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SAN IGNACIO, Cayo, Tuesday,
September 4, 2012:

Three San Ignacio male persons were today remanded to the central prison in Hattieville as they stand accused of a mid evening bare faced robbery of a Chinese restaurant on Bullet Tree Road.

It was shortly after 3:00 pm on Friday, August 31, 2012, when a team of policemen, acting on information received, visited Sunlight Restaurant on Bullet Tree Road in San Ignacio. Upon arrival the proprietor of the restaurant, **Xiau Yu Luo**, 44, Chinese businesswoman of the same address, reported that her business place was robbed. She told the police that she was along with her daughter, **Xiao Xin**



Marvin Myvette, 27



Brian Williams, 18

hundred dollars cash in various denominations, and another five hundred dollars in Digicel and Smart prepaid telephone cards all to a total value of thirteen hundred and fifty dollars.

The customer, US national Leona Failler, was relieved of a thirty dollar brown wallet containing one hundred thirty dollars in various denominations, her driver's license, Permanent Residency card, BMO Master Card, Scotia Bank ATM card, Canadian Senior's card and other personal photos.

A team comprising Crimes Investigation Branch Personnel and

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**Gabourel
Remanded For
Robbery**

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Errol Gabourel Jr, 20



(L-R) Insp. Reymundo Reyes, Senior Supt. Chester Williams, Commissioner of Police, David Henderson, Chariman of BNECT, Daniel Guiterez



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Three Men Remanded For SUNLIGHT Robbery

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elements to the Police Special Patrol Unit conducted a search in the area when they came upon three persons fitting the description hiding in bushes in the nearby Oscar Sabido Layout area. They were identified as **Marvin Myvette**, 27, of 7th Street; **Brian Williams Jr.**, 18, of a 6th Street address and a 16 year old boy of a Dalia Street address, all Belizean laborers, residing in San Ignacio Town.

An on-the-spot search was conducted on the three detainees resulting in the discovery on Myvette of a fifty dollar bill, a five dollar bill and sixty five cents in coins.

The other detainee, Brian Williams, was found in possession also of a fifty dollar bill and a five dollar bill along with a ten and two five-dollar Digicel phone cards, four ten and a five-dollar Smart phone cards and a purple Nokia brand slide cellular telephone.

The minor was found in possession of two ten and two five-dollar Digicel phone cards along with five ten-dollar and a five-dollar Smart cards.

A search in the immediate area led to the discovery of a yellow bag containing five ten-dollar Smart cards, a brown wallet, a Scotia Bank card, an Atlantic Bank card, a Master card, a driver's license and a Permanent Residence card all in the name of Leona Failler along with a black Crossman brand air gun bearing serial number 123107869.

The trio was transported to the police station in San Ignacio where all identifiable items recovered were claimed by the complainants as being their property. The accused men were also positively identified by two of the victims in an identification parade conducted at the police station in San Ignacio.

Myvette, Williams and the boy were arrested and jointly charged with two counts of robbery committed upon Xia Yu Luo and Leona Failler.

They appeared in court on Tuesday, September 4, where they each entered not guilty pleas on both charges as individually read to them by senior magistrate **Linsbert Willis** who ordered for them to be remanded to prison until Monday, December 3, 2012.



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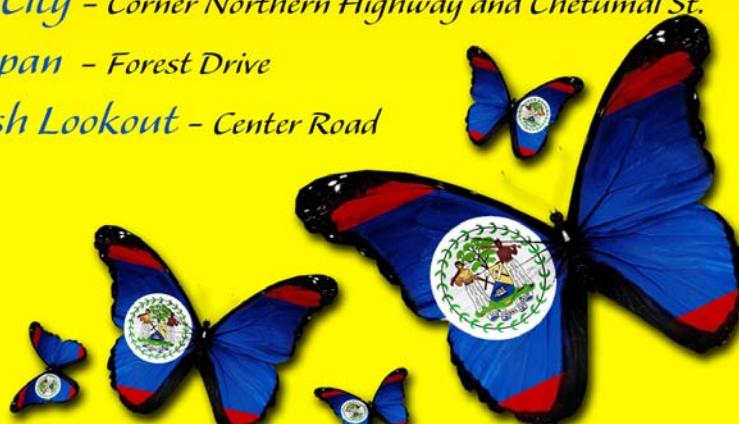


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Gabourel Remanded For Robbery & Grevious Harm

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SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo, Tuesday, September 4, 2012:

A Unitedville male villager was today remanded to the central prison on allegations of brutally attacking and robbing a 52 year old taxi driver whose early morning services he engaged for transportation to Esperanza village.

Police reports the receipt of a call from the San Ignacio Community Hospital at a quarter to three o'clock on the morning of Monday, August 27, 2012. A team of policemen headed by Sergeant #107 **Jaime Ferrufino** rushed to the emergency ward at the hospital where they encountered the victim being treated for injuries mostly to the head including a large cut wound to the back of the head, a smaller one to the top of the head, several cuts and visible bruises to the face, a swollen left eye and a cut wound to the lower lip.

The victim was identified as **Oscar Garcia**, 52, Belizean taxi driver of #7 Melhado Street in San Ignacio. Garcia told the police that at around one o'clock on the morning of Monday, August 27, 2012, he was at his regular taxi stand in front of Courts Store, in the center of San Ignacio, at the corner where Hudson Street and Bullet Tree Road meets, when he was approached by two male persons, one of dark complexion and the other of lighter complexion, requesting a ride to Esperanza Village.

The passengers boarded Garcia's Honda Civic car with San Ignacio/Santa Elena taxi license plates D-00293 for the ride to the intended destination.

Garcia told the police that as he slowed down to cross the first speed bump at the entrance of the village, he was struck on the back of the head

with a metal object which he later learned was the jack that was at the back of his car. He stopped the car as the two men attacked him. In the process they stole his yellow Alacatel brand cellular phone, valued at \$125.00 and all the money he had earned up to that point amounting to \$130.00. They exited the car and disappeared into the darkness.

Garcia was initially treated at the hospital in San Ignacio and was later transferred to the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital in Belize City for further treatment. The legally required medico form prepared by the police and certified by Dr. **Maria Gonsalves**, the medical officer on duty, classified the injuries as grievous harm.

Two days of intensive investigation resulted first in the detention, on Wednesday, August 29, 2012, of **Errol Gabourel Jr.**, 20, Belizean laborer from the village of Unitedville. Two days later, on Friday, August 31, Gabourel was charged for the serious crimes of robbery and grievous harm against Oscar Garcia.

The accused robber appeared before senior magistrate **Linsbert Willis** on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 where he pled not guilty to both charges read to him by magistrate Willis. On the basis of strong objection to the granting of bail presented by prosecutor **George Gomez**, the accused robber was remanded to jail with the next court date set for Thursday, September 27, 2012.

If the accused is unable to secure Supreme Court bail before the next court date he will miss out on the festivities as he spends, behind bars, the 214th anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye on September 10 and the 31st anniversary of the nation's Independence on September 21.

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BNECT Donates Household Items To San Ignacio Police

SAN IGNACIO TOWN; Cayo, Wednesday, September 5, 2012:

Investing in the nation's educational infrastructure and assisting in improving the social environment are two core undertakings of the Belize Natural Energy Charitable Trust, a successful partnership between the Government of Belize and the Belize Natural Energy Limited.

One way in which a contribution can be made in the effort to improve the social environment is by assisting those charged with the responsibility to make the community a safer place for us to live, work and recreate.

It is in this light that the Belize Natural Energy Charitable Trust today presented to Commissioner of Police, **David Henderson** thirteen pieces of household necessities to furnish the living quarters occupied by the Officer Commanding the Cayo (**Police**) District.

Although recently renovated, the quarters, a large four bedroom house, stood almost abandoned and unoccupied for many years as successive Commanding Officer withstood the hardships associated with working in the district.

At the very most, the living quarters, in the best of its days was fitted with a bed, a stove and a sofa set and



**Chairman of
Belize Natural Energy
Charitable Trust,
Daniel Gutierrez**

maybe a fan, it was an environment bordering on being unfit for occupation by an individual charged with the task of policing the largest geographical district in the country.

The thirteen new items donated today include a double bed, a double mattress, a butane stove, a 100 lbs cylinder butane tank, a refrigerator, a whirlpool washing machine, a 32 inch flat screen TV, an entertainment center, a glass top table, four padded chairs, a sofa set, a microwave oven

and a standing fan

In accepting and expressing appreciation for the donation, Police Commissioner **David Henderson** informed that the furnished living quarters for the Commanding Officer will go a long ways in providing for the comfort thereby enabling the officer to now reside in close proximity to the district head station. He informed that the items will now form a part of the official inventory of the Department and that all those Commanding Officers who will enjoy the use of the items will be advised to care for them as if the items were their own.

Also present for the handing over event were **Ms. Flores** and **Mrs. Ramirez**, Finance Officer and

Administrative Officer respectively in the Ministry of National Security representing the Minister and the Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of National Security.

The event was also attended by the Chairman of Belize Natural Energy Charitable Trust, **Daniel Gutierrez** who delivered the keynote address; General Manager of the Trust Ms. **Sharon Ramclam** who delivered the welcome address; **Alberto August**, Member of the Board of Trustees, who officiated the event, and Sr. Superintendent of Police, **Chester Williams**, who delivered the vote of thanks.

The items, procured at a cost of over \$6,400, were all purchased from stores in San Ignacio Town.



Invited Guests and Members of the Press Viewing The Donated Items

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By now we hope you have heard about "Harvest for Kids" an initiative of Belize Camping Experience, a non-governmental organization which is seeking to make a difference in the lives of Belizean children through summer camps and follow-up programs.

The 40 acres of corn planted and designated to BCE's "Harvest for Kids" project in San Carlos and Banana Bank is growing healthily. On Aug 18, 2012, Belize Camping Experience took 22 of the children from their programs in Belize City, to the field in San Carlos. On that day the children not only got to learn more about what it takes to farm corn, but participate by hand harvesting some select corn which they boiled up and enjoyed a meal with farmers of the area. The children were also able to take up to 8 heads of corn home to share with their families. While the corn may be good to eat already, this corn is being left to mature longer that it may be made into a product used for such



purposes as corn tortillas and chicken feed.

On the day of the Harvest you are invited to watch Harvest for Kids set a record, doing something that has never been done before

in Belize. They are expecting to have at least 10-15 combine machines harvesting 20 acres of land simultaneously. The harvest will take place some time in early October.

Money made from the harvest and

subsequent sale of the corn will go to subsidizing Belize Camping Experience's program in Belize City. BCE's programs include summer day camps, and follow-up programs in select elementary schools and children clubs around the city.

This past summer BCE was able to reach 1057 kids with their summer camp programs and they will now pursue follow-up with all of these kids during the school year.

Belize Camping Experience is asking for your help in subsidizing the costs of this Harvest Project. While the labor and machinery has been donated the rest of the expenses will take away from the profit going to the children, unless caring citizens partner with them through donations. If you are interested in making a donation please contact **Alexander Perez** at: 621-5541 or **Sashà Garnet** at: 622-9239. Any size of donation will be appreciated.

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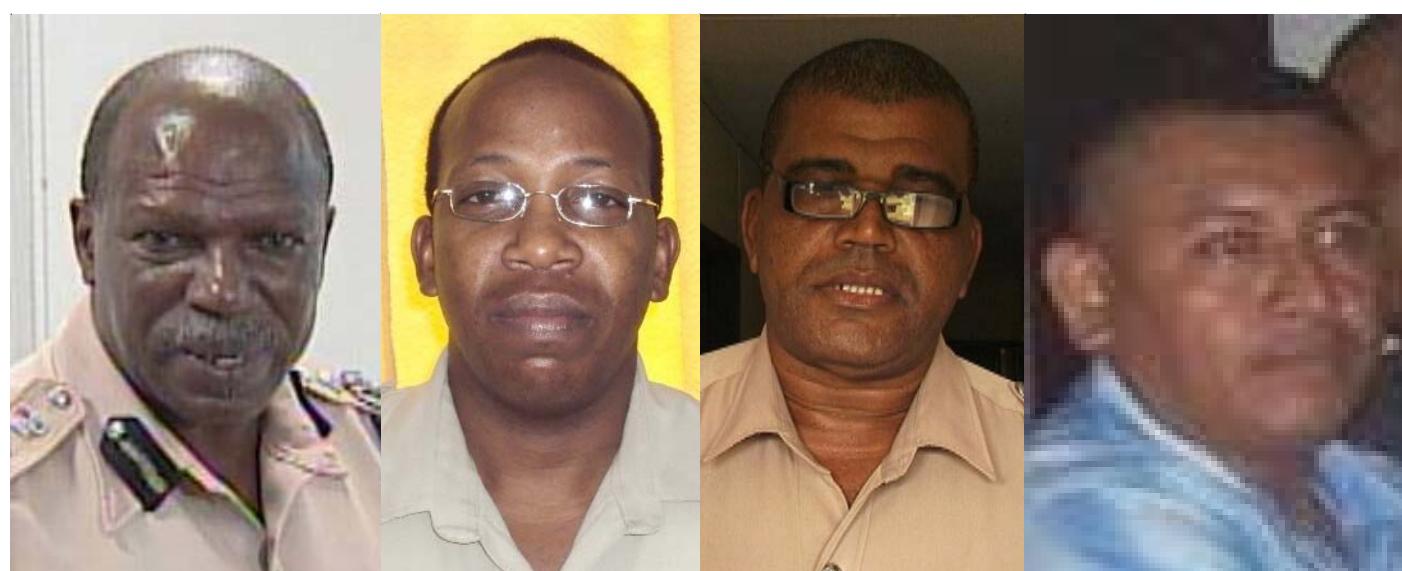


The Cayo (Police) District Is Without A Commanding Officer

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo,
Thursday, September 6, 2012:

Yesterday, Wednesday, September 5, marked the last working day for Senior Superintendent **Chester Williams** in the seat as the Officer Commanding the Cayo (Police) District. Mr. Williams will be taking a few days of rest and relaxation in preparation for his return to law school in Barbados.

Interestingly however, while it was known, since his arrival in May, that **Chester Williams** would relinquish the post during the first week of September, when the day arrived yesterday, the police high command, despite having over three months notice, did not have the required automatic replacement commanding officer in place to effect the transition. Police Commissioner **David Henderson** informed that while the matter of a replacement commanding officer is being worked out, the formation will be left in the charge of recently promoted inspector **Reymundo Reyes**. This in effect means that the Cayo (Police) District, headquartered at the San Ignacio police station with responsibility for Belmopan and Benque Sub-Formations, is currently without a commanding officer as Reyes, a recently promoted Inspector was elevated from the Non-Commission



**Commissioner Of Police
David Henderson**

Officers' rank of sergeant. He is a 7th grade police officer, and is the very bottom of the officers corps while the police stations in both Belmopan and Benque are under the command of 5th grade officers of the rank of Superintendent of Police.

The substantive rank of the Officer Commanding the Cayo (Police) District is that of a 4th grade officer of the rank of Sr. Superintendent of Police. Apart from **Chester Williams**, there are seven other Senior Superintendents (4th grade officers) in the department three of whom are already in district commands being Sr. Supt. **Miguel Guzman** currently serving as the

**Sr. Supt.
Chester Williams**

Deputy Commanding Officer at Eastern Division in Belize City; Sr. Supt. **Joseph Myvett**, OC Orange Walk and Sr. Supt. **Robert Mariano**, OC Stann Creek. The other two 4th grade officers are Sr. Supts **Louise Willis** and **Keith Lino** holding desks duties at Force Headquarters in Belmopan and **Dez Phillips** and **Marlon Allen** currently commanding Community Policing and Special Branch respectively.

There were indications that either Supts **Aaron Guzman** or **Ralph Moody** would have taken over command of the Cayo (Police) District, naturally of course, on promotion to the rank of Senior Superintendent.

While the high command continues to defer the posting of a replacement OC Cayo, the structure of the district command will continue to experience serious fracture especially as it pertains to the daily and emergency reporting process.

**Superintendent
Ralph Moody**

The Officers' Corps of the Police Department is structured in the following manner:

At 1st Grade: Commissioner of Police;

At 2nd Grade: Deputy Commissioner of Police;

At 3rd Grade: Assistant Commissioner of Police;

4th Grade: Senior Superintendent of Police;

5th Grade: Superintendent of Police;

6th Grade: Assistant Superintendent of Police and at the lowest level in the Officers' Corp at 7th Grade is the rank of Inspector of Police which is the rank to which **Reymundo Reyes** was recently promoted.

In the Non-Commission Officers' (NCO) bracket the structure extends as follows:

8th Grade: Sergeant of Police;

9th Grade: Corporal of Police;

10th Grade: Police Constable and

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The Government Must Educate Our People On The Guatemala Issue



BY: Wellington C. Ramos

My Dear Belizean Brothers and Sisters:

I agree with Mr. Maurice Avila that our Belizean Government should educate our people about the Guatemalan dispute before this matter is taken to the **International Court of Justice (I.C.J.)** in Hague Switzerland. According to the Minister of Foreign Affairs the Honorable **Wilfred Elrington**, this will begin early next year. Prior to the 21st of September 1981, Belize was a colony of Great Britain and as such it was the responsibility of the British Government to settle the dispute between Guatemala and Great Britain. Now that we are independent, it has become our major responsibility even though I believe this is unfair to our people and government because we did not create the problem.

The two political parties in Belize were divided on the issue of Guatemala and the **United Democratic Party (U.D.P.)** always accused the **People's United Party (PUP)** of being a Pro-Guatemalan Party. This was due to information revealed by the Leader of the **National Independence Party**

(N.I.P.) the Late **Philip Goldson** that the former Leader of the People's United Party the Late **George Cadle Price** was always collaborating with Guatemala to make Belize a Department of Guatemala with George Price as the Governor.

Due to this on-going feud, no time was spent in the schools to educate Belizeans as to why Belize belong to them even up to this day. As a Historian, I would like to see a School Curriculum be devised by Belizean Historians to teach our people from K through College and argue that Guatemala has no legitimate claim to our country due to the following reasons:

- 1-Prior to the Spanish arriving in the New World the native Mayas inhabited Belize as a sovereign nation.
- 2-Spain used unlawful and unjustifiable force to take over Belize and all

the territories in the Western Hemisphere, enslaved and slaughtered innocent children, women and people which is in violation of Human Rights and International Law.

3-The Treaty of Tordesillas signed by Spain and Portugal in 1493 and witnessed by the Catholic Pope Alexander the VI which justified Spanish possession of all territories in the Western Hemisphere with the exception of Brazil, was an Illegal Document and should be voided.

4-Spain and Guatemala have never administrated the country of Belize and Spain's claim is based on the Treaty of Tordesillas and Guatemala's claim is based on the fact that they being the head of the Captaincy General of the Granados Administration established by Spain at the time, should be given all rights to Belize even if Spain has no more interest in

Belize.

5-Well, if that is the case, then all the countries that broke away from Spain that form the Central American Republic with Guatemala in 1821 should be entitled to Belize. Mexico has already relinquished their claim to Belize and they were the first Viceroyalty of New Spain that was established by Spain which administrated Belize up to the Sibun River and Guatemala from there to the Sarstoona River.

6-In 1859, Guatemala signed a Treaty with Great Britain accepting Belize with the borders that Belize currently have which up to the Sarstoona River. They also acknowledged along with Mexico Belize's border to the north. Once those borders were accepted by Guatemala, Mexico and Great Britain, that cannot be changed.

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This week you should feel especially sexy and relationships with romantic partners should go well. Your passions are intense, the lines of communication are open, and appreciation of one another is running high. There might be talk of taking a long trip together in the future. Plan a cozy evening for two. You'll want to do a lot of talking and more. **Lucky numbers: 14, 37, 74.**

TAURUS:

April 21 to May 21

Money is probably on your mind now. A desire for increased financial security could force you to look for work or investments that would pay off big. Opportunities for one or both of these are likely to come through friends, perhaps someone with whom you've worked before. You are likely to accomplish what you want for now, but it's uncertain whether you will continue on this path in the future. **Lucky numbers: 10, 32, 69.**

GEMINI:

May 22 to June 21

Don't expect to spend a lot of time at home this week. You are more likely to be in the car and away from home. There may be errands and social obligations to fulfill. Try to pace yourself in whatever you do or else you might be exhausted by day's end. Take the time to stop and enjoy yourself. This will ensure a fun rather than tiring day. **Lucky numbers: 25, 41, 88.**

CANCER:

June 22 to July 23

Emotional turmoil on the job could stress you out way too much. Headaches or temporary hypertension could plague you if you aren't careful. Don't push too hard. Remember to take breaks, and go for

walk on your lunch hour. Don't be afraid to put off nonessential tasks. You'll be all right. Why make a day's work any more difficult than it needs to be? **Lucky numbers: 05, 53, 91.**

LEO:

July 24 to August 21

This should be a fortunate week for you. Everything you try to do should go fairly smoothly. Relations with others are warm, friendly, and congenial. Any chores or other pending work should be completed quickly and efficiently. If you've been planning to start a new project, this is the week to get going. Romance should be intense and passionate now, so make the most of it! **Lucky numbers: 30, 46, 63.**

VIRGO:

August 22 to September 21

A couple you have known for a long time could visit you at your home this week. Don't be surprised if they tell you how wonderful the place looks. Conversation should be lively and entertaining, though you should sidestep any discussion of controversial subjects. Debates on such matters could get rather heated. It might be wise to treat your guests to food rather than alcohol! **Lucky numbers: 12, 48, 67.**

LIBRA:

September 22 to October 23

This week you might spend a great deal of time in the car running errands in the neighborhood. You are likely to see people you know who have interesting news. New businesses may open nearby. Doctors, dentists, and other professionals could open new offices, making your daily routine more convenient. Some of them might

be your neighbors or relatives.

Lucky numbers: 19, 50, 71.

SCORPIO:

October 24 to November 21

Money that you've been earning for a long time may finally come your way this week, but don't be surprised if you have to do a lot of running around in order to get it. Plans for future moneymaking projects could come up, although it is important to consider everything carefully and not jump in too quickly. This is an excellent time to learn a new moneymaking skill. **Lucky numbers: 23, 59, 82.**

SAGITTARIUS:

November 22 to December 21

The special someone in your life may be having some trouble with colleagues. Don't just comfort him or her. It is unlikely that your sweetie wants sympathy. Solutions are needed. If you don't have any, just be a good listener. It is important for you to get out and exercise. If the weather is good, take a walk, if not, attend an exercise class, you will feel better. **Lucky numbers: 17, 35, 96.**

CAPRICORN:

December 22 to January 20

This week you are likely to be working hard behind the scenes, perhaps preparing a project for others to make public or coaching people for some kind of performance. You will expend a lot of energy in the course of completing this chore, yet you will probably feel it was all worth it. Don't expect to go home early. You will probably go above and beyond the call of duty. **Lucky numbers: 02, 39, 77.**

AQUARIUS:

January 21 to February 19

Friends could entice you to join them for a short day trip, perhaps to the beach. This is a great week to go on such an outing. You have probably been working hard and need to get away for a while. Don't be surprised if there's a delay, however. You or one of your friends could be waiting to meet with someone. **Lucky numbers: 42, 55, 90.**

PISCES:

February 20 to March 21

Emotions could be intense at work this week as important projects approach their deadlines. You may put in more time than usual. Tempers might flare and co-workers clash, so stay calm and keep going. On the positive side, the financial and recognition payoffs for whatever you accomplish this week should prove well worth the effort. **Lucky numbers: 22, 58, 93.**

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STAR HUMOR

Eating Grass

One afternoon, a man was riding in the back of his limousine when he noticed two men eating grass by the roadside. He ordered his driver to stop, and he got out to investigate.

"Why are you eating grass?" he asked one man.

"We don't have any money for food," the poor man replied.

"Oh, come along with me then," the man from the limousine said excitedly.

"But sir, I have a wife with two children!"

"Bring them along! And you, come with us too!" he said to the

Unconditional Love

A woman turns to her husband in bed and asks: "Do you only love me because my father died and left me a fortune?"

"That's crazy. Of course not," her husband says: "I'd love you no matter who left you the money."

Grandma Sue Wins Lotto

Grandma Sue buys a lotto ticket for two dollar. She wins the lotto and goes to the counter to claim her winnings.

The man behind the counter verifies Grandma Sue's ticket number and she says: "I want my \$20 million. Where is it?"

The man behind the counter replies: "No, ma'am. It doesn't work that way. We give you a million today

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The Youngest Son Takes The Rap

SAN IGNACIO TOWN, Cayo,
Wednesday, September 5, 2012:

The youngest member of a family on a gun and ammunition charge today took the rap and in the process securing the freedom of the father, the mother and an elder brother.

Acting upon information received a combined team of policemen from the Special Patrol Unit and Benque Viejo detachment, on Monday, September 3, visited the home of **Efrain Martinez**, located at 8 ½ miles on the road leading to the Chalillo hydro dam on the outskirts of Benque Viejo Town.

The team arrived at the house at around 5:30 pm where they met **Efrain Martinez Acosta Sr.**, 46, in the company of two sons, **Dennis Albert Martinez**, 23 and **Efrain Martinez Jr.**, 22 all Belizean Farmers and the wife, **Alba Luz Naj Martinez**, 47, Belizean housewife.

Responding to a question from the police, the eldest Martinez informed that he was the head of the household. He was informed of the conduct of a search for unlicensed firearm and ammunition. The police did not have to go far when they came upon two 16 gauge shotguns leaned against a wall inside the house. Upon being questioned the elder Martinez informed that he held a valid license



Efrain Martinez Jr., 22

for one of the shotguns and that he knew nothing about the other gun which he said was brought into the house by one of the boys.

While the father was able to present legal documents for one of the shotguns, none of them could produce any documents for the other gun. When they were checked, the legal gun was found empty while the other one was found to contain a live 16 gauge cartridge. A further search inside the house revealed nothing incriminating.

On the basis of the discovery all four occupants of the house

were detained and transported, along with the unlicensed gun and ammunition, to the police station in Benque Viejo Town.

Later that same Monday, September 3, 2012 all four detainees were arrested and formally charged for keeping an unlicensed firearm and for the possession of ammunition for which a gun license was not issued.

In the absence of a magistrate in Benque Viejo Town, all four accused members of the Martinez family were transported to San Ignacio on Wednesday, September 5, 2012

where they appeared in the courtroom of Sr. Magistrate, **Linsbert Willis** who read the joint double charge to them. In making individual pleas the father, the mother and the eldest son all pled not guilty to the two charges while the youngest son, **Efrain Martinez Jr.**, pled guilty to both charges and in the process taking the rap for the other three members of the family.

After confirming Martinez' agreement with the facts of the case as presented by police prosecutor Corporal #715 **Nafario Tzib**, magistrate Willis proceeded to sentence him to five consecutive years in jail for each of the two counts for a total of ten years in jail.



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The Goverment Must Educate Our People On The Guatemala Issue

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under any given circumstances.

7-To date the Guatemalan Governments continue to deprive, slaughter and violate the basic Human Rights of the indigenous Maya Indians of Guatemala who the Spanish found and did the same thing to them in the 1500's. These Maya people have been fleeing from Guatemala into Belize and Mexico to save their children, women and their lives. What would happen if the World Court was to grant Guatemala any Belizean territory? Just an acceptance of more Genocide to be committed against African Belizeans, Mestizos and indigenous Belizean Mayas.

8-As the Anthropologist continue to research Mayan History in Belize there is now evidence documented that there were several autonomous Maya Nations in the country of Belize. Long before the Spanish dreamt about coming to Belize and even before Spain itself was considered to be a Nation State.

9-I am a Belizean Citizen who will never accept this Guatemalan claim which has no merit whatsoever. My Grandmother Andelecia Petillo-

Sampson was born in Livingston (Labuga) Guatemala. As such, I am entitled to Guatemalan Citizenship but I am not interested in it. My Garifuna people have fled Honduras, Nicaragua and Guatemala to look for a better life for their children, grandchildren and future generations to come to Belize. In Belize as bad as it may be, democracy continues to prevail. There are some problems among the ethnic groups but so far they have not led to killings among the various ethnic groups.

10-For the future of our country Belize, we all need to come together as one people whether we are: Mayas, Creoles, Garifunas, East Indians, Chinese, Mennonite or any other ethnic group. The longer we remain divided and entertain these people from other neighboring countries who are still loyal to their birth nations because of shared ethnicity. We will never become a nationalistic people and the divisions will continue. Our Government must always put Belizean Citizens first because if we put them anywhere else Belizeans will begin to believe that their citizenship does not mean anything in our

beloved country Belize. For this to happen we need people in Government who will always champion equal distribution of our country's wealth and natural

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September 5, 2012

Mr. Alvan Haynes
The CEO
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Dear Sir,
For decades the residents of the Pickstock Apartments (off Pickstock Street and Lovely Lane) have been able to access water from a stand pipe which was installed during the administration of our first Prime Minister the Rt. Honourable George Price.

This stand pipe provides an essential service to many poor families in the neighbourhood.

And while it is true that from time to time the stand pipe would be vandalized and water wasted, the Office of the Fort George Area Representative has always worked along with the families in the apartments to fix the problem and get the children to understand that water is precious to life and healthy living. Having a stand pipe to provide water in a poor neighbourhood is not unique to the Pickstock Apartments. There are and have been for many years several stand pipes serving the disadvantaged areas of Belize especially on the South Side of Belize City.

Last Friday, B.W.S.L. took the arbitrary and misguided action to cut off the water supply from the stand pipe in the Pickstock Apartments. This heartless decision with no regard for the serious terrible consequences to the health and welfare of the people in the area should immediately be reversed. As the Area Representative for these citizens, I am calling B.W.S.L. to act immediately to restore the supply of water at the stand pipe in the Pickstock Apartments.

Sincerely

SAID W. MUSA
Area Representative Fort George

cc: Mr. Alberto August, Chairman B.W.S.L., Belize City

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Dear Sir:

SUBJECT: Standpipe for Pickstock Apartments

Thank you for your letter of September 6, 2012 requesting restoration of the standpipe to provide potable water to residents of the Pickstock Apartments. You also provided an excellent history of this standpipe, which, with your permission, we would like to add to our archives and possibly, our website.

For clarity, the standpipe was temporarily removed at the request of the Ministry of Finance to facilitate repairs to damages which were causing leaks and excessively high bills. As you are probably aware, BWS employees, after having to design and construct a sturdy replacement, worked after hours yesterday evening to ensure that the standpipe was reinstalled.

BWS is well aware of the essential nature of water and its importance to the welfare of our customers. We apologize to those inconvenienced by the temporary disruption of the service.

In accordance with the general truth about never missing the water until the well runs dry, BWS kindly requests and appreciates your assistance in sensitizing those benefiting from the service of the importance of avoiding wastage and the safeguarding of the infrastructure used to bring this essential commodity to them.

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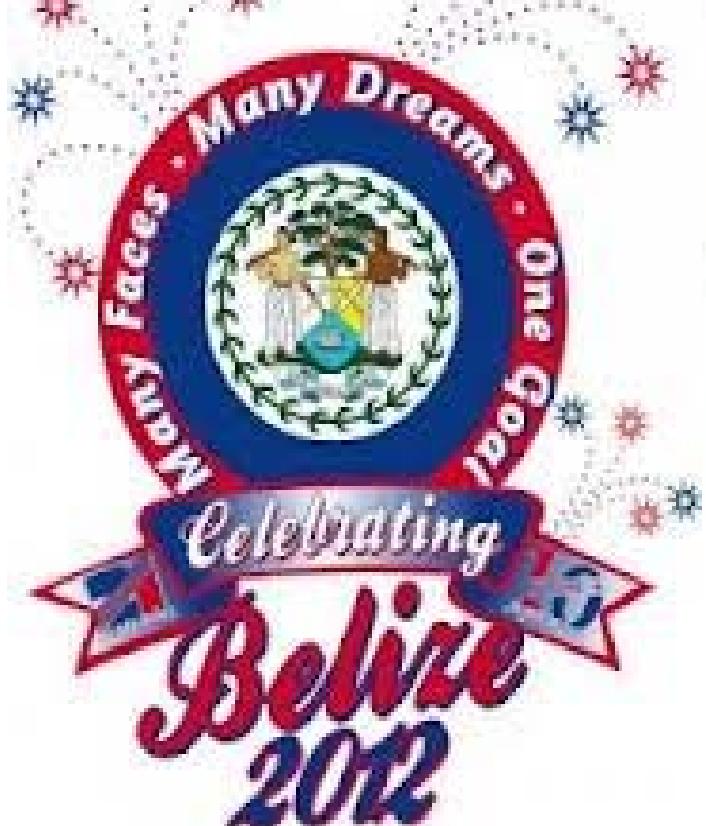
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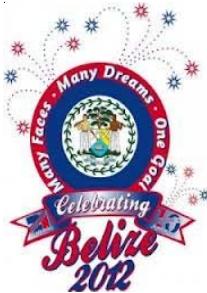
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