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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 for-

mation 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

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Barbara Schultz of Allen, Texas in the US, is surrounded by penguins while reading The San Pedro Sun in Antarctica. She ran a full marathon and took second place for women. She is the daughter of Tom and Joyce Voyt, residents of Ambergris Caye.

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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Answers in next week's issue

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“Olive” (I Love) Pinguino

Gourmet foods and excellent wines have fast become a staple in homes worldwide, and San Pedro is catching on to the trend. When Rick Davidson and Carol Busby were planning their move to Belize, they made extensive research and queries as to what would be great on this island. What came to mind were fantastic, gourmet olives and really good, affordable California wine.

And so, Pinguino was born (or hatched, whatever the case may be)! When asked about the name, which is so unique and fun, Carol tells us that their inspiration actually came through in two ways. They had originally wanted Grommit, from the Wallace and Grommit movie, but decided against butting heads with copyright laws. Instead, they focused on one of the smaller char-



The olive spreads are the perfect topping for breads, crackers or cheeses. Also pictured above are the many items available at Pinguino as a souvenir - wooden frames, cheese boards, wine balancer, wine glasses and more!

acters: a Penguin who kept wearing the wrong trousers! In other words, quite a character! And in a coincidental twist, Rick's father used to be called "The Penguin" during World War II when his plane was grounded and he was forced to hide out. Thus, it was decided that Pinguino it would be, and after some quick artwork by Carol's niece of a Penguin on vacation under a Palapa in Belize, the recognizable logo has fast become syn-

onymous with good olives and wines.

The San Pedro Sun's visit to Pinguino was quite the fun adventure, and Rick and Carol were happy to show us around the bright, airy shop. As is often the case, you either love or hate olives, but trying these out just might make you change your mind! Rick tells us what treats are in store for us, and we can't wait to sample some. We try their range of

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# Azul Resort & Rojo Lounge

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Owner Rick outside of Pinguino.

olives stuffed with almond, blue cheese, garlic, Parmesano-Romano, herb and garlic cheese and even jalapenos – all of which are absolutely delicious! The briny taste is a zing sensation and the cheese stuffed olives are soaked in extra virgin olive oil for that smooth taste. Our palates are tingling with pleasure, and then Rick brings out the wine. Hard job, but someone has to do it!

Part of the experience at Pinguino is learning a bit about the wines and what goes well with what meal, and Rick has been very good about including this valuable information on fly-

ers that are perfect for the novice. While everyone pretty much knows that merlot is good when paired with sinful pasta dishes and red meats, not everyone knows that a fine Pinguino chardonnay goes well with roast chicken. So, if in doubt, be sure to grab a flyer with your wine at Pinguino!

With our first sip of Chardonnay, we're sold. It has a crisp refreshing taste that brings to mind tangy sweet apple bursts with notes of lemon and vanilla, and the aftertaste is pleasant and clean, making it a very easy wine

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# Flying in to Ambergris Caye...What to expect ...

By Richie Woods

Your first impression of Ambergris Caye is likely to be from the air, because most visitors to the island fly into the Philip Goldson International Airport at Ladyville just north of Belize City and then change to a local commuter (the international airport has a new domestic section) for the 20-minute hop to San Pedro. Flights to San Pedro are day-time only.

You board your Maya Island Air or Tropic Air flight. The equipment is likely to be a small Cessna Caravan or Twin Engine Islander. Hey, these are not 727s. It can be a tight squeeze for larger passengers, and if you're small you may be sitting in the back with the luggage. But both Maya Island and Tropic have excellent safety records. They fly hundreds of flights a week with few if any problems.

As you fly the 35 miles to San Pedro, your little plane soars over several islands, including Hen and Chicken Cayes, the larger Hick's Cayes, and then Caye Chapel (site of a small golf course, the only golf course in Belize). The large caye just north of Chapel is Caye Caulker, the second-most developed and most-populated of Belize's islands after Ambergris. Some flights make a brief stop at Caulker before going on to San Pedro.

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Ambergris Caye isn't a large island. It is 25 miles long and only four miles wide at its widest point. Much of the island is low mangrove swamp, and there are a dozen lagoons.



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On a clear day, you get a great introduction to Belize's Caribbean Coast. As your plane goes low over the transparent water, you'll see mangrove- or sand-edged islands, coral heads, the sand and sea grass bottom, fishing boats and sometimes the blur of large fish.

You'll come in over the south end of the island. Hol Chan Marine Reserve, a popular snorkeling site, is just off the southeast tip of Ambergris. A few houses dot the southern coast of the island, becoming more densely clustered as you approach the town. Just a few hundred yards off the east side of the island is the barrier reef. Usually the water inside the reef is a turquoise color, while on the ocean side it is a deeper blue.

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The air strip, 3,000 feet long, comes into view and within seconds you're on the ground. As you taxi to the small airline buildings at the north end of the air strip, you'll see, in the bright glare of the sun, the southern end of San Pedro Town. Several popular hotels and condos are at this end of town. Most resorts meet arriving guests in a car or golf cart, but if yours doesn't you can take a taxi or, if staying nearby, make the short walk.



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### Banana Fritters (Churros de Platano)



#### Ingredients:

- \*3-4 firm green bananas
- \*2 tablespoons lemon juice
- \*4 eggs separated
- \*1/2 teaspoon salt
- \*1/4 cup flour
- \*Vegetable oil or olive oil for deep frying



#### Directions:

- \*Peel bananas-cut lengthwise in slices and each slice in half. Squeeze lime juice over bananas (drain).
- \*Beat egg yolks until thick and light. Add flour and salt.
- \*Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry and fold into mixture.
- \*Heat deep pot. Add fat about 1" in pot.
- \*Put bananas slices in butter.
- \*Add coated bananas slices to hot fat. Turn once if necessary.
- \*Cook until brown on both sides. Drain on paper towels. Use as a snack.

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# Fantastic Caribbean Folklore Lizard Tales

Folklore is any of the beliefs, customs, and traditions that people pass on from generation to generation. Much folklore consists of fairy tales, folk tales, legends, myths, nursery rhymes, proverbs, riddles and superstitions.

Folklore is as old as humanity. Written records left by the earliest people include examples of folklore. As soon as a people developed a writing system, they began to record folk stories. However, folklore does not have to be written down. Much folklore is passed orally from person to person. Even today, many peoples do not have a written language, but they have folk songs, legends, myths, and other kinds of folklore.

The San Pedro Sun embraces the many cultures that make up our community and we recognize the importance of preserving our heritage. Unfortunately, as generations age some of this is lost. Through the Lizard Tales column, our readers will enjoy some of this colorful folklore while in turn we will be preserving these tales for future generations.

The rabbit was in the cave that was the abode of all the animals: the snake, the turkey vulture, the buzzard, the deer, the lion, the skunk and the coyote. They began to get together there to discuss how they could kill the rabbit mayor (the rabbit is often called the "mayor".)

But the rabbit mayor was very clever and was looking for a way to escape. They began to keep watch on him in that house because they intended to kill him, but they were not able to kill him as they had planned. They had wanted to smash him to pieces.

"Make him come out so that he will die right now. Don't let him escape; that good-for-nothing mayor has deceived us too many times. Well, now he's surely going to be finished, we're going to finish him off. Be on your guard and don't let him get away. When he comes out of the cave we're going to smash him to pieces, for there are a lot of us. Pity him. Compared to all of us, he's nothing. We are many against one. I hope now he's going to

pay for all the crimes he has committed against us. That's why he must die now. You, turkey vulture, go and watch for him to come out, and you deer, go right after him. Since you can run as fast as the mayor, you'll be able to catch up with him. Be on guard, all of you."

"All right," they said.

"Snake, you look to see when he comes out, and we'll all pile on top of him. You snake, call him."

"Come on out, hurry," said the townspeople.

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on the palate. Following this delicious refresher was the White Zinfandel, a sweeter, fruitier wine that burst into a variety of flavors with the first taste. A very versatile wine, this White Zinfandel is fabulous paired with feisty, spicy dishes or sweet, fruity dessert treats.

We think our sojourn has come to an end at Pinguino, but Rick

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*Fully stocked shelves house delectable olives, smooth California wines and gourmet olive spreads.*



# “Olive” (I Love) Pinguino

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While Pinguino offers some of truly delicious items, they also have souvenir items on sale. T-shirts, polos, wine corks, handmade Belizean frames, wine balancers, caps and more can all be bought with the unique Pinguino logo emblazoned on them.

olive mixes await to tantalize our taste buds. The Crema Verde is a sharp, delicious blend of Sicilian olives and extra virgin olive oil, and one can imagine a delightful picnic spread, with this Crema Verde atop crackers and accompanied with delicious ripe cheeses. Or perhaps the Muffaletta on a delicious crusty bread would be perfect – California olives

and vegetables mixed and ready for the spreading. But the topper, a classic Tapanade, truly brings in the gourmet flavor right to your table.

As unlikely as it may be to find a penguin in Belize, you may think it equally unlikely to find gourmet olives and California wine in Belize...but look no further. With Pinguino’s excellent choice of offer-

ings, there’s no way to go wrong once you stop to shop there! And who knows...you just might run into a penguin while you are at it! Pinguino is lo-

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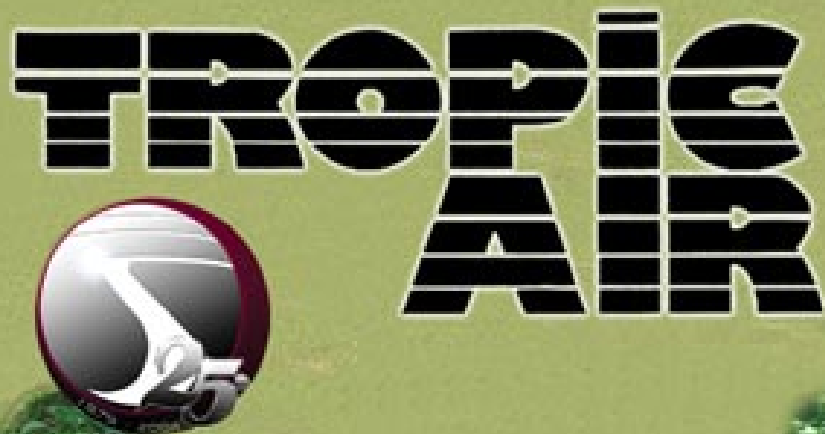
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and parts of Central America and northern South America. However, the Estuarine or Indo-Pacific Crocodile, *Crocodylus porosus* demonstrates the most striking example of sea migration, distributing itself

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along the land's edge. Their tails are flattened from side to side, and they also have five webbed toes on their front limbs (four on the hind limbs) for swimming. In addition, Crocodilians are also capable divers a diaphragm-like structure associated with their well-developed lungs assists in effective gas exchange. Plus, a valve at the back of their throat that closes the airway between their nasal passage and lungs, enables them to opening their mouth underwater.

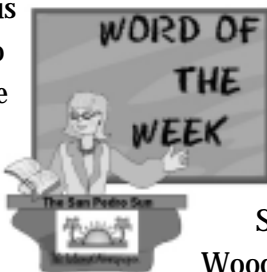
The crocodile present in Belize, *Crocodylus acutus* is one of the most adaptable crocodilians in terms of nesting ecology. Throughout most of its range this crocodile is a hole-nesting species. However the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service states that in

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*It is absolutely illegal to feed the crocodiles. When one comes across these mighty creatures during a tour, it is best to admire from a distance!*



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 –



Words of the Week. This week, we will present a few phrases in English and give you their Creole and Spanish translations.

Special thanks to Sylvana Woods for her help with the Creole translations. Enjoy!!!

English  
Creole  
Spanish

Where is the main office?  
Da wehpaat di mayn aafis deh?  
¿Donde esta la oficina mayor?

English  
Creole  
Spanish

When should I check with you again?  
Da wen ah kuda chek wid yu agen?  
¿Cuando debería ver con usted otra vez?

English  
Creole  
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Can I go to Caye Caulker with this boat?  
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# Lizard Tales

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"Wait," said the rabbit, "I'm taking off my sandal."  
"But hurry," said the snake.  
"Wait, I'm coming out. Wait for me there, I'm coming out."  
"Well, hurry," said the townspeople.  
"Come on out," the snake said to the rabbit.  
"I'm coming out. Wait," said the rabbit.  
"Well, hurry," said the townspeople.  
"All right," said the rabbit.  
"I'm coming out now. Please

catch my sandal, I beg you."  
The townspeople answered: "Catch his sandal, throw it over there. It's not as if it were your father's sandal, that you're obliged to carry it."  
"All right, mayor. Throw out your sandal." And the turkey vulture caught the sandal. He gave it to the deer and the deer threw it away, as they thought that it was the rabbit's sandal. They were all shouting in the cave. They didn't know it was the mayor they had thrown away.  
"Come on out," shouted the snake into the cave, "come out right away."

When they realized that he wasn't answering them they were sad. They sent the snake into the cave and the snake shouted: "He's not here, he's not here."  
"Throw it far away."  
"He's not here, he's not here. He came out," said the snake.  
"He's not here. Maybe it was him we threw."  
"Did you notice if it was his sandal that you threw away?" the lion asked the deer.  
"Come on out, snake."  
"All right," the snake came out. Afterwards they began to kill each other on account of the mayor rabbit.

bit. He managed to go free, and when he was far away he laughed at them: "Some day you'll pay for the crimes you committed against me, the mayor. You wanted to kill me, but you weren't able to. Just wait and see what's going to happen to you later on."

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areas where access to well drained nesting beaches is limited, females will form mound-type nests. Clutch size is typically in the 30-60 range, although in some populations mean clutch size is in the low 20s. As with most hole nesting species, *C. acutus* nests during the annual dry season with eggs hatching around the beginning of the annual rainy period.  
The hostile behavior and fashionable skin of this reptile frequently leads to high extermination rates of Crocodilians. Infact, *C. acutus* is actually endangered due to commercial overexploitation that occurred from the 1930s into the 1960s. Current threats are habitat destruction and in some areas, continued hunting. According to the United States Fisheries and Wildlife Service, the collection of adult crocodiles to stock farms could become a serious problem in several countries if not closely regulated by the appropriate management authorities. Belize, with Cuba, may be one of the remaining strongholds for the species, although some reduction of available habitat by coastal development is evident in both countries. It is important to secure areas for conservation in these countries, since they appear to have the largest remaining American Crocodile populations with the least potential for human conflict.

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"Oh. Your mom thought you had a date tonight."

"Why are you sitting out here on the porch in the dark?"

"It's your mother's idea," I said.

"It doesn't seem like a very good idea to me," Dennisito said. "It's cold out here."

"Yeah. That cold front came in and the temperature dropped a lot."

"Well, I'm going in," he said. "It's way too cold for me. I don't see how you can stand it wearing nothing but a T-shirt."

"Like I said, it's Dulce's idea; not mine."

"Hey; wait a minute!" Dennisito said. "You're not wearing any pants are you?"

"No."

"Dad, have you lost your mind? You're not getting senile, are you?"

"Senile? Don't be ridiculous. I told you. This is your mother's idea."

"Oh, come on. Are you going to tell me that Mom told you to sit out here in the dark and in the cold without your pants?"

"Yes."

"Why would she do that?"

"Because the last cold front that came through I sat out here with no shirt on and I got a stiff neck."

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\*The world is not round. It is an oblate spheroid, flattened at the poles, and bulging at the equator.

\*Huckleberry Finn's remedy for warts was swinging a dead cat in a graveyard at night.

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**CELI'S RESTAURANT ON THE BEACH** at the San Pedro Holiday Hotel, serves Great Fajitas, salads and local dishes for LUNCH. **DELECTABLE SEAFOOD SPECIALTIES** for dinner. **OUTDOOR & INDOOR DINING** 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Beach barbeque every Wednesday night with live

music.

**LILY'S TREASURE CHEST RESTAURANT** - On the beach behind Lily's Hotel. Join us for a cool breeze and the best seafood or USDA beef on our veranda by the sea. 226-2650.

**RAMON'S VILLAGE** - Enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner in a Mayan atmosphere or on the veranda overlooking the Caribbean Sea. Coconut Drive. Phone 226-2071.

**LUNA** at Journey's End Resort - Experience fine dining on the beach north of San Pedro. Visit our tropical bar featuring karaoke, dance and fun music. Phone 226-2173.

**PAPI'S DINER** - The place for fine food at diner prices. Taste the Caribbean. Call 604-9491.

**MICKY'S PLACE** - Open daily 6:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. for breakfast, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for lunch and 6 - 10 p.m. for dinner. Burritos on Wednesdays. Pescador Drive. Call 226-2223.

**BLUE WATER GRILL** - Island cuisine with a

twist! Wood-fired Oven Pizzas, Sushi & more! Open daily. Happy Hour 4 to 6 p.m. 226-3347.

**EL DIVINO RESTAURANT** at BANANA BEACH - Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 a.m - 10 p.m. Book your party or banquet today! Phone 226-2444.

**RENDEZVOUS RESTAURANT AND BAR** - The most romantic spot in town featuring award winning chefs. Thai and French cuisine blended to make paradise taste like heaven, or so our customers say. Free Rendezvous Wine tasting from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fermented, blended and bottled here on the property. Open for lunch and dinner. Call 226 3426 for reservations and transport options.

**CASA PICASSO TAPAS + MARTINIS** - Small plates, big pastas and fantastic desserts! "Hippest martini spot" - *Frommer's*. Nightly 5:30pm, closed Sundays. Reservations 226-4507.

**HACAL KIIK** - Delectable home baked breads, pastries and desserts. Offering breakfast and lunch specials and take-out meals. Catering available. Open Mon. through Sat. 8am to 7pm. 226-3115.

**BEACH 'N' KITCHEN** - Yummy breakfasts, beach 'n' lunches! Daily Lunch Specials and treats! Near the Palapa Bar, one mile north of the bridge. Call 226-4456.

**WET WILLY'S** - World Famous Ladies' Night every Wednesday night! Plus, great lunch and dinner specials! Great drinks over the water! Come visit us or call 226-4136.

**CAPTAIN MORGAN'S RETREAT** - Savor a taste of *Temptation Island*. Underneath a starry night enjoy the exquisite meals prepared by our expert chefs. A small boat ride takes you to one of San Pedro's guilty pleasures.

**CAPRICORN RESTAURANT & BAR** - Enjoy our magical menu by sun or starlight. Indulge in fresh seafood and USDA steaks at a quaint, tropically luxurious restaurant on the beach. Reservations recommended. 226-2809.

**PORTOFINO RESTAURANT AND GREEN PARROT BEACH BAR** - Meet our boat at 6:30 p.m. at Fido's Dock for a complimentary ride to one of the best culinary experiences you will have while in paradise. For reservations, call 220-5096.

**SUNSET GRILL** - Offering local and international cuisine. Open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Located on the lagoon side. 226-2600.

## Unique Offerings...

**SAN PEDRO FITNESS CLUB** - A/C Gym at Belize Yacht Club, Fully-equipped. Open to the public. Tennis Courts, Lap and Family pools, Aqua Fitness and Toning Classes. Open 7am Daily, 8am Sundays. 226-2683.

**CAYE COFFEE** - Take a taste of our locally roasted fresh coffee back home. A wonderful cup of coffee makes such a great difference in your day. Try it and ask for more. 226-3568.

**BIG TREE PRODUCE** - Fresh Local & Imported Fruits & Vegetables. Seafood, meats, juices & milk shakes. Pescador Dr. 226-2322.

**THE GREENHOUSE** - Fresh Produce & Seafood. Belizean and imported speciality. Fresh herbs, cold cuts, chilled goods plus an exciting selection of groceries. A/C local on Barrier Reef Dr. 226-2084.

**THE SAUSAGE FACTORY** - Largest selection of smoked meats and sausage on the island. One mile south of town. 226-2655.

**CAYE INTERNATIONAL BANK** - Offering Demand Deposit Accounts, Loans, Savings Accounts, etc. [cibl@btl.net](mailto:cibl@btl.net) or phone 226-2388.

**PROVIDENT BANK & TRUST** - Offering a full range of International Banking Services. phone 223-5698 [services@providentbank.bz](mailto:services@providentbank.bz)

**GRANIEL'S DREAMLAND** - Locally made furniture & accessories from all Belizean exotic hardwoods & Mahogany. On Pescador Drive, opposite Rock's, Call 226-2632, ext. 18 or 226-2938. Open Mon-Sat 8:30-

12:00 noon & 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. & Sun 10-12 noon.

**ISLA BONITA ART GALLERY & CUSTOM FRAMING** - art and crafts from Belizean and Caribbean artists + contemporary abstract paintings. Custom framing available 226-4650.

**SUNDANCER + MOONDANCER** - Unique boutiques featuring beautiful, quality clothing, jewelry and gorgeous gift items for both men (Sundancer) and women (Moondancer). Phone: 226-3126.

**ASIAN GARDEN DAY SPA** - Certified Therapeutic and Thai Massage practitioners; Hot & Cold Stone Therapy, Body Scrubs, Facials and more in a tranquil Asian courtyard. San Pedro Town, across from Ramon's. Ask about specials. 226-4072.

**BUTTERFLY JUNGLE** - Experience our enchanted butterfly-filled jungle, observe the miracle of metamorphosis, get plants for your own butterfly garden. 4 Miles North. 610-4026 610-1561. Daily 10:00 - 5:00.

**PINGUINO BELIZE**. Fine wine; Gourmet Olives, stuffed olives, olives spreads, Distinctive Gifts, Souvenirs. Exclusively in Belize. Caribeña St. 226-2930  
**MAYAN SECRET DAY SPA** - 10% OFF! Mayan Secret Massage - Invigorating, yet relaxing. Anti-stress neck & back treatment, Seaweed Moisturizing Massage, Soothing Sunburn Mask & Massage, Tropical Fruit Facial, Hand & Foot Therapy, Belizean Body Polish, Rejuvenating Mineral Bath. 20 years experience. Call 226-3584/610-3775. We're just north of the bridge.

**BELIZEAN ARTS GALLERY** - Local art!



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