

A sea of red, stormed Orange Walk Town on Sunday and flooded the streets of the “Sugar Capital of Belize”. The Prime Minister Divisional Tour touch-down in the Orange Walk Central Constituency and was greeted by the most massive show of support ever seen on this first leg of the P.M. Tour. At the entrance of the



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P.M. Speech Sunday, 5th. Feb.



Orange Walk Central Constituency hundreds of supporters gathered and waited patiently, braving the hot sun to greet the Prime Minister of Belize and the only Leader of the United Democratic Party in it's history who will lead the U.D.P to serve back-to-back or successive terms as the Government of Belize.

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The United Democratic Party's Orange Walk Town Board Slate for the upcoming Town Board Elections is certainly dynamic and



destined to be the most innovative and progressive Town Board Team ever in the history of Town Boards in Orange Walk.



The team is headed by Mayoral Candidate Ivan Lieva who is currently an employee of Santiago Castillo Group of Companies and is

pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration at Galen University. Ivan Lieva is humble, honest and

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# Editorial



## A Huge Vulture Waits!

### Lake Independence



**Hon. Cordel Hyde**

Within a span of two weeks three General Elections Candidates for the Opposition Peoples United Party (P.U.P) has either stepped down or flat out resigned from the party. The P.U.P was forced into emergency mode, scrambling within to find replacement candidates just weeks before the major elections.

With only twenty-nine days left before the People of Belize cast their votes to decide which political party will govern the affairs of the country for the next five years, the resignations of two of the most popular candidates for the Opposition has sounded the death-bell for the Peoples United Party in a definitive way.

While in the case of Anthony Mahler who was the first to step down, no one expected him to win against the well oiled political machinery of Santiago "Santi" Castillo Jr., Hon Cordel Hyde and Hon. Mark Espat were considered difficult to defeat by even the most rabid, fanatical United Democratic Party Supporter.

The departure of Mark and Cordel from the Peoples United Party signal the end of any attempt for change in that party. Cordel Hyde's parting words were that, "People around the table will know that I agitated mightily inside for the party at its every turn to do what I

thought was right for the people and country of Belize. It is no secret: I lost many of those battles. My absences were often times my desperate but sincere attempts at getting the party to see the error of its ways, to return to its social justice roots."

The Peoples United Party lost the last General Elections miserably. Since then the party has relied on failed attempts to distract attention to the burdensome Super Bond. This Super Bond is a creature of their own creation spawned out of the very mismanagement and entrenched rape of the public purse and coupled with the then open politically sanctioned corruption within their administration.

The present leader of the P.U.P has not convinced even his own colleagues in the hierarchy of his party that he will not continue the hustling and rape which occurred when he was an integral part of the past P.U.P Government. On the matter of campaign financing every man, woman and child in

### Albert



**Hon. Mark Espat**

this country simply believes that Ashcroft owns the P.U.P. Why? Because The Peoples United Party just recently viciously fought the U.D.P Government of Belize, tooth and nail simply to keep B.T.L, a now Public Utility, under the control of Mr. Ashcroft.

This said Mr. Ashcroft is the person that Mark Espat questioned his relationships at the time with the now former disgraced P.U.P Government and referred to that relationship as being one of "the puppet master and the puppet". Hence Mark Espat present resignation and divorce from the Peoples United Party.

Belizeans it is not enough to just remove the P.U.P from governing. We did that in the last General and Municipal Elections. The time has come for us to once and for all send this bogus imitation of a political organization into extinction.

Hubert Elrington, justifiable referred to the P.U.P as being "not a political party, but a criminal organization

### Caribbean Shores



**Anthony Mahler**

involved in politics". The thwarted image of what appears to be the P.U.P is the fully owned and controlled employees of a master, that huge vulture that is perched on the top of Queen Street's Independence Hall waiting patiently to see if we the People of Belize would fall asleep so he can pluck out our very eyes and have his way with our carcasses!!!  
**For those who still have eyes let them see!**

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# THOUGHTS ACROSS THE MILES



**Dr. Errol Elrington**

**T**he most important civic duty of a citizen is to vote. I always remind individuals that to properly meet that responsibility one must do a little more than 'just vote', one must vote wisely!

Indeed, if there is any time that a person is supposed to be selfish, it is at election time. I vote for me - in the sense that my choice is for the candidate that will work hardest on the issues that I consider important. Democracy hopes that when the majority votes for 'good', citizens and country benefit!

There is a right way, a wrong way and a Belizean way. Recall that for a total of about fifty years, the vast majority of Belizeans have had an unexplained love affair with the PUP. An exceedingly unhealthy messianic love with the mere human, George Price. Predictably, that misplaced human worship, brought great distress to Belize and Belizeans.

It was Ralph that said: "The mess that the country is in is because of the PUP".

I tell you this without being untruthful - all of us alive today will go to our graves and some of the PUP created mess will suffer because of the evil of the PUP.

To be a good citizen one must use his memory to help him to do the right thing. I do NOT remember the past for memory's sake; instead I try to avoid mistakes, errors and bad decisions. Knowing something of the past helps me to stay away from trouble and danger.

Humans are borned with some special gifts: we sometimes have an instinctive fear of danger; e.g. snakes! In politics there are some people that we need to keep OUT of government. Real bad apples.

I respectfully submit to ALL Belizeans that the PUP, Fonseca, Briceno, Marin, Musa, Carolyn...have showed us the worst:

- Stale, unworkable ideas.
- Arrogant attitude.
- No positive imagination.
- Oppressing the People.
- Private ownership of the People's assets.
- No accountability.
- Runaway corruption.
- Economic stagnation.
- Sky high taxes.
- Citizen dissatisfaction.
- Anti-government demonstrations.
- Brought Belize to crisis.
- Crime explosion.
- Low citizen morale.
- Secrecy.
- Lies.
- Stealing.
- Lawlessness.
- Incompetence.
- Irresponsibility.
- Punishing hardships.
- DFC scandal.
- SSB scandal.
- Novelo's scandal.

- Giveaway to Ashcroft.
- Giveaway to cronies.
- G-7 revolt.

It is easy for me to continue that terrible list, but I am confident that you the voter know that PUP did you and the country, DIRTY.

In fact, if I was advising the PUP, my recommendation would be to get rid of all the corrupt individuals - the ones that are dirty political baggage. The very few that are not as tainted should WALK away. That's right! Walk away and build something clean from the ground.

As things are today, you the voter has the job of keeping the PUP away from 'governing' the JEWEL; duty and memory! Remember how the PUP did Citizens and Country DIRTY?

No man is perfect, but please do not tell me that Dean and the UDP behave the same way as the PUP. In fact, I do NOT believe in the PUPDP argument. Misery likes company; but it is an outright lie to say that UDP is similar to the PUP. Look at the numbers: PUP ran Belize for 50 years, UDP for 14; yet the UDP has produced so much more than the PUP:

- More and better SCHOOLS!
- More and better SPORT FACILITIES!
- Beautiful MARKETS!
- More HOUSES!
- Safe ROADS!
- Less TAXES!

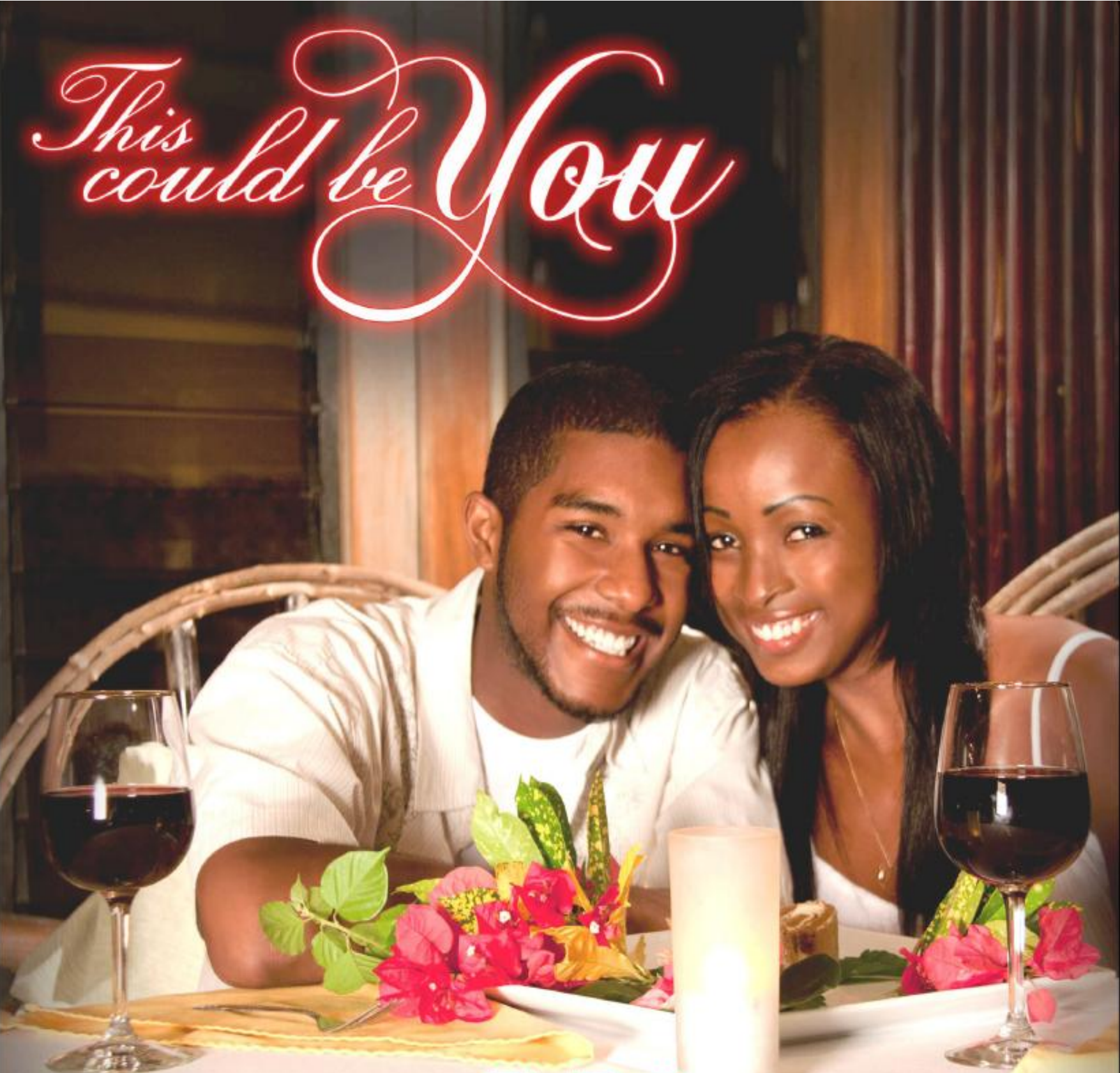
- Stronger ECONOMY even in a time of global crisis!
- More JOBS!
- TRANSPARENCY & HONESTY!
- LAW ABIDING!
- Acting swiftly and decisively against any potential WRONG DOING!
- Admitting and rectifying ERRORS!
- Respect COUNTRY!
- Respect CITIZENS!
- Less CRIME!

Belize had had four Prime Ministers: Price, Esquivel, Musa and Barrow. I am trying to be as objective and as truthful as I can: PM Barrow has clearly outperformed the others. Esquivel did better than Price. Musa failed horribly; why is he even running this year? 2008 to 2012 has NOT been perfect but a heck of a lot of good work was done. BELIZEANS HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE HARD WORK SINCE 2008. Yet, there is much more yet to be done. I am confident that things will only continue to improve with the UDP. Any voter that votes for the PUP is, in my personal opinion, hurting self, citizens and country. I therefore humbly beg you to PLEASE vote in your interest and for country by putting your X in the red box - the UDP box! The JEWEL needs the UDP to protect it from the likes of Fonseca & Musa.

We want to be RESPONSIBLE as we exercise our Civic Duty - Votar UDP!




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## MESSAGE FROM THE CLERGY



Rev. Dr. Rudolph Anthony  
Priest of the  
Anglican Diocese  
of  
Belize

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**J**esus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people”. “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.”

Conventional wisdom is filled with advise (is replete) that we take our time. “Haste makes waste”, “Marry in haste, repent at your leisure”. “Look before you leap”. “Patience after all is a virtue”. This conventional wisdom did not prevail in 1st Century Palestine. Jesus walking by the Sea of Galilee finds some burly, ragged fishermen, and he issued a simple invitation “Follow me” and they immediately left their nets, their boats, they even left Zebedee high and dry presumably with a net full of holes, and followed Jesus. They seemed content, to let goods, Kindred and this mortal life go. “Let go and Let God”.

The disciples did not ask where they were going, how long they would be gone, what they would expect to do, or how much they would be paid. They simple left immediately and

followed Jesus. They dropped everything. There was little or no hesitation to the call.

The readings for today is again as last week’s about calling to serve, to Minister, to evangelize.

Jesus’ enthusiasm and his certainty about his mission appealed to their youth. His divine solitude stirred their souls.

St. Augustine wrote, “Fisherman Peter did not lay aside his nets but only changed them”. They would become fishers of men; and they would not just catch people but also mend them. We should maybe rethink conventional wisdom.

The New Testament shows us that everything of importance happens immediately. When Jesus healed the lepers, the blind men or those who could not walk or speak, the healing happened immediately. When he was Baptized, he rose immediately from the water. When Paul experienced his conversion, the scales fell from his eyes immediately. Scripture tells us, “immediately while Jesus was speaking Judas came to do his dirty work. When Peter denied Jesus, “Immediately the cock crowd”. There are many times when we also act immediately. We act immediately for a sick child, a friend in trouble, we respond immediately. When someone needs food, shelter, clothing, help from an abusive step father, help from kidnapping, help with finance to bury their love ones, we should act immediately. There are many instances in our lives when immediate action was re-

quired in our lives when immediate action was required. We all have memories of times when we should have acted immediately. One of the most regretful time in one’s life, is when we finally realized that what our young children needed from us, was our attention, love and concern. And now when they end up on the wrong side of the Law, we wish, we had given them that immediate attention, love and concern earlier.

This Gospel about fishing makes us imagine Jesus and his disciples with fishing poles in their hands. But, the Method they used was with Nets.

Matthew tells us, “They cast their nets in the sea, for they were fisherman”. And this was for good reason. You see you must go out like Jesus and his disciples and find people to whom you will be hospitable, once you find them. This finding is done with Nets, not fishing poles.

This my friends, is aggressive evangelism. You see, fishing with nets is indiscriminate. A net will haul in any fish that can swim and not just certain or special kind. You see the fishing pole is like that.

In the movie “Casablanca”, the Police Captain told his ment to “round up the usual suspects”. Put on death row those people with a dark skin color. Let us throw all the Negros in prison and build more jails for them, instead of building more schools and providing them with jobs.

Yes, because they are the only ones who commit crimes. We are scared of

them because they make a lot of noise, so they are dangerous. Let us secretly tap the phones of those Arabs and other Minority groups who call their people in the Middle East, Africa, the Caribbean and elsewhere, but those who call Europe or who are calling from White neighborhoods are not dangerous.

My friends Evangelists are committed to rounding up all sorts and conditions of men and women without discriminating.

Jesus’ Ministry was to outsiders, those on the fringes of society and not the inner circle elites and socialiates. Today, we would say that Jesus was inclusive. Jesus, over and over warned the Pharisees that they did not have a special corner at the market.

The Parable of the wedding feast tells us that the King told the servants to go out into the highways and byways and to bring in everyone, even those on the “B”, “C”, and “D” lists; even the maim and lame.

Fishing with nets is labour intensive. It is hard work. It is not like line fishing when you can sometimes take a nap waiting for the fish to bite. It takes a team to haul, and cast, and set a net properly.

Therefore, evangelism is not a one man’s show. Everyone must pull their weight. Fishing with Nets requires persistence and dedication. It is also possible to “fish all night and catch nothing (LK 5-5). The fisherman sometimes have to find a different site, a different fishing hole and

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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

### Recycling POLITICIANS?

There are many things that are considered essential to recycle by the most conservative of conservationist. Plastic bottles are one of those things that everyone would simply agree that you should not discard on the beach, on the side of the street nor even among your regular trash in your garbage. Recycling plastic is good for the environment. **AGREED!**

Recycling politicians in the politics of a country however, is a matter of a different order. **SIMPLY FORBIDDEN!**

A quick perusal of the candidates for the Opposition Peoples United Party (P.U.P) that are currently running for the highest office in the country of Belize, the House of Representative, would immediately create the impression that the P.U.P are attempting to do the forbidden.

#### Case in point!

Does the name **Dolores** (translated from Spanish to English means pain) **Balderamos Garcia** ring a bell that says **former defeated P.U.P Candidate for Port Loyola in 2003**. The same Dolores Balderamos Garcia is now the present P.U.P Candidate for Belize Rural Central in the upcoming General Elections slated for 2012. (You will remember the picketing Dul Dul give back that poor lady her 20 thousand dollars.)

Does the name **Mike Espat** ring a bell that says **former defeated P.U.P Candidate for Toledo East in 2008** that was an integral part and parcel of the most disgraced and

corrupt government to ever govern this country in the entire political History of Belize. The same Mike Espat is now the current P.U.P Candidate for the same Toledo East in 2012.

Does the name **Patty Arceo** ring a bell that says **former defeated P.U.P Candidate for Belize Rural South in 2003** that was thought to have been dumped into political oblivion after causing numerous turmoil over questionable lands transaction on the island of San Pedro. The same Patty Arceo who is no "Lazarus" has been brought back from the dead to contest this General Election in the said Belize Rural South Constituency in 2012.

Does the name **Rodwell Ferguson** ring a bell that says **former defeated P.U.P Candidate for Stann Creek West in 2008** that simply said nothing and did nothing for Stann Creek West while his colleagues were busy raping the people's coffers he was twiddling his thumb searching the dictionary trying to figure out what the local term "Land Hog" means. The very same Rodwell Ferguson is again the P.U.P Standard Bearer and candidate for Stann Creek West in 2012. (Talk about dumb, dumb dumb!)

Does the name **Carolyn Trench Sandiford** ring a bell that says **former defeated P.U.P Candidate for the Collet Constituency in 2008** who is of the infamous "Mahogany Heights" or "Mahogany Heist" fame? Carolyn Trench Sandiford is now amazingly the Chairman of the P.U.P in 2012 and is again the P.U.P

candidate in the upcoming General Elections of 2012 for the Collet Division. Ahh!

Then there is **Johnny Briceno** who has resigned, is resigned and will be resigned by the people in the Orange Walk Central Constituency. Now here is a man that was the Deputy Prime Minister, **the number 2 man in the failed and disgraced P.U.P governments of 1998-2008**.

Out of the shambles of the ruin of the defeated P.U.P he rose to the top and became the Leader of the P.U.P but could not hold on to that leadership after the now famous in-house party speech of "Bring back the millions...stored in foreign accounts..." Johnny Briceno has become the shortest lived leader of the P.U.P ever in history. His stepping down from leadership signaled his stepping out of P.U.P politics but alas he does not have the moral fiber necessary to do other than what his master dictates that he does and again he is the candidate for the P.U.P in Orange Walk Central in 2012 Elections.

Then there is **Francis Fonseca** who won by a mere 16 votes in the last General Election and is the current leader of the P.U.P. **He is well known as one of the signatory to the much hated and despised secret Accommodation Agreement** that sought to fleece the pockets of the people of Belize in the name of a British Millionaire. Francis Fonseca is still running in the Freetown Constituency for the P.U.P in 2012.

**And the list goes on and on, get the picture!**

Notably and the absolute worst is **Said Musa** who was **the former disgraced Prime Minister of Belize** and the candidate for P.U.P in the Forth George Division. This man simply is unexplainable because **anyone in their right mind would think that he would have hidden himself in shame** on some deserted island away from any and all forms of civilization. (Then again we did say anyone in their right mind!) Yes Said Musa is still the candidate for the P.U.P in the upcoming 2012 General Elections.

Then there are the hangers on and like their recycled candidates these people cling on to P.U.P for dear life. Does the name **Lisa Shoman** come to mind? Yes the same Lisa Shoman of **"3.34million dollars fame"** who is back today in the forefront of the P.U.P as a spokes person for the party and holding a senior executive position in 2012.

**The reality today is that the P.U.P in 2012 offers the essence in the most concentrated fashion, the very pulp of the rejected members of the 1998-2008 P.U.P. Governments.**

This recycling of the stale, rotten candidates represents the most pitiful attempt of the same old, same old..., old guard of the Peoples United Party to return to governance.

Now that elections are here this U.D.P Government must be reminded that many of these recycled candidates of **the Peoples United Party have not yet paid for the numerous atrocities they have done** to our beloved people and country, Belize.



# ORANGE WALK TEAM ANCHORED BY WOMEN

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respectable; his zeal to listen to advice from his elders will certainly propel him further in politics in Belize.

This U.D.P Team locally referred to as “the magnificent seven” is anchored by two dynamic women one who has been an educator by profession Mrs. Fiona Liu Mazior who presently teaches at Muffles Junior College here in Orange Walk and is a constant role-model to her students. Fiona Mazior is also a mother rearing two lovely kids and a committed activist. She currently holds a BBA majoring in Human Resource Management and Accounting. Her expertise and experience will be invaluable to the new Orange Walk U.D.P Town Board.

The next lady of this U.D.P Team is the lovely Miss Francine Burns who is the daughter of well known

Orange Walk Business couple Jaime and Evelyn Burns proprietors of JB & Sons on Otro Benque Road in the heart of Orange Walk Town.

Francine Burns who is destined to become one of Orange Walk great political leader in the near future is the youngest Attorney in the Country of Belize. She currently holds an LLB with honors and a Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Skills. Her expertise, innovativeness, dedication and energy will be a tremendous asset to the new Town Board in Orange Walk.

With two dynamic ladies on this U.D.P Team along with the extraordinary talents and expertise that is possessed by the rest of the team, there is no doubt in anyone mind that in Orange Walk this entire U.D.P Slate will be victorious on March 7<sup>th</sup>. 2012.



## MESSAGE FROM THE CLERGY



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better build the church, all take a life time. To engage in outreach, seems more like “keeping others out of our reach”.

My friends, the Good News is, none of us is a perfect disciple. Jesus takes us just as we are when we swim into his net, and uses us for the spread of the Kingdom.

sometimes further from shore. Well, the Evangelist knows that sometimes he has to “shake the dust off his feet” and try another town, city, state or another church. (Mt 10:14). Evangelism is a high-risk business. You are not guaranteed any specific results. There is the chance of being rejected. The cost of discipleship is extremely great. We will meet some Zebedees on our way to Evangelism, who will not budge. Some who may feel that they are too old to change. Some who feel they have to stay behind and take care of the rest of the family. A lot of us are like Zebedee; cautious; we cling to the familiar; the sure thing (which of course isn’t), we play it safe and do not want to take risk; we prefer the church to move by centuries at a time, because our seven deadly words are “We have always done it that way”. Changing them is very threatening to church folks. Making women Priests, moving an altar, changing the arrangement or order of a service, making a decision to

God gives us time for our stories to be told, for our journeys to be made, for our purpose to unfold. God gives us time to grow stronger in his Grace, to become who we are born to be, to find our unique place in his creation. God made you different from every other person in the world on purpose.

The collect says we should answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ. The opportunity to bring a neighbor, a friend, a relative, a stranger to church might not present itself again. The opportunity to evangelize by example may not knock twice. Ann Landers stated: “Yesterday is a cancelled check, Tomorrow is a promissory note, Today is the only negotiable cash you have. Spend it wisely”. Follow me and I will make you fishers of Men. Take up the call today. Go out and evangelize.

AMEN

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## ORANGE WALK CENTRAL GONE **RED!**



**Mobbed with hugs**



**Prime Minister greeted at the entrance**

Mobbed with hugs, kisses, request for his autographs and best wishes the Prime Minister proceeded from the entrance of Orange Walk Central to the Peoples Stadium leading an over three mile long motorcade organized by the residence of Orange Walk Central in his honor.

A massive crowd was waiting at the Peoples Stadium to greet the Hon. Dean Barrow who took the time to individually acknowledged and thanked as many people as was humanly possible in that sea of red shirts, hats, caps, banners, flags and suits on his way to the immaculately decorated stage.

“...you can’t beat people



**Over three mile long motorcade**

*from the North when it comes to passion, when it comes to a display of war, when it comes to cariño, amor. No hay mejor. No hay mejor.”* The Hon. Dean Barrow commented on stage

during the official ceremonies which was chaired by Elodio Aragon and loaded with dynamic speeches by the Deputy Prime Minister Hon, Gaspar Vega, Denny Grijalva, Ivan

Leiva and the six other Town Board Candidates. There were many presentations of acknowledgements, gifts, dance and an arousing and heart-thumping rendition of the National Anthem of Belize done by a youth from Orange Walk at the very start of the event. The Peoples Stadium was packed to capacity while the Prime Minister commented that “Now, when we look at the larger picture, ladies and gentlemen, the same spirit, that same carino, the same color, that same spectacle, that same excitement that I experienced passing through Orange Walk Central this afternoon is at its height all over this

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**D.P.M Gaspar Vega joined the motorcade**



**the Denny Grijalva Team in the motorcade**



## ORANGE WALK CENTRAL GONE **RED**!

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country through-out this land of ours.

*People ready, people are determined, people don't have a doubt, people know that they are going to re-elect the United Democratic Party Government with an even bigger majority than the last time."*

The Prime Minister addressed the mass resignations of candidates for the March 7th. General Election within the Opposition Peoples United Party. He said that *"In a way I am sorry, I am sadden it's a party and to see them reach the point that they have reached. Feel great pity for them, but where their leaders are concerned it is their responsibility for every last bit of what is happening to them. To P.U.P supporters I say to them, there is really plenty of room in this great United Democratic Party. Come and join us, let us unite to serve our great Belize"*.

The Prime Minister of Belize and Leader of the United Democratic Party, Hon. Dean Barrow spoke also about the candidate for the United Democratic Party in Orange Walk Central Denny Grijalva who is poised to win that constituency for the first time in the history of the U.D.P.

The Hon. Dean Barrow said that, *"Belize people are a fair minded people, surviving people, people who recognize you and respect you for what you do and Denny Grijalva has done more than anyone could ever have done in the Orange Walk Central Constituency..."*

*"...Denny is for real, actually I don't know if it's because he is a pastor. You don't know if it's the Holy Spirit moving in him but you can't have any doubt that this man got feelings for people... to serve the people of the Orange Walk Central Constituency. So have no doubt Denny Grijalva va a ganar!"* P.M. Speech Sunday, 5th. Feb.



**Denny Grijalva speaking during the P.M. Tour**



**The Peoples Stadium was packed beyond capacity**



**The radio moguls of Universal Radio & Sugar City Radio**

*...The man got personality, the man got charisma, the man got feelings for people and that most of all is what will put him in the position to best represent the people of Orange Walk Central...*

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The entire event was broadcasted live on Universal Radio and Sugar City Radio Stations respectively and with only several weeks left before the next General and Municipal Elections, the excitement and energies created by the mere visit of the Prime Minister along with the continuous presence and support of the Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Gaspar Vega, Denny Grijalva and the hard working committee of Orange Walk Central is on the verge of making history in Belizean Politics. There is no doubt in anyone's mind that Orange Walk Central gone **RED**.



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# UNITED DEMOCRATIC PARTY

## Orange Walk Town Council Candidates



**Francine Burns**

LLB (Hons); Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Skills; Barrister



**Albert "Memorable" Dawson**

Employed at Belize Sugar Industries Limited; Active Member of Orange Walk Jockey Club



**Ivan Leiva – Mayoral Candidate**

Employed at Santiago Castillo Group of Companies; Pursuing Bachelors Degree in Business Administration at Galen University



**Fiona Liu Mazier - BBA**

majoring in Human Resource Management; Management and Accounting Teacher at Muffles Junior College



**Lionel Leon Palacio**

Teacher at New Hope High School; known as "Mista P". Building Designer and Music Instructor



**Carlos "Charlie" Peralta**

Justice of the Peace; Insurance Sales Representative at RF&G Insurance; Active member in Catholic Church Parish



**Carlos "Charlie" Slusher**

Goalkeeper for the Belize National Football Team. Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. Works at National Sports Council as National Sports Coordinator

# March 2012

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# Message

## From

# The Department of Transport

## THERE'S A THIN LINE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS

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7. Wear your helmet at all times when operating or being carried as a passenger on a motor cycle.
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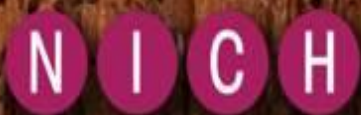
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# FOOD AND NUTRITION

## Becoming a Stepparent

**B**ecoming a parent by blending families or marrying someone with kids can be rewarding and fulfilling experience. If you've never had kids, you'll get the opportunity to share your life with a younger person and help to shape his or her character. If you have kids, you'll offer them more opportunities to build relationships and establish a special bond that only siblings can have.

In some cases, your new family members may get along without a hitch (just like *The Brady Bunch*), but other times you can expect difficulties along the way. Figuring out your role as a parent - aside from the day-to-day responsibilities that come with it - also may lead to confusion or even conflict between you and your partner, your partner's ex-wife or ex-husband, and their kids.

While there is no foolproof formula for creating the "perfect" family (every family has its own dynamics), it's important to approach this new situation with patience and understanding for the feelings of those involved. Here's how to make things easier as you adapt to your new role.

### Start Slow

The initial role of a stepparent is that of another caring adult in a child's life, similar to a loving family member or mentor. You may desire a closer bond right away, and might wonder what you're doing wrong if your new stepchild doesn't warm up to you or your kids as quickly as you'd like - but relationships need time

to grow.

Start out slow and try not to rush into things. Let things develop naturally - kids can tell when adults are being fake or insincere. Over time, you can develop a deeper, more meaningful relationship with your stepchildren, which doesn't necessarily have to resemble the one they share with their birth parents.

### Factors That Affect Your Relationship

Children who are mourning the loss of a deceased parent or the separation or divorce of their birth parents may need time to heal before they can full accept you as a new parent.

For those whose birth parents are still alive, remarriage may mean the end of hope that their parents will reunite. Even if it has been several years since the separation, kids (even grown ones!) often hang onto that hope for a long time. From the kids' perspective, this reality can make them feel angry, hurt and confused.

### Other factors that may affect the transition into stepparenting:

#### How old the kids are.

When it comes to adjusting and forming new relationships, younger kids generally have an easier time than older kids.

#### How long you've known them.

Usually, the longer you know the kids, the better the relationship. There are exceptions (for example, if you were friends with the

parents before they separated and are blamed for the break-up), but in most cases having a history together makes the transition a little smoother.

#### How long you dated the parent before marriage.

Again, there are exceptions but typically if you don't rush into the relationship with the adult, kids have a good sense that you are in this for the long haul.

#### How well the parent you marry gets along with the ex-spouse.

This is critical factor. Minimal conflict and open communication between ex-partners can make a big difference regarding how easily kids accept you as their stepparent. It's much easier for kids to transition to new living arrangements when adults keep negative comments out of earshot.

#### How much time the kids spend with you.

Trying to bond with kids every other weekend - when they want quality time with a birth parent they don't see as often as they'd like - can be a difficult way to make friends with your new stepkids. Remember to put their needs first: If kids want time with their birth parent, they should get it. So sometimes making yourself scarce can help smooth the path to a better relationship in the long run.

Knowing ahead of time what situations may become problematic as you bring new family members together can help you prepare so that , if complications arise, you can handle them with an extra dose of

patience and grace.

### Steps to Great Stepparenting

All parents face difficulties now and then. But when you're a stepparentm, those obstacles are compounded by the fact that you are not the birth parent - this can open up power struggles within the family, whether it's from the kids, your partner's ex, or even your partner.

When times get tough, however, putting kids' needs first can help you make good decisions. Here's how:

#### Put needs, not wants, first.

Kids need love, affection, and consistent rules above all else. Giving them toys or treats, especially if they're not earned with good grades or behavior, can lead to a situation where you feel like you're trading gifts for love. Similarly, if you feel guilty for treating your biological kids differently from you stepchildren, don't buy gifts to make up for it. Do you best to figure out how to treat them more equally.

#### House rules matter.

Keep your house rules as consistent as possible for all kids, whether they're your kids from a previous relationship, your partner's kids from a previous relationship, or new children you have had together. Children and teens will have different rules, but they should be consistently applied at all times. This helps kids adjust to transitions, like moving to a new

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# FOOD AND NUTRITION

## Becoming a Stepparent

house or welcoming a new baby, and helps them feel that all kids in your home are treated equally. If kids are dealing with two very different sets of rules in each home, it may be time for an adults-only family meeting - otherwise kids can learn to “work the system” for short-term gain but long-term problems.

### Create new family traditions.

Find special activities to do with your stepkids, but be sure to get their feedback. Some new family traditions could include board game nights, bike riding together, cooking, doing crafts, or even playing quick word games in the car. The key is to have fun together, not to try to win their love - kids are smart and will

quickly figure out if you’re trying to force a relationship.

### Respect all parents.

When a partner’s ex is deceased, it’s important to be sensitive to and honor that person. If you and your partner share custody with the birth parent, try to be courteous and compassionate in your interactions with each other (no matter how hard that can be!). Never say negative things about the birth parent in front of the kids. Doing so often backfires and kids get angry with the parent making the remarks. No child likes to hear their parents criticized, even if he or she is complaining about them to you.

Don’t use kids as messen-

gers or go-between.

Try not to question kids about what’s happening in the other household - they’ll resent it when they feel that they’re being asked to “spy” on another parent. Wherever possible, communication directly with the other parent about relevant matters, such as scheduling, visitation, health issues, or school problems. Online custody calendars make this process a little easier because parents can note visitation days and share this information with each other via the Internet.

### Talk to your partner or spouse.

Communications between you and your partner is important so that you can make parenting decisions

together. This is especially crucial if you each have different notions on parenting and discipline. If you’re new to parenting as a stepparent, ask your partner what would be the best way to get to know the kids. Use resources to find out what kids of different ages are interested in - and don’t forget to ask them.

No matter what the circumstances of your new family, chances are there’ll be some bumps along the way. But don’t give up trying to make things work - even if things started off a little rocky, they still can (and probably will) improve as you and your new family members get to know each other better.

## Chicken Quesadillas Recipe

**Servings: 4**

### Ingredients:

8 Flour Tortillas  
Shredded BBQ Chicken Breast  
1 Cup Light Tasty Cheese  
1 Onion Sliced  
1 Red Bell Pepper Sliced  
1 Tomato Diced  
1/2 Cup Corn Kernels  
Sweet Chilli Sauce

### Directions:

**1** Place 4 tortillas flat on bench. Preheat oven to low heat (150C).

**2** In a pan saute the onion and red bell pepper until softened and set aside.

**3** Arrange the following ingredients on half of each

tortilla.

**4** Sprinkle some cheese lightly.

**5** Place chicken.



**6** Place onion cap mix corn and diced tomato then remainder of the cheese mix.

**7** Drizzle a little of the sweet chilli sauce.

**8** Fold the tortilla over the filling so you have a semi circle shape.

**9** Heat a large frypan over medium heat.

**10** Place 2 of the tortillas in the frypan and cook for around 2 min on each side until cheese has melted.

**11** To keep the quesadillas warm transfer onto tray with baking sheet and place into oven.

**12** Once you have cooked all the tortillas cut them inot half and serve with a dollop of guacamole on each wedge.





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Belmopan	Camalote Village, Kaimat Street, Rose Garden Street, Suriname Street, Off Peru Street, Colombia Street, Rivera Road, George Price Boulevard	138	BZ\$91,110.57	Completed
	Iguana Street, Camalote Village, Entrepreneur Road, Hummingbird Highway, Roaring Creek, University Boulevard, Teakettle Village, Mountain View Area, Tulipan to Flor De Mayo Street, Roaring Creek Football Field, Another World Roaring Creek, Maya Mopan Area, Calle Las Americas, Panama to Calle Las Americas Layout	544	BZ\$424,898.52	Pending
San Ignacio/Santa Elena	Collins Boulevard, Hillview Area, Santiago Juan Layout, Daniel Pereira	108	BZ\$46,807.06	Completed
	Santa Cruz Area, Galvez Street, Martin Galvez Street	248	BZ\$122,901.59	Pending
Corozal	Rodney Moguel Area, Diego Street Extention	120	BZ\$60,119.58	Completed
	Santa Rita Road, Na Chan Can Street, Altamira Layout, Baeza Layout, Xaibe Village	92	BZ\$31,465.36	Pending
Orange Walk	West Trial Farm, Stadium Street	100	BZ\$110,100.00	Completed
	Rear Stadium-Iglesia De Dios	16	BZ\$13,085.75	Pending
Belize City/Rural	12 1/2 Miles Northern Highway, Lord's Bank, East Windmill Area, Vernin Leslie Crescent, Belama Phase 4, Superintendent Street, BDF Layout, Belize American Site, 4 Miles Western Highway	140	BZ\$61,085.83	Completed
	Coney Drive, 8 1/2 Miles Western Highway, 27 Hattievillw/ Bood Road, Ladyvillw, West Lake, Marage Road, Joy Avenue, Drift Wood Bay, Los Lagos, Tropical Park, Belama Phase 4	288	BZ\$147,368.50	Pending
Dangriga	1st Site, West Wagierale Area, Rivas Estate, Street of Melinda Road Monument Site	232	BZ\$142,328.72	Completed
	Monument Site	36	BZ\$40,382.48	Pending

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# EMBRACING *History*

## Philip S. W. Goldson

Philip Stanley Wilberforce Goldson was born on the 25th of July 1923 in Belize City. He was the second son of Peter Edward Goldson and his wife Florence Matilda Babb Goldson.

Philip Goldson started life as a person of modest means and was able within his 78 years to soar above the various diverse circumstances that would govern his illustrious life.

He attended St. Mary's Primary School and although he never had the opportunity to go to high school he studied at night and successfully obtained the Cambridge University Overseas Junior certificate in 1939, and the Senior School Certificate in 1941.

From 1941 to 1947 he worked in the British Honduras Civil Service. While in the Civil Service, Goldson started his career in journalism editing the "Civil Service Chronicle", "OUT LOOK", a cultural quarterly of the St. John's College Literary Society and writing short stories and sketches for the BBC in London. With the advent of the Nationalist Movement, he wrote news items for the Belize Billboard.

The plight of the workers in Belize led him into trade unionism. He became the National Organizer of The General Workers Union in 1949 and later became its General Secretary.

On 29th September 1950

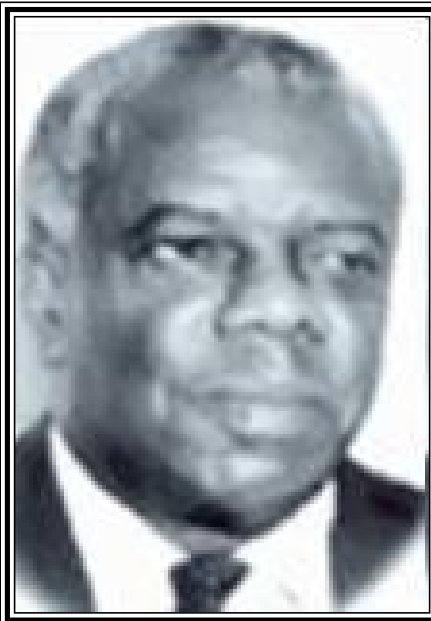
the People's Committee (a committee formed on December 31st, 1949 to protest devaluation) dissolved itself and the People's United Party was formed. Its first leaders were: John Smith,

Leader; Leigh Richardson, Chairman; George Price, Secretary; and Philip Goldson, Assistant Secretary.

From 1950 to 1956 Philip Goldson continued as a Member of the People's United Party. During that year he became the editor of the Belize Billboard and later that year the managing editor.

Entrenched Colonialism was hard to reform. The Establishment was complacent, self-satisfied and suspicious of innovation. Even many members of the working class failed to realize the depth of the problems facing the Colony and the difference between their way of life and other people in the outside world.

Mr Goldson and Leigh Richardson were convicted of "Seditious Intention" in 1951 based on an extract from the Belize Billboard, which stated, "There are two roads to self government (Independence). Evolution and Revolution. We are now trying evolution." The Colonial Government held that the words imputed an intention of try revolu-



HON. P.S.W. GOLDSON

tion if evolution did not succeed. They were sentenced to one year hard labour.

Their ordeal in prison became a further rallying cry for the People's United Party.

While in prison he spent much of his time teaching some of his fellow inmates to read and write.

Prior to going to jail for his ideal Mr. Goldson won a seat to the Belize City Council and had served as Vice President (Deputy Mayor) until his conviction.

Once free he went back gladly to public life and in 1954 won a seat in the British Honduras Legislative Council where he was appointed member (quasi-Minister) for Social Services, a post he served with dignity until 1957.

His portfolio included Labour, Housing and Planning, Health, Education and Social Welfare and Community Development. During this period he coordinated the building of Corozal Town after its destruction in 1955 by Hurricane Janet.

He pioneered the Village Council system, enacted a new Education Ordinance making Primary Education free, granting government assistance to Secondary Schools for the first time

and initiated special allowance for retired teachers who up to then did not enjoy pension benefits, confirmed Belize as contributing member of the U.W.I., also established Department of Housing and Planning with Henry C. Fairweather as its first Director and Town Planner, and revised Government Workers Rules establishing the check-off system for trade unions.

Because of disagreements and conflict of principle Mr. Goldson, Leigh Richardson and others resigned from the People's United Party in 1956 and formed the Honduras Independence Party. Mr. Goldson lost his bid for a seat in the Government in the 1957 elections.

On July 1st, 1958 the new Party joined with the National Party to form the National Independence Party and Mr. Goldson became the Party Secretary and was the NIP leadership and leader of the Opposition to 1979.

In 1973 the National Independence Party merged with two other Oppositions groups, the People's Development Movement and the Liberal Party to form the United Democratic Party. There were new challenges, new jobs to be done, and new campaigns to plan. He served as Deputy Party Leader from 1979-1982. He resigned from the UDP in 1991 in opposition to the passage of the Maritime Areas Act, and formed and

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# EMBRACING *History*

## Dr. Manuel Esquivel

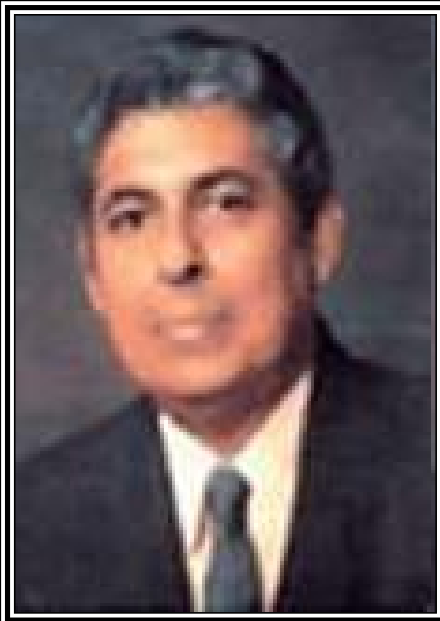
Dr. Manuel Esquivel, KCMG, PC was born on May 2nd, 1940 and is a Belizean politician. As a leader of the United Democratic Party, he served as Prime Minister from 1984 to 1989, and then again from 1993 to 1998.

Manuel Esquivel, born in Belize City when it was still the colony's capital, studied a Bachelor of Science in Physics at Loyola University New Orleans; he subsequently pursued post-graduate studies in physics at Bristol University, England. He taught science and mathematics at Saint John's Junior College in Belize City before

becoming involved in politics.

He was one of the founders of the United Democratic Party and was chosen as the party leader. Elected to the Senate

(the upper Chamber of the National Legislature) in 1979, Esquivel served as Minister of Finance and as Minister of Defense and Economic Development.



**Rt. Hon. Dr. Manuel Esquivel**

He was appointed to the Privy Council of the United Kingdom by Queen Elizabeth II. This life-time appointment confers the title "Right Honourable". He also holds an Honorary Doctorate of Human Letters from Loyola University.

When the party lost power in 1989, it still held the second largest number of seats in the legislature, making him the leader of the offi-

cial opposition. After the UDP won the February 2008 election, Dr. Manuel Esquivel was appointed by Prime Minister Dean Barrow as senior advisor to government with the rank of minister on February 12, 2008.

Dr. Manuel Esquivel is married to wife Kathleen (Kathy), with three children. Daughter Laura has followed in her Father's footsteps as City Councillor under the UDP since March 2006. Dr. Manuel Esquivel was appointed Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (KCMG) in the 2010 New Year Honours.

## Philip S. W. Goldson

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led his last political party: National Alliance for Belizean Rights.

At the age of 51, Mr. Goldson announced he was going to become a lawyer, and he did. He was called to the Bar of Lincoln's Inn, London and to the Belize City Bar in the following year. While doing all this he was elected to the Belize City Council and the House of Representatives (1974-1980).

Then tragedy struck. Glaucoma left Philip Goldson blind in 1978.

In the 1984 elections he not only won his seat but also was able to celebrate the victory of his party, the United Democratic Party. In the new Government Mr. Goldson was appointed Minister of Social

Services and served with distinction. Even opponents were heard to say, "Goldson, blind, sees some things more clearly than men with two good eyes."

As Minister he established the Family Court, the Belize City Urban Department, the Department of Women's Affairs, the District Councils, Disabilities Service Division, and launched the Belizean Partners in Service to Belize, which inspired Belizeans in North America to establish the Consortium for Belizean Development in November 1985. In mid 1986 he became Minister of Labour and Social Services.

His interest in disabilities led to his election in 1986 as President of the Caribbean association of the Disabled and in 1987 Vice-

President of Rehabilitation International.

When a new terminal building was to be built at the International Airport, the Prime Minister and Cabinet decided to rename the facility the Philip S.W. Goldson International Airport. It was fitting tribute to an outstanding Belizean Citizen.

Mr. Goldson accepted the honor with humility and announced he would retire at the end of his term to devote his time to writing, the law, and his work for the disabled.

However despite his retirement, on January 13th, 1992, he was instrumental in the formation of the National Alliance for Belizean Rights (NABR).

NABR, in constituting itself as a political party, declared

its foundation date as January 13, 1992; its colors as green and white; its mission to identify, defend, expand, and activate Belizean rights; and its main object included the preservation of the independence of Belize with its sovereignty established within the land and sea boundaries to which it is entitled under national and international law.

On October 3rd, 2001, Philip Stanley Wilberforce Goldson was laid to rest with a State funeral. Just before his death, this Belizean Hero and Patriot was presented with The Order of Belize.

One of this great Belizean Hero and Patriot favorite sayings was, "**THE TIME TO SAVE YOUR COUNTRY IS BEFORE YOU LOSE IT!**"

# Your Weekly Horoscope



## Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

You dream up a smart answer to a problem that nobody else had seen coming - and, miracle of miracles, you manage to get the right people to listen in time to do something about it!



## Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Talk up your emotional side this week - you know you've got to air some emotions, even if they feel embarrassing or difficult. Your strength and energy should help you to face it all with style.



## Leo

July 23 - August 22

You're a great listener this week - so much so that you might not say a word through some important meetings or heart-to-hearts. Nobody minds, as they know that you are learning what they want you to learn.



## Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

You've got to take a new look at that contract, lease or other binding agreement before signing off. Some tiny detail can make the difference between success and failure, and only you can spot it.



## Pisces

February 19 - March 20

You may be busier than anticipated, especially by the end of the week, but don't slack off - you need to get through this! Make sure that your people can back you up if you start to get overwhelmed.



## Gemini

May 21 - June 20

You've got to dance and flirt and get crazy this week - your social energy demands motion! Even if it feels flighty or silly, that's cool, because you can sweep up others in your ebullient mood!



## Virgo

August 23 - September 22

Your emotional side is taking a breather this week (with good reason), so you need to rely on your left brain to get things done. See if you can get your people to step back and see the situation for what it is.



## Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

Try to remember that you have a real effect on this week's activities - in fact, the outcome is likely all up to you! See if you can find a new way to shake up people's assumptions to spread it around some.



## Aries

March 21 - April 19

You've got at least one hot new idea that is sure to earn you some big kudos at work or at home. See if you can get your people to sit still long enough to hear you out - once you get going you're sure to wow them.



## Cancer

June 21 - July 22

Details are key this week, though others are likely to miss out on them. That means it's doubly important for you to step up and focus on the dry data that can make or break your big plans.



## Libra

September 23 - October 22

Your great energy should help you find a new way of communicating this week - your people are more in tune with you, and vice versa. See if you can leverage this into something bigger!



## Capicorn

December 22 - January 19

You can't afford to waste anything this week - which means you need to start trimming fat. That can mean almost anything, from dealing with your budget to clearing out your storage space.

# Jokes of the Week

During the wedding rehearsal, the groom approached the pastor with an unusual offer.

*"Look, I'll give you \$100 if you'll change the wedding vows. When you get to the part where I'm supposed to promise to 'love, honor and obey' and 'be faithful to her forever,' I'd appreciate it if you'd just leave that out."*

He passed the minister a \$100 bill and walked away satisfied. On the day of the wedding, when it came time for the groom's vows, the pastor looked the young man in the eye and said:

*"Will you promise to prostrate yourself before her, obey her every command and wish, serve her breakfast in bed every morning of your life, and swear eternally before God*

*and your lovely wife that you will not ever even look at another woman, as long as you both shall live?"*

The groom gulped and looked around, and said in a tiny voice,

*"Yes,"*

then leaned toward the pastor and hissed:

*"I thought we had a deal."*

The pastor put a \$100 bill into the groom's hand and whispered:

*"She made me a better offer."*



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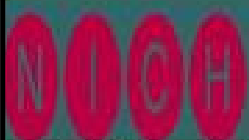
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Is The Multimillionaire A Belizean?

**DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)** - A New York attorney's decision to withdraw his claim on a multimillion dollar Iowa Lottery prize doesn't put to rest official's questions about how he obtained the ticket.

Iowa lawmakers say they are satisfied with the Iowa Lottery's handling of a \$14.3 million Hot Lotto jackpot claim that was eventually withdrawn.

Crawford Shaw, of Bedford, N.Y., withdrew his claim last Thursday on a multimillion dollar Iowa Lottery prize just as mysteriously as he has made it, saying through a Des Moines law firm that he couldn't satisfy lottery officials' request for basic information about how he obtained the winning ticket.

The lottery has asked the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation and the Iowa attorney general to investigate.

Officials say Shaw submitted the ticket for redemption on behalf of a trust on Dec. 29, less than two hours before it expired, and has identified the recipient only as a corporation in the country of Belize. The lottery wants to know how Shaw obtained the ticket to make sure it wasn't stolen and that a valid player bought it.

It has been 13 months since

the winning ticket was purchased at a Des Moines gas station in December 2010. The payout for the prize would have been \$7.5 million cash, or \$10.3 million spread over 25 years after taxes.

Iowa lottery officials had given Shaw until Friday to provide the identities and contact information of anyone who purchased or possessed the ticket.



Instead of claiming the prize in person, as is normally done, Shaw signed the ticket on behalf of the trust and shipped it by FedEx to a Des Moines law firm he had retained.

Shaw, 76, sent a fax to the law firm Thursday saying he doesn't know the identity of the purchaser. The firm relayed the information to lottery officials.

"In order that the claim be resolved without further controversy, Crawford

Shaw, as Trustee for and on behalf of the Trust, does hereby withdraw the Claim and does hereby agree to take no further action to enforce the Claim," the fax signed by Shaw reads.

Shaw signed the ticket on behalf of Bedford, N.Y. based Hexham Investments Trust, though lottery officials have said he misspelled the name of the trust by leaving off the second 'h'. Shaw claimed not to

be a beneficiary of the Trust.

Iowa Lottery CEO Terry Rich said Thursday that it's the strangest situation officials can recall in the 26-year history of the lottery. He declined to speculate on the details of the claim, saying if he knew more than what's been released, lottery officials would probably be writing a check to a winner.

Shaw said Wednesday through the Des Moines-based Davis Brown Law

Firm that if the jackpot were paid, the money would be donated to charity. He declined to comment further Thursday.

Records show Shaw played at least a minor role in the collapse of Industrial Enterprises of America, a chemical company that was looted and bankrupted in 2009 by a stock manipulation scheme. Shaw helped found the company after taking control of a Houston-based shell corporation, serving as its CEO from 2004 to 2005.

Shaw's history also includes lawsuits alleging fraud in Delaware and Texas.

The unclaimed money will go toward future prizes.

The Government Oversight Committee met Tuesday and heard from lottery officials about the strange case of the Hot Lotto jackpot that went unclaimed.

Officials with the Iowa Lottery told the committee the laws in place in Iowa to protect the lottery are doing their job.

An investigation into the winning Hot Lotto ticket, which was purchased in Des Moines, was launched by the Iowa Attorney General's Office and the Division of Criminal Investigation before the claim was withdrawn. That investigation continues.

### 6.8 quake in Philippines kills 13, buries homes

By msnbc.com news services

A strong earthquake in the central Philippines killed at least 13 people as it destroyed buildings and triggered landslides that buried dozens of houses, trapping residents. At least 29 people were missing.

The 6.8 magnitude quake, in a narrow strait just off Negros Island, caused a landslide in Guihulngan, a city of about 180,000 people in Negros Oriental province. As many as 30 houses were buried and at

least 29 people were missing.

Rescuers were using picks and shovels to dig for survivors.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# Months after his death, Libyan leader's weapons arm a rebel movement in Africa

BAMAKO, Mali - In life, he delighted in fomenting insurgencies in the African nations to the south. And in death, Col. Muammar el-Quaddafi is doing it all over again.

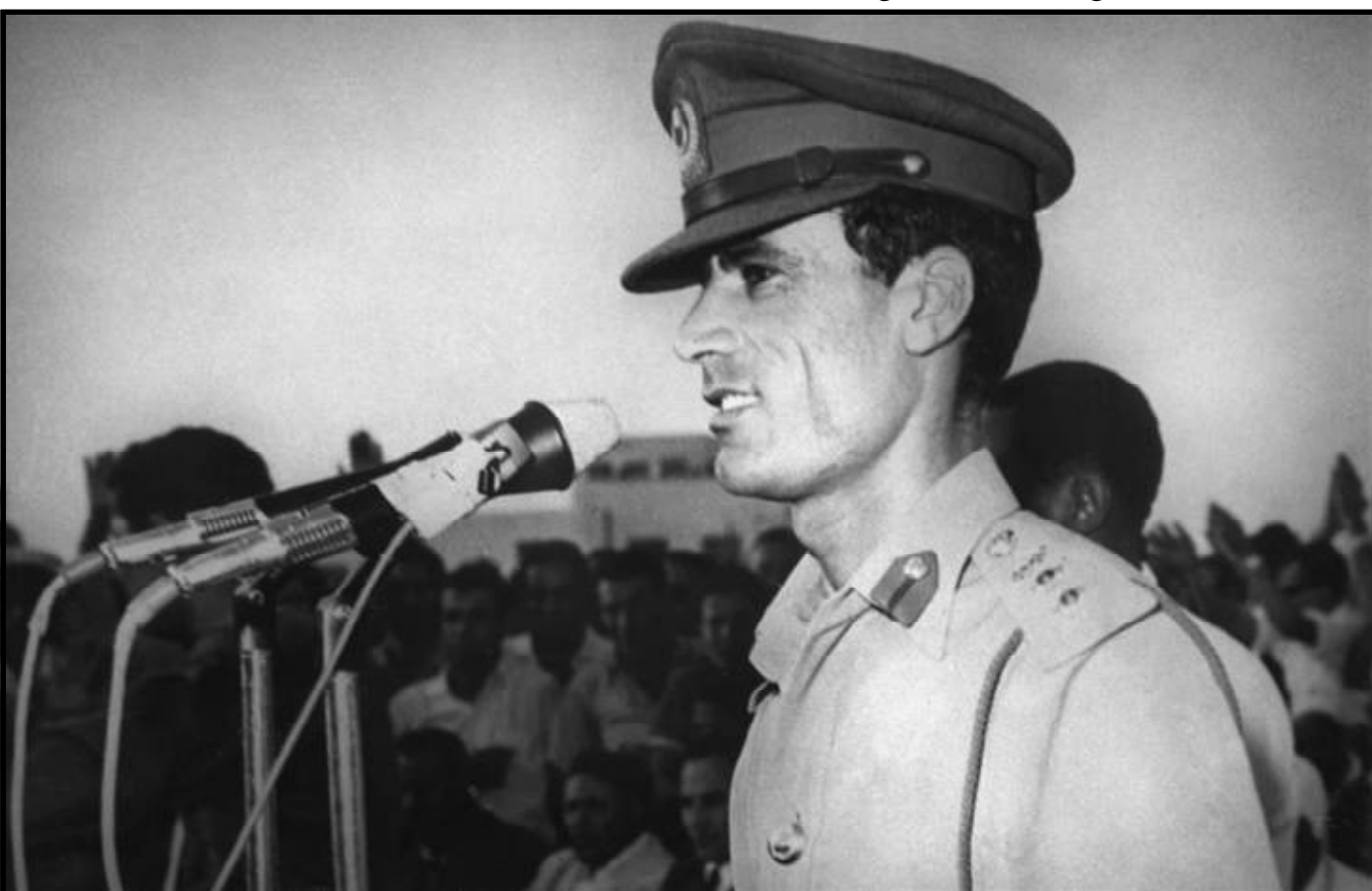
Hundreds of Tuareg rebels, heavily armed courtesy of Colonel Qaddafi's extensive arsenal, have stormed towns in Mali's northern desert in recent weeks, in one of the most sig-

reinigorated a longstanding rebellion and blossomed into a major challenge for this impoverished desert nation, an im-

officials. Their sudden strength has deeply surprised a Malian Army accustomed to fighting wispy turbaned fighters wielding

And for this sparsely populated land, the recent fighting seems a step beyond the army's desert skirmishes with the Tuaregs in the

1960s, the early 1990s and again in 2006. This time, the rebels are not being quickly stamped out or fleeing to the rocky mountains of this vast, inhospitable region. To the contrary, officials now say they are facing perhaps the most seri-



*Col. Moammar Qaddafi is seen in Tripoli on Sept. 27, 1969, after leading a military coup that toppled King Idris. Qaddafi has maintained his rule over Libya for more than four decades since the coup. Qaddafi was killed in Sirte on Oct. 20 as revolutionary forces took the last bastion of his supporters.*

nificant regional shock waves to emanate directly from the colonel's fall.

After fighting for Colonel Qaddafi as he struggled to stay in power, the Tuaregs helped themselves to a considerable quantity of sophisticated weaponry before returning to Mali. When they got here, they

portant American ally against the regional Al Qaeda franchise.

The Tuaregs hoisted their rebel flag in the sandy northern towns, shelled military installations, announced the "liberation" of the area and shouted "Allahu akbar", or "God is great", according to local

only Kalashnikov rifles.

Months after the death of Colonel Qaddafi, his weapons have armed a rebel movement in Africa. In life he backed African insurgencies in Chad, Angola, Guinea-Bissau, Eritrea, Mozambique, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

ous threat ever from the Tuaregs.

Emboldened by their new weaponry, they have formed a made-to-order liberation movement, the M.N.L.A., or Mouvement National Pour la Liberation de l'Azawad - Azawad being the name they give to northern Mali.

The rebels - perhaps as many as 1,000, commanded by a former colonel in Libya's army - brought with them enough of an arsenal to create a kind of standoff with the Malian Army.

About a half-dozen towns in the north have been attacked, including Niafounke. Both government and rebel forces have suffered casualties, and nearly 10,000 civilians have fled the fighting, ac-



*Youths protest in front of national television headquarters in Bamako, Mali. Demonstrators also surrounded the palace of Mali's president, angry about the government's handling of attacks by Tuareg rebels in the country's north.*

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## 6.8 quake in Philippines kills 13, buries homes

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At least 10 people were confirmed dead, including students at a college and an elementary school and others in a town market that collapsed. About 100 were injured.

The quake, which hit at 11:49 a.m. local time (10:49 p.m. ET), triggered another landslide in the mountain village of Solongon in La Libertad town, also in Negros Oriental. An unknown number of people were trapped. Three key bridges in the town suffered cracks and were no longer passable.

Philippine seismologists briefly issued a tsunami alert for the central islands. Five bamboo and wooden cottages were washed out from a beach resort in La Libertad by huge waves, but there were no reports of injuries. Elsewhere along the coast, people rushed out of schools, malls and offices.

The epicenter was closest to Tayasan, a coastal town of about 32,000 people flanked by mountains in Negros Oriental province. Two died there, including a child when a concrete fence of a house collapsed.

Another child was killed in a church when a wall collapsed during a funeral in Negros Oriental's Jimalalud town.

Tayasan police officer Alfred Vicente Silvosa told The AP by phone that aftershocks were preventing people from returning to their homes. Seismologists

recorded nearly 45 aftershocks.

A three-story office building also collapsed in La Libertad, but occupants managed to run out.

Negros Oriental police chief Edward Carranza said the temblor damaged many houses in Guihulngan and he ordered his men to help displaced residents find shelter.

Officials in some areas suspended work and canceled classes. Power and telecommunications were knocked out in several places.

Carranza said police rushed out of his building when the quake struck.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake was centered 44 miles (72 kilometers) north of Dumaguete city on Negros and hit at a depth of 29 miles (46 kilometers). The area is about 400 miles (650 kilometers) southeast of the capital, Manila.

Reuters reported that the USGS put the quake at 6.7 in magnitude and a depth of 12.4 miles (19.8 kms). Two aftershocks, of 4.8 and 5.6 magnitude on the USGS scale, followed within 30 minutes of the earthquake.

The Philippines is located in the Pacific "Ring of Fire" where earthquakes and volcanic activity are common. A 7.7 magnitude quake killed nearly 2,000 people in Luzon in 1990.

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cording to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The situation appears to have worsened for the Mali government over the past few days. The rebels have retaken the town of Menaka, a certain unspecified number of soldiers and civilians had been killed by the rebels in the town of Aguelhok. In Bamako, the capital, families of soldiers have demonstrated against what they say is the government's poor handling of the rebel offensive, blocking roads and burning tires. The defense minister has been replaced, and reprisals have been reported against Tuareg citizens living in the south.

Officials in Bamako make no secret of their shock at what one Western diplomat called the "robustness" of the rebel incursion.

The Malians, who viewed Colonel Qaddafi as a generous benefactor - he helped build an administrative complex here, among other things - now find themselves gnashing their teeth over this less beneficent aspect of his legacy. Still, officials here insist that the situation in the north is under control, while acknowledging that the threat is not over.

Analysts who study the region agree that the latest Tuareg resurgence is something new, and that Colonel Qaddafi is largely responsible, posthumously.

In some ways, the aggressive new Tuareg campaign represents the kind of support the rebels had long sought from Colonel Qaddafi, who for years alternately aided and betrayed the desert warriors, according to a recent study by Mr. Boilley. After the great regional droughts of the 1970s and 1980s, young Tuaregs migrated north to the colonel's military training camps, to later fight for him in places like Chad, while at the same time destabilizing the governments in Niger and Mali.

Libya, with its World Revolutionary Center, where the warlords Charles Taylor of Liberia and Foday Sankoh of Sierra Leone were schooled in Colonel Qaddafi's doctrines, became the regional matrix of instability.

Colonel Qaddafi backed independence movements all over Africa, including a coup attempt in Sudan in 1976, and he supported pariah governments the West shied away from, like the military junta in Gambia in 1994.

His most significant African venture was in Chad during the 1980s, when he backed a rebel group against the government, with an eye toward capturing a mineral-rich border area. His surrogates were defeated by Chad's government in 1987, but Libyan troops did not leave the disputed border strip until 1994.

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