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Greetings to my visiting friends

On behalf of the people of San Pedro Town, I extend a warm welcome to all visitors arriving to our shores. I assure you that your trip to "La Isla Bonita" will be no ordinary vacation. Our island is famous for its rich cultural diversity, where Mestizos, Creole and Garifanu blend to form a unique encounter. While here, I encourage you to explore the Caribbean Sea and find Belize's abundant treasures. Hol Chan Marine Reserve and Shark-Ray Alley are just two of the many spots where you can enjoy our coral reef formation and abundant and breathtaking sea life. San Pedro is also home to world-class fishing and scuba diving.

For the more adventurous, "La Isla Bonita" offers a wide array of water sports and for those looking to get a glimpse of the mystical world of the Maya, these historical ruins are just a short expedition away. You will also be able to discover Belize's vast cave systems and many natural sanctuaries that are home to our country's unique flora and fauna.



Whether you are spending your honeymoon at an exclusive resort or looking for an adventurous, yet romantic escape, San Pedro is surely the place to be. I invite you to explore our home and see the many wonders it has to offer.

We welcome you with open arms. Bienvenidos a San Pedro!

Elsa Paz, Mayor,
San Pedro Town

April 21, 2005

The Belizean National Animal: The Tapir

Belize is full of culture, heritage and life. The San Pedro Sun is proud to introduce the National Symbols of Belize. Enjoy reading about Belize's national bird, flower, prayer, song, flag, animal, and even tree!

The Tapir or Mountain Cow (Tapirello Bairdii) is not only one of Belize's National symbols, but it is also the largest land mammal of the American tropics. The tapir is a stoutly built animal with short legs, about the size of a donkey and weighs up to 600 pounds. Its general color is dusty brown with a white fringe around the eyes and lips, white tipped ears and occasional white patches of fur on the throat and chest.

In spite of its local name, the tapir is not a cow. The tapir is a vegetarian and spends much of its time in water or mud

shallows, making it a strong swimmer.

The tapir is one of the biggest stars in the Belize zoo; it has a long nose like an elephant or anteater, but is actually related to the horse and rhinoceros. Locally it is called the "Mountain Cow". To escape danger, the tapirs find a stream or river to enter and then walk underwater to the other side of the river. Tapirs are herbivores; in other words, they eat plants and not other

animals. At birth, baby tapirs have stripes that help camouflage from animals that prey on them such as the jaguar. Hunting and habitat loss are the main reasons the tapir population is decreasing all over Central America.

Today, there are large forest reserves in Belize to protect the remaining populations. Here in Belize, the Belize Zoo has a tapir named April, every year they celebrate April's birth-

day on the first Friday in April and many school children come to the zoo to party. Children crowd around the cage and watch as a special cake made of vegetable mash is fed to her. The National Animal is protected under the wildlife protection laws of Belize; therefore, the public is reminded that hunting of the tapir is illegal. Let's help protect our national jewels for they are our most prized possessions.



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Wet Willy's-Ladies' Night!

One of the most well known hotspots in San Pedro, which caters to both locals and tourists alike, is Wet Willy's Cantina & Grill, located at the end of Hustler Pier. Wet Willy's is unique because it is completely surrounded by the ocean. It has both indoor and patio seating; where you can feed their fish, swim from their steps, or just kick back and relax! Wet Willy's has great drink specials and is famous for their "Panty Ripper" cocktail; they also have well known DJ's spinning music.

Many local residents, as well as island visitors, go to Wet Willy's on Wednesdays where they host the most popular "Ladies Night" in all of San Pedro. There are free drawings and giveaways, and ladies receive free Kamikaze shots each hour until closing time at 2:00 am. DJ "Chabo" makes occasional appearances at Wet Willy's and always draws a huge crowd upwards of 300 people. Local ladies also do the "Punta" which is the National Dance. To perform this seductive dance, a woman's upper body stays relatively steady and calm but below the waist her hips look to be moving one hundred miles per hour. San Pedro resident Yanira told *The San Pedro Sun*, "My friends and I decided to come to Wet Willy's to celebrate our friend Vanya's recent engagement."

Wet Willy's is known as the home of the cocktail, "Panty Ripper", which consists of coconut rum and pineapple juice. The drink earned its name from a tradition that begun before hurricane Keith destroyed most of the building. Women at the bar would give their panties to the bartender to be hung up near the ceiling, and in return they would receive a free drink and proceed to dance on the bar.

Wet Willy's Bar hours are from 8:00 am. until midnight every night except Wednesdays when they close at 2:00 am., happy hour is from 5:30 - 7:30 Friday nights offers \$1 off all drinks, as well as complimentary appetizers from 5:30-7:30. Sundays is casual karaoke night.

Their kitchen is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., the kitchen is closed Sundays. Wet Willy's is also available for private parties, call 226-4136.

Be sure to stop by and see bartenders Alejandro, Fabio, and Sully, they are there to mix whatever drink you want. You may even get them to share some of their favorite "Ladies Night" stories with you!

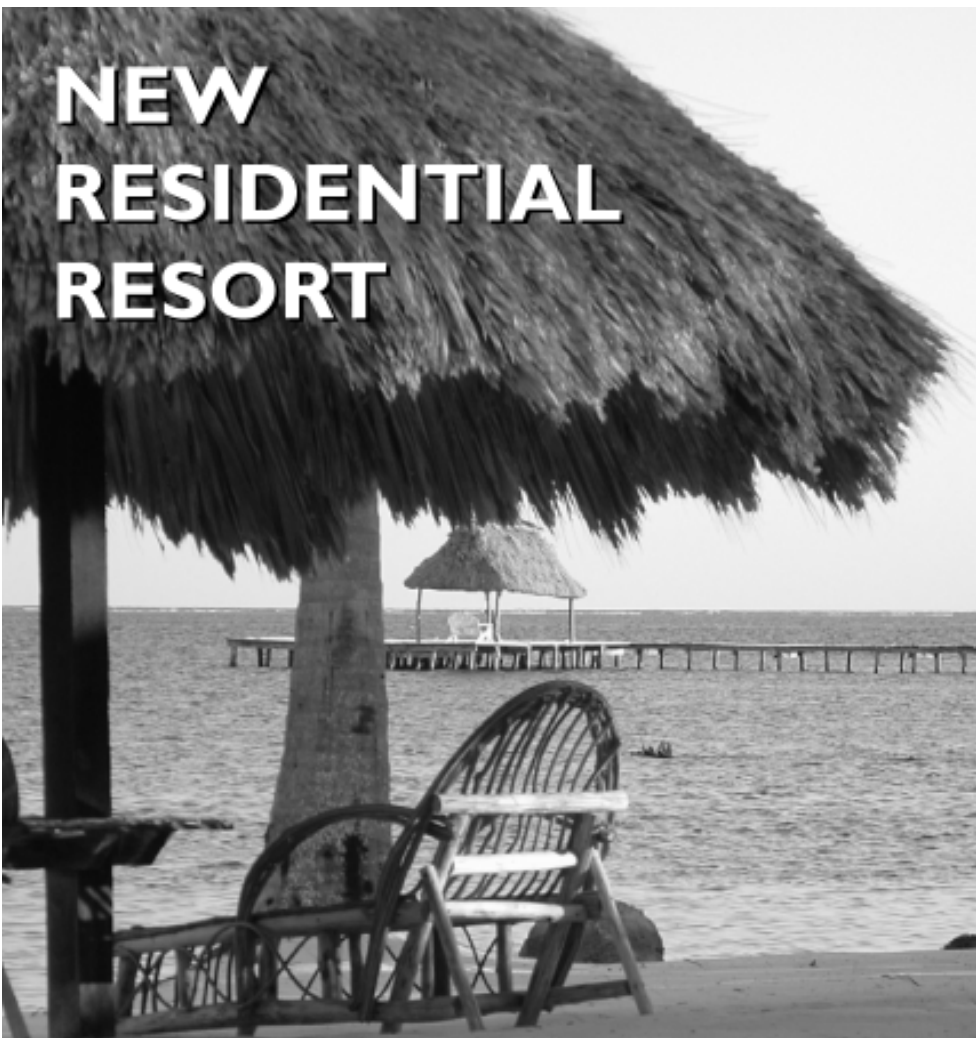


Bartenders at Wet Willie's Ladies' Night are ready to serve their customers, including their signature drink - the Panty Ripper.



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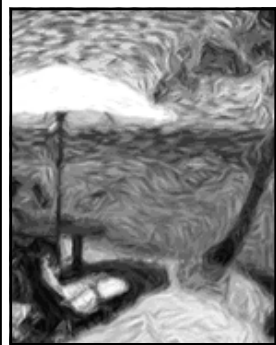
Plant Family: Euphorbiaceae

Description: Herb to 50 centimeters tall, often growing in groups of several plants; flowers green, in short spikes. As mentioned under Bear Paw Fern, the local use of the word "cancer" refers to a type of open sore.

Habitat: Old fields, yards and other disturbed sites.

Traditional Uses: Excellent remedy to wash *skin conditions* of the worst kind such as *chronic rashes, blisters, peeling skin, deep sores, ulcers, fungus, ringworm, inflammation, itching and burning of labia in women* – boil one entire plant in one quart water for 10 minutes; strain and wash area with very hot water three times daily. Leaves may be dried and toasted and passed through a screen to make a powder to sprinkle on sores, *skin infections* or *boils*. For *stomach complaints* or *urinary infections*, boil one entire plant in three cups water for five minutes; drink three cups of this warm concoction three times a day (one cup before each meal).

Research Results: A dried leaf tincture was shown to have *in vitro* activity against *Staphylococcus aureus*; it was shown to be inactive against *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Candida albicans* (Caceres et al. 1987). In an *in vitro* human colon cancer screen, extracts of dried leaf and twigs were found to be inactive (Chapuis et al. 1988).



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2. Thou shalt not take anything TOO seriously, for a care-free mind is the beginning of a fine holiday.
3. Thou shalt not let other tourists get on thy nerves, for thou art paying out good money to enjoy thyself.
4. Remember to take only half the clothes thou thinks thou needs and twice the money.
5. Know at all times where thy passport is, for a person without a passport is a person without a country.
6. Thou shalt not forget thou are a representative of your country at all times.
7. Thou shalt not worry, for he that worrieth hath no pleasure - few things are ever fatal.
8. As a stranger in a strange land be prepared to do as its people doeth.
9. Thou shalt not judge the people of a country by the one person who hast given them trouble.
10. Remember thou art a guest in other lands, and those who treat their hosts with respect shall be treated likewise.

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Island Park Estates Home Sites - \$115,000/\$285,000 US - 80' beachfront home sites with bulkhead, native vegetation, high ground. Interior sites also available.

Fishing is fun for the family

Whether you are an avid fisherman, or someone who can't remember the last time you "drowned" a worm, "La Isla Bonita" offers something for every type of angler. A day out fishing is a great adventure for vacationers of all ages, and there are many local guides who are skilled at finding where the fish are biting. If you have come to Ambergris in search of serious fishing, there are many skilled guides in the area that your hotel can recommend, or the folks at "El Pescador" can also set you up for whatever level of trip you are looking for. Tarpon and bonefish are very popular sport fish in the area.

For those who are just looking for a fun, laid back day on the water, there are many guides who offer full day and half-day fishing trips. Some also offer combination fishing and snorkeling trips, which is a great way to spend the day. If eating fresh fish is what you are looking for, some of the guides offer beachside barbeques where they will cook your catch of the day...nothing is more delicious!

Most of these fishing trips take place inside the reef, where the water is usually calm and transparent. If you are not the original "Old Man of the Sea," do not fear, as most guides come fully equipped with fishing gear, bait and a cooler with water and cold beverages. You can fish at your own comfort level, whether it be baiting and casting your-

self or letting the guide have the honors. They will even take the fish off the hook and filet it for you if you want! Depending on where you are anchored, the non-fishers on the boat may be able to snorkel off the "non-fishing" side of the boat. Your guide may also recommend trolling, depending on the tide, how the fish are biting and what you are fishing for.

If you have never caught an open-water fish before you are in for a treat. They are strong fighters and it is a thrill (and sometimes a challenge) to reel one in. It is always an exciting moment when the fish is finally brought to the boat, and the small fish that gave you a whale of a fight might surprise you. There is a huge variety of fish that can be caught along the reef, and many of them make fine dining. Most common are snappers, usually yellowtail. Other fish you may catch are porgy, hogfish, grouper, yellow jacks, grunts, and parrot fish to name a few. If you are lucky enough to snag a barracuda, even a small one, be prepared for a heck of a fight!

This is a great outing for families of all ages and abilities. Children love the excitement of reeling in a fish and the photo opportunities are many. Even the grandparents will have fun and a day like this is what memories are made of. After your fun-filled day you will have many stories to share, and you may even return from your trip with the classic "one that got away" story!



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A is for Anemone
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B is for Brown Pelican
Nesting on many Caribbean islands.

C is for Coral Reef
All colors, shapes and sizes.

D is for Dolphin
A spinning surprise.

E is for Eel
Undewater hiding and sliding.

F is for Frigate Bird
High in the sky gliding.

G is for Grouper
With gigantic lips and jaws

H is for Hermit Crab
With powerful claws.

I is for Incredible
Sea animals living in the tide.

J is for Jellyfish
Drifting on the sea's swell for a ride.

K is for King Helmet
Sleeping inside its shell.

L is for Lobster
Fisherman catch to sell.

M is for Manatee
Wrinkled, fat and slow.

N is for Nurse Shark
Whom all sea creatures know.

O is for Octopus
Eight arms and no feet.

P is for Porcupine Fish
A strange sight to meet.

Q is for Queen Conch
With its bright pink lip.

R is for Ray
Spreading its wings for a dip.

S is for Sponge.
Orange, yellow, red and brown.

T is for Turtle
Fewer and fewer to be found

U is for Urchin
Moving its spines to and fro.

V is for Venus Sea Fan
Lined up in a row.

W is for Whale
Endangered we fear

X is for e-X-tinct
No longer here.

Y is for Yellow Parrotfish
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Z is for Zigzag Scallop
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San Marcos (R29) 50 X 90 - Price is Right at \$38,000US.

Eden Isle (R27) Caye Caulker Lot #407 - 75' x 90' - 4th row lot, but only 285' off.

Boca Del Rio (P42) 3 connecting lots located on the waterway just before you cross the river cut. \$210,000US.

The Free Music School-*Music for the Soul*

What is the Free Music School (FMS) about?

As the Free Music School, FMS, approaches its 2nd year anniversary, it reaffirms its mission – to provide free quality music education to everybody in San Pedro who wants to learn. The private program provides one-on-one lessons to voice students or instrumentalists for a nominal fee. Most serious adult students elect to take one-hour lessons twice a week. At this rate, it takes about one year to become proficient enough to read and play most piano music scores.

In the free public service program, the current repertory of songs includes

Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Sound of Music*, and Peter Alsop's songs that tell morals. The Alsop's collection contains songs about feeling good about oneself and taking initiative to do positive things in the world, building self-esteem, recognizing dignity in everyone despite their behavior, race, gender, creed, or status as a disabled person, learning to respect animals such as dogs and cats, understanding parents whether they are single, married, divorced, stay-at-homes or working, education about gender roles and sexual behavior, and other subjects, some of which are sensitive. Peter Alsop is a professional singer and educational psychologist who has worked with adjusted and disturbed youth in the United States.

Dr. Floyd Jackson, FMS Founder and President, has a similar back-

ground. He is a professional concert violinist and composer. He performed with the Oregon Chamber Orchestra for seven years prior to his tenure here

in San Pedro. For the past three years, he has enjoyed directing, writing and performing the music liturgy at 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at the San Pedro Catholic Church. He plays a variety of other instruments including cello, viola,

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Children obviously having a grand time practising music with their teacher, Dr. Floyd Jackson

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The Free Music School

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piano, flute, trumpet and trombone. His medical career spans more than two-dozen years. Dr. Jackson says, "My philosophy is that no youth is a 'bad seed,' but rather victims of bad circumstance. All violent youth have been abused, and often have poor parenting, and educational deficits about universal

human dignity." Regarding the Free Music School, Dr. Jackson says, "FMS is a source of great fulfillment and inspiration for me."

For nearly two years, FMS has maintained a policy of providing the community with quarterly dinner concerts. The open-air Easter concert in San Pedro's Central Park last month provided quality entertainment together with all the Pauly's and Ambergris Delight pizza you could eat.

The general public is urged to come out and participate in these events. Mr. Jackson states that people who do not come to FMS events really miss out big time! Their weekly meetings and sessions are every Saturday, at noon to 2:00 p.m. at 33 Barrier Reef Drive in the San Pedro Catholic Church Parish Hall. Saturday lessons include a general assembly of music history, theory and songs, followed by small group assemblies of instrumentalists including pianists, guitarists, xylophonists, drummers, flautists, etc. The Free Music School maintains its program on funds contributed by sponsors and is thankful to the businesses for their contributions for their events. Dr. Floyd Jackson sent an FMS *wish list* and is asking the public for any *musical instruments such as guitars, flutes, recorders, keyboards, pianos* or other instruments that would be of great help to the children and the program. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the Free Music School can do so by



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Reef Brief

by Green Reef Peace Corp
Volunteer, Kristen Stelljes



The teams are registered and practicing, the last minute details are being worked out, and everyone is talking about it- The 1st Annual Ambergris Caye Lagoon-Reef Eco-Challenge is this Saturday. The start time of the race is being moved up to 6am on Saturday morning and the teams will be leaving from the Old Football Field. Even though it's early, we hope that everyone in San Pedro comes out to send off our adventurous paddlers! Paddlers need to make sure they come to the Participant's meeting at 7pm on Friday at the Town Hall. This meeting is mandatory!!!

We would like to invite people to come up to Basil Jones in order to cheer on the kayakers as they make their way to the finish line. People should be aware that transportation will not be provided and there will be NO food or drinks for sale. As much as we would like to feed everyone, the donations we received only provide us with enough to feed the paddlers and support volunteers. However, it should be a good time and very exciting to see the end of the first day of the race. Music will be provided by DJ Habo to keep everyone entertained.



Teams can be seen training for the 1st Annual Ambergris Caye Lagoon-Reef Eco-Challenge which is this weekend. Lets hope they survive the race!

1st Annual Ambergris Caye Lagoon-Reef Eco-Challenge

The trail is going to be marked right before the race. The race organizers would like to request that no one tampers with the markers. We don't want anyone to get led off course! The markers will be removed after the race. There will be several support boats following the teams, making sure everyone has enough water and is staying safe and healthy. The support team has several people who are CPR/First Aid certified.

Everyone should make sure to come to the bashment at Reef Festival on Sunday to celebrate the reef and the end of the kayak race. The party will be from 10am-6pm at Mar de Tumbo. Bring the whole family to participate in the many events going on during the day- from games to glass bottom boat rides to displays and the touch tank. There will be food and drink for sale as well as music by DJ Habo. If you have any questions (and the phones are working), call Green Reef at 226-2833.



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Lunch and dinner are filled with options for a filling meal complete with appetizer and dessert. Start your meal with a delicious ceviche; conch, shrimp or combo, served with homemade, fresh tortilla chips. Or, bite into some chicken fingers served with a homemade, delicious cocktail sauce or fish fingers with a cold and tasty tartar sauce. Salads are always an alternative as well. Try our plain garden salads or chicken, seafood or chef's salad, all topped with delectable honey mustard dressing, straight from Papi's kitchen.

Lunch and dinner present new choices for a delicious and scrumptious meal. Want some poultry, try the homemade pineapple sauce drizzled over a grilled chicken breast, mmm.... the amazing tropical chicken. Or, try the mouthwatering taste of the beef tenderloin in a creamy mushroom sauce. Meat lover? The T-bone steaks are just right for you. Craving some seafood? Papi's Diner offers the best in fish, shrimp, conch, and lobster. Get them all grilled, sautéed in a garlic and wine sauce, or deep fried. Full meals are all served with a choice of a baked potato, French fries, white rice or rice and beans, also a garden salad or steamed vegetables.

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Answer: The majority of properties on Ambergris Caye are bought and sold in US Dollars.

Question: Is local financing available?

Answer: Yes, however most non-residents will balk at the interest rates. Effective local interest rates are currently in the range of 12-16% with fixed terms of only 12 months. At the end of every year the loan is closed out and then renewed at the current lending rate. Local borrowing is only permitted in Belize dollars and thus is not applicable under most property purchasing scenarios.

Question: What are the rates for property taxes on Ambergris Caye?

Answer: Taxes are very affordable. Most properties are taxed at 1.5% of the assessed value. Assessments are usually at 10-30% of the market value.

Question: What about property insurance?

Answer: All perils (including Hurricane) insurance is available here on buildings and structures through local insurance companies who are re-insured through US and European underwriters. Rates run from 1.5% for concrete structures to 2.5% for wooden structures. Deductibles are normally 5% of the sum insured on storms and less for fire

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Superstitions During Pregnancy

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During Eclipses:

*Pregnant women were not to leave the house the night of a lunar eclipse, *especially* when the moon was fully covered. To do so would mean running the risk of giving birth to conjoined twins, a baby with a cow's head, or a baby with fangs and horns. If there was no way she could avoid going out, wearing red underwear would help protect her from these effects.

*Pregnant women should cover their

stomachs with a red cloth. Not doing so would cause the baby to be born with strawberry birthmarks.

*Women who have had sex outside of marriage were not to point at the moon, the sun or any other extraordinary planetary event occurring at the time. If they did so it was believed that they would run the risk of getting pregnant that very night, and if so the child would be covered by a hideous black burn mark.

Emotions:

Pregnant women are often very sensitive during their nine-month term (who could blame them? They're getting fat fast, *and* about to experience the worst pain of their lives, and *no-one* understands). To make matters worse, they've been warned not to be so sensitive. Why?

*Apparently, a pregnant woman who sympathizes or feels extreme pity for someone who's suffering or has a handicap, runs the risk of having a child with a similar handicap, or worse.

*Pregnant women are not supposed to cry a lot because once born, their

babies would cry excessively.

*Avoid disliking someone intensely while pregnant as this would cause your child to adopt the features of the disliked person.

*It is advisable for a pregnant mother not to be sad during pregnancy as this would cause the child to be born to become a whiner.

To predict the sex of a baby:

*Suspend a wedding band held by a piece of thread over the palm of the pregnant girl. If the ring swings in an oval or circular motion the baby will be a girl. If the ring swings in a straight line the baby will be a boy.

*If the pregnant woman carried her extra weight out front, the baby was a boy; in her hips and butt, the baby was a girl. Or, if the pregnant

woman craves salty foods, meats and/or cheese, the baby is a boy; if she craves sweets and/or fruit, the baby was a girl.

Other tales include:

*Pregnant women should refrain from chewing ice because doing so would cause the baby to grow excessively.

*Avoid keeping a spoon in the salt container during pregnancy as this would cause difficulties during labor.

*It is advisable to bury the placenta of the new-born child somewhere in the ground at the backdoor of the house so that the child will never be in want.

*It is advisable for a pregnant mother to look at beautiful pictures so that her baby would be born beautiful as well.



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Q&A: Buying property in Belize

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Question: What are the procedures for seller financing and how am I protected?

is lodged in the property's register to act as a similar lien in the Registered Lands Department.

Answer: Most people are familiar with a Contract for Deed and the Belizean equivalent is called an Agreement For Sale or Memorandum of Sale. An Agreement or Memorandum, under Belize law, is a valid and binding contract that vests the purchaser with an equitable interest in the property concerned. Once such an agreement has been registered or recorded at the Land Registry it constitutes notice of that person's interest as 'Equitable Estate'. The 'Legal Estate' does not pass to the purchaser at this point but the registered Agreement or Memorandum acts as a lien and security for such title being eventually transferred. The titleholder can no longer enter into any other contract on the property or mortgage the property without the express written permission of the lien holder. Legal Estate will be passed at such time when the purchaser satisfies all conditions of the agreement, which is when full payment has been made to the seller. When an Agreement or Memorandum is associated with property falling under the New Registration Act, an additional document called a 'Caution'

Language can link us with other cultures, no matter how foreign the tongue may be. In an effort to share this form of communication with our audience, *The San Pedro Sun* proudly presents its newest addition to the weekly paper - Words of the



Week. In Words of the Week, we will present a few words in English and give you their Spanish translations. In the near future we hope to include other languages that may interest our valued readers! Enjoy!!!

ENGLISH

Can I see a menu?
What is the special today?
Can I get the bill please?
Where are the bathrooms?
What kind of beverages do you have?

SPANISH

Puedo ver un menu?
Que es el especial de hoy?
La cuenta por favor
Donde estan los baños?
Que tiene de tomar?



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- 1 lb. ground round steak
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- 1 plantain, peeled and diced
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- 1 (14.5-oz.) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1/2 cup green olives, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 8 (6-inch) corn tortillas
- 2 cups chopped romaine lettuce

Cook beef in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until browned, stirring to crumble. Add garlic, bell pepper, and plantain; cook in 3 minutes. Add tomatoes and next 4 ingredients (tomatoes through black pepper); cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Spoon 1/2 cup meat mixture onto each hot tortilla; top each with 1/4 cup lettuce and roll up. Makes 4 servings - 2 tacos per serving



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Ambergris Caye

Ambergris Caye is twenty-five miles long; its width ranges from a few hundred feet to over four miles. Northern Ambergris Caye is separated from the southernmost tip of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula by a small channel. After arriving in Belize City, a short fifteen minute airplane ride gets you to San Pedro, or if you would rather take the scenic route, an hour's boat ride will get you there as well.

Language

English is the official language and is widely spoken, as is Spanish. Other languages include Creole, Garifuna, Mayan and German.

Climate

Belize weather is characterized by two seasons: a rainy and a dry season. Most of the year's rainfall occurs during the period of June to November, that is, the rainy season. The average temperature varies from 81°F/27°C along the coast to 69°F/21°C in the hills. The coldest month is January while the highest temperatures are experienced during the month of May.

Cash & Currency

U.S. dollars are accepted as currency countrywide. The common exchange ratio is \$2BZ/\$1 U.S. Licensed moneychangers offer a slightly higher exchange rate, ranging from \$2.05BZ to \$2.12BZ, depending on the current market.

Nearly all hotels, restaurants and shops accept Visa, Master Card and travelers' checks. Street vendors and smaller establishments in remote areas may accept only cash or travelers' checks.

Sales Taxes

Belize's sales tax is set at 9% and it is applied to all goods and services, except for telecommunications. There is a 7% hotel tax. Some hotels also add a 10-15% "service charge" to the bill; inquire about this when checking hotel prices.

Transportation

The streets are sand, which is great for walking or bike riding. There are few cars; instead, the vehicles of choice are electric golf carts, which are available for rent. Please remember that all golf cart drivers MUST have a valid drivers license. Drive with caution, there are many speed bumps around the downtown area that are not marked and always be on the lookout for potholes. Taxi service is available everywhere south of Boca del Rio. Around town the average fee is \$7BZ. Some local business, as well as resorts, rent bicycles.

Telecommunications

All telecommunications services (direct dial phones, fax, telex, cable) are available. There are several "Internet Cafes" on the island where you can access the internet through high-speed internet or satellite connections.

SAME Picture

Wolfe's Woofers by Dennis Wolfe

We Don't Have To Pray

"What is that cooking?" I said, as I lifted the lid on the big stove pot. "The smell is driving me crazy."

"It's a pork roast," Dulce said. "Keep your hands off of it. I saw that. If you eat another one of those carrots there won't be any left for the rest of us."

"When will it be ready?"

"It's ready now. We're just waiting for Melody. She went to pick up Mari and Irving. I called Deni and she'll be here in a minute with Jaybo. We're all eating together."

I grumbled a bit but went back to the computer while I waited.

"Here they are," Dulce called. "Why don't you get the ice in the glasses. We have some soft drinks in the fridge."

Melody arrived with Dulce's sisters and the nephews, Jaybo and Irving, went straight to the table and sat.

"That smells good Tia," Jaybo said.

"It sure does," Irving said, as Dulce dished out the roast.

He and Jaybo dug into their food with gusto.

"Irving, Joel!" Mari said. "Don't you know better than to start eating before everyone else?"

"That's right," Deni said. "We haven't even said grace yet."

"You mean we got to pray over our food?" Jaybo asked.

"No," Irving said. "We don't have to pray at Tia Dulce's. She knows how to cook."



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Trivia Tidbits

*A rainbow can be seen only in the morning or late afternoon. It is a phenomenon that can occur only when the sun is 40 degrees or less above the horizon.

*In Riverside, California, there is an old law on the city's books which makes it illegal to kiss unless both people wipe their lips with rose water.

*There are 42 dots on a pair of dice

*In 1500 B.C. in Egypt, a shaved head was considered the ultimate in feminine beauty. Egyptian women removed every hair from their heads with special gold tweezers and polished their scalps to a high sheen with buffing cloths.

*In the opening procession of the Olympics, the team representing the host nation always marches last.

*A hippopotamus has a stomach 10 feet long, capable of holding six bushels of grass

*During World War II, sales of the soft drink 7 UP (or 7-Up) rose to new heights. Bottlers focused on 7 UP because it required less sugar than other soft drinks, and sugar was being rationed for the war effort.

*The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.

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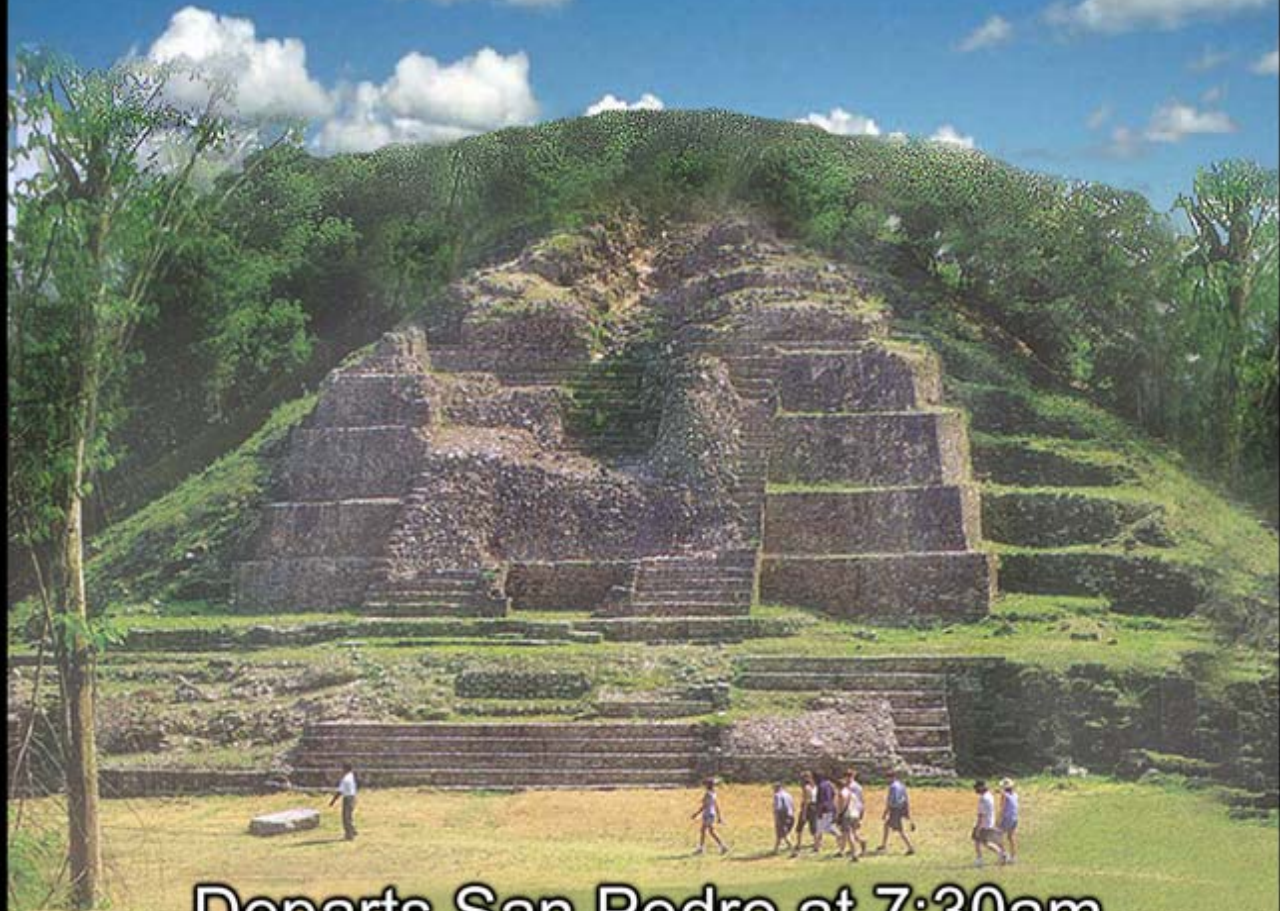
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