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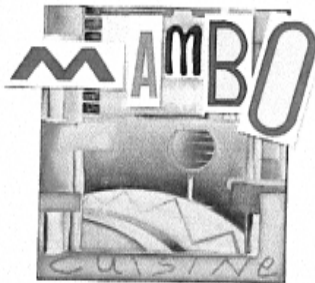
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SAGA

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solely by generous donations from the community and the many kind-hearted tourists who visit Ambergris Caye. Saga directors are currently investigating the purchase of land with a goal to build the first animal shelter education center in the country and provide a long-term solution to the island's stray animal challenges. The Saga board of directors consists of Executive Director/Chairperson Eileen Jamison, Vice Chairperson Mary Hawthorne, and Directors Kathy Marin, Simon Backley, Alberto Villanueva Jr., and Ramon Nuñez Sr.

Saga Humane Society invites the general public to attend monthly meetings held at Ramon's Village Restaurant on the first Thursday of every month. A number of projects are underway and volunteers are always

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If you are heading north, you will first have to cross the San Pedro River, otherwise known as "the cut." You,

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From the cut you head north, passing a large open view of the ocean. The

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www.ambergiscaye.com/birdsbelize by Elbert Greer

While passing a quiet afternoon in my hammock with Bubba fishing from the dock, the low roar of the reef was all the sound to be heard. I thought I would entertain myself by asking him something about the birds. Just to start a conversation, I asked, "Why do you spend so much time studying the birds?" He responded with "It helps me understand humans!"

"Maybe I should restate my question. 'Why do people study birds?'"

He replied, "It helps them understand themselves."

"Well I guess I can see how behaviors can be similar and parallels can be drawn but all that classification stuff seems unrelated."

"No, you're wrong! All that classification 'stuff' as you call it has more value in understanding ourselves than behavior parallels. I'll give you a profound example. From what I've learned from taxonomy I have an understanding of what's happening in Kosovo between the Serbs and Albanians, and how that could never happen to us in Belize."

"I'm going to call you to ask on that one Bubba; that's a little farfetched for me to believe!"

"I'll show you, let me first explain taxonomy how classification began. The word is derived from Greek, taxis('arrangement') and nomos('law'). A Swedish taxonomist, Carolus Linnaeus, invented a system of classifying living things into divisions. The first division was plant or animal; he called it the Kingdom. Then there was a class dividing creatures such as reptiles and mammals from birds. Then came orders separating, heron from sparrows, and finally genus and species. The species was to be the smallest division; example: Buho Cornudo, Heliconia bihai, Homo Sapiens, etc. A subdivision of species was called race. He defined race as an isolated breeding population of a species that developed distinction or traits. A good example would be the Great Blue Heron and the Great White Heron. Peterson described the Great White Heron as the white race of the Great Blue.

Linnaeus published his theories and created a standard of divisions under which for centuries the world lived and believed. The demise of his theories validly came with assumptions he made about race. He declared that hu-

manity fell into just four races and described characteristics of each that are considered humorous in today's societies, or most of today's societies I should say."

Our conversation seemed to be going just one way and getting a little dry so I asked, "How does a race get started in a species?"

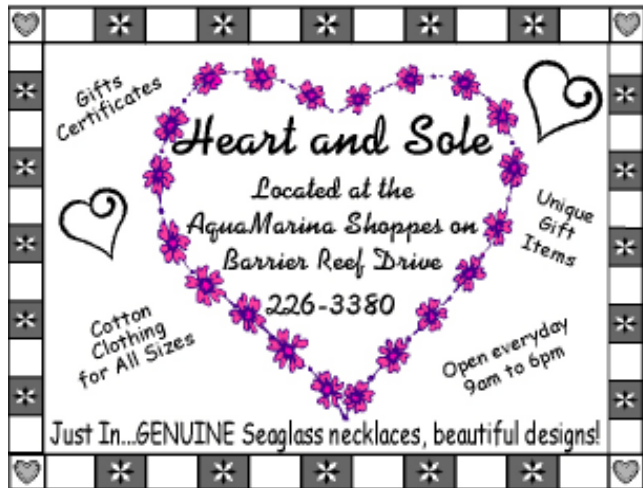
"Ironically the most classic explanation uses birds as an example. The theory goes like this. There is a swamp where a species of birds live, eating crustaceans from the bottom of the water. Something causes the water to

get a little deeper and those birds with a little shorter legs are forced to move elsewhere to survive. This effectively removes them from the gene pool leaving only those long legged birds, reinforcing even longer legs. In time the water rises again, strengthening the long legged gene even further, eventually resulting in a distinctly different bird of the same species."

"Bubba, are you saying this is true with humans also?"

"Brother Elbert, I'm saying it's as obvious to me as the nose on your face!"

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LUNA

PALM TREE CUISINE

Luna Ambergis Caye's latest trendy restaurant, is now open. Serving Palm Tree Cuisine, a fusion of Central American and Caribbean delicacies, **Luna** offers a selection of fresh local seafood, tender meats and exotic vegetables prepared by our renowned chef.

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SAME Picture

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Parachuting

"I don't understand why a bunch of women like the Sweet Potato Queens would jump out of a plane," I said.

I was talking to Tom Harding and Norman Evanko at BC's when the skydivers were here and offering people the chance to jump.

"That's because you were a grunt in the Army," Tom said. "Those grunt infantrymen were always too chicken to parachute."

"We did it because it's fun," Josie said. "Isn't that right, Dee?"

Dee Thomas had just walked in and taken a seat at the bar.

"Well, I have to confess," Dee said. "That's not really the first time I jumped from a plane. I just didn't mention the other time because it is sort of embarrassing."

"Were you in a plane crash?" I asked.

"Well...sort of," she said. "You know, I've always loved to take photographs and on a flight to Houston I was taking pictures from the plane."

A man seated next to me started talking to me about photography. He was a racing promoter and he had promoted a big racing event in Houston. He wanted some aerial shots of the start of the race for a sports magazine and had forgotten to book a photographer. He asked me if I would do it for him."

"That sounds like a fun thing to do," Pam said.

"I never got to do it," Dee said. "The promoter told me to be at the air field at 11:00 a.m. because the race started at 11:15. He said a small Cessna airplane with a pilot would be waiting for me and ready to go. I must have been really tired from the trip though because I didn't wake up until 10:45."

"What did you do?" I asked.

"I rushed down to the air field and sure enough, there was a little Cessna three-seater sitting there with the motor running. I ran over and jumped in and yelled, 'Let's go!' The pilot accelerated and pulled back on the stick and in no time we were up. I told him to fly to the Speedway and get down really low. He says, 'Why do you want me to do that?' I pulled my camera out of the bag and said, 'Because I'm the photographer who will be taking pictures of the start of this race.' He stared at me and his eyes got big. He said, 'Are you telling me you're not the lady flying instructor that was supposed to take me up for my second flying lesson?'"



Trivia Tidbits

A normal person has two true vocal chords. We also have two false vocal chords which have no direct role in producing sound.

The blue whale is maintained by its blubber and can go up to half a year without eating.

The sensitivity of the human eye is so keen that on a clear, moonless night, a person standing on a mountain can see a match being struck as far as 50 miles away. Much to their amazement, astronauts in orbit were able to see the wakes of ships.

Taxi drivers in London, England, are required to pass a training test based upon "The Blue Book." Preparation for this test takes between two to four years. Of ten who start, eight or nine drop out before completion.

The more than 362 billion OREO cookies sold to date would fill up the world's largest freight train, consisting of 660 freight cars, over 62 times.

A pelican consumes about 33 percent of its body weight in a single meal.

In all of history, the most destructive disease is malaria. More than 1.5 million people die from malaria every year.

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