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Ambergris Caye, Belize
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Saying "I do" in Belize

- How businesses in San Pedro help make your once-in-a-lifetime experience a magical one...

Beachcombing

- Locating some amazing seeds that have travelled thousands of miles...

The Hungry Monkey Sub Shop

- Going bananas for their amazing subs!



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Greetings to my visiting friends



taking 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

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 breath-

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

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Here is what Hector Peña wrote to The San Pedro Sun. "Dear Friends of San Pedro Sun: We read your newspaper here in California, USA. Thank you for keeping us in touch through your newspaper, because I like to know what happens with our people in our country. Ryan and Jessica Flores took along The San Pedro Sun with their cousins during their visit to Disneyland California Adventures situated in Los Angeles, California, USA."

Photos taken in unique and unusual places are preferred. Be sure to identify who is in the photo and where the photo was taken. Don't forget to include your names and what you were doing.

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Language can link cultures, no matter how may be. In an effort to communication with San Pedro Sun Words of the Week. present a few and give you their Cre-



us with other cul- foreign the tongue share this form of our audience, The proudly presents - This week, we will phrases in English ole and Spanish transla- tions. Special thanks to Sylvana Woods for her help with the Creole translations. Enjoy!!!

English Lobster, Shark, tuna.
Creole Labsta, shaak, toona.
Spanish Langosta, tiburón, atún.

English Salt, sapodilla, corn.
Creole Saal, sapadili, kaan.
Spanish Sal, sapote, maíz.

English Barracuda, blue marlin, conch.
Creole Baro, blu maalin, konks.
Spanish Barracuda, Marlin azul, caracol.

Answers to Last Week's Su Doku Puzzle

4	2	5	7	9	8	6	3	1
3	7	9	6	2	1	4	5	8
8	1	6	5	4	3	9	2	7
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7	6	3	9	1	5	2	8	4
6	8	4	1	5	9	3	7	2
2	9	7	3	8	6	1	4	5
5	3	1	4	7	2	8	6	9

Getting Married in Belize



Courtney Harris and Bryan Bailey from Texas said "Yes" to married life together at The Blue Tang Inn.

Have you ever dreamed of getting married where there is an abundance of sunshine, crystal-clear turquoise waters, rainbows of tropical fish and magnificent tropical beaches? Well, San Pedro is the place to say "I do." Whatever your needs, whatever your heart desires for that special, memorable day, you can be certain that there are friendly, professional people to help you every step of the way, even prior to your arrival in the country.

There are many ways to go about planning your Belizean wedding. Most of the hotels and resorts offer wedding packages that include the application and processing of your marriage license, among many of the other wedding amenities.

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For your wedding, you can order a beautifully elegant cake such as this



Interior designer Cassandra Jenner and Michael Marino say "I do" at Cayo Espanto.

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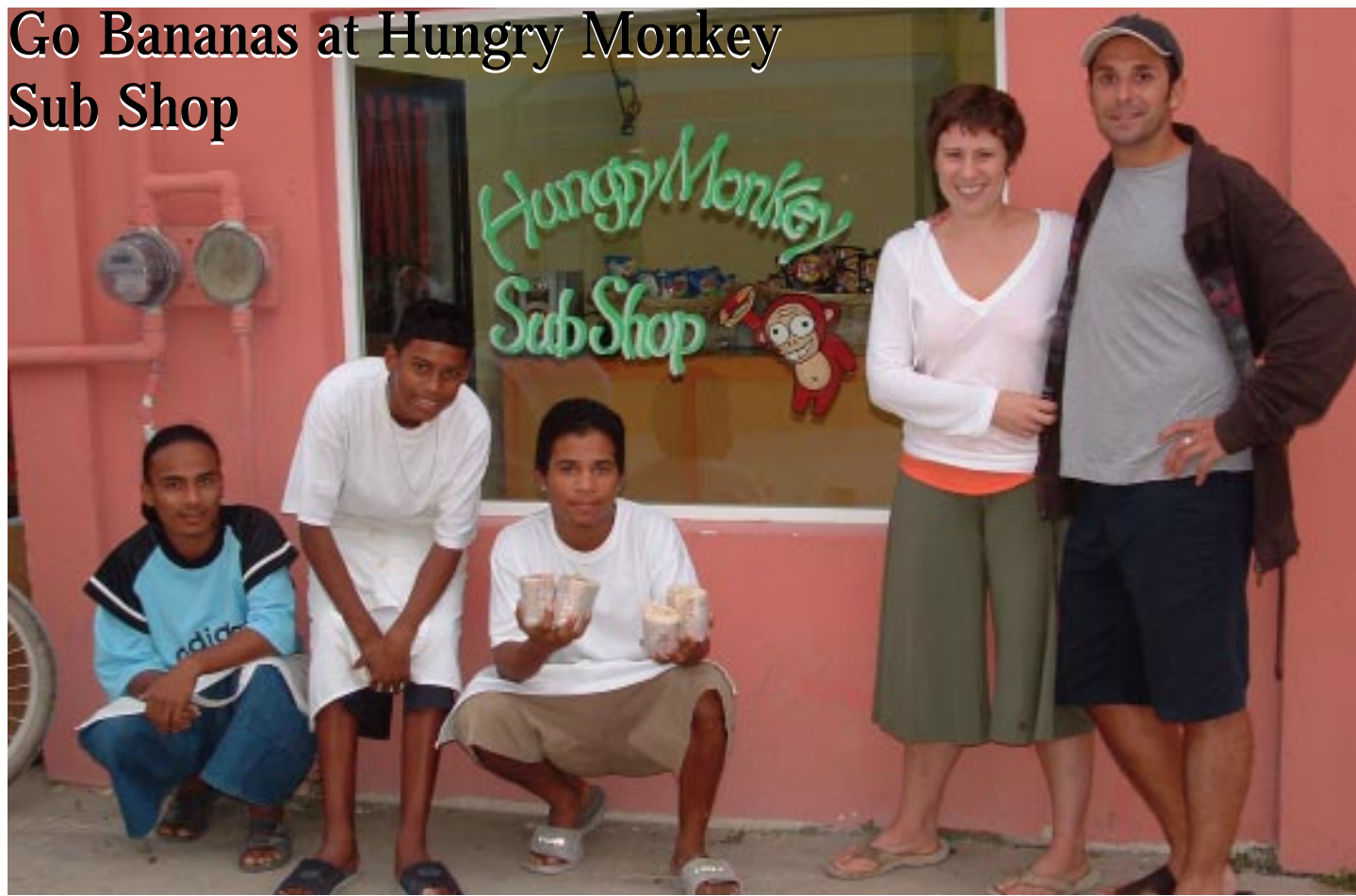
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Go Bananas at Hungry Monkey Sub Shop



So, you're driving about town, running your errands, taking business calls, dropping the kids off at school and to their after-school activities, planning dinner for the evening and picking up mom for her hair appointment at three. Suddenly hunger strikes. You have no time to pull into a sit-down restaurant and you are running out of time to cook. Where do you go instead? Hungry Monkey Sub Shop of course!

Hungry Monkey, located in the heart of town on Pescador Drive, is the newest and freshest little sub shop that is true to its name. With its colorful monkey theme, the owners have come up with a new eatery that concentrates on one of a kind sub sandwiches. These "mack daddy" subs are piled high with quality meats and veggies stuffed into soft freshly baked bread that is just yummy-licious. Hungry Monkey is the perfect escape from that boring meal. Owners, John and Tracy Keevil, are proud to introduce the only sub shop in San Pedro and are already being sought after as one of the best hearty meals anytime of the day. John, originally from New York City, New York, comes from a large Italian family where gatherings revolved around home cooked meals. Tracy, a Californian, comes from a family of restaurateurs, who all celebrate Christmas after the holiday because they are so busy during the holiday. The couple have been together for four years and decided to make "La Isla Bonita" their home away from home. John and Tracy are fairly new to

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	7. Xunantunich Maya Ruins and the Belize Zoo -US\$ 210.00 per person

Horseback Riding – Ride through rainforest, open savannas and small farms to the unexcavated site of Buena Vista and enjoy a swim in the Mopan River.

Barton Creek Cave Canoeing – An ancient Maya burial site, the cave is only accessible by canoe. The formations of stalactites and stalagmites are beautiful!

Jaguar Paw Cave Tubing – Hike along the Cave Branch River to the Jaguar Paw cave systems where you then float the gentle currents through underground caverns.

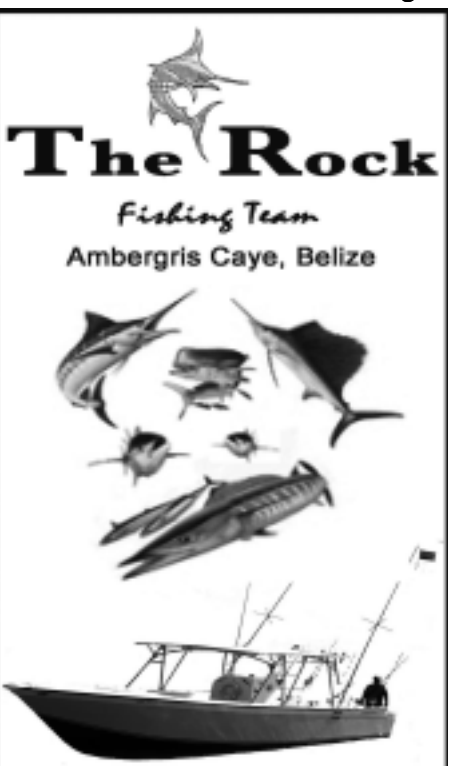
Xunantunich – Beautiful Maya ruins where standing atop "El Castillo", the largest pyramid at the site, you will have a panoramic view of western Belize and eastern Guatemala.

Belize Zoo – The zoo is home to over 100 species of native Belizean animals and birds including the tapir, howler monkeys, spider monkeys, jaguars, ocelots, margays, scarlet macaws, toucans, and many, many, others.

Actun Tunichil Muknal Cave – A challenging adventure for the physically fit and the ability to swim is a plus. Inside the cave you will see burial chambers with intact calcified remains and Mayan artifacts.

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Seeds that Ride the Oceans Currents

There is nothing more relaxing then a stroll on the beach. There is something about the vast expanse of the horizon that allows your worries to drift over that unseen ledge, temporally disappearing from heart and mind. As you scan the sandy terrain of the beach you notice an endless variety of items adorning the surface. From washed up seaweed, turtle grass and other organic flotsam to sparkling pebbles, drift wood and shell fragments, one can spend hours

combing the beach for hidden treasures from the sea. Walking along the beach picking up seashells and sea life has been enjoyed by millions of people throughout the world and watching a young child run along the beach for hours on end excitedly pointing out all of the fabulous creatures and sea-

shells that can be found along the seashore can be a heartwarming experience. With so many miles of shorelines throughout the world, all covered with nature's treasures, it would be difficult not to find this hobby enjoyable. Of course much of the fun entails identifying the curious creatures and objects you come across on your quest. Although most of us can tell the difference between a sea shell and a sand dollar, there are many items that you may come across that are certain to peak your curiosity. Allow us to acquaint you with some of the unusual and often fascinating "treasures" you may come across while exploring the beaches of Ambergris Caye.

DRIFT SEEDS

Imagine yourself floating helplessly on the open sea, thousands of miles from land, your destination at the mercy of the wind and currents. Perhaps eventually you may drift ashore on the coral sand beaches of a remote tropical island or distant continent. This is precisely what happens to countless thousands of tropical drift seeds and fruits, a remarkable flotilla of flowering plants that travel the oceans of the world.

Seeds provide the vital genetic link and primary dispersal agent between successive generations of plants. They are produced and packaged in botanical structures called fruits, and come in an endless variety of shapes and sizes. Tropical drift seeds

and fruits are especially remarkable because they can survive months or even years at sea. They are very buoyant, with thick protective shells which are impervious to salt water. In some drift fruits, such as the coconut, the seed embryo and

fleshy white "meat" is enclosed within a hard, bony layer surrounded by a thick fibrous husk. Other drift seeds have thick woody seed coats and internal air cavities which produce their buoyancy. Air

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Rojo Lounge

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the island and already have under their wings two reputable businesses (Monkey Bites, Hungry Monkey) which offer some of the best dishes on the island. In this occasion, *The Sun*, got a taste of this newly opened sub shop, here is what we found out.

At the Hungry Monkey one can choose from a variety of styles; from Italian subs to roast beef, it is sure to

meet any discriminating palate. Using only the freshest ingredients, the menu features sandwiches such as the "The Giant Gobbler" which is truly divine. Imagine a six or nine inch freshly baked bread topped with roasted turkey breast, bacon, cheddar, chipotle mayo, lettuce and tomato...yummm!! Their waiters, Jervis, Ryan and Ignacio, are excellent individuals that work with a passion and



With only the freshest ingredients available, you can choose to have the Giant Gobbler, the Tuna, the Roast Beef or Italian Style.

are there to readily fix any sub that you desire. Why not try the "Italian Stallion" which is a monster sub already a big hit and one of the favorites. It comes with tasty salami, pepperoni, ham, provo-

lone, lettuce, tomato, onion, pepperoncini and a splash of red wine vinaigrette. Mama Mia!! The "Hamwich" is a real good choice too, **Continued on Page 7**

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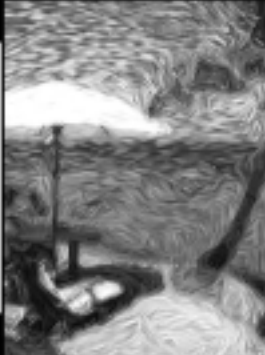
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it comes with smoked ham, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickled onions, and honey mustard; now that's a fat sandwich! Craving roast beef? Hungry Monkey has that too; it's called the "Chilly Philly" and what a creation that is. Filled with roast beef, this sub is then topped with thinly sliced onions, green peppers and cheddar cheese. For those who crave some seafood as the primary meat in their subs, there's good news for you. Hungry Monkey serves up another great taste sensation called the "Tuna Torpedo" which is a one of a kind make. The torpedo is filled with a scrumptious tuna salad, topped with onions, celery, dill, mayo, mustard, lettuce, and tomatoes. With other great subs such as the classic pastrami sub and vegetarian, to the "make your own"

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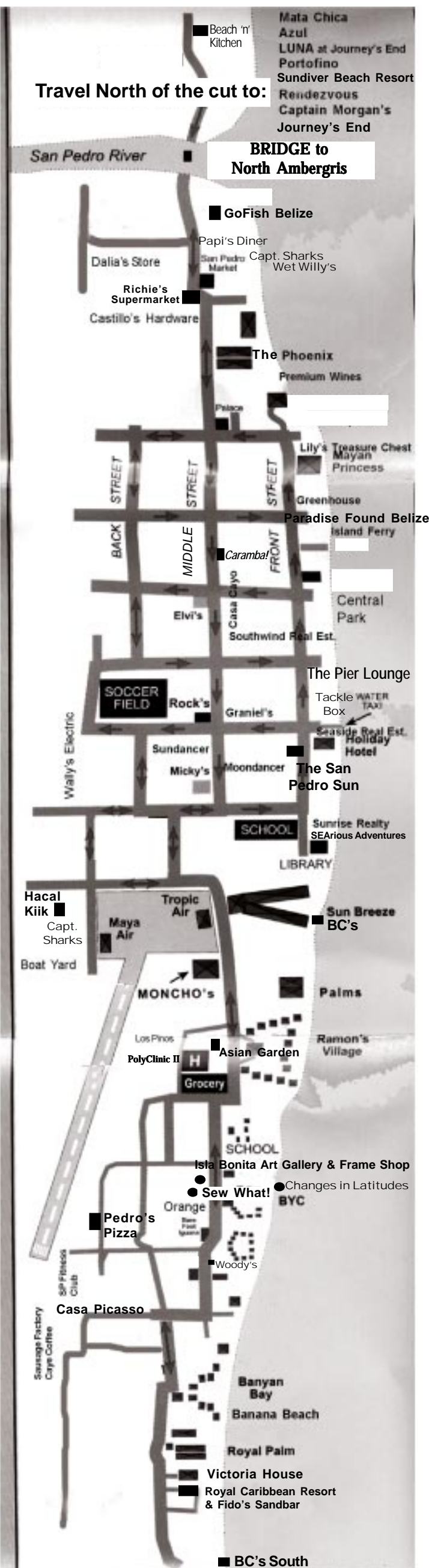
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pockets are not the only reason that drift seeds float. Other drift seeds may lack air pockets, but simply be constructed of materials that are lighter than water. Sea water is denser than fresh water, because of the dissolved salts, and some seeds that sink in fresh water may be able to float in the denser sea water. Some seeds drop directly into sea water, or are washed off of beaches from oceanic waves. Other seeds that fall in the jungles will have to be light enough to first float in fresh water in order to make their journey down streams and rivers to get to the sea water of the oceans.



During their long voyages they often cross entire oceans, perhaps colonizing the shores of a coral atoll or isolated volcanic island. Sea dispersal is a hit-or-miss method; after a long, perilous journey, other dangers await the vulnerable seedlings. They may perish in the parched sand without adequate moisture or be quickly devoured by ravenous land crabs. Drift seeds carried by the Gulf Stream from the Caribbean to beaches of northern Europe may find themselves in another precarious situation—aliens in a hostile climate much too cold for them to survive.

The tropical islands of Indonesia, Polynesia and the Caribbean probably have the greatest variety of drift seeds. They are especially abundant along wave-swept beaches following the hurricane season, and may be carried inland by tidal waters. The Cayman Islands and Yucatan Peninsula lie directly in the path of the Equatorial Current, bringing thousands of unique drift seeds from the Amazon and Orinoco deltas and across the Atlantic from river deltas of tropical West Africa.

One of the most common drift seeds you may find while beach combing in the Caribbean belong to the enormous Legume family of peas and beans. Some of the most interesting belong to the species of Mucuna which are found throughout tropical regions of the world. Most species of Mucuna are climbing woody vines called lianas that twine through the rain forest trees like “botanical boa constrictors.”

Their bat-pollinated flowers and pods are produced on long, rope-like stems that hang from the forest canopy. At maturity, each pod produces several hard, marble-like seeds. The pods are covered with dense, stinging hairs and the seeds inside bear a black attachment scar that gives them a layered appearance resembling a miniature hamburger. They are commonly called “sea beans” or “lucky nuts” and they drift on the world’s oceans, often washing ashore on the beaches of distant continents and tropical islands. The seeds are commonly polished and

made into seed necklaces. Another drift seed you might find in this area is the Sea heart which also comes from the legume family. From tree tops of the lush tropical rain forest to the high seas, few plants have journeyed farther than the Sea heart and few seeds have aroused the curiosity and imagination of people like the beautiful heart shaped seed. Sea heart vines are one of the most remarkable lianas of the New World tropics and are locally known as “escalera de mono” or “monkey ladder.”

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- Ingredients:
- *2 lb. conch (cut or ground)
 - *1 medium onion
 - *1 large sweet pepper
 - *4 potatoes – diced
 - *2 carrots – diced
 - *1 stick celery
 - *1/4 lb. cabbage



- *cilantro
- *garlic
- *1/4 cup flour
- *4 tbs. coconut oil
- *5 cups water

Instructions:
 *Brown flour in skillet and add oil, onions, sweet pepper, cilantro and garlic and sauté for a minute.
 *Add water, potatoes, carrots, celery, cabbage and bring to a boil.
 *Add conch and simmer for five minutes.
 *Serve with coconut rice and plantains.

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Monkey Ladder Vine

Mucuna/Sea Bean



Drift seeds travel an amazing journey as they are carried by the ocean's currents in search of land where they can propagate.

der." The giant pod of a monkey ladder may be three to six feet in length before it breaks apart into 15 or more one-seeded compartments, each bearing a shiny brown Sea heart. The seeds may be two and one-half inches across and often resemble wooden hearts. Because of a hollow cavity adjacent to the seed embryo and a thick, woody covering, the seed is very buoyant and resistant to decay. Torrential rains commonly wash the seeds into streams and rivers where they are carried into the sea. Here the seeds start a new career as "Sea hearts" in one of nature's most fascinating stories. Literally millions of Sea hearts ride the ocean currents of the world, drifting for months or years—eventually washing ashore on the beaches of distant continents or ex-

otic tropical islands. Sea hearts are impervious to salt water, and even after floating in ocean water for several years can still be a viable seed. Throughout the ages Sea hearts have been fashioned into all sorts of trinkets, useful objects and medicinal uses.

Remember that our shorelines are an important part of the environment, so please try to leave an area as pristine as it was when you arrived, if not more so. Please do not litter and if you see someone else's trash, gather and dispose of it properly. If you flip over a rock to look for specimens make sure to replace it when you are done looking. All of these tips will help to keep our shorelines a viable habitat for all.

Hungry Monkey

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Pillar of Salt

"Tio Dennis, what is a pillar of salt?" my eleven year-old nephew Irving asked.

"Huh?"

"I'm having a test in religion this week and one of the things we had to read about was some guy named Lot and his wife. I don't know if I believe that story. It said she turned into a pillar of salt."

"Oh," I said. "Now I know what you're talking about. You're talking about the story in the Bible where there were two wicked cities. One was called Sodom and the other was Gomorrah. God decided to destroy these wicked cities so he warned this man Lot to give him enough time to leave."

"Why did he take a flea with him?"

"Huh? A flea?"

"When the teacher read it to us she said that God said to take his wife and flea."

"Oh, no," I laughed. "He said take your wife and flee. F-L-E-E. Flee is when you run from something. What else don't you understand?"

"Well, what is a pillar?"

"A pillar is like a pole, I guess. Here, see these square cement poles that are holding up my house. These are pillars."

"If a pillar is like a pole then I guess maybe the story could be true," Irving said.

"The Bible says that God told Lot to leave his house and not look back or he would turn into a pillar of salt," I said. "His wife looked back and sure enough, she turned into a pillar of salt."

"The story is probably true then," Irving said. "I've seen something like that."

"What do you mean?"

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*A fly can react to something it sees and change direction in 30 milliseconds.

*The largest order of mammals, with about 1,700 species, is rodents. Bats are second with about 950 species.

*Fleas are essential to the health of armadillos and hedgehogs; they provide necessary stimulation of the skin. Deloused armadillos and hedgehogs will die.

*Most land-filled trash retains its original weight, volume, and form for 40 years.

*Only about 20 percent of diamonds are made into jewels. Because they are so hard, most diamonds are used to make tools such as dental drills and metal cutters.

*Of the four Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, all named after artists and / or sculptors, Donatello does not occur in the same time period as Leonardo, Michelangelo and Raphael.

*An adult female ladybug will eat about 300 medium-size aphids before it lays eggs. About three to ten aphids are eaten for each egg the beetle lays. More than 5,000 aphids may be eaten by a single adult in its lifetime.

*The great English poet John Keats died at the age of 26.

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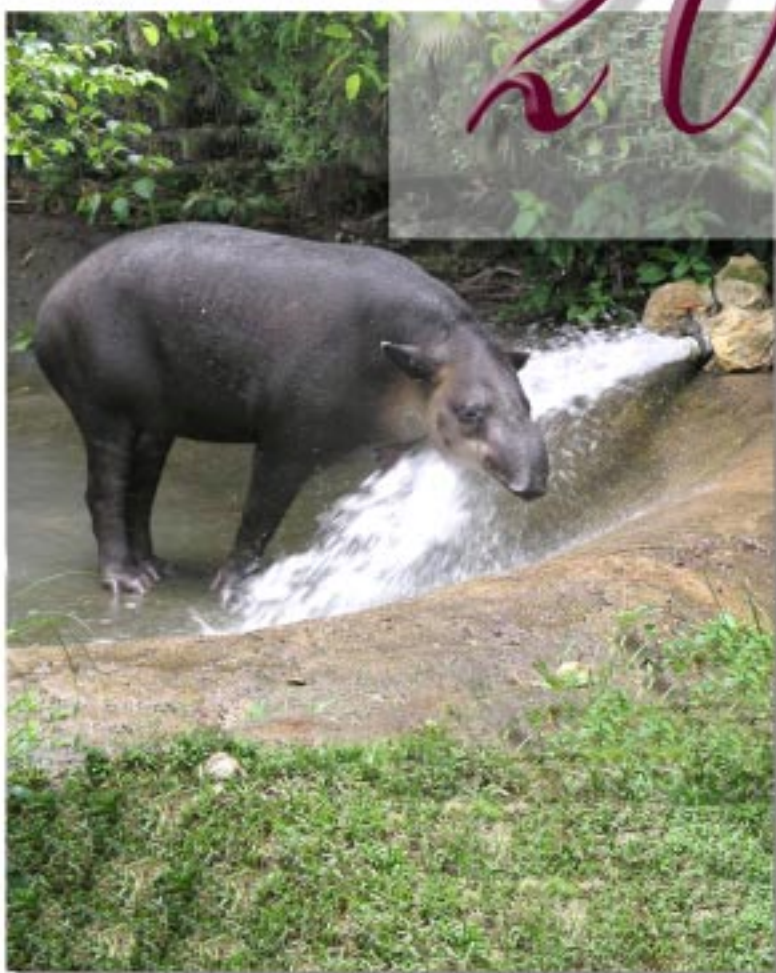
DEVELOPED PROPERTIES

- ❖ **Grande Caribe Condos** 1 mile North of the bridge on 500 ft of coconut grove. From \$295,000 *Pre-construction pricing. Inquire!*
- ❖ **Caye Casa – beachfront condo** in town location. *Pre-construction Inquire!*
- ❖ **Miramar new completed 3rd floor beachfront** 2 bedroom condo. Furnished \$425,000 bring offers!
- ❖ **Miramar new completed 3rd floor beachfront** 2 bedroom condo with 4th floor penthouse suite unfurnished – offers – must sell!
- ❖ **Miramar new completed 2nd floor beachfront** 2 bedroom furnished condo \$425,000.
- ❖ **Banana Beach Resort:** 1-3 bedroom ocean front suites with 2 Pools, beach, restaurant and bar from \$150 to \$165,000 with guaranteed rental incomes.
- ❖ **Villa del Mar – new custom built beachfront home**, 1 ac, pier, 3 bedroom \$945,000.
- ❖ **Agape House – Lovely Tres Cocos beach home** with total of 4 beds/ baths, workshop/garage, boat ramp, sea wall, pier. \$1,500,000
- ❖ **Caribbean Coves Estates** – Cayo Espanto area - turnkey luxurious new bay front homes 4 bedrooms. Inquire.
- ❖ **Spacious rental beach home south of town.** Sleeps 10 plus guest cottage. Pool, mature landscaping, large pier. Inquire.
- ❖ **Caye Villas** – 2 Mata Grande beach villas with pool. 2 Bed 3 bath fully furnished from \$394,000.
- ❖ **Banana Beach Resort:** 1 bedroom ocean front suites with 2 Pools, beach, restaurant and bar from \$150 to \$165,000 with guaranteed rental incomes.
- ❖ **San Pablo canal home** w/ 200ft water frontage, 2 boat slips, ramp, fully fenced, 2 storey duplex 2bed/1bath up 1bed/1bath down. \$254,000 seller financing 30% down.
- ❖ **The Castle** 10 apt complex: \$400,000.

UNDEVELOPED PROPERTIES

- ❖ **Mata Chica beach lot** ½ acre \$295,000 offers
- ❖ **West Bay** private sandy cove 260 ft \$300,000
- ❖ **Palmeros Point beachfront residential lot** \$197,000.
- ❖ **Robles beachfront 100 ft beach** \$200,000.
- ❖ **Robles beachfront 200 ft beach** \$400,000.
- ❖ **Boca Ciega 4.5 acres** 170ft beach front. \$350,000.
- ❖ **Buena Vista Point** ocean view 75ft x 150ft \$79,000 each.
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- ❖ **Laguna Estates** ocean view lots from \$60,000.
- ❖ **West Bay Caribbean Coves** 100 ft x 500 ft ocean front west side \$85,000.

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