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## First Murder In Benque In Over Two Years

**BENQUE VIEJO TOWN, Cayo, Wednesday, August 07, 2013:**

Three days after his brutal death, relatives of **Pedro Antonio Vasquez** are today making final funeral preparations to lay his body to rest in Benque Viejo Town.

An arrest is yet to be made as Benque Viejo police say that they are following several leads in what they say is the first murder in the jurisdiction in over two years.

The call of the presence a dead body in the municipality was received by Benque Viejo police at around

5:00 am on Sunday, August 4, 2013. Police rushed to the scene where they came upon the still bleeding motionless body, still with a pulse, of a male Hispanic person face downwards in a pool of blood adjacent to the gas station on Churchill Street.

The man was rushed to the community hospital in San Ignacio where, on arrival, he was officially pronounced dead by the doctor on duty.

Police reports that the deceased, later identified by a relative as Pedro



**Pedro Antonio Vasquez, 51**

Antonio Vasquez, was observed with several injuries to the left and right side of the forehead consistent blows inflicted with a blunt object. He was also found with a large stab wound to the face.

A post mortem examination conducted on Monday, August 5, 2013, certified the cause of death as brain hemorrhage and suffocation as a result of the flow of blood into the air passage.

Police further reports that the deceased was also the victim of a beating several months ago and that the accused is still before the court. Police say however that the investigation has not been able to make a connection between both incidents.

The family is yet to obtain an official death certificate as they are grappling to come up with documentary identity of the dease despite him having been positively identified by a relative for the purposes of the post mortem examination.

As the investigation continues Benque Viejo police is seeking the assistance of the public in solving the murder of Pedro Antonio Vasquez.

## Luke Espat – From PUP Financier To PUP Candidate

He first busted on the scene in the 90's as a PUP contractor. Among his first engagement s was the building of houses on the outskirts of Belize City on the Northern Highway. Today over two decades later at least one of the several houses he built, leaning on its side, remains as a permanent testimony of a man who was destined to fail in every venture thereafter. It is like everything he touched thereafter turned to mud.

It was in the wake of the leaning Belize City houses that he inherited the name Lucas Eilene. His name at birth is actually Luke Espat. This is the man who this week announced that he is running for the dying opposition PUP in Cayo Central, a constituency to which he is as alien as the Russians landing on our shores, a constituency to which he has



**Luke Espat**

absolutely not a single connection.

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The Toledo Alliance for Progress (TAP) is a grass roots Toledo-based organization, duly registered in January 2013. It comprises of members from the National Kriol Council, National Garifuna Council, East Indian Council and the business community. TAP advocates for the support of developmental activities and programs that assist communities in creating employment, self-reliance and improvement in the quality of lives in the Toledo District.

1. Statistics have shown that Toledo is the poorest district in Belize
2. The government's stringent budget since the 1960's can scarcely cope with the district's call for better education, health & welfare as well as much needed employment and infrastructure.
3. Under these severe constraints the government has a new God given avenue (*oil exploration*) to increase its general revenue.
4. Toledo Alliance for Progress (TAP) supports oil drilling in the Toledo District.
5. TAP calls on Toledo's institutions,

civil society, Kriol, Garifuna and East Indian Councils, Mestizos and Maya organizations, along with the business community to dialogue with government on the eventual oil exploration success for a fair share of the percentage of the profits accrued by oil companies to be earmarked specifically for Toledo's development.

6. TAP calls on the government to regulate oil exploration with mandatory obligations for oil companies to employ modern safeguards to mitigate damages to our flora and fauna, agriculture, water sources, marine and coasts due to potential oil spillage.

7. The present call for an injunction by the courts to stop oil drilling in Toledo will close the avenue now open for government to accrue desperately needed revenues for the development of Toledo and the whole of Belize.

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## Luke Espot - From PUP Financier To PUP Candidate


From Front Page

of Cayo's six constituencies is the monument of Espot's abject failure in Cayo. The approach of the sunken Iguana Creek Bridge stands at the intersection of Cayo Central, Cayo South and Cayo North East. Espot's announced candidacy in Cayo Central will no doubt weaken the opposition in Cayo North East and Cayo South the latter of which his cousin Julius Espot is already smelling the rat and therefore indicating to Luke to back off as he is bad news for the opposition.

On the verge, if not in bankruptcy, this character, in announcing his candidacy is telling the Belizean

people that he is proud of the Renaissance Towers and his involvement with the Port of Belize Limited and all his other failed business ventures.

We all know the saying which tells us that "Easy Comes, Easy Goes" It came easy for Luke Espot under the PUP and it went easy for Luke Espot in like manner as the PUP went. This man came from plenty under the PUP and now has nothing. On the verge of bankruptcy, if not already bankrupted, this character is seeking to dead raise with the downgrade from PUP financier to PUP candidate. The broke Luke Espot will now be seeking a



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godfather to finance his bid in Cayo Central. If anything he should be ashamed of the demotion.

There is hardly anyone who would even consider financing this arrogant character in anything and so we suspect that he will squeeze the little money he has to seek a position to multiply his finances. Our message to the good people of Cayo Central is to: Take his money and vote against him. In any event the money with which he is coming to you is your money, so take it and ask this scoundrel for even more and when election time comes around, kick him in the butt to the high heavens and in doing so you will be sending a message that Cayo Central is not for sale as it is said that he is coming to buy out Cayo Central for himself.

This political vulture is seeking to capitalize on the narrow margin in Cayo Central in the last General Election and so without the blessing of the leadership of the PUP he forces himself forward. He pushes Collet Montejo aside and installs himself as the PUP King in Cayo Central. There

are indications that his Party Leader, and at least one of his many Deputy Party Leader's and several other members of his party are opposed to this character, a reminder of the corrupt PUP past, to be presenting himself as a candidate of the party at a time when the party is at its lowest.

So after Luke Espot, which other corrupt indigenous PUP will emerge? Can we look forward to the reemergence of **Ralph Fonseca, Glenn Godfrey, Jose Coye, David Fonseca, Daniel Silva, Sam Waight, Maxwell Samuels** and the like?

**"COURAGE DOESN'T ALWAYS ROAR. SOMETIMES COURAGE IS THE QUIET VOICE AT THE END OF THE DAY SAYING, 'I WILL TRY AGAIN TOMORROW.'"**

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## Venezuela Top Court Rejects Capriles' Election Appeal

Venezuela's highest court has rejected an appeal by opposition leader **Henrique Capriles** against April's contested presidential election result.

The Supreme Court of Justice described the appeal as **"inadmissible"**.

After the ruling Mr Capriles tweeted that there was a **"lack of justice"** in Venezuela.

**Nicolas Maduro**, **Hugo Chavez's** handpicked successor, won the election by less than 1.5 percentage points - about 200,000 votes.

The opposition alleged that the vote had been marred by fraud.

In June the Venezuelan National Electoral Commission (CNE) confirmed President Maduro's victory in an audit on millions of votes, but Mr Capriles denounced the audit as **"a fake"**.

In her ruling on Wednesday, Justice **Gladys Gutierrez** said the opposition had not not offered



**"sufficient proof"** to back up their allegations.

The 10-point appeal had been lodged by Mr Capriles, the opposition coalition and several citizens.

On Tuesday, Mr Capriles criticised the court's delay in making a ruling and said that he would take the case to **"international bodies"**.

April's election was called after the death of President Chavez on 5 March following a long battle against cancer.

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## Twenty-six Belizean Youth Attend Conference in El Salvador to Learn to Contribute to Their Community

Youths from six communities in Belize travelled to El Salvador over this past weekend (2 - 5 August) to attend a Bahá'í Youth Conference. They returned Monday night full of excitement to execute the plans they made for themselves to serve their communities of Corozal, Belmopan, Belize City, San Pedro, San Ignacio, and Dangriga.

This Conference was attended by 660 youth ages 15 to 30 from Belize, Cuba, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and El Salvador. It was one of 114 similar Regional Conferences being held from July through October around the globe on all continents and many island groups. The purpose of these gatherings is "to summon today's youth" of all faiths and backgrounds "to put the needs of others before their own" in order "to aid the spiritual and social development of those around them, especially ones younger than themselves". The Universal House of Justice, which is the international governing body of the Bahá'í Faith, called for the Conferences.

Some of the participants raised travel money with bake sales, clothing sales, car washes, the making and



selling of prayer wall plaques, and doing odd jobs.

The invitation went out to all like-minded youth, not just Bahá'í, but to any young person who wants to contribute to a better world. This is a call for youth to go beyond their own shortcomings to work for the transformation of society so that "the

light of justice may shed its radiance upon the whole world."

Among the topics discussed are the unique characteristics that distinguish the period of youth, the importance of fostering an environment of encouragement, and the contribution youth can make for the betterment of society. They spent three days in intensive study, making plans they will carry out in their home neighbourhoods, and also performed on-stage and made many new friends. Many of these youth are already engaged in offering acts of service in their own neighbourhoods and villages, including activities to help children and 'pre-youth'.

Here are some comments from participants: Many of them expressed how inspired they were, mentioning how motivating it was to be close to so many energetic youth with so much capacity. "It was an eye-opener to learn of the services being rendered by so many youth to their communities" as well as "all the possibilities for service" that are possible. "It was great to be with others who have the same goals". "Great learning experience, it was way beyond expectations, it was awesome to see other youths participating in the well-being of their community." Several of them learnt to overcome shyness and stage fright, and loved the interesting group work. One said he learned the importance of true friendship, and others loved the new experiences such as performing. Most of them expressed the desire to begin their own programmes in their own communities, and were grateful that it built their confidence to do so. One participant commented: "We are the mirrors the junior youth look into, looking for examples of how to

act; we have to channel our energies properly so that they will do the same, or better."

Here is part of a song written by

Tricia Stokes, currently living in San Pedro, which the Belizean group performed:

We are the future of the world  
The time is here Dare to get out there  
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O! Brethren! The time is here  
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We want you all to know 'bout our future teaching goals  
Oh my world singing from Belize. The time is here,  
dare to get out there. Walk the straight way  
Ensenaresaprender  
Y aprenderestrabajar  
As we work we serve  
We work to serve God  
Service is Love And love goes on, and on and on and on and on all in for Unity,  
O God Guide We! O God guide me!

The Universal House of Justice says, "To every generation of young believers comes an opportunity to make a contribution to the fortunes of humanity, unique to their time of life. For the present generation, the moment has come to reflect, to commit, to steel themselves for a life of service from which blessing will flow in abundance."

To contact the Bahá'í community about joining this community building effort, please contact 632-5477 or visit [www.facebook.com/belizeBahais](http://www.facebook.com/belizeBahais)

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## Readers Write



Dear Editor:

I carefully read Scott Stirm’s insulting reply to my letter appearing in your Sunday, July 21, 2013 edition.

Stirm attempts to insult me personally by saying that I am a homosexual. I am, and I have no more of an apology for that than I do for being right-handed, bald, or having blue eyes. He attempts to insult me by stating that I am married to a man. I was, indeed, legally married to **Thomas J. Brady**, M.D. five years ago, after having made a life together for the prior 33 years. Our marriage is legal under the laws of California and the United States Government. I have no apology for my married status. It offers us the legal protections, health care rights, tax benefits, financial obligations to one another, and the protection of our estate that traditionally married couples have without asking for it. We have no issue with our marriage not being recognized by various churches, synagogues, and mosques (although it is by some); ours is a civil marriage, not holy matrimony governed by the church. And Stirm attempts to insult me and my home town of San Francisco (the city where the United Nations got its start) by calling it the “**epitome of debauchery**” and ascribing to me excitement

over a fringe festival I never attend.

I have offered Pastor Stirm several opportunities to get to know me as a person through dialogue and correspondence, but he refused any communication with me other than that which would convert me to his cause because he only has “*the time for someone who is asking questions and wanting to change.*” He would prefer to hold onto his straw man image of me in favor of the person I am. While I have been subjected to much worse treatment in my own country, such treatment occurred in the 1970s when the Dominionist agenda was first being pushed in the U.S., the same agenda Pastor Stirm is, using in his word, “*weaseling*” into Belizean society. Fortunately, U.S. citizens of all faiths soon saw both the mendacity and the danger of that movement, and it has been losing adherents consistently since that time. That U.S. failure is why this hidden agenda is now being sold overseas in places like the Caribbean, Africa, and Latin America.

The danger here is not directly from **Scott Stirm**, who I believe is quite sincere in his beliefs of what is right and necessary for Belize. The danger lurks in the Dominionist agenda that informs his beliefs and

actions.

Dominionism, also known as “**Seven Mountains**” or “**Seven Pillars**” theology, or Christian Reconstructionism, seeks to establish control and domination by a particular fundamentalist Christianity over seven broad areas of society: (1) media, (2) arts and entertainment, (3) business, (4) education, (5) government, (6) family life, and (7) religion in all the nations. It is not that Pastor Stirm seeks to lead people to a Christian path that is dangerous; it is that he sees his particular path as the only way of being a “**true**” Christian. I have found that when one person or one group thinks that they possess the only truth in the world, danger and violence too often follow. Think of **Jim Jones** in Guyana, **David Koresh** in Stirm’s Waco Texas, **Fred Phelps** and his Westboro Baptist Church, or even the Spanish Inquisition. People get hurt in these environments. People get killed.

But even that picture is not what gives me fear for Belize. Back in the 1970s in San Francisco (and at the beginnings of the Dominionist movement in the U.S.) the situation was similar to that today in Belize. The LGBT community were openly advocating for justice and equality before the law, and the anti-homosexual religious community openly resisted with the exact same slanders and libels currently used by Scott

Stirm and the other Belize Action leaders: they’re after our kids, they will ruin the country, they can’t reproduce so must recruit, they are the camel’s nose under the tent of moral decay, they are sick deviants, and so on and so on. The city was divided into warring camps of for and against.

Then something terrible happened. **Dan White**, who was a county supervisor, resigned his office, decrying the moral and cultural decline of his city. One day, in a fit of anger and with a loaded revolver in his pocket, he crawled through an open window in city hall to avoid the metal detector. He proceeded up to the office of Mayor **George Moscone**, and emptied the gun into Moscone’s head and chest. Then he reloaded his gun and walked into the office of Supervisor **Harvey Milk**, the first gay public official in San Francisco, and proceeded to assassinate him as well. With a “**friendly**” prosecution by the district attorney, White was convicted of voluntary manslaughter rather than premeditated first degree murder and sentenced to a seven year prison term. The day that sentence was announced was followed by a night of rioting.

The first was by a hurt and outraged LGBT community, who stormed city hall screaming “*he got away with*

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Stop your pondering over something and do it, Aries. This is a day to be spontaneous and adventurous. Although this may feel a bit foreign and against your usual grounded nature, it would be a good idea to take this time to do something on a whim and see where it takes you. Don't be afraid of the unknown. The future is an exciting concept because it's unknown. Embrace it. **Lucky numbers: 10, 21, 76.**

### TAURUS:

#### April 21 to May 21

This may be a climactic day for you, Taurus, especially when it comes to your emotions. You could find that people try to wield some sort of power over you. Maybe they are trying to throw their weight around to get you to do something. Don't be manipulated. Stand up for yourself and be strong. **Lucky numbers: 06, 39, 83.**

### GEMINI:

#### May 22 to June 21

Instead of turning all your burning questions inward today, Gemini, you might want to consider broadcasting them outward. Engage in discussions and extend your queries to the group. You may usually try to solve all the world's problems on your own, but once in a while you should stop and consider other points of view in order to enrich your perspective. **Lucky numbers: 35, 68, 90.**

### CANCER:

#### June 22 to July 23

There's a great wind under your wings today, Cancer, and you may find the day's energy quite transform-

ing. You now have the opportunity to make great strides in whatever you wish to accomplish. It may be time for you to make an important change in your current attitude. Embrace differences in perspective and opinion. Varied opinions can help you understand a situation. **Lucky numbers: 22, 78, 97.**

### LEO:

#### July 24 to August 21

Try not to weigh everything down. Don't pick things apart to the point that all that's left are the tiny details of the situation, Leo. Deal with it as a whole. Mental and emotional issues are apt to be of greater concern to you. You shouldn't try to dissect them. That will only create more issues than you started with. **Lucky numbers: 03, 47, 80.**

### VIRGO:

#### August 22 to September 21

As you work to keep things in balance today, Virgo, remember that one of the key things is to have fun. Happiness is an extremely important element of the cosmic equation, especially on a day like this. The more upbeat you can be regarding a certain situation, the easier it will be to tackle it. A smile can get you through just about any door you wish to enter. **Lucky numbers: 16, 49, 93.**

### LIBRA:

#### September 22 to October 23

Don't get too emotional about a situation today, Libra. You could feel a sinking feeling, but if you go that route you may end up in a pit of emotional quicksand that's hard to

escape. Make sure you have a friend to talk to so you're prepared for whatever you might encounter on your emotional journey. **Lucky numbers: 37, 61, 74.**

### SCORPIO:

#### October 24 to November 21

This is a terrific day for you, Scorpio. You should easily feel its power coming together in an upbeat, positive way. Others are apt to fall into place by your side as they realize the wisdom in your way of doing things. Remain confident and positive. Your adventuresome spirit is ready, so push away from the dock. **Lucky numbers: 12, 41, 58.**

### SAGITTARIUS:

#### November 22 to December 21

Your normal steady pace usually wins the race, Sagittarius, but today you might need to take some shortcuts. Jump on opportunities that seem to come out of nowhere, but don't feel like you need to commit to anything now. Take your chances and see where luck takes you. There's an adventurous spirit in the air urging you to take an unexpected gamble. **Lucky numbers: 18, 51, 95.**

### CAPRICORN:

#### December 22 to January 20

Don't deny your emotions today, Capricorn. They will be of great use to you. There's an intensity about your feelings that's helping you stay strong in just about every situation. Opportunities lie within groups of people.

Shared enthusiasm for a task makes the job go more quickly. Join others in the pursuit of prosperity. **Lucky numbers: 19, 25, 55.**

### AQUARIUS:

#### January 21 to February 19

Indecisiveness may plague you today, Aquarius. Be careful that you don't avoid doing something simply because you don't know which way to go. To cure your restlessness, you should think about going on a short trip. Travel will most certainly help alleviate any worries about a certain situation. The answer you seek will come more easily. **Lucky numbers: 17, 70, 99.**

### PISCES:

#### February 20 to March 21

Take things to the limit today, Pisces, and then go beyond. This is one of those days in which people may go to extremes, especially emotionally. You have the right to push the boundaries and see how far you can go. There's no need to delay. If you're going to do something, do it now. There's an intense surge of power that should be there to help you along your way. **Lucky numbers: 27, 43, 85.**

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# The Situation In Trinidad Could Lead To Change In Electing Prime Minister



**Wellington C. Ramos**  
Columnist

Most of the countries that were former British colonies have a government that is similar to the one in Great Britain. In this type of government the Prime Minister is the Head of State and they have a Bicameral Legislative Body. The Prime Minister is the Leader of his or her political party who is elected to serve in the House of Parliament to represent his or her constituency. The Leader of the party that wins his or her seat and the majority of seats in the House of Parliament, automatically becomes the Prime Minister of the country. However, if the Leader of the party loses his or her seat, then he or she cannot serve as the Prime Minister of the country. The elected members of the party can then choose from among themselves their leader to become the Prime Minister.

In Great Britain the Queen or King acts as the Titular Head of State and as such he or she swears in the newly elected Prime Minister. In most of the other former British colonies that role is being performed by the Governor General of the country who represents the Queen or King of England.

Trinidad and Guyana are the only two former British colonies in the Caribbean and Latin America that declared themselves Republics. They both have a President but the functions of that office is different in

both countries. In Trinidad the President duties is similar to that of a Governor General in all the other Caribbean countries but in Guyana the President is the Head of State and is elected by all the people through a direct vote.

In most countries Party Leaders are elected through party conventions except in the United States where they have no Party Leaders and the President is elected through a series of State Primary elections and then nominated at a Party Convention by Delegates from their political party. The candidate that gets the most Delegate votes at the Convention becomes the nominee of the party to run for President. The Leader of a party is the chief spokesperson for their political party and he or she remains as the leader until he or she resigns or is removed from the party leadership due to some vote or wrongdoing.

The advantage of having a Party Leader is that there is a person ready to become Prime Minister to represent a political party at anytime. Why? Because in most of these countries Constitution, there is a "Vote Of No Confidence Clause". If any elected member of Parliament comes to the conclusion that the person who holds the office of Prime Minister is not serving in the best interest of the country, he or she can table a Vote of No Confidence Resolution before the House of Representatives or Parliament against the Prime Minister. This is something that can occur in Trinidad today. In fact I am almost certain that there are members of the Trinidadian Parliament who are contemplating on doing that now. They are just waiting to see who else is going to leave or asking themselves; Where do I stand with all this chaos and confusion that I am involved in now?

Having a Direct Vote to elect a Prime Minister or a President has its advantages and disadvantages. The advantage is that anybody will be able to run and the best person who wins becomes the country's Prime Minister or President. Another advantage is that if the candidate comes from an ethnic group that makes up the majority of the population, he or she increases his or her chances of becoming Prime Minister or President. The disadvantage is that the person who wins the Prime Minister or President might not have the support of the members of the House of Representatives and Parliament. This could have happened in the United States when **Ross Perot** ran for President as a member of the newly formed Reform Party against **Bill Clinton** and **George Bush Sr.** in 1992.

Political Scientists are divided on which one of these two model of selecting a Prime Minister and President works better. In Guyana, most of the people are East Indians and they will have a difficult time electing a Black President unless the East Indians like him or her. The racial tension between these two groups remain tense up to this day

and they do not trust each other which makes it difficult for racial healing. The Presidency of **Forbes Burnham** remains in the minds of the older East Indians and until that generation die out things will change. Trinidad have more East Indians than Blacks but the political relationship between the two ethnic groups is not that bad.

In Belize where I am from we have a Black Prime Minister by the name of **Dean Barrow** for the first time in our country's history serving his second term despite the fact that we have more people of Mestizo origin. If Belize was to amend its Constitution to have a Direct Vote for the office of Prime Minister, I do not think we would have a Black Prime Minister. When this Prime Minister leaves office, there will be many who will contest for the leadership of the party and with money playing a major role in Belize's politics today, I cannot predict the outcome of the new scenario. The two main political parties must now begin to ask what the Belizean people think of them both. People are becoming impatient with them and are beginning to look for an alternative party. Luckily for the two major political parties in Belize, the VIP and the PNP have not organized themselves nationally to be looked upon as a real alternative to pose a threat to PUP and UDP yet.



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After two years of working to build resilience in (14) communities in Belize, Community Emergency Response Teams (also known as CERTs), have completed all 14

modules of training in community disaster response. At a ceremony to be held at the Bacab Eco-Park, Burrell Boom, on Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., these successfully trained community members will be certified. These teams will then be officially introduced to NEMO and CEMO as first responders to strengthen the national response and recovery teams within their communities, before, during and after an event.

These 106 Belize District trainees are community members from San Pedro Ambergris Caye, Caye Caulker, the Jane Usher Boulevard, Belama Phase 3 & 4, Lords Bank, Hattieville, Western Paradise and Ladyville.

Similarly as part of this project some 44 persons from the Stann Creek District had been certified earlier in this project.

Project Manager, Mr. **Fred Hunter** and Community Field Officer, Mrs. **Jesse Young**, at the Belize Red Cross were main facilitators of the








training. Members of the Fire Department, the Police, NEMO, the Ministry of Health and the Cayo Emergency Response Team also served as facilitators.

The Belize Red Cross is very pleased to invite a member of your news team to attend the certificate ceremony. Your presence and participation will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there. Please feel free to contact **Lily Bowman** or **Fred Hunter** at 227-3617 or 227-3319 for any further information.

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*bloodshot and bugging out, and I had this corpse-like look on my face! What's WRONG with me, Doctor!?"*

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#4. My kids learned 'Computer

### A Religious Man And An Atheist

A very religious man lived right next door to an atheist. While the religious one prayed day in, day out, and was constantly on his knees in communion with his Lord, the atheist never even looked twice at a church.

However, the atheist's life was good, he had a well-paying job and a beautiful wife, and his children were healthy and good-natured, whereas the pious man's job was strenuous and his wages were low, his wife was getting fatter every day and his kids wouldn't give him the time of the day.

So one day, deep in prayer as usual, he raised his eyes towards heaven and asked:

*"Oh God, I honour you every day, I ask your advice for every problem and confess to you my every sin. Yet my neighbour, who doesn't even believe in you and certainly never prays, seems blessed with every happiness, while I go poor and suffer many an indignity. Why is this?"*

And a great voice was heard from above: "BECAUSE HE DOESN'T BOTHER ME ALL THE TIME!"

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#7. There is 'Microsoft Office' what about 'Microsoft Home' because I

## "Inspirational Corner"

**Contributed by: Juanita Bradley**  
Chap. 1 - Source and Aim of True Education

Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. There is need of a broader scope, a higher aim. True education means more than the pursual of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come. {Ed 13.1}

The source of such an education is brought to view in these words of Holy Writ, pointing to the Infinite One: In Him "are hid all the treasures of wisdom." Colossians 2:3. "He hath counsel and understanding." Job 12:13. {Ed 13.2}

The world has had its great teachers, men of giant intellect and extensive research, men whose utterances have stimulated thought and opened to view vast fields of knowledge; and these men have been honored as guides and benefactors of their race; but there is One who stands higher than they. We can trace the line of the world's teachers as far back as human records extend; but the

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Light was before them. As the moon and the stars of our solar system shine by the reflected light of the sun, so, as far as their teaching is true, do the world's great thinkers reflect the rays of the Sun of Righteousness. Every gleam of thought, every flash of the intellect, is from the Light of the world. {Ed 13.3}

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mighty Intelligence that is working in and through all. The mind of man is brought into communion with the mind of God, the finite with the Infinite. The effect of such communion on body and mind and soul is beyond estimate. {Ed 14.2}

In this communion is found the highest education. It is God's own method of development. "Acquaint now thyself with Him" (Job 22:21), is His message to mankind. The method outlined in these words was the method followed in the education of the father of our race. When in the glory of sinless manhood Adam stood in holy Eden, it was thus that God instructed him. {Ed 14.3}

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# "Inspirational Corner"

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In order to understand what is comprehended in the work of education, we need to consider both the nature of man and the purpose of God in creating him. We need to consider also the change in man's condition through

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the coming in of a knowledge of evil, and God's plan for still fulfilling His glorious purpose in the education of the human race. {Ed 14.4}

When Adam came from the Creator's hand, he bore, in his physical, mental, and spiritual nature, a likeness to his Maker. "God created man in His own image" (Genesis 1:27), and it was His purpose that the longer man lived the more fully he should reveal this image--the more fully reflect the glory of the Creator. All his faculties were capable of development; their capacity and vigor were continually to increase. Vast was the scope offered for their exercise, glorious the field opened to their research. The mysteries of the visible universe--the "wondrous works of Him which is perfect in knowledge" (Job 37:16)--invited man's study. Face-to-face, heart-to-heart communion with his Maker was his high privilege. Had he remained loyal to God, all this would have been his forever. Throughout eternal ages he would have continued to gain new treasures of knowledge, to discover fresh springs of happiness, and to obtain clearer and yet clearer conceptions of the wisdom, the power, and the love of God. More and more fully would he have fulfilled the object of his creation, more and more fully have reflected the Creator's glory. {Ed 15.1}

But by disobedience this was forfeited. Through sin the divine likeness was marred, and well-nigh obliterated. Man's physical powers were weakened, his mental capacity was lessened, his spiritual vision dimmed. He had become subject to death. Yet the race was not left without hope. By infinite love and mercy the plan of salvation had been devised, and a life of probation was granted. To restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back

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to the perfection in which he was

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created, to promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized--this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life. {Ed 15.2}

Love, the basis of creation and of redemption, is the basis of true education. This is made plain in the law that God has given as the guide of life. The first and great commandment is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind." Luke 10:27. To love

Him, the infinite, the omniscient One, with the whole strength, and mind, and heart, means the highest development of every power. It means that in the whole being--the body, the mind, as well as the soul--the image of God is to be restored. {Ed 16.1} TO BE CONTINUED IN NEXT EDITION.



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# Mayan Sculpture Discovered In Guatemalan Pyramid

Archaeologists working in a Mayan pyramid in Guatemala have discovered an "extraordinary" stucco sculpture depicting gods and Mayan leaders.

The frieze, which is eight metres long and two metres wide (26ft by six feet), shows three figures decorated with quetzal feathers and jade sitting atop the head of a mountain spirit.

It was found at the pre-Columbian archaeological site of Holmul.

Site director Francisco Estrada-Belli called it a once-in-a-lifetime find.

## Snake Lords v Tikal

The frieze was found below a 20m-high (65ft) pyramid which was built over it in the 8th Century.

"The preservation is wonderful because it was very carefully packed with dirt before they started building over it," Mr Estrada-Belli said.

The sculpture is believed to depict the crowning of a new Mayan leader in about AD590.

It also bears an inscription made up of 30 glyphs, which was deciphered by Harvard University expert Alex Tokovinine.

The inscription says that the carving was commissioned by the ruler of a nearby city-state, Ajwosaj ChanK'inich.

The archaeologists say the frieze and its inscription shed light on a classical period of Maya rule in which two rival kingdoms, Tikal and the Snake Lords, fought for control of the



The figures are richly decorated with quetzal feathers and jade

region.

Mr Tokovinine says the inscription suggests that Ajwosaj, who was a vassal of the Snake Lords, came to the site to re-establish the local

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Holmul, which had supported the Tikal kingdom, had switched sides.



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murder" while breaking every ground floor window the building, overturning and burning several police cars, and attacking the police with rocks and bottles. The second was later that night when several hundred police marched on the gay neighborhood in a phalanx with their billy clubs at the ready. They surrounded the two blocks of the neighborhood so that no one could get away, and started beating people over the head. Several people were seriously injured. Then they broke all the shop windows and went into one gay bar and restaurant and tore it to pieces.

That was the turning point. All of the various communities of San Francisco—LGBT, people of faith, Asian, African-American, Hispanic, non-believers—seemed to ask themselves, "Is this the kind of community, of city, of society that we want to live in, that we want for ourselves and our children?"

And all residents started to leave their particular ideological corners and talk to one another and ask how we could find a way to accommodate all

the citizens of San Francisco, not just those we agree with.

I fear for Belize because I see it heading in the same direction I saw in San Francisco. I fear that people will not wake up to the real danger, not of LGBT and their mythical agenda, but of tragedy and violence fomented by people who think they know the only right way for other people to live.

It took the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King to awaken American to the danger of vile injustice of Jim Crow laws in the south. It took the bombing of Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church and the death of four little black girls to awaken Alabama to the danger of the injustice of a completely segregated society. And it took the assassination of Moscone and Milk and the subsequent riots to change us in San Francisco. What will it take for the citizens of Belize, who have a long and well established tradition of "live and let live," to wake up to the danger of the discord and strife used by Dominionists like Scott Stirm to advance their control over how all Belizeans must believe and live? - Asa DeMatteo -

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# Malaria vaccine shows early promise in clinical trials

**By Rebecca Morelle**  
Science reporter, BBC World Service

A malaria vaccine has shown promising results in early stage clinical trials, according to researchers.

Researchers found the vaccine, which is being developed in the US, protected 12 out of 15 patients from the disease, when given in high doses.

The method is unusual because it involves injecting live but weakened malaria-causing parasites directly into patients to trigger immunity.

The research is published in the journal Science.

Lead author Dr Robert Seder, from the Vaccine Research Center at the National Institutes of Health, in Maryland, said: *"We were excited and thrilled by the result, but it is important that we repeat it, extend it and do it in larger numbers."*

## Many bites

It has been known for several decades that exposure to mosquitoes treated with radiation can protect against malaria.

However, studies have shown that

it takes more than 1,000 bites from the insects over time to build up a high level of immunity, making it an impractical method of widespread protection.

Instead, a US biotech company called Sanaria has taken lab-grown mosquitoes, irradiated them and then extracted the malaria-causing parasite (Plasmodium falciparum), all under sterile conditions.

These living but weakened parasites are then counted and placed in vials, where they can then be injected directly into a patient's bloodstream. This vaccine candidate is called PfSPZ.

To carry out the Phase-1 clinical trial, the researchers looked at a group of 57 volunteers, none of whom had had malaria before.

Of these, 40 received different doses of the vaccine, while 17 did not. They were then all exposed to the malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

The researchers found that for the participants not given any vaccine, and those given low doses, almost all became infected with malaria.

However for the small group given the highest dosage, only three of the

15 patients became infected after exposure to malaria.

Dr Robert Seder said: *"Based on the history, we knew dose was important because you needed 1,000 mosquito bites to get protection - this validates that."*

*"It allows us in future studies to increase the dose and alter the schedule of the vaccine to further optimise it. The next critical questions will be whether the vaccine is durable over a long period of time and can the vaccine protect against other strains of malaria."*

He added that the fact that the vaccine had to be injected into the bloodstream rather than into or under the skin made delivery more difficult.

Commenting on the research, Dr Ashley Birkett, from the Path Malaria Vaccine Initiative, said: *"They are clearly very early stage trials in small numbers of volunteers, but without question we are extremely encouraged by the results."*

He added that most current vaccine candidates targeted parts of the P.

falciparum parasite rather than the whole organism.

*"This approach induces a broad response against a lot of different targets on the parasite,"* he said.

There are currently about 20 malaria vaccine candidates in clinical trials.

The most advanced is called RTS,S/AS01, which has been developed by the pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline, and is in a Phase-3 clinical trial involving 15,000 children in Africa.

According to the latest figures from the World Health Organization, there were an estimated 219 million cases of malaria in 2010 and an estimated 660,000 deaths.

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# Colombia coca area down by 25% - ZNN

The area of land planted with coca - the raw ingredient for cocaine - in Colombia has fallen by 25%, a UN report has said.

The land under coca cultivation is now about a third of that in 2001, says the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

While coca areas fell nationwide, they rose in three provinces plagued by rebels and drug gangs.

Colombia is one the world's top three cocaine producers and has made the war on drugs one of its main priorities.

### Prevention v eradication

The annual report by the UN's Integrated Illicit Crops Monitoring System says that the land planted with coca bushes has dropped from 64,000 hectares in 2011 to 48,000 hectares in 2012, the lowest figure since monitoring started in Colombia more than a decade ago.

The report confirms preliminary figures quoted to the BBC by the Colombian Defence Minister in June.

Analysts say the fall in coca production suggests illegal groups which have so far financed themselves through drug trafficking may increasingly be moving into illegal gold and emerald mining, both of which have been increasing in Colombia.

The groups take advantage of the



Narino, in the south, continues to have the highest density of coca plants

fact that, unlike coca or cocaine, gold and emeralds are legal to transport and sell.

### Mine field

But the head of Colombia's counter-narcotics police, Gen **Luis Alberto Perez**, told the BBC that the UN figures showed that their strategy to focus on the worst-affected areas had worked.

He said that even though the police had eradicated less coca than in previous years, the force had increased its presence in those regions where most of the coca was grown, preventing people from planting coca bushes in the first place.

He also praised the government's social programmes, which aim to

convince farmers to switch from growing coca to legal crops.

The UNODC report, which uses satellite imagery to map areas planted with coca, says that there was an increase in coca plantations in three provinces: Norte de Santander, Choco and Caqueta.

According to Gen Perez, police activity in these three provinces was hampered by left-wing Farc rebels and drug gangs.

The general says an increased use of landmines by these groups means that eradication workers cannot pull out the plants by hand without the risk of stepping on a mine.

The border regions have the highest density of coca plants, with the

southern town of Tumaco again topping the list.

Gen Perez says a ban on aerial eradication - using planes to spray herbicides on coca plants - in a 10km-wide (6-mile wide) strip next to the border has made this area a magnet for drug growers.

Colombia agreed to the exclusion zone after Ecuador brought a complaint against its neighbour at the International Court of Justice in 2008 saying its territory was being poisoned by the spraying.

According to UN figures released earlier this week, coca growing also decreased in Bolivia.

The UNODC said coca cultivation had dropped by 7% between 2011 and 2012 to 25,300 hectares.

Bolivia is, along with Colombia and Peru, among the world's top three producers of cocaine.

The figures for Peru are expected to be released over the next weeks.

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## Hon John Saldivar Donates to El Shaddai Seventh Day Adventist Primary School



(L-R) Minister of National Security and Area Representative for Belmopan Hon. John Saldivar, Valentine Diego, Hector Sabido & Rodney Neal

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## Honduras Drug Gang Shootout Leaves 17 Dead

Seventeen people have been killed in a clash between rival drug gangs in Honduras, chief prosecutor **Roberto Ramirez** has said.

The shootout happened in La Mosquitia, a remote region on Honduras' Atlantic coast.

The area is the main transit route for cocaine being transported from South America to the United States.

Honduras has the highest homicide rate in the world, much of it blamed on gang violence and drug traffickers.

Mr Ramirez said that one of those killed was a gang leader from neighbouring Nicaragua - **Victor Centeno**, known as "**El Muco**".

Earlier, Honduran Deputy Defence Minister **Carlos Funez** said the body

of the drug lord had been taken across the border by members of his gang.

Navy and army personnel have been despatched to the area to investigate the incident.

Mr Funez attributed the clash to a "**turf war**" between rival criminal organisations.

Nicaraguan and Honduran gangs

with the Reconstruction Development Corporation (**RECONDEV**), has donated \$3,000 to El Shaddai Seventh Day Adventist Primary School in Belmopan to assist in purchasing computers for the School.

Hon. Saldivar presented the cheque of \$3,000 this afternoon to Vice Principal **Valentine Diego** at the School's campus on Macal Street in Belmopan City. Accompanying the Minister was Chairman of RECONDEV **Rodney Neal** and the Corporation's General Manager **Hector Sabido**.

Miss Diego said the donation will go a long way in assisting the school to equip its computer lab for the students. Hon. Saldivar said he is happy to make the donation, as the most rewarding investment we can make as a nation is in the Education of our children and young people.

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have been fighting for control of the sparsely populated Gracias a Dios province, from where they launch speedboats smuggling cocaine to the United States.

Local authorities said women and children could be among the victims.

More than 3,000 people have been killed in Honduras in the first six months of 2013, according to government figures.

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to a wealth of evidence.

"A *cocoa-based treatment would likely be very popular, but it's too soon to draw any conclusions about its effects.*

"One drawback of this study is the lack of a control group for comparison, and we can't tell whether the results would have been different if the participants drank no cocoa at all."

But he added: "*Poor vascular health is a known risk factor for dementia, and understanding more about the links between vascular problems and declining brain health could help the search for new treatments and preventions.*"

## Cocoa 'might prevent memory decline'

Drinking cocoa every day may help older people keep their brains healthy, research suggests.

A study of 60 elderly people with no dementia found two cups of cocoa a day improved blood flow to the brain in those who had problems to start with.

Those participants whose blood flow improved also did better on memory tests at the end of the study, the journal *Neurology* reported.

Experts said more research was needed before conclusions could be drawn.

It is not the first time cocoa has been linked with vascular health and researchers believe that this is in part due to it being rich in flavanols, which are thought to have an important role.

In the latest study, researchers asked 60 people with an average age of 73 to drink two cups of cocoa a day - one group given high-flavanol cocoa and another a low-flavanol cocoa - and consume no other chocolate.

### Blood flow

Ultrasound tests at the start of the study showed 17 of them had impaired blood flow to the brain.



There was no difference between those who drank flavanol-rich cocoa and those who had flavanol-poor cocoa.

But whichever drink they were given, 88% of those with impaired blood flow at the start of the study saw improvements in blood flow and some cognitive tests, compared with 37% of people whose blood flow was normal at the beginning of the study.

MRI scans in 24 participants found that people with impaired blood flow were also more likely to have tiny areas of brain damage.

"We're learning more about blood flow in the brain and its effect on thinking skills," said study author **Dr Farzaneh Sorond** a neurologist at Harvard Medical School.

"As different areas of the brain

*need more energy to complete their tasks, they also need greater blood flow. This relationship, called neurovascular coupling, may play an important role in diseases such as Alzheimer's."*

The researchers said the lack of difference between the flavanol-rich and flavanol-poor cocoa could be because another component of the drink was having an effect or because only small amounts were needed.

Dr Simon Ridley, head of research at Alzheimer's Research UK, said this was a small study but that it added

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