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# omination

### SAN IGNACIO, Cayo District, Monday, 15 December, 2014:

Today was nomination day for the upcoming by-election in Cayo North that is to be held on Monday, 5 January, 2015.

This morning a crowd of about 200 PUP supporters gathered in the Columbus Park in downtown San Ignacio.

We saw many PUP representatives, elected officials and political candidates from all over the country, each of them brought their own supporters. And while the national figures were out in force, we didn't see a great deal of Cayo North voters. PUP candidate, Richard Harrison, who was nominated in the San Ignacio courtroom by 6



constituents, says his supporters and voters had to work. The turnout left

weekday, political credibility has a threshold and it certainly wasn't met on this occasion.

The PUP tried to put a good face on it, but fell short of projecting an image of confidence and victory.

In the afternoon, the UDP crowd rolled down Benque Viejo Street from the area known as the red hills of Cayo North. The crowd was enormous, energetic, spirited in Omar Figueroa shirts.

They paraded into downtown San Ignacio, and, unlike the PUP who easily fit into Columbus Park, the UDP crowd spilt unto the street. The supporters were singing, dancing and playing drums. The UDP candidate, Omar Figueroa, was met by Party Leader/Prime Minister, Hon. Dean **Barrow** and had the full support of other party officials.

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# Police Jailed for **Indecent Assault**

### **BELIZE CITY, Belize, Monday,** 15 December, 2014:

Police Constable Randolph Scott began his 60 days in jail after he was convicted on Monday, 15 December, 2014 by Chief Magistrate, Ann-Marie Smith, of aggravated assault of an indecent nature on a fellow female police officer.

The incident happen on October 26, 2013, at the Belama Precinct 4 police station, according to the female officer, Scott touched her legs, pulled up and pushed his hand inside her skirt.

He also squeezed her breast, pulled her hand to touch his private area and then exposed his genitals to her.

The key eyewitness was on-duty officer Manuel Mai, who claimed that Scott offered him to do the same as he did when he was finished.

But according to Scott, the incident



### Police Constable Randolph Scott was all fun. He testified and admitted to making sexual advances to his fellow officer but claimed she consented to them.

Deputy Officer Commanding Division, Senior Eastern Superintendent Edward Broaster, Please Turn To Page 24



# Recipe Corner

### Black Fruit Cake



Belizean Black Fruit Cake

Ingredients:

2lb flour

1lb butter

3lb brown sugar (set 1lb of sugar aside for stewing fruit)

1pt. stout

1/2 pt. caramel colouring

1 qt. rum

1lb raisins

11b currants
11b citron

11b dates

11b cherries

11b mixed peel

1lb pecans/walnuts

8 eggs

1tsp. baking powder

1tsp allspice

1tsp nutmeg

### **Directions:**

The fruits will need to be soaked in rum and sugar at least 7 days before making cake. Put aside a little flour to flour the fruits before adding to batter. This keeps fruits from settling at the bottom of the cake.

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time,



beating constantly. Add flour, baking powder and spices into the butter, sugar and eggs mix with a spoon. Then add stout and colouring to the mixture. Beat for about 4 minutes at high speed. In a separate dish pour the rum off the fruits. (The rum should be kept to add to the finished cake after cooling) Flour fruits and add to the batter.

Heat oven to 300°F. While the oven is heating just let batter "settle" a while. Line baking pan with aluminum foil or wax paper. Grease lightly with butter. Spoon batter evenly into the buttered pan about 3/4 full. Bake in slow oven for about 3 hours. Insert toothpick in center and it should come out clean when done.

When cake is completely cool sprinkle rum all over. The cake can also be garnished with cherries and walnuts.

Flavouring improves with storing. You can sprinkle cake again with rum, brandy or wine before storing.

In Belize Black Fruit Cake is popular during the holidays.

### Belizean Rum Popo Recipe



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### **Ingredients:**

9 Eggs

4 Nutmegs (Grated)

1 Oz Cinnamon Stick

1 Pint Colorless Rum

5 Tins Large (Grace) Evaporated Milk

3 Tins (Grace) Condensed Milk (Or to taste)

½ Lb Raisins

### **Procedure:**

Prep Time: 30-40 minutes Soak cinnamon stick and raisins in rum for 2 days. Beat eggs well (15-20 minutes Removing beater and rinsing in clean water several times to remove strings (eye of egg)

Add Evaporated milk & beat again.

Add condensed milk and check for desired sweetness.

Add grated nutmeg & rum (that was used for soaking-strain before using)

Mix again and store in clean dry bottles.

Store in refrigerator. Shake before serving.

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## **Nomination Day for Cayo North**

PUP's meager 200.

The race is on, on January 5, 2015, voters of Cayo North



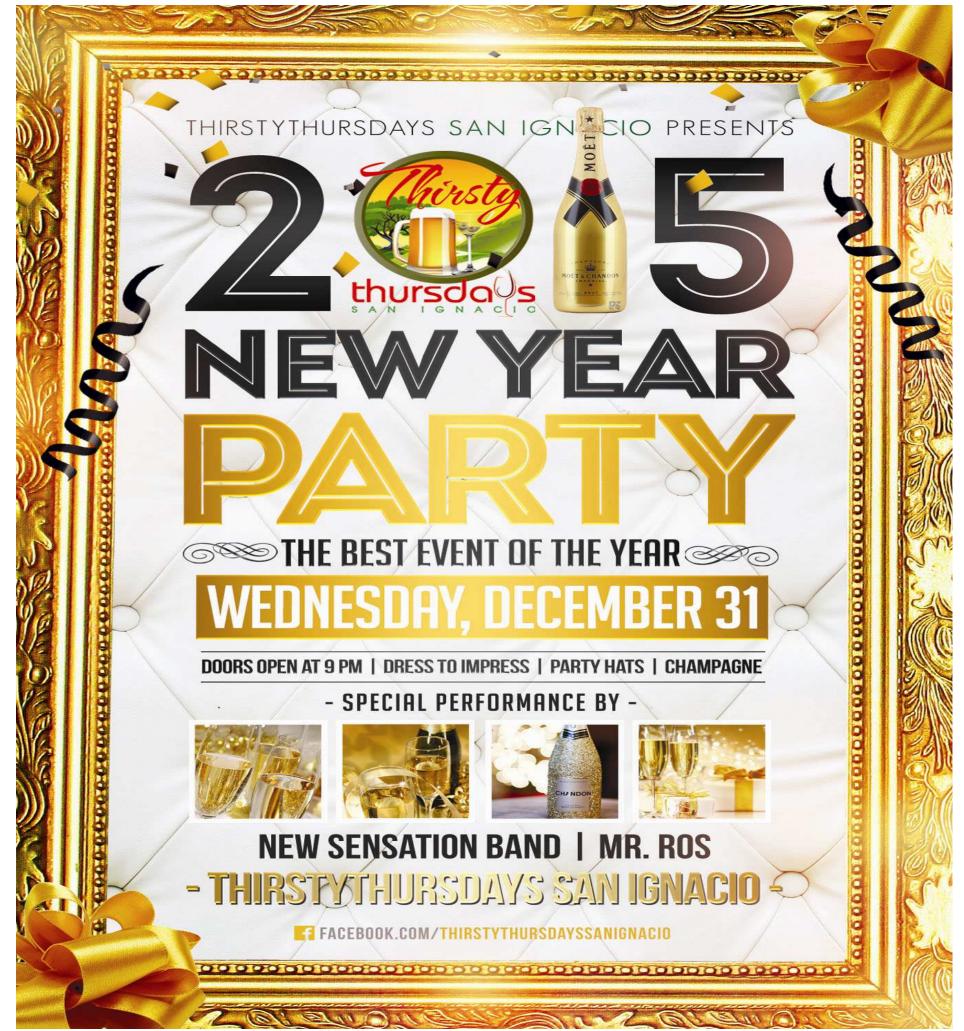
A rally was held at the San Ignacio

Welcome Center and a sense of victory was in the air for the Figueroa



camp. The crowd he attracted was an easy 1,000 compared to the

will choose their next Area Representative.



### Belize Forges New Environment Gains for Central American Countries

Belmopan. December 18, 2014:

Belize has forged major gains on climate change, the environment and sustainable development for the Central American region, it was revealed, on Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

Belize's six months presidency of the Central American Commission on Environment and Development (CCAD) which ends this month, has been marked by new levels of co-operation and integration between countries.

Belize's Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and Sustainable Development, and Protemp President of CCAD for the last six months, the Hon. Lisel Alamilla highlighted her main achievements at a CCAD Ministerial at the meeting in Placencia.

She told Ministers: "Most significantly Belize has over the last six months championed the Climate Change Agenda for the Central American region.

"We brought together the climate change negotiators of Central America to forge a SICA Climate Change identity.

"This is a historic achievement for the SICA region and it led all the SICA coordination sessions at the recent global climate change

conference, COP20, in Lima, Peru."

Minister Alamilla added that as Protemp President of CCAD, Belize had provided leadership to a series of processes and strategic actions which would enhance CCAD's capacity to take its place again as one of the most active entities of the Central American Integration System

(SICA).

During Belize's presidency Belize strengthened CCAD by reforming its Bylaws to ensure decision making is simplified and taken at the highest

The Environmental Regional Strategy Framework was also approved by CCAD's Council of Ministers which will tackle six

key issues over the next five years: climate change and risk management; seas, forests and biodiversity; integrated management of water resources; environmental quality; trade and environment; financial mechanism.

Minister Alamilla added: "At the end of our Protemp Presidency we are presenting a more strengthened CCADenhanced political, technical, and financial-administrative capabilities."



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### **Communion And Transformation**

### Contributed by: Janice Swift

Exod 34:29 - Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.

2 Cor 3:18 - We all, with unveiled face reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image.

Moses, as he returned from the mountain of vision, where he had beheld as much of God's glory as seems possible to man, caught some gleam of the Light which he beheld. There was a strange radiance on his face, unknown to himself, but visible to all. He remained long enough in the presence of God to become saturated with the light and glory of the Lord. What wonder that he sparkled with it and was compelled to cover his face with a veil!

St. Paul refers to this incident, and show that the light which shone upon the face of Moses is the symbol of the lustre of character which shines from those who behold or reflect the glory of the Lord. As we behold the glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, we are changed into His likeness.

There are two laws for Christian living: keep looking at Jesus until you become like Him, and beholding are

changed into the same image; then reflect Him to others, and as you endeavour to reflect Him, the work of transformation goes on. "Tell me the company a man keeps, and I will tell you his character"; so runs the old proverb. We might go further and say, tell us what are the subjects of his habitual consideration—art, literature, theology, law, commerce, philanthropy—and we shall be able to anticipate the expression that will come upon his face.

If we desire to be pure and good, Christ-like and God like, we must live in fellowship with Christ; beholding and reflecting His glory, even the lowliest and most sinful may become changed into His image. How different to Moses is the unveiled glory of Christ. Let us beware of anything that might bring a veil between Him and us, and nothing will so soon do this as sin, and inconsistency. Moses wist not that his face shone, and Samson wist not that the Lord had departed from him (Jdg 16:20). There is a tragic as well as a blessed unconsciousness. Let us see to it that we watch and pray, that we may not be taken unawares, and deprived of our purity and strength whilst wrapt in unconsciousness.

### A Merry Heart for a Merry Christmas

### BY: Mary Whelchel Contributed by: Janice Swift

During this Christmas season, I'm talking about how to have a merry heart for a truly merry Christmas. We noted that putting a smile on our faces is one simple way to help others be merry.

A second way to have a merry heart is to choose words that are cheerful. Proverbs 16:24 says "Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."

Did you ever realize that pleasant words from you can really bring healing to other people-even physical healing to their bones? It's so easy for us to get caught up in the negative, complaining atmosphere that is usually prevalent in our working worlds. If you want to have a merry heart, start concentrating on having pleasant words.

What if-just what if-we started flooding our worlds with pleasant words? What if our co-workers heard our pleasant words, regardless of how things are on the job? What if our children heard pleasant words, even when we're tired or irritated? What if our family or mates heard pleasant words from us, even when they're dishing out unpleasant ones? What do you think would

happen?

A friend was telling me how her teenage son had taught her the power of pleasant words. She would come home from work, focused on getting dinner on the table for her three boys, making sure they did their homework, getting the house in good condition, etc., and without realizing it, she would walk in the door with harsh words of instruction and criticism for the boys. Finally one of her boys said, "Mom, you always are in such a bad mood when you get home." And this brought on a conversation which caused my friend to realize that in trying to be a good mom, she was instead coming across as harsh and demanding. Her motives were good but her choice of words and tone of voice were not.

We need to say pleasant words to ourselves, too. Tell yourself that your hair looks nice, instead of always saying, "I look awful today." Tell yourself that you're a very special person to God, instead of saying you're a failure. Those pleasant words will be sweet to your own soul and they will begin a healing process in your spirit.

Want to have a merry heart for a merry Christmas? Use pleasant words all day today. It will cheer you up and everyone around you.

### What's Your Measure?

In Luke 6:38, Jesus said these words,

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

That is a promise of Jesus that you can stake your life on. Give, and what happens? It will be given to you good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. Sounds like fun, doesn't it?!

But notice that He also added this, "The same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." If you take a serving spoon, and that is what you measure out your giving with, you will get an overflowing serving spoon. It comes back to you good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing from a serving spoon.

The measure you use is what is measured back to you. If you use a shovel, and that is what you measure it out with, that is how it comes back to you.

Wouldn't you rather have a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over shovel as opposed to a serving spoon? The measure you use, Jesus said, that is what is used to measure back to you.

I believe many people are using a teaspoon and yet they are praying, "God bless me. I have big needs." I am sure God is saying, "I'm doing all I can. You know, I'm pressing it down as much as I can press it down. It is running over. But a running over teaspoon is just not that much."

Are you using a teaspoon or a shovel? Whatever you use is what comes back multiplied, but it is only according to the measure you use.



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### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (ENGINEERING CONSULTANT/PROJECT ENGINEER)

Country: Belize

Project Name: Belmopan Sewerage Expansion Project

Sector: Water and Sanitation

Loan Contract No.: GRT/FM-12724-RG (RG-X1011)

Project No.: 140811131395

Deadline: 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014

The Government of Belize and Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL) has received financing from the Inter-American Development Bank ("IDB) and the Global Environment Facility for a program to support economic development and improve the quality of life for the residents in Belmopan through environmental improvements. Specifically, the project seeks to upgrade the existing sewerage system in order to meet current and future wastewater treatment demands. As the Executing Agency, BWS will apply part of the proceeds from the agreements for payments under the project, Belmopan Sewerage Expansion Project, for the recruitment of a Project Engineer as summarized below.

POSITION	OBJECTIVES	MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
Engineering Consultant	Upgrade the existing sewerage system in order to meet current and future wastewater treatment demands.	1. Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering, Sanitation Engineering, Water & Wastewater Engineering or a related engineering field  2. Minimum of 5 years demonstrated experience in earthworks/construction supervision and at least 2 years in infrastructure project management.  3. Excellent English writing and oral communication skills. Knowledge of AutoCAD, MS Project and Spanish would be an asset.

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Expressions of interest must be delivered via direct mail or e-mail at the address indicated below by 4:30 pm on Monday December  $22^{th}$ ,2014. Expressions of interest must clearly indicate "Engineering Consultant" for Belmopan Sewerage Expansion Project".

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### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICE)

Country: Belize

Project Name: Integrated Water and Sanitation Programme for the

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Loan Contract No.: 2486/OC-BL

Project No.: BL-L1015

Deadline: 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014

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POSITION	OBJECTIVES	MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
Technical Specialist	<ol> <li>Provide technical services for the Project Management Unit,</li> <li>Monitor the design and construction of a water and wastewater system</li> </ol>	1. Bachelor degree in Environmental / Civil Engineering, Water or Waste-Water Engineering, Chemical Engineering or a related engineering field
	3. Collect and analyze samples for a baseline water quality in Placencia.	<ol> <li>Minimum experience of 5 years in site supervision</li> <li>Excellent computer skills.</li> <li>Fluency in English</li> </ol>

BWSL now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information establishing that they are available and qualified to perform the services (curriculum vitae which include a description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.).

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# \*STAR HUMOR

### **Get Thee Behind Me**

A little boy always went next door to play even though his mom had warned him against doing so. This worried his mom so badly that she asked him why he was so disobedient.

He replied that Satan tempted him so bad and he did not know what to

His mom then advised him to say 'get behind me Satan' whenever he was tempted. She then built a fence around the house.

### A Miracle Transformation

An Amish boy and his father were visiting Princess Hotel. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and back together again. The boy asked his father, "What is this, Father?"

The father responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching wide-eyed an old lady in a

This worked for a week, then one sunny afternoon his mom looked out the window and there was her son playing on the neighbors lawn having cut a hole in the fence.

"Jeremiah", she yelled, "come here!" She then said "did I not tell you to say 'get behind me Satan' whenever he tempted you?"

"Yes", the boy replied, "I said, 'get behind me Satan', then he went behind me and pushed me through the hole in the fence."

wheel chair rolled up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched small circles of lights with numbers above the walls light up. They continued to watch the circles light up in the reverse direction. The walls opened up again and a beautiful 24 year old woman stepped out.

The father said to his son, "Go get

### Collateral Required

An Amish man wanted a loan for \$500. He approached his local banker. The banker pulled out the loan application, asking, "What are you going to do with the money?"

"Take some jewelry to city and **sell it,"** said the Amish man.

"What have you got for collateral?" queried the banker, going strictly by the book.

"Don't know what collateral means."

"Well that's something of value that would cover the cost of the loan. Have you got any vehicles?"

"Yes, I have a 1949 Chevy pickup."

The banker shook his head, "How about livestock?"

It seems a farm boy accidentally

overturned his wagon load of

corn. The farmer who lived nearby

heard the noise. "Hey Willis!!"

the farmer yelled. "Forget

your troubles. Come in with

us. Then I'll help you get the

"That's mighty nice of you, "

"Awe, come on," the farmer

Willis answered, "but I don't think

Pa would like me to."

"Yes, I have a horse."

"How old is it?"

wagon up."

"I don't know; it has no teeth."

### Finally the banker decided to make

the \$500 loan. Several weeks later the Amish man was back in the bank. He pulled out a roll of bills, "Here's the money to pay loan," he said, handing the

entire amount including interest. "What are you going to do with the rest of that money?"

"Put it in my pocket."

"Why don't you deposit it in my bank?" asked the banker.

"I don't know what deposit means."

"Well, you put the money in our bank and we take care of it for you. When you want to use it you can withdraw it."

The Amish man leaned across the desk, looking suspiciously at the banker, and asked, "What you got for collateral?"

### Pa Won't Like It

insisted.

"Well okay," the boy finally agreed, and added, "But Pa won't like it."

After a hearty dinner, Willis thanked his host. "I feel a lot better now, but I know Pa is going to be real upset."

"Don't be foolish!" the neighbour said with a smile. "By the way, where is he?"

"Under the wagon."





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# Yellow

Yellow fever, known historically as yellow jack or yellow plague, is an acute viral disease. In most cases, symptoms include fever, chills, loss of appetite, nausea, muscle pains particularly in the back, and headaches. Symptoms typically improve within five days. In some people within a day of improving, the fever comes back, abdominal pain occurs, and liver damage begins causing yellow skin. If this occurs, the risk of bleeding and kidney problems will also increased.

The disease is caused by the yellow fever virus and is spread by the bite of the female mosquito. It only infects humans, other primates, and several species of mosquitoes. In cities, it is primarily spread by mosquitoes of the Aedes aegypti species. The virus is an RNA virus of the genus Flavivirus. The disease may be difficult to tell apart from other illnesses, especially in the early stages. To confirm a suspected case, blood sample testing with polymerase chain reaction is required.

A safe and effective vaccine against yellow fever exists and some countries require vaccinations for travelers. Other efforts to prevent infection include reducing the population of the transmitting mosquito. In areas where yellow

# Fever

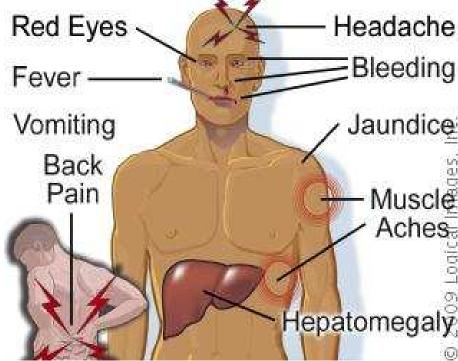
fever is common and vaccination is uncommon, early diagnosis of cases and immunization of large parts of the population is important to prevent outbreaks. Once infected, management is symptomatic with no specific measures effective against the virus. In those with severe disease, death occurs in about half of people without treatment.

Yellow fever causes 200.000 infections and 30,000 deaths every year, with nearly 90% of these occurring in Africa. Nearly a billion people live in an area of the world where the disease is common. It is common in tropical areas of South America and Africa, but not in Asia. Since the 1980s, the number of cases of yellow fever has been increasing. This is believed to be due to fewer people being immune, more people living in cities, people moving frequently, and changing climate. The disease originated in Africa, where it spread to South America through the slave trade in the 17th century. Since the 17th century, several major outbreaks of the disease have occurred in the Americas, Africa, and Europe. In the 18th and 19th centuries, yellow fever was seen as one of the most dangerous infectious diseases. The yellow fever virus was the first human virus discovered.

### Signs and symptoms

Yellow fever begins after an incubation period of three to six days.

making the overall fatality rate for the disease 3%. In severe epidemics, the mortality may exceed 50%.



Most cases only cause a mild infection with fever, headache, chills, back pain, loss of appetite, nausea, and vomiting. In these cases, the infection lasts only three to four days.

In 15% of cases, however, sufferers enter a second, toxic phase of the disease with recurring fever, this time accompanied by jaundice due to liver damage, as well as abdominal pain. Bleeding in the mouth, the eyes, and the gastrointestinal tract will cause vomit containing blood, hence the Spanish name for yellow fever, vomito negro ("black vomit"). The toxic phase is fatal in about 20% of cases,

Surviving the infection provides lifelong immunity, and normally there is no permanent organ damage.

### **Cause**

Yellow fever is caused by the yellow fever virus, a 40- to 50-nm-wide enveloped RNA virus, the type species and namesake of the family Flaviviridae. It was the first illness shown to be transmissible by filtered human serum and transmitted by mosquitoes, by Walter Reed around 1900. The positive-sense, single-stranded RNA is around 11,000 nucleotides long and has a single open

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### Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

### **ARIES:**

### March 22 to April 20

Burning the candle at both ends leads to being burnt out, especially at the beginning of this week. You may want to go, go, go, but proper rest and taking care of yourself are critical now. Around midweek, your signature bold moves benefit from some extra diplomacy and tact. The stars are sending an additional supply of charm your way; how you use it is entirely up to you! This weekend, you may be happiest nesting at home by yourself or with one or two people who're close to you. Let the world wait. Lucky numbers: 52, 71, 85.

### TAURUS: April 21 to May 21

While Monday's not known as the hottest day of the week, with you around the heat's definitely turned up. A little romance? Why not? Around Tuesday and Wednesday, coworkers play key roles — whether that's professionally or personally may vary; just beware of overstepping bounds. Beginning Thursday and through much of the weekend, you're not your usual self. What (or who) is it that's got you all riled up, whether positively, negatively or a confusing mixture of both? Be extra cautious with money and financial matters on Sunday; a mix-up is quite possible. **Lucky numbers: 05, 22, 67.** 

### GEMINI: May 22 to June 21

If emails or other messages to family or close friends go unanswered (or if you get odd replies) on Monday, don't get miffed — get an explanation. You're a super smarty-pants around Tuesday and Wednesday, with your sense of fun and your brain both all fired up. A little flirtation (or a lot) is pretty much inevitable! Beginning Thursday and through much of the weekend, you'd be wise to slow down, take it easy and give current circumstances love, work and otherwise — some serious consideration. Relationships are in the stars on Sunday; check in with important people in your life. Lucky numbers: 09, 15, 33.

### CANCER June 21 to July 21

A friendship may blossom on Monday, and good times at work or play are in the stars to be sure. Around Tuesday and Wednesday, issues at home may surface, whether it's an appliance or communication with someone you cohabitate with breaking down. Finding a fix right away is better than letting it drag out. Beginning Thursday and through much of the weekend, your instincts will tell you what feels right—heed them when it comes

to decision-making. A friend can offer perspective too. Set aside time on Sunday just for you. **Lucky numbers: 29, 38, 47.** 

### LEO:

### July 24 to August 21

Monday's a 'do not disturb' kind of day, and you can accomplish a lot on your own. Around Tuesday and Wednesday, though, you're very much a people person, and people mean very much to you. Collaborations of the work or romantic variety go terrifically well now, so partner up. Your instinct's spot-on beginning Thursday and through much of the weekend; pay special attention to first impressions, as they're liable to tell you lots more than the people making them will. Sunday kicks off a couple days that are red-hot for you. Work your magic! Lucky numbers: 59, 74, 88.

### VIRGO:

### August 22 to September 21

While everyone else is having their second cup of coffee on Monday, you're taking care of business — big accomplishments are in the stars, so make it happen. Around Tuesday and Wednesday, a heart-to-heart — with a mentor, a partner, a friend — is an essential part of the decision-making process. Another perspective clarifies your own. Then be conscious of your motives beginning Thursday and through the weekend. Your emotions may be powerful now, but that doesn't mean you should act on every single one of them. On Sunday, find a way to relieve stress or proceed at your own risk. Lucky numbers: 63, 77, 94.

### LIBRA: September 22 to October 23

On Monday, you'll be considered an amazing conversationalist, the perfect worker and very attractive, all by doing one simple thing: Listening. (It's surprising how few people really do.) Then a more active role suits you around Tuesday and Wednesday; if you've been thinking about asking for a raise, making a romantic proposal of some kind or any other big moves, the time is now. Beginning Thursday and through much of the weekend, you may be caught up in what you can acquire. Your challenge from the stars: Give as much thought to what you have to give. Exploring of all kinds is favored on Sunday. Lucky numbers: 03, 19, 27.

### **SCORPIO:**

### October 24 to November 21

You just might uncover a secret or find a key piece of information you've been missing on Monday — keep those eyes and ears open. Around Tuesday and Wednesday, you might feel like keeping to yourself. Anyone looking to you for big ideas now is

going to have to wait while they percolate. You'll be full of those ideas — and full of energy, and full of allure — beginning Thursday and through much of the weekend. You're unstoppable, though who would want to stop you when you're this great? Tone it down on Sunday, though; risks are to be avoided in particular. Lucky numbers: 12, 24, 50.

### **SAGITTARIUS: November 22 to December 21**

Reschedule any meetings with your boss for later in the week, and watch out for other authoritative types on Monday. Getting along with others and getting what you want is much easier around Tuesday and Wednesday; you've got the Midas touch, and everyone wants a piece of your smarts and fun. Strengthen work connections and rev up your love life too. Beginning Thursday and through much of the weekend, your energy may be devoted more to your inner life than to what's going on around you. By Sunday, though, you're back to your extroverted, charming ways. Lucky numbers: 35, 41, 56.

### CAPRICORN: December 22 to January 20

Monday's ideal for setting the rest of your week's agenda, in terms of work, your social life and personal projects. Get that calendar all set — and schedule kickoff for fresh projects of all kinds for Tuesday and Wednesday, when the stars smile on your new endeavors. Just don't ask for a raise or make a big romantic move now. Beginning Thursday and through much of the weekend,

decisions that may have been puzzling become much more clear; you're seeing things as they are. It's a powerful place to be. By Sunday, though, you might be getting ahead of yourself. Lucky numbers: 44,69, 95.

### AQUARIUS: January 20 to February 18

Get to the heart of the matter on Monday; understanding everyone's motives is key. Around Tuesday and Wednesday, judge a book by its cover at your own risk; you might just miss some amazing contents that expand your world's possibilities. Beginning Thursday and through much of the weekend, you may be assessing where you are as opposed to where you want to be, whether professionally or otherwise. Refresh your goals, but don't be too hard on yourself about your progress so far. Sunday might bring a very helpful connection. Lucky numbers: 07, 20, **46.** 

### **PISCES:**

### February 20 to March 21

Be service-oriented on Monday. Asking what you can do to help (and following through) endears you to coworkers, friends, strangers and the world at large. Around Tuesday and Wednesday, financial or other sorts of debts may be on your mind. If you feel uncomfortable with what you owe or what's due to you, make a plan to restore the balance. Beginning Thursday and through much of the weekend, you can expect emotional ups and downs — don't mistake your current feelings for your overall opinion, and take care when sharing them. Sunday looks lucky for you. Lucky numbers: 49, 55, 68.





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### **HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS:**

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### **Liquor License Notice**

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **AMELIA REID** is applying for a **RESTAURANT** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Leo Bar** located in Georgeville Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **MEIYAN LIU** is applying for a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Mei Mei Shop and Fast Food** located on Savannah St, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **FRANCISCO MONTERO** is applying for a **RESTAURANT** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Rumors** located Benque Viejo Road, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **LUIS VALDEZ** is applying for a **CONVENIENCE** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Tienda Gracia De Dios** located on George Price Highway, Santa Elena, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **WINDY HILL RESORT** is applying for a **RESTAURANT & TOUR COMPANYLTD** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Windy Hill Resort** located on Benque Viejo Road, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **JIAN XIU YE** is applying for a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Zhu Shop** located in Santa Familia Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **TARCISO COC** is applying for a **MALTAND CIDER** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **South Side Cool Spot** located in San Antonio Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **DA RONG CHEN** is applying for a **CONVENIENCE** liquorlicense for the year 2015 to operate **A&S Supermarket** located on George Price Hwy, Santa Elena, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, PABLO ICO is applying for a RESTAURANT liquor license for the year 2015 to operate D Catch located on Savannah Area, San Ignacio, Cayo District. Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **HE YUE LI** is applying for a **CONVENIENCE** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Hudson Supermarket** located on Hudson Street, San Ignacio, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **HE YUE DONG** is applying for a **CONVENIENCE** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Anthony's Supermarket** located on George Price Highway, Santa Elena, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **GURMINDER SINGH** is applying for a **NIGHT CLUB** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Blue Angel's** located on Hudson Street, San Ignacio, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, MERCEDEZ CRUZ is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2015 to operate Serendib Restaurant located on Burns Avenue, San Ignacio, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, MERCEDEZ CRUZ is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2015 to operate Evas Restaruant & Bar located on Burns Avenue, San Ignacio, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **RAJINDER SINGH** is applying for a **PUBLICAN SPE-CIAL** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Tandoor Restaurant & Bar** located on Burns Avenue, San Ignacio, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **JIE XIONG LIN** is applying for a **CONVENIENCE** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Lin's Supermarket** located on George Price Highway, Santa Elena, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **ZHI YONG ZHAO** is applying for a **MALT & CIDER** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Yan Zhong Restaurant** located in Savannah Area, San Ignacio, Cayo District.

# **Liquor License Notice**

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **WEI YE WU** is applying for a **MALT & CIDER** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **8&8 Restaurant** located on Bishop Martin Street, Santa Elena, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, XING TIN ZHEN is applying for a CONVENIENCE iquor license for the year 2015 to operate 8&8 Supermarket located on Bishop Martin Street, Santa Elena, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, XIN YAM TAN is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2015 to operate Delicious Seafood Chinese Restaurant located on Burns Avenue, San Ignacio, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **HUI NA LIANG** is applying for a **CONVENIENCE** iquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Tai San Shop** located on Burns Avenue, San Ignacio, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, XIN GE TAN is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2015 to operate Alex Restaurnat located on Hudson Street, San Ignacio, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **HAO LIAN CAI** is applying for a **CONVENIENCE** iquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Hot Summer Store** located on Burns Ave, San Ignacio, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, GEORGE RECINOS is applying for a CONVENIENCE liquor license for the year 2015 to operate Cost Less/Wine House located on Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **SANDRA PONIAGUA** is applying for a **RESTAURANT** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Mayan Prince Restaurant** located on Benque Viejo Road, San Ignacio, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, MANUEL POTT is applying for a PUBLICAN SPECIAL liquor license for the year 2015 to operate Tequilla Tropical located in Bullet Tree Falls, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **TIM BUDD** is applying for a **RESTAURANT** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **La Primavera** located on Mile 1.5 Old Mill Road, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **JERRY BIERWISCH** is applying for a **NIGHT CLUB** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **J&J Restaruant** located on Buena Vista Street, San Ignacio, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, AZUCENA GALVEZ is applying for a RESTAURANT liquor license for the year 2015 to operate Clarissa Falls located on Calla Creek Road, Benque Viejo.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **SELVYN JONES** is applying for a **MALT & CIDER** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **P&S Liquor Shop** located in Georgeville, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **GLORIA RAMIREZ** is applying for a **PUBLICAN SPECIAL** liquorlicense for the year 2015 to operate **Gonzalez Bar** located in Buena Vista Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **DAVID MCDOUGAL** is applying for a **CONVENIENCE** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **D&K Shop** located in Georgeville, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **RUO FENG LI** is applying for a **MALTAND CIDER** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Li Store** located in Esperanza Village, Cayo District.

Notice is hereby be given that under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 150 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000, **SHARYN BONKER** is applying for a **RESTAURANT** liquor license for the year 2015 to operate **Mariposa Jungle Lodge** located in San Antonio Village, Cayo District.

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### REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT CHAPTER 9

### NOTICE THAT A POLL WILL BE TAKEN

The Electoral Division of CAYO NORTH

NOTICE is hereby given to the Voters of the electoral division aforesaid that a Poll will be taken for the election now pending for the said electoral division and that such Poll will be opened on MONDAY, the 5th day of JANUARY, 2015 at the hour of seven in the forenoon and kept open till the hour of six in the afternoon in the following Polling Stations established in the various Polling Areas comprised in the said electoral division

POLLING STATIONS:

Polling Area No. 73

SACRED HEART R.C. SCHOOL, SAN IGNACIO TOWN, CAYO DISTRICT

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION R.C. SCHOOL, BULLET TREE FALLS, CAYO DISTRICT

And that the candidates in the above electoral division are as follows:

- FIGUEROA, OMAR of #52 Benque Viejo Road, Cayo District, Ecologist -
- HARRISON, RICHARD of Benque Viejo Road, Cayo District, Businessman

Of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

The counting of votes will take place at the **Center for Employment Training (CET) building, San Ignacio, Cayo District,** on the 5th day of January, 2015 at the hour of 8:00 p.m.

GIVEN under my Hand this 16th day of December, 2014.

(MARCELO WINDSOR)

Returning Officer for the Cayo North Division

Elections and Boundaries Commission Belize City, 16th December, 2014

### ALLOCATION OF COLOURS TO POLITICAL PARTIES CONTESTING THE CAYO NORTH BY-ELECTION 2015

In accordance with Rule 15 (4) of the Representation of the People Election Rules, the Elections and Boundaries Commission has allocated the following colours to the political parties contesting the Cayo North By-Election 2015:-

POLITICALPARTIES COLOUR

People's United Party (PUP) United Democratic Party (UDP) RED

(JOSEPHINE TAMAI)

Chief Elections Officer

Elections and Boundaries Commission Belize City, 16th December, 2014

### CAYO NORTH BY-ELECTION 2015

### DESCRIPTION OF POLLING AREAS, POLLING STATIONS AND COUNTING STATION

### CAYO NORTH ELECTORAL DIVISION

POLLING AREA NO. 73

Commencing at a point, the said point being the intersection of Waight Avenue produced across Burns Avenue to the eastern branch of the Belize River, known as the Macal River; thence southerly along the west bank of the Macal River to its confluence with a creek west of the Village of Cristo Rey; thence westerly along the south bank of the said creek and extending to the Benque Viejo Road, the said road also being a portion of the Western Highway; thence northerly along the Benque Viejo Road to a major track, the said major track leading to the settlement of Providencien on the bank of the western branch of the Belize River, also known as the Mopan River; thence westerly, northerly then easterly along the said track an along the western town boundary of San Ignacio to the Bullet Tree Road; thence east along the north-side of the Bullet Tree Road to Waight Avenue; thence continuing east along the north-side of Waight Avenue back to the point of commencement.

The afore described Polling Area No. 73 generally comprising the southern part of San Ignacio Town ALL THAT area comprising of

 $POLLING\,STATION\,NO.\,73-SACRED\,HEART\,ROMAN\,CATHOLIC\,PRIMARY\,SCHOOL, SAN\,IGNACIO\,TOWN$ ELECTORS WITH SURNAMES A - Z WILL VOTE AT SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, SAN IGNACIO TOWN

POLLING AREA NO. 75

Commencing at a point, the said point being the Intersection of the San Ignacio Town boundary and the Mopan River; thence southerly along the said town boundary and across the Bullet Tree Road to a track, the said track leading to the settlement of Providencien on the bank of the Mopan River; thence westerly along the said track to the Mopan River; thence upstream along the west bank of the Mopan River to a track north of the Village of Santa Rosa; thence west along the said track to its intersection with the western international boundary between Belize and Guatemala; thence north along the said international boundary between Belize and Guatemala to its junction with the northern boundary of the Cayo District; thence northeasterly along the northern boundary of the Cayo District; thence northeasterly along the morthern boundary of the Cayo District; thence northeasterly along the morthern boundary of the Cayo District for a distance of approx. eight kilometers to a major track; thence southerly along the major track to the west bank of Aguacate Lagoon; thence continuing along the west bank of Aguacate Lagoon to Cadena Creek; thence upstream along Cadena Creek for an approx. distance of 1.5 kilometers to its junction a track; thence generally following the said track south to its intersection with another track in an area north-west of Santa Familia Village; thence southerly along the said track to the Mopan River and back to the point of commencement

The afore described Polling Area No. 75 generally comprising the villages of Bullet Tree, San Jose, Paslow Falls, Ramonal and Provedencien Pascon Falls and Pasc

POLLING STATION NO. 75 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL, BULLET TREE, CAYO DISTRICT

ELECTORS WITH SURNAMES A - Z WILL VOTE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL, BULLET TREE, CAYO DISTRICT COUNTING STATION: CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT TRAINING (CET) BUILDING

> (JOSEPHINE TAMAI) Chief Elections Office

Elections and Boundaries Commission BELIZE City, 16th December 2014

### NOTICE CAYO NORTH BY-ELECTION

### RESTRICTIONS ON SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR ON ELECTION DAY IN THE CAYO NORTH ELECTORAL DIVISION

The attention of the general public in the Cayo North Electoral Division is drawn to the provisions of section 28 of the Representation of the People Act, which prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquor on Election Day, Monday,  $5^{th}$  January, 2015, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and

(1) Subject to subsection (2), every person who is the holder of any liquor licence granted under the provisions of any Act authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquor in any premises maintained solely for that purpose shall take all necessary steps to cause such premises to be closed to the public upon election day between the hour appointed for the opening of the poll and the hour appointed for the closing of the poll.

(2) Every person who is the holder of any hotel licence, special hotel licence, restaurant licence or licence to sell liquor in any premises not solely maintained for that purpose, granted under the provisions of any Act authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquor shall take all necessary steps to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquor at any time upon election day between the hour appointed for the opening of the poll and the hour appointed for the closing of the poll.

(3) Any person who contravenes this section is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction with a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars or with imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months."

(JOSEPHINE TAMAI)

ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES DEPARTMENT BELIZE CITY 16th DECEMBER 2014

NOTICE CAYO NORTH BY-ELECTION

### EMPLOYERS TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES REASONABLE TIME FOR VOTING

The attention of the general public is drawn to the provisions of Section 29 of the Representation of the People Act, which requires employers to grant reasonable time to employees to vote on Election Day, Monday, 5th January 2015, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Section 29 (1) and (2) states as follows

- Every employer shall, on polling day, allow every voter in his employ a reasonable time during the prescribed period for voting, and no employer shall make any deduction from the pay or other remuneration of any such voter or impose upon or exact from him any penalty by reason of his absence during such period.
- Any employer who, directly or indirectly refuses to grant, or by intimidation, undue influence or in any other way, interferes with the granting of reasonable time to any voter in his employ during the prescribed period of voting as in this section provided, shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars or to imprisonment to a period not exceeding one year."

(JOSEPHINE TAMAI) CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER

UNITED DEMOCRATIC PARTY

PEOPLE'S UNITED PARTY

# Yellow

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reading frame encoding a polyprotein. Host proteases cut this polyprotein into three structural (**C**, **prM**, **E**) and seven nonstructural proteins (**NS1**, **NS2A**, **NS2B**, **NS3**, **NS4A**, **NS4B**, **NS5**); the enumeration corresponds to the arrangement of the protein coding genes in the genome. Yellow fever belongs to the group of hemorrhagic fevers.

The viruses infect, amongst others, monocytes, macrophages, and dendritic cells. They attach to the cell surface via specific receptors and are taken up by an endosomal vesicle. Inside the endosome, the decreased pH induces the fusion of the endosomal membrane with the virus

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envelope. The capsid enters the cytosol, decays, and releases the genome. Receptor binding, as well as membrane fusion, are catalyzed by the protein E, which changes its conformation at low pH, causing a rearrangement of the 90 homodimers to 60 homotrimers.

After entering the host cell, the viral genome is replicated in the rough endoplasmic reticulum (**ER**) and in the so-called vesicle packets. At first, an immature form of the virus particle is produced inside the ER, whose M-protein is not yet cleaved to its mature form and is therefore denoted as prM (**precursor M**) and forms a complex with protein E. The immature particles are processed in

the Golgi apparatus by the host protein furin, which cleaves prM to M. This releases E from the complex which can now take its place in the mature, infectious virion.

### **Transmission**

Adults of the yellow fever mosquito A. aegypti: The male is on the left, females are on the right. Only the female mosquito bites humans to transmit the disease.

Yellow fever virus is mainly transmitted through the bite of the yellow fever mosquito Aedes aegypti, but other mosquitoes such as the tiger mosquito (Aedes albopictus) can also serve as a vector for this virus. Like other Arboviruses which are transmitted by mosquitoes, the yellow fever virus is taken up by a female mosquito when it ingests the blood of an infected human or other primate.

Viruses reach the stomach of the mosquito, and if the virus concentration is high enough, the virions can infect epithelial cells and replicate there. From there, they reach the haemocoel (the blood system of mosquitoes) and from there the salivary glands. When the mosquito next sucks blood, it injects its saliva into the wound, and the virus reaches the bloodstream of the bitten person. Transovarial and transstadial transmission of the yellow fever virus within A. aegypti, that is, the transmission from a female mosquito to her eggs and then larvae, are indicated. This infection of vectors without a previous blood meal seems to play a role in single, sudden breakouts of the disease.

Three epidemiologically different infectious cycles occur, in which the virus is transmitted from mosquitoes to humans or other primates. In the "urban cycle", only the yellow fever mosquito A. aegypti is involved. It is well adapted to urban areas and can also transmit other diseases, including dengue fever and chikungunya. The urban cycle is responsible for the major outbreaks of yellow fever that occur in Africa. Except in an outbreak in 1999 in Bolivia, this urban cycle no longer exists in South America.

Besides the urban cycle, both in Africa and South America, a sylvatic cycle (forest cycle or jungle cycle) is present, where Aedes africanus (in **Africa**) or mosquitoes of the genus Haemagogus and Sabethes (in South **America**) serve as vectors. In the jungle, the mosquitoes infect mainly non-human primates; the disease is mostly asymptomatic in African primates. In South America, the sylvatic cycle is currently the only way humans can infect each other, which explains the low incidence of yellow fever cases on the continent. People who become infected in the jungle can carry the virus to urban areas, where A. aegypti acts as a vector. Because of this sylvatic cycle, the yellow fever cannot be eradicated.

In Africa, a third infectious cycle known as "savannah cycle" or intermediate cycle, occurs between the jungle and urban cycles. Different mosquitoes of the genus Aedes are involved. In recent years, this has been the most common form of transmission of yellow fever in Africa.

### Prevention

Personal prevention of yellow fever includes vaccination, as well as avoidance of mosquito bites in areas where yellow fever is endemic. Institutional measures for prevention of yellow fever include vaccination programmes and measures of controlling mosquitoes. Programmes for distribution of mosquito nets for use in homes are providing reductions in cases of both malaria and yellow fever.

Cuba's Raul Castro Urges US To Lift Trade Embargo

Cuban President **Raul Castro** has urged the US to end its trade embargo after the two countries opened formal talks on restoring diplomatic relations.

He said the five-decade embargo "caused enormous human and economic damage".

But only the US Congress has the power to lift the embargo, and correspondents say many Republicans are still deeply opposed to this.

On Wednesday, US President **Barack Obama** and Mr Castro agreed a number of measures to improve ties.

They included the release by Cuba of US contractor Alan Gross and three Cubans held in the US.

Relations between the US and Cuba have been frozen since the early 1960s when the US broke off diplomatic relations and imposed a trade embargo after Cuba's revolution led to communism.

But in unprecedented moves on Wednesday, Mr Obama said the "rigid and outdated policy" of isolating Cuba had clearly failed.

He said economic reforms were still needed in Cuba and human rights there needed to be upheld. But he said it was time for a new approach.

The Cuban government blames the US embargo for economic hardship on the island

Mr Obama added that the US was looking to open an embassy in Havana in the coming months.

The BBC's **Barbara Plett Usher in Washington** says that although Mr Obama has the authority to normalise relations with Cuba and increase the flow of people and money, only Congress can lift the embargo.

The president still faces strong



opposition from some in Congress who view the Cuban regime as a repressive dictatorship, she says.

Cuban-American Republican Senator Marco Rubio said he would do all he could to "unravel" the plan.

Fellow Senators John McCain and Lindsey Graham said the shift in policy reflected "America and the values it stands for in retreat and decline".

### Bells ring out

Wednesday's announcements follow more than a year of secret talks in Canada and at the Vatican, directly involving **Pope Francis.** 

In his televised address on Wednesday, President Castro said Cuba was willing to discuss differences that remain with the US on national sovereignty, democracy and internal policies.

"We should learn the art of living together in a civilised manner in spite of our differences," he said.

As he spoke, church bells rang out and schools paused their lessons to mark the news.

Officials said that Mr Obama and Mr Castro spoke by telephone on

Tuesday for nearly an hour - the first presidential-level talks between the two nations since Cuba's 1959 revolution.

Mr Gross, 65, who is in poor health, was detained by the Cuban authorities five years ago for importing banned satellite technology.

His arrest and imprisonment had undermined previous attempts to thaw diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Cuba and the US said he had been freed on humanitarian grounds.

Cuba also freed an unnamed American intelligence officer who had been in jail in Cuba for nearly 20 years.

In exchange, Washington released three high profile Cuban prisoners who were serving lengthy sentences for espionage.

They were part of the so-called "Cuban Five" who US prosecutors said had sought to infiltrate US military bases and spied on Cuban exiles in Florida.

Two of them had recently been allowed to return to Cuba after finishing their sentences.





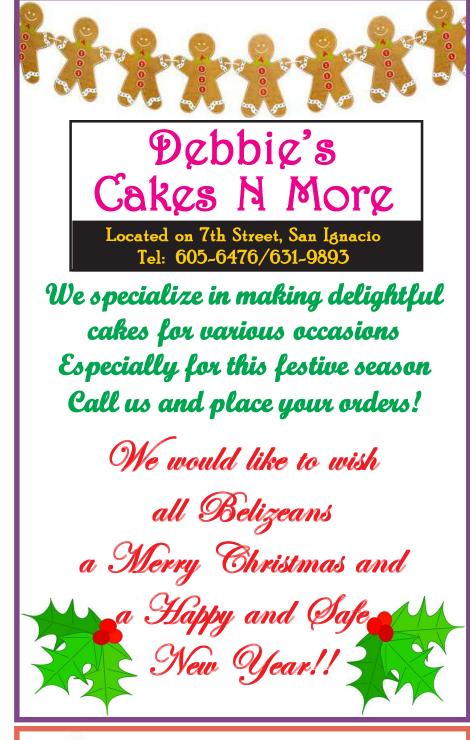


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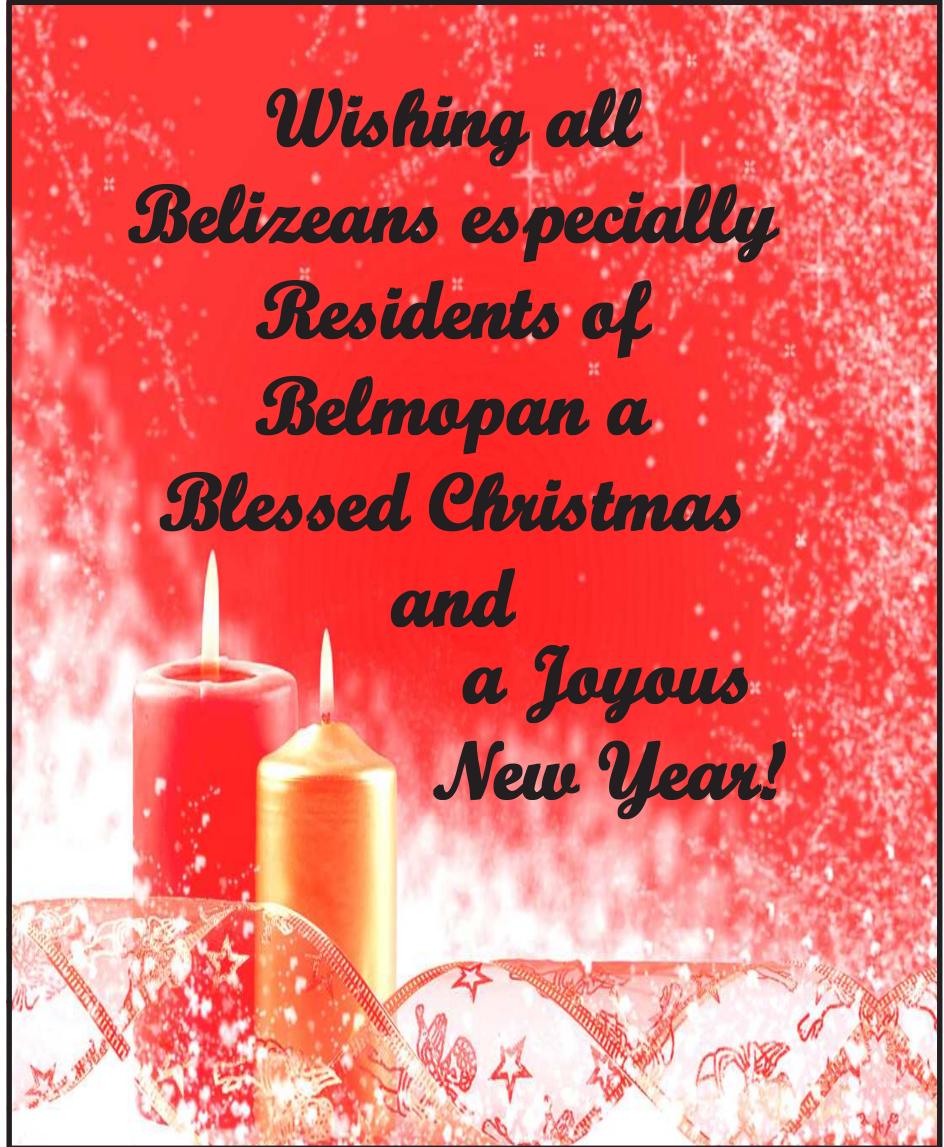


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### **Fishers and Vessels Licensing**

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fishers and vessels that was to be carried out in various coastal communities starting Monday December 15, 2014 has been postponed until early January 2015.

The new dates for licensing being conducted in these communities will be circulated on a later date, via press release and radio announcements. However, the renewal of fisher and vessel licenses in Belize City will be done as per normal at the Licensing Office of the Belize Fisheries Department starting Monday December 15, 2014.

The Department apologizes for any inconveniences this may cause to fishers. For any further information regarding this matter, please contact the Belize Fisheries Department at telephone numbers 224-4552 or 223-2623.









# Nick Singh

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# Police Jailed for Indecent Assault

commented on the case, saying that the police department does not spare even its own in investigating serious

Responding to allegations of unprofessional behavior, including alleged drinking on the job and lascivious conduct between officers, Broaster noted that such actions are punished according to the Department's disciplinary code but did not comment on whether that was done in this case.

He also said he was not aware of any sexual assault complaints within Eastern Division among officers.

Constable Scott was represented by attorney **Senior Counsel Hubert Elrington** while the prosecution was represented by **Donelle Hawke**, the head of Police Prosecution Branch.



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-Bob Marley



crimes.



### **Public Utilities Commission**

### Public Notice

The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hereby notifies the public that, pursuant to Section 33(2) of the ELECTRICITY (TARIFFS, FEES AND CHARGES) BYELAWS, on December 18, 2014, it made the Final Draft for the proposed Belize Electricity Limited 2014 Annual Review Proceeding Final Decision Amendment.

BEL made a submission for amendments to 2014 ARP Final Decision on December 8, 2014, for decreases in the Mean Electricity Rate (MER) and previously approved tariffs due to reduction in the cost of power for 2014 as compared to approved forecasts and in its projections going forward.

The Final Draft provides for an approximate decrease of 5% to the Mean Electricity Rate (MER) and previously approved tariffs, to be applied during the period January 1 to June 30, 2015. This represents a decrease in the Mean Electricity Rate (MER) from 43.47¢ to 41.29¢.

Interested Persons are invited to submit written comments on the Final Draft to the PUC at its offices at 41 Gabourel Lane, Belize City, or by email at info@puc.bz. The deadline for written comments is December 28, 2014.

The Final Draft may be viewed in its entirety at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission or on its Website at <a href="https://www.nuc.bz">www.nuc.bz</a>.

Summary of proposed Amendments to the 2014 ARP Final Decision

Proposed Mean Electricity Rate:

41.29€



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Area Representative for
Cayo Central



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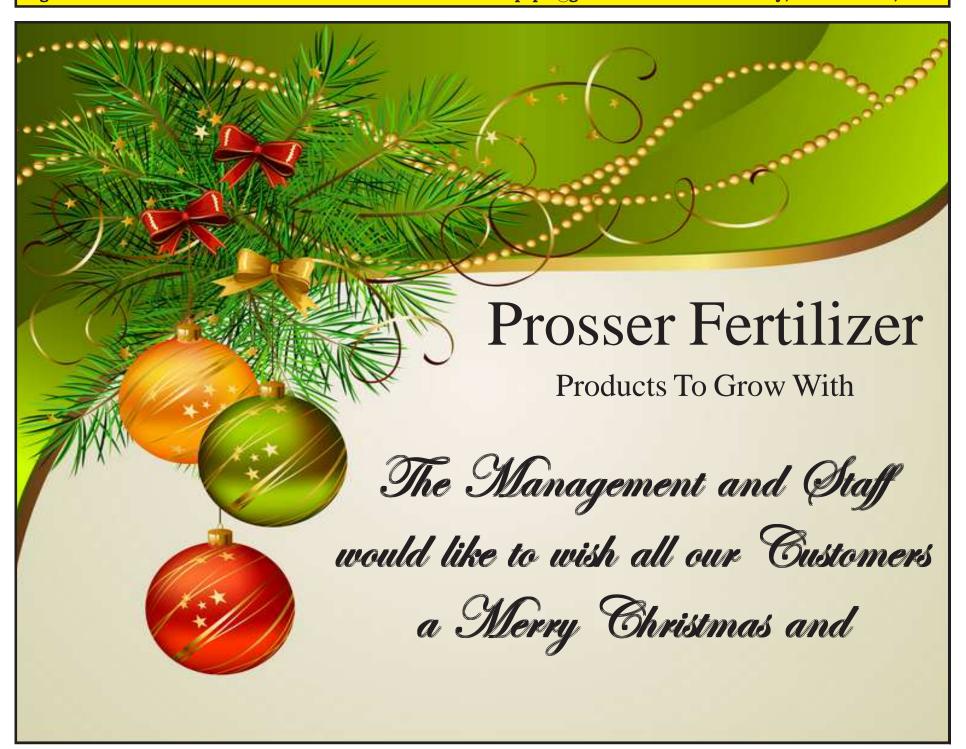
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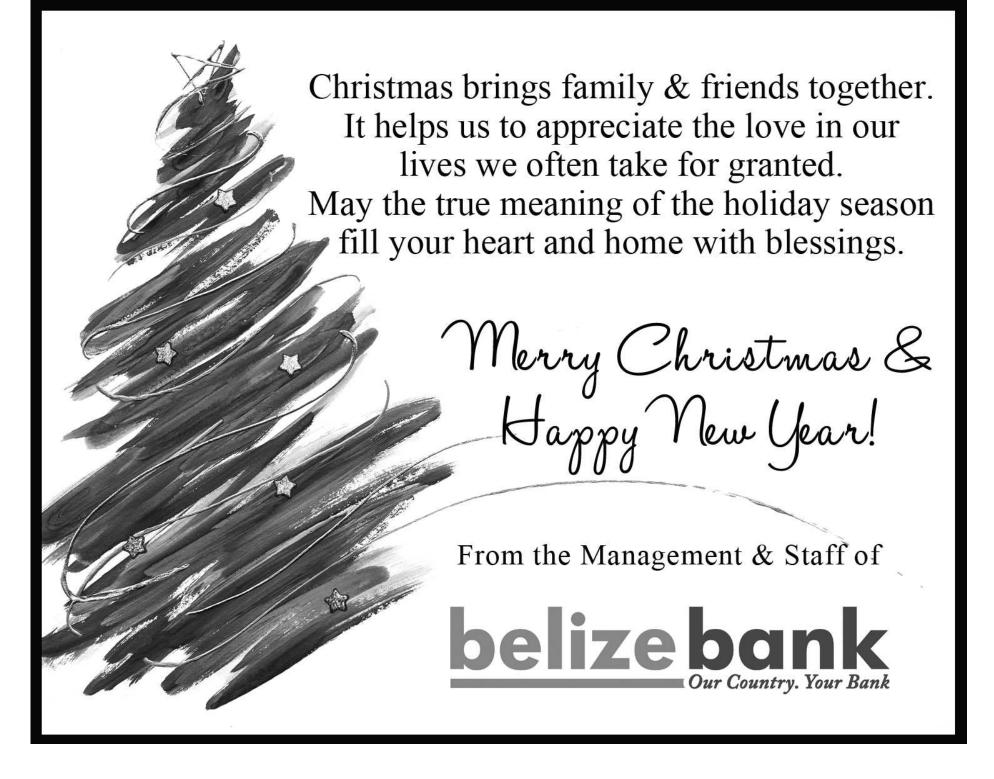
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