





## FFB Elects Ethics Committee

**MONDAY, September 17, 2012:**

On Saturday, September 15, the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) held an Extra-Ordinary Congress at the FFB Goal Project Headquarters in Belmopan.

The singular item on the agenda was the formation of the Ethics Committee which will be responsible for the investigation, when necessary, of all wrongdoings by members of football family.

By a majority of eighteen to two votes, the following six members, comprising the Ethics Committee, were elected: **McKinley King,**

**Keith Lino, Pedro Carrillo, Henry Baizar, Gilberto Chulin and Jeffrey Scott.**

In other news from the Football Federation of Belize, Director of Referees Department **David Henry Jones** has been appointed by UNCAF as the Referee Assessor for the group stage of the Champion of Champions Cup to be held in Houston, Texas, USA, on Thursday, September 20. Director David Jones will be evaluating referees who will be officiating the game between Houston Dynamo and CD FAS of El Salvador.

## Hillview Burglar Gets Maximum Sentence

**From Front Page**

bleeding from a large cut wound to the forehead.

Caseres told the police that he heard a neighbor calling out for help inside a nearby house and that when he attempted to render assistance, he was attacked by a male intruder of dark complexion resulting in the injury to the forehead. Caseres then directed the police to a nearby two story dwelling house where the police apprehended a boy inside a back section of the house.

The boy was instantly detained and searched. He was found in possession of a pink Apple brand iPhone, a grey in color Panasonic camera, a black and grey purse, two pairs of Belizean flag fashion earrings

and one diamond shape brown earring all of which were identified by the victim as being her property.

In a statement to the police, **Yesenia Guerra**, 30, a medical assistant visiting from the United States of America and residing with a sister in the Hillview community, informed that she was sleeping inside the house when at around 4:00 pm she was awoken by someone trying to take off her pants. She reportedly came face to face with a young male person of dark complexion, with a black stocking over his face, wearing a black shirt and blue long jeans pants.

After struggling with the intruder, the victim managed to escape. She ran into her sister's room, locked the door and began yelling for help.

**Narda Morgan** on Monday, September 17, where both charges were read to him. He wasted no time in pleading guilty to both charges.

After indicating acceptance of the facts of the case as read in court by prosecutor **George Gomez**, magistrate Morgan proceeded to sentence him to the maximum seven years imprisonment on the burglary charge and to six months imprisonment on the wounding charge.

Magistrate Morgan additionally ordered for the sentences to run consecutively for a total of seven and a half years in jail.

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The intruder was identified as **Richard Taylor**, 18, Belizean unemployed laborer residing in the very same Hillview community. He was escorted to the police station in San Ignacio where he was formally arrested and charged for burglarizing the home of **Miriam Rivero** and being in possession of stolen items valued at eight hundred and seventy dollars. He was also charged for wounding, being the extent of the medically classified injury caused to David Caseres.

The accused was brought before San Ignacio's no-nonsense magistrate



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# Patriotism

WEDNESDAY, September 12, 2012:

Former Chief Education Officer and Veteran Educator, Mr. Inez Sanchez was the Guest Speaker on the occasion of the University of Belize Patriotic Day on Wednesday September 12.

Here goes Mr. Sanchez's speech:

Three decades plus one year of Independence will be celebrated by Belizeans on the 21st Today I am celebrating eight decades of life on this planet. I thank God and ask for another hundred years. Perhaps my age gives me the privilege to discuss this morning, one aspect of our celebration:

### Patriotism

Eric Thompson, the archaeologist, once wrote that a people do not become a nation until it has discovered its soul. In 1973 in an address to teachers at San Ignacio, I maintained that at that time Belizeans had not

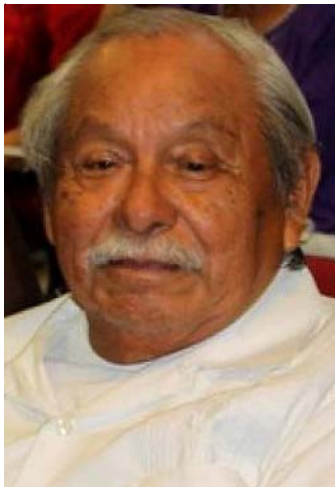
found their soul as a nation but that they were searching for it. Thirty nine years after that address and thirty one years of Independence, many Belizeans are still searching for their nation's soul — Patriotism.

Patriotism has been defined as an undying love for one's country. Love of country for which one is prepared to die for if need be. Nowadays we prefer to define patriotism as love of country for which one lives for and works for.

When I asked one or two students if UB was developing patriotism in them, they readily replied "No". As usual this was the easy way out; blame somebody else.

For me the big question is who should nurture patriotism in our people? Patriotism should be developed internally by every individual. Do not expect others to do it for you. Nurture love of country in yourself, by yourself and for yourself. That would be true patriotism.

Patriotism is not necessarily shown in daring deeds or in sacrificing one's



Mr. Inez Sanchez

life. That is a rush of adrenaline. Patriotism should be manifested in small ways every day of our lives. Let us examine how we show our patriotism towards our national flag and anthem.

### Love of our flag

Our flag embodies the nation. Our flag represents all of us; our flag is our national symbol. We show our patriotism by honoring our flag; but what is our attitude to our flag? Barely any respect is shown when the flag is raised or lowered. In other countries

when their flag is raised or lowered, people present, stop what they are doing, stand respectfully at attention and take off their hats. On the other hand, many Belizeans keep talking, moving about and totally disrespecting our flag. No sign of patriotism. Our flag should be raised in the morning and lowered in the evening; but look at what is happening in many schools and other public places. The flag is raised, left on the pole day and night, rain or shine and only lowered when the flag is torn and tattered beyond recognition.

Another display of lack of patriotism to our flag is the use of desecrated flags. Our official national flag displays a black man and a brown man to symbolize the presence of unity of all the ethnic groups in Belize. Look at the flag we display in public and private places- the brown man is depicted as a yellow man. This is desecration of our flag; yet we happily use and fly such flags. This shows total lack of patriotism and I would say borders on treason. People who make such desecrated flags, businesses who sell such flags and people who buy and display such flags should be jailed for life. Belizeans, how can we allow the raising of such flags? Have we no sense of patriotic love?

### Love of our Anthem

Need I say that the same disrespect shown to our flag is also meted out when our national anthem is played or sang? Many do not even stand at attention. Such lack of patriotism is incomprehensible after 31 years of Independence. Regarding our national anthem it is even worse. One or two composers and musical groups have made a parody of the anthem by rendering it in a different tune or rhythm. The national anthem is sacrosanct and should not be bastardized in any form or manner. Belizeans should protest any parody of the anthem. You are right, any one or group who desecrates the anthem should be jailed for life.

### Conclusion

In conclusion let me say that little things make up patriotism but patriotism is not a little thing. Therefore, we should nurture our patriotism in every little way so that our love of country may bloom eventually.

Allow me to close by speaking directly to students' nationwide. Only 5% of your age group in Belize is attending university. You are the chosen ones; you are the privileged ones; you are the cream of the crop. Crème de la crème. But wait, the good book states "To whom more is given, more will be expected." Therefore, the nation has a right to expect more from you.

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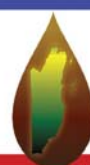
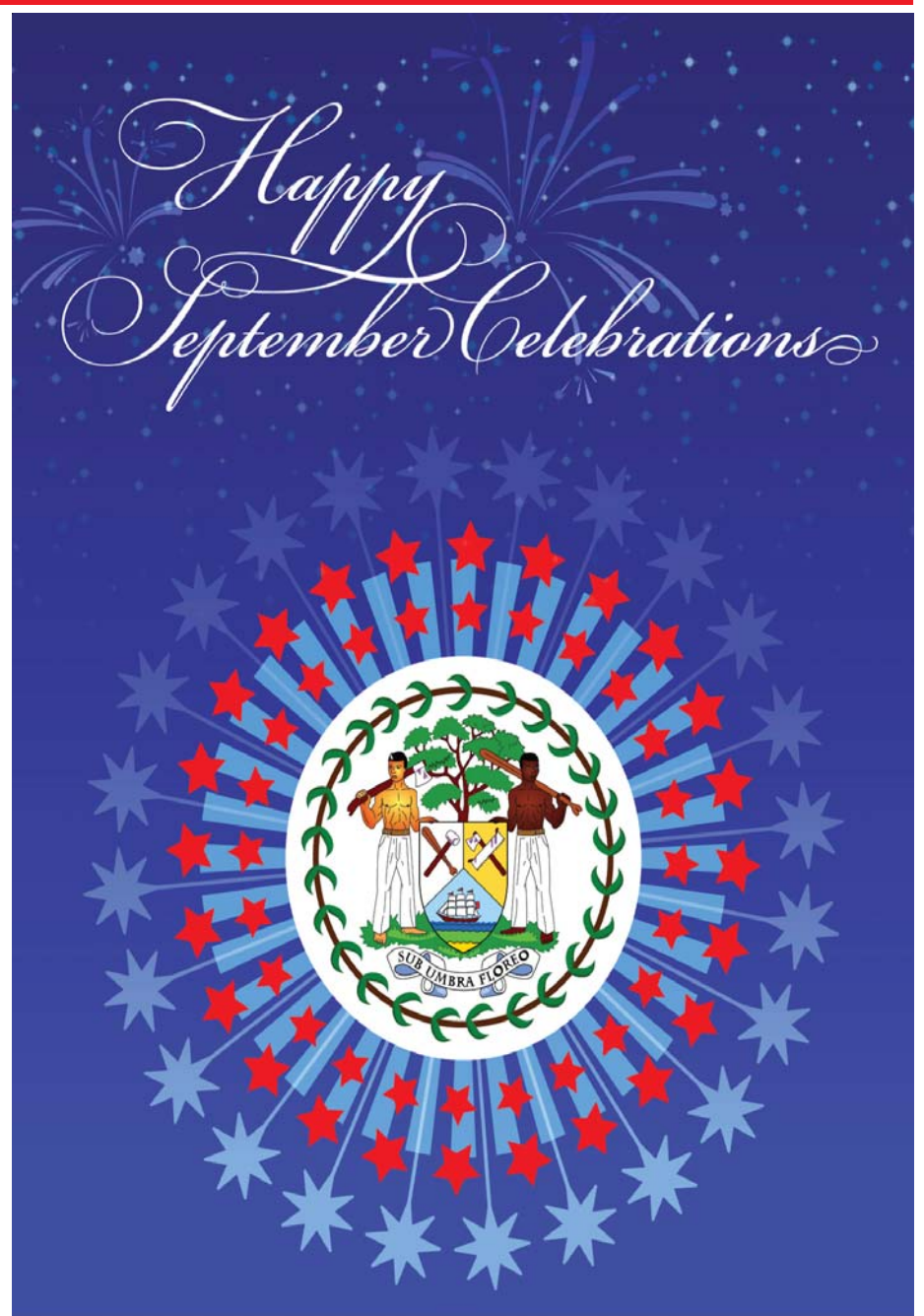
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*"Why do you refuse to denounce the devil and his evil ways?"* asked Father Jim.

Mr. Canto replied, *"Until I know where I'm heading, I don't think I ought to aggravate anybody."*

### Another Blonde Joke

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## Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

### ARIES:

#### March 22 to April 20

It may be much easier than usual to express your emotions to someone this week. If there has been something on your mind for a while, now is the time to say it. You will be able to paint a clear picture of your true feelings. Express yourself with confidence so you don't come across as helpless or clingy. Your sensitivity is a gift that others will recognize and appreciate. **Lucky numbers: 21, 47, 65.**

### TAURUS:

#### April 21 to May 21

Does it feel like someone's raining on your parade? No surprise there. You may feel like you are stuck in a bog, so wear your Sunday best and give it your best shot. That's all you can do. People may be extra touchy and impatient with ridiculous banter, even if it is polite. Try not to make sense of things that seem confusing now. Come back to them in a couple days. **Lucky numbers: 34, 50, 77.**

### GEMINI:

#### May 22 to June 21

Your intuition is extra keen this week and your mental aim is on target. Other people may sink into the swamp, but you are the life raft they can cling to. Your amazing mental clarity will be invaluable throughout the day. You will be able to communicate your feelings clearly, and you should find their receptivity to your thoughts much greater than usual. **Lucky numbers: 08, 26, 53.**

### CANCER:

#### June 22 to July 23

You might find the mood of this week a bit too somber for your liking. Why is everyone so serious?

Whether you figure out the answer or not, just know that it probably isn't something you did. Emotions that have been building up are likely to express themselves now, much like a volcano bursting under the pressure of tons of molten lava. **Lucky numbers: 18, 30, 82.**

### LEO:

#### July 24 to August 21

Yes, you may have another cookie. Enjoy it and don't feel guilty. Guilt is useless. This week, get rid of regret. Express your emotions but don't dwell on them. Your sensitivity is acute, so put up your psychic shield. You might pick up on others' intense energy, so be careful. Sympathize with others, but don't take on their garbage. They need to take out their own trash. **Lucky numbers: 37, 41, 95.**

### VIRGO:

#### August 22 to September 21

You might just want to stay on the couch a day this week. That's fine. Don't get up if you don't want to. You are probably better off sticking close to home and enjoying a good movie. If people ask how you are doing, be honest. Others will be able to see right through you, so don't try to hide your feelings. This week is a good week to say how you really feel. **Lucky numbers: 59, 64, 85.**

### LIBRA:

#### September 22 to October 23

Finally, the world is starting to see it your way. Be yourself and don't be squeamish about telling people exactly how it is. Your thinking is clear and focused. Use your penetrating mind to accomplish mental tasks. Your intense nature is powerful, so act

wisely. This week may well be one in which other people realize that you really aren't as crazy as they first thought. **Lucky numbers: 12, 56, 63.**

### SCORPIO:

#### October 24 to November 21

Give people the benefit of the doubt. Don't be so hasty in your actions, and take the time to think things through. You have a special connection with your feelings this week that can aid in clearing some of the fog in your thinking. Your sensitivity to others is remarkably strong. People will be particularly drawn to this side of you, especially tonight. **Lucky numbers: 05, 44, 73.**

### SAGITTARIUS:

#### November 22 to December 21

Put your businesslike nature aside for the day and focus on your feelings. You may be a bit protective of your emotions, but realize that much of what you are feeling is best experienced through expressing it to others. Reach down deep and get in touch with what you truly believe to be the heart of the issue. Your thinking is clear as can be this week, so enjoy it! **Lucky numbers: 23, 40, 67.**

### CAPRICORN:

#### December 22 to January 20

Call or write a letter to a friend this week. Your brain may feel like it's stuck in a rut, which is probably best remedied by sharing these feelings with others. Take it one step at a time, and be patient with others in return. People are likely to snap more easily, since fuses will be extra short. Take care as you approach the deep end. Make sure you have your life jacket on. **Lucky numbers: 10, 32, 93.**

### AQUARIUS: January 21 to February 19

Things flow well for you this week, so bask in any sunshine that this week offers. Your intuition is especially strong and you have an uncanny ability to pick up on other people's feelings. Your nurturing gifts are in high demand by those around you. They will need a sensitive shoulder to lean on. Just make sure you don't lose yourself in the process. Save some energy for you. **Lucky numbers: 36, 55, 87.**

### PISCES: February 20 to March 21

Other people's indecisiveness could leave you feeling frustrated and stuck this week. Realize that you can overcome this by pushing past them. Don't feel like you need to wait for others to make up their minds before you act. Do what you need to do and others will catch up when they are ready. You aren't responsible for the well-being of others. Concentrate on you. **Lucky numbers: 22, 89, 91.**

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## Terrorist Granted Citizenship In Foreign Lands

BY: Wellington C. Ramos



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When the United Democratic Party (UDP) came to power for a second term in 1993, they did so on the platform of halting the program because of the large quantity Belizean passports that were missing and unaccounted for before they came to power. Whether this program was halted or not, I do not know.

In 2006 it was revealed that two terrorist one by the name of **James Ujaama** also known as "**Ernest James Thompson**" from Seattle Washington and the other **Bilal Ahmed** were both arrested by the police in Belize.

While I was watching a live Senate Foreign Intelligence Committee

hearing that was held by the committee's Chairman, **Senator John Kerry** of Massachusetts, it was revealed that, during 911 emergency members of the Al Qaeda Terrorist Network traveled via Belize on their way to the United States.

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It is incumbent on the Government of Belize to launch an investigation into how these most recent individuals, with terrorist connections, obtained Belizean citizenship, passports, drivers licenses and social security cards.

If laws were broken to facilitate these individuals then whosoever, at whatever level in government or the private sector, involved in this matter should be dealt with to the full extend of the law.

Our country cannot afford to have its citizens engaged in criminal activities for a few dollars then have us go through this international embarrassment.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States operating in Belize will definitely launch an investigation into this matter because it is the national security interest of their country of do so. They should pass on their findings to the Government of Belize for appropriate corrective action.

With that said the Government should be able to take action against

those individuals involved and hopefully bring the facts to the attention of the Belizean public.

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# Hon. John Saldivar

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**“Many Faces - Many Dreams -  
One Goal - Celebrating Belize”**





**The  
Public Utilities Commission  
wishes all Belizeans and visitors a safe and  
enjoyable September celebrations!**



*Happy 31st Anniversary Belize!!!*

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One Goal; Celebrating BELIZE"**



## Here Is Your Open Invitation To Participate In the Cayo Art Exhibit

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SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo,  
Tuesday, September 18, 2012:

The San Ignacio/Santa Elena House of Culture invites all artists living in the Cayo District to participate in the Cayo Art Collection Exhibit 2012.

The exhibit will open on October 19 and will run up to November 15, 2012, at the House of Culture located a #7 King Street in San Ignacio (downstairs of the Town Hall building).

A maximum of two pieces per artist will be accepted. The exhibit will be open to all forms of art including painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, graphics and ceramics. Size limitation is a maximum of 42 inches in length or width.

Please share this information with all your friends in the Cayo District who might be interested in participating in the exhibit.

Deadline to register is October 10, 2012.

For further information please call us at 824-0783. We invite you to "like" us on facebook at [www.facebook.com/SISEHOC](http://www.facebook.com/SISEHOC)

## Miss New York Queen of the Bay.....

From Front Page

and parade in Belmopan.

Sixteen year old Krystal Gutierrez who hails from Brooklyn, NY, is a born leader who wants to one day be a Broadway Star. She loves to sing, dance and act.

Krystal has held lead roles in plays like The Wizard of Oz as Dorothy; Dream girl as Beyonce and audition and played the daughter in the off Broadway play "Platanos Y Collard Greens".

Krystal has been an honor student from pre-school to present 10th Grade. She has a keen interest in

political science. She has won many first place trophies, awards and mayoral recognition for projects in Math and Science at school.

We join the nation in welcoming to Belize, Her Graciousness, **Miss Queen of the Bay New York, Krystal Gutierrez**. Hoping that she has a truly pleasant, enjoyable and memorable visit to this beautiful jewel of ours as together we celebrate the 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of our nation's Independence under the theme: "**Many Dreams, Many Faces, Many Goals, Celebrating BELIZE**".

## Happy Independence Day 2012

## Accused Drug Traffickers Jailed

From Front Page

A car fitting the description, with two male persons on board, was intercepted near the Macal River Park in San Ignacio.

A search inside the car led to the discovery of a red, blue and black knapsack on the floor behind the driver's seat. When the knapsack was opened it was found to contain two individually wrapped parcels of suspected marijuana.

The vehicle and the suspected marijuana were impounded while the driver and the passenger were



The Suspected Marijuana.

transported to the police station. where they were respectively

identified as **Alfredo Marin**, 35, taxi operator and **Jamie Tun**, 25, laborer both Belizeans residing in the village of San Jose Succotz.

The two parcels of suspected marijuana registered a combined weight of sixteen pounds on the police scale. Marin and Tun were consequently processed, formally arrested and jointly charged for drug trafficking. They appeared in the San Ignacio courtroom of magistrate **Narda Morgan** on Monday, September 17, were the both pled not guilty to the charge.

Magistrate Morgan proceeded to offer bail to the taxi driver, Alfredo

Marin, in the sum of five thousand dollars while the passenger, Jaime Tun, was not as fortunate and was remanded to prison. Freedom for Marin was not to be however as it was brought to the court's attention that he had unpaid fines in excess of two thousand dollars. In light of this revelation, magistrate Morgan ordered that he be remanded to prison until all outstanding court fines are paid. The case was adjourned until Monday, November 12, 2012.

The black, Toyota car with Benque Viejo taxi license plates, D-00364, remains impounded at the police station compound in San Ignacio.

# Happy Independence Day!

## To ALL Belizeans From the Management & Staff of



# The Belize Airports Authority



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