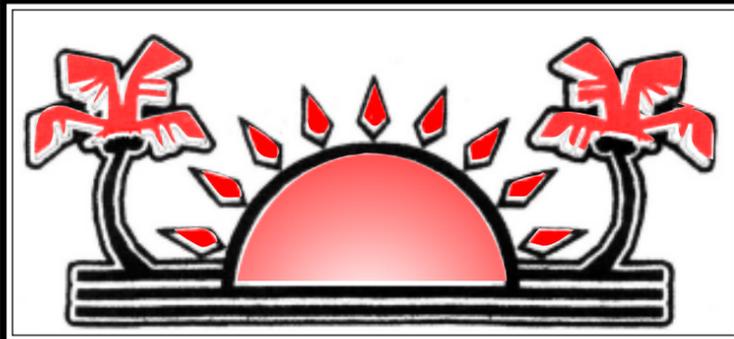


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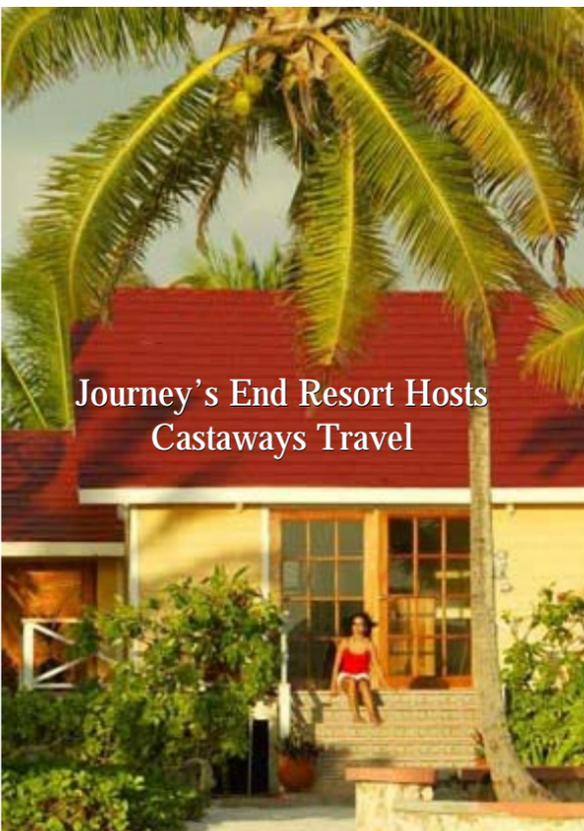
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It's the Panama Canal! **Daniel Cruz**, of Orange Gallery - Gift Shop, was in Panama, Central America, where he took his copy of *The San Pedro Sun* while visiting the historic Panama Canal.

Photos taken in unique and unusual places are preferred. Be sure to identify who is in the photo and where the photo was taken. Don't forget to include your names and what you were doing.

Greetings to my visiting friends



taking 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

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 breath-

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

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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'd like a fruit drink.
Creole	Ah ku geh wahn froot jrink.
Spanish	¿Quisiera una bebida de frutas?

English	I've already had too much to eat.
Creole	Ah don eet tu moch aredi.
Spanish	Ya comí demasiado.

English	I'm expecting a visitor today.
Creole	Ah di luk owt fi sohnbadi kohn hayl mi tudeh.
Spanish	Estoy esperando una visita hoy.

Caye Caulker Hosts Cool Art & Taste Fest!



The Tastefest proved to be a great time for all. Everyone enjoyed tasting the various dishes and drinks entered for the competition.

Wine, food, music along with the scenic and romantic atmosphere of Caye Caulker Village made for a wonderful weekend. The Caye Caulker Cool Art and Tastefest, held on September 22nd and 23rd, proved to be a great time for all those who attended.

The festival, which is now an annual event in its second season, had its opening with an evening of fine wine tasting, fantastic hors d'oeuvres, and slow romantic music. Held at the Basketball Court, those in attendance sampled the best in red and white wines rang-

ing from Santori, Santa Cristina, Casillero de Diablo, Shiraz, and Privelege de Drouet. Nibbling on various snacks including amazing tiramisu, spicy lasagna bits, and fruits made the tasting that much better. The candlelit atmosphere added to the sultry night and at the end of the evening, a ceramic vase donated by Barbara Nutt was raffled.

The festival continued the following day with the Art and Taste Fest. Artists from around the country gathered at the Basketball Court to showcase the best in their art.



From the very intricate to the very simple were all on display and on sale. Art lovers had the opportunity to see the artistic creations made and inspired in Belize. The use of col-

ors and strokes was truly impressive as one walked from painting to painting. Some pieces seemed to literally fly off the canvas and give one

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the illusion of having been transported to that particular vision of the artist. Gorgeous jewelry was also on display; only the best of jewels in various colors were on sale. Be it silver or a stunning arrangement of natural

beads and stone, jewelry lovers certainly found pieces that were both unique and must haves.

The Taste Fest portion of the day had everyone sampling the various entrées,



desserts and drinks which were entered into the competition. Entrees consisted of three various dishes including a Sushi, a Curry Waldorf Salad and a Duutty Rice. Desserts included tiramisu, bread pudding, Chocolate Chip Bars, Oat Health Bar, while drinks included homemade ginger ale, Mojitos and a Ginger Lime Martini.

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Castaways Travel in San Pedro!



Journey's End Resort welcomed clients of Castaways Travel group for a bit more than barefoot adventure! Nude week in paradise? Why not!

The online article declaring nude week in San Pedro most certainly grabbed people's attention. Something different...something fun was happening in San Pedro. Journey's End Resort was at the helm of this occasion, hosting 70 people of the Castaways travel group to the resort up north for the week of September 9th through the 16th, 2006. They bought out the resort for the week, for optimum privacy.

In a telephone interview with Caro-

lina Aguilar, Director of Sales and Marketing of Journey's End Resort, *The Sun* found out just how much of an economic impact the group stay made in San Pedro. "It impacted in a positive way," commented Ms. Aguilar. "The group was a picture of decorum; they were on their best behavior. They were just like all our other guests, except that they were in the nude." It is also thanks to the group's stay that Journey's End Resort was able to stay open in what is typically the off sea-

son, and employees were able to continue working, rather than being out of work for a month, which the staff was greatly appreciative of.

And just how did the staff react to having an unusual group stay? According to Ms. Aguilar, "They reacted very well. In the beginning they were a bit surprised that we would entertain the idea of a nudist group. Once they heard what type of people they were, and how they planned to help the community, they were okay with the idea. We advised them to treat the group as they would any other guests and keep eye contact."

For such an interesting group stay, it has to be commended that our community was also respectful and allowed them their privacy. San Pedro is a very welcoming place, with warm friendly people who are generous and accepting of everyone on its shores. "As a matter of fact, several of these guests were so

impressed with the community and its people that some are looking into buying some condos from Las Terrazas!" exclaimed Ms. Aguilar. This of course means that more business is being brought to the island. "We could have chosen anywhere in the world to build Las Terrazas, but we chose San Pedro because the people, the community, is of such warmth and friendliness that it seemed only right to build here."

Not only did the group stay help keep the resort open during slow season, they also brought down tons of school supplies to donate to schoolchildren of San Pedro. They involved themselves with the community, helping how they could, and demonstrated the type of community people they are. It was a very successful "nude week", and hats off to Journey's End Resort for pioneering such a momentous event! We look forward to their return!



The guests of Journey's End Resort also donated school supplies for children of the staff, as well as to school children.



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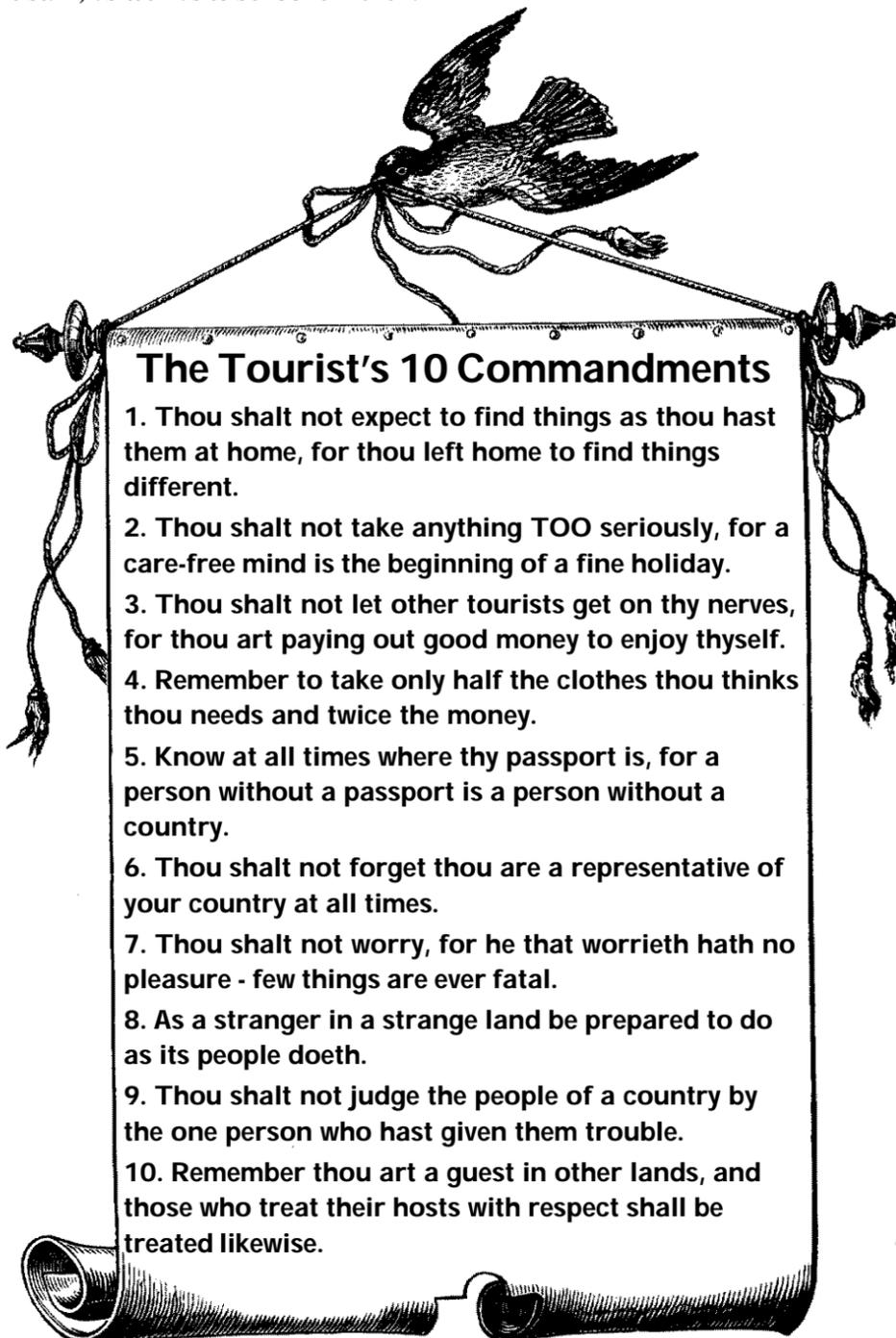
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2. Thou shalt not take anything TOO seriously, for a care-free mind is the beginning of a fine holiday.
3. Thou shalt not let other tourists get on thy nerves, for thou art paying out good money to enjoy thyself.
4. Remember to take only half the clothes thou thinks thou needs and twice the money.
5. Know at all times where thy passport is, for a person without a passport is a person without a country.
6. Thou shalt not forget thou are a representative of your country at all times.
7. Thou shalt not worry, for he that worrieth hath no pleasure - few things are ever fatal.
8. As a stranger in a strange land be prepared to do as its people doeth.
9. Thou shalt not judge the people of a country by the one person who hast given them trouble.
10. Remember thou art a guest in other lands, and those who treat their hosts with respect shall be treated likewise.

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Tourist Information

Belize Tourism Board - 223-1910.
Belize Tourism Industry Association (BTIA) - 227-5717.
San Pedro Tourist Guide Association 226-2391.

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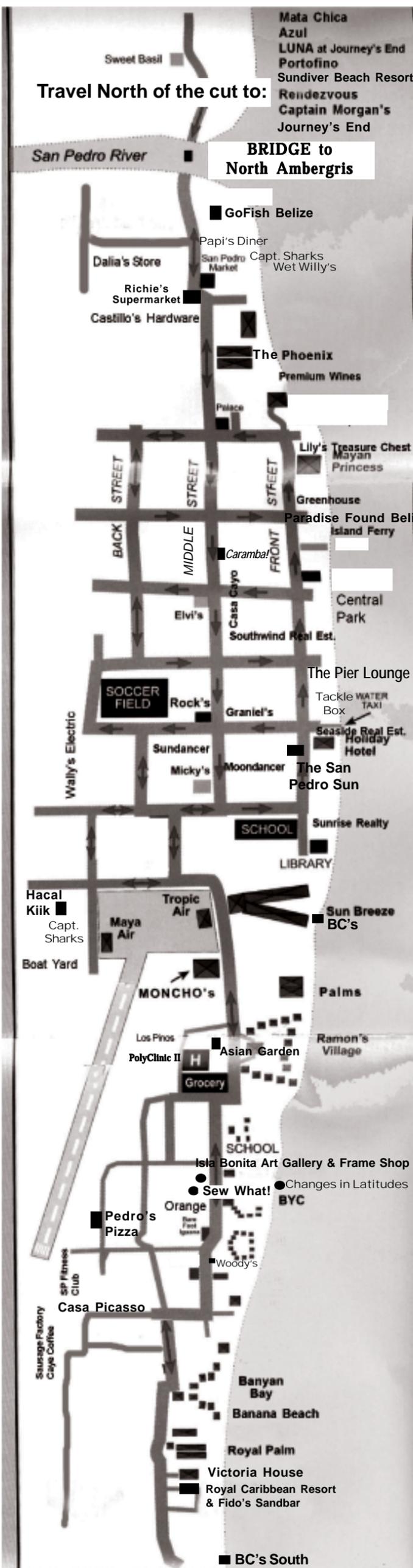
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Organizers of the event are already planning a few more surprises for next year's Cool Art & Taste Fest!

dollars for all three, participants had the opportunity to taste all the entries. Once tasted, participants then had to vote for their favorite dish, and many participants took the task quite seriously, savoring and considering every bite they took. . After 132 votes the winners were then announced.

Taking first place for the entrée category was Caribbean Colors-Coco Loco Café with their Curry Chicken Waldorf Salad on a Whole Wheat & Herb Bun; prize: One Night's Accommodation at Chaa Creek, second place – Barrier Reef Sports Bar – Vegetarian Sushi; prize: Round Trip Tropic Air Flight into International, Bottle of Tropical Spice Perfume from Belize Perfumes, third place – Lazy Iguana – Mexican Dutty Rice; prize: One Night's Accommodation at

Crystal Paradise includes some tour activities. In the dessert category, first place went to Caribbean Colors-Coco Loco Café – Kahlua Drenched Tiramisu. Prize: One Night's Accom-

modation at Victoria House, second place – Ernie Salak – Ernie's Oat Energy Bar. Prize: Round Trip Maya Island Air Flight into International, bottle of Tropical Spice Perfume from Belize Perfumes, third place – Syd's Place – Bread Pudding. Prize: One Day Car Rental from Crystal Auto Rental. Honorable Mention goes to Oat Chocolate Health Bars – Lazy Iguana Bed & Breakfast. Prize: Round Trip Airfare to Municipal. For the final category which was the drinks first place – Jennifer Sullivan – Homemade Ginger Ale. Prize: One Night's Accommodations at DuPloy's and includes some tour activities, \$50 Gift Certificate to Habaneros Restaurant, \$50 Gift Certificate for Jewelry at Caribbean Colors Art Gallery.

Second Place – Seaside Cabanas – Mintini. Prize: One Night's Accommodations at Crystal Paradise and includes some tour activities and third place went to Barrier Reef Sports Bar – Mojito. Prize: \$50 Gift Certificate from Atlantic Bank, Bottle of Wine.

A wonderful weekend spent at Caye Caulker, certainly one that has to be made again next year. If not as a spectator why not enter one of your delicious recipes into competition. Organizers are already planning another great festival for 2007. So start making preparations to be part of next year's Cool Art and Taste Fest, either as a "taster," chef, or an artist, showcasing your work.

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Pirate Party at Pier Lounge

Arrrrgh Matey's! It was that time again! Pier Lounge hosted yet another fabulous Pirate Party this year, and the pirates were a lootin', much Pirate's Grogg was to be had, and wenches graced the floor! What crackin' fun!

Every year, The Pier Lounge hosts an incredible night of partying, dancing, music and "looting"! This year, many revelers showed up in costume, relishing the opportunity to let their inner pirate out for at least one night. Lovely ladies in their wench costumes roamed the floor, while naughty pirates drank their grogg and tried to figure out where the treasure was hidden, long before the announcement was even made!

Not a moment too soon, Peg Leg Skinny announced the hunt was on for loot, and everyone on board was ready to start searching for great prizes. The trea-

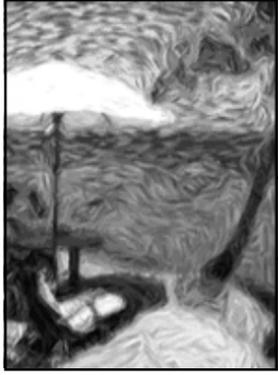
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The Caliente Crew plunder and pillage (the bar of course!) at the Pirate Party!



How about the tunes from "Peg Leg Skinny"? He kept the party going all night!



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It's as varied and rich as the many cultures that together make up Belize. Belizean food can be as peppery and fiery as the heat of the tropical sun, or as



cool and refreshing as the crystal clear Caribbean waters that wash the Belizean shores. There are many restaurants specializing in fresh seafood (lobster and conch are plentiful and inexpensive when in season) and the Belizean national dish (spicy stewed chicken, served with a delicious rice and bean combination cooked with coconut milk.) Mexican, Italian, and Chinese food are also available, as well as pizza. The best bargains in town are the freshly made tacos, rice and beans sold by the street vendors in the evenings, and the Lions Club steak and chicken barbecue held every Friday and Saturday night. Customary tipping is no less than 10% of your bill.

☉ Water Sports

The clear turquoise waters (which average 79-84 degrees) and the proximity of the barrier reef make Ambergris Caye a favorite destination for divers and snorkelers. The most popular destination is Hol Chan Marine Reserve, located four miles southeast of San Pedro. The ocean floor ranges from five to thirty five feet, so both divers and snorkelers have the opportunity like an underwater colorful tropical fish of beautiful coral formations. The "cut" (channel) leading out to sea functions as a "fish freeway" for many of the larger fish, including giant groupers, barracuda, sea turtles and nurse sharks, a timid and unaggressive shark species.



to swim in what seems like an aquarium, teeming with all sizes and types and

Other nearby dive/snorkel locations include Mexico Rocks, Palmetto Reef, Sandy Point Reef, San Pedro Cut and Coral Gardens.

A favorite of both scuba divers and snorkelers is the Sand Bar, more often referred to as Shark and Ray Alley. Hundreds of stingrays of all sizes meet here, often accompanied by families of nurse sharks. Shark Ray Alley is not far from Hol Chan, and only a few minutes by boat from San Pedro.

There are many fishing guides on the island who can provide you with a rewarding day on the water, and each month offers a unique fishing opportunity. Other water sports available are wind surfing, parasailing, sailing and jet skiing.



☉ Day Trips

Local tour guides offer a wide variety of day trips. Often half the fun is the adventure of just getting to your destination point! Some favorite trips include manatee watching, bird watching, exploring Mayan ruins, trips to the Mainland, snorkeling and beach barbecues. Your hotel should be able to help you arrange a day trip or you can check with the many tour shops downtown.

☉ Night life

The town has several bars and two full-fledged discos for dancing. San Pedro is a laid-back town, and most of the activity happens near the waterfront.

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Oh what a fair maid we have here! Jan Brown, owner of Pier Lounge, dancing away for the Pirate Party, in her fabulous garb and hat of course!



After searching for treasure coins, revelers cash in their coins for loot, then they're off again to have a wild time!



No really, he *is* a pirate! Pirate Jim enjoys himself at his favorite kind of party, Pier Lounge's "Pirate Party"!

sure was well hidden this year, and it took scavenging pirates and wenches quite some time to find some coins, but it was all worthwhile, as the loot contained great treasure. Once all treasure had been cashed in for actual loot, there came the parade for the judges!

This year, three judges were asked to choose their favorite pirates and/or wenches as they paraded in a circle. Getting them to behave and follow instructions was, as is often the case with pirates, the hardest thing to do! But once a pattern had been created, it was easy to pick out some winners. Three prizes were handed out, and a booby prize was also announced. And the winners? They were Tazmara, Stephanie and Paul, and booby prize winner was Pirate himself!

What a superb tradition! Jan, as always, was a gracious and lovely hostess. Success once more for the Pirate Party! It's an annual event, so make sure you prepare your costume for next years event. September 16th was a great night for pirates on the island; make sure you're there next year!



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"Ow!"
 "What happened?" Dulce asked.
 "I just stubbed my toe again on that thing under the carpet," I told her. "That's the fourth time I've tripped over it since we've been in this room."
 We were packing up to leave after a two-day stay at La Villa Verde Hotel in Cancun.
 "This is a really expensive place," I said. "When they charge these rates the last thing you expect in your room is a lump under the carpet."
 I must admit that the Villa Verde is luxurious. When you enter the lobby you are immediately impressed by the orange and white tiles arranged in a pattern that looks like the setting sun. Ancient Native American sculptures and magnificent paintings line the walls. Most impressive is the huge chandelier, a full twelve feet wide, made in the old Mexican style to hold real candles. Every night the candles are lit and the effect is amazing.
 "Are you finished with that suitcase?" Dulce asked.
 "Almost," I said. "Ow! That's it. I've tripped over that thing for the last time. Help me slide this bed over."
 I got down on my knees and started rolling up the carpet. When I came to the offending lump that I had tripped over, it turned out to be a huge nut attached to a bolt.
 "The damn workers were too lazy to remove this nut when they finished working on the room," I said.
 I reached in my pocket, took out my Leatherman and unscrewed the nut. The bolt was still sticking up a little so I pushed it with my foot until it disappeared.
 "There," I said, as I rolled the carpet back into place. "No more lump to trip over."
 Five minutes later we entered the lobby for checkout. When the elevator doors opened it was to a scene of disaster. People were yelling and screaming and the hotel staff was running around like crazy.
 "What the hell is going on?" I asked the clerk, who was doing his best to keep things going smoothly.
 "Oh, it is a terrible disaster, señor," he said. "About five minutes ago, the huge chandelier suddenly crashed to the floor."

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- *Laughing lowers levels of stress hormones and strengthens the immune system. Six-year-olds laugh an average of 300 times a day. Adults only laugh 15 to 100 times a day.
- *Winking at women, even to express friendship, is considered bad manners in Australia.
- *The pyramids in Egypt contain enough stone and mortar to construct a wall ten feet high and five feet wide running from New York City to Los Angeles.
- *Men have more blood than women. Men have 1.5 gallons as compared to 0.875 gallons for women.
- *Henry VIII's second wife, Anne Boleyn, had six fingers on one hand. She wore special gloves all her life to hide her deformity. She also had three breasts.
- *The crocodile is a cannibal; it will occasionally eat other crocodiles.
- *Moist air holds heat better than dry, which is why nights in the desert are cool while nights in the humid tropics are torrid.
- *On maps, adjacent countries are usually shown in different colors. What is the smallest number of colors needed for a world map? Four (4).



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