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Trivia Tidbits

- *The heart beats faster during a brisk walk or heated argument than during sexual intercourse.
- *In many countries, urine was used as a detergent for washing. (One of urine's major components, ammonia, is used in cleaning products.)
- *Actor Robert Mitchum served time on a Georgia chain gang as a teenager. He had been arrested for vagrancy.
- *In Alaska, it is illegal to look at a moose from the window of an airplane or any other flying vehicle.
- *The Miss Venezuela Pageant is the most widely watched TV program of the year in that country, oftentimes capturing 66 percent of the viewing audience.
- *All pilots on international flights identify themselves in English, regardless of country of origin.
- *It was writer Rudyard Kipling who said, "I always prefer to believe the best of everybody; it saves so much trouble."
- *There are mice that nest in trees. These creatures may spend their whole life without ever touching the ground.

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Woman on the Beach at nacnW Police SuBStation

Question: *What here should never change? What needs to be changed Now?*

By: Harriette Fisher

Watch for Harriette and her camera. What would your answer be to these two questions?

JAN VAN NOORD (no photo available) owns and lives at Portofino Beach Resort, and has been instrumental in starting a neighborhood watch further north called Middle Island Neighborhood Watch. He came here from Belgium the 1st time in October 2000 and moved here January 2001. He has Dutch Nationality and now also Belizean. When asked what on the island should never be changed he said "Everything". To the question what need changed now he said "Nothing".



JUAN GUERRA came here from Mango Creek five years ago and is a carpenter at Portofino's. Jan Van Noord paid for him to work on the NACNW police station. "What never needs to change is the reef and mangroves." What needs changed is to "Stop the fishing. We need to save the fish."



HECTOR HERNANDEZ is a maintenance worker at Capricorn who sent him for the day to work on the NACNW police sub station. He has been here for eight years and lives on North Ambergris Caye. "We must save the reef and the trees. There are a lot of things that need changed but the first one is the north road."



Mayan Ruins Weddings

By Olivera Rusu Photography

Belize is a natural destination for weddings. Couples looking to celebrate their special day often find themselves heading to a beautiful location with their friends and family, combining their ceremony and destination to make the most of a memorable time. The locations vary, with some choosing to do barefoot beach weddings, or the more adventurous jungle themed weddings, perhaps at the mouth of a cave, surrounded only by the sound of falling waters and the call of birds. But, how about something that contains 3,000 year old history? How about a location that has a story of a mysterious civilization, a place that affords a glimpse into the past while you look out and see the present and future? Mayan Ruin Weddings, a completely unique, fascinating option that is also

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"When I got my first camera three years ago, I wasn't interested. It took six months before I even started taking pictures with it," says Olivera (Oli) Rusu. "[Then] I went to Lamanai, and something changed. It was the first time I saw a Mayan Ruin, and I was so impressed that I told myself 'I wish to be that good in photography that I can do something unique here, with the Ruins. In time, I knew what I wanted: a wedding at the

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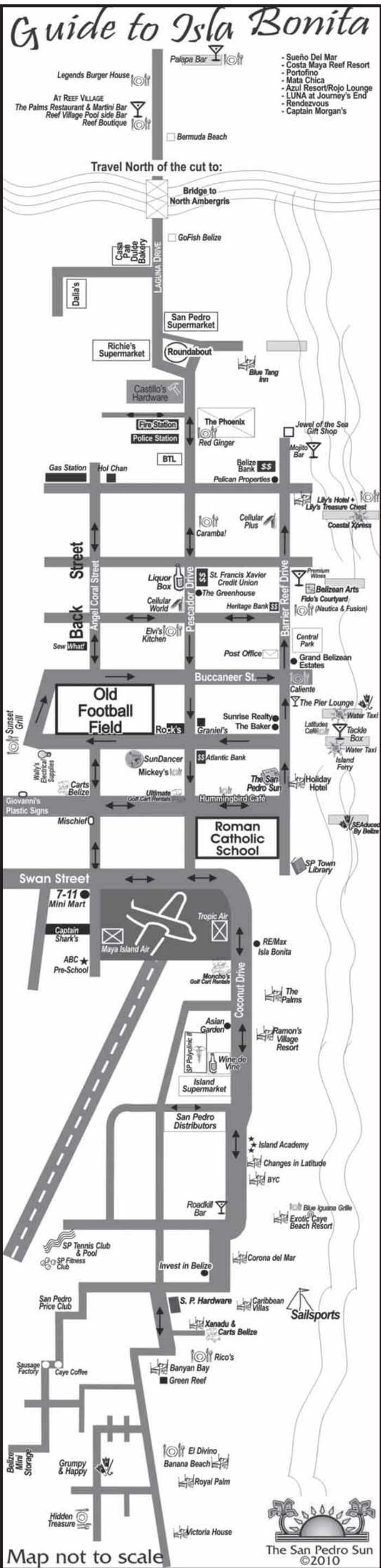
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Mayan Ruins Weddings

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Mayan Ruins.’ So starts the story of Oli’s journey in photography, which has led her to her newest accomplishment: www.mayanruinsweddings.com. When her husband Ciprian (Chipi) gave her the first camera, there was just no telling that she would be working for three years to complete her collection of equipment necessary to photograph weddings at some of the most unique locales. And now that she feels confident in her abilities, she is thrilled to offer this most unique avenue for a wedding.

Having moved from Romania (Europe) six years ago to visit Belize (and as is often inevitable, she stayed), Oli

married her best friend Chipi. They opened a video store that soon earned them rave reviews with their high quality offerings. Chipi would do wedding videos with the island’s well-known wedding coordinator Iraida Gonzalez, and soon she was encouraged to take pictures. Iraida was impressed, and at her urging, Oli started some online photography courses. For every wedding she shot, she would save up to buy the next best camera, always looking to improve her equipment.

When she finally felt ready to tackle her dream location, she knew exactly who would be her models/subjects. Kristian and Marissa Guerrero, two of

her very good friends, and who, in her opinion are the most gorgeous, easy-going couple she ever had the honor to shoot, were up to the task. Iraida handled the Government approvals to shoot the wedding at the Mayan Ruins, and Tropic Air and Chaa Creek came on board to sponsor flights and accommodations. The first shoot at the ruins took place over three main locations: Cahal Pech, Xunantunich and Chaa Creek. In Oli’s words, she “hit a point on [her] bucket list.” It seemed that everything worked to her advantage, even the clouds and hues in the sky.

Those locations are merely the tip

of the iceberg, as there are a few temples throughout the country that could be the awe-inspiring backdrop for your wedding. Oli isn’t finished with her projects, and says the ruins are the first in her never-ending quest to promote Belize’s Wonders. As always, with her photography, be sure to expect quality over quantity, at a most affordable price. For more information on her unique adventure, plus more on how to book her for your next shoot, be it for your wedding, birthday, glamour, pregnancy, everyday life, check out her website at www.oliverarusuphoto.com or www.mayanruinsweddings.com.



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"I didn't know you had dogs," Dennisito said. "What kind are they?"

"They're Yorkshire terriers," Becky said, picking up the tiniest one. "This one is my little baby girl."

"And that one is my special project," Bruce said, pointing at the little male Yorkie who was guarding his food dish. "I've been training him while we were here on vacation."

"What kind of training?" I asked.

"Well, he's not really housebroken very well but I've been working on it. I think I finally got him cured."

"What kind of technique did you use?" I asked. "Have you been watching *The Dog Whisperer* on TV?"

Bruce waited until Becky went into the next room before he answered.

"No," he said. "Becky doesn't know this but I got tired of messing around with that stuff and went back to basics. When he makes a mess on the floor I stick his nose in it and throw him out of that open window there. I think I have him pretty well trained now."

On the way back home, Dennisito said, "Dad, Bruce really has that dog trained."

"How do you know?"

He said, "While you guys went out on the porch for a cigarette I stayed in the living room. That little dog came in and peed on the carpet."

"He did?"

"Yeah, but then he stuck his nose in it and jumped out the window."

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Beachfront lot in Town south of High School - 2 apts \$465,000

Restaurant Location Previously known as 'Taste of Thailand'. \$350,000

Coral House – 3 bed, 2 bath apartment & 1 bed, 1 bath apartment \$249,000. Low down Terms

Sawyer's House – 3 bed, 2 bath apt and 2 X 1 bedroom apt \$279,000. Low down Terms

Sand Piper Apartments – 4 apartments, 3 stories with vacant lot. By Yacht Club with close beach access. \$495K

Pirate's Lantern – 3 apartments - 3 vacant lots - right on main street. \$575,000

San Pablo Apartments – Canal Front. \$275,000. Terms

UNDEVELOPED PROPERTIES

Santa Evelia beach lot 100ft x 200ft \$385,000.

Mexico Rocks Commercial beachfront 200ft x 400ft 1.68 acres \$700,000

Esmeralda two adjoining lots on main road 100ft x 75ft from \$152,000

Robles 75 ft x 360 ft with back lot bonus \$175,000

Palm Bay Club beach front lot from \$49,000.

Palmeros beach lot with pier 80ft x 200ft \$249,000 - must sell

Basil Jones 145ft beach lot \$375,000.

Mata Grande one off the beach 75ft x 150 ft \$55,000 Bargain!

Mata Grande 100 x 300ft one off the beach. Cleared - \$245,000.

Mata Grande 100 x 200ft prime beach lot with pier permit \$445,000.

Esperanza 4.6 acres beach 300ft x 460ft \$2,000,000.

Boca Ciega 4.5 acres 174ft beach front. \$350,000.

West Coast Beach Lots 1, 2, 3 sold as a package 180' x 100'. Terms. \$355,000

West Coast Beach Front 60ft of beach with a depth of 100ft. Terms. \$125,000

Laguna Estate off beach lots. Each lot is 60' x 100'. Terms. \$75,000

West Bay private sandy bay with 260 ft frontage only \$425,000.

West Bay oceanfront 100ft x 500ft \$119,000.

San Marcos Double lots measuring approximately 100' X 90'. Fenced. \$90,000 pair

San Marcos 2 adjacent lots 50x90ft lot \$55,000 each.

Ambergris Bay West Coast beach front \$100,000.

Habaneros area – 2nd row \$85,000 3rd row \$45,000 multiple lots available.

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