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# Rest In Peace Suzenne - RIP

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Thursday, October 4, 2012:**

By the time this edition of the **STAR Newspaper** hits the streets this weekend, San Ignacio police, on instructions from the Director of Public Prosecutions would have either charged or not charged, **Pedro Alberto Ical**, 30, Belizean laborer of a Maya Mopan address in the capital city Belmopan, with the murder of University of Belize student, San Ignacio resident, **Suzenne Martinez**, 20.

It was the great English Physicist, Mathematician and Astronomer, **Sir Isaac Newton**, in defining the Laws of motion declared: *"Every action*



**Suzenne "Purple" Martinez, 20**  
**Sunrise: Feb. 16, 1992**  
**Sunset: Oct. 3, 2012**

*produces an equal and opposite reaction."* It is in keeping with Sir Isaac Newton's theory that we will, this week, deviate from the accepted

**Land Feud Lands Landero Brothers In Jail**

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Tuesday, October 2, 2012:**

An old family land feud in Santa Familia village escalated into a chopping incident as one member of the family emerged with a severed hand while two other members of the family, accused of inflicting the chop wounds, were sent to jail on remand.

At about 10 o'clock on the morning of Sunday, September 30, 2012, San Ignacio police were summoned to the community hospital in San Ignacio where they came upon

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journalism protocol and in so doing, we will intertwine reporting the news with editorializing on the terrible event

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**Darlington Landero, 35**



**Pedro Alberto Ical, 30**  
**In Police Custody**  
**Found In Possession Of**  
**Purple's Cellular Telephone**

**Machete Man Found Chopped To Death**

**SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Friday, October 5, 2012:**

An arrest is yet to be made in the death of a watchman who was found with multiple chop wounds one week ago on Friday, September 28, 2012.

Acting upon information received San Ignacio police visited Liberty Farm on the Pilgrim Valley Road in Santa Cruz, Santa Elena at around 7:30 on Friday, September 28, where they encountered the lifeless body of a male Hispanic person on the ground

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**Eddie Antonio Sanchez, 35**  
**Sunrise: October 8, 1976**  
**Sunset: September 28, 2012**



**Enoch Landero, 30**




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From Front Page

that unfolded on the night of Wednesday, October 3 resulting in the brutal killing of a model young lady, an obedient daughter, loving sister and dear friend.

As we sit here this Thursday night writing this article; relatives and friends are gathered, in a temporary blackout, at the family residence at bottom end of 18th Street in San Ignacio attending a wake that never should have been as they mourn the passing of this model citizen in preparation to lay her to rest inside the Santa Rita Cemetery in San Ignacio Town on Friday, October 4, after funeral services at the San Ignacio Nazarene Church.

The postmortem examination conducted on the body of Suzenne Martinez, at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City, by Police Forensic Specialist **Dr. Mario Estradabran**, on Thursday, October 4, 2012, certified the cause of death as asphyxia due to strangulation. The examination report made no mention of the presence or absence of forensic evidence of sexual assault.

We join the community in the understandable expression of anger that has exposed the vulnerability of all of us as beasts continue to freely roam our streets at the ready to pounce upon us.

In an attempt of put the pieces together, we draw on the various pieces of information reaching us up to press time as follows: In keeping with the routine on schools days, Suzenne left home at around 6:30 on the morning of Tuesday, October 2, 2012 and boarded the University of Belize School bus enroute to the University in Belmopan where she was in the medical laboratory technician Bachelor's degree program slated for graduation in January 2013.

She had a late lunch with friends in Belmopan and, according to the statement of a female student friend who was with her, after classes she walked to the bus terminal in

Belmopan with intent to board the express bus to San Ignacio, while waiting for the express, an almost empty regular bus arrived at the terminal and judging by the small number of passengers on board they surmised that the trip back home would not be long and so they boarded the **D&E** bus for the ride home. She was reportedly let off the bus, at 7:20pm, on Benque Viejo Road in San Ignacio at the junction with the top of 18th Street where, she routinely walked, in a straight line of about 450 yards, to her home at the bottom end of 18th Street.

What happened after she got off the bus, only the beast in our midst can say. Investigators strongly suspect that the beast might have been a passenger on the bus Suzenne and her friend was riding and that he might have been casing her along the route, disembarking behind her and proceeded to attack her from behind, gagged and strangled her to death, a few yards up 18th Street in the area of an empty overgrown house lot, with occupied houses on both sides and across the street. Police suspect that the motive of the crime was robbery.

Police received the first call at around 6:30 on Wednesday morning, October 3, of the presence of a female body in the grass inside an earthen drain on the edge of 18th Street. Police immediately rushed to the scene where they encountered the body, with the blouse pulled up, the pants down, underwear in place, school book and calculator on the body and a pair of tennis shoe under the body. The police also observed the print of a shoe sole on the right leg. Shortly after the police arrival, the brother **Jamid Martinez**, on his way to work, came upon the gathering on the scene and after facing difficulties from the police, was eventually allowed to view the body which he instantly identified as being that of his sister. The scene was processed and the body was transported to the San Ignacio

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Community Hospital where it was officially pronounced dead by the medical officer on duty.

The family became concerned when Suzenne did not return at the usual time on Tuesday night. When it became evident that something was not quite right, they began calling her cellular phone and eventually visited the police station to file a missing person report.

Due to the complexity of the issue at hand, all we will say about the calls is that the family's insistence paid off leading the police to the residence of the detainee's sister, located at #18 Macal Street in San Ignacio where they inquired about Ical's presence and were told that he was not there. Notwithstanding the response, the police entered the house where they found Ical, in a fetal position, hiding behind a curtain, stretched on a string across the doorway of a waist high cabinet. Ical was immediately detained, searched and found in possession of a Digicel, Blackberry brand, cellular telephone, a Samsung brand cellular telephone, a SIM card, two thin gold chains, a cross shaped gold medal and two bracelets.

While the laptop she carried every day to school is yet to be recovered, the Blackberry cellular telephone, found in Ical's possession, was positively identified as being the property of Suzenne Martinez. Furthermore, the Samsung phone, the SIM card and the jewelry, are suspected to be the property of retiree Belizean American, **Robert Steven Lewis**, 53, who was killed when the residence he shares with his wife, **Ursula Patnett Lewis**, was invaded at around 1:30 am on Monday, October 1.

When the police arrived on the scene they found Robert Lewis, face down in a pool of blood inside the movie room of his house located in the Maya Mopan Community in Belmopan which incidentally is the home community of the detainee Pedro Alberto Ical. Lewis was found

with cut wounds to the neck, chest and arm.

A review of the SIM card, found in Ical's possession revealed contacts connected to the deceased, Robert Steven Lewis. While San Ignacio Police continue to gather information and evidence in the Suzenne Martinez murder case, Belmopan police is doing likewise in an effort to determine the possibility of Ical's connection or involvement in the October 1, murder of Robert Steven Lewis.

Suzenne Martinez is survived by her mother **Lily Martinez**; father **Hamid Martinez**; brother, **Jamid Martinez**, aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends. We join the community in the expression of condolences to the family, other relatives and friends during these extremely difficult times. We likewise pray for the eternal resting of the soul of **Suzenne "Purple" Martinez**.

Latest reports reaching us indicate that a more indept forensic report could very well disclose the presence of the semen on the body, suggesting some form of sexual contact.

We were also informed that the detainee, Pedro Ical could be initially facing a lesser charge of handling stolen goods as a holding charge while the murder investigation continues.

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# Ministry Of Health

## Monthly Report



### Ministry of Health Attends PAHO Conference

Belize was represented by the Minister of Health, **Hon Pablo Marin** at the 28th Pan American Sanitary Conference of the Pan American Health Organization (**PAHO**) that took place last month in Washington D.C.

promotion of health.

One of the main highlights of the meeting was the election of the next Director of PAHO. **Dr. Carissa Etienne** was elected as the 10th Director of PAHO at the conference.

The Minister of Health, Hon.



#### Ministers Of Health At PAHO Sanitary Conference

The conference convened Ministers of Health to analyze health policies in the region.

Main objectives of the meeting included the exchange of information related to the prevention, preservation and

Pablo Marin congratulates the Director on her new post and he comitted to continue partnership to improve health in the Region.

The Pan American Sanitary Conference is the supreme governing authority of PAHO.

### Caribbean Wellness Day

The Ministry of Health joins the Caribbean Community in celebrating Caribbean Wellness Day. Belize celebrated Caribbean Wellness Week during the last week of September. The focus was on promoting **“Healthy Workplaces and Schools”** under the

from KMH to Haulover Bridge and back to KMH. The Western Regional Hospital had a health fair in Las Flores, Belmopan. Activities in other regions across the country included health fairs and health sessions in the hospitals and also in the communities they serve.



#### Staff Clinic At Western Regional Hospital

theme: **“Healthy Children, Healthy Schools.”**

The Ministry and the health regions across the country held activities for their staff during the week such as staff clinics, sporting competitions, exercise classes and dance lessons among others. Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital had a bike ride on Monday October 1st

The Ministry invited schools, private organizations, Government Offices and other Non-Governmental Organizations to participate in welness activities during that week. Caribbean Wellness Day was declared as a commemoration of a CARICOM landmark summit and is celebrated on the second Saturday in September each year.

### World Suicide Prevention Day

The Mental Health Program of the Ministry of Health commemorated World Suicide Prevention Day last month by encouraging people to light a candle near a window at 8 pm to observe the day.

The theme of World Suicide Prevention Day this year was **“Suicide Prevention across the Globe: Strengthening Protective Factors and Instilling Hope.”**

The Ministry emphasizes that suicide is a major preventable, mental health problem. While some people turn to suicide to cope with problems, it is important to know that suicide and suicidal thoughts are not solutions or healthy responses to stress.

Lighting a candle near a window offers people who cannot participate in a World Suicide Prevention Day event the opportunity to show support for suicide prevention, to remember a loved one lost through suicide or the survivors of suicide attempts to observe the day in a private and personal way.

The Minister of Health, **Hon. Pablo Marin** encourages the public to talk about mental health and help in the fight against the stigma and discrimination that is often linked to mental illness.

Together we continue in the promotion of Mental health and the prevention of Mental Illness.

### Ministry Conducts Flu Surveillance Training

The Epidemiology Unit of the Ministry of Health scheduled Influenza Laboratory and Surveillance Trainings from the 25th to 28th September for Senior Laboratory Technicians, Doctors and Nurses for all health regions across the country.

The main objective of the training is to build capacity and strengthen influenza surveillance

Training sessions for Influenza Surveillance started this past Tuesday, September 25th, 2012 at the George Price Center in Belmopan. Approximately twenty four Emergency Nurses, Lab Technicians, Pediatricians and Medical officers participated from the Western Regional Hospital and the San Ignacio Community Hospital.



#### Influenza Laboratory and Surveillance Training for Western Region

in Belize and the Central American regio. Specific objectives of the Influenza Surveillance include monitoring of known Influenza viruses and the detection of new viruses.

The trainings are been conducted in partnership with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and COMISCA. Facilitators are **Dr. Jorge Jara** of CDC, Guatemala and **Dr. Wilfredo Clara**, CDC, Salvador.



# Lemon Kills Cancer Cells

Submitted By: E. Patnett  
New York

Lemon (Citrus) is a miraculous product to kill cancer cells. It is 10,000 times stronger than chemotherapy. Why do we not know about that? Because there are laboratories interested in making a synthetic version that will bring them huge profits. You can now help a friend in need by letting him/her know that lemon juice is beneficial in preventing the disease. Its taste is pleasant and it does not produce the horrific effects of chemotherapy. How many people will die while this closely guarded secret is kept, so as not to jeopardize the beneficial multimillionaires large corporations?

As you know, the lemon tree is known for its varieties of lemons and limes. You can eat the fruit in different ways: you can eat the pulp, juice press, prepare drinks, sorbets, pastries, etc... It is credited with many virtues, but the most interesting is the effect it produces on cysts and tumors. This plant is a proven

remedy against cancers of all types. Some say it is very useful in all variants of cancer. It is considered also as an anti microbial spectrum against bacterial infections and fungi, effective against internal parasites and worms, it regulates blood pressure which is too high and an antidepressant, combats stress and nervous disorders.

The source of this information is fascinating: it comes from one of the largest drug manufacturers in the world, says that after more than 20 laboratory tests since 1970, the extracts revealed that: It destroys the malignant cells in 12 cancers, including colon, breast, prostate, lung and pancreas.

The compounds of this tree showed 10,000 times better than the product Adriamycin, a drug normally used chemotherapeutic in the world, slowing the growth of cancer cells. And what is even more astonishing: this type of therapy with lemon extract only destroys malignant cancer cells and it does not affect healthy cells.

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**Qualifications:** Preferably a Master Degree in Economics or a related field, possess good oral and written communication skills, along with previous working experience in project management/implementation. Those in possession of a Bachelor Degree and who meet the criteria above will also be considered.


**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Assisting the Sr. Project Officer in the administration of all consultancies.
- Liaise with the Technical Working Groups (TWG) and related consultants.
- Organize review meetings and consultancies.
- Oversee the timely submission of inputs from TWG's.
- Assist the Sr. Project Officer in coordinating feedback from stakeholder groups.
- Assist the Sr. Project Officer with the organizing of workshops.
- Assist the Sr. Project Officer with the preparation and timely submission of reports to the CDB and GOBZ.
- Other duties assigned from time to time by the Sr. Project officer

**Salary:** Pay scale 21 of \$32,240 x 1,392 - \$59,688.00 per annum. Entry point will be dependent on previous experience and qualification. All application along with copies of resumes, academic qualifications and two (2) letters of reference should reach the Chief Executive officer, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, West Block Building, Belmopan City no later than Friday, October 26, 2012.

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## Ministry of Education, Youth & Sports

### CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR SCHOOL INSPECTORS

To support the implementation of a National School Inspectorate, the Ministry of Education, Youth & Sports is welcoming interested, highly committed, and qualified persons to form dynamic teams tasked with evaluating the quality of education delivered in Belize's pre-primary, primary, secondary, and TVET institutions.

SCHOOL INSPECTORS	
QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree (or its equivalent) in Education</li><li>•Minimum of three (3) years leadership experience in a school</li><li>•Individuals with a Bachelor's Degree (or its equivalent) in Education and a minimum of five(5) years teaching experience may be considered</li></ul>
COMPETENCIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Sound knowledge of Belize's education system</li><li>•Ability to organize, evaluate, and present information effectively, both verbally and in writing</li><li>•Commitment to high standard of ethical and professional conduct</li><li>•Proficiency in the use of Microsoft Word/Excel is considered an asset</li></ul>
REQUIREMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Must attend and successfully complete training provided by the Inspectorate</li></ul>
TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT	Individuals who successfully complete training will be certified and expected to form teams. Teams will then submit proposals for contracts for inspecting schools

Letter of interest, curriculum vita, two (2) reference letters attesting to professional competence, and certified copies of degrees/diplomas should be submitted no later than October 19, 2012 to:

The Office of the Inspectorate  
Cor. St. Thomas/ St. Joseph Street  
Belize City, Belize

For further information please call: 203-2976 or email: inspectorate@moe.gov.bz












**PUBLIC AUCTION - PROPERTIES IN THE CAYO DISTRICT**

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE, SCOTIA BANK, CERTIFIED AND LICENSED AUCTIONEER  
MIGUEL A. ELLIS WILL SELL THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES on

**Saturday 20th October 2012 at 10:00 am at Scotia Bank, San Ignacio Branch**

**MEGA SALE!!! MEGA SALE!!! MEGA SALE!!! MEGA SALE!!! MEGA SALE!!!**

No.	Description	Development	Pictures
1.	All that parcel of land being block 20 parcel numbers 6540 & 6543 situated on Lomas De Las Flores, Belmopan City, Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>JAMES &amp; SHERIE BROWN</b> :	Land only 1,123.85 sq. yds. (2 lots)	
2.	All that parcel of land being block 24 Parcel 1323/1 Society Hall Registration Section, situated in Ontario Village, Western Highway, Cayo District Being the leasehold property of <b>GILBERT RHABURN</b> .	Land-1,165.67 sq. yds. Building - 950 sq. ft. two storey structure-ground-floor is concrete with 1 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, and bathroom. 2nd floor is wood with 4 bedrooms.	
3.	All that parcel of land being block numbers 5483, 5484, & 5495 in the Belmopan Registration Section in the name of <b>ANTA PASCACIO</b> .	Land only	
4.	All that parcel of land being block 24 Parcel 2427/1 Society Hall, Cayo District. Being the leasehold property of <b>SHELMADINE &amp; HUMBERTO PATT</b>	A concrete bungalow dwelling house measuring 1160 sq. ft.Consisting 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living room, dining room, kitchen and lot measuring 463.158 sq. meters	
5.	All that parcel of land being block 24, parcel 2162 Society Hall Registration Section. Located in Camalote Village Layout. Being the fee Simple property over of <b>ADRIAN RODAS</b> .	Land measuring 477.501 sq. meters. Building: 986 S.F. containing 2 bedrooms, 1 full bath, kitchen and living area.	
6.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 3242 Santa Elena/Cayo Registration Section located in the Trapiche Area, Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>ROY &amp; ANTAALFARO</b> .	Land measuring 523.099 Sq. Meters Building:Bungalow concrete structure with 2 bedrooms, 1 full bath, living room, dining room, and kitchen area	
7.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 2902/1 in the Santa Elena, Cayo registration section. Being the leasehold property of <b>RYAN RHABURN</b> .	Land containing 557.562 sq. metres Building: Houses a concrete bungalow structure with a floor area of 480 sq. ft. designed for 2 bed rooms.	
8.	All that parcel of land being block 24, parcel 1666 situate in Society Hall, Blackman Eddy Village, Cayo District. Being the freehold property of <b>WAYNE &amp; DEBORAH IRELAND</b> .	Being a 2 storey building cement lower and wooden upper structure.	
9.	All that parcel of land being parcel no. 980/1 situated on Zaiden Street, Santa Elena, Cayo. Containing an approximate area of 555.56 sq.yds. In the name of <b>LAURIANO POTT</b> .	Building: one storey concrete with 2 entrances, 1 living room, 1 dining room, 1 kitchen, 1 full bathroom, and 2 bedrooms.	

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10.	All that piece or parcel of land being block 24, parcel 511 in the Society Hall Registration Section. In the name of <b>JACOB REIMER</b> .	Land only: Containing 14.685 acres.	
11.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 1523 in the Benque Viejo Del Carmen Registration Section. Being the fee simple property of <b>LUIS BLAS MENDEZ AND MIRNA MENDEZ</b> .	Land: 775.245 sq. meters. Being a commercial property holds 3 Buildings. <b>Building 1:</b> measures 10,200 sq. ft. (Two storey ferro concrete structure with 5 Business Rental Units. <b>Building 2:</b> measures 3496 sq. ft. including a 32 ft x 26 ft basement and is also a two storey concrete structure with bathrooms on both levels. <b>Building 3:</b> One storey concrete structure that is 50% completed for 5 rental units.	 
12.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 786 in the Santa Elena Registration Section. Being the fee simple property of <b>RICARDO MARTIN</b> .	Land: 1,995.177 sq. yds. The building is a 2 storey concrete structure with a living floor arear of 2,268 sq. ft. It is occupied as a residence of 3 bedrooms, 2 bathroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, and laundry room. There is also a gazebo/porch on the property.	
13.	All that parcel of land being block 24, parcel 3023 in the Society Hall Registration Section. Located in Black Man Eddy Village, Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>COLLETT &amp; SELMA IRELAND</b> .	Land: 557.387 sq. meters. Building 520 sq. ft. 1 storey ferro concrete structure with 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, living room, dining room & kitchen.	
14.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 2503 property located in the Kontiki Area, San Ignacio South Registration Section in the Cayo District. In the name of <b>MANUEL LEIVA</b> .	Land only: measuring 464.698 sq. meters.	
15.	All that parcel of land situated along the Northside of the Hummingbird Highway in St. Margaret's Village in the Cayo District. Property in the name of <b>THOMAS ACK</b> .	Land measuring 1.016 Acres Building: Bungalow with 2 entrance, 1 dining room, 1 living room, 1 kitchen, 1 full bathroom, 2 bedrooms.	
16.	All that parcel of land being block 24, parcel 3389 in the Society Hall Registration Section, Camalote Village in the Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>EDWIN STANFORD</b> .	Land measuring 1480.69 sq. meters building features- 800 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 1 full bathroom, living room, dining room, kitchen & laundry room. Air condition unit in the dining area.	
17.	All that parcel of land being parcel number 3832 in the Society Hall Registration Section Teakettle Village in the Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>MARCELINA VANEGAS</b> .	Containing some 0.80 acres approximately. Holding a wooden and concrete dwelling structure. Property also have a river at the back of the yard and is situated off the highway.	

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## Selecting Players For Belize's National Football Team

BY: Luis Peña  
PR Officer

Football Federation of Belize  
BELIZE CITY, Thursday,  
October 4, 2012:

The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) will this weekend be commencing try-outs for players interested in becoming a part of the Belize National "A" team.

Players from the Corozal and Belize districts are encouraged to convene at the Peoples Stadium at 9am where newly appointed coach Costa Rican **Leroy Sherrier Lewis** and his coaching staff **Renan Couoh**, **Carlos Slusher** and **Kent Gabourel** will be present.

FFB's Vice-President **Rawel Pelayo** who chairs the National team committee informs that the Michael Ashcroft stadium in Independence will host players from the Mid-South, Toledo and Stann Creek districts on the 13/10/2012 while the FFBs Goal Project headquarters in Belmopan will host players from the Cayo and



**Head Coach of Belize's National Football Team,  
Leroy Sherrier Lewis**

Belmopan Football Districts on October 15, 2012.

Players who will not be able to attend the trials at the Peoples Stadium, Michael Ashcroft and FFB headquarters in the first instance are eligible to attend the final selection process in Belmopan on October 20, 2012.

President Pelayo emphasizes that the selection process will be open

and transparent therefore he is encouraging players to take advantage of this opportunity.

National Coach, Costa Rican, Leroy Sherrier Lewis, was introduced to the nation during a press conference hosted by the FFB earlier this week. Having coached a national



**Goal Keeper Coach,  
Kent Gabourel**

team several years ago at which he did well, Coach Leroy is no stranger to Belize. We welcome coach Leroy on his return mission to Belize and wish him all the very best.

In addition to Head Coach, **Leroy Lewis** the other coaching staff includes Assistant Head Coach, **Charles Slusher**; Goal Keeper Coach, **Kent Gabourel** and Technical Director, **Renan Cowo**.



**Technical Director,  
Renan Cowo**



**Assistant Head Coach,  
Charles Slusher**

## Tropic Air Announces Service To San Ignacio & Benque

SAN PEDRO TOWN, Thursday,  
October 4, 2012:

Tropic Air announced today that it will be inaugurating daily non-stop passenger and cargo service to San Ignacio (Benque Viejo del Carmen) on December 10, 2012. Service will be from San Pedro and Belize City and will use the Maya Flats Airstrip, which is conveniently located between San Ignacio and Benque Viejo, and near to many of the major hotels in area.

The new service is a direct response to requests from its valued

customers, and carries through on the airline's commitment to the people of Belize. It also will allow for the growth of tourism in both regions, facilitating easy and quick transfers for visitors, and for increased trade between Cayo and the rest of the country.

"When we inaugurated San Pedro Sula earlier this year, we promised the people of Belize to add even more exciting destinations. With the support of our resort partners and the area residents, we now feel the time is right to add San Ignacio to our growing network" said John Greif III, President of Tropic Air. "We hope that in the coming months, we are

able to add flights and other destinations from San Ignacio".

Flights are now bookable via the web at [www.tropicair.com](http://www.tropicair.com), via e-mail at [reservations@tropicair.com](mailto:reservations@tropicair.com), by phone at 226-2012 or by contacting any of our stations.

Tropic Air operates a fleet of 12 aircraft, including the latest generation, G1000 "glass cockpit", air conditioned Cessna Caravans, to 14 destinations in Belize, Honduras and Guatemala. With over 250 employees, Tropic Air carried 250,000 passengers in 2011.

For more information on the new service, please contact **Dora Gonzalez** [DoraGonzalez@tropicair.com](mailto:DoraGonzalez@tropicair.com) or Julie Kee [JulieKee@tropicair.com](mailto:JulieKee@tropicair.com).



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## Your Weekly Horoscope and Lucky Numbers

### ARIES:

**March 22 to April 20**

You are ready take a real leap forward this week. It seems like all your efforts will finally pay off. Don't let the negative remarks of others keep you down. Keep on thinking positively. Any move you make will be for the better this week. **Lucky numbers: 10, 33, 70.**

### TAURUS:

**April 21 to May 21**

Don't be surprised to see friends acting a bit silly this week. There is no getting around the high spirits you radiate. It might seem almost impossible to get any work done with this planetary atmosphere. Press on and you will be amazed at the many things you will accomplish. Lighten up a little this week. **Lucky numbers: 05, 27, 51.**

### GEMINI:

**May 22 to June 21**

You have recently been seeing a lot of relatives and friends. It is fun to see everyone. It's a bit daunting to renew ties with old friends and try to remember the names of new ones. Names and faces mingle to the point where you aren't sure of your own name, much less anyone else's. Take a deep breath, you're doing just fine. **Lucky numbers: 16, 49, 75.**

### CANCER:

**June 22 to July 23**

With all the social events you've attended lately, it's likely that you've met some people in the healing professions. These doctors, nurses, and technicians could be useful to you later. Be sure to file their contact information away for future reference. On another front, expect to receive some good news concerning your finances. **Lucky numbers: 21, 38, 60**

### LEO:

**July 24 to August 21**

You may discover an untapped talent this week. Perhaps there is a new lifestyle you want to take on. If it is to improve your health condition by all means go ahead. This is a good week for any kind of creative endeavor. Get things done during the daylight hours so that you can relax with relatives and friends after sunset. **Lucky numbers: 44, 62, 85.**

### VIRGO:

**August 22 to September 21**

Expect some positive developments this week that impact the whole family. Perhaps someone close to you will get a salary raise, a promotion or great job opportunity. Opportunities are on your way. Don't let the opportunity pass you by. If you don't seize it, someone else surely will. **Lucky numbers:**

### LIBRA:

**September 22 to October 23**

You should be feeling especially confident this week. You have been working especially hard lately, and the recognition you've received goes a long way toward reinforcing your feelings of self-worth. Your life goals suddenly seem more attainable and you will pursue them with renewed vigor. Your confidence is grounded in reality. You will surely succeed. **Lucky numbers: 43, 56, 97.**

### SCORPIO:

**October 24 to November 21**

This is the week made for fun and frivolity, not one in which you're likely to get many of your chores done. Try as you might to focus on the task at hand, there are distractions everywhere you turn. Your email pals could be sending you jokes and notes,

and your friends could be bugging you to join them for an outing of some sort. You may as well give in. **Lucky numbers: 08, 30, 81.**

### SAGITTARIUS:

**November 22 to December 21**

You are a person of many talents, and this week you are likely to discover yet another one. The delivery will make you feel like you've been given a toy for your sole enjoyment. But once you get things running, you need to share it with your relatives and friends. They will be very impressed with your abilities. **Lucky numbers: 02, 25, 67.**

### CAPRICORN:

**December 22 to January 20**

Don't be surprised if people surround you this week, each one anxious to confer with you. It seems that you are the authority on all topics. All the attention is flattering, but it makes it difficult to get any work done. Do what you can to help your relatives and friends. You want to spend a some quality time with your loved ones. **Lucky numbers: 19, 73, 95.**

### AQUARIUS:

**January 21 to February 19**

Don't let yourself be manipulated by needy friends. With this week's planetary energies, it is a good time to think about setting clear boundaries. You know which friends are there for you and lift you up and which ones tend to drain all your time and energy with the constant need for your immediate attention. Try saying no. You can't fix other people's lives for them anyway. Think about it. **Lucky numbers: 36, 54, 88.**

### PISCES:

**February 20 to March 21**

Dust off your dreams this week. Don't settle for second best in any area of your life. You may be confused regarding your real feelings for someone special when Venus opposes Neptune in Pisces on Wednesday. Consider taking the relationship down a notch temporarily. You may decide to redecorate your living quarters on Thursday. It is possible a retro look will catch your eye. Your intuition will be on target on Saturday. Listen to your sixth sense this weekend. **Lucky numbers: 14, 57, 79.**



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Loan No. 2060/OC-BL

Project No. BL-L1003

Contract/Bid No. IC-PS-008

The Ministry Of Tourism and Culture, and the Belize Tourism Board has received financing from the Inter American Development Bank (IDB) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments under the project Sustainable Tourism Program (STP) to the San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town Council for the contracting of the **Executive Director** (ED) for start-up operations of the Cayo Welcome Center Development.

The ED will be directly responsible to the Santa Elena and San Ignacio Town Council and will be housed within the Town Hall offices prior to the completion of the interior finishing of the Cayo Welcome Center at which time office space will be permanently based within the Cayo Welcome Center building. Duties will include but are not limited the daily administration of the Cayo Welcome Center Development including the overall management and oversight of financial accounts, sales and staffing, marketing and promotion, and maintenance in close coordination with the management board of the Santa Elena and San Ignacio Town Council. The ED will be directly involved in the start-up and operations of the CWC scheduled to open December 2012, and the ongoing planning for business development, growth and sustainability of the Cayo Welcome Center.

### Requirements:

The ED should have a minimum of a Bachelors Degree in Business, Tourism, Marketing, Communications or related discipline and at least 5 years experience at a management level in business, sales or tourism/services orientated firm. 10 years relevant experience may be considered in lieu of the Bachelors degree. ED must be fluent in spoken and written English, proficient in Microsoft Office. A thorough knowledge of the Belize Tourism Industry and strong familiarity with the Cayo tourism offering is favored.

Individuals will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: *Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank* (current edition) and is open to all eligible persons as defined in the policies.

Interested individuals may contact the STP at the address below to express interest in the consultancy and request the job description prior to submitting Curriculum Vitae (CVs). The job description for this consultancy can also be accessed on the STP website. [www.sustainabletourismbz.org](http://www.sustainabletourismbz.org). Deadline for receipt of expressions of interest and accompanying CV is noon **Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2012**.

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## ★ STAR HUMOR ★

### Mission Impossible

A stalwart party supporter in his twilight years is strolling along the beach in Hopkins when he came upon a corked bottle washed up on the beach.

The man picked up the bottle, pulled the cork and out popped a Genie.

*"Master, Master you have released me from my bondage in this bottle, ask any three wishes and I shall grant them to you."*

The marshall thinks for a moment and said, **"I would like the following three things to happen:**

### Overly Self-Conscious

A man with a wooden eye was sitting at the bar inside the Blue Angels Night Club.

He scans the bar and sees a very attractive woman sitting at the far corner of the bar to his right. She had but one flaw, a very large nose.

The man was very self concious

### The Happiest Day Of Your Life

**"Congratulations my boy!"** said the groom's father. **"I'm sure you'll look back and always remember today as the happiest day of your life."**

### Monkey Control

After the last two mishaps in outer space NASA decided to, this time, dispatch an experimental shuttle with two monkeys and an astronaut. They trained them for several months. Then when they were fully trained and ready, all three were placed in the shuttle and ready to be sent into space.

As the moment came closer NASA's mission control center announced, **"This is mission control to Monkey One. Initiate!"**

At that the first monkey started typing like mad and suddenly the shuttle's engines ignited and the shuttle

**#1. I want for the stigma of corruption to disappear from my Party.**

**#2. I want the Belizean people to forget that it was my party that created the superbond for which we have absolutely nothing to show and**

**#3. I want my party to achieve land slide victories in the upcoming village, municipal and general elections."**

The Genie thought about this for a moment and jumped back into the bottle.

about his wooden eye. Notwithstanding he garnered the nerve to ask her for a dance.

**"Would you like to dance with me?"** he asked.

She replied **"Would I!"**,

He sneered and told her, **"Go To hell, BIG NOSE!"**

**"But I'm not getting married until tomorrow Dad,"** protested the groom.

**"I know son,"** replied the father. **"That's exactly what I mean."**

took off.

Two hours later NASA's mission control center announced, **"This is mission control to Monkey Two. Initiate!"**

At that the second monkey started typing like mad and suddenly the shuttle separated from the empty fuel tanks.

Another two hours later mission control announced, **"This is mission control to the astronaut..."**

At this the astronaut responded **"I know, I know. Feed the monkeys and don't touch anything."**

## BTB Welcomes New Director Of Quality Assurance

**By: Jana Puga**  
**Local Press and Events Officer**  
**Belize Tourism Board**

**BELIZE CITY, Wednesday, September 18th, 2012:**

The Belize Tourism Board is pleased to announce the appointment of its new Director of Quality Assurance, **Armeid Thompson**.

*"We are honoured to welcome such an outstanding individual, Armeid Thompson, to our executive management team here at the Belize Tourism Board. We believe that her world-class experience will greatly contribute to the quality that the Belize Tourism Board aims to achieve,"* stated the Director of Tourism, Mrs. **Laura Esquivel-Frampton**.

Armeid began working at the Belize Tourism Board in March, 2011, where she served as the Executive Assistant to the Director of Tourism. She graduated top of her class with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia, United States. She has enjoyed travelling to many places such as Papaua New Guinea, Australia, the Eastern Caribbean, Nicaragua, Honduras, Mexico, and Guatemala.

When asked about her new position, Armeid commented, *"It's an exhilarating time for the industry, the Ministry of Tourism, BTB, and the Quality Assurance Department. We are moving back into the*



**Armeid Thompson**  
**New Director of Quality Assurance at B.T.B**

*limelight by developing and implementing core training mechanisms and standards with a focus on compliance. People will understand that we are a brand with emphasis on conscious and sustainable tourism. We want our guests to receive satisfaction from the brand we are selling."*

Armeid brings with her a wealth of knowledge on hospitality, sustainability, conservation and environmental awareness. Her recent certification as a PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer (MSDT), only adds to her expertise in her new post.

For more information on everything happening in the tourism marketing, please contact the Belize Tourism Board at phone number 227-2488, e-mail address btbb@btl.net, or go online at [www.travelbelize.org](http://www.travelbelize.org).

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PUBLIC AUCTION - PROPERTIES IN THE CAYO DISTRICT

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE, SCOTIA BANK, CERTIFIED AND LICENSED AUCTIONEER  
MIGUEL A. ELLIS WILL SELL THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES on

Saturday 20th October 2012 at 10:00 am at Scotia Bank, San Ignacio Branch

MEGA SALE!!! MEGA SALE!!! MEGA SALE!!! MEGA SALE!!! MEGA SALE!!!

No.	Description	Development	Pictures
18.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel numbers 251/1 & 252/1. Situated in the San Ignacio South Registration Section, Cayo District. Being the Leasehold property of <b>TOMAS &amp; MIRIAM SERRUT.</b>	Land measuring 557.650 sq. meters. each. Building measures 2500 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 2 full bathroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, laundry and family room, office area and porch area.	
19.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 47. Situated in the San Ignacio North Registration Section located on the corner of 3 <sup>rd</sup> street & Bella Vista Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>SAMIRA GUERRA.</b>	Land measuring 466.106 sq. meters. building measures 1500 sq. ft.- 2 bedrooms, 1 full bathroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, laundry room, covered garage & terrace.	
20.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 343, Situated in Benque Viejo Del Carmen. Being the free simple property of <b>CIRIACO &amp; MAUNEL CONTRERAS.</b>	1 storey wood frame structure; rustic shed type building; no partitions; presently used as a fast food shop.	
21.	All that parcel of land situated in Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District. Being the security fee simple property of <b>WILLIAM LOCKE.</b>	Land - 2 acres measuring 9,680 sq. yds.	
22.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 382. Situated in Benque Viejo Del Carmen in the Cayo District. Being the free simple property of <b>CIRIACO &amp; MANUEL CONTRERAS.</b>	Land measuring 544.50 sq. yds.	
23.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 307. Situated in Benque Viejo Del Carmen in the Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>CIRIACO &amp; MAUNEL CONTRERAS.</b>	The subject is a temporary rustic abandon zinc house box.	
24.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 414. Situated in Benque Viejo Del Carmen in the Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>CIRIACO &amp; MAUNEL CONTRERAS.</b>	Building measures 700 sq. ft.; 1 storey timber frame structure. 1 bathroom. Mix use.	
25.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 301. Situated in Benque Viejo Del Carmen in the Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>CIRIACO &amp; MAUNEL CONTRERAS.</b>	Bungalow type structure (50% concrete 50% timber) 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms complete with kitchen, dining room, living room and laundry room as well as porch areas.	
26.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 3181/ 1. Situated in Benque Viejo Del Carmen Registration Section in the Cayo District. Being the leasehold property of <b>RAUL SHISH.</b>	Land measuring 750 sq. yds. Building measuring 375 sq. ft. 1 storey bungalow type timber structure. No partitions.	


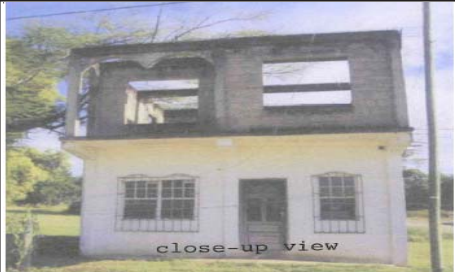


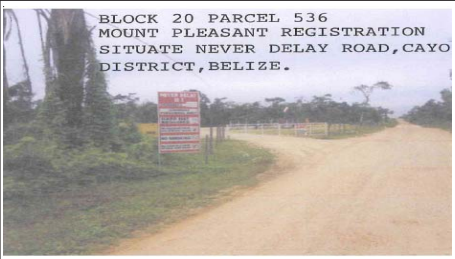

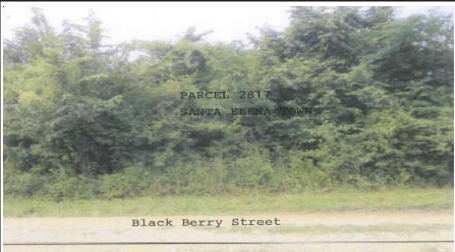


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27.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 354. Situated in Benque Viejo Del Carmen in the Cayo District. Being the free Simple property of <b>CIRIACO &amp; MAUNEL CONTRERAS</b> .	Bungalow type structure (50% concrete 50% timber) 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom.	
28.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 1246. Sitauted at No. 1246 Perez St. Santa Elena in the Cayo District. Bing the fee simple property of <b>ISMAEL SANSORES</b> .	Building is a 2 storey design ferro-concrete; ground floor consists of 1 bathroom; 2 bedrooms, kitchen, living room & dining room spaces. Upper floor is 70% completed.	
29.	All those pieces or parcels of land being Lots Nos. 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, & 65. Situated in the Arenal Area, Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>CIRIACO &amp; MANUEL CONTRERAS</b> .	Land measuring 6,456.42 sq. yds.	
30.	All that parcel of land situated in the vicinity of El Pilar Ruins Reserve, Cadena Creek Area, in the Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>GULAB LALCHAND</b> .	Land measuring 50.44 acres.	
31.	All that parcel of land being block 20, parcel 536. Sitauted in the Mount Pleasant Area of the Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>GULAB LALCHAND</b> .	Land measuring 26.43 acres.	
32.	All that parcel of land being block No. 2. Situated in the Duck Run Agricultural Area of the Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>GULAB LALCHAND</b> .	Land measuring 50.02 acres.	
33.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 2817. Situated in Santa Elena in the Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>GULAB LALCHAND</b> .	Land measuring 801.38 sq. meters	
34.	All that parcel of land being Lot #6. Situated in Benque Viejo Town Extension in the Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>ANA YACAB</b> .	Land measuring 443.60 sq. meters	
35.	All that parcel of land being block No.1. Situated in the Duck Run Agricultural Area of the Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>GULAB LALCHAND</b> .	Land measuring 50.02 acres	

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UNIVERSITY OF BELIZE

Message from the President – Tribute to Murdered Students

Colleagues, Students, Members of the Board of Trustees, and Alumni of the University of Belize Community,

It is with deep sadness and profound concern that I am challenged to make sense of the untimely deaths of our two very promising students, **Suzenne Martinez** of San Ignacio and **Norval Belisle, Jr.** of Belmopan, who were taken from us within recent days.

Our sympathies are with their parents and relatives as they seek, like we do, to ponder the senseless tragedies that have been inflicted upon our communities and the nation.

In recent years, the vulnerabilities of our youth have become increasingly evident in the violence that has become a marked feature of our lives.

Suzenne and Norval were shining lights, excellent students, and in the full blush of youth. However, they did not escape the dilemma that confronts us all – how to rebuild a sense of the beloved community within which we

could nurture ourselves and each other. We must recognize that the violence which took them from us is an expression of the social breakdown that must be overcome if we are to offer our youth a chance of leading lives that provides a sense of accomplishment and fulfilment.

As we mourn the loss of Suzenne and Norval and share the grief of their families and friends, we should call to mind the very moving tribute to love

and loss penned by the Guyanese poet, Martin Carter:

**MY HAND IN YOUR**  
*As in sleep, my hand in yours,  
yours in mine.  
Your voice in my hearing  
and memory, like the sound of  
stars as they shine, not content  
with light only.  
My fingertips walk on your face  
gently. They tiptoe as a dream  
does away from sleep into waking.  
In a tree somewhere a bird calls*

*out. And I wake up my hand still  
in yours, in the midst  
of the sounds of stars and a far  
bird.  
(Martin Carter, 1972)*

On behalf of the entire UB community, I extend our heartfelt sympathies to their families and friends as we all mourn the departure of two very promising souls.  
May they rest in peace.



Norval Belisle, Jr. of Belmopan



Suzenne Martinez of San Ignacio

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36.	All that parcel of land being block 24, parcel 262. Situated in the Society Hall, Teakettle Village in the Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>MICHAEL &amp; AURA WELCOME</b> .	Timber structure w/ a floor area of 832 sq. ft, 4 bedrooms, concrete ext houses bathroom, kitchen, dining room & living room spaces.	
37.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 1347. Situated in Benque Viejo Del Carmen in the Cayo District. Being the free simple property of <b>JOSEPH HOY</b> .	Land measuring 661.11 Sq. yds.	
38.	All that parcel of land being block 23, parcel 1348. Situated in Benque Viejo Del Carmen in the Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>JOSEPH HOY</b> .	Land measuring 666.67 sq. yds.	
39.	All that parcel of land being Lot No.1009. Situated at mile 8 1/2 Western Highway, Belize District. Being the fee simple property of <b>JOSEPH HOY</b> .	Land measuring 1395.82 sq. meters.	
40.	All that parcel of land being block 20, parcel 1474. Situated in the Belmopan Registration Section of the Cayo District. Being the fee simple property of <b>KIMBOLENE BURGESS</b> .	Land measuring 437.74 sq. yds. (366.006 sq. meters) Building: Interior measures 1225 sq. ft with 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, kitchen/ dining room & living area.	

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## 20th Annual World Mental Health Day Global Awareness Campaign To Highlight Need For More Attention To Depression, A Growing International Crisis

**CONTRIBUTED BY:  
Nurse Carol Tennison**

Depression is a very common mental disorder that can have severe consequences. However, it **CAN** be successfully treated. By 2020, depression will be the second leading cause of world disability (*wi-co. 2001*) and by 2030: it is expected to be the largest contributor to disease burden (*WHO. 2008*)

Depression is a significant contributor to the global burden of disease and has no ethnic, racial, geographic and/or socio-economic bias. There is a significant economic issue related to depression because of loss of the ability to perform normal activities. Depression, if untreated, can lead to danger to self and others, and, potentially, suicide.

It is important to differentiate between normal sadness and clinical depression. Everyone is sad at one time or another but true depression is a clinical issue. It is not the fault of the person experiencing depression and no one should be embarrassed or ashamed to have depression. It is not a sign of personal weakness. It is, however, extremely important to seek help. Without intervention, symptoms can last for weeks, months, or years. It is a disorder that prevents people from conducting normal lives, such as maintaining a job, attending school, and performing other normal functions. Individuals with depression appear to have a loss of interest in activities they would normally enjoy and other health issues may arise. They tend to have decreased energy,

problems sleeping and/or eating, and feelings of low self-esteem. Across the globe, depression imposes a significant economic burden, not just on individuals with the disorder, but also on their families, communities, employers, health care systems and general government budgets. There is also strong evidence from studies in a number of high-income countries that, if untreated, depression in childhood and youth can have profound longstanding social and economic consequences in adulthood.

The economic downturn that began in 2000 substantially increased the number of people experiencing depression around the world, as well as a decrease in mental health services due to budget cuts. In her Foreword to the **WHO** booklet Impact of

economic crises on mental health (*2011*) the **WHO** regional director for Europe, **Zsuzsanna Jakab**, notes that the present economic crisis has led to significant declines in economic activity, a rise in unemployment, depressed housing markets and increased number of people living in poverty. Severe cuts in public spending have resulted from this and many countries are facing an era of austerity in health and welfare services.

Individual family members and friends can be of enormous help to a person dealing with depression. This **WMHDay** packet includes a fact sheet advising individuals of ways one can help. There are also mental health organizations, family support groups, advocacy groups and individual mental health professionals standing ready to help those individuals in need. **WFMH** calls on the media to educate the general public on this important issue and the fact that treatment is available.

The World Federation for Mental Health (**WFMH**) established World Mental Health Day in 1992; it is the only annual global awareness campaign to focus attention on specific aspects of mental health and mental disorders. and is now commemorated in over 90 countries on October 10th through local, regional and national **World Mental Health Day** commemorative events and programs. Belize joins the world federation for Mental Health and the rest of the World in celebrating **World Mental Health Day** on the 10th of October.

The theme chosen for this the 20th year of celebration is **DEPRESSION**. We must enlighten our community that Depression is a global problem and our population has not been spared. The treatment and care is available here and services are offered in all our districts at hospitals and polyclinics. Treatment is free and the possibility of recovery is good. In the Cayo district, the Belmopan Hospital, The San Ignacio and Benque Viejo polyclinics all offer services.

## Will Chavez Get A 4th Term In Venezuela?

**CARACAS, Venezuela, Friday, October 5, 2012**

The two candidates in Venezuela's presidential election have addressed huge crowds on the final day of campaigning ahead of Sunday's vote.

**President Hugo Chavez** told tens of thousands of his supporters in Caracas that he needs a third term to consolidate social reforms.

Opposition candidate **Henrique Capriles** promises to boost economic growth and govern for all Venezuelans.

Nearly 19 million Venezuelans can vote in the tightly contested race.

President Chavez's supporters, dressed predominantly in red, filled the main avenues of the capital, Caracas, from the early hours of Friday.

*"Due to the circumstances I must be brief,"* he said as he began his speech under heavy rain.

Chavez, who has been in power since 1999, told them he needs another term to tackle poverty and inequality in the oil-rich South American country.

*"In all these years, we managed to save the country and have built the foundations for the future,"* he said.

*"In six years' time, we will be the first on health and education. In 10 years, there will be no more homeless in Venezuela,"* Chavez promised.

If he wins the vote and finishes his term, he will have been in power for 20 consecutive years.

Henrique Capriles Radonski, a 40-year-old lawyer and former governor of Miranda state, ended his campaign with a huge rally in the north-western city of Barquisimeto, in Lara state.

Capriles criticised the government's handling of the economy and



**Under heavy rain in Caracas, Chavez promised more reforms to help Venezuela's poorest**



**Opposition candidate Henrique Capriles**

promised to build schools, roads and create jobs.

*"Fourteen years is enough, 20 is too much,"* he said, adding that the government of Mr Chavez had run out of energy.

Earlier, the opposition candidate met voters in Cojedes and Apure states and said he would govern for all.

*"End the divisions, the confrontations and the fights,"* he said.

This seems to be the tightest presidential race in Venezuela in over a

decade, says the BBC's Sarah Grainger in Caracas.

The campaign has been fiercely contested, with strong language being used and accusations traded between the two camps.

Mr Chavez finished treatment for cancer less than six months ago and has reassured supporters that he is cured and fit to serve out his term.

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# Guatemalan Detained For Illegal Logging

BY: Friends for Conservation and Development (FCD)

TOLEDO DISTRICT, Monday, October 1, 2012:

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of September the Joint Forces personnel based at Tapir Camp, Chiquibul Forest intercepted and detained a 38 year old Guatemalan national, **Edgar Rene Amador Jenis** of the village of La Calzada Mopan, Dolores, Peten.

Jenis was detained after the patrol heard chainsaws operating in the

Caracol Archaeological Reserve. Sounds of several chainsaws were heard in the area during late night hours.

Reports and observations had been made earlier of this ongoing activity but it had been difficult to apprehend the illegal loggers.

Edgar was operating a New West 070 Stihl chainsaw together with another Guatemalan national.

Two male persons were caught in fraganti sawing a mahogany tree and

nearby were more than six flitches already sawed.

The two men ran into the jungle but only Edgar was captured at around 1:00 a.m. whilst the other who lives at La Rejoya escaped.

Two horses that belonged to them were also seized. The illegal logger was transported to the San Ignacio Police Station where processing started at 4:25 a.m. pending charges of illegal entry, illegal logging, drug possession and entry of an animal

without proper documentation.

The person detained reports that they had already cut two trees in the area when they were apprehended and that he is paid Q100 per day (Bz\$28.00) for helping cut trees.

The Guatemalan national was caught 7.5 kilometers inside Belize in the Caracol Reserve where the impact of illegal logging is worse. People damaging the forest on this part of the Chiquibul forest are primarily from the village of La Rejoya which is situated just a mere 400 meters from Belize’s western border.

# Land Feud Lands Landero Brothers In Jail

**From Front Page**  
**Elder Landero**, 38, Belizean laborer of Santa Familia Village undergoing emergency medical treatment for chop wounds to the head and both arms.

The investigation revealed that about an hour earlier the victim was accompanying his 80 year old grandfather, **Domingo Landero** to the family plot where the grandfather was intent on granting a piece of the family land to the victim’s nephews **Darlington** and **Enoch Landero**.

It is alleged that the brothers were not satisfied with the parcel of land assigned to them and in the process of venting their dissatisfaction an argument ensued. In the process of the exchange, the uncle was reportedly beaten with a piece of stick by the nephew Enoch who is alleged to also have hit his great grandfather in the back with the same stick.

The assault escalated to the point of the involvement of a machete and an axe which the nephews reportedly used to chop their uncle in the head and on both arms before fleeing the scene.

The injured uncle was rushed to the San Ignacio Community Hospital where the police met him. The injured man was later rushed to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City where the left arm was amputated. He is however listed in stable condition at the KMHM.

A team of policemen descended upon the village where the accused **Darlington Landero** and his younger brother **Enoch** were detained and transported to the police station in San Ignacio where they were jointly charged with attempt murder and maim.

The Landero brothers reportedly provided a cautioned statement the information of which led police on a

return visit to Santa Familia where a machete and an axe were retrieved and is being held as exhibits in the case.

**Darlington Landero** 35 and the brother **Enoch Landero**, 30, appeared in the San Ignacio Town courtroom of magistrate **Narda Morgan** on Tuesday, October 2 where the magistrate informed them that she will not entertain a plea since the case will be heard on indictment

## Machete Man Found Chopped To Death

**From Front Page**  
in the Orange Orchard.

The man, dressed in a blue polo shirt and a beige three quarter pants, was later identified as **Eddie Antonio Sanchez**, 35, Belizean caretaker of Liberty Farm. He was found face down in a pool of blood with a slashed throat and multiple chop wounds to the back of the head, across the face, chin and above the ankle of both feet. The scene was processed after which the body was transported to the San Ignacio Community Hospital where it was placed inside the morgue after being officially pronounced dead by the medical officer on duty.

Just a day prior to the discovery, **Eddie Sanchez**, said to be a machete man himself, on Thursday, September 27, appeared before Magistrate **Narda Morgan** in San Ignacio’s Magistrate Court on an aggravated assault charge after allegedly attacking a traffic officer with a machete as he was in the process of issuing a traffic ticket of a male person who was found carrying a passenger on a motorcycle while

being the holder of a mere learner’s permit. The male person turned out to be **Sanchez’** son.

The traffic officer reported that while he was talking to the offender, **Sanchez** charged at him on a horse with a raised machete. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and was offered bail in the sum of three thousand dollars and ordered to return to court on Monday, December 10, 2012. When his name is called on that day he will most definitely be a no show.

**Eddie Antonio Sanchez** was laid to rest inside the Carmen Memorial Cemetery in Santa Elena on Tuesday, October 2, after a 2:00 pm funeral service at the **Let God Speak Adventist Church** located on George Price Highway in Santa Elena. He is survived by his parents: **Ofelia** and **Juan Antonio Sanchez**; one son, **Eddie Hernandez**; two brothers, **Oscar** and **Jamie Sanchez**; four sisters, **Sonia**, **Brenda**, **Marleni**, and **Vilma Sanchez**, many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

May his soul rest in peace.

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