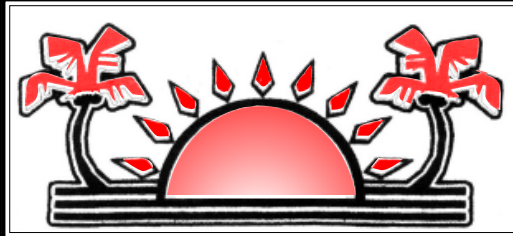


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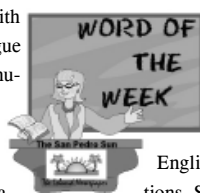


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other cultures, no may be. In an effort nification with our *Sun* proudly presents week, we will English and give you their tions. Special thanks to

**English** Come and see us sometime.  
**Creole** Yu mos kohn hayl mi wan a deez/dehnya dayz.  
**Spanish** Ven a vernos algun día.

**English** I am a businessman/woman.  
**Creole** Ah oan wahn bizniz.  
**Spanish** Yo soy un (una) comerciante.

**English** Your house is larger than ours.  
**Creole** Fi yoo hows biga dan fi wee wan.  
**Spanish** Su casa es mas grande que lo nuestro.

## Belizean Proverbs

Haas noh ga notn fi shaym fa,  
 datz wai ih ku waak widowt kloaz aan.

Horses have nothing to be  
 ashamed of, that's why it walks  
 around with no clothes on.

Meaning: Innocence has  
 nothing to hide

Grama use fu seh...  
 Grandmother used to say...

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Kerry Pettijohn of Terre Haute, IN, reads *The San Pedro Sun* at the Talladega Super Speedway in Talladega, Alabama. Kerry visited San Pedro on a dive trip with his daughter Kerri Ann, departing Belize on April 28, 2006, then went on an 8 hour road trip to Talladega with his friend Karen Hampton the following day. The two enjoyed the Aarons 499 Nascar Race at Talladega.

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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.

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 sanctuar-



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!

Elsa Paz, Mayor,  
 San Pedro Town

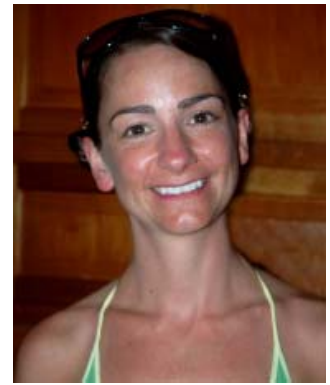
## QUESTION: Why are you here?



Owner and chef of Estel's On The Beach, **Estel Worthington** was born here but left for 15 years. She has been back, living on the beach since 1987. When asked Why are you here? her quick reply was, "I came back home."



A drilling consultant from Calgary, Alberta, Canada; **Don McKinley** stayed at the Mayan Princess and said "Scuba Diving! I had not been in the water for 12 years. This is the best scuba diving I've had since the Red Sea."



"I wanted to go to Bali, but Belize was closer and they spoke English," said **Heather Brockman** a hairdresser/ color specialist from Seattle Washington, USA who stayed at Banana Beach Resort.

### WOMAN ON THE BEACH

by Harriette Fisher  
Watch for Harriette walking the beach with her camera. What question will she ask you?



Two lawyers, Lee Schwilow and Jack Lexman, from Charlotte, North Carolina, USA stayed at White Sands Resort. Lee said, "We wanted to see wrecked Spanish Galleons on the reef and are having a heck of a time finding them." Jack added, "Of course we are looking at real estate."

Father and son, **Johnnie and John Van Roekel** from Lexington, North Carolina, USA stayed at the Aqua Marina Suites. Johnnie has spent many years as an educator at various levels from math teacher through administration, "We plan a trip every year. I saw an advertisement in a dive magazine, checked it out, had a good price" said dad. John, a college student studying mechanical engineering said, "Then he called me and here we are."



Every Friday enjoy our special "Spanish Night" with our famous "pallea", tenderloin beef carpaccio, our bar special from Spain "Sangria" and for dessert our flambeed bananas foster. all surrounded in an atmosphere of Spanish decor and music.

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## Evening Dinner

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# Shopping in San Pedro!

Ah, the souvenir shopping experience! Several thousands of visitors flock to our little island every year for a nice getaway, and always, there's the dreaded souvenir shopping day, a day reserved solely for buying little gift items for friends back home. To make matters more complicated, gone are the days when a simple Belize t-shirt would do. Now, everyone is a connoisseur of fine art and native artifacts. A t-shirt? Forget it!

Thus, visitors now find themselves reserving a special day for shopping. With the new rules of souvenir shopping, stores and gift shops have had to overhaul their products they offer, and as *The San Pedro Sun* found out, the variety is amazing! From exotic hard woods, Belizean cookbooks, fanciful house accessories to Belizean sauces, rums and spices, the products available just boggle the mind!

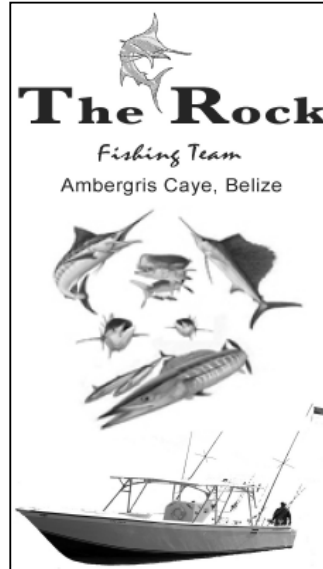
Barrier Reef Drive is the main street, and it is only obvious that the shopping experience starts there. From the moment you start strolling down this street, it is obvious that there is no shortage of stores to choose from. Once within the actual stores,

choosing products from the wide array available is perhaps the only hard work you'll have to do. Everyone's tastes are different, and for each discriminating consumer, there is some-

thing new. Other than the usual magnets, picture frames and yes, t-shirts, one can find books, purses, clay figurines and food products. **Continued on Page 5**



*Why not take home some of the fantastic Belizean spices to add some excitement and heat to your favorite dishes. Of course, no meal would be complete without our fiery Belizean hot sauces. Try the mild, hot or the extra hot. Take them home and share with your friends. These are found at Blu as well as other gift shops around town.*



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**Friday Nights...**

- ☐ Ramon's Caribbean Fiesta From 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- ☐ Seafood Kabob
- ☐ Live Music

**Sunday Mornings...**

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# Shopping in SP

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eral stores also offer fantastic personal finds that have nothing to do with souvenirs. Many people need to quickly pick up some new clothing items while waiting for their baggage to be flown over; there are stores that offer beautiful items to tide you over!

So, follow us through our stroll around the various stores in San Pedro Town as we present to you our newest series, A San Pedro Shopping Experience. Remember, if all else fails, you could always just get a San Pedro T-Shirt!



To find fantastic wood carvings, visit the *Little Old Craft Shop*, located right on Barrier Reef Drive. Visit them as well for great black coral jewelry.

*Be sure to join us next week for some more shopping - San Pedro style!*

**Front Page Photo:**

Right at the beginning of Barrier Reef Drive you will come across the gift shop *Blu*. The store contains many knick knacks that would make great souvenirs, among them are great children books, cook books, books in very interesting Belizean folklore or something that will teach you a bit more about the flora and fauna found inside Mother Nature's Best Kept Secret.

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Every year, around the start of the summer, the Belize Tourism Board (BTB) holds the hottest competition of the year, featuring some of the most creative and energetic members of the culinary and bartending industry. When visitors come to Isla Bonita, they are in for a treat! From Jeff Spiegel's (Azul Resort) delightful creations, to Rendezvous' Colleen Schwendinger's fabulous platters, to the spicy, Latin infused delicacies at Wild Mangoes (Chef Amy Knox and Carla Jones) to the colorful and sculptural dishes of Blue Water Grill's Chris

Aycock, to Patrick Haughton's (Cayo Espanto) prize-winning delights- it's not only sea, sand, sun and surf; it's a fusion of taste sensations!

Allow Victoria House's very own mix master Enrique Luna blend you a heavenly cocktail of pure paradise, alongside the equally talented and creative Lelo Batun. Then stop by at Wild Mangoes and let Trevor Del Valle pour you fantastic libations of his own creations. If you're up north, be sure to sip wine at Rendezvous, and most definitely stop by Azul, where Luis Alberto Velasquez will whip you up an ice cold Caribbean cocktail, and always, with a smile!

Wherever you are on the island, be aware that you are surrounded by tasty temptations created by some of the most talented chefs and bartenders in the country!

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Chris Aycock concentrates on his creation for the second round of the Professional cooking competition. With his dexterous hands, Chris was able to finish his dish within the seconds, and it gave him the edge to qualify for the final round!



Amy Knox entered the first ever Cake Decorating contest and, always a winner, proved herself in this category as well by winning first place! She's a two-time BTB Taste of Belize Chef of the Year.

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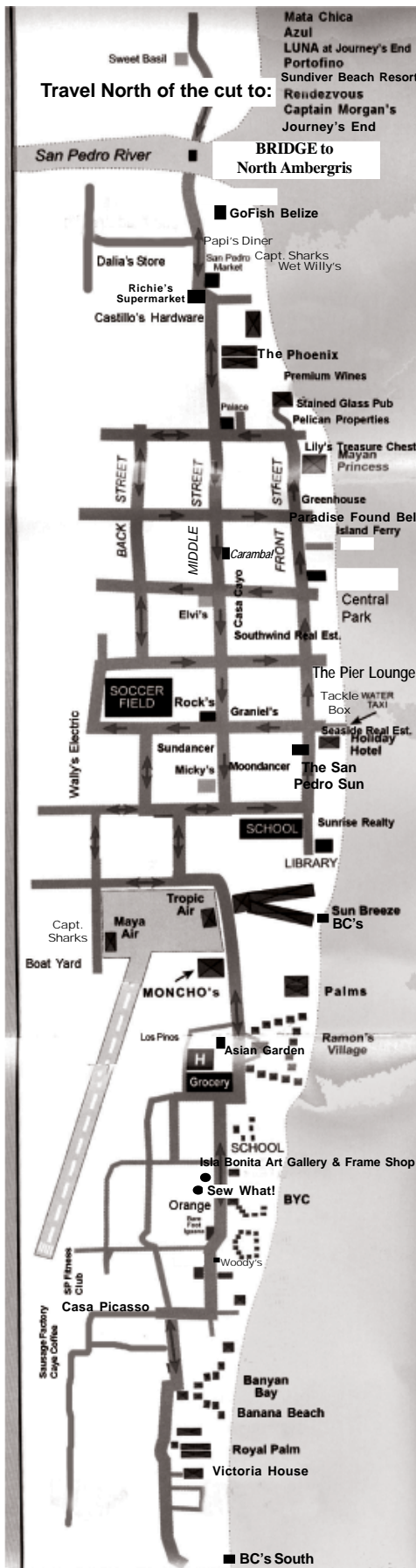
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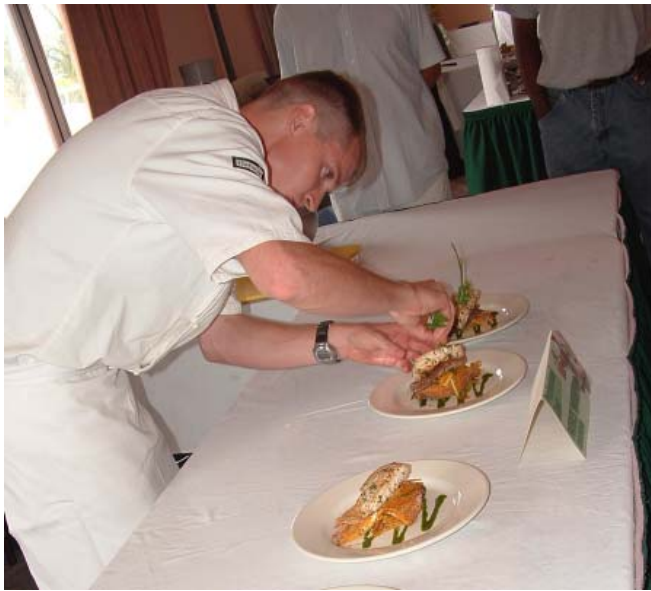
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*Chef of the Year (2006-2007), Patrick Haughton of Cayo Espanto added a latin twist to his platters, and won over the judges with his mix of spices and creative recipes that captured the melting pot that is Belize.*



*With his scrumptious surprise creation, the gorgeous magenta-hued BTB Daiquiri, Mr. Enrique Luna of Victoria House had people lining up to his stand requesting more and more samples. His efforts were not in vain, as he placed second.*

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## SPECIAL Caye Caulker Visitor Section

**Local Hicaqueña announces Candidacy for 2008 Elections**  
*Reprinted from the Caye Caulker Chronicles*



that I will be contesting the position of Standard Bearer for the PUP (People's United Party) at the convention in San Pedro the end of this month. This would be for the Belize Rural South Division," said Wendy.

"Throughout my life I have been very community service oriented, especially in Caye Caulker, my home village. I would like to extend that community service to San Pedro as well, hence my foray into politics."

Wendy's mother is local Hicaqueña Belizean and famous educator, Mrs. Ina

It has been rumored for weeks now, and earlier this week, local businesswoman, Wendy Auxillou, formally announced her foray into politics. Proud owner of the Auxillou Beach Suites located on beautiful Caye Caulker, Wendy has been very active in community service in the village.

"I am pleased and proud to announce

Auxillou, and her father is a foreign born national who helped to pioneer tourism to the island. "Having been raised under two cultures has allowed me to become a well-rounded, solid individual!" she exclaimed.

Other than business, Wendy is a mother to four children – three teen-aged girls and a four-year-old.

**Personality of the week**  
*Reprinted from the Caye Caulker Chronicles, Written by Wendy Auxillou*

Minerva Aguilar is a proud product of Caye Caulker. She is one of a handful of successful women business owners on Caye Caulker.

Born into the Marin family of Rainbow Hotel and Rainbow Bar and Grill fame, "Kachi" as she is affectionately known on the island, runs her own taxi business. With a fleet of four golf cart taxis that complements the family businesses, she is the driving force behind Rainbow Taxi Service.

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"Kachi" is married and has two children.



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(Above) Trevor Del Valle of Wild Mangoes placed third in the Bartending category.



(Right) Jeff Spiegel of Azul Resort was one of the seven finalists chosen for the final round, Professional cooking.

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### Cool Watermelon Slushies

#### Ingredients:

- \*6 ice cubes
- \*2 cups cubed seeded watermelon
- \*1 teaspoon honey

#### Directions:

Place the ice cubes into a blender. Cover, and pulse until crushed. Add the watermelon and blend for about one minute, until slushy. Add the honey, and blend for about 10 seconds.



### Paradise Smoothie

#### Ingredients:

- \*1 (15.25 ounce) can Tropical Fruit Salad, undrained
- \*1 cup vanilla nonfat yogurt
- \*1 (6 ounce) can pineapple juice
- \*1 small banana
- \*3/4 cup ice cubes

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## San Pedro wins BIG at Taste of Belize 2006

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Mr. Lelo Batun of Victoria House, was one of the speediest mixers of the night.



Luis Velasquez of Azul Resort served up wide smiles and great drinks for the audience during the bartending competition as well. Congratulations to all the participants, you're ALL winners!



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## Virtual Taste Trip

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### Salty Chihuahua

#### Directions:

Combine tropical fruit salad, yogurt, pineapple juice, banana and ice cubes in blender or food processor container. Cover; blend until smooth.

#### Ingredients:

- \*1 wedge lime
- \*coarse salt
- \*ice
- \*1 (1.5 fluid ounce) jigger tequila
- \*5 fluid ounces lemonade

#### Directions:

Wet the rim of an old fashioned glass

with lime juice, then dip in salt. Fill glass with ice. Pour in tequila and lemonade. Squeeze and drop in the lime wedge. Stir.



**Outside the reef:** We are catching lots of yellowed eyed red snapper, red grouper are biting and so are reef sharks. I've caught four Mahi mahi in the past week. Hillyboo caught six in one day.

**Inside the Reef:** I caught a 15 pound cubera snapper right under Roberto's

Captain Dilzon Murcia is the project manager for Island Ferry and owner operator of Dilzon Charters, a sport fishing charter business. To catch the fish featured this week, and other large fish, call Dilzon at 620-6118 or drop by the Island Ferry office and schedule your next fishing adventure.

parasail boat at Fidors dock. I know I am not supposed to fish there but this fish had been taunting me everyday for a week and I just couldn't resist. Barracuda are biting as usual and so are mutton snapper and porgy.

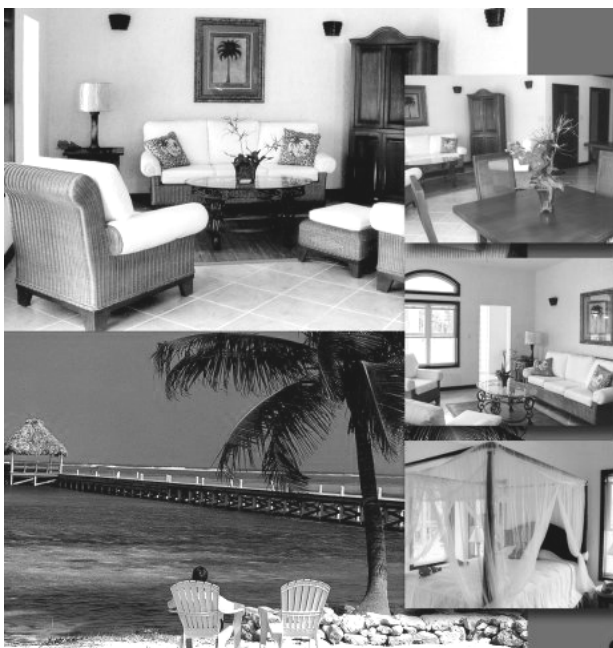
**Flats:** Bonefish, Barracuda and Permit are all being caught on the flats.

#### Mahi Mahi

Mahi mahi are an excellent pelagic sportfish both in their beauty and fight. The coloration of Mahi mahi is the most vivid, iridescent blue and green you can possibly imagine. The genders are differentiated by the large bulbous head on the males, whereas females have a slender head. Mahi mahi live only four years but grow to enormous size, the largest ever caught was in the Bahamas and it weighed 88 pounds. Juveniles, in the two to three pound range, travel in schools of up to 30 fish where adults usually travel in groups of six or smaller. We don't really see the smaller juvenile schools of mahi mahi here in Belize; the Mahi mahi we get here are adults over twenty pounds. This is the month where I catch these fish everyday. Mahi mahi feed very close to the surface on everything from flying fish to jelly fish. This month Mahi mahi can be found under weed lines or any type of flotsam. You can catch them trolling, drifting and even fly fishing. Mahi mahi is the only pelagic fish locally that is caught regularly in summer months by sight casting.

I am very effective at catching Mahi mahi by slowly trolling live sardines at

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the surface in about 500 feet of water. Once I get one on I know that that fish on my line will be followed by several other excited Mahi mahi all the way to the boat. That's when I break out the light spinning tackle or fly rod and begin sight casting with unweighted live sardines at the following fish. Once I get one on the line I can always hook up several at once. I remember one time this happened when sideman "Carne Dulce" was down with a severe "goma", forcing me to fish

alone. So there I was; I had two Mahi mahi on two separate lines. So what did I do? I held two rods between my toes on each foot and reeled with both of my hands while I drove the boat with my teeth and held the gaff between my ears. I landed both fish and they were at least 50 pounds apiece! I was proud. I was sore all over my body for days, because it took every appendage I had except one to land those two big monster Mahi mahi.

These fish fight by making a series of

long explosive runs with multiple acrobatic leaps skyward to shake the hook. Since you catch these in groups, you're in for an exciting half hour of fishing once you hook the first one.

As I write this, sideman "Carne Dulce" is refueling Reef Hunter. Later, I'll be busy-busy rigging baits. We are

readying ourselves for some serious off-shore Mahi mahi action. If you want to see what real big Mahi mahi look like, drop by Fidors around four in the afternoon, enjoy a few nice cold Belikins at the bar, then walk on down to the dock and I'll show you what big Mahi mahi look like.

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## Hiccups

"Hey, Mark. Let me buy you a beer," Captain Rick said, as Mark walked into BC's.

"No thanks," Mark said. "Charlene, I just need a big glass of water."  
"Water?!"

No one at the bar could believe their ears.

"Since when did you start drinking water?" Willie asked. "In all my years at BC's I've never heard you ask for water. What are you gonna do? Take a bath?"

"I'm trying to cure a horrible case of hiccups," Mark said. "I've heard that one way to cure them is to drink a full glass of water at one gulp."

"That works sometime," I said, "but I don't know if there is really a cure. They usually just go away by themselves."

"Hiccups? Did someone say hiccups?" Charlene asked, as she walked over with a glass of water.

"Mark is trying to cure a bad case of hiccups," Willie told her.

"I've always heard that the best cure is to be startled," Charlene said. "For some reason when you are surprised or scared your body forgets to hiccup."  
"Smack!"

She reached over the bar and slapped Mark right across his face.

"Wow!" Mark said, as his eyes opened up to about the size of Belize dollars.

"Did that help?" Charlene asked.

"I don't know," Mark said as he rubbed his jaw. "I'll have to ask Mary. She's outside in the golf cart waiting for this glass of water."

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\*The leaf-cutting ant can lift more than 50 times its own weight.

\*A crocodile weighing 120 pounds exerts a force of about 1,540 pounds between its jaws. A human being's jaws exert a force of only 40 to 80 pounds.

\*The pretzel is named from the Latin word brachiatus meaning "having branch-like arms."

\*The expression "the whole nine yards" comes from WWII aircraft whose ammunition belts were 27 feet long. When you used your entire ammo belt on a target, you exhausted "the whole nine yards."

\*About 93 percent of households in Denmark consume wine, the highest consumption of all countries. French homes follow with about 85 percent.

\*During the reign of Catherine I of Russia, the rules for parties stipulated that no man was to get drunk before 9 o'clock and ladies weren't to get drunk at any hour.

\*The world's rarest gem is Painite. Only three crystals have ever been found.

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