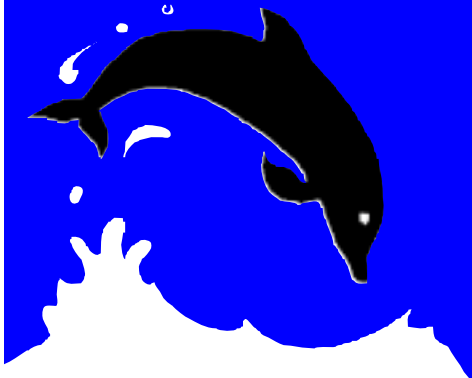


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mation and abundant and breathtaking sea life. San Pedro is also home to world-class fishing and scuba diving.

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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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Sonya Lewis of Hilton Head Island, SC in the US, took the opportunity to "share her love for Isla Bonita and Belize" while at the Miss America Pageant held at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas, Nevada. She shared The San Pedro Sun with Miss America 2006, Jennifer Berry the evening before she crowned the new Miss America 2007.

Sonya is also looking forward to her return to San Pedro for her seventh Costa Maya Festival! We look forward to seeing you too Sonya!

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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4	7	1	2	3	9	6	8	5



Reef Brief

Wetlands – More Than Meets the Eye



In times of heavy rain, the ability of wetlands to absorb water becomes critical in preventing flooding.

It seems that everywhere you turn there is a new development site which has huge plans for condos, hotels, business or a residence. Many cause major controversy when the proposed site is comprised mainly of wetlands (surrounded by lagoons and mangroves). Members of the various environmental groups are concerned

when such developments are proposed. Many are concerned and see the necessities of more environmental studies in the proposed areas are necessary before any development continues. Because it may not be clear to some why there is a need to preserve this area, it is only fair that

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this week's Reef Brief be devoted to discussing the significance of the valuable habitats of wetlands, including lagoons and mangroves.

True to their name, wetlands are areas where soil is saturated with water for prolonged periods of time. As with many proposed areas of development, wetlands are often in low-lying areas, covered with a shallow layer of water. Because of their effectiveness in absorbing and holding a large amount of water, wetlands are almost always described as giant sponges. In times of heavy rain, the ability of wetlands to absorb water

becomes critical in preventing flooding. Likewise, the presence of sea grass and water hyacinths in this habitat help trap sediments and toxins from terrestrial run-off that would otherwise degrade the island's ecosystem, not to mention the coral reef. Together with mangroves, wetlands also help maintain and stabilize the island structure, as well as buffer the winds and waves of big storms.

On a worldwide scale, it has become evident that wetlands play a vital role in slowing down global warming. Simply put, global warming is

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Coastal wetlands often extend from lagoons and form when fresh water flows from the land and mixes with the salt water from the sea. This brackish environment has a high density of phytoplankton, as well as benthic microflora (algae) and macroflora (seagrass and mangroves), creating an area of very high

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Heavy dredging to make way for large developments means taking down acres of wetlands that are home to countless species.

The brackish environment found in wetlands is optimal for various species of endangered flora and fauna to flourish. Major development in these areas is cause for concern and many feel that more environmental studies in the proposed areas are necessary before any development continues.

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- *1 lb liver 450g
- *1/4 tsp black pepper 2ml
- *1 tblsp Lea & Perrins Sauce 15ml
- *lime or vinegar to clean liver
- *1/4 tsp thyme 2ml
- *1 cup bread crumbs (seasoned) 112g
- *1 tsp salt (level) 5ml
- *1 bullion cube diluted in half cup water or 1/2 cup diluted tomato paste 125ml
- *3 rashers bacon

Directions

- *Clean liver with vinegar or lime juice.
- *Remove thin skin (membrane).
- *Season with salt, pepper and thyme, Lea & Perrin Sauce 15ml. Set aside.
- *Prepare bread crumbs.
- *Put seasoned liver in baking dish (medium size).
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- *Put bacon on top of bread crumbs.
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productivity that attracts animals such as crocodiles and other marine life. Fish such as mutton snapper, cubera and tarpon inhabit the lagoons, presumably using the habitat as a spawning and nursery ground. In addition, lagoon sinkholes link to underground caves that occasionally offer up lobsters are found in this area. There is little doubt however, that of all the animals found in this ecosystem, it is migratory and resident birds that have most significantly become dependent on the area for food. For threatened bird species such as Roseate Spoonbills and Reddish Egrets, wetlands are considered a critical feeding habitat, providing important nutritional resources such as fish.

To summarize, wetlands are critical in their ability to protect the island from storms, to provide important habitat to many animal species, and to slow down global warming. Additionally, wetland areas such as those located north of San Pedro are often comprised of open water and lagoons, and offer a unique recreational area for fishermen, kayakers and birdwatchers. For these reasons, as well as many others, it is essential that wetland ecosystems, including the lagoons and mangroves of Ambergris Caye, not be taken for granted. Moreover, it should be remembered that once these ecosystems are gone, they are gone forever.

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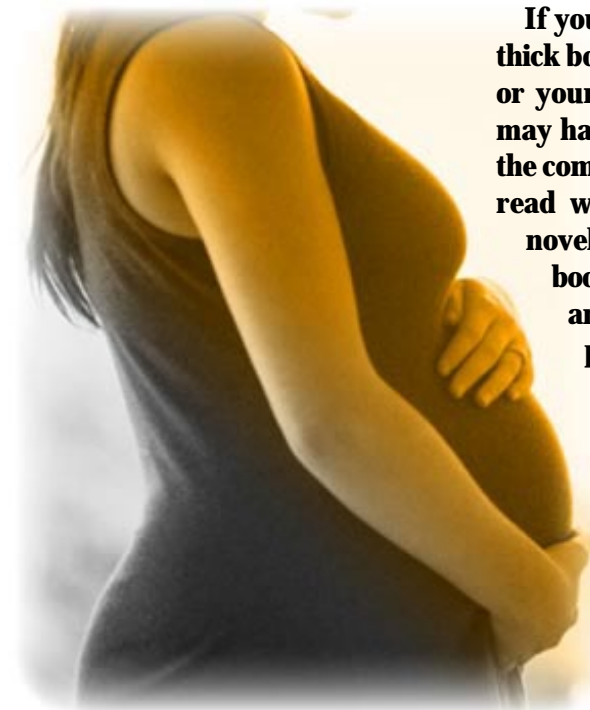
Lizard Tales

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.

PREGNANCY



If you were to sit and study those thick books recommended when you or your spouse are expecting, you may have a hair-raising read. Half the complications that *could* happen read worse than a Stephen King novel. But back in the day, when books were hard to come across, and Stephen King was a complicated birth waiting to happen, women had far fetched horror stories of their own to tell. The old wives tales surrounding pregnancies were (and still are) wild and abundant and just as outrageous as a 'King' novel. Here's a hair-curling list of just such tales.

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

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During an eclipse, pregnant woman should cover their stomachs with a red

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



During an eclipse, 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

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(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.

Other tales include:

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

*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.

*Avoid keeping a spoon with 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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WORD OF THE WEEK

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!!!

I'm thirsty and very tired.
Ai tosti and taiyad bad.
Tengo sed y estoy muy cansado.

Speak slowly, please.
Taak sloa noh!
Habla despacio por favor.

Playing with sand!



It is hard to believe that there was ever a time when people did not sit down near a shoreline and try to push wet sand around until it resembled something else. It was a very nice treat for kids at this year's Reef Festival when a sand castle competition took place. Children of all ages could not wait to dig their hands in the sand and create, as the rules indicated, marine creatures. Moray eels, dolphins, sharks, and turtles among many others were assembled on the shoreline. Spectators looked on as the children, with glee and joy in their eyes built the creatures in an effort to win great prizes. Who knows, maybe next year more kids will compete and the prizes and fun will be even greater.



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Mrs. Dressler

"Hey, guys. How're you doing?"

"Great," Drummer Dan said.

"Fine," Sherry said.

I had just arrived in Caye Caulker for the Friday night gig at Oceanside. Drummer Dan was already there. He and Sherry were sitting at a table by the street watching the parade of people going by.

"Here. I brought you a snack," I said to Dan, tossing the bag from the bakery on the table.

"Hi, Dennis."

Mrs. Dressler, a lady who lives in Caye Caulker several months out of the year had stopped to talk to us.

"Mrs. Dressler, have you met Drummer Dan and Sherry?"

"I saw Drummer Dan when we were here in January," she said. "But I didn't get to meet him."

"Well, this is Drummer Dan and this is Sherry, who sings with us."

They said their "Hello's" and Dan said, "I have a horrible memory. What did you say your name is?"

"Dressler," she said. "It's really easy to remember. Because I am a very large person, I take a very large dress. Just remember, it's the biggest thing about me."

The next morning as we sat eating breakfast outside the Sandbox restaurant she passed by and said, "Hi, guys."

Dan said, "Good morning, Mrs. Butler."

Trivia Tidbits

- *Belize's geographical size is 8,867 square miles or about the size of Delaware and Connecticut combined.
- *Formerly British Honduras, Belize has an English heritage and English Common Law is the rule.
- *Belize is the only country that is both Central American and Caribbean.
- *Belizeans are widely considered some of the friendliest people on earth.
- *Belize lies on the eastern or Caribbean coast of Central America, bounded on the north and part of the west by Mexico, and on the south and the remainder of the west by Guatemala.
- *The country's greatest length from north to south is 280 kilometers and its greatest width is 109 kilometers.
- *Belize District is on the east coast of Belize and encompasses Belize City, San Pedro on Ambergris Caye and Caye Caulker.
- *Who's in the melting pot? **Creoles** - 30% of population. **Mestizos** - 44% of population. **Garifuna** - 7% of population. **Maya** - 11% of population. Kekchi, Mopan, and Yucatec Maya. **East Indians** - 2.1% of population. **Other, including Caucasians, American, Arabian, Lebanese and British** - 8% of population.



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