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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 sanctuaries that are home to



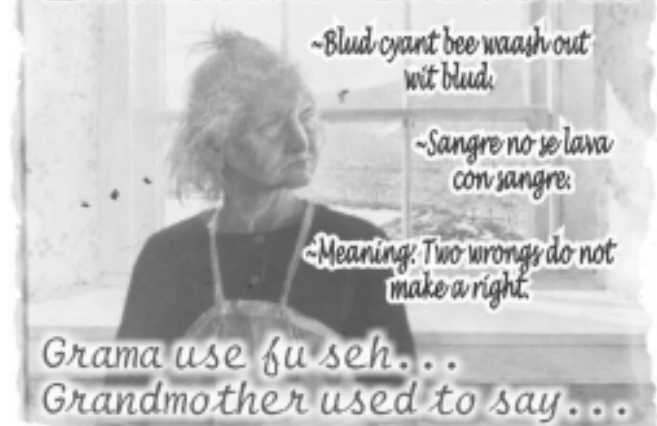
our country's unique flora and fauna.

Whether you are spending your honeymoon at an exclusive resort or looking for an adventurous, yet romantic escape, San Pedro is surely the place to be. I invite you to explore our home and see the many wonders it has to offer.

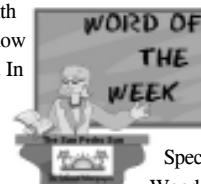
We welcome you with open arms. Bienvenidos a San Pedro!

Elsa Paz, Mayor,
San Pedro Town

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 and Spanish translations.

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

English Do you have something less expensive?
Creole Yu ga sohnting els cheepa?
Spanish ¿Tiene algo mas barato?

English I think the price is okay.
Creole Ah tink di prais aarait.
Spanish Yo creo que el precio esta bien.

English Could you tell me where to find a watchmaker?
Creole Wehpaa wahn shap deh weh mek wach?
Spanish ¿Me pudiera decir adonde pude buscar un relojero?

Tikal - Mayan Magic & Mystery

Many people who travel to Belize are repeat visitors. Although each time they visit this diverse country their taste for adventure is satiated, they are left wanting more, and they are lured back to explore more of what holds their heart captive, be it the tropical beaches, the deep blue Caribbean waters or jungles that harbor exotic creatures and nestle the secrets of past civilizations. Belize has left them spellbound...and they hunger for more.

For those who are intrigued by the Mayan mystic, Belize and her neighbors cradle the archeological remains of the ancient Mayan people. The Mundo Maya covers a territory of over 5,000 square kilometers which is now occupied by five southern Mexico states, and the Central American countries of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. In this land of great contrasts, where rivers and mountains intertwine with jungle and sea, the Mayan civilization developed three thousand years ago. It is one of the most outstanding cultures of ancient times.

Today, the massive temples and ceremonial centers built by these people are impressive archeological sites. But the Mayan culture does not belong in a museum; it lives and breathes in the people who populate the Mundo Maya and who adhere to ancient customs through their art, religion and agriculture. The world of Maya has many faces; the steaming tropical jungles, gently sloping farmlands and harsh savannah flatlands are as much a part of its character as are the towering mountain ranges, soaring volcanic peaks, and sun kissed Caribbean beaches. It is a utopia for divers, a haven for adventurous travelers and a fertile source of biological and ethnic diversity for historian and ecologists. Charming colonial towns appear at every turn, and ultramodern resorts co-exist with tiny indigenous villages. To explore these lands is to take a step back in time while walking with the very people who are of same Mayan blood that first built these forgotten cities. These people still bear the family resemblance of classic Mayan royalty, portrayed in their sculptured faces and proud stature.



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Perhaps the most impressive of all Mayan ruins is Tikal, located at Tikal National Park in the district of Petén, Guatemala. Tikal is the largest excavated site in the American continent. It is Guatemala's most famous cultural and natural preserve. Tikal possesses a certain magic...like all puzzles without answers, it fascinates everyone and is so enchanting that once you are there, you will find yourself captivated by the mesmerizing culture and complex society of this intriguing civilization.

Depending on what your time and budget allows, there are a variety of ways that you can travel to Tikal. If you are staying in San Pedro you can either fly or take the water taxi to Belize City. From there you can fly to Santa Elena, Gua-

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Stone pathways lead you through lush landscapes at the Hotel Jungle Lodge.

temala, where you then travel by bus for an hour to Tikal. From Belize City you can also travel by road on a bus, rent a car or charter ground transportation. We have hired Menzies Tours to transport us to Tikal, and Henry Menzie awaits us at the municipal airport in Belize City where we board a very comfortable, brand new Toyota passenger van complete with air conditioning and satellite radio. This is traveling in style, and we feel half guilty that we are not traveling by "chicken bus," where you truly immerse yourself in to the sights, sounds, smells and characters that make up this Latin American culture.

It is a four hour drive from Belize City to Tikal, and the road trip allows you to view the incredibly diverse terrain. In Belize you travel through vast savannahs, and as you gain elevation rolling hills of farmland unfold and pine forests give way to lush rain forests. Upon reaching the Belize - Guatemala border Mr. Menzie is very helpful in assisting you through customs and can also serve as a translator if needed. You are immediately approached by "money exchangers" who will convert your Belizean or US currency into Guatemalan "quetzales", and there is no mistake, you are entering a new and different country. Once on the road again, you travel through the rustic and raw village of Melchor. The bumpy dirt road is shared with chickens, horses and wandering pigs. Children dart about on ruined bicycles or run ahead, bare-

foot and full of life. As you pass sleepy houses and modest wooden shacks you notice villagers napping in hammocks, colorful laundry drying on strands of barbed wire fence and children busy with the job of being a kid. Gently sloping hills and pastures of verdant green grass are dotted with huge coconut and

palm trees, while creamy white Braham cattle and their sweet calves graze and grace the landscape. Caballeros ride by on bony, worn-down horses and are always accompanied by a dog or two. This is a look at Guatemalan life, and it is not hard to imagine that indeed the Mayan lifeline is still very much alive in these hardworking and gentle country folk.

Once you enter the Tikal National Park you cannot help but feel the excitement. The jungle lined corridor takes you deep into the forest and road

signs that warn "slow down for the critters" are complete with jaguar, fox, coatimundi and wild turkey symbols.

What ever you do, don't try to see all of Tikal in one day, even if you are in excellent shape! To truly experience all that Tikal has to offer you should plan to spend at least two days exploring the area. Again, depending on your time and budget, there are many options. You may stay at nearby Santa Elena or Flores, and travel daily by bus to the ruins, or if you prefer to stay

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A maze of stairs leads you to a temple top.

right in the park, there are two lodges to choose from and a well equipped camp ground. The Hotel Jaguar Inn even offers "hammock" camping where the hammocks are completely enclosed with mosquito netting. We opt for more civilized accommodations, and are guests of the Hotel Jungle Lodge. This lovely jungle lodge is surrounded by pristine tropical forest and is located just one kilometer from the central plaza of Tikal. Stone-paved

paths lead you to quaint cabañas that offer all the creature comforts you need, plus a private porch and a symphony courtesy of the jungle. Multi-colored Ocellated turkey's and sly, little gray foxes wander the grounds while tropical birds of all sizes and colors fly from tree top to tree top above. The hotel has a large, inviting lodge where you enjoy your meals, a well stocked bar complete with big

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Tikal is a fabulous spot for adventure, and is a majestic archaeological gem that is comprised of 222 square miles of jungle all around the ceremonial center. It took the University of Pennsylvania 13 years to uncover about 10 square miles of structures at Tikal. However, much of it is still left to be unearthed. Tikal remained a mystery for centuries, after being abruptly abandoned by the Maya over 1,000 years ago and overgrown by a relentless jungle. Only a legend survived among the Indians of a lost city, where their

ancestors had achieved a high cultural development. In 1848 the legend faded, giving way to an exciting era of discovery. It was a serendipitous discovery made by Ambrosio Tut, a gum collector or *chiclero*. He saw the temple's roof combs in the distance. He ran to tell Modesto Mendez, the Governor of the Petén Province. When they arrived at the site the impressive temples, the open plazas and the several-story build-

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ings, where priests and kings once lived, stood in front of Governor Mendez' and Ambrosio Tut's very eyes. They visited the site with an art-

ist who recorded some of the carvings at Tikal and their findings were published by the Berlin Academy of Sciences.

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Tourism Statistics Indicate Overall increase in Tourism Arrivals

Press Release – Belize Tourism Board – July 10th, 2006 – As the statistics obtained from the Immigration Department validates, Belize has seen an increase in the number of visits for the period January – May, 2006.

Arrivals from all border points, inclusive of Phillip Goldson International Airport (PGIA), Santa Elena Border Station, Belize Western Border Station, Dangriga Town Seaport, Punta Gorda Seaport, for the period, January thru May, 2006 increased by 4.3% accounting for 119,645 overnight stays.

The Phillip Goldson International Airport represents 73.8% of the total arrivals. The total number of tourists documented at PGIA for January thru May was 90,918 visitors. During this same period last year the total arrivals was 86,864 visitors which represents a 4.7% increase this year.

The cruise sector welcomed 159 ships to port, accounting for a total of 341,731 passengers on board from January thru May, 2006. This represents a 21.5% decrease in cruise passengers, compared to this same period for last year. One of the major reasons for the decline was the removal of the Carnival Elation from its Western – Caribbean itinerary. This vessel, which was a year-round, weekly vessel, has since been taken out of commission as it served to house Katrina victims in the Louisiana area. For the months of June thru November, 2006, cruise ship calls will continue to show decreased numbers in comparison to the same period last year.

The Travel Industry Association (TIA's) updated 2006 forecast predicts another record year for consumer spending on travel. According to TIA's Summer Forecast, Americans will take 325.6 million leisure-person trips during June, July, and August 2006. Americans expect to stay away an average of 6 nights on their longest pleasure trip. Travelers plan to spend an average of \$1,033 on their longest pleasure trip this summer, essentially unchanged from the summer of 2005 (\$1,019). This proves beneficial to Belize as the North American Market accounts for approximately 62% of the total tourism arrivals in Belize throughout the year.

For more information on the developments and events Belize's Tourism Industry, please contact the Marketing Department at the Belize Tourism Board at (501)-223-1913, via email: bttb@btl.net or visit our website www.travelbelize.org

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Having some information on what you are looking at can make a world of

difference while exploring the ruins. Guidebooks may be purchased at the local hotels and restaurants as well as from park personnel at the entrance or at the Sylvanus Morley Museum. Coe's guide to Tikal is popular as it is concise and includes a map, and there

are several guides at the park who can take you on walking tours of the area. The paths travel through dense jungle and tropical birds and noisy monkeys top the forest canopy that envelops the trails. Take plenty of water, mosquito repellent and a good pair of walking shoes. Be prepared to walk, and walk and walk. There are mazes of trails to explore, flights of wooden stairs to climb and temples to mount. Your journey will take you to courtyards and

temples of all sizes, and from the temple tops the views are breathtaking. Low lying clouds steam above the jungle and the thick, warm air is alive with the buzz of winged insects and the roaring sound of nearby howler monkeys. Large black vultures slowly circle above you as you are transported back in time to the "Mundo Perdido" ...the Lost World. If you are an early riser, some of the tour guides offer

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Street Treats. Avocados

Believe it or not, avocados are in season and if you're not familiar with avocados, you're missing a rich treat. It's that time of season as countless stalls, shops and even stores have available these yummy commodity that compliments our dishes very well.

The avocado is native to Mexico and Central America but now is widely cultivated. The tree has a straight trunk with a spreading crown and will bear fruit four to eight years after planting. The leathery leaves are elliptical to lanceolate (shaped like a lance head) and strongly veined. The flowers are small (six millimeters) and grow in bunches. The fruit is a large fleshy pear shaped drupe with a green skin. There are many varieties and the skin color and texture varies from variety to variety. The seed is large and has two halves. The avocado is widely considered a vegetable, since it is commonly used in salads. However, it is actually a fruit that tastes like a vegetable, and most markets display it with other typical fruits. In some areas, it is known as the avocado pear and also the alligator pear due to the pebbly, rough exterior of one of the common types. The fruit is very rich in vitamins, proteins and fats (7 to 23 %) with little sugar. The tree reproduces by sprouting from the seed or by budding and can be grown by taking cuttings. The fruit of the avocado is used primarily as food. Avocados are used not only in salads but also in breads, desserts, main dishes and non-culinary creams for facials and body massages. Oil from the avocado has also been used as salad oil and in the manufacture of cosmetics.

Some specially prepared avocado dishes include the ever popular "Guacamole" which is a salad that consists of mashed avocado seasoned with onion, hot peppers, tomato and lime. It is served with freshly fried tortillas and eaten as a dip and, oh man, it's good eatin'! The guacamole is used also to compliment dishes like tacos, or as a garnish to other foods.

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Blue Marlin

A highly sought after game fish that is rarely caught in Belize waters, Blue Marlin principally inhabit warmer oceanic waters of the world. They are known to migrate large distances. A marlin was caught off Florida earlier this year bearing a tag that had been placed on the marlin in South Africa three months earlier. Blue Marlin primarily feed on mahi mahi, black fin tuna and squid. Recent long lining activities by Cuba and Japanese fishing fleets have severely depleted marlin population's world wide.

The blue marlin is cobalt blue on top and a silvery white below with a large spear protruding from his upper jaw. It can be an enormous fish growing to over 15 feet in length and weighing over 2,000 pounds. I believe we had one of these monsters on in the San Pedro Day Fishing Tournament. I had hand picked my anglers: Sterling from Island Ferry, Ernie from Captain Morgan's and John from Sueño del Mar. Since I was tar-



Catching a Blue Marlin is a fun, exhausting affair that could involve the entire family of avid fishermen, like the Bradley men, above.

getting large fish this tournament I picked my anglers based on body mass. Heavy anglers make for more effective counterweights when wrestling big marlin.

Around 2:00 in the afternoon Sterling had a big strike that smoked his line out down to the final to wraps before he was able to stop the fish. For the next two hours he battled the fish who dragged us about four miles north east of the position he took the bait. Once the fish ran toward the surface causing Sterling to reel in line rapidly to keep tension on the fish but never did the monster break the surface. Which is a characteristic sign of really big marlin. At about 75 feet of line to go and a 1:58 into the fight the fish threw the hook, leaving one of my anglers angry and exhausted.

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Wolfe's Woofers by Dennis Wolfe

*Please stop
that*

"Hey, Dennis! Play the Manatee song," Amy said. She had just walked into BC's and sat down next to Don Seruntine, who was sitting directly in front of me.

"Sure," I said, cranking up the guitar.

When I finished the song, Don said, "Play 'Just Another Gringo In Belize.'"

"Don says you wrote part of that song about him," Amy said. "Is that true?"
"Yes."

"Don't you dare tell her which part," Don said.

I started singing the song and a tourist lady walked in from the beach. She was rather large, being about the size of a real estate agent. She was fully made up, wore a long, black, elegant dress and had a big wide-brimmed hat. She took the barstool right next to Don.

". . . and he's just another gringo in Belize."

The elegant looking lady was leaning over putting her huge handbag on the floor as I hit the last note of the song. In the dead silence as the song died away, she passed gas so hard I thought she ripped her dress.

"Ph-r-r-t!"

Every head in the bar swiveled in our direction.

The lady straightened up, looked at Don down her nose and said, "Sir. Please stop that."

"Certainly, ma'am," Don said. "Which way was it headed?"

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*Of the 250-plus known species of shark in the world, only about 18 are known to be dangerous to man.

*Without any greenhouse effect, Earth would be cold and lifeless with an average temperature of 0.4 degrees Fahrenheit.

*A cumulonimbus cloud can be enormous: six miles across and eleven miles high, and twice as high as Mount Everest.

*Elephants perform greeting ceremonies when a member of the group returns after a long time away. The welcoming animals spin around, flap their ears, and trumpet.

*Cashew nuts are expensive, and never have shells because the shell and skin of the cashew nut contains extremely caustic oil that can painfully blister the skin. This dangerous oil must be completely removed before the nut can be touched or eaten.

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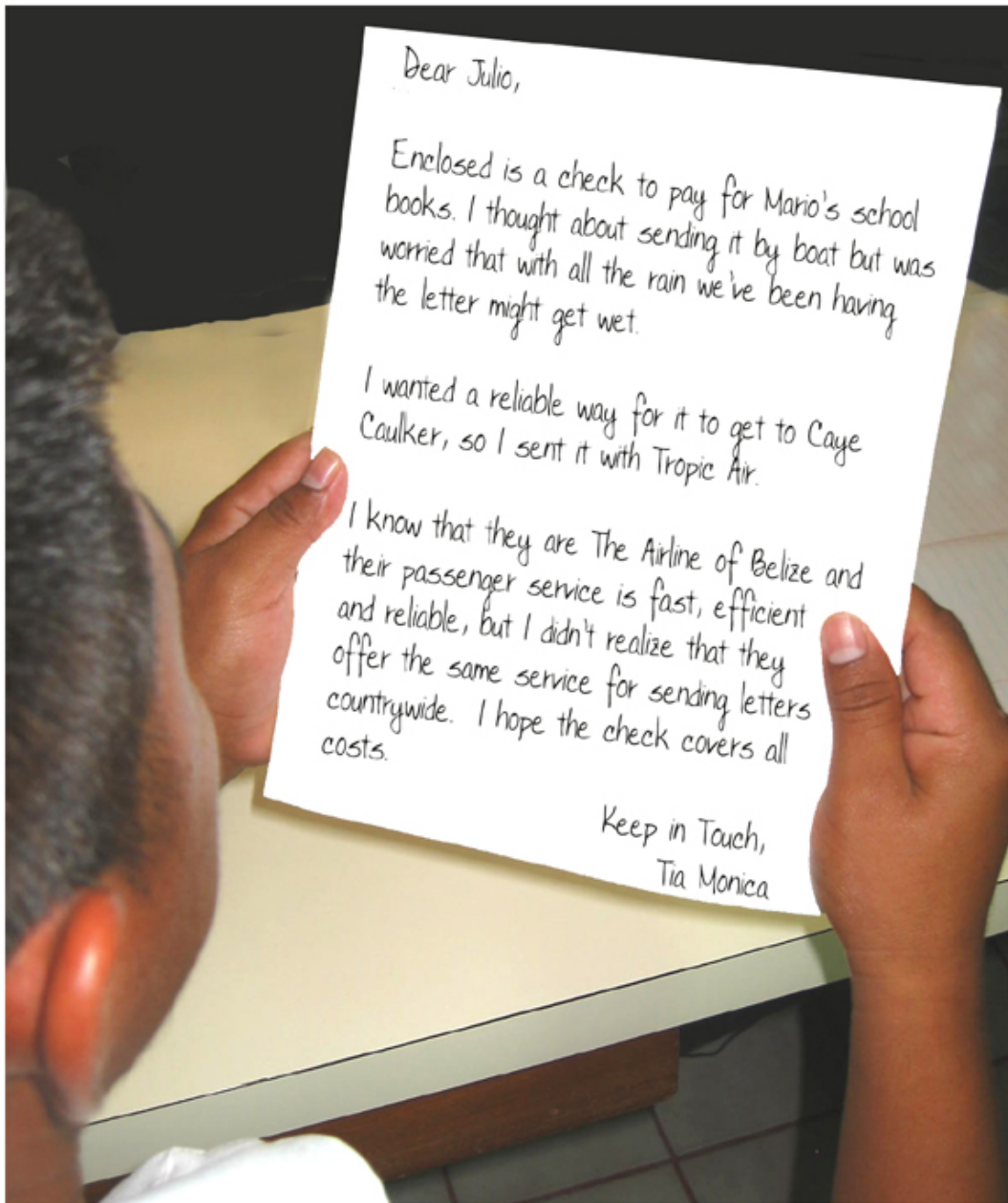
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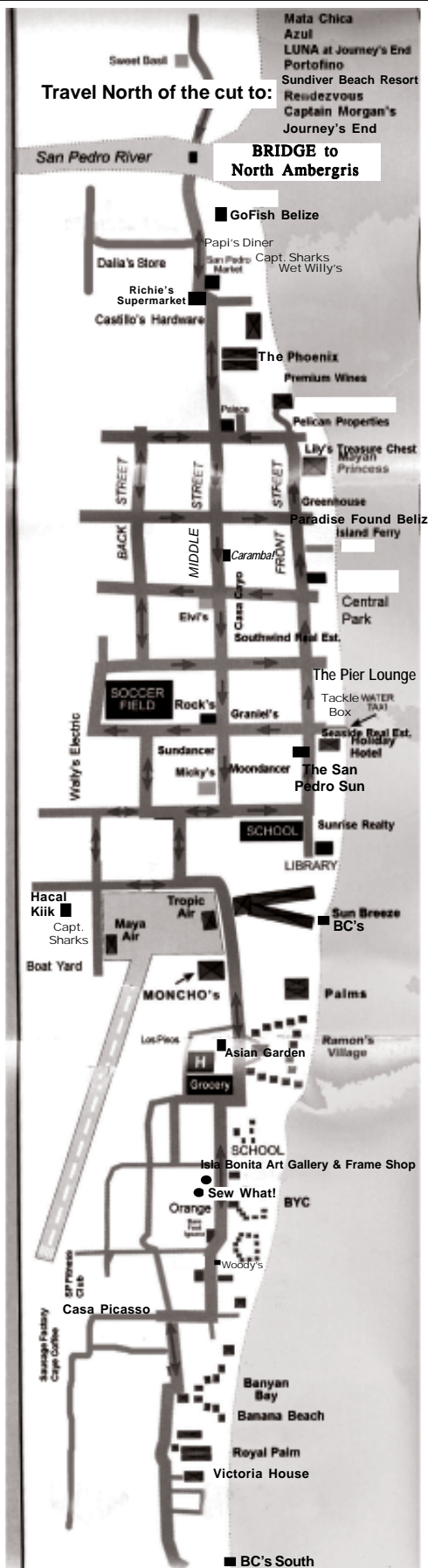
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