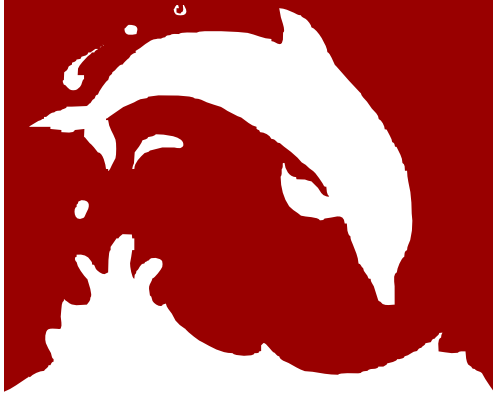


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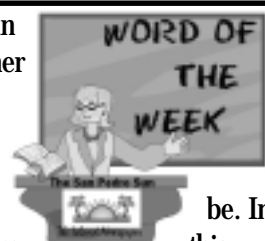


Cullen Walker, Dr. Tina Kokkinis and Kath Walker read *The San Pedro Sun* in the gardens at Schloss Schwetzingen near Heidelberg, Germany.

The Schloss Schwetzingen is the biggest still intact baroque palace in Germany. It dates back to the 14th century when it was built as a moated castle, and later was used as a hunting lodge. Much of what we see today was commissioned by Prince Elector Carl Theodor in the 18th century, when he converted it into his summer palace. After that, it was used by the Palatinate Prince Electors as their summer residence. At the time, palace and gardens provided a stylish backdrop for splendid court festivals and are still enchanting visitors today. The gardens were developed to accentuate the architecture and splendor of the palace, and size was used to impress. They succeeded here, as these 180 acre gardens are huge, and very impressive.

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.

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

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Creole

Wat da di taim fi ah lef?

Spanish

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English

Don't disturb me before seven o'clock.

Creole

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Spanish

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Are there any letters or messages for me?

Creole

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Spanish

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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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Luna – A breathtaking experience



We enjoyed ice cold cocktails at The Smiling Toucan courtesy of Bartender Ruben (far left), but any of the friendly staff at the bar will gladly mix you a cocktail (from left to right, Luis, bar manager Deona and Tanya).

There are some restaurants that just emanate class, elegance and comfort. Ambergris Caye has many eateries that offer incredible food that is expertly prepared and exquisite to the taste buds. One such restaurant is Luna, at Journey's End Resort. Previously the Tamarind Restaurant, Luna has recently undergone some changes, the biggest of which is new chef Anetta "Netta" King. *The San Pedro Sun* was invited to come over and indulge in Chef Netta's out-of-this world creations, and soon enough, we were on our way to Journey's End Resort for a romantic dinner for two.

From the moment we got off the Island Ferry boat and onto the sandy beaches of Journey's End Resort, we felt a connection, a certain warmth and wel-

come. On hand to greet us was the resort's general manager, Ruben Muñoz. He took some time to sit and chat with us, introducing us to several staff members, all of whom were unfailingly charming and charismatic. We got the feeling we were home amongst friends, and no more so than when we got to meet one of the stars of the night, their new chef, "Netta". With her effervescent and friendly personality, she quickly won us over and we were soon chatting away.

Netta spoke of her passion for cooking, and her dreams of working and creating a wonderful dining experience at Luna. As we spoke, one common note that rang true throughout the conversation: teamwork is key to the success of

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Under Head Waiter Amin Segura's (far left) guidance, and alongside employee of the month, Kenrick (near right), the entire wait staff works together to make customers feel extra special and truly pampered! Their friendly faces and charming personalities make your dining experience a true pleasure!

Luna, and the staff has a great working relationship that combines to create the environment that Luna offers. And oh what an experience!

High on our list of recommendations while at Journey's End is: have a few pre-dinner drinks at *The Smiling Toucan* bar managed by Deona and her team of bartenders, Ruben, Luis and Tanya, who are experts at mixing delicious libations and can whip up a Piña Colada like no other. They also use their imagination to

create different drinks with exotic tropical fruits on hand. With a great selection of liquors available, plus wines, this bar offers a great relaxing retreat while you chat with friends and reconnect, before heading to Luna's dining room for dinner.

This particular dining experience was a lovely romantic rendezvous with my beloved, and I couldn't have asked for a better experience. This team *redefines*

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Get to know: Chef Anetta King



I am Chef Netta and I attended the St. Louis University Culinary Insti-

tute at Forrest park. I then apprenticed for two years under the top chef in St. Louis. I completed an intensive three-day study in Hyde Park, New York and am now recognized by the C.I.A (Culinary Institute of America). I am a member of the James Beard Foundation, the St. Louis Culinary Society and Chef's de Cuisine. I have been in the Industry for over 20 years now. I also have my Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Southeast Missouri State University.

Since arriving in Belize, I've worked as Executive Chef at the San Ignacio Hotel and did a brief jaunt at Black Rock Jungle Lodge.

I am now very happily employed here at Journey's End Resort and I have a wonderful support staff: Santos Arzu, Andy Medina, Martina Gomez, Bella, Marie and Daisey.

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Chef Netta with her support staff Santos Arzu, Andy Medina, Martina Gomez, Bella, Marie and Daisey.

Romance! Impeccable and efficient service, combined with an elegant, organic setting, defined the mood for the night, and romance truly was in the air! We were coddled and indulged to a T, and there was no ending to the surprises. Everything started off with our choice of seating.

One can choose any of the several

nooks or curved banquettes that certainly adds to romance during dinner. With the pleasing and sensual design of the area, whose gentle curves follow the flow of the surroundings, and offer a breathtaking view of the beach and ocean at night, making a choice is not easy, but once we were seated, and our wine had been selected with the help of Kenrick, it was



Sumptuous and comfortable seating like these curved banquettes offer wonderful seating options that offer great beach and ocean views.

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Head waiter Amin Segura offers his

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Garifuna Settlement Day - November 19th



Dances to drum beats are a common form of expression in the Garifuna culture.

Belize has been internationally known as a true melting pot of cultures. However, this is clearly visible in the tiny island of Ambergris Caye where a variety of ethnicities have called the island home.



This weekend, November 19th, Belize is celebrating along with their

friends, neighbors and family the day the first Garifuna arrived in the country. Since their arrival to these Caribbean shores, they have made Belize their home and have contributed greatly to this great nation. Great merriment will be appreciated at Central Park in honor of these festivities, including a re-enactment of the night the first Garifuna arrived down south.

San Pedro Town has people from all over the country, not to mention the world living and enjoying its beautiful shores. Each person that visits our island, or makes it their home, adds their culture to our community, which in time becomes part of the island itself. San Pedro Town opens and extends its arms to all its visitors, especially to those who contribute to the growth of the island and fall so in love with its shorelines to call it their new home.

The Garifuna people and its language

The language, known as Garifuna, derived from Arawak and Carib languages has helped to maintain an ethnic unity. It is an Arawak language with words borrowed from Spanish, French and English.

Garifuna is a name of the people "of the cassava clan," Karifuna. Cassava is a plant harvested for its roots which is processed and part of the processing includes grating, strain-

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- ~Citrus and Melon: A tropical combination of orange and melon wedges served with a sour cream-Amaretto dressing in a banana blossom.

Main Course:

- ~Traditional carved turkey with stuffing, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce and grilled mixed vegetables.
- ~Ribeye Steak grilled to your liking and served with candied yams, cranberry relish and mixed grilled vegetables.
- ~Butterflied lobster tail, shell filled with oyster stuffing and served with drawn butter, parsley potatoes and mixed grilled vegetables.

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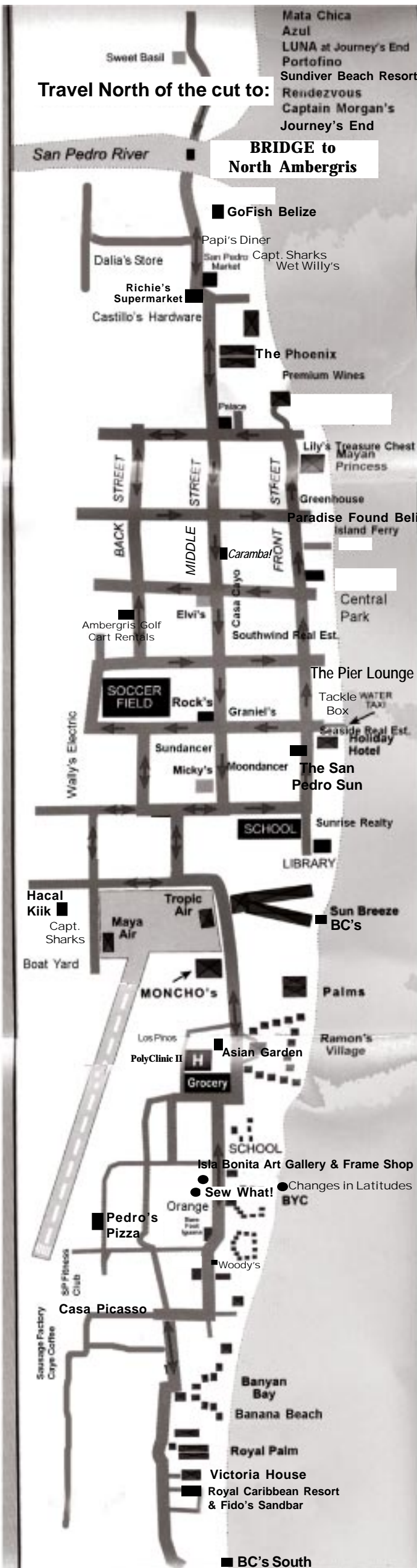
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ing and drying. The dried cassava is then sifted and then used as a flour to make the bread (Areba). There are two varieties of cassava; the bitter and sweet. Some of the dishes that are served are manioc cassava. Other popular foods include rice, fish, bananas, plantains, beans, and falmouth – a dish made with boiled fish and coconut milk. Coffee, bush tea with sugar, cakes, puddings and tableta complete their meal. Tableta is a dessert made of coconut, ginger, and brown sugar.

Celebrations and ceremony are important in the Garifuna culture. The burial feast is known as “Beluria” and is a nine-day devotional ceremony to the Dead, which culminates in drumming, dancing and feasting. Dugu is a ritual feast to appease the spirits after someone dies. This lasts four to five days and consists of much feasting on cassava bread, plantains, rice, beans, cheese and regular foods. The Dugu is a religious ceremony in which a high priest, the Buyei, leads the contact



Since their arrival to these Caribbean shores, the Garifuna have made Belize their home and have contributed greatly to this great nation.

with deceased relatives. The purpose of having a Dugu is to appeal to ancestors for help in resolving some problem in the designated family. Before the ceremony kicks off, the fishermen would go out and catch fish for the event as part of the offering. The entire Dugu ceremony usu-

ally lasts a few days in addition to several weeks of tedious preparatory work. Continuous drumming and dancing in the temple (Dabuyaba) creates the mood for dialogue with the Spirits which satisfies the purpose of the Dugu. The ceremony uses drummers and Gayusa who work

along Buyei. During the Dugu, the ancestral Spirit communicates with his people during an Owehani. It is now taking up to three years to prepare for a Dugu ceremony. There are reports that rituals such as the Dugu have reinforced the cultural unity and spiritual beliefs of the Garinagu. When celebrated with the entire village, friends and relatives come together. Health is determined by power wielded by ancestral spirits, traditional folk remedies, and “bush medicine.”

The religion of the Garifunaduou is the way of life and that can be considered as the religion. The rites of passage are celebrated births and death. Work songs, hymns, lullabies, ballads and healing songs are popular. The African influence is heard with complex drum rhythms and call-response patterns in songs. Holy days of the Catholic Church includes processions and prayers. The people of Belize celebrate the settler’s arrival on November 19th, with Dangriga, Punta Gorda and Belize City and the country as a ritual re-enactment. People come in

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The tomato and bleu cheese bruschetta was just heavenly - with a blend of tastes mixed to perfection.

sounding items on the menu. He suggests a mix of tastes to appreciate what the kitchen offers, and we take him up on his suggestion. We choose Crab Cakes and Tomato and Bleu Cheese Bruschetta for appetizers.

The platters arrive at the table in a beautiful arrangement, and as the mouthwatering scents waft, we know we have made the right choice. The Bruschetta is a slice of heaven, bite after delicious bite. Somehow, the blend of tastes, from sharp and salty to a delightful sweet tart over the crispy homemade bread, all combine for one overwhelmingly good starter. We share

samples of the crab cakes, and again, we were blown away with the explosion of tastes. The crab cakes are slightly spicy, with a light layer of remoulade sauce to counterbalance the spiciness, and the taste is amazing. We can only imagine what the main course will be like!

Soon enough, the main course arrives, and we are in for a feast. Earlier, Chef Netta had described the night's special, Coconut Dusted Jumbo Shrimp over a bed of Coconut Confetti Rice with a sweet Mango Coulis, and being the adventurer that I am, I decided to go for this dish, while Robin ordered the manly Filet Mignon wrapped in bacon and topped with Tobacco Onions. The plates resembled works of art, showcasing the creativity and passion of Chef Netta and her staff, and once we began eating, we were again transported with each bite.

The first bite of the Shrimp almost makes me swoon. The coconut flakes are crispy and sweet, and the shrimp is delicious and crisp, and once dipped in the mango



Crab cakes with a layer of remoulade are spicy and perfect!



Filet Mignon topped with tobacco onions and accompanied with coconut confetti rice was truly delicious and decadent.

coulis, the flavor sensations make my taste buds go wild! The delicious coconut rice and crisp julienne veggies are a fabulous accompaniment to the shrimp. The romance in the air seduced us into feeding each other and unabashedly enjoy our private and precious moment at Luna. The filet mignon was cooked to a perfect medium rare; the beef simply melts in my mouth. Accompanied by crisp and sweet onion rings, each bite seems more delicious, and it is clear that each meal is crafted with great passion. Our sincerest compliments to the chef!

Dessert arrives: a luscious and rich chocolate cake created by Sous Chef Santos and accompanied by a delicious coconut chocolate ice cream. We share this dessert, and our sweet tooth is satisfied with the decadence of the chocolate cake. It is the perfect topper to an evening full of delicious surprises and wonderful service.

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Jumbo shrimp coated in coconut flakes with coconut confetti rice was truly a work of art!

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Dances are a common form of expression in the Garifuna culture. The Paranda is a slow dance by women who shuffle in a circle accompanied with hand movements. Abaimahani is performed at the Dugu where women form a long line and link their fingers and sing. Apart from dances highlighted in the Dugu, the Garinagu, a festive people, have to date earned recognition for the Punta: a dance in which coupled dancers try to outdo each other with a variation of movements. A milder version of this dance would be the Hugu-Hugu involving the singing of sacred rhythms by Gayusa in unison.

Today's unique people, the Garinagu in Belize, have gained respect for having a very diverse culture. The Garifuna language is of alarming interest to others, both locally and internationally. The language is derived from several other languages fused together through an intermarriage of the Caribs with French, Arawak and German as well as Spanish cultures. The Garinagu have embraced Belize as their home and have contributed greatly to what Belize has now become.

Special thanks to Peter Ciego, (GULISI, Garifuna Council), for the compilation of this article. On behalf of The San Pedro Sun and the community, Happy Garifuna Settlement Day!

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 "I have to pick up a printer from Larry's office at Ultimate Golf Cart Rentals."
 "Good. That's right around the corner from the tortilla factory. I want two pounds of tortillas. Then stop at Lino's and get two pounds of pork steak and then I need . . ."
 By the time she was done I had a list of groceries as long as my hand. I picked up the computers and parts and they filled my old golf cart up to where it was sagging on the springs.
 "Whew, that's it," I said, as I walked out of the last grocery store and put \$150 worth of groceries on the cart.
 Then I remembered that I had to pick up my guitar at Cannibal's so I drove there, looking for a place to park. It was impossible to get down the alley and the street was filled with parked golf carts. I finally found a space down near the Holiday Hotel.
 "Hey," I called to a young guy leaning up against the wall at a construction site. I didn't know him but I had seen him around.
 "Yeah?"
 "Will you keep an eye on my golf cart while I run up to Cannibals? I've got \$150 worth of groceries that I don't want to disappear while I'm gone."
 "I don't know," he said, eyeing my beat-up old golf cart. "Isn't this the cart that broke in half last month and stayed on the street for two days?"
 "No," I said. "That was a different cart. Watch the cart and I'll pay you."
 "O.K."
 When I came back I asked, "How much do I owe you?"
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- *Cats have more than one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs only have about ten.
- *One has to eat 11 pounds of potatoes to put on one pound of weight — a potato has no more calories than an apple.
- *Some neutron stars spin 600 times a second, which is as fast as a dentist's drill.
- *The largest order of mammals, with about 1,700 species, is rodents. Bats are second with about 950 species.
- *In a year's time, bees gather 80,000 tons of pollen in the United States.
- *Kangaroo rats never drink water. Like their relatives the pocket mice, they carry their own water source within them, producing fluids from the food they eat and the air they breathe.
- *Soup in Asia is used as an alternative medicine — tom yum in Thailand; bone marrow soup, soybean sprout soup, or seaweed soup in Korea. Sweet dessert soup in China is eaten to balance one's yin and yang.



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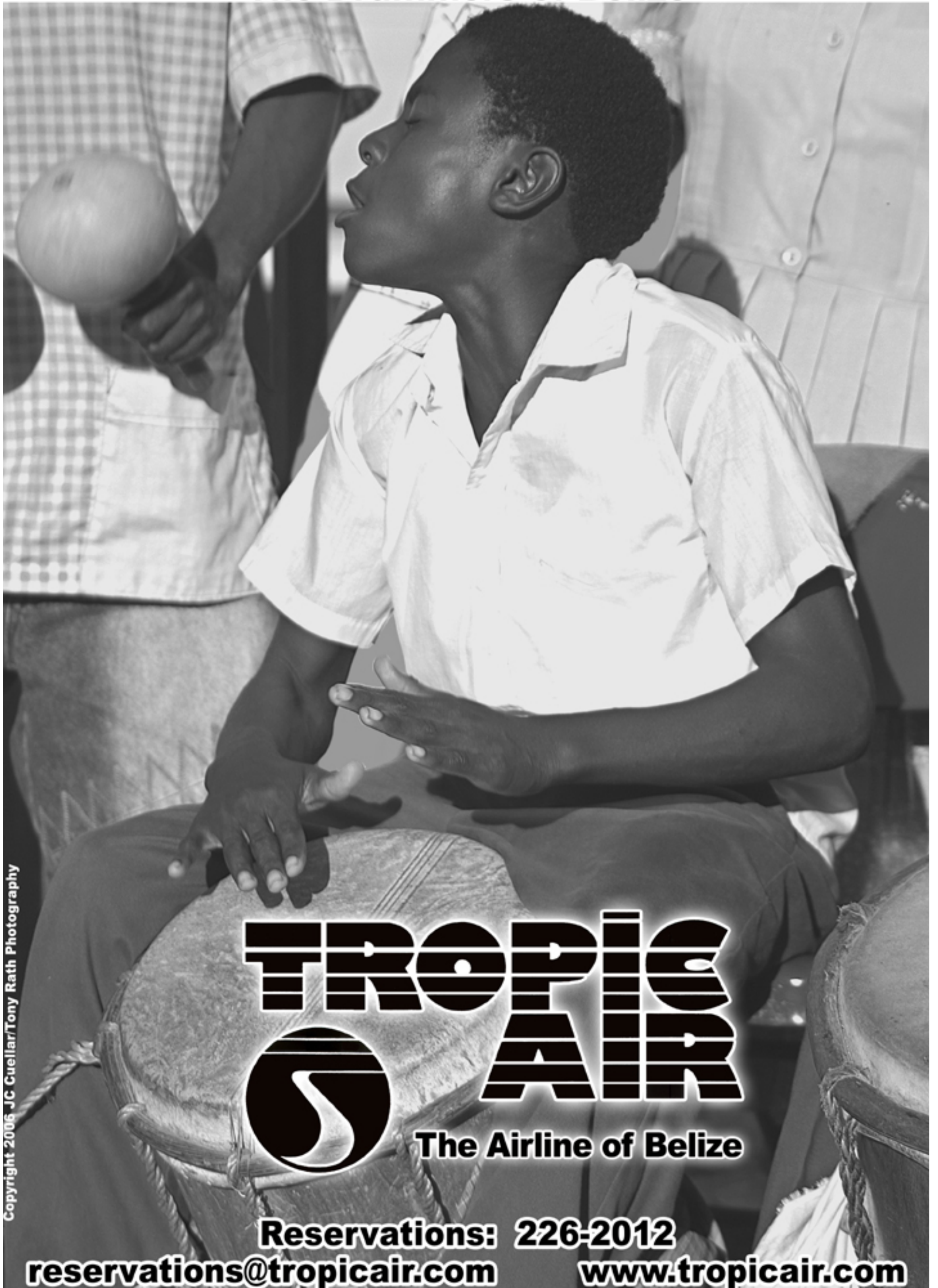
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- ❖ **Buena Vista Point ocean view 75ft x 150ft** \$89,000 each.
- ❖ **Laguna Estates ocean view lots** from \$60,000.
- ❖ **West Bay Caribbean Coves** 100 ft x 500 ft ocean front west side \$ 85,000.

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