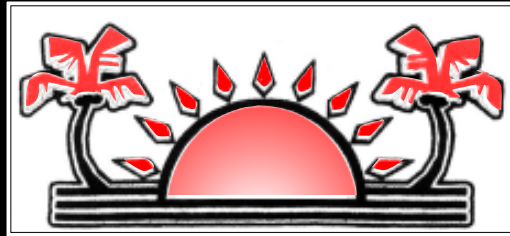


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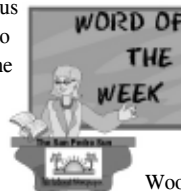
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Language can link us with other cultures, no matter how foreign the tongue may be. In an effort to share this form of communication with our audience, *The San Pedro Sun* proudly presents -



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** I'm not particular ; I'll take any job I can get.  
**Creole** Ah noh kay. Eni kain a jab weh yu gat ah wuda du.  
**Spanish** Yo haría cualquier trabajo. No soy patricular.

**English** I want to sit in the sun.  
**Creole** Ah waahn goh sidong cena di son.  
**Spanish** Quiero sentarme bajo el sol.

**English** There has been an accident here.  
**Creole** Wahn aksident hapm ya.  
**Spanish** Hubo un accidente aqui.

## 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.*

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Elsa Paz, Mayor,  
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## QUESTION: How long have you been here?



"I have been coming here for 16 years, on and off, but I've lived here for the last six." **Charmaine Tolentino** said. "I came from southern California where I was a make-up artist for the movie industry." She now lives just across the cut.



**Jo Mishra** is a 5<sup>th</sup> semester student at the Medical University of the Americas and is from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. "I have been here 17 months."



"I've been here 5 1/2 years" said **Dennis Fisher** of Blazing Hammers Construction, who is an architectural designer from Denver, Colorado. "I moved here for my health and haven't had an unhappy day since." Dennis lives with his wife Judie in the house he just finished building in the El Tesoro area.



"We have been here 5 years and in Belize City for 4 years prior to that." **Frances and Vernon Wilson** are volunteer missionaries with the Anglican Church and came from Newport News, Virginia. They now live on what is to become Treasure Cove Marina.


## WOMAN ON THE BEACH

by *Harriette Fisher*

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### Cocobrut

This week we feature another home-made delicacy called the "cocobrut", a candy that is made with tender chopped coconut meat and sugar. The process of making the candy requires one to be attentive at all times, so as to prevent it from burning. The candy is easy to make, simply gather the ingredients and follow these easy steps. To make the cocobrut you need to get a hold of some medium

tender (not too soft or too hard) coconut meat chopped in cubes, add sugar, cinnamon, and spice seeds. In a bowl, mix the ingredients and add water, keep stirring the contents until sugar dissolves and becomes a syrupy mixture. Then, get a hold of some wrapping paper or plantain leaves and spoon mixture on leaves/wrap and let it cool. After it has cooled down, you can devour them and what a lip-



The cocobrut is homemade candy made with young coconuts and is easy to make or can be purchased at San Pedro's food and vegetables stalls for only one dollar a bag.

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## TREC – Marine Education in San Pedro!

As human activity and pollution increasingly threaten the world's great seas, the study of marine science is more vital than ever. In an effort to get people educated on marine ecology in San Pedro, a dedicated education center TREC has been serving the island for more than six years. Marine TREC has a well-qualified staff, broadly trained and dedicated professionals, a large complex of specialized facilities and a fleet of vessels. TREC holds opportunities for students and researchers. Now the eco-tourist or local marine enthusiast can join in on Thursday nights at 7:30 for lectures, slide shows and discussions on a variety of coral reef topics. TREC's director has been teaching marine science for 20 years, the last 12 in San Pedro. *The San Pedro Sun* got a chance to go one on one with Marine Ichthyologist, a zoologist who studies fishes, Dr. Ken Mattes, who was excited about sharing his insights on educating people about the reef's precious corals and marine ecosystems. Dr. Mattes was enthusiastic to share with us his outlook on the subject at hand and here is what we found out.

TREC (Tropical Research and Education Center) is an institution committed to the conservation of tropical ecosystems through the use of education and research. TREC offers the facilities and staff for innovative science education in Belize. Based just south of San Pedro on Ambergris Caye, TREC of-

fers a well-equipped lab, library, and a variety of boats for field trip transport. The center also has classrooms that can accommodate large groups. The rooms are adjacent to the dining area, lecture hall, and study area. A freshwater swimming pool is located in the middle of the dormitory section. Dr. Ken Mattes, his wife Maureen Gannon and staff provide students with university level, for credit educational programs. Students also have opportunities to participate in a wide variety of activities while in Belize. Trips to the mangroves, rocky shore, sandy beach, snorkeling on the back reef and turtle grass beds are all typical field learning experiences for the students. Back at TREC students work in the lab with microscopes and a variety of other equipment to interpret what they have seen. Some classes are based solely on theory, some require intensive field-oriented work designed to familiarize the student with coral reef organisms and basic research procedures. The primary goal of the Tropical Research



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& Education Center (TREC) is to promote education and research on coral reef ecosystems. Education of this nature helps produce scientifically literate adults and may produce a few marine professionals here and there. Students learn the global connection of all ecosystems and why coral reefs are important to people that may never even see them. Research helps produce

background knowledge that will aid in management decisions to protect the reef.

The discussion topics change every week and has a minimal fee of US\$5, for further information on the Marine Trec program please contact Dr. Mattes or Maureen Gannon at 226-3389 or e-mail them at [trec@hotmail.com](mailto:trec@hotmail.com).

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# Reef Brief

Contributed by Peace Corps Volunteer Nicki Vassak

## As Smart as a Cephalopod

Class Cephalopoda consists of all the octopuses, squids, cuttlefish, and nautilus in the phylum Mollusca. They are easy to tell apart. Octopuses are soft-bodied, and round with eight arms. In contrast, squids are bullet-shaped, possessing a stiff-internal structure known as a pen. They have eight arms and two longer tentacles. Gripping devices can be found on the arms of both squids and octopuses. Nautilus own hard external shells and approximately ninety grip-free arms.

As with most members of the mollusk phylum, cephalopods possess a gill, a foot, a shell-secreting tissue called the mantle, a toothed, tongue-like radula, and have possessed one or more shells in the past. In fact, the mantles of the coleodan cephalopods overgrew the shell during evolution to produce the first true endoskeleton (Dando and Burchett, 1996). Today, the mantle cavity in squids and octopuses allows them to move by jet propulsion. The cavity fills with water and can only escape via a tube-like siphon. The siphon bends, the mantle com-

presses, and the water shoots from the siphon sending the animal either forward or backward (Milne, 1995).

All cephalopods are carnivores. Squids feed mainly on the teleost (bony) fishes. The prey is brought within reach of its beak-like jaw, where large pieces of tissue are torn off by the radula and swallowed in the buccal cavity. Octopuses favor crabs, inject them with a toxin released by the jaws or salivary glands. This immobilizes the prey so that it can be flushed with a variety of enzymes. Octopuses will then ingest the partly digested flesh. As for nautilus, they are scavengers, which roam ocean bottoms in search of decapod crustaceans with their multitude of tentacles. They feed on their prey in a fashion

comparable to that of a squid (Dando and Burchett, 1996).

Cephalopods have acquired additional features over the course of their evolutionary history. The most notable include large image forming eyes, which are connected to the largest brains witnessed in any invertebrate. These physical characteristics in combination with their behavior lead some people to believe that cephalopods are the most intelligent invertebrates. Graziano Fiorito and Pietro Scotto showed in a recent study that octopuses learn simple tasks, such as choose the red ball over the white ball, and receive an award, by watching other trained octopuses perform the tasks (Milne, 1995).

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## Caye Caulker

**Location:** One mile west of Belize Barrier Reef  
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**Width:** .25 - 2.0 km (0.15 - 1.2 miles)  
**Population:** Approximately 1,300  
**Culture:** Mestizo, Garifuna, Creole  
**Hotels:** 57...with 887 rooms

Caye Caulker is the place to be laid back. Most indicative of the caye's spirit is the sign on the main road exhorting "Go Slow." Hammocks, sandy streets, and cool Caribbean breezes greet arrivals. If you catch a taxi, a golf cart is what you'll get. From the asphalt landing strip lead just a handful of streets through the small village of seaside restaurants, lodges, pubs, shops and clapboard houses in bright colors. The barrier reef can be seen from the main road.

Caye Caulker is relatively small, at five miles long by one half mile wide. Of this, only the southern end is inhabited by villagers and visitors; the wet northern section is a mangrove and forest reserve, the abode of mangroves, nesting birds, and palm trees, with trails for visitors. The two sections are separated by a narrow water passage, the Split, created by Hurricane Hattie in 1961 and which has become popular with snorkelers, boaters, swimmers and sunbathers.

It is thought Caye Caulker's name came from pirates caulking their ships, although another possibility is from the

Spanish name "Cayo Hicaco" for the island, so named after the cocoplum tree found abundantly in the island's reserve. Caye Caulker's 1,000 residents are a mix of Belizean and foreigners who have settled to enjoy the unique atmosphere.

## Origin of the name "Caye Caulker"

On early British maps the island's name is spelled "Cay Corker." Known historically for its plentiful supply of exposed fresh water at La Aguada, one theory holds that this island was a favorite stop for sailors to replenish and cork water bottles. The Spanish name of the island is Cayo Hicaco, which means "the island of the cocoplum." "Caye Caulker" could be an anglicized pronunciation of Cayo Hicaco. Another theory is that boats were caulked in the protected bay, La Ensenada, on the western side of the island leading to the "Caulker" name.

## A very brief history of Caye Caulker

Recent history of Caye Caulker began when Mestizo refugees from the Mexican Caste Wars arrived. The caye was formally purchased by Luciano Reyes around 1870. Lots were sold to six or seven families, most of which still have descendants on the island today. The influence of these families is still very apparent.

With few inhabitants, food could be

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grown with sustainable methods of agriculture. The coconut and the fishing industry became important economic staples of the island. Even today a few of the older women continue to process coconut oil for their own use and to sell, although generally the coconuts themselves are harvested and shipped to the mainland.

Large scale lobster fisheries arose in the 1920's, when the lobster trap was introduced to the caye by Canadian Captain Cook and modified for use with the spiny lobster by Marcial Alamina. In 1960 the Northern Fishermen's Cooperative Society Limited was formed

with thirty plus members including some women, which allowed fishermen to export both fish and lobster, eliminating the middleman. Due to its great success, the cooperative became a model for other cooperatives in Belize.

Caye Caulker is also noteworthy for its tradition of ship building. The Young and Alamina families historically are known as skilled shipwrights constructing wooden sailboats with a frame construction. Caye Caulker remains a shipbuilding and boat racing center of Belize with the Alamina and Young families still prominently active in these endeavors. The Belize Marine Terminal and Museum has an excellent exhibit of the Caye Caulker shipwrights, their tools, and the boats they have built.

Fishing continues to be an important industry, but tourism has gradually become an important force on the caye as well. Since the 60's and 70's, when small numbers of hippies found their way to the caye, tourism has grown each year and many islanders now also operate restaurants, hotels, or other businesses in the tourism industry.

Despite the growth of tourism, Caye Caulker remains a small village with a distinct cultural flavor not necessarily found in large-scale tourist development. Almost all the businesses are locally owned, vehicles larger than golf carts almost never roam the streets, and lodging is small scale and relatively inexpensive compared to many other tourist destinations. We prefer to keep it this way. We frown upon large-scale development and focus upon the preservation of our unique heritage.

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## Crabs Races in Caye Caulker!

Submitted by Ernie Salac



Revelers gathered many crabs and decorated them wildly, then proceeded to make them race away, much to the onlookers' delight.

Recently a few critters were so disturbed they packed up their house and left for higher ground. Crabs! Hermit crab races were the highlight of the evening at Sea Beezzzz on the coast of Caye Caulker. It was some Bunnie's birthday, so a few energetic and high-spirited ones organized an entertaining evening for young, old and in-between.

The word was out about one week prior to the event but the earnest crab hunting began only the night before the big race. Some imports from Southpoint proved to be quite anatomically developed and aching for a larger home on their back. It was these homes which were decorated before the contest began. The crabs were also differenti-

ated with a few of nature's textiles like feather, heather, leather and lace. With more than twenty crabs in each heat, the bucket of eager contestants was full of every color under the rainbow. Four heats of crabs were turned upside down within a regulation baloney rake sized "call-o -see'm" for the warriors to exhibit their prowess.

The races took place in the front yard of The Sea Beezzzz. After the contestants were selected and deposited into the bucket they were placed upside down to begin their heat. The first three winners proceeded to the final race of the night. A crab was deemed a winner when it traversed the outside of the circle. This sounds easy

but a crab is not so sure that the way they are headed is entirely correct, no commitment or walking even close to a straight line. (There were a number of humans acting as crabs this night).

Most contestants had decorated their hermit crabs so as to distinguish themselves from others, but really to reveal their colors and ability to use a hot glue gun. All heats went swimmingly until the final was to begin. L&B were late but were determined to have a crab in the race. Rumor has it her crabs were doped either with

caffeine and/or dextrose! Well those hot glued-gunned crabs didn't even cross the line but they certainly brought color, pageantry and grace to the final race of the evening. The final winners were: first place OC - Orlando, second place - Yellow rose - Eddie and third place - Smooth Pinky - Val. A fabulous time was had by all and there were promises of meeting one another next year under the same conditions. The night was ended with a few libations and a pink frosted YUMIE cupcake for all.

## Calendar of events

**February** - Carnival includes traditional dances and other festivities leading up to Lent

**March** - Fishing Tournament sponsored by the Caye Caulker Tour Guide Association

**Easter** - Caye Caulker is a popular destination for Belizeans celebrating Easter. Religious activities include the Stations of the Cross, Good Friday services and Easter Masses. Secular activities include dances, games and the Easter Regatta (sailboat, motorboat, canoe and wind surf races)

**July** - Lobster Fest - Scheduled for July 1-3, 2005 - Caye Caulker's lobster fishing success is celebrated each year after the lobster season re-opens.

**August** - Our Lady of the Ascension - August 15<sup>th</sup> is our Patron Saint Day with a Church procession around the village and Village Fair sponsored by the School Teachers

**September Celebrations** - National celebrations begin with the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, St. George's Caye Day, and culminate in Independence Day on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The season of celebrations includes parades with float contests, queen contests, Children's Day, dances, and fireworks.

**November** - Garifuna Settlement Day - November 19<sup>th</sup> is the Re-enactment of the Garifuna Arrival to the shores of Belize includes Garifuna Mass, Drumming and Dancing

**Christmas and New Year's** - Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations, School Christmas Program and one of the busiest times for tourism businesses, Christmas and New Year's are celebrated here with religious services, secular dances and fireworks.

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## The Great Kiskadee

The Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) is a large, striking bird whose name is derived from its call which sounds very much like French for "What are you saying" ... "Quest-ce que dit," or kis-ka-dee. The Great Kiskadee is found from Texas, USA to Argentina and is also very common in Bermuda, where it was introduced in the 1950s. The Great Kiskadee lives in open woodlands, streamside thickets, groves, orchards and parks. In the tropics it occurs widely in many semi-open habitats, usually avoiding dense unbroken forest. It is a permanent resident throughout its range and does not migrate.

Chances are you will hear this bird before you see it. During the heat of the day, while most birds are silent, the kiskadee will draw your attention by *calling its name* constantly while perched from a telephone wire or on a roof. This robin-sized bird is about ten inches in length. It has black and white stripes on the crown and sides of its head. It has a white line above its eyes. Its chest and undersides are a bright yellow and its throat is white. Its back and wings are brown and its bill and legs are black. Its bright pattern is unique in North America, but in the tropics several other flycatchers look almost identical.

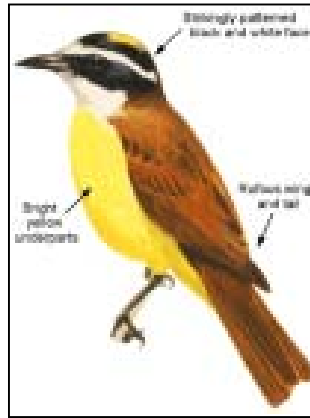
Although the Great Kiskadee is a member of the flycatcher family, this bird breaks the rules for the flycatcher family. Besides catching insects in the air, it also grabs lizards from tree trunks, hops about in trees and shrubs to eat berries, and will even perch on branches that are low over water to plunge in for fish and tadpoles. It will dine on beetles, wasps, grasshoppers,



The kiskadee nest is a large bulky structure, more or less round, with a single entry hole and is lined with soft material like wool and feathers.

bees and moths and will eat mice and frogs.

Kiskadees are monogamous and often travel in pairs. A male will mate



The bright pattern and colors of the kiskadee are unique in North America, but in the tropics several other flycatchers look almost identical.

with only one female, and the mating season begins in late March. The female Great Kiskadee lays two to five creamy-white and brown speckled eggs

in a nest made of sticks, grass, moss and bark. The nest is a large bulky structure, more or less round, with a single entry hole and is lined with soft material like wool and feathers. The nest is usually built in a thorn tree or bush. Both parents defend the nesting territory and care for the young. Development of the young and age at first flight is not well known. The kiskadee defends its nest vigorously and even if it has no nest in the area it will be aggressive towards other birds. It is quite a common sight to see a kiskadee chasing a much bigger bird of prey.

One of its most feared predators is the coral snake and the kiskadee will stay away from anything that has the same color pattern as the coral snake. Kiskadee populations are stable or increasing in Texas and they may be increasing and spreading in the tropics where rain forests are cut. The kiskadee adapts well around clearings, edges, and second growth and is very common throughout Latin America.

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# Skydivers Boogie in Belize

For the second year in a row, the February skies above San Pedro were filled with colorful parachutes as skydivers from around the world made Ambergris Caye their destination for a skydiving vacation.

Organized by Rich Grimm and Tsunami Tours from southern California, the annual event has grown bigger and more popular. This year brought in over 125 jumpers plus nearly a hundred locals and visitors who took advantage of skydiving by flying tandem with an expert instructor.

With the slogan "Jump into Paradise," many of the skydivers raved about the opportunity to freefall over the beautiful Caribbean waters. Jennie, who has been sky diving for many years and hundreds of jumps, said, "This view is awesome. Where I normally jump, all you see is miles of farm land."

The landing zone was again located just north of "the cut," where crowds of locals and visitors watched as the jumpers leapt from the Twin Otter aircraft at 13,000 feet. For one to two minutes, the skydivers would freefall, often joining together to create elaborate rings and shapes before separating, and ultimately pulling their chutes between 3,000 and 5,000 feet.

On the ground, many of the expert skydivers dazzled the crowd with high-speed landings, or a gentle decent, hovering for seconds against the steady incoming ocean breeze before touching down.

On the ground, the skydivers talked to local kids eager to hear why these people participate in this extreme sport. Many of these skydivers were here last year and make a point to leave a lasting impact on the community. This year, many of the skydivers brought along school supplies to help with the local education.

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"It's raining white people," one island resident joked as he joined a crowd to watch the skydivers at the drop zone during the Boogie in Belize Skydiver Rally.

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#### Ingredients:

- \*1/4 cup butter
- \*1 red onion, chopped
- \*8 ounces fresh mushrooms, chopped
- \*2 pounds flank steak
- \*1 1/2 cups red wine
- \*1 (13.5 ounce) can coconut milk
- \*1/2 cup sour cream
- \*8 ounces flaked coconut (optional)
- \*1/4 cup brown sugar
- \*1 tablespoon ground allspice
- \*1 teaspoon salt
- \*1/2 teaspoon black pepper



#### Directions:

Melt the butter in a skillet over medium heat, and cook the onion and mushrooms until lightly browned. Place flank steak in the skillet, and brown on all sides. Pour in the wine.

Reduce heat to low, and continue cooking 30 minutes, or until meat is very tender. Remove meat, shred, and return to skillet.

Pour coconut milk into the skillet. Mix in sour cream, coconut flakes, brown sugar, allspice, salt, and pepper. Continue cooking 10 minutes, or until heated through.

## Skydivers descend on San Pedro

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cation. Tsunami Tours also gave a tandem jump to the director of the local humane society (SAGA), who in turn raised money through a raffle to see if he could hit a target on the landing field.

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During the ten day event, Grimm estimates over \$300,000 was infused into the local economy from the skydivers and their families. When they weren't in the air, most were having fun diving, snorkeling, fishing, shopping, dining and taking tours to the mainland, said Grimm who is already planning next year's event. For more information, visit [www.skydivebelize.com](http://www.skydivebelize.com)

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Dr. Herman Smith was the only PhD archeologist 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Ancient San Pedro

Centuries before the first permanent settlement at San Pedro a century and a half ago, Ambergris Caye was occupied by the ancient Maya. Archeologists have estimated the population of the caye in the year 800 A.D. was between ten and twenty thousand. There are at least thirty-two Maya sites on the island that have been identified and doubtless many more have not yet been discovered. Part of the difficulty in locating Maya settlements is the fact that the lee side of the caye has been slowly sinking over the past thou-

sand or so years and much of the evidence for occupation now lies under two or three feet of water. Most of the sites examined so far, by archeologists, have turned out to be small residential areas characterized by thatch roof dwellings with plaster floors. Most such sites are located on large, low mounds made of organically rich soil, known locally as "black dirt mounds". Long the target of local residents seeking rich soil for their gardens and lawns, many of these mounds, especially those close to San

Pedro, have been reduced to a collection of large holes in the ground. Scientists can not agree on how the "black dirt mounds" were formed. One thing they all agree on is that the mounds are not natural, but rather the product of some human agency. Some believe that the mounds represent a by-product of human occupation over several centuries and the accumulation of organic materials brought into the site. Others think the soil was transported from the fresh-water swamps in the interior of the island for agricultural purposes. It is true that the

mounds are found on top of beach sand, usually to a depth of two or three feet. Often times the residences were built on the mounds and on occasion the inhabitants buried their dead in the mounds. In any event, the "black dirt mounds" are found from one end of the caye to the other, usually on the windward side, for obvious reasons.

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once an important Maya community. Ambergris Caye figured prominently in the Maya trade system, serving as a way-station and transshipment point on the far-flung canoe trade connecting the Maya and non-Maya worlds. Large ocean-going dugouts (the Maya never invented the sail) transported salt, pottery, dried fish, seashells and probably textiles from the coastal zones of northern Yucatan to Ambergris Caye. Here it is believed the materials were off-loaded and transferred to the smaller canoes that were capable of negotiating the shallow, narrow inland rivers and streams leading into the highlands. Returning canoes would bring jade, obsidian, basalt (for manos and metates), furs, feathers and a variety of forest products that would ultimately arrive on Ambergris Caye for further transport to the coastal zones.

While the archeology of Ambergris Caye is still poorly known, it is clear that the trade system was in place well before the Christian Era. Initially, the trade was focused on an exchange of exotic goods between members of the elite ruling class as a way of reinforcing their elevated status. Gradually, the exchange of commodities, those items or materials of more practical value, became increasingly important, particularly after the rapid decline of the Maya theocratic state after about 800 A.D. With the abandonment of the great inland cities and ceremonial centers, the road system formerly connecting the population centers also deteriorated, rendering the overland trade routes relatively unimportant. It was at this point that the Putuun Maya from the west coast of the Yucatan, who had long been engaged in ocean-going canoe trade around the Yucatan and Gulf Coast, saw a window of opportunity and expanded their influence by incorporating the entire coast of the western Caribbean into their trade routes. Sites from this period on Ambergris Caye show an increase in the materials from Mexico and Guatemala.

It is not generally known that the Maya constructed the cross-island canal that



*In the past, mounds such as this one found in the San Pablo Area, were higher. This mound now boasts a grassy field and is adorned by two nice thatched palapas.*

constitutes the international boundary between Mexico and Belize. There is very convincing evidence that Bacalar Chico was dug to facilitate the passage

of trade vessels from the windward side of the island to the Bay of Chetumal sometime around 600 A.D. This canal cuts about sixty miles off the trip from

Yucatan to the rivers emptying into Chetumal Bay which connected the highlands with the sea. The oldest map of the area that clearly shows the canal is dated 1726, long before the first serious attempt at settlement. Possibly the oldest historic reference to Ambergris Caye comes from a sixteenth century letter recently discovered in the Spanish archives. The letter is a quasi-legal petition for a land grant from the governor of Jamaica by a Spanish sea captain who had spent two year locating fresh water and salt sources in what he describes as the Chetumal area. While the island is not mentioned by name, scholars who have mined the document have concluded that the captain was referring to Ambergris Caye. Sometime around 1300 or 1400 A.D., most of Ambergris Caye seems to have been abandoned. There is a strong possibility that a couple of sites may have been occupied up until the Spanish arrival in the sixteenth century, but the glory days of the Maya trade system was a thing of the past.

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"Yeah? What seems to be the problem?"

"The problem is that last story you wrote about me in the paper. You know, some people believe those stories are true and not just jokes. A lot of people asked me about that last one."

"You'll have to forgive me, Norm," I said. "If I had known you could read I wouldn't have written that story."

"O.K." he said. "I'll take that as an apology."

I was still laughing to myself as I stepped out of Captain Sharks. James Ritchie had just driven up in one of those brand new golf carts that he sells and Norman was looking it over. He bent down to look inside and there was a distinct "Ph-t" sound as he passed gas.

Pretending that it had not happened, Norm stood up and said, "James, how much does one of these golf carts sell for?"

"Uh, I'd really rather not tell you," James said.

"What do you mean by saying you'd rather not tell me?" Norm asked. "Are you selling these things or not?"

"I'm selling them all right," James said. "But for your sake, I would rather not tell you how much they sell for."

"And why not?"

James said, "Because if just looking inside the cart made you pass gas, I'm afraid that if I tell you the price you'll crap your pants."

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\*It takes approximately 190,400 pounds of milk to make 40,000 pounds of butter.

\*Medical experts have observed that people who stutter rarely do when they are alone or talking to a pet.

\*Cats purr at 26 cycles per second, the same as an idling diesel engine.

\*At funerals in ancient China, when the lid of the coffin was closed, mourners took a few steps backward lest their shadows get caught in the box.

\*In hospital slang, a GOMER is a patient seeking emergency treatment for a minor complaint. The term is an acronym for "Get Out of My Emergency Room."

\*Up to the age of six or seven months, a child can breathe and swallow at the same time. An adult cannot do this.

\*Mother-of-pearl is not always white. It can be pink, blue, purple, gray, or even green. Nor is it produced only by the pearl oyster. The abalone and the pearl mussel both have shells that are lined with fine-quality mother-of-pearl.

\*In the opening procession of the Olympics, the team representing the host nation always marches last.

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