necessary support, he should have no problems doing the job.

The Ombudsman's main duty is to

receive complaints from citizens on any matter where they feel that their constitutional rights have been violated.

Our Government should consider formulating Civil Rights Laws to be supervised by a Civil Rights Commission that will include Representatives from the Government, the opposition parties who gained a fixed percentage of votes in the last General Election and the Governor General that will monitor the enforcement of the laws.

Then, the Ombudsman should be the head of the office of Civil Rights and Justice, have a staff and a Legal Advisor with Investigators to look into complaints and prosecute violators of the Civil Rights Laws.

If we do not make changes to the role of this office, then the Ombudsman will just be a puppet post and the holder of that office will be frustrated, ineffective and eventually abandon the post without any major accomplishment.

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was placed inside the morgue at the Community Hospital in San Ignacio. entering the bedroom they found the deceased, lying on his left side on the floor in a pool of blood. He was wearing a grey undershirt with a brown three quarter pants. He was barefooted.

The body was removed from the scene and transported to the Community Hospital in San Ignacio were, on arrival, it was officially pronounced dead. Apart from a knock in the back of the head, which is suspected to have been inflicted with the large rum bottle, a thorough check of the body revealed no less than nine stab wounds to the body as follows: Four to the left side of the chest, two to the left arm near the elbow, one to the left side of the body under the arm pit, one under the neck and another to the left side of the chin. After the inspection the body

was placed inside the morgue at the Community Hospital in San Ignacio.

The body was transported to the morgue at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City on Monday, December 24 where the postmortem examination, conducted by police Forensic Specialist **Dr. Mario Estradabran**, certified the cause of death as "**Traumatic asphyxiation due to multiple stab wounds**".

Among those detained, questioned and released, was the victim's 21 year old cousin who was reportedly was seen socializing with the group on Thursday night. The cousin was found with several scratches and bruises to the body suggesting that he was involved in a recent altercation. An arrest is yet to be made as the police investigation continues. May the soul of Rene Vera rest in eternal peace.



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Rotary Project "Literacy Alive" Brings Professional Laminators To Cayo Schools

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The educational success however depends on several factors like the talent of as kid as well as his or her social and language background.

Equally important are the literacy related capacities of the teachers as well as the methods and materials that are used to teach reading. Large classes with kids of various language backgrounds in combination with a



lack of special literacy education and

materials for teachers often results in extremely varying reading levels.

But if a student cannot read properly he or she will not be able to follow the lessons and might not even understand the questions in tests and will finally fail. This situation is a catch-22 that occurs more often than we would expect and that needs to be broken.

The motto of the Rotary Club of San Ignacio is "Educate our Youth". For almost 10 years the Club has done education related projects in Cayo with the generous help of Rotarians from Canada. Their main goal is the professional development of teachers.

In coordination with the Ministry of Education over the years many Canadian teachers have come to Belize to support their Belizean colleagues with up-to-date methods and materials. Educators from Belize have also traveled to Canada.

The latest project in a long series of activities is called "*Literacy alive*" and focuses on literacy only. During the last year six pilot schools in Cayo (Sacred Heart, St. Martin, Monsignor Romero, Los Tambos, St. Hilda and Our Lady of Fatima) have conducted specific reading tests for students and exactly determined the skill levels and deficiencies of each and every student from infant 2 to primary 2.

Based on this detailed knowledge and with the help of newly introduced teaching methods and the corresponding materials the reading skills of many kids could be improved significantly in a short period of time. The results of the reading tests with the very same students after one year were extremely promising. Consequently the Rotary Club of San Ignacio and the Rotary Club of Red Deer, Canada are targeting a follow-up project that will continue the measures and extend them to 3rd grade.

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No.	Description	Site Development	Pictures
1	All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel No. 1259, Block No. 23 in the San Ignacio South Registration Section, together with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, held under Land Certificate, being the Freehold property of JACOB MARTINEZ .	A- 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom concrete bungalow house (451 sq.ft.). Site dimensions: approx. 55X98. Property is situated in the Carlos Habet Housing Area.	
2	All that piece or parcel of land being Parcel No. 1934, Block No. 23 in the San Ignacio South Registration Section, together with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, held under Land Certificate, being the Freehold property of ELVINA ROSANA GARCIA .	A concrete bungalow measuring 65 x 90 in dimension. Area Size: 722.52 sq.yds. Swamy Housing Area	
3	Parcel No. 1236, Block 23, San Ignacio South Registration Section, Cayo District, held under Land Certificate, being the freehold property of GUALBERTO BOL .	A 2-bedroom Bungalow house containing 1- dining & living room combined, 1-kitchen with 1 bathrooms with an entrance porch. Size: 622.47 S.Y. Dimensions: 56 X 100. Habet Housing Area	
4	All that lot piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 341, situate in Bullet Tree Falls Village Expansion, Cayo District, together with all developments and erections standing and being thereon, held under Minister's Fiat Lease dated the 7th day of November, 2000, being the leasehold property of ANTONIO TZIB .	A 3-bedroom bungalow house containing 1- dining, 1- living room, 1-kitchen with 1 bathroom. Size: 555.556 S.Y.	
5	Parcel No. 8009 ,containing 708.614 square meters, Block 20, Belmopan Registration Section, Cayo District, held by Land Certificate dated September 16, 2010, being the freehold property of CAMESHA BORLAND surety for DIRK JASON LAINFIESTA .	Empty parcel of land. Size: 708.614 s.m.	
	Parcel 2580, Block 23, San Ignacio South Registration section being the freehold title of VINCENT BERNARD KERR). (previously Lot No. 116 (422.932 s.m.) situated south in the vicinity of San Ignacio Town, held under Deed of Conveyance dated 7th day of November, 2008)	A two-bedroom, 1 bathroom prefabricated bungalow house 50 x 89 feet approx 505.83 s.y. (Shawville Site; T&D Housing Site)	

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Ten Life-Changing Facts About Anger

By Gail Brenner, PhD.

“Yes, I was angry. And I was a little afraid. After all I’ve not been free in so long. But, when I felt that anger well up inside of me, I realized that if I hated them after I got outside that gate, then they would still have me. I wanted to be free so I let it go.” ~Nelson Mandela upon leaving prison after 27 years of confinement

Frustrated, impatient, raging... aaarrrrrrgh! Yes, it’s normal to feel angry – you are human, after all. But if anger causes problems in your life – if it interferes with your health and happiness – then consider these 10 life-changing facts. Get curious about anger, and you just might discover an untapped well of vital energy that improves your life circumstances and wakes you up to the whole of life.

1. It’s easier to feel anger than hurt.

Anger tends to be a surface emotion. But if you look at what is driving the anger, you will often find hurt, pain, or fear. Can you tell the truth to yourself about what you are actually feeling? Can you meet the depth of your experience with supreme kindness? You might be surprised at the freedom you discover.

2. Anger has a strong physical component.

Bring out the microscope when you are angry, and you will find strong physical sensations – tightness, contraction, burning. Anger is a fiery emotion full of energy. If you don’t want to be caught in anger, bring your attention right into these physical sensations.

Without running a story in your mind, fully allow yourself to feel what is present. It might be difficult, but you won’t actually combust, I promise you. Be real with your sensations, and eventually the anger will stop controlling you.

3. Perfectionists are angry.

Are you a perfectionist? Then take

an honest look at what you are saying to yourself. You will undoubtedly find a repetitive loop playing in your mind that is harsher than you might imagine.

Don’t kid yourself – this is anger. If you don’t want to be a slave to your perfectionist tendencies, then go to the root of the problem and learn to meet your anger with love.

4. Stories sustain anger.

Angry stories barrel through our minds like an out-of-control train careening down the tracks. To find freedom from anger, you must recognize the story and see that repeating it doesn’t serve you. Yes, what happened happened. But how much longer are you going to let it be your ball and chain?

Here are some strategies to help you soften the story:

** Open up with compassion to everyone involved, including yourself.
** Recognize that you are bringing the past into the present by repeating the story endlessly.

** Bring your full attention into the sensations you are experiencing in the moment.

** Commit to bringing all your actions in alignment with what you really, really want.

5. Anger comes from an overblown sense of self-importance.

Often, what underlies anger are statements like, *“I’m right”* and *“I want my way.”* There is a huge attachment to *“I”* and the beliefs that *“I”* holds that causes separation and disharmony.

Recognize these *“I”*-focused statements and know that they keep you locked into one way of thinking. Then inquire:

** Am I really right?
** Does this wanting to be right serve me – and others?

** What does it mean to want my own way? What are the implications?

** Exploration of these *“I”*-focused

beliefs can lead you to untangle the deepest knots that block your happiness.

6. Anger causes separation.

Speaking of separation, what are the effects when you are angry? Anger pushes people away, scares them, makes them fight back or shut down. Relationships don’t have room to breathe when they are defined by anger. *“How could you?” “You shouldn’t have...”* *Sound familiar?*

Remember that anger – or any reaction – is not the fault of the other. If you are angry, look within yourself. Lovingly investigate what has been triggered in you, and your whole perspective on the situation will shift.

7. Anger gets attention.

Maybe you express anger because you want attention. Depending on the circumstance, this could be a useful strategy.

But consider this: there may be other ways for you to express yourself so that you are heard. Open up your mind and heart to all the possibilities.

8. Unexplored anger can mute your experience of life.

Are you sitting on a hotbed of

anger, but keeping it so underground that you can hardly live? Some people are so intent on keeping peace that they minimize the truth of their experience.

Are you asleep at the wheel, attached to inner peace and pleasant living? Exploring the seeds of anger can enliven you to all of life.

9. Anger can transform into useful action.

Taking in all the problems in the world can bring about a sense of injustice. Yet, if you move from anger, you are missing out on the whole picture.

Meet your anger with love and let your heart break open. Then move forward with actions that are wise and skillful.

10. Anger traps you.

The arising of anger is not necessarily a problem, and is not even under your control. What matters is how you relate to anger once it is present. If you dwell in the energetic sensations and convince yourself that your thoughts are true, anger overtakes you.

But there is an alternative: feel the sensations and tell the truth about the story. Then anger is your ally – revealing more and more deeply the essence of you.

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Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

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March 22 to April 20

This is a good week for quiet contemplation. You may have worried about finances lately, but there is no longer any need to concern yourself. All signs indicate that your financial fortunes are about to change. You have been working hard and should reap some rewards. Today's aspects suggest that you will. Enjoy your newfound peace of mind, but don't go out and use the credit cards in celebration! **Lucky numbers: 79, 82, 96.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21

You are bound to enjoy this week! It's full of possibilities and opportunities. It may begin routinely, but keep your eyes and ears open for hints of change. Your new adventure may come about in a mundane way. You might meet someone in line at the store who becomes a business partner. Or maybe you will meet a romantic interest at the ATM. Adventure is all around. Trust that you will find it! **Lucky numbers: 16, 50, 71.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21

Forget about work for a change and focus instead on your love life! This is one area that can really use some attention. There is no sense waiting for your partner to do it. It's up to you. Why not book a romantic weekend? It will do wonders for your relationship and add spark just by anticipating the fun you will have. Your commitment should mean more than your independence. **Lucky numbers: 02, 28, 41.**

CANCER:

June 22 to July 23

You greet the week energized! Your confidence is at an all-time high because of recent events. You have every reason to be proud of what you have accomplished, especially at work. But your love life could benefit from the same level of commitment. Why not be proactive? Arrange a romantic evening for you and your partner. What a difference a few hours can make in your relationship! **Lucky numbers: 21, 36, 89.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

You have strong humanitarian instincts. You think of your fellow humans more than most. This, combined with your intuition and empathy, makes you well suited for the healing professions. If you have felt a bit disgruntled at work lately, it may be that you are in the wrong career. Consider training as a

counselor or therapist. You would be good at it and help a lot of people. **Lucky numbers: 07, 23, 39.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

You have been more thoughtful lately and more true to yourself. This is due to your recent introspection. You really can change your life. All it takes is time and commitment. You have made great progress in your development. Continue on this path and you will wind up in a much better place. Keep your eye on the goal, but don't be so focused that you forget to enjoy the journey. **Lucky numbers: 33, 54, 78.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

You are feeling confident and more comfortable in your own skin than you have in a long time. You are so accomplished, why are you the last one to acknowledge it? Try to look up from your desk long enough to socialize with friends and loved ones. You have been so focused on work that your relationships may have suffered a bit. Spend some quality time with those you care about. **Lucky numbers: 14, 45, 76.**

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

It is time to loosen up. The planetary aspects bring a new cycle of tolerance and understanding your way. You could use a bit of both. Take baby steps as you introduce the kinder, gentler you to your friends and co-workers. They won't accept a rapid transformation, but they won't mind gradual changes. Listen more and speak less. This can make a big difference in a relationship. **Lucky numbers: 18, 43, 92.**

SAGITTARIUS:
November 22 to December 21

Remember all those resolutions you made in the past? It's time to

recommit to them. All signs indicate that you need to take better care of yourself. You have been so busy working that exercising has begun to feel like a luxury you can't afford. Actually, exercise and proper nutrition are luxuries you can't afford to ignore. You are burning the candle at both ends. Stop before you burn out completely! **Lucky numbers: 10, 25, 64.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

This is an auspicious time for you. It gives you the energy and enthusiasm to make the necessary changes in your life. There is a lot of work to do, but you are up to it! First focus on your relationships. Your loved ones don't care about your professional successes. They want (and perhaps need) to spend more time with you. Do what you can to bring your life more into balance. **Lucky numbers: 37, 58, 74.**

AQUARIUS:
January 21 to February 19

You have great creativity inside you. Use it, don't hide it! Your creative cycle will last for the next month or so. Don't let it pass without taking advantage of it. Use the other side of your brain for a change. Take up sketching or painting. What you do is less important than doing something. The simple act of creation unlocks the brain. **Lucky numbers: 17, 48, 62.**

PISCES:
February 20 to March 21

Be excited, because this is going to be one great week! All will go your way. It will seem as if you simply can't lose. At work, your team look to you as the leader. At home, family members express gratitude and affection. You may be tempted to try this luck at the casino, but don't be impulsive. You are already a winner. You have earned this shining moment. **Lucky numbers: 04, 57, 85.**

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Benque Viejo Christmas Bash

BENQUE VEIJO, Wednesday, December 26, 2012:

Zone 4 Neighborhood Watch Program under the leadership of Captain **Samuel Bruce** since 2008; participating with the Community Policing Effort of Police Sub-Formation Benque Viejo, produced a spectacular event for the residents, with their annual Christmas Bash for the community of Benque Viejo.

Located at the spacious multi-purpose community park on Mr. Bruce’s property, the party had all the trimmings; Stone constructed community center, 3-tents, chairs, DJ kahlib sound system, bathroom facilities, electric & water supply, two football courts, volleyball court, running track, BMX Bike track, and



swimming pool under construction. Event coordinators all Volunteer’s; Zone Captain & Special Constable S.C. **Samuel Bruce**, zone lieutenants; S.C. **Amin Avilez**,

C.O.P. **Irma Puc**, S.C. **Manuel Sosa**, S.C. **Steve Richert**, sports coaches **Pablo Uck**, and other volunteer’s **Otto Martinez**, **Carlos Martinez**, **Rafa Martinez**, **Luis**

Lisbey, Anthony Gillett, Sydellic Leslie, Trampoline and games supervisors; **Milton Sandoval**, **Gene Bruce**, **Zinnia Longworth**, and **Georgia Murray**.

Bash Activities were: The Master of Ceremonies S.C. **Amin Avilez** at the Helm, Live Entertainment with Orchidea Negra Dance Group, singing Duet **Lucille & Luis Mendez**, activities; Youth Football competition, Volleyball, Baggo toss, Croquet, Trampoline, musical chairs, Ladies dance competition, girls dance competition, Boys dance competition, quiz for prizes of anti-crime questions, 3-pinatas with over 100lbs. of candies, and educating the public on the importance of the Neighborhood Watch, the concept of “*crime stoppers*” program to help keep

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VACANCY



Project Name: Integrated Water and Sanitation Programme for the Placencia Peninsula
Loan Contract No.: 2486/OC-BL
Project No.: BL-L1015

Background

The Government of Belize and Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL), with the support of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB, the “Bank”) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) are implementing a sanitation project on the Placencia Peninsula.

The BWSL is the Executing Agency for the Project, through a Project Management Unit (PMU) headed by a Project Manager, supported by an Engineer/Procurement Specialist, two technical specialists, and an administrative assistant with financial management support from BWSL.

Project Information

Additional information about the project may be obtained from the following website: <http://www5.iadb.org/idbppi/asp/ppProcurement.aspx?pLanguage=ENGLISH>

POSITIONS	OBJECTIVES	MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
Engineer/Procurement Specialist	Provide engineering and procurement services for the design and construction of a wastewater system in Placencia.	1. Bachelor degree in civil engineering. 2. Registered as a professional engineer with a recognised body or extended experience. 3. At least five years experience providing technical and civil engineering services. 4. Fluency in written English

I Duties

The EPS will be responsible for providing comprehensive engineering and procurement services to the Project. In order to carry out the responsibilities stipulated in these terms of reference. The EPS will be supported by two Technical Specialists who will be dedicated full-time to this project. The EPS shall assist with the preparation of the TOR for the Technical Specialists.

The Engineer/Procurement Specialist shall assist with the revision of engineering drawings and documents as may be required by the PMU. He or she will be required to do field visits of all works and activities to verify that the level of effort performed corresponds to that of the effort contracted.

The Engineer/Procurement Specialist will plan, prepare for and carry out all procurement activities for the PMU. He/She will attend and participate in all procurement training exercise and workshops which are made available during his or her contract period

II Terms of Reference

The full terms of reference and duties area available on BWSL’s web site; www.bwsl.bz

III Expression of Interest

All interested persons can send their letter of interest accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae no later than Monday December 10th, 2012 at 2:00pm to:

HUMANRESOURCEMANAGER.
 Belize Water Services Limited
 #7 Central American Boulevard
 Belize City
 Ref: Placencia Project Engineer/ Procurement Specialist Vacancy
 Ore-mail
IWSPPP.PMU@bwsl.com.bz

IV Remuneration

Salary will be negotiated and will be dependent on qualifications and experience. Salary will be paid twice per month.

Benque Viejo Christmas Bash

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Benque safe now and in the future by delivering a message “*police and community as one*” with the common goal of reducing crime and corruption.

Hundreds of persons enjoyed the gift items that were given out; food baskets containing rice, cereals, candies, chips, can goods, 300lbs. of Rice, other items; toys, tee shirts, household articles, 1000’s of ideals,



juice, jewelry, hand bags, radio controlled cars, dolls, digicell phone cards, cash certificate from Atlantic Bank, and Zone 4 neighborhood Watch Calendars with all the emergency phone numbers including confidential crime line.

Zone Captain Samuel Bruce; wishes to thank all

the Volunteers, and sponsors that made this event possible with having so many activities coordinated at the same time for everyone’s enjoyment was a challenge, however by working together we can achieve the impossible and make it reality!

Sponsors: **Belize Telemedia, Atlantic Bank, Sam Bruce, ICB Insurance Co., Belize Custom’s Western Border, Riemer’s Feed Mill, Benque Viejo Cable Vision, Vega’s Distributing, BRC, Econo**

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ROSALINA GILETTE** is applying for the renewal of a **REST & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Rosita’s Restaurant** located on Wyatt St, San Ignacio in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **FRANSISCO ASKARI & AARON BEVIS** is applying for the renewal of a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Bamboo Bar & Tai Restaurant** located in the Wel-come Center, Savannah Area, SI in the Cayo District.



BELIZE WATER SERVICES LIMITED

**BELIZE RIVER VALLEY RURAL WATER PROJECT
INSTALLATION OF APPROXIMATELY 44 MILES OF PVC AND DUCTILE IRON WATER MAINS, VALVES AND APPURTENANCES**

Invitation to Bid

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has received financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to USD3,480,000 towards the cost of the Belize River Valley Rural Water Project, and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBZ and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

GOBZ will execute the project through Belize Water Services Limited (BWS), and a Resident Consultant Engineer within BWS will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities. Engineering Consultants have been retained by BWS to assist in the tender administration and supervision of the contract.

BWS hereby invites interested eligible firms to present their sealed bids for Contract H1, Contract H2 and Contract H3. *Bidders may bid on any single Contract, any two Contracts, or on all three Contracts.* The Contracts are further described as:

Contract H1: Installation of approximately 14 miles of PVC and Ductile Iron Water Mains, Valves and Appurtenances in Burrell Boom, Flower’s Bank, Scotland Halfmoon and Bermudian Landing Villages.

Contract H2: Installation of approximately 15 miles PVC and Ductile Iron Water Mains, Valves and Appurtenances in Bermudian Landing, Isabella Bank, Lemonal, and Double Head Cabbage Villages.

Contract H3: Installation of approximately 15 miles of PVC and Ductile Iron Water Mains, Valves and Appurtenances in Double Head Cabbage, Willows Bank, St. Paul’s Bank and Rancho Dolores Villages.

Consideration will be limited to firms or joint ventures of firms which are legally incorporated or otherwise organized in, and have their principal place of business in an eligible country or countries and are either:

- (a) more than 50% beneficially-owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an eligible country or countries, or by a body corporate or bodies corporate meeting these requirements; or
- (b) owned or controlled by the government of an eligible country provided that it is legally and financially autonomous and operated under the commercial law of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

The requirement for pre-qualification will include:

- (a) an average annual turnover (defined as billing for works in progress and completed) over the last five years of (i) Belize Dollars (BZD) 750,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for one contract; (ii) Belize Dollars (BZD) 1,500,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for two contracts; (iii) Belize Dollars (BZD) 2,500,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for all three contracts.
- (b) demonstrable cash flow (including access to credit) of (i) BZD 150,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for one contract; (ii) Belize Dollars (BZD) 300,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for two contracts; (iii) Belize Dollars (BZD) 450,000.00 equivalent in the case of consideration for all three contracts.
- (c) experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least two (2) assignments (including drainage assignments) of a nature and complexity comparable to the proposed project activity within the last five (5) years (to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete); and
- (d) Project Manager with five (5) years experience, which has been spent in works of an equivalent nature and volume, including not less than three (3) years as a Manager.

Bidding documents will be available as at December 21st, 2012 at the address below between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Written applications must be clearly marked: “**Request For Bid Documents for The Installation Of Approximately 44 Miles Of PVC And Ductile Iron Water Mains, Valves And Appurtenances**”. The documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BZ\$300.00 *per contract* or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency for each set to the order of BWS.

Potential bidders who request that the documents be forwarded to them are required to submit an account number from a courier agent in Belize, which will accept freight collect charges. The documents will be dispatched by the designated courier upon receipt of the fee. Under no circumstance will BWS be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so dispatched.

Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after the closing date for submission of bids and must be accompanied by a bid security of Twenty Thousand Belize Dollars (BZ\$ 20,000.00) or its equivalent in a free convertible currency. Completed tender documents together with all required enclosures shall be placed in a sealed envelope which includes the name and address of the bidder and shall be clearly marked “**Tender for Belize River Valley Rural Water Project – Installation of approximately 44 miles of PVC and Ductile Iron Water Mains, Valves and Appurtenances**”, and deposited in the tender box at the address below by 4:00 p.m. on or before January 25th, 2013. They will be opened at the same address at 4:15 p.m. on the same day in the presence of representative(s) of any bidder who wishes to attend. Bids will not be accepted after the tender box is closed

BWS reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul the process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected prospective bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected prospective bidder(s) of the grounds for BWS action. BWS will not defray any costs incurred by any bidder in the preparation of bids.

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★ STAR HUMOR ★

Rookie Police

A rookie police officer was out for his first ride in a police truck with an experienced partner. A call came in telling them to disperse some people who were loitering.

The officers drove to the street and observed a small crowd standing on a corner.

The rookie rolled down his window and said, *"Let's get off the corner people."*

A few glances, but no one moved,

so he barked again, *"Let's get off that corner... NOW!"*

Intimidated, the group of people began to leave, casting puzzled stares in his direction.

Proud of his first official act, the young policeman turned to his partner and asked, *"Well, how did I do?"*

"Pretty good," chuckled the vet, *"especially since this is a bus stop."*

Too Materialistic

A very successful Belize City lawyer parked his brand-new Lexus in front of his office on Albert Street, ready to show it off to his colleagues. As he got out, a truck passed too close and tore off the door on the driver's side. The lawyer immediately grabbed his cell phone, dialed 911, and within minutes, a policeman pulled up.

Before the officer had a chance to ask any questions, the lawyer started screaming hysterically. His Lexus, which he had just picked up the day before, was now completely ruined, no matter how the body shop might try to fix it.

When the lawyer finally wound down from his ranting and raving, the officer shook his head in disgust and disbelief.

"I can not believe how materialistic you Belize City lawyers are," the cop said. *"You are so focused on your possessions that you don't notice anything else."*

"How can you say such a thing?", asked the lawyer.

The cop replied: *"Don't you know that your left arm is missing from the elbow down? It must have been torn off when the truck hit you."*

"My Josh!" screamed the lawyer. *"My Rolex!"*

Ron's Time Off

Submitted by Ronald Garrison

Two days before the group is to leave on a fishing trip, Ron's wife puts her foot down and tells him he isn't going.

Ron's friends are very upset that he can't go, but what can they do.

Two days later the three get to the camping site to find Ron sitting there with a tent set up, firewood gathered, and dinner cooking on the fire, sitting and having a cold beer.

"Hell Ron, how long you been here, and how did you talk your wife into letting you go?"

"Well, I've been here since last

night. Yesterday evening, I was sitting in my living room chair and my wife came up behind me and put her hands over my eyes and asked, 'Guess who?' I pulled her hands off, and there she was, wearing a nightie. She took my hand and pulled me into our bedroom. The room had candles and rose petals all over. On the bed she had handcuffs, and ropes! She told me to tie her up and cuff her to the bed, so I did.

And then she said, *"Do whatever you want."* So, Here I am!

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Vacancy For A Driver

Vacancy exists for a driver/ salesman at the **Western Gas Company Ltd.** Applicants for the Available post must have good knowledge of all the areas within Santa Elena and San Ignacio, be strong, flexible and cooperative. Interested persons can send in their letter of application to the Manager, Western Gas Company Limited or call 824-3206 for further information.

AUTO MECHANIC

Western Gas Co Ltd is offering a job opportunity FOR AN AUTO MECHANIC with proven ability to work with light duty and heavy duty carburation vehicles.

The prospective employee must have: At least five years experience as an auto mechanic

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- Experience in operating a small workshop
- Willingness to work flexible hours
- Experience of keeping accurate records
- Excellent communication skills

Salary negotiable and dependent on qualifications, experience and ability to carry out job functions.

Applicants may apply in person and must present two letters of reference from recent employers along with a police record.

Deadline: January 15, 2013

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- Computer Literate– Excel, Word, Power Point etc.
- The ability to communicate clearly
- Creativity and initiative.
- good judgment
- an outgoing personality
- planning, developing and implementing PR strategies.
- Must be a Female

Marketing

- Experience necessary
- Good Communication Skills
- Bi-lingual
- Willing to work flexible hours
- Minimum Associates Degree
- Computer Literate
- Be proficient in written/spoken English
- Strong Marketing Techniques
- •Maintaining and updating mailing data-bases;
- Must be Female

RECEPTIONIST,CASHIER,WAITRESS AND CLEANER (Must be Female)
BARTENDER (Must be Male)

- Experience necessary
- Bi-lingual
- Willing to work flexible hours

Qualified applicants must include:

- 2 reference letters
- Valid police record
- 2 pictures

- Qualifications/ Diplomas (Originals & Copies)

Applications can be obtained at the Reception Desk inside the Princess International San Ignacio.

All applications should be delivered in person to the MANAGEMENT from 12 midday to 6pm Monday-Friday
Or call 824-4047 for more information.

Benque Viejo Christmas Bash

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Diesel, Western Diaries, Caribbean Tire, Tire Depot, Westrac, Ceiba Realty, David's Super Store, Dra. Lesbia Cocom, Manuel Sosa, Elmer Guerra, Erwin Cocon, Tito Pacheco, Pacheco Hardware, Consulate General De Guatemala Hon. Noel Vasquez, Rocky's Store, Crown Jewelry, Long Lucky Super Market, Zhen's Supermarket, Jimmy's Supermarket, Long Lucky Restaurant, Benque UNO Gas Station, Edgar Contreras, Kenny's Store, Lin's Supermarket, Novelo's Gas

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Special Note: This event like ALL the community events from Zone 4 Neighborhood Watch Program since 2008; was accomplished with hard work, dedication, and sponsors that believe in the effort and support Zone 4.

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES FOR THE YEAR 2013

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JASON MOORE** is applying for the renewal of a **NIGHT CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Lucky 5 Bar** located on Caracol Street in the Cahal Pech Area, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **RYAN UTSMAN** is applying for the renewal of a **PUBLICAN GENERAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Island Time Beverages** located at mile 62, Georgeville Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JOSE QUETZAL** is applying for the renewal of a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Montemagico** located on 55 Riverside St. Benque Veijo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ANAVALDEZ** is applying for the renewal of a **CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Suzy's Store** located in San Jose Succotz Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MICK MASTERSON** is applying for the renewal of a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Misty Mountain Lodge** located in Mountain Pine Ridge in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **NADEGE THOMAS** is applying for the renewal of a **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Mystic River Resort** located at Mile 6 on the Cristo Rey Road in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MARIANA GALVEZ** is applying for the renewal of a **NIGHT CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Latino Mix** located on Joseph Andrews Dr, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MARIANA GALVEZ** is applying for the renewal of a **NIGHT CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **La Ninfa De Mariana** located on 23rd Back St, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **FRANCISCO RUIZ** is applying for the renewal of a **REST & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Sanny's Grill Restaurant** located on 23rd St, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MARIA BOITON** is applying for the renewal of a **BEER/CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Belchi Store** located on # 17 La Loma Luz Bulvd, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MERCEDES CUZ** is applying for the renewal of a **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Mercy Kitchen** located on #157 Andrews St, Santa Elena Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ERMITA MARTINEZ** is applying for the renewal of a **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Pride of Mopan** located in Bullet Tree Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MANUEL POT** is applying for the renewal of a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Tequila Topical** located in Bullet Tree Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **DAYINLU** is applying for the renewal of a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Dayin Store** located on Diaz St, Benque Veijo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ENRIQUE MARTINEZ** is applying for the renewal of a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Enriquez's Bar** located at 16 Melhado St, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **TERESITA ROSALES** is applying for the renewal of a **RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Therese Tulip Panes** located in Cristo Rey Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **DANIEL MONTGOMERY** is applying for the renewal of a **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Road House** located in Bullet Tree Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **YAN ZHU ZHAO** is applying for the renewal of a **SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Yan's Store** located on Jose Marti St, Benque Veijo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **XIANG RONG CHEN** is applying for the renewal of a **SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Kenny's Store** located on Flamingo St, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MAGALI AUREVALO** is applying for the renewal of a **MATL & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Magali Bee Parlour** located in Bullet Tree Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JORGE RECINOS** is applying for the renewal of a **CONVENIENCE STORE LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Cost Less Mart** located on Benque Veijo Rd, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **ELMA AWE** is applying for the renewal of a **MALT LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Carmita Saloon** located on Independence St, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **AMALIA SILVA** is applying for the renewal of a **SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Roses Store** located on 11th Saint Joseph St, Benque Veijo Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **JONATHAN CARRIDI** is applying for the renewal of a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Mr. Greedy's Pizzeria** located at 34 Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Cayo Central Christmas Football Cup

On September 19, 2012, eight teams from Santa Elena Town participated in a football marathon held at the Santa Elena football field, to kick off the Cayo Central Christmas Cup Sponsored by the **Hon. Rene Montero**, Area Representative for Cayo Central And Minister of Works & Transport.

This past Sunday was the Finals for the competition and the Trapiche Team and the Hill view team played an exciting and competitive game and exhibit discipline and excellent sportsmanship.

At the end of the day Minister **Rene Montero** was present to issue the first place trophy along with

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Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **BLACANEAX LODGE** is applying for the renewal of a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **BLACANEAX LODGE** located in Mountain Pine Ridge in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **RAMON VARGAS** is applying for the renewal of a **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Munchies Rest & Bar** located at # 5 San Fransisco St, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **THOMAS CHUN** is applying for the renewal of a **SHOP LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Chun's Ya'ax Nah Enterprises** located on Progress Ave, Roaring Creek Village in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **STEVEN PLAYER** is applying for the renewal of a **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Coombe Harding** located in Cristo Rey Village in the Cayo District.



Hon. Rene Montero With Santa Elena Football Team



Public Utilities Commission

Public Notice



The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby notifies the public that, pursuant to Section 33(2) of the of the ELECTRICITY (TARIFFS, FEES AND CHARGES) BYELAWS, on December 27, 2012, it made its Final Draft in respect of Amendments to the 2012 Annual Review Proceeding (ARP) Final Decision for the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL).

BEL made a submission for amendments to 2012 ARP Final Decision on December 10, 2012, for increases in the Mean Electricity Rate (MER) and previously approved tariffs due to unexpected increases in the cost of power.

The Final Draft of Amendments to the 2012 ARP Final Decision provides for an approximate increase of 16.87% to the Mean Electricity Rate (MER) and previously approved tariffs, to be applied during the period January 1 to June 30, 2013. This represents an increase in the Mean Electricity Rate (MER) from 41.81¢ to 48.86¢.

The Final Draft of Amendments to the 2012 ARP Final Decision may be viewed in its entirety at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission at 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, or on its Website at www.puc.bz.

Interested Parties now have until 5:00PM on Monday, January 7, 2013, to file written comments to the PUC in regards to the Final Draft of Amendments to the 2012 ARP Final Decision before it is adopted or amended after consideration of such comments.

Written comments maybe delivered to the offices of the PUC at 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, orby email at info@dpuc.bz.

Summary of Amendments to the 2012 APR Final Decision

Proposed Mean Electricity Rate:

48.86 ¢

Customer Class	Service Type/ Consumption Block	Rate/Tariff \$/Mth; \$/KVA; \$/KWhr
Social	0 - 60 KWhrs	0.28
	Minimum Charge	5.00
Residential	0 - 50 KWhrs	0.38
	51 - 200 KWhrs	0.48
	> 200 KWhrs	0.51
	Minimum Charge	6.00
Commercial	Service Charge	125.00
	0 - 10, 000 KWhrs	0.49
	10, 001 - 20, 000 KWhrs	0.48
	> 20, 000 KWhrs	0.47
Industrial 1	Service Charge	125.00
	Demand (KVA)	39.00
	Energy	0.36
Industrial 2	Service Charge	125.00
	Demand (KVA)	24.00
	Energy	0.32
Street Lights	Energy	0.64

US Requests Colombia Urabenos 'gang leader' Extradition

Prosecutors in the United States have requested the extradition of one of Colombia's most wanted drug dealers, detained two months ago in Argentina.

Henry de Jesus Lopez Londono, known as Mi Sangre or My Blood, is the alleged leader of the Urabenos gang, which operates in northern Colombia.

Argentine media reported that he was due to be released on 2 January unless there was a formal extradition request.

Lopez entered Argentina with a false passport, police said.

The 41-year-old Colombian posed as a Venezuelan businessman, travelling for work.

He was arrested with his wife and 10 bodyguards in Buenos Aires on 30 October.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **GERSON ZETINA** is applying a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Caracol Bar** located at Mile 62 on the George Price Highway in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **FLORITA TUN** is applying a **MALT & CIDER LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Flor A & A Fast Food** located on Flamingo Ave, San Ignacio Town in the Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, that **MICHAEL CANTO** is applying for the renewal of a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE** for the year 2013 to operate **Maya Bar** located in Cristo Rey Village in the Cayo District.

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Henry De Jesus Lopez Was Captured In Buenos Aires

Henry Lopez insists that he has been the victim of "*a plot*".

He was officially notified of the request made by a court in southern

Florida, official Argentine news agency Telam said.

The extradition process is expected to last four months.

Cartel contacts

Officers from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the Colombian police and the Argentine police force had been tracking him for months prior to his arrest, tapping his phone, monitoring his cars via satellite and infiltrating his inner circle.

They said he, his wife, two children and bodyguards had constantly moved between five different residences.

According to police, Mi Sangre had arrived in Argentina two years earlier, but had travelled between Venezuela, Uruguay, Ecuador, Mexico and Paraguay arranging drug deals.

Major players in apprehension of Lopez claims that only minutes before arresting Henry Lopez, he had met a member of the Mexican drug cartel Los Zetas, for whom he provided much of the drugs.



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Cayo Central Christmas Football Cup

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a cash prize of \$500.00 to the Trapiche Team, the winner of the competition.

The second place trophy was awarded to the Hill view team along with a cash prize of \$300.00.

The 3rd place trophy was awarded to the Rest of the World team along with a cash prize of \$200.00.

Minister Montero congratulated all teams that participated in the Cayo Central Christmas Cup. He praised them for the excellent sportsmanship, the high caliber of discipline and the respect they exercised during the competition. He also congratulated the winning teams for a very impressive finals which all enjoyed. He went on to thank the organizer for the marathon, **Manuel "Caribee" Smith** and **Ray Thompson** for a job well done.

Minister Montero likewise promised all teams and youth present. He promised to make the Cayo Central Christmas Cup an annual event and advised all present to continue to use their talents and energies in a positive way to make their beautiful Santa Elena Town a better place to live.

Minister Montero ended his address to the gathering by wishing all those present a **Merry Christmas and a Happy and blessed New Year.**



Hon. Rene Montero Rewarding A Young Football Player



Hon. Rene Montero With Santa Elena Footballers

Bolivia Takes Over Ownership Of Two Spanish Owned Electricity Companies

Bolivia has brought two Spanish-owned electricity supply companies under state control.

President Evo Morales accused the subsidiaries of the Spanish company, Iberdrola, of overcharging consumers in rural areas.

Mr Morales said rural households had been paying three times more for their electricity than people in urban areas.

The left-wing president has previously nationalised oil, telecommunications and energy-generating companies.

"We had to see that the quality of electricity service is uniform in rural as well as urban areas," Mr Morales said.

He added that his decree was in line with the South American country's constitution, which says that the public interest is above private interests when



President Evo Morales (r) said unfair pricing policies forced him to sign the decree nationalising Iberdrola's assets in Bolivia

it comes to the supply of energy.

"We were forced to take this measure," he said, describing the electricity charges as *"unfair and*

unequal".

An independent arbiter will decide in up to 180 days how much compensation Iberdrola will get for its

assets, Mr Morales said.

In its first reaction to the Bolivian government decision, Iberdrola said it hoped to be paid a fair price for the companies.

"We hope we will get the real value of our share" a spokesman told the AFP news agency.

Iberdrola owned 89.5% of Electropaz, which operates in Bolivia's largest city, La Paz, and surrounding areas, and 92.8% in Elfeo, based in the Oruro region.

Armed police guarded the companies' headquarters and plants in both cities as Mr Morales announced their nationalisation.

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How Indian Women Are Treated

People have called her Braveheart, Fearless and India's Daughter, among other things, and sent up a billion prayers for a speedy recovery.

When the unidentified woman **died in a Singapore hospital** early on Saturday, the victim of a **savage rape** on a moving bus in the capital, Delhi, it was time again, many said, to ask: why does India treat its women so badly?

Female foetuses are aborted and baby girls killed after birth, leading to an **an appallingly skewed sex ratio**. Many of those who survive face discrimination, prejudice, violence and neglect all their lives, as single or married women.

TrustLaw, a news service run by Thomson Reuters, has **ranked India as the worst country in which to be a woman**. This in the country where the leader of the ruling party, the speaker of the lower house of parliament, at least three chief ministers, and a number of sports and business icons are women. It is also a country where a generation of newly empowered young women are going out to work in larger numbers than ever before.

But **crimes against women are rising too**.

With more than 24,000 reported cases in 2011, rape registered a 9.2% rise over the previous year. More than half (54.7%) of the victims were aged between 18 and 30. Most disturbingly, according to police records, the offenders were known to their victims in more than 94% of the cases. Neighbours accounted for a third of the offenders, while parents and other relatives were also involved. Delhi accounted for over 17% of the total number of rape cases in the country. And it is not rape alone. Police records from 2011 show kidnappings and abductions of women were up



19.4%, women being killed in disputes over dowry payments by 2.7%, torture by 5.4%, molestation by 5.8% and trafficking by an alarming 122% over the previous year.

The Nobel Prize-winning economist Amartya Sen has estimated that more than 100m women are "missing" worldwide - women who would have been around had they received similar healthcare, medicine and nutrition as men.

New research by economists **Siwan Anderson** and **Debraj Ray** estimates that in India, more than 2m women are missing in a given year.

The economists found that roughly 12% of the missing women disappear at birth, 25% die in childhood, 18% at the reproductive ages, and 45% at older ages.

They found that women died more from **"injuries"** in a given year than while giving birth - injuries, they say, **"appear to be indicator of violence against women"**.

Deaths from fire-related incidents, they say, is a major cause - each year more than 100,000 women are killed by fires in India. The researchers say many cases could be linked to demands over a dowry leading to women being set on fire. Research also found a large number of women died of heart diseases.

These findings point to life-long neglect of women in India. It also proves that a strong preference for sons over daughters - leading to sex selective abortions - is just part of the story.

Clearly, many Indian women face threats to life at every stage - violence, inadequate healthcare, inequality, neglect, bad diet, lack of attention to personal health and well-being.

Analysts say deep-rooted changes in social attitudes are needed to make India's women more accepted and secure. There is deeply entrenched patriarchy and widespread misogyny in vast swathes of the country,

especially in the north. And the state has been found wanting in its protection of women.

Angry citizens believe that politicians, including **Prime Minister Manmohan Singh**, are being disingenuous when they promise to toughen laws and speed up the prosecution of rapists and perpetrators of crime against women.

How else, they ask, can political parties in the last five years have fielded candidates for state elections that included **27 candidates who declared they had been charged with rape?**

How, they say, can politicians be believed when there are six elected state legislators who have charges of rape against them?

But the renewed protests in Delhi after the woman's death hold out some hope. Has her death come as an inflexion point in India's history, which will force the government to enact tougher laws and people to begin seriously thinking about the neglect of women?

It's early days yet, but one hopes these are the first stirrings of change.

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