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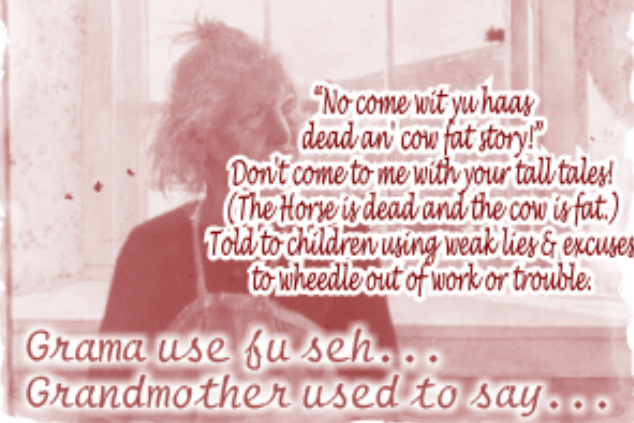


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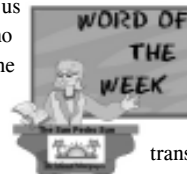
Pictured are Richard Price (of Premium Wines & Spirits) and his wife, Maria (from Caye Caulker), photographed at the Palace of Versailles in Paris whilst on a recent wine buying trip to France.

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Belizean Proverbs



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

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Creole
Spanish

Can I go to San Pedro with this boat?
Ah ku reech San Payjro pahn dis boat?
¿Este bote va a San Pedro?

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Spanish

Can I get off at Caye Caulker?
Wen unu reech Kee Kaaka ah ku get aaf?
¿Puedo bajar en Caye Caulker?

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Do you have medicine for seasickness?
Yu ga eni pilz fi sohnbadi weh geh seesik?
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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.



ies 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!

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Elsa Paz, Mayor,
San Pedro Town

QUESTION: What here do you like best?



The Ferguson Family: Mr. Bruce is just another Gringo in Belize. His family is staying at Coconuts. Son Miles, his wife Patricia, and children Rachael & Duncan live in Glen Allen, Virginia, USA. He works for a health care Company. Son Mark, his wife Debbie and son Ja-Juan; he is in the construction business. "Our dad."



Karyn Kruppe is an Eligibility Worker from Benicia, California, USA is staying with friends 'up north.' "I like the slow pace, the laid back relaxed atmosphere and easy-going attitude."



Paul & Sharon Rich are roofing contractors in Phoenix, Arizona, USA staying at Cayo Espanto. "Friendly people - This is a place where people don't have an attitude."



Scott Christiansen is an Engineer from Malibu, California, USA staying at White Sands. "The people are just great."



John "J.D." Dunlop, from Hastings, England is a painter and lives in the San Pablo area. "The laid back attitude of the people here - no hassle - no problems."

WOMAN ON THE BEACH

by Harriette Fisher

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Stede Bonnet – the gentleman pirate

Welcome to the latest edition of Pirates of the Caribbean, *The Sun* will take you through the life of the swash-buckling buccaneer Stede Bonnet in this column. Major Stede Bonnet was one of the more unique pirates commonly known as the “gentleman pirate.” His background was not that of a typical pirate and he was not entirely successful as one either, but he became well known for his actions, in particular when he traveled with the notorious Blackbeard. Contrary to modern popular belief, Bonnet was also known as one of the very few pirates who had prisoners “walk the plank.”

Bonnet was a retired Major in the King’s Guards who lived with his wife on his large estate in Barbados. He was a proper well-educated man who was well respected by those who knew him. Then sometime in 1717, Bonnet became a pirate even though he knew nothing of seamanship. He earned the nickname of the “gentleman pirate” because of his cultured background which he continued to portray while he



Stede Bonnet was a well groomed pirate who earned the name “the gentleman pirate” because of his background.

was a pirate – he was well groomed, wore fancy clothing and a periwig. It has been suggested that Bonnet snapped one day as a result of his wife’s constant nagging. At that point, he decided

he had enough so he bought a sloop and outfitted it with ten guns using his own money (an unheard of practice for a pirate)! He rounded up a crew of 70 for his newly christened sloop Revenge



Some speculate that his wife’s constant nagging drove Stede to piracy, which resulted in his hanging.

and set sail for his new pirate life.

As a pirate, Bonnet was merely an amateur. Unlike stealing or capturing a ship, as any respectable pirate would do, he purchased his own. This was completely unheard of in the archives of piracy. This fast little ship was purchased in early 1717. It had ten pieces of artillery, secured to her single gun deck. For unknown reasons, he renamed her “The Revenge”. Bonnet did another unheard of thing: he paid his crew out of his own pocket, instead of drawing up a contract for them to sign. It was this strategy however, that kept him from being deposed by the crew,

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Reef Brief

The Peculiar Parrotfish

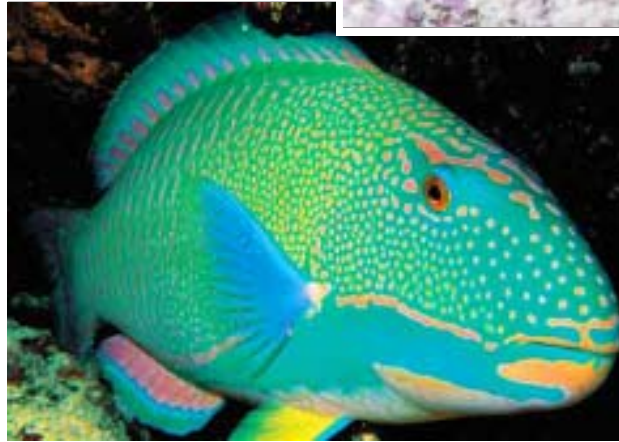


Of the approximately 5,000 different species of reef fish that inhabit Caribbean waters, perhaps one of the best known is the Parrotfish. There are many species of this beautifully colored fish, found not only in the Caribbean, but also throughout the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Like other fish found in the sea, parrotfish possess many curious qualities that have baffled scientists for years.

Named for an odd-looking beak that resembles that of a parrot, this fish plays an important role in maintaining the health of the reef. Parrotfish can be found eating the algae off the surface of the reef, and occasionally they are found feeding directly on the coral. For years, scientists believed parrotfish were destroying the reef, but studies have proven that when parrotfish are prevented from feeding along an area of the reef, the coral is "smothered" to death by the growth of algal mats. The grazing activity of parrotfish keeps this in check. In fact, it seems that these fish evolved their strong beak-like jaws and teeth primarily for the purpose of grinding up pieces of coral. Parrotfish have molar-like teeth in their throats that chew up coral so that stomach acid can digest the algae found in and around the coral. This ground up coral is released as sand, creating the sandy bottom and white beaches found in and around coral reef ecosystems. Unbeliev-

able as it may sound; one parrotfish is capable of creating one ton of sand a year!

After spending the day in a school of other parrotfish feeding on algae, seaweed, and coral, each fish separates at night to search for dwellings in which to sleep. When the parrotfish has found a place to nest in the coral, it begins to secrete a sticky mucous forming a transparent cocoon around its body. This unusual process takes up to thirty minutes to complete and another thirty minutes is needed to get out of the cocoon in the morning. Scientists were puzzled by this



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activity, but it is now believed that the cocoon helps to protect the fish from predators by masking the scent of the fish.

Another curious feature of parrotfish is that throughout their lifecycle, these fish change their sex. A sexually mature female parrotfish will lay its eggs, even-

tually to be fertilized by males. As the female ages, she will transform into a male, a change made apparent by a color transformation, in which the light female will turn into a dark male. The evolutionary explanation behind this sex change is that many of these fish die young so



Before it sleeps, a parrot fish wraps itself up in a cocoon around its body, which masks its scent from predators at night.

there is a need for many females to release eggs and only a few males to fertilize them.

Parrotfish are an excellent example of animals that have evolved traits, peculiar as they may be, to help the survival of the species. As with other reef fish, parrotfish greatly depend on the reef for food and protection. Likewise, the reef greatly depends on parrotfish to maintain its health. So, the next time you are snorkeling or diving, don't be alarmed by the munching sound you may hear - it's just a parrotfish doing its job.

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Tuning up San Pedro!

- Checking out the top notch music at Fido's.

The strains of Tracy Chapman's "Revolution" waft through the island's largest palapa, Fido's Courtyard & Pier; quite an appropriate move by the band The Crew, considering the revolution going on with the music industry in San Pedro, and in Belize. *The San Pedro Sun* sat down and spoke with Fido's music director, Tony Brown, and found out why and how his lifelong interest in music, coupled with his position at Fido's as Entertainment Director, is creating opportunities for a new era of entertainers and musicians.

Fido's is essentially a jumping ground, a starting point for musicians with an avid interest in promoting their music, which is purely Belizean to the core. "Belizean musicians need to understand that music is a discipline; that it takes dedication and heart," says Tony. "Being a musician is so much more than playing an instrument." Through his dedication and 48 years of experience in the music business, Tony has managed to nab some quality acts to headline Fido's every night of the week.

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Tony Brown's musical career spans forty years. His style of music has diversified while maintaining his musical integrity and has blended into a high quality professional hybrid of all the cultural, musical experiences of his life. His R&B and blues (mixed with gospel and country blues) background influenced his funk concept which created an impact on his Yank Skank embellished Reggae. After years of being a road musician, production manager, road manager, developer of musical events, Tony has now organized his music into a professional business based on the inspirations of his works and experiences.

Q&A with Tony Brown

Is it just Tony? It's Glen Antonio Brown. **Where are you from?** I was born in St. Paul, Minnesota.

How long have you been in Belize? I started visiting 10 years ago, and finally, four years ago, I just bought a one-way ticket and stayed.

How did you get interested in music? My family and mainly my mother. She was a musician and inspiration to my life. Also relatives and my environment I grew up in. It was highly sensitized by music and performance.

How long have you been in the music industry? It's been about 48 years.

Of all the people you have played with, who is most memorable?

My mother, my cousin Babe, my best friend Ted, Taj Mahal 1994 Telluride Colorado Fly Me To The Moon Saloon. 1973 The Quiet Knight o 946 W. Belmont Chicago Illinois, Bob Marley and The Wailer's first US concert tour. 1970 Alice's Re-Visited Wrightwood Street Chicago, Illinois Howlin Wolf, Albert King, Muddy Waters, Hubert Sumlin, Sunnlyland Slim... **Wow! So why Belize? Why the interest**



in Belizean music? Well, first and foremost, it is an indigenous form of music. It is a recorded aspect of Belizean history. Did you know that so much of Belizean music and musicians have not copyrighted their music?

There's just so many aspects of Belizean music that is steeped in history and culture that needs to be showcased!

What are your favorite Belizean sounds or bands? Oh, there are many! But definitely Gilharry 7 is my favorite band. Then musicians are definitely Andy Palacio, Grandmaster, World Culture Band, Titiman Flores, Lord Rhaburn (great soca and calypso), Ernie Smith from Progresso, and this gentleman John who sings some of the most amazing original Jamaican folk songs. Oh there are so many!

So you mention starting a school program? Oh, that's very tentative and still in the list of future plans. I just need to work on forming a group of people who are willing to work hard to help bring the Belizean music industry to life.

You are the Entertainment Director at Fido's as well as a musician/performer. When do you play? I play solo on Monday. I am also a part of "The Crew" and "The Rhythm Section", and we play several nights a week.

So you're completely immersed in the music at Fido's? I'm just rockin' 7 nights a week, that's all! (big laugh!).

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Music...

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20/20, The Rhythm Section and The Crew all perform onstage most nights, and visitors to Fido's (as it is commonly known) can stay on to take in a top notch, quality performance. This essentially is Tony's vision: quality, professional shows that rock the house nightly and keep visitors and locals coming in and enjoying themselves. "Musicians must exemplify their art, their music, which is a profession, and as such, must be taken as seriously as any job."

Sometimes the media portrays a lifestyle that many aspiring musicians dream of. According to Mr. Brown this is not a realistic portrayal of most musicians' lifestyle. "Don't believe the hype." In order to achieve this status, there are many long years of hard work and dedication to the craft. One of his goals is to provide stepping stones for Belizean musicians to achieve their goals, and promote Belizean music and culture. Anyone



The Rhythm Section pours their hearts out into their performance, providing stellar renditions in R&B, Blues, Reggae, Rock, Latin & Punk. Group members include James Storey, guitar & vocalist, Dale Wallace, drums, Tony Brown, guitar & vocalist, and Casper Wood on the bass guitar.

can pick up an instrument or write great music. It's the ones who dedicate their lives to creating quality professional music, without being side-tracked by temptations that become mainstays in the music industry.

Tony Brown's interests, other than creating quality entertainment in San Pedro, include creating an opportunity. Musicians need an outlet for their art, and for many visitors and audiences, there aren't nearly enough Belizean musicians to fulfill their interest. There might be many artists out there, but several don't have the professional management or the starting point that will give them proper exposure to a wider audience. Through his interests in improving the music scene, Tony is trying to create a platform whereby both audiences and musicians are equally happy.

One of his future interests involves a school program. His plans include recruiting students who want to make music a part of their life and their lifestyle. By instilling the discipline and the know-how early on, the Belizean music industry can become a great success. Tony believes that for far too long, Belizean music has been mismanaged. So many songs that are being taught in schools are steeped in history, and yet, the history itself is blurred. By creating a group that takes music from the roots up, this future group intends to bring Belizean music from obscurity and into the spotlight, where it belongs.

For now, the professional bands that perform at Fido's are acutely aware that they are part of the revolution in Belizean music, and audiences are much happier that such a great platform exists to promote their sounds and culture to the world. Come catch the great sounds of 20/20, The Crew, Tony Brown and The Rhythm Section every night of the week starting at 9 p.m. 20/20 - Wed. & Sat. The Crew - Thurs.; The Rhythm Section - Tue. & Fri.; Tony Brown (solo acoustic) - Mondays.

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ter of San Pedro, Fido's (pronounced Fee'dose; Feed means to consume fine foods and exotic drinks in a Caribbean ambiance, Dose; to relax and take it easy while listening to real music under a real palapa on the beach.) Fido's has evolved into one of San Pedro's most popular tourist attractions. Inside Fido's courtyard, you will find Fido's restaurant, Rice 'n' Roll Sushi Bar (upstairs), and let's not forget Ambar Jewelry and Belizean Arts Gallery, offering the finest in shopping, where you are certain to find the perfect souvenir to take back home!

Fido's restaurant features some of the freshest, tastiest and healthiest dishes on

the island. This casual-style restaurant offers a wide array of mesmerizing dishes that leaves you wanting more. The incredibly friendly wait staff welcomed us warmly and with exceptional service.

We were accompanied by hosts Brandon Boyd, Manager and Tony Brown, Singer/Entertainment Director. Tony is a musician and has been in the music in-

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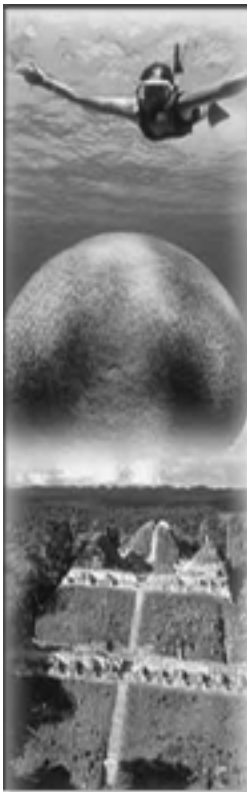
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dustry for years. An exceptional guitarist and singer, Tony performs his melodic tunes live at Fido's on weekdays. Brandon hailing from Southern California, USA has been residing in our jewel for a little over a year. When asked why he chose San Pedro as a home, he stated, "I love it, the people and especially the food; which I am a huge fan of. The island is

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scrumptious appetizers that definitely make the dining experience exceptional from the start. Try the different plates, from seafood to Thai to Vegetarian. A delicious platter of sweet Caribbean shrimp, dusted with cumin and spicy barbecue sauce is served on a bed of cool refreshing summer slaw and a crisp tortilla shell. Called the fire grilled barbecue shrimp, it was indeed mmm, mmm

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The seafood lovers platter for two is a combination of succulent shrimp, fresh lobster tail, conch and freshly grown vegetables. It is a seafood lovers delight!

good! Another platter, for the calamari lover in all of us, contained lightly fried, tender and sweet calamari. This was accompanied by a duo of creamy roasted garlic and oven dried tomato sauce. Delicious! Following the calamari was the Lobster Rangoon, a house favorite: deliciously crispy wontons stuffed with fresh Caribbean lobster, cream cheese and scallions. Served with Asian slaw, mango syrup and Hoisin sauce, it was just the perfect blend of flavors. The Thai Style Chicken satay was amazing; tender chicken strips seasoned with lime,

chili and cilantro, grilled and served with an unbelievably scrumptious peanut sauce. The only drawback to such a delicious sauce is that it's gone way too soon! And for those seeking a yummy vegetarian appetizer, the Bruschetta is perfect, with its toppings of locally grown fresh tomatoes, olives, basil and capers drizzled with a balsamic vinegar reduction and toasted olive oil crostini. It's the perfect, light appetizer to start your meal.

With a refreshing drink in hand, the wind caressing your hair and the cool island ambiance; it was time for the main

course. First up, we enjoyed an island plate called Coco Loco Chicken which is a boneless chicken breast sautéed with garlic, ginger, cilantro and crushed red chilli paste. Finished with coconut milk and toasted shredded coconut, it was a treat to the taste buds. Another entrée, the Szechwan style braised shrimp was pan seared and tossed with ginger, garlic, and a sweet and sour sauce. Finished with a drizzle of roasted sesame oil and served with scallion cilantro rice and mixed tempura vegetables. Those who dine in pairs, there is an extra special plate for couples to enjoy called the Seafood lovers platter for two. This is a super-sized version of their Caribbean platter plus more. The dish is a medley of seafood; fresh lobster tail, succulent shrimp, scallops, New Zealand green lip mussels, conch, calamari and snapper, all perfectly grilled, broiled and sautéed, a seafood lovers delight. Fish lover? A

nice steaming platter of Blackened Grouper, ohh la la, is the perfect choice for you! A pan seared, blackened grouper fillet, topped with a delicious avocado and tomato salsa. And speaking of fish, a snapper fillet fresh from the Barrier Reef is finger licking good. It was flavored with a paste of exotic spices and herbs from Southeast-Asia, pan sautéed and served with a pineapple and tomato relish. A delightful platter for diners labeled the Malaysian Snapper. Finally, a lobster in a savory batter of sweet peppers, onions, herbs and fried to perfection. Served with a habanero aioli and mango syrup. With a tummy full of good eating, the evening affair came to a close, and boy, talk about belly busters! The entire dining experience was flawless, the food was remarkably delicious, the setting, the island vibe and of course the wait staff all made the evening a splendid and fulfilling one.

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Dr. Herman Smith was the only PhD archaeologist to reside in Belize. He was noted in his field as a foremost researcher and expert in the coastal trading of the Maya and headed the archaeological development of Lamanai in Belize. Herman discovered and contributed

much to the body of knowledge of the Maya once living on Ambergris Caye. If asked about this subject, he would gladly inform his listeners of the Maya past with detailed length and expansive arm waving. His humor accompanied these mini-lectures, eliminating any academic dryness and endearing him to the students and groups that he worked with on sites around the island.

He lived in Belize for over 12 years and eventually obtained Belizean citizenship. Dr. Herman Smith - U.S. Marine Corps pilot, decorated Vietnam veteran, archeologist, friend, and husband died on March 10th, 2000. Above all his many accomplishments from fighter piloting to practicing archeology - is that Herman was a friend to all in San Pedro. He contributed countless articles to *The San Pedro Sun*, articles that we are pleased to share with you once more.



Archaeology of Ambergris Caye

continuation from last week

Terminal Classic Period

Changes leading to the Terminal Classic seemed to have been quantitative rather than qualitative. Most sites show a continuation of the patterns which had been developed earlier. Major construction at these sites, however, was replaced by repeated refurbishings on a smaller scale. Trade goods were abundant and interaction is seen with Yucatan, Campeche, and southern Belize, as well as mainland northern Belize. A mortuary pattern of repeated, very shallow burials reflects the low level of energy invested in all such activities. During this period Ambergris continued to participate in the maritime



trade system. However, we do not know what stresses were exerted upon the system which reduced construction activity.

At the end of the Terminal Classic period, though, major changes occurred on Ambergris. With the excep-

tion of Marco Gonzalez, nearly all sites on the coast were abandoned, and, as a result, trade activities on Ambergris were limited to, or more correctly, consolidated at Marco Gonzalez. At San Juan, small buildings were constructed on the flanks of the site at the

end of this period. The most recent radiocarbon date of approximately 1000 A.D. comes from this context and nearly marks the abandonment of the site. While some activity continues at Chac Balam after 1000 A.D., it is probable that the site was no longer fully occupied and may have been used primarily for mortuary purposes.

Postclassic Period

The data from the Postclassic period reflect a major restructuring of both settlement on Ambergris Caye and

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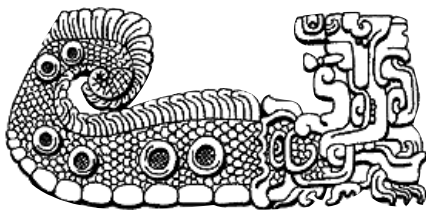
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the economic system of the Maya. The small, coastal margin communities were abandoned and activity was consolidated

at the Marco Gonzalez site and, perhaps, the Basil Jones site.

At Marco Gonzalez, Graham and Pendergast (1987, 1989) found continuous occupation from the Late Classic into the Postclassic. Importantly, continued major construction occurred in the Postclassic at Marco Gonzalez. It is very possible that the close ceramic affinities between Marco Gonzales and Lamanai are associated with the community's apparent independence from the factors that influenced the abandonment of the coastal margin of the northern part of the island (Pendergast 1990).

Basil Jones, in the interior of the island, and the San Pedro Lagoon site are believed to be Postclassic. These assessments are based upon the presence of the very crude stone buildings and, in the case of Basil Jones, the field walls. Also, the elaborate Postclassic burial excavated by Thomas Gann on Ambergris, at "the largest mound," was probably at Basil Jones. We initially believed this site to be San Juan but we presently think that it was one of the now nearly demolished mounds of Basil Jones. However, A. Andrews has suggested that the Gann mound was at the San Pedro Lagoon site (personal communication). Interestingly, an early



Spanish map shows a settlement in this general area of Ambergris which may well be Basil Jones (Grant Jones, personal communication), so occupational continuity may have occurred.

The growth of Basil Jones, then, reflects an adaptation with a more terrestrial focus. Even so, trade may have continued to be an important focus, and Basil Jones could have functioned similarly to San Gervasio and Buena Vista on Cozumel (Sabloff and Rathje 1975). Nevertheless, a complete structural shift clearly occurred.

The only Middle Postclassic site found so far on Ambergris Caye is Los Renegados. The very large quantities of obsidian, a volcanic glass which is one of the finest raw materials for the chipping of stone tools, recovered from the site indicate that coastal trade was flourishing. However, its impact on the island was much different than previously. Los Renegados includes no formal architecture, only dense residential debris, and the floors of perishable buildings. We cannot know if, at this time, Basil Jones or other sites were occupied. However, Graham and Pendergast have found evidence of residential and mortuary activity at the San Pedro site dating from this period.



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The calamari platter was lightly fried, tender and sweet. It was served with two incredibly tasty sauces: a creamy roasted garlic and an oven dried tomato sauce.

Fido's Courtyard has been serving the island with superb cooking for more than 30 years, in fact, it is among the first hotels established on the island. Owner, Malcolm Hitchcock, took the time to share some of his experiences since his arrival and commented on his establish-

ment, stating that Fido's is the "most successful bar on the island". Hitchcock was born and raised in London, England, before his arrival to the island, he had many professions, including serving in the British Navy and as a special effects and art director in Hollywood. Hitchcock came to the island on vacation, became fascinated with the laid back life and decided to live here. Malcolm moved away from Hollywood and became a resident of "La Isla Bonita," arriving in March of 1995 and after inquiring about many businesses, he bought Fido's Courtyard and Pier with his partner, Jim McGee. Since then, Fido's has been continuously remodeled for the better. Malcolm has since taken the project to rejuvenate the entire place and give it a new and fresh

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The Speckled Racer



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Racer is the name for several related swift, slender snakes, especially those of the genus *Coluber*. All of the racers are nonpoisonous, non-constricting, day-active snakes. The Speckled Racers (*Drymobius margaretferrus*) are found in the extreme south of Texas, USA, where it is endangered and protected. Further south it is found along the Gulf Coast into Mexico, the Yucatan Peninsula and throughout Central America to northern Colombia. This fast-moving, nervous snake is extremely common in Belize.

Not a robust snake, the adult Speckled Racer averages 30 to 40 inches long. At first glance the snake appears black, but closer up a distinctive speckled pattern is visible. The dorsal scales are black-edged with a yellow spot in the center and a blue base creating the appearance of an overall black-green hue that glistens like sequins in the sunlight. The under belly is white to yellow to green in color.

Speckled Racers occur in both forested and open settings, but seems to prefer dense thickets heavily littered with plant debris, palm groves or brushy river bottoms. It often frequents human settlements and is generally terrestrial. Typically they live near water where their amphibian prey may be located. A diurnal predator, the Speckled Racer feeds primarily on frogs and toads. Occasionally it will eat lizards, reptile eggs and small mammals.

Females lay clutches of two to eight smooth-shelled whitish eggs between April and August. Hatchlings emerge after an incubation period of approximately eight weeks, and measure only about six inches long and are vividly colored.

The Speckled Racer can be found mainly in the early morning daylight hours, just after sun-up. Quick moving and very shy, this is a very diffi-

cult snake to observe or catch. If cornered or provoked it will not hesitate to bite. Although it is a non-venomous snake, the bite bleeds copiously, suggesting an anticoagulant in the saliva. Therefore, if by rare chance you spot this beautiful, elusive snake, it is recommended that you observe it from a distance.

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atmosphere. He rebuilt the thatched roof, bar, kitchen, ground floor and storage areas. The palapa is said to be the biggest in Belize and holds a whopping sixty five thousand palm leaves. When asked why he chose to go with the palapa instead of a concrete building, Hitchcock stated, "we refuse to go with a concrete structure because we want to keep the island flavor and a laid back setting." World renowned, Fido's has been praised in *Caribbean Travel and Life Magazine*, *Cosmopolitan*, and *Arizona Life Styles* as a casual yet fun place with great food and great music every night from local bands. Apart from its fine foods, Fido's offers a spectacular view of the Caribbean Sea. Malcolm also stated that he plans to open an extra special steak house upstairs, where customers can enjoy freshly prepared steaks and seafood dishes. Come enjoy your favorite drink or cocktails whilst dining in a friendly and easygoing ambience.

If you are looking for a romantic night out or a fun place to hang out with just a few friends or family and talk for hours,



A lovely grouper fillet, seasoned with herbs and spices, was served with vegetables, a savory tomato sauce and lime wedges.

listen to live music, there is no better restaurant than Fido's Courtyard Restaurant and Bar. The food is incredibly fresh and can't be beat, the variety is impressive and the atmosphere is top rate. Opening hours are from 11:00 am until 9:30 pm, every day for lunch and dinner. With all said, the management and staff of Fido's Restaurant and Bar would like to extend an extra special invitation to the public for their Christmas Lobster Fest, a dining extravaganza that can't be missed. You have not been to San Pedro until you've been to Fido's Courtyard Bar and Grill.

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Pirates ...

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who let him remain in command. Bonnet found his band from the taverns and grogshops of Bridgetown and ended up signing on about seventy destitute seamen. For several days after the purchase, the Revenge remained in the Bridgetown harbor, which Bonnet explained as his intention of pursuing an inter-island trade. But one night, he cast off without a word to his friends or his wife. He set his course for the Virginia Capes, where he captured a few vessels, the first of which were only plundered and the last of which, the ship known as the Turbes, was burned. After this, every Barbadian ship taken by Bonnet was burned, as if to conceal his trail.

After sailing and capturing prizes off the New England Coast and some in the northern waters, he returned to the south. At this time however, there was trouble brewing. His inexperience began to manifest itself to the crew, who were slowly becoming hostile and began whispering amongst themselves. During the increasing hostilities, Bonnet dropped anchor in the Bay of Honduras, where he met up with the Queen Anne's Revenge, along with her captain, the fearsome Edward Teach, nicknamed "Blackbeard". The two quickly befriended each other and this strange duo, a veteran and an amateur decided to cruise together. This alliance however, soon proved a big mistake on the part of Bonnet. Teach became aware of his inexperience and invited Bonnet aboard the Queen Anne's Revenge, where Bonnet became pretty much a prisoner. Teach tried to convince him that a man of his education and mannerisms, should not be forced to the rigors of commanding a ship like the Revenge and to transfer himself to the more comfortable and spacious quarters of the Queen Anne's Revenge. There was little Bonnet could do or say and soon one of Blackbeard's lieutenants, by the name of Richards, took over command

of the Revenge and quickly stifled the threat of mutiny by imposing stern discipline and gaining the crew's confidence.

Eventually Bonnet convinced Blackbeard to allow him to command the Revenge again. Soon after, the two parted and Bonnet left his ship for the town of Bath and surrendered himself as a reformed pirate to the Governor of North Carolina, Charles Eden. This act however did not subdue Bonnet's desire for piracy, and he continued to scour the sea for vessels until he was captured by Colonel William Rhett, from whom he escaped only to be recaptured and brought to trial under a Court of Vice-Admiralty in Charleston, South Carolina. Sir Nicholas Trott, who at that time was the judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court, sentenced Bonnet to death on the gallows. Stede Bonnet was hung for piracy on December 10th, 1718.

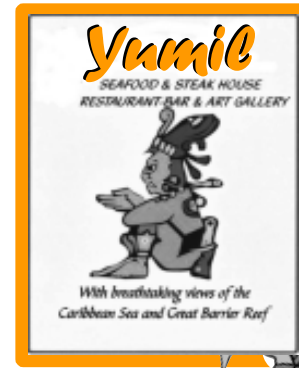
*1 cup finely chopped PLANTERS Pecans
 *1-1/4 cups raspberry preserves

BEAT cream cheese and butter in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Add sugar; beat until light and fluffy. Blend in vanilla. Gradually add flour, beating until well blended after each addition.

Add baking soda; mix well. Add pecans; mix just until blended. Cover. Refrigerate 30 min.

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Place, 2 inches apart, on ungreased baking sheets. Indent centers. Bake 10 min.

FILL each cookie with about 1 tsp. preserves. Continue baking 8 to 10 min. or until golden brown. Cool completely on wire racks.



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"It started big problems with me and Pam?"

"It did?"

"Big, big problems."

"What was the deal?"

"You saw where the guy had been in a coma for about twenty years, right?"

"Uh-huh. The doctors said he was brain dead."

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*A woman's arthritic pains will almost always disappear as soon as she becomes pregnant.

*Gold is the sixteenth rarest of the chemical elements.

*The simple act of walking requires the use of 200 muscles in the human body. 40 or so will lift your leg and move it forward.

*Canned foods do not last forever. They keep best at temperatures below 70 degrees. As their storage temperature rises, the length of time for storage decreases.

*The duckbill platypus of Australia can store up to 600 worms in its large cheek pouches.

*There are 110 calories per hour consumed during an hour of typing — only 30 more than those used while sleeping.

*The crocodile does not chew its food, but swallows it whole. It carries several pounds of small stones in its stomach to aid in grinding up and digesting its nourishment.



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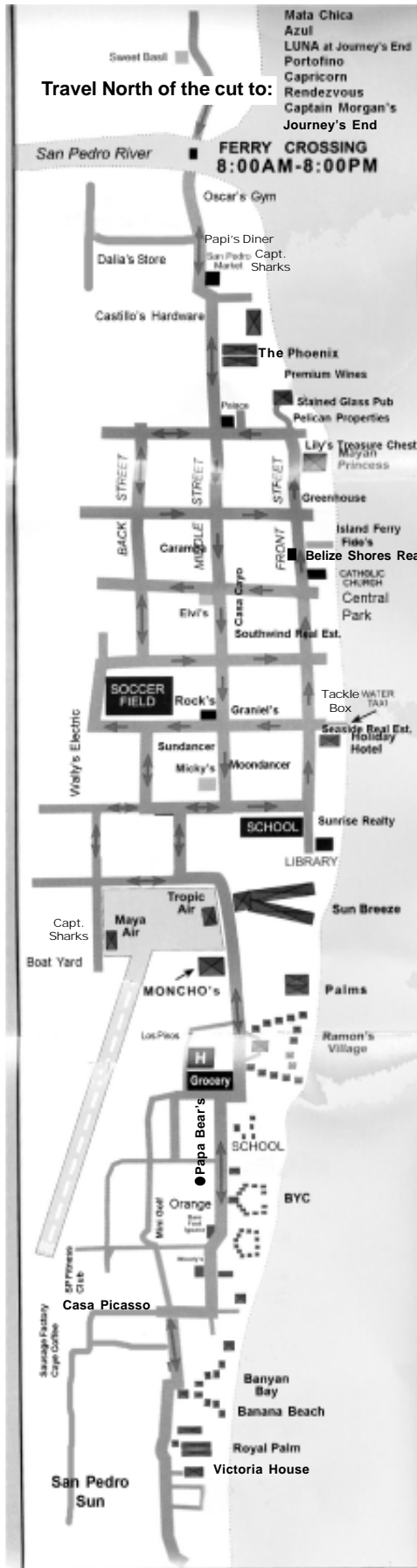
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