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- Words of the Week. In

Words of the Week, WORD OF we will present a few THE words in English and give you their Spanish and Creole translations. Thanks to Silvana Woods for all her

help and the translations. In the near future we hope to include other languages that may interest our valued readers! Enjoy!!!

ENGLISH SPANISH **CREOLE**

Tigre Tiger Taiga **Bokotoara Turtle Tortuga** Caballo Horse Haas Gallina Chicken Chikin



Creole: Yu blade a wonda if you bade. **English:** You're blade, I wonder if you bathed. **Meaning:** You're dressed up but did you take a bath?

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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 Garinagu 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



Pampered in Paradise

There are several types of vacations to be had here in San Pedro. For a lot of people, a vacation means exploring and hiking and discovering what nature has to offer. For those with more relaxation in mind however, we've discovered some great activities that require someone else to do the action.

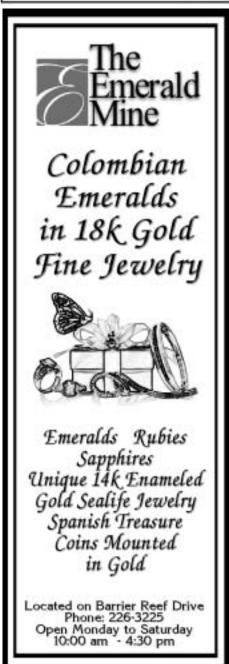
If the thought of getting facials, foot rubs, manicures, pedicures and massages makes you shiver with excitement, then read on about the great spots primed to give you an all-out pampering session.

All you have to do is sit or lie back and say aah.....

Correction:

In last week's Visitor's Guide Cover page, the image labelled as Banquitas' house of culture is not in fact the House of Culture. Our sincere apologies for this oversight.







The Jade Spa cabaña, where bliss is just a few moments away.

The Jade Spa - A walk on cloud nine

Want to feel like you're walking in the clouds? Then we've got just the place to go, come try the Jade Spa for a rejuvenating and soothing experience. The Jade Spa, centrally located in the heart of the Mata Chica Resort, offers a unique blend of natural and exquisite taste. The secluded Jade Spa surrounds you with soothing smells, beautiful colors and relaxing sounds. Inside the spa, the aroma is sweet, with a blend of Lemon grass and Citronella oil, while calm, spiritual music plays, turning the mood into a tranquil and peaceful vibe. Sweet smells like Cedarwood Sage, Lavender, Rosemary and Healing gar-



Casa Picasso is no longer a secret

Once considered one of San Pedro's best kept secrets, Casa Picasso has quickly become one of the most sought after dining and club experiences in San Pedro. Located opposite the popular reef-side of Ambergris Caye, the location does not prevent visitors and locals alike to seek out this unique restaurant.

Offering Spanish style tapas combined with other favorite appetizers, delicious and filling pasta dishes and the islands' largest dessert menu, Casa Picasso has something for everyone.

The laid back "cool" lounge bar with plush sofas, intimate lighting and hip eclectic music make it a perfect spot for lingering over one of the special house martinis, a glass of wine from the extensive wine list, or an espresso coffee while enjoying a late night dessert.

Owners Chris and Jennifer Eager have lived all over the world and bring that experience to their menu, which is specifically inspired from Spain, Italy and the Caribbean. Besides the popular "Casa Picasso" dishes that remain on their menu, Jennifer often adds new dishes, inspired by the seasonal local foods that are available. The vast wine list and signature martinis compliment every course on the menu including the full array of tapas. Sevilla Olives, Olive Tapenade, Bulbs of Roasted Garlic, Patatitas Fritas and **Stuffed Roasted Peppers are among the**



The chic interior at Casa Picasso add to the hip vibe sought by visitors and locals.



Casa Picasso's amazing Cracked Coconut dessert.

many choices on the starter menu. These tasty morsels can be a meal in themselves. Often, guests use these small plates to awaken the appetite and then enjoy one of the many delicious pasta, fresh seafood or grilled and roasted meat entrées. Some of the seafood entrées include Crab Salad. Gambas a la Plancha, Salmon Croquettes and Scallops al Ajillo. The grilled and roasted meat entrées include Sangria Pollo, Pincho de Chorizo y Cebolla, Spicy Barcelona Meatballs, and Braised Pork Loin with Two Salsas. All the dinners are served with their daily baked rustic Italian bread and herbed butter.

But, no meal at Casa Picasso would be complete without treating yourself to one of their incredible desserts. It is difficult to choose from the tempting list of delectable delights. Menu items include Bananas Picasso, Key Lime Pie, Grand Marnier Creme Brûlée, and an amazing Cracked Coconut, which is a chocolate shell covered with toasted coconut filled with coconut ice

Recognized by many popular travel publications, Fodor's recently deemed Casa Picasso "a restaurant not to be missed." For more information about Casa Picasso please call 226-4507or visit their website at http:// ambergriscaye.com/casapicasso

"Dine artfully tonight" at Casa Picasso, you will be glad you did!



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And don't forget to save room for dessert!!! We make the best is a group on the Causa right on the arrangement. Crab, scallop and shitake stuffed grouper drizzled

the best ice cream on the caye right on the premises here at Rojo Lounge

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Falling

*To dream of falling indicates a loss of emotional equilibrium or self-control. It may represent your insecurity, a lack of self-confidence, a fear of failure or an inability to cope with a situation.

*If you fall a long distance in your dream and get hurt, be prepared for really hard times ahead; but if you fall and are not injured your upsets will be minor and temporary.

Garden

*To see a vegetable garden in your dream symbolizes increased prosperity will come your way through diligence and care. It also suggests stability and inner growth.

*To see a flower garden in your dream foretells tranquility, comfort, true love, and a happy home in your future.

*To see a sparse, weed-infested garden denotes that you have neglected your spiritual needs.

Hairdresser

*For a woman to dream of going to a

hairdresser shows she will soon be entangled in some family scandal concerning the morals of a member of her family. Should she have her hair-dyed, she will narrowly escape imprisonment.

*For a man to dream of a hairdresser will presage much gossip or a need to dominate a beautiful woman.

Honey

*To dream of eating honey foretells that you will attain wealth and love.

Ice Cream

*Eating, making, selling or serving ice cream suggests that you are feeling contentment and satisfaction in your life.

Jail

*To dream that your lover is in jail signifies that this lover is deceitful and untrustworthy.

*To dream that you are in jail signifies your feelings of confinement and suffocation.

Keys

*To dream of keys denotes unexpected change. If the keys are lost, unpleasant adventures will affect you. To find keys means domestic peace and success in business.

Killing

*If you dreamed of killing someone, whether intentionally or by accident, it signifies a period of severe emotional stress during which you must make a heroic effort to control your temper.

Death

*If you dream of death or see a dead body in a dream, then it means a wedding. If the person who died in the dream is a stranger to you, then it's someone from your general acquaintances who will get married.

Marriage

*Dreaming of a marriage, or a wedding, is the sign of a death in the family. If the marriage was between strangers, then the death pertains to a not-too-close ac-

Teeth

quaintance or friend.

*To dream of the loss of teeth indicates death to someone you are acquainted with. If you or someone in your family loses teeth in your dreams, it means someone in your family will die.

Donate to these worthy San Pedro organizations!

San Pedro Roman Catholic School – Brightening the minds of San Pedro's youth. Contact Principal Roxanni Kay – 226-

Green Reef – A non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of sustainable use and conservation of Belize's marine and coastal resources. Contact greenreef@btl.net

2550, roxanicruz@yahoo.com

Lions Club of San Pedro –
Relies on income from its Friday
and Saturday Night BBQ to
support the needy community.
Help a great cause. Contact
President Nita Marin – 226-2064.

Saga Society – A non-profit "humane society" to address the stray cat and dog population in San Pedro. Contact 226-3266.

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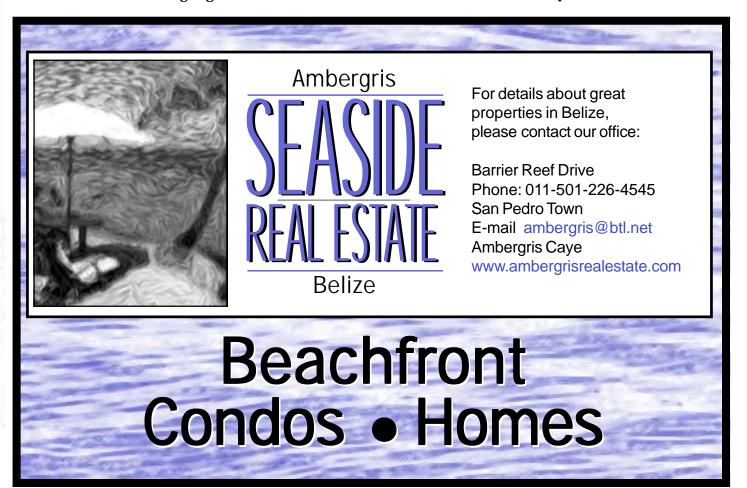
San Pedro High School -

Helping students "Anchor in Success." Contact Principal Angel Nuñez or Chairperson Mrs.

Martha Guerrero at 226-2045/2010/2043.

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Maria Luisa of Jade Spa working magic with her fingers.

den are amongst the fragrances that come out of the Spa, which makes it even more inviting.

At the door, one is greeted with a warm smile and a friendly 'hello' from Mata Chica's finest masseuse, Maria Luisa Campos. She is a physical therapist and lifestyle consultant from Orange Walk, but was raised in Mexico, and she is ready and waiting to fulfill your every desire. Her love and passion for healing and therapeutic massages dates back from her childhood. In an interview with *The San Pedro Sun*, she stated, "I love and take pride in what I do, I take away the tension and stress with the gift that God has given me." Indeed, after a session with Maria Luisa, one really does feel rejuvenated and relaxed. "It feels like I'm walking in the clouds and will surely take a trip back for another," a customer exclaimed.

The Jade Spa offers a wide array of massages and treatments; some include the aromatherapy massage where essential oils are used to nourish the body. Another is the therapeutic massage, where one benefits from its rejuvenating blend of Swedish, deep tissue and Shiatsu massage. This massage relieves chronic tensions with realignment, balancing and breathing therapy. In this session, Maria Luisa would focus on trigger and pressure points to rebalance the energy and alleviate the stress. Facials are done too; the Ecocalm Essential facial is to die for: customers enjoy a stress-relieving facial that begins with Ecocalm exfoliating sea salt scrub. Then, a refreshing and firming organic cucumber extract mask is placed; collagen is massaged into the face and the process is completed with a nourishing and soothing mineral care spray.

All these opportunities and treatments

the Jade Spa offers is guaranteed to leave you stress-free and ready to take on a new day. To meet the demands and satisfy the customers every need, Mata Chica also offers massages on the beach. Just say the word and Maria Luisa is ready to give you a chair massage whilst you soak in the sun and relax to the sounds of the Caribbean Sea. The choice is yours. Come get pampered at the *Jade Spa*, try their treatments, facials and massages, it will leave you with a new sense of balance and harmony. For reservations, please call 220-5010 or 220-5011 and book a guaranteed heavenly massage in a blissfully natural environment scented with a mix of Maria Luisa's own blend of citrus scents.

Tropical Touch Massage and Day Spa



Relaxing with a face and eye mask.

Imagine the cool ocean breeze gently caressing your body, the soothing sound of the ocean rhythmically lapping the shore and the distant call of sea gulls circling above. Together, these seductive sounds and sensations embrace you and carry you away to a place where you and the ocean are one, experiencing a deep sense of peace and relaxation that is compared to no other place on earth.

The Tropical Touch Massage and Day Spa is located across from the O'Farrell house, and is literally on the beach...over the water. As you enter this tropical haven, aromatic incense, exotic, sensual music, in harmony with water song just outside invites you to experience a whole new level of pampering. You are greeted by Vicki

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Campbell, who started Tropical Touch almost four years ago. Campbell completed and maintains her massage therapist education in Texas, USA. She is also a dedicated student of Dr. Rosita Arvigo, who is a Naprapathic physician, a master herbalist, a recognized authority on Maya healing techniques and medicinal plants. These natural healing techniques seek to restore the body to its natural balance and **Campbell incorporates these remedies** in many of the treatments the spa has to offer.

Her skilled staff, Demly and Melissa, are lovely young ladies with a unique beauty that is a true testimony to their exotic Belizean heritage. Both

girls are from the small tropical village of Bomba, where they began their massage and spa training at the nearby first class Maruba Resort Jungle Spa, between them they have many years of experience. Before coming to Tropical Touch Melissa was a masseuse at Cayo Espanto, which is considered by some as the most exclusive resort in the world.

Tropical Touch offers a variety of massages. The Swedish massage is a firm, full body, massage, designed for a relaxing and rejuvenating result. The Therapeutic massage is a deep tissue massage and the Hot Stone massage is performed with smooth polished Basalt Lava stones, which are heated and in-

corporated into a massage. This massage is a perfect treatment to loosen tight muscles, relieve stress and ease tension. All of the massages include having your feet cleansed with hot towels, and at the completion of the massage a moist hot towel is applied to your back to remove the oil from your skin. As a final touch a hot moist towel scented with eucalyptus oil is applied to your face to refresh you. You may also choose to treat yourself with the Touch Therapy massage. This experience is a combination of the Seaweed/ Sugar Scrub, followed by a very relaxing Swedish massage, a nourishing hair mask treatment and a Touch of Nature

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ALMOND

Almendro (Spanish) **Hammand (Creole)**

Scientific Name: Terminalia catappa

Plant Family: Combretaceae

Description: A tree growing to 25 meters tall, with a stout trunk to one meter in diameter; branches formed in conspicuous, spreading whorls; leaves 10-30 centimeters long; flowers in spikes 5-15 centimeters long; fruits white, shaped like almonds, brown when ripe, four to seven centimeters long; seeds three to four centimeters long.

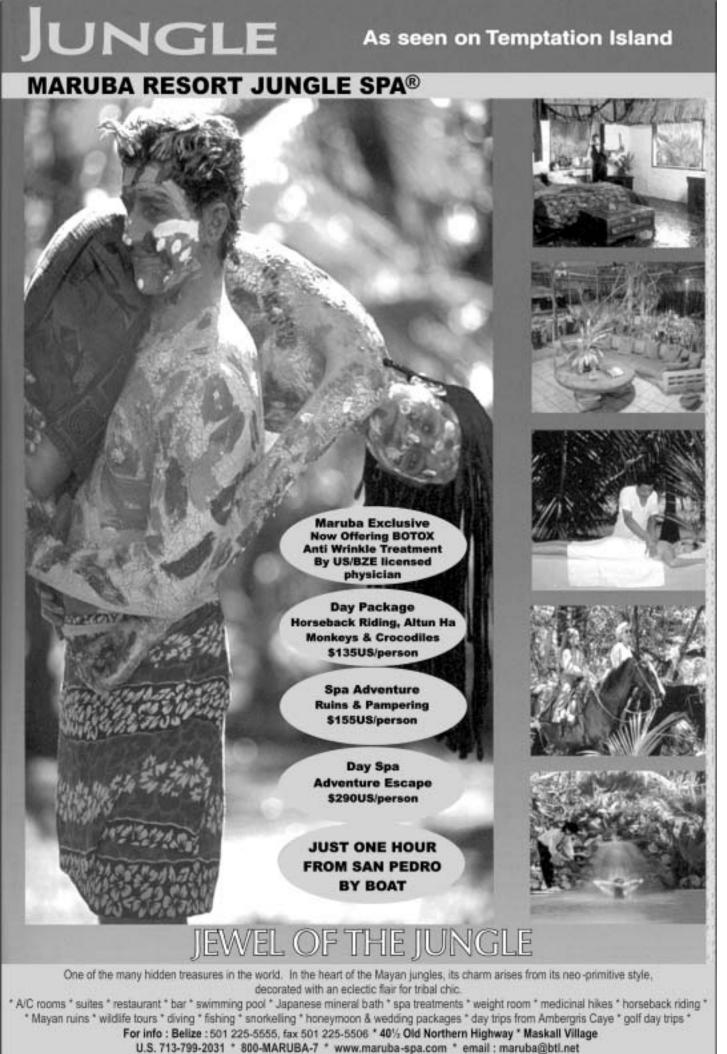
Habitat: Cultivated in yards, orchards, and in public parks and plazas; found also along the sea.

Traditional Uses: Leaves are boiled to make a tea for high blood pressure and heart trouble - boil three leaves in three cups of water for ten minutes; drink one cup every other day, before breakfast. Dosage should not exceed three cups weekly as more is said to weaken sex drive.

Research Results: Most of the pharmacological tests on this plant showed no activity. Antibacterial activity was shown using an 80% ethanol extract of dried aerial parts at a concentration of 100 mcl/ml in *Salmonella paratyphi* A in vitro (Aynehchi et al. 1982). Analgesic activity was shown in rats using a methanol extract of dried leaf and stem (Esposito-Avella et al. 1985). The plant in known to contain benzenoids, coumarins (Griffiths 1959), lipids (Upadhya et al. 1974), saponins, and tannins (Aynehchi et al. 1985).

The complete book "Rainforest Remedies - One Hundred Healing Herbs of Belize" by Dr. Rosita Arvigo and Dr. Michael Balick with illustrations by Laura Evans can be purchased in bookstores or most gift shops in Be-

This column is **NOT** intended to be a guide for self-treatment of a medical problem or as a substitute for qualified medical advice. As with any health problem, a qualified physician should be consulted before taking any medication. The intent of this column is to give an overview of the pharmacological properties of Belizean plants. Articles reprinted by permission of the author.



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Tourist Information

Belize Tourism Board - 223-1910.

Belize Tourism Industry Association (BTIA) - 227-5717.

San Pedro Tourist Guide Association 226-2391.

Church Services

San Pedro Roman Catholic Church Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. English; 11 a.m. Children's; 7:30 p.m. Spanish; Sat.: Confessions 5-7 p.m; Mass or Communion Service every night at 7:30 p.m.

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IMPORTANT #s

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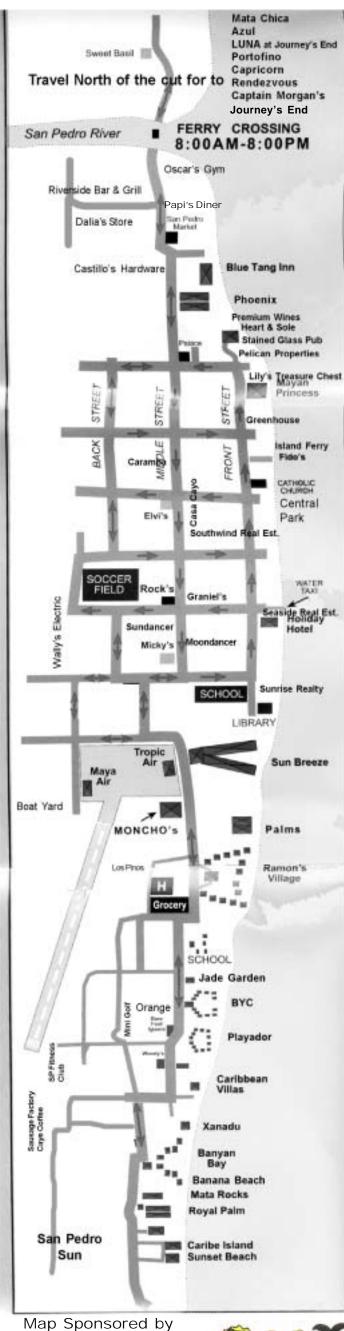
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Reef Brief

by Green Reef Peace Corp Volunteer, Kristen Stelljes



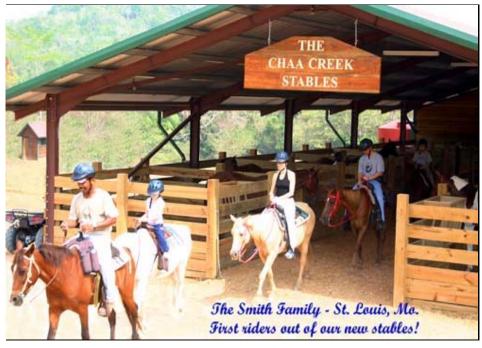
What is Pica Pica?

Around this time of year, unfortunate snorkelers and divers may find themselves itching a lot. The culprit is pica pica (itchy itchy). When someone has come into contact with pica pica, he or she will develop an itchy rash similar to chicken pox that can last up to 10 days. It's a harmless rash, but the person who has it may not agree as they lie awake at night itching. One form of pica pica is thought to be spherical thimble jellyfish blooms that contain millions of juvenile jellyfish that can't be seen with the naked eye. These jellyfish can give people a rash because of the medusa (tentacle-like structures) they have that contain nematocysts. The nematocysts are microscopic and poisonous. They are activated by touch, leaving the person with the pica pica rash. The traditional remedy is to put vinegar or ammonia on the affected area.

There is a second type of pica pica, which comes from a cyanobacteria called trichodesmium. This bacteria is a toxin that doesn't respond to traditional remedies. So, if you get it, you will just have to wait 7-10 days before it goes away. The trichodesmium blooms like jellyfish, but fortunately the blooms are visible to the naked eye. The blooms look like sawdust in the water. The best way to avoid pica pica is to avoid the "sea sawdust." Trichodesmium can cause liver and pulmonary damage and gastrointestinal illness. It is possible for the bacterium to live in freshwater as well, causing drinking water contamination. When this happens, it can poison animals and birds that drink the water. There is one good thing about trichodesmium however, it may actually slow down global warming. The bacterium uses photosynthesis to remove carbon dioxide and nitrogen to the air. These gases cause light rays to become trapped in the earth's atmosphere leading to warming. This actually may benefit the reef, because coral is very sensitive to increases in water temperatures. Good luck avoiding pica pica!



Chaa Creek's New Equestrian Centre



Press Release – Chaa Creek Lodge – May 17th, 2005 – Chaa Creek's brand spanking new equestrian stables have added a distinctly up-market feel to one of the most popular sporting events taking place daily within the lodge's 345 acre nature reserve and activities center.

The reserves' twelve miles of well-maintained jungle trails for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding offer the explorer a lush tropical habitat for experiencing nature at its best. Whether you're out for an afternoon hike or planning a more focused learning experience, our licensed naturalist guides are always ready to challenge you both intellectually and physically.

When the first horse corral was built, back in 1992, the future remained ad hoc and we soon found ourselves building around its tattered edges. Before we knew it we had a cottage nearby and the Conference Centre adjacent, and the rough little island of fenced land grew out of place along side its more elegant neighbors.

The new equestrian center is now located near the main entrance of the property. It is made up of eight loose boxes, ten stalls, a saddle room, a feed room and an adjoining corral. The professionally designed stables now offer a better handling facility for the horses and more organized horseback riding tours.

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Roseate Spoonbill

I asked Bubba about the spoonbills genera and he explained, "There are three genera of spoonbill: the Platibis in Australia; the Platalea of the Old World; and the Ajaia of the New World. Ambergris **Caye and its collections of Bird Islands** are in the New World." Bubba is great for info like that, but I wanted to sneak up quiet and unnoticed to Bird Island, so Bubba stayed at home. There are so many islands in the back bay that it becomes confusing as to which one you're visiting. To add to the confusion some are known by as many as three different names. Most bird watching tours given by the local guides are visiting Rosario Caye, aka Guano Caye.

It's home for a few ibis, spoonbills and frigate birds, but has the most frequent visitation. Bird Island is almost six miles more to the north and falls within the boundaries of the proposed Bacalar Chico



The graceful Roseate Spoonbill on grassy marshland.

National Park and Marine Reserve. I took the boat through the river and cruised up the back to the northern point of the island. I had heard rumors from the rangers that the spoonbills were nesting there, and it's early spring in Central America.

Spoonbills are found worldwide in warm tropical regions and when swamps and marshes in which they breed dry up, they may go thousands of miles in search of suitable habitat. The rains have filled the flats in the back of the island with some regularity and over a period of years it's become a big food source. I can only believe this must be the attraction for these birds to chose Bird Island as a nesting spot.

Spoonbills find their food by touch more

Ping Pong & Volleyball

Poolside Grill

than sight; they walk in the shallows with their heads down and their long peculiar looking duck bill sifting the bottom in search of clams or shrimp. Bubba said, "Morphologically, they are closely related to flamingoes who are also pink and have specialized bills used to eat crustaceans from the bottom of shallow waters. When mating, the male Roseate Spoonbill will offer presents of nesting material to the female in courtship; she builds the nest."

Looking into a nest should be done carefully and is almost never done without scaring the hell out of mama. Eggs are a wonderful diet for so many predators; she can only believe you're looking for lunch. Nothing should be touched and bending a branch for a view is done with care not to break the branch. One or the other of the parents is always watching the nest.

They fly using slow powerful downbeats to lift the large body with a rhythm of flap, flap, flap, glide . . . flap, flap, flap, glide . . . A flock of five or six is a thrill to watch. I hope they like this place and stay.



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The Belizean Prayer

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We pray, O God of Mercy, for all of us that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law, that we may be preserved in union and in that peace which the world itself cannot give. And, after enjoying the blessings of this life, please admit us, dear Lord, to that eternal reward that you have prepared for those who love you.

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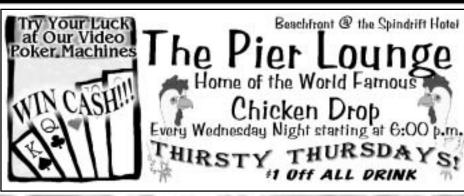
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The Tropical Touch Massage and Day Spa is open Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment on Sundays, Mondays and after hours. They are also available to offer their pampering services at your hotel, and are equipped to treat small groups such as wedding parties, going out of their way to create a fun and relaxing experience for all. For more information you can call them at 226-4666 or visit their website at tropicaltouchspaworks.com.

Dr. Harold Zuniga, Oasis Spa

Ambergris Caye offers many exciting and adventurous ways to make your vacation days unforgettable. A wide range of water sports – diving, jet skiing, windsurfing, and even parasailing – and mainland activities – manatee excursions, and visiting ruins – is sure to have your days completely booked. But, what about having a vacation from your vacation? To get the royal treatment and more, be sure to visit *Oasis Spa*, located at the San Pedro Family Fitness Club where Dr. Zuniga will make sure to take care of every ache and pain or just simply massage your troubles away.

Dr. Harold Zuniga, originally from Punta Gorda in the Toledo District, has his main office located at 85 Amara Avenue in Belize City. However, after paying a short visit to San Pedro he found that his services would be of great use in the small community. He now visits with patients out of the *Oasis Spa* every Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Zuniga began his career as a nurse after graduating from Belize City Hospital School Of Nursing then leaving to Long Island University, USA.. Shortly after he enrolled in the United States Army as a medic and after a few years, Dr. Zuniga became an emergency room nurse for the British Forces in Belize. However, he always wanted to expand his studies and hav-

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- *3 cups flour (all purpose)
- *2 ozs. lard (melted)
- *1/2 tsp salt
- *3 tsp baking powder
- *1 oz. margarine (melted)
- *1/2 cup coconut milk

Method:

- 1. Sift flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl.
- 2. Add the melted fat, mix well.
- 3. Add the milk gradually to form a stiff dough.
- 4. Roll out into small balls, flatten slightly and prick with a fork.
- 5. Bake in a hot oven 375°F (or Gas 5) for 20 mins.
- 6. Slice and butter while hot and serve. A favorite complement is cheese.

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ing some friends in Canada, the good doctor made the fateful move to Toronto. He attended the University of Western Ontario where he learned sports medicine but was also learning chiropractic studies along with manipulative therapy, on the side. "I was busy all the time, but it was doing what I loved so the time flew by," explained Dr. Zuniga. His studies did not end there, he completed acupuncture and acupressure studies at the American Institute of Acupressure in California, USA.

Dr. Zuniga then returned to Canada and began practicing with a fellow chiropractic doctor. He, however, ached to return home and open a clinic in Belize City. Unsure of what the future would hold for him, Dr. Zuniga opened his clinic at 85 Amara Avenue in 1996 and slowly but surely, people became knowledgeable of the services he offered.

An established doctor both in Belize City and San Pedro. Dr. Zuniga has attended several medical conferences as a guest speaker. "My dream is to open the first massage school in the country. This way I will be able to teach others what I have learned."

Dr. Zuniga has also represented Belize abroad as a trainer for basketball and soccer The Belize National Basketball team which won gold medal in Central American Men's Basketball championship and Silver Medal Central **American and Caribbean Games in El** Salvador.

Dr. Zuniga's services include massage therapy, sports medicine (medical and non-surgical treatment of an illness or injury which occurs as a result of a recreational activity), chiropractic medicine (a popular form of alternative medicine whose physical mode of action is spinal manipulations that unblocks nerve signals sent by the brain so that

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"My line of work is exhausting but I love my job, otherwise I would not be in this profession. The only thing I can say if someone is looking into joining this career is to follow your heart, not your pocket and you will go a long way," Dr. Zuniga ended.

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Wolfe's Woofers by Dennis Wolfe

The Woodcutter

"My father was a woodcutter and his father was a woodcutter and all the way back as far as anyone can remember all of us Johnstone men have been woodcutters," the old man said.

I had met old Mr. Johnstone on the water taxi going from Belize City to San Pedro. He was going to visit Ambergris Caye or as he called it, "going outta Key."

"You logged in Belize all of your life?" I asked him.

"Oh, no," he said. "I started out as a young man over in Western British Honduras because that's what they called Belize back then but they pretty soon made me quit logging in Belize."

"Why is that?"

"Because as a young man I was just too good," he said. "I was strong as one of them oxens we used and could cut more logs than any other ten men. They fired me and said if I didn't quit logging in Belize there soon wouldn't be anymore jungle?"

"What did you do then?"

"I got me a visa to the U.S. and went to them North Woods to work. You know, before long they started running out of trees too, and I had to move on."

"You must have been some woodcutter," I said.

"That I was," he said. "That I was. Now, after they run me out of themNorth Woods I finally found a place where I could log all I wanted to. I cut every stick of timber I could get my hands on."

"And where was that?"

"That was out there in that Sahara Forest."

"Do you mean the Sahara Desert?"

"Yes. I guess that's what they're calling it now."





Trivia Tidbits

*Before she became the "queen of cuisine" and the darling of TV's PBS, Julia Child worked as an advertising copywriter for a furniture store.

*Rats can swim for a 1/2-mile without resting, and they can tread water for three days straight.

*A wild cat, known as "the fishing cat" actually swims to catch fish. Called the Bengali Mach-Bagral, nature gave these cats extra-long claws, which it uses like fishhooks. The fishing cat is found in Nepal, Burma, Southern China and parts of India.

*Potato chips are the Number 1 selling snack in the United States. Statistics show that they accompany lunch 32 percent of the time and dinner 18 percent of the time.

*About 5.6 percent of Earth's crust is composed of iron.

*A bird sees everything at once in total focus. Whereas the human eye is globular and must adjust to varying distances, the bird's eye is flat and can take in everything at once in a single glance.

*The practice of naming hurricanes began early this century when an Australian weather forecaster decided to insult politicians he didn't like by naming devastating tropical storms after them.

*TV talk show host Jay Leno owns more than 30 classic cars and more than 40 motorcycles. His first automobile was a 1934 Ford V-8 truck which he restored himself at the age of 14.

*Whoopi Goldberg was a mortuary cosmetologist and a bricklayer before becoming an actress.



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Ocean view 3 bed/2 bath concrete home with roof top deck. \$210,000.

Duplex home close to the Yacht Club \$125,000.

Popular Front Street Bar & Grill!! Inquire.

UNDEVELOPED PROPERTIES

❖ In town beach lot! commercial or residential. \$490,000.

5 acre island on the reef at Turneffe Offers

- **❖ Holiday Lands** beach lot 100ft x 150ft \$400,000 under contract.
- Holiday Lands beach lot 100ft x 150ft \$300,000 under contract
 Near Mexico Rocks 178ft beach front 2.4 acres \$534,000 Sold.
- Mata Grande 100ft x 200ft beach front \$225,000 under contract.

Boca Ciega beach lot 75ft x 130ft \$150,000 - Sold.

- ❖ Punta Arenas 200ft beach front 3 acres \$425,000 Sold.
- * Rocky Point 2 x1250ft 15 acre beach front parcels \$1,100 per foot!
- **Boca Ciega 4.5 acres** 170ft beach front. \$350,000.
- Buena Vista Point ocean view 75ft x 150ft \$94,000.
 Palm Bay Club beach lot 50ft x 100ft \$35,000 terms.
- Laguna Estates ocean view lots from \$20,000.
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 Laguna Estates commercial tracts & islands Inquire!
- Caribbean Coves 200ft oceanfront \$150,000.
- **2 adjoining Alta Mar** 100ft x 100ft lots \$65,000 each.

All prices are in US dollars and subject to change without notice. For further details on these properties and much more call your AMBERGRIS CAYE SPECIALISTS



Evening Dinner

Our Award-Winning Restaurant invites
you to Enjoy a Masterful Blend of
European, Mediterranean & Caribbean Cuisine
RSVP 220-5010

Some of our Specialties: Caramelized Char-Grilled Shrimp, Fish Carpaccio, Bruschetta, Shrimp Paté and Fried Calamari, Jerk-Seared Scallops served in a citrus beurre-blanc Mambo Combo - Snapper Fillet topped with Shrimp and a Papaya Salsa Mesquite Grilled Seafood Plate - Lobster, Snap Grouper, Calamari, Shrimp and Scallops with Fresh Vegetables

Try our "Decadent" Chocolate Soufflé

Take a short ride under the stars

Pick-up by Island Ferry on Fido's Dock at 7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. \$20 BZ roundtrip per person



New
Intermartini
Lounge!
Designed for the

Age of Technology
with a "chic twist."
Catch up with the
"real world" with
High Speed Internet,
while sipping your
favorite martini.
Or challenge yourself
during a game of
pool in our
Twilight Billiards
Room!



SPA A Blissful Getaway...

Relax in our beachside Jacuzzi, followed by an Aromatherapy Massage & Detoxifying Mask & Facial!

Package Includes:

Lunch a la carte, Complimentary Cocktail,
Spa Treatment & Roundtrip Transportation
Via our Mambo Boat - US\$130
Fido's Dock 10:45 a.m. Returns 3 p.m. or 5 p.m.

Also Available:

Sea Salt &
Clay Body Mask Massage
Energy Work
RSVP 220-5011



Serving Palm Tree Cuisine, a fusion of Central American and Caribbean delicacies, confers a selection of fresh local seafood, tender meats and exotic vegetables prepared by our renowned chef.

Menu selections include: Jerk Seared Sea Scallop Crouton, Smoked Oyster Bruschetta, Spinach Pesto Goat Cheese Salad, Rib-Eye Steak Argentino, Almond Nut Crusted Grouper, White Chocolate Pudding laced with a cardamom anglaise sauce, Strawberry & Mango Ice Parfait.

with inventive cuisine in an enchanting setting.

Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner...

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