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Three Months Remand For Accused Drug Traffickers

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, April 3, 2013:

Three men busted with weed in Benque Viejo, Cayo, have all been remanded to the big jail in Hattieville.

Venturing into the jurisdiction of Benque Viejo police, and acting on information received, a team of policemen from the San Ignacio police detachment rushed into Benque Viejo Town today where at the entrance to George Price Boulevard, they intercepted a white Chevy Malibu car with license plates BZE C-34685 departing Benque Viejo heading eastward to San Ignacio some time around 6:30 pm.

The vehicle was stopped and a thorough search of its interior produced nothing incriminating. The

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**The Driver
Francis Kerr, 40**



**The Front Seat Passenger
Floyd Anthony, 41**



**The Back Seat Passenger
Marlon Flowers, 36**

Policeman Remains In Critical Condition

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, April 3, 2013:

An African American woman is currently on remand at the central prison following a traffic accident involving a motor cycle riding policeman.

The police informs that at around 3:30 pm on Tuesday, April 2, police constable #1213, **Andy Tun**, currently attached to the police substation in San Antonio Village, Cayo, was riding the police green and

black, Kawasaki brand motorcycle on Center Road in Spanish Lookout when he collided in the mid section of a blue Ford F350 pickup truck, with license plates CY-C-27525, driven by **Gail Wells**, who allegedly drove onto the main road directly into the pathway of the approaching motorcycling cop.

It is reported that the policeman received head and body injuries and was rushed to the emergency ward at the Western Regional Hospital in



Gail Wells, 49

Belmopan. He was later transferred to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City where he remains in critical condition.

The incident resulted in the arrest, on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, of **Gail Wells**, 49, African American; self employed businesswoman who told the police that she is a spiritual healer residing in the Yalbac community near Spanish Lookout. The charges against the accused range from driving a motor vehicle without due care and attention, negligent grievous harm and failure to give way when changing direction.

The accused was taken to court on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, where she

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The incident reportedly occurred at around 8:30 am on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at a check point on the eastern outskirts of the village of San Jose Succto, between miles 71 and 72 on the George Price Highway.

Benque Viejo police informed that a taxi cab heading towards San Ignacio, with a single male passenger on board, approached the check point and a search of the passenger resulted in the discovery of a .22 caliber pistol, brand unknown, along with seven live rounds of .25 Aguila brand ammunition.

The male person was identified on the scene as **Juan David Santos Lopez**, 24, Guatemalan farmer from Plan Grande Palencia, Guatemala. Lopez was escorted to the police station in Benque Viejo Town where he was arrested and formally charged



Juan David Santos Lopez, 24

for keeping firearm without a gun license and for keeping ammunition also without a gun license. Police further informed that the accused will likewise be charged, by Immigration officials, for illegal entry into Belize.

The Guatemalan appeared before magistrate **Narda Morgan** on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, where

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The Gun & Bullets

he plead guilty to both the firearm and ammunition charges. He was sentenced to five years imprisonment for each count. Magistrate Morgan ordered for the sentences to run concurrently for a total of five years jail time.

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tary evidence showing that she has strong ties to Belize.

The accused was unable to forthwith provide the required evidence and was consequently remanded to prison for two days. She will be brought back to court on Friday, April 5, 2013 when she will be afforded the opportunity to provide such evidence.

Policeman Remains In Critical Condition At The KHMH

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pled not guilty to all three charges. Prosecutor **George Gomez** requested for bail to be denied on the

grounds that the condition of the policeman remains uncertain and that, being a non-Belizean, the accused can be considered a flight risk.

Magistrate **Narda Morgan** informed the accused that she will concur with the prosecution's request unless the accused can provide legal documen-



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SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, Tuesday, April 2, 2013:

A serial burglar, caught in the act of attempting to break into a house, has been taken off the streets thanks to the assistance of alert neighbors in Santa Elena Town, Cayo.

Dorothy Garbutt, 68, Belizean retired teacher of #2 Melhado Street in Santa Elena, reported to police that on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at about 5:00 pm while at a bus stop in Santa Elena she was alerted by relatives of the report of a man attempting to break into her house.

Garbutt rushed home where she encountered the police putting the suspect in the back of the pickup truck as alert neighbors prevented from him from breaking into her house and held him until the police arrived.

The suspect **Eric Castillo**, 39, Belizean laborer of a Santa Cruz



The Suspect
Eric Castillo, 39

address in Santa Elena town was

transported to the police station in San Ignacio where he was arrested and formally charged for attempt burglary.

The accused appeared in the San Ignacio courtroom of magistrate **Narda Morgan** on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, where he pled not guilty to

the attempt burglary charge.

Prosecutor **George Gomez** objected to bail on the basis of the accused having prior burglary charges before the court. In upholding the prosecution's request, Magistrate Morgan proceeded to remanded Castillo to prison. The case was adjourned to Monday, May 13, 2013.

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REVENUE	Actual This Month
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Traffic License's Fees	69,966.00
Peddler's Fees	425.00
Liquor Licensing Fees	31,725.00
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Cemetery Fees	225.00
Commercial Garbage Fees	4,608.00
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Market Restroom Fee	3,400.00
Rental of Market Stalls	10,428.00
Miscellaneous	913.19
Rental of Parks & Playgrounds	250.00
Interest & Staff Loan	120.00
Cayo Welcome Center	12,339.00
Town Revenue	254,528.36

Other Grants

Subvention	31,780.00
Grants and Contribution	7,000.00
Tourism Develiopment Fund	7,500.00
Total	46,280.00
Grand Total	\$ 300,808.36

EXPENSES

Personal Emoluments	121,734.32
Travelling & Subsistence	413.00
Material & Supplies	11,727.72
Operating Costs	33,804.52
Maintanance Costs	76,072.61
Estraordinary Payments	7,491.85
Public Utilites	2,873.00
Social Assistance & Contributions	7,619.15
Pension	150.00
Public Debts	7,307.00
Insurance - Motor Vehicles	734.83
Capital Projects	31,470.75
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 301,398.75

CASH BALANCE

B/Forward from January 2013	\$ 79,365.87
Revenue for February	\$ 300,808.36
	\$ 380,174.23
Less Expense for February	\$ (301,398.75)
Positive Balance	\$ 78,775.48

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Treasury	\$ 9.58
Atlantic Bank	\$ 56,946.10
Scotia Bank Current #1833518	\$ 72.71
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Total	\$ 78,775.48



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**Vacancy Announcement
Science and Technology Coordinator**

1.) Introduction

The Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. Dean Barrow established a new Ministry of Energy, Science and Technology and Public Utilities (MESTPU) in March 2012. The MESTPU is expected to execute an ambitious mandate that is aimed at strategically integrating energy, science and technology into national development planning and decisionmaking. The Ministry has received funding to hire a consultant to serve as Science and Technology Coordinator to lead the Ministry's activities relating to science and technology.

3.) Purpose of the Consultancy

Overall Objective:

The Science and Technology Coordinator will lead and coordinate the development of the **Belize Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Strategy and Action Plan for Sustainable Development (2013-2030)** as well as coordinate the Ministry's science and technology activities outlined in its strategic plan.

4.) Scope of Work

1. Coordinate the implementation of the Ministry's S&T strategy
2. Serve as the primary focal point for science and technology (S&T) initiatives within the Ministry
3. Lead the development of annual works plans and action matrix related to S&T
4. Assist in the preparation of project proposals to fund S&T program of works, with emphasis on S&T applications in low carbon, renewable energy initiatives and Information and communications technology (ICT)
5. Maintain close working relationship with the CARICOM Caribbean Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) and SIDS DOCK Secretariat in identifying S&T applications for dissemination nationally
6. Maintain active partnerships across various Ministries that relies on S&T to harmonize efforts and initiatives
7. Primary liaison between Ministry and Ministry of Education regarding science education
8. Liaise and work closely with other government ministries and departments, relevant institutions and key organizations in S&T
9. Plan and represent the Ministry on the above matters at press conferences, school presentations, international and local conferences, training and etc.
10. Coordinate annual S&T fairs and activities
11. Work full time at the MESTPU

5.) Qualifications and Experience of Consultant

Execution of this position requires a consultant will the following competencies, skills and experience:

- Significant expertise and experience in one or more of the following areas: science and technology, climate change, renewable energy, information and communications technology and project management
- At least three years demonstrable work experience in a similar or related position
- A minimum of a bachelors degree in a science related field
- Experience in writing grant proposals and fundraising
- Capability to manage complex technical assistance projects and to deliver required outputs on schedule
- Good working relations with government, private sector and non-government organizations
- Fluency in English with excellent writing, presentation and communication skills.

6.) Duty Station: The S&T Coordinator will be expected to work at the MESTPU in Belmopan on a full-time basis.

7.) Commencement: The Science and Technology Coordinator is expected to be employed for the period 1st May, 2013 to 30th April, 2014. Opportunity to renew at the end of the contractual year is dependent on funding availability and performance.

8.) Application Procedure: Applicants are asked to submit an application package consisting of: a) a cover letter, b) an updated curriculum vitae, and c) two letters of recommendation in hard copy no later than 5 p.m. on April 12th, 2013 to:

Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Energy, Science & Technology and Public Utilities
2nd Floor Old Lands Building
Market Square
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Note: A comprehensive Terms of Reference for the positions can be provided upon request.

Octavia Waight Making Life More Comfort For The Elderly

MACAL RIVER, Santa Elena Town, Cayo, Thursday, April 4, 2013:

Residents from San Ignacio's Octavia Waight Center for the Elderly were today treated to the annual riverside picnic.

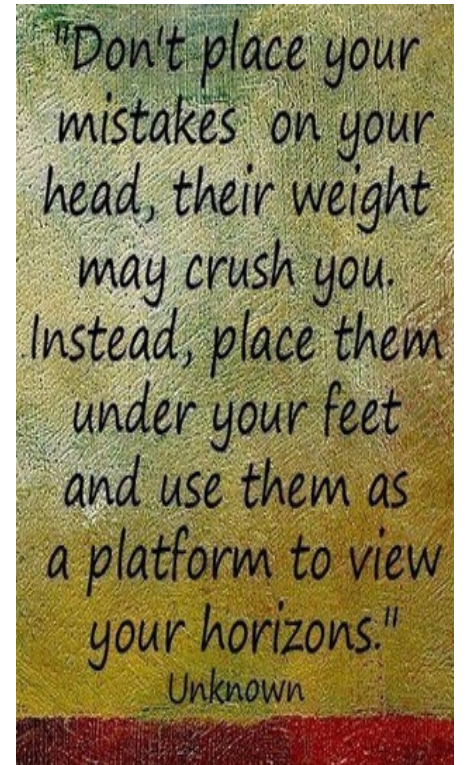
Ophelia Pinelo, an employee of the Center informed that today's picnic is an annual tradition of the Center which has been ongoing for over 10 years. She additionally informed that, over the years residents have been taken on visits to various parts of the Cayo District.

Twenty five center residents participated in today's field trip which included a fun day of relaxation along the banks of the Macal River. Residents were also treated snacks



Residents of San Ignacio's Octavia Waight Center and lunch all provided by the center. Pinelo informed that persons

seeking to assist the Center with donations in any form are encouraged to stop by the center in San Ignacio during normal working hours to make such pledges.



Mexico thwarts 'plot to kill' Monreal brothers

The authorities in Mexico say they have prevented the murder of two leftist legislators, brothers **David** and **Ricardo Monreal**.

A senior prosecutor said two armed men plotting the murder had been arrested at a hotel in Mexico City.

Mariana Benitez said the authorities had seized weapons, communications equipment and a vehicle.

No motive was given for the planned attack but the men had already confessed, she added.

Intelligence operations had uncovered the plot, adding that the suspects had been followed from an undisclosed location to Mexico City.

They were finally arrested at the hotel on Thursday morning, she said. Ms Benitez said the legislators - a

congressman and a senator - had been kept informed at all times and had not been at risk.

David Monreal is a senator for the Labour Party (Partido del Trabajo), part of a leftist coalition supporting **Andres Lopez Obrador**, the runner-up in last year's presidential election.

His brother Ricardo is a congress-

man for the small Citizen Movement (Movimiento Ciudadano). He was campaign manager for Mr Lopez Obrador.

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March 22 to April 20

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TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21

Financial benefits may come your way through channels you have never dreamed of. This could have to do with investments, settlements, or insurance benefits. Pleasant recurring dreams may come your way, bringing insights to your past and giving rise to new self-awareness. Someone from the past you haven't seen for a long time may suddenly reappear. This should be a pleasant surprise. **Lucky numbers: 01, 33, 40.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21

A friend might approach you with the idea of forming a partnership, and even propose drawing up a tentative agreement. This is definitely something worth looking into, although you should consider all the facts before committing. Success and good fortune are definitely in the works, whether through this partnership or not. Expect an important call from a romantic partner. **Lucky numbers: 51, 68, 90.**

CANCER:

June 22 to July 23

You can look forward to a new sense of purpose and higher morale. Ambition, diligence, and a lot of hard work could pay off now. You could soon be raking in the benefits. You are feeling strong, fit, and physically healthy, as if you could seize the world in your two hands. This is a great time to take the next step in your personal relationship. **Lucky numbers: 16, 37, 75.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

If you have been thinking about going back to school for a degree of some kind, this is the time to start the process. Success and good fortune through your own initiative and through increasing your skills are definitely indicated now. A journey you have wanted to take for some time may finally be possible, as could achievements in the fields of writing and speaking. Go for it! **Lucky numbers: 19, 32, 58.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

If you have been thinking of buying a new home, this is an excellent time to do it. Surprising developments might clear the way for you. Success through investments of any kind, particularly real estate, looms on the horizon. A young visitor may come to your home today, as well as an important letter or call. In the evening, visit an older friend or relative. **Lucky numbers: 07, 21, 86.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

You may feel a little out of sorts this week. Perhaps you indulged a bit too much. However, some exciting phone calls at mid week might perk you up, perhaps good news from a friend or colleague. A change in your financial state is definitely indicated, as is the resulting boost to your self-esteem. All looks wonderful for you in the months to come! **Lucky numbers: 14, 43, 64.**

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

Your hard work is finally paying off. A phone call bring good news to you. You should be filled with a new sense of optimism, enthusiasm, and hope. Work will be more of a pleasure than a drag, because you have something to look forward to. Changes are definitely in the wind for you, so be

prepared for just about anything! **Lucky numbers: 10, 55, 93.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

You are a hard worker with a good business head and strong practical sense. However, success in the past few weeks might have you thinking about doing something more innovative to earn your money, possibly something to do with the opportunities surrounding the Internet. Business and personal communication of all kinds should come to you during this auspicious period. **Lucky numbers: 30, 58, 72.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

Some strange phone calls will come your way, perhaps from people you don't know. Investments in real estate, particularly the home, should pay off now. You could also decide to make a new investment in this area. Follow your hunches. Your mind is especially receptive to messages from

other realms now. Make the most of it. **Lucky numbers: 04, 39, 60.**

AQUARIUS:

January 21 to February 19

A long-awaited and very welcome call from an older friend might finally come your way this week. News that a goal you have been working toward has finally been reached could come as well. You are optimistic about the future. The ambition that has served you well in the past will continue to do so. You will probably entertain some visitors. It will mean work, but you will have a great time. **Lucky numbers: 45, 67, 88.**

PISCES:

February 20 to March 21

The near future looks great for you, with auspicious omens for success and good fortune regarding career and money. All the hard work that you have done in the past may finally be paying off. Advancement is on the horizon, as well as increased income and much happiness. All signs are that you won't stop there. You are more likely to continue working toward new, more challenging goals. **Lucky**

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Man Accused Of Harming Step-Son

SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, Tuesday, April 2, 2013:

A Santa Elena man is out on a two thousand dollar bail as he stands accused of causing grievous harm to his step-son.

On Thursday, March 28, 2013, **Myner Manzanero**, 23, Belizean student, residing in the Bradley's Bank area of Santa Elena Town, visited the police station in San Ignacio where he reported that at about 5:30 pm on said date, he was at home when he and his step-father, **Orlando Borrallos**, reportedly got into a heated argument.

The complainant told the police that the step-father punched him to the left side of the face, causing him to stumble out of the house. The complainant further alleged that as he regained composure the step father continued punching him in the face and in the process drawing blood.

The complainant was transported by police to the San Ignacio Community Hospital where the injuries were classified as grievous harm by the attending medical officer.

The police investigation led to the arrest of the accused **Orlando Borrallos**, 42, Belizean laborer of a Bradley's Bank address in Santa Elena Town. He was later charged for grievous harm.

The accused appeared before

Magistrate **Narda Morgan** on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, where he pled not guilty to the charge. He was offered and met bail in the sum of two thousand dollars. Magistrate Morgan consequently ordered him to stay away from the complainant. He was ordered to return to court on Wednesday, June 19, 2013.

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Cuban Ballet Dancers Defect While On Tour In Mexico



The Ballet Troupe Is Led By Legendary Prima Ballerina Assoluta Alicia Alonso

Seven members of the National Ballet of Cuba defected during a performing tour of Mexico last month.

A ballet spokesman confirmed the news, saying only that they had not returned at the end of the tour.

The world-renowned troupe, led by legendary ballerina **Alicia Alonso**, has been hit by defections before.

A Cuban exile website based in Miami said six of the defectors were now in the United States, while the seventh was still in Mexico.

The head of Havana's National Ballet School, where some of them had studied, expressed her sadness at the news.

Ramona de Saa said she considered one of the five women among

the defectors as like a daughter to her.

Exile website cafeuerte.com identified the dancers as two men and five women, all in their early 20s. They had now requested asylum in the US, it said.

They are thought to be in Miami, the centre of the US Cuban exile community.

"We were intent on seeking a better artistic life and economic well-being for our families," Cafe Fuerte quoted one of the group, **Annie Ruiz Diaz**, as saying.

Correspondents say Cuba's National Ballet has suffered from a number of high-profile defections over the years, as performers stay abroad in search of greater creative and

economic opportunities.

In March 2011, five members of the company defected after a performance in Canada.

In 2005, the National Ballet's principal dancer **Rolando Sarabia** defected to the US via Mexico and has since performed with the Houston Ballet and Miami City Ballet.

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What Are Friends For?

A couple of Corozal hunters are out in the jungle when one of them falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing, his eyes are rolled back in his head. The other guy whips out his cell phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps to the operator: "My friend is dead! What can I

do?"

The operator, in a calm soothing voice says: "Just take it easy. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence, then a shot is heard.

The guy's voice comes back on the line. He says: "OK, now what?"

Priest At The Pet Store

An elderly priest walks into a pet store looking to buy a parrot.

The Priest spots a lovely Sclarlet Macaw and falls in love with it. Ready to purchase the bird he ask the following questions; 'Now, you're sure it doesn't scream, yell, or swear?' he inquired.

'Oh absolutely. It's a religious parrot,' the storekeeper assures him.

'Do you see those strings on his legs? When you pull the right one, he recites the Lord's Prayer, and when you pull on the left he recites the 23rd Psalm.'

'Brilliant. Wonderful!' grins the priest, 'but what happens if I pull both strings?'

'I fall off my perch, you twit!' screeches the parrot.

Female Drivers Again....

A car mechanic received a repair order that said to check for a clanking noise when going around corners so he took the car out for a test drive and made a right turn, then a left turn, each time hearing a loud

clunk.

When he arrived back at the garage he returned the car to the service manager with this note: 'Removed bowling ball from trunk.'

Shame On You

'You should be ashamed,' the father told his son, Andy, 'When George Price was your age, he used to walk ten miles every day

to get to school.'

'Really?' Andy responded. 'Well, when he was your age, he was Prime Minister.'

Perfect Son - In - law

The prospective son-in-law was asked by his girl friend's father, 'Son, are you able to support a family?'

'Well, no, sir,' he replied. 'I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves.'

How To Get To Heaven

The Rev. Billy Graham tells of a time early in his career when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon.

Wanting to mail a letter, he asked a young boy where the post office was.

When the boy told him, Rev.

Graham thanked him and said, "If you'll come to the Baptist church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to Heaven."

"I don't think I'll be there," the boy said. "You don't even know your way to the post office."

Presidents

George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and George Bush are in a plane.

The pilot says that the passengers must lighten their load. so the three presidents decide to drop one item

George Washington drops a quarter

Abe Lincoln drops a penny

George Bush drops a grenade

When the presidents land, they find someone holding their head and cursing.

George Washington asks the man what's wrong.

"i was walking down the street when a quarter falls from the sky and hits my head!"

So the presidents continue down the road and find someone hopping on one foot, holding the other, cursing. Abe Lincoln asks "What happened?"

"i was standing on my porch barefoot when a penny falls from

the sky and hits it!"

The presidents continue once more and find a young boy laughing hysterically.

George Bush asks "What's so funny?"

The boy replies "i farted and my house exploded!!!"

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Husband Vs. Wife

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?"

"Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."

Another Blonde Joke

A lawyer and a blonde are sitting next to each other on a long flight from Belize To Guatemala. The lawyer leans over to her and asks if she would like to play a fun game. The blonde just wants to take a nap, so she politely declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks.

The lawyer persists and explains that the game is really easy and a lot of fun. He explains " I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5, and vice-versa." Again, she politely declines and tries to get some sleep.

The lawyer, now somewhat agitated, says, "Okay, if you don't know the answer you pay me \$5, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500," figuring that since she is a blonde that he will easily win the match. This catches the blonde's attention and, figuring that there will be no end to this torment unless she plays, agrees to the game. The lawyer asks the first question.

"What's the distance from the earth to the moon?" The blonde doesn't say a word, reaches in to her purse, pulls out a five dollar bill and hands it to the lawyer. Now, it's the blonde's turn.

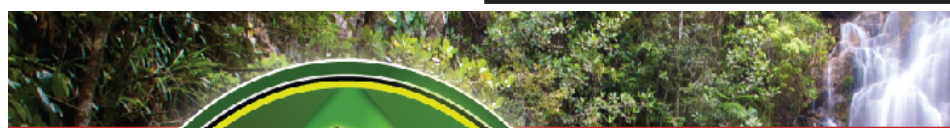
She asks the lawyer: "What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?" The lawyer looks at her with a puzzled look. He takes out his laptop computer and searches all his references. He taps into the Air phone with his modem and searches the Net and the Library of Congress.

Frustrated, he sends E-mails to all his coworkers and friends he knows. After over an hour, he wakes the blonde and hands her \$500. The blonde politely takes the \$500 and turns away to get back to sleep.

The lawyer, who is more than a little miffed, wakes the blonde and asks, "Well, so what IS the answer!?"

Without a word, the blonde reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer \$5, and goes back to sleep!

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Argentina Floods 'Catastrophe' For La Plata, Buenos Aires

Emergency workers in Argentina continue to try to rescue residents stranded by flooding in Buenos Aires and La Plata.

More than 50 people are known to have died after one of the heaviest storms recorded caused flash floods.

Thousands were evacuated from their homes and dozens are still stranded on rooftops, treetops and the roofs of city buses, local media report.

The government has declared three days of national mourning after what it called "an unprecedented catastrophe".

'Death trap'

"We've never seen anything like it," provincial governor Daniel Scioli said.

"People were taken by surprise, and some didn't have time to escape this deadly trap," Mr Scioli said, referring to the speed with which the waters rose.

Provincial officials said 40cm (16in) of rain fell on the city of La Plata in the space of two hours late on Tuesday night.

Earlier, the storm had dumped 15cm of rainfall on the capital, Buenos Aires.

Local officials said at least 48 people were killed in La Plata, six in



Hundreds Of People Took To The Roofs Of Their Houses As The Floodwaters Rose

Buenos Aires and two in its suburbs. The Red Cross said most of the victims had been elderly people who drowned in their homes.

So far, only half of the bodies have been identified and rescue workers fear the number of dead may rise as more bodies are found as the flood waters recede.

Fear of looting

Firefighter Federico Langone said in some areas of La Plata, the flood waters had reached a height of 1.5m (5ft).

More than 3,000 people had to leave their homes and 80,000 still do not have electricity, with two of La Plata's hospitals also affected by the

power cuts.

On Wednesday night, some of La Plata's residents set up roadblocks to "protect their neighbourhoods from looters".

President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner on Wednesday visited Tolosa, the worst affected neighbourhood of La Plata, where she grew up and where her mother still lives.

Ms Fernandez acknowledged residents' fears and promised to increase security.

Before her arrival, dozens of people had looted a supermarket. Three police officers were injured in scuffles with people trying to break into two

other supermarkets.

Officials said 400 extra police officers and soldiers would be deployed to La Plata.

Clean-up

In Buenos Aires, where the rains had been at their worst overnight Monday to Tuesday, the floods have begun to recede and residents have started the clean-up.

Damp clothes and furniture were piled by roadsides as neighbours assessed the damage to their homes.

Mayor Mauricio Macri said about 350,000 people had been affected by the torrents of rain. Hundreds are still in shelters.

Pope Francis, an Argentine, has called on the authorities to step up their assistance to those left homeless by the storm.

The Pope sent a telegram to his newly appointed successor as Buenos Aires Archbishop, Mario Poli, saying he was praying for those who died, their families and survivors of the disaster.

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Male Baldness 'Indicates Heart Risk'

By: James Gallagher
Health and science reporter,
BBC News

Men going thin on top may be more likely to have heart problems than their friends with a full head of hair, according to researchers in Japan.

Their study of nearly 37,000 people, published in the online journal BMJ Open, said balding men were 32% more likely to have coronary heart disease.

However, the researchers said the risks were less than for smoking or obesity.

The British Heart Foundation said men should focus on their waistline, not their hairline.

A shifting hairline is a fact of life for many men. Half have thinning hair by their 50s and 80% have some hair loss by the age of 70.

Researchers at the University of Tokyo sifted through years of previous research into links between hair loss and heart problems.

They showed that hair that went thin on the crown was associated with coronary heart disease. This was



after adjusting for other risk factors such as age and family history.

However, a receding hairline did not seem to affect the risk.

Focus on lifestyle

Dr Tomohide Yamada, of the University of Tokyo, told the BBC: *"We found a significant, though modest, link between baldness, at least on the top of the head, and risk for coronary heart disease. We thought this is a link, but not*

as strong as many other known links such as smoking, obesity, cholesterol levels and blood pressure."

He said younger men losing hair on the top of their head should focus on improving their lifestyle to ensure they keep their heart healthy.

However, he said there was not enough evidence to suggest screening bald men for heart problems.

Any explanation for the link is uncertain.

There are ideas about increased sensitivity to male hormones, insulin resistance and inflammation in blood vessels affecting both the heart and the hair.

Doireann Maddock, a cardiac nurse with the British Heart Foundation, said: *"Although these findings are interesting, men who've lost their hair should not be alarmed by this analysis.*

"Much more research is needed to confirm any link between male pattern baldness and an increased risk of coronary heart disease. In

the meantime, it's more important to pay attention to your waistline than your hairline.

"Hereditary hair loss may be out of your control, but many of the risk factors for coronary heart disease are not. Stopping smoking, maintaining a healthy weight and being as active as possible are all things that you can do to help protect your heart."

Patrick Wolfe, a professor of statistics at University College London, said: *"Right now the link that is seemingly responsible for this relative risk increase is not well understood, and so in future we might look forward to a day when understanding more about the various mechanisms underlying heart disease will tell us more about those underlying male pattern baldness, and vice versa.*

"In the meantime it's a case of focusing on the things that we can control - our diet, exercise regimens and other risk factors - to lower our overall risk for heart disease."

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the path to develop vaccines against HIV."

Body's Anti-HIV 'Training Manual' Offers Vaccine Hopes

By: James Gallagher
Health and science reporter,
BBC News

The body's own "training manual" for attacking HIV has been recorded by US scientists and it is hoped it can be used to design vaccines.

HIV mutates in order to survive the onslaught of a patient's immune system.

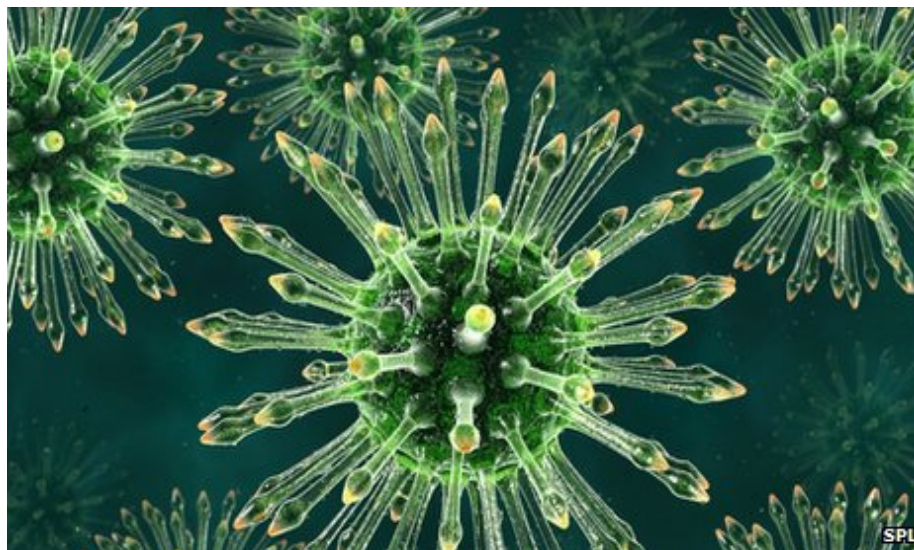
However, some patients develop highly effective antibodies that can neutralise huge swathes of HIV mutants.

A North Carolina team analysed the arms race between body and virus, published in the journal Nature, and has shown how these antibodies are made.

When someone is infected with HIV, their body produces antibodies to attack it. But the virus mutates and evades the offensive, so the body produces new antibodies that the virus then evades and the war goes on.

However, after about four years of this struggle some patients hit on to a winner by targeting something the virus finds harder to change - an Achilles heel.

"Even though the virus mutates and there are literally millions of quasi-species of virus because of all these mutations, but there are parts the virus can't change otherwise the virus cannot infect - these are the vulnerable sites," Prof Barton Haynes, of Duke



University, in North Carolina, told the BBC.

At this stage of the infection it is far too late to make a difference for the patient as the virus is hiding in untouchable reservoirs.

However, some researchers believe that vaccines that encourage the body to produce these "broadly neutralising antibodies" may give people immunity to the virus.

Super antibody

The research team's study is based on a patient in Africa who had a rapid diagnosis, about four weeks after being infected with the virus.

They were eventually able to produce an antibody named CH103 that could neutralise 55% of HIV samples.

It was not produced in one easy step. Rather it was the product of the war of the immune system and HIV trying to out-evolve each other.

However, through regular genetic analyses of both the immune system and virus, researchers could piece together each of the steps that culmi-

nated in the production of CH103.

It is like a training manual for the immune system.

Prof Haynes said: *"What we were able to do was map out the arms race of both virus and antibody, and in doing so we have now a map.*

"This is the first time we've been able to see the actual road map."

He said the challenge now was to see if re-creating those steps could lead to a viable vaccine.

However, he said it would almost certainly need to be a vaccine combining multiple "Achilles heels" - in the same way that HIV therapies are a combination of drug treatments.

Prof Jane Anderson, consultant at Homerton hospital in London and chair of the British HIV Association, said: "The study gives important insights into the ways in which the human immune system responds to HIV infection and increases our understanding about the relationships between the virus and the human host.

"This is another welcome step on

Dr Sarah Joseph, who tests HIV vaccines at the Medical Research Council clinical trials unit, said: "This paper is really interesting. Some people do make antibodies that neutralise a lot of HIV virus, but it is not of use to them as they produce it way too late."

She said harnessing these antibodies "could be a big deal" and there was "even talk about mass-producing antibodies and infusing people with them".

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Youths Who Murdered Mexican Activist Chavez Sentenced

A judge in Mexico has sentenced three youths to 15 years in prison for the 2011 murder of Mexican activist **Susana Chavez**.

Ms Chavez was found strangled and with one hand cut off in Ciudad Juarez.

She had been a key figure in the community, drawing attention to the killing of mainly poor women in the northern border town in the 1990s.

She had coined the slogan "Not One More Death", which became popular at protests against the women's killings.

Police found her body dumped in the city centre on 6 January 2011.

A trail of blood led them to the home of **Sergio Ruben Cardenas**, where they found more blood and the severed hand of Ms Chavez.

'Drunken mistake'



Ms Chavez Was A Prominent Poet Who Was Active In Groups Supporting The Families Of Those Killed

Neighbours gave police a description of Cardenas, who was arrested shortly afterwards in Ciudad Juarez.

He confessed immediately and told police the names of his two accomplices.

All three told police they had been drunk on the night of the murder and

had come across Ms Chavez on their way to buy more alcohol.

According to their confession they asked Ms Chavez along to Cardenas's home for drinks.

There, they reportedly got into an argument, with the three youths claiming they were members of a

criminal gang and Ms Chavez telling them she was an undercover policewoman.

The three told police they panicked, thinking she may inform on them.

They said they covered Ms Chavez's face in sticky tape until she suffocated and cut off her hand to make her murder look like a gangland execution.

Ms Chavez was active in an organisation called May Our Daughters Return Home.

The group represents the families and friends of more than 300 women who were murdered in Ciudad Juarez in a wave of violence which started in 1993 and lasted for a decade.

There is no generally accepted motive for the murders.

They have been variously attributed to serial killers, drug cartels and domestic violence. Some of the killings are believed to have been sexually motivated.

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Belize Telemedia Limited Unveils 2013 Directory Cover

Food is a key part of all cultures, a major element of global intangible heritage and an increasingly important attraction for our visitors. BTL's 2013 Telephone Directory highlights food and its preparation in its simplistic form as well as that of five star quality chefs. To appreciate the gastronomic concoctions which make up our local dishes, we take time to focus on the raw ingredients that it takes to prepare a plated meal on this year's cover.

BTL proudly unveiled its new Telephone Directory Cover on March 27 at the San Ignacio Market in San Ignacio Town as this was where the image on the directory cover was taken. The image highlights the raw produce used to prepare our local cuisines with the strict quality of our Ministry of Agriculture.

Hon. Gaspar Vega, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Natural Resources and Agriculture, was the guest speaker at this year's Directory Launch and in his speech shared with the audience intuitive information focusing on how agriculture and communication connect. He expressed, "A great equalizer in the technology divide is the ability to communicate easily and affordably to understand the market needs and respond to them." He went on to say, "Telecommunications and its associated services provide a critical platform to help us achieve our goals and we will utilize it."

Highlights of BTL's 2013 Telephone Directory include the availability in a variety of formats such as print using Forest Stewardship Council Certified paper, online at www.edirectory.bz with international reach, mobile formatted search page via www.mdirectory.bz, and apps for Apple and Android devices downloadable from the Apple Store and Google Play respectively. The new directory also has printed coupons and e-coupons which can be found in the back of the book to cut out or accessed by clicking the link in the ad in the edirectory and printed for redemption. The 2013 Directory now caters for our Spanish speaking readers with the Yellow Pages Index and classifications appearing in both English and Spanish.

You can now get your copy of the 2013 Telephone Directory by visiting the nearest BTL customer service centre and present your most recent BTL bill receipt. We invite you to visit the market on the cover, try the recipes inside the book then bring them to life in your own kitchens while you savour the flavours of our culture.



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Pact Awards Over \$800,000 In Project Grants!

On Thursday, April 4, 2013, PACT held a Grant Award Ceremony at the Guanacaste National Park in Belmopan, during which it awarded over \$800,000.00 in new project grants! PACT awarded Small and Medium-Sized Grants for projects under the themes of Protected Areas Management and Conservation, Protected Areas Promotion and Development, and Environmental Education and Awareness as follows:

Small Grant

♣ **Belize Fishermen Cooperatives Association (BFCA) | \$50,000** - Improvement of marine biodiversity through empowerment of fishers

Medium-Sized Grants

♣ **Friends for Conservation and Development (FCD) | \$138,554.18** - Targeting Agriculture incursions through monitoring and enforcement

♣ **Programme for Belize (PFB) | \$68,850.00** - Enhancing the protection of the Rio Bravo Conservation and Management Area (RBCMA)

♣ **Southern Environmental Association (SEA) | \$200,000.00** - Maintaining an Effective Enforcement presence within the Southern Barrier Reef Complex (SBRC)

♣ **Toledo Institute for Development and Environment (TIDE) | \$200,000.00** - Payne's Creek National Park Conservation and sustainable development

♣ **Ya'axché Conservation Trust | \$151,267.00** - Promoting Evidence-based Integrated Landscape Management in the Maya Golden Landscape

The Marine Reserve Network of Belize will see empowered fishers in the conservation, protection and sustainable use of the marine

resources from the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System through PACT's grant to the Belize Fishermen Cooperative Association (BFCA).

Friends for Conservation and Development (FCD) will work to "Develop GIS Capability to monitor land use change" in the Chiquibul National Park. Through this project, FCD will continue to ensure efficient monitoring and enforcement execution along Chiquibul's western border. FCD will also socialize and raise the visibility of agriculture incursions issues.

Programme for Belize (PFB), seeks to provide adequate transportation and equipment to the ranger team for effective patrolling and protection of the Rio Bravo Conservation and Management Area (RBCMA) to prevent, address and control illegal activities in the protected area.



The Southern Environmental Association's (SEA) project focuses on the protected areas in the Southern Barrier Reef Complex (SBRC). The objective of the project is to reduce illegal activities in the SBRC, improve management and train personnel under SEA's protected

areas program in weapon handling and safety, self defense tactics, and basic first aid skills.

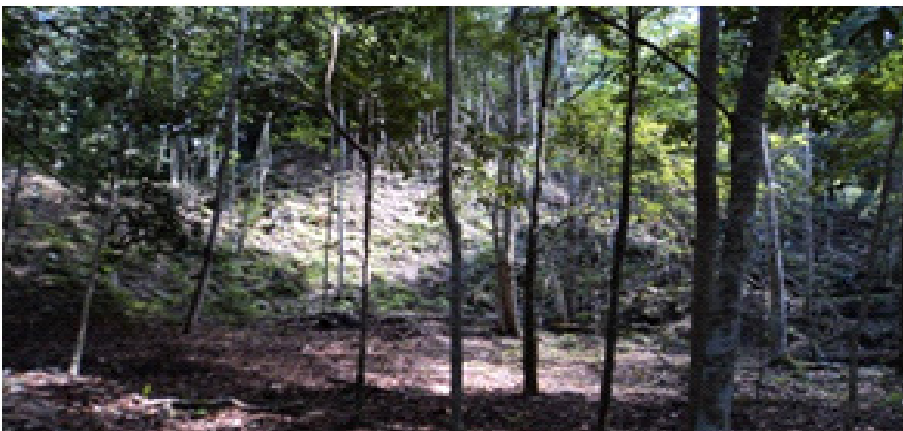
The Payne's Creek National Park (PCNP) in the Toledo District will see reduced frequency and severity of illegal extraction and wildfires with the project by the Toledo Institute for Development and the Environment (TIDE). The project also seeks to have 15 or more members of the Southern Belize Fire Working Group and buffer communities apply enhanced capacity to manage fire in and around PCNP. TIDE will work to increase the number of breeding pairs of the endangered yellow-headed parrot within PCNP and put measures in place to reverse the decline in the population of the critically endangered goliath grouper. By the end of the project, approximately 1500 key stakeholders (resource users and youth) within 15 communities in Toledo should have enhanced understanding of Toledo's protected areas.

Ya'axché Conservation Trust will work effortlessly in Bladen Nature Reserve, Golden Stream Corridor Preserve, Columbia River Forest and buffering communities of the Maya Golden Landscape "Promoting Evidence-based Integrated Landscape Management." By the

end of the project, Ya'axché predicts a 30 percent decline in illegal incursions and extraction of timber by effectively managing enforcement in the protected area. Ya'axché will also work to increase environmental awareness of the value of healthy ecosystems (particularly towards bird conservation) for tourism and ecosystem services among farmers and community members.

PACT is confident that these grants will have great impacts on conservation in Belize and thanks all recipients for their hard work and commitment to their respective protected areas. For more information please visit www.pactbelize.org.

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Four Reports Against The Police

BY: Raphael Martinez, Police Press Officer

BELMOPAN, Cayo, Thursday, April 4, 2013

Reference report of extortion made by Ms. Anna Mae Nembhard on Thursday 28th March 2013.

On Thursday 4th April 2013, at 4:10 pm police constable #132 Frank McNeal was served with disciplinary charge of Act to the Prejudice of Good Order and Discipline> He was placed on interdiction with effect as of 4th April 2013.

2. Reference report made by Ms. Carol James on Tuesday 2nd April, 2013 that when she arrived home from the United States on Saturday 30th March, 2013, she discovered that some jewelries and money was missing from her house. Our investigation into this matter revealed that on Wednesday 27th March, 2013 when her common-law-husband was detained, he handed over the keys for their house, boutique and the gate to a neighbor (Elaina Arnold) at the time he was detained. This matter is still under investigation.

3. Reference the report made by Adrian Daniels and Theodore Garcia alleging Police abuse, which

occurred in Independence Village on Monday 1st April, 2013, statements were recorded from them in Belize City and those statement have since been forward to both Mr. Robert Mariano the Southern Regional Commander and Mr. Noel Leal the Commander of Professional and Standard Branch in Belmopan City. The Southern Regional Commander is in Independence conducting his investigations into this matter.

4. Reference allegations of Rape in Bullet Tree involving Police Officers that was retracted by the complainant, police constable # 654 Eldrid Clinton Thomas has been charged with two counts of Act to the Prejudice of Good Order and Discipline and one count of Drinking Intoxicating Liquor while on duty. He has been placed on immediate interdiction.

Ed. Note: This was certainly not a good week for the police as, apart from the above four items, there is also the report of the killing of a policeman.

There is also the incident this week about PC Andy Tun, the victim of a road traffic incident, who remains in critical condition at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City.

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Three Months Remand For Accused Drug Traffickers

From Front Page

police however observed the single back seat passenger in possession of a blue and red bag which, when searched in his presence, was found to contain five black plastic bags tightly wrapped with transparent tape. When opened all five bags contained suspected marijuana. All three occupants along with the vehicle and the suspected weed were transported to the police station in San Ignacio where the male person found in possession of the bag was identified as Marlon Flowers, 36, Belizean barber of #273 Harson Street, Ladyville, Belize District. The weed, weighed in their presence, tipped the scale at 1, 023.1 grams (2.256 Pounds.)

The driver of the vehicle was identified as Francis Kerr, 40, Belizean welder, also residing at #273 Harson Street in Ladyville, Belize District. The third suspect was identified as Floyd Markwell Anthony, 41, Belizean of Esperanza Village, Cayo, who told the police that he is a tattoo artist.

All three accused drug traffickers appeared in the San Ignacio courtroom of magistrate Narda Morgan on Wednesday, April 3,



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The Blue & Red Bag Used To Transport The Drugs

2013 where the joint drug trafficking

Robbery In Unitedville

UNITEDVILLE VILLAGE, Cayo, Saturday, March 30, 2013:

A near midnight robbery in the village of Unitedville, Cayo, has left a bar owner with a busted forehead, and two male patrons wounded.

Marisol Tobar, 35, Belizean businesswoman from Unitedville, reported to police that at around 11:30 pm on Saturday, March 30, 2013, three short male persons of dark complexion, wearing dark clothing and with their faces covered, stormed into her Hill Top Bar. One of them, armed with a handgun, reportedly pointed it her and demanded money.

Fearing for her life, Tobar immediately handed over a thousand dollars to the gunmen who reportedly stole her gold chain with a diamond medal, valued at fifteen hundred dollars. The gunman then fired two shots into the bar before all three of them rushed out and disappeared into the darkness.

Tobar emerged from the incident with a small cut wound to the left side of the forehead. She was taken to the La Loma Luz hospital in Santa Elena where the injury was classified as wounding by the medical officer on duty.

In subsequent statements to the police, patrons of the bar confirmed the firing of two shots by the gunman resulting in injuries to two patrons of the establishment. Both injured men were rushed to the Western Regional Hospital in Belmopan. They were later

identified as Unitedville resident, Belize Defence Force soldier, Trevor Robateau, 28, who emerged with a cut would to the head which was reportedly inflicted by one of the robbers.

The other injured man was identified as Anthony Caliz, 31, Belizean construction worker from Camalote Village. He was treated for an abrasion to the top of the head allegedly caused by one of the shots fired by the gunman.

Up to press time an arrest is yet to be made as the police embark on a manhunt for the three robbers.



they all pled not guilty to the charge. On a no objection submission from the prosecution bail was offered to the trio in the sum of four thousand dollars each.

They were unable to meet bail in time to avoid the departure of the day's prison run and so they were placed on the bus for the ride to the big jail in Hattieville. The next court hearing was set for Wednesday July 3, 2013.

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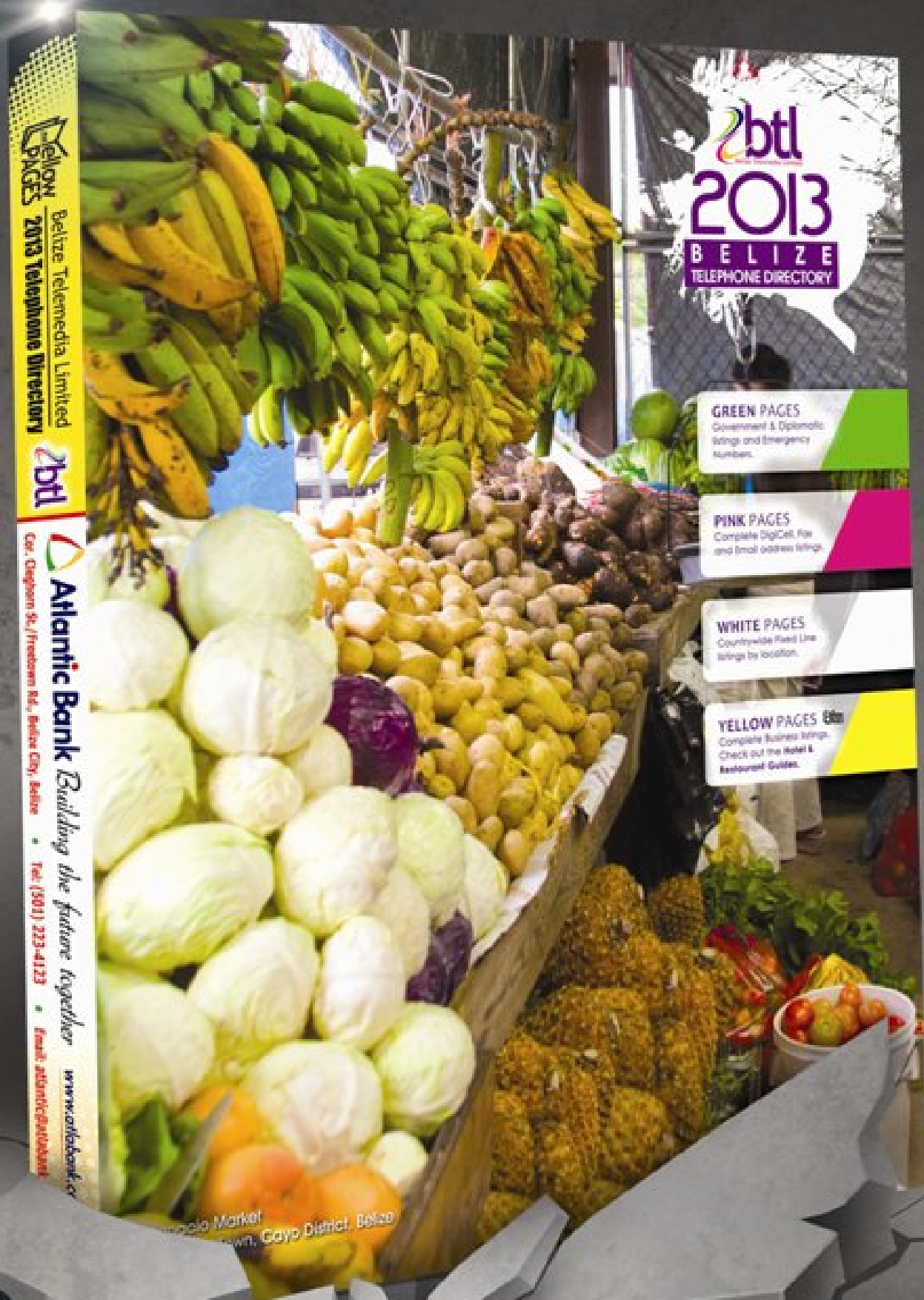
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