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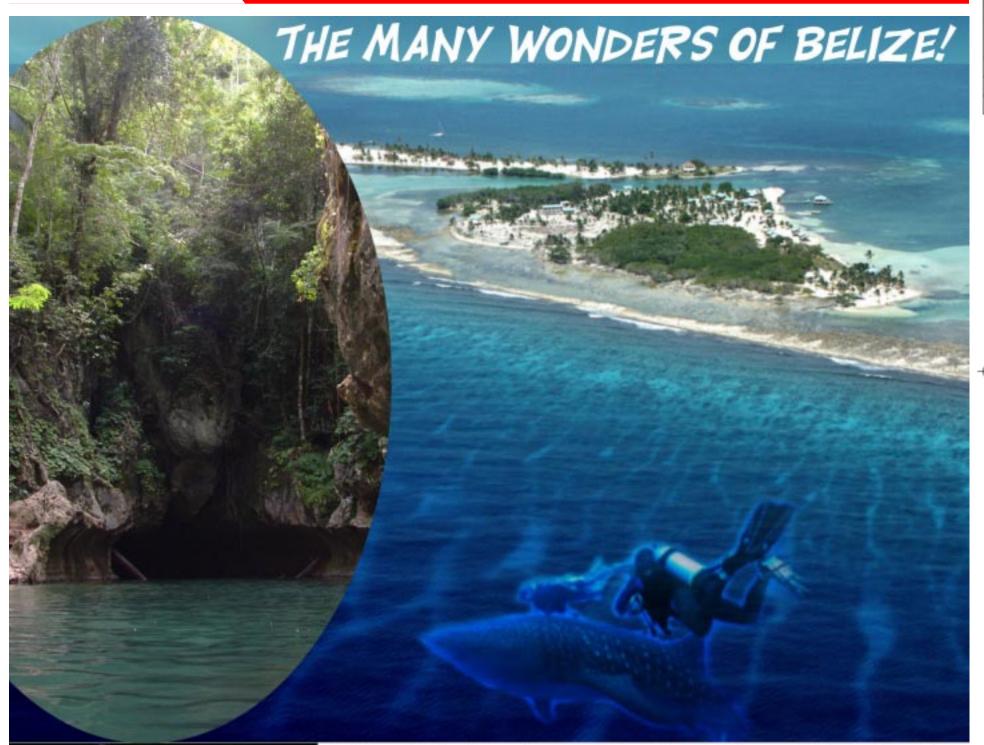




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Pedro Town, I extend a warm welcome to all visitors arriving to our shores. I assure you that your trip to "La Isla Bonita" will be no ordinary vacation. Our island is famous for its rich cultural diversity, where Mestizos, Creole and Garinagu blend 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 abun-

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Vampire bats feed only on blood, a fact that sets the human imagination racing. Common Vampire bats (*Desmodus rotundus*) are classified in the order Chiroptera, and within the family Phyllostomidae. There are two other vampire bat species, the white-winged vampire bat and the hairy-legged vampire bat. The Common Vampire bat makes up about 99% of the entire vampire bat population and is the most widespread of vampires. They adapt well to captivity and are often exhibited in zoos. These bats may be among the best studied in the world.

Vampire bats are members of the New World Leafnosed bats. All three species of living vampire bats occur in South and Central America. Fossils of three other species reveal that several thousand years ago vampire bats were more widespread. With the exception of captive animals, vampire bats have never been found outside of the New World. The three species are medium-sized, with adult wingspans of 320 to 350 mm and weights of about 40 grams. While they are larger than most of the bats of the temperate zones of the world, vampire bats are much smaller than Gigantic Flying Foxes, which weigh in at 1,500 g. Horror movie depictions of vampire bats often use Flying Foxes as models because larger bats are easier to photograph. This contributes to the public perception of vampire bats as large, terrifying animals. But animals that feed on blood, whether they are insects, leeches or bats, tend to be small because blood is a precious commodity and hard to obtain in large amounts.

People are often surprised to learn that vampire bats are not found in central Europe. It seems common to suppose that myths about vampires and stories about *Dracula* somehow involve vampire bats. The truth is that vampire bats got their names from myths about vampires. In many cultures, vampires are people who return from the dead to feed on the blood of living people. After the bats were discovered by European explorers, they were given the name vampire, denoting blood-feeding. The blood-feeding was well known to the inhabitants of South and Central America well before their discovery by Europeans.

Even though living off of blood is a challenge, it is the occupation of many species of animals from different evolutionary backgrounds. In many ways blood is an ideal food. Within the bodies of animals with backbones, the vertebrates, blood is the central ingredient of the circulatory system. It flows in vessels, dispensing food and oxygen through the **Continued on Page 4**



Bats are one of the most misunderstood animals in the world. One such misconception about bats is that they are all rabid. The chances of coming in contact with a rabid bat is very rare. In fact, chances are better to die from getting struck by lightning, a plane crash, falling down a flight of stairs, or being killed by your spouse. Actually, you have a higher chance of winning your state lottery than being bitten by a bat with rabies. Even though coming in contact with a rabid animal may be uncommon, it is wise to know what to do if you are in that situation.



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Vampire bat populations are healthy throughout their range. Many species of bats are in trouble due to destruction of their habitat and roosting sites.

body and collecting wastes for removal. The systems that protect blood illustrate its importance to animals. A variety of mechanisms such as clotting and constriction of veins, keep an animal from bleeding to death through a small wound. Blood is constantly manufactured in the body, so it is a renewable resource and a complete food. In mammals and birds, which are thought to be the usual prey of vampire bats, blood amounts to 6-10% of the animal's weight.

The bat leaves its roost just after dusk, setting out to find a meal. The relatively long and narrow wings—providing a high aspect ration on high wing loading-make it possible for the Common Vampire Bat to fly rapidly and consume relatively little energy in doing so. Radio-tracking studies suggest that a foraging Common Vampire Bat returns to a general area where it has found prey before. Having reached its foraging area, the bat must find and select a victim. The fine details of its search and selection behavior remain unknown. However, the inferior

coliculus, part of the bat's brain that processes sound, is specialized for detecting the regular breathing sounds of a sleeping animal such as a cow. The bat lands on the ground near its intended victim and approaches on foot. Among bats, Common Vampires are the most agile on the ground, hopping about like ballet dancers. There is a heat (infrared) sensor on the nose-leaf of Common Vampire Bats, permitting them to locate an area where the blood flows close to the skin. If there is fur on the skin, the Common Vampire Bat uses its canine and cheek teeth like a barber's shears to clip away the hairs. The bat's razor-sharp upper incisor teeth lack enamel, making it easier to keep them razor sharp, and are used to make a quick cut, leaving a wound approximately 5 mm deep and 5 mm in diameter without cutting arteries or veins. If you made a wound this size on your body, it would produce about one drop of blood or less than a gram. The bat then begins to use its tongue in the wound as well as its saliva. The action of



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the tongue keeps blood flowing, while grooves on the underside of the tongue draw blood toward the bat's mouth.

Meanwhile, the saliva has at least three active ingredients that promote bleeding.

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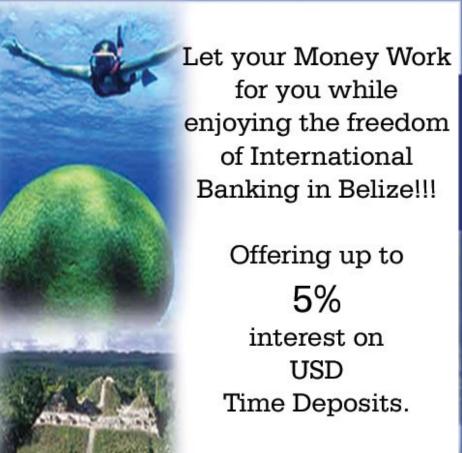
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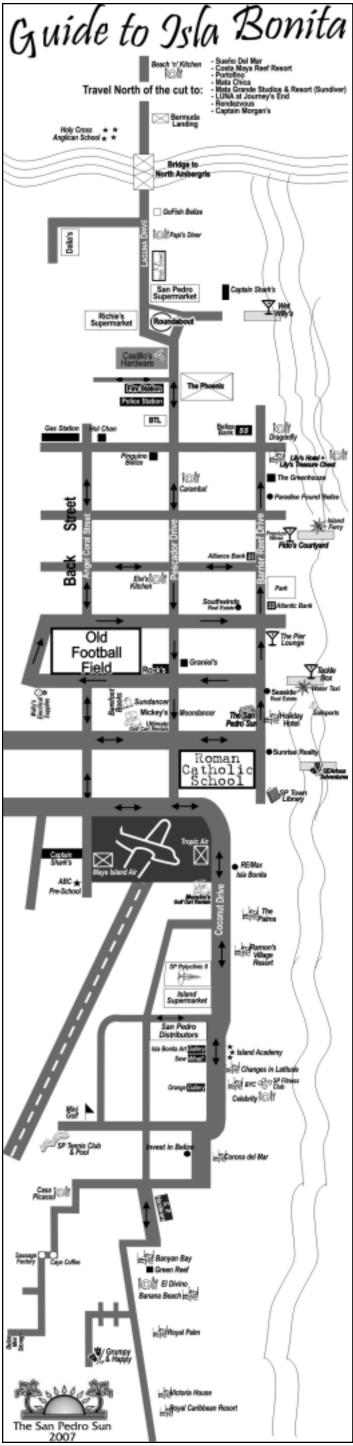
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Belize City, Monday, October 8th, 2007 -Belize is the featured destination of the month of October on the popular dive website, www.scubadiving.com. As a featured destination, Belize is receiving great awareness as a dive destination with a large group of professional divers seeking their next best dive and vacation spot.

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As Destination of the Month, Belize receives homepage coverage with a link to a Belize suite page highlighting the country's many natural attractions and vacation options. Visitors to the page also have the opportunity to win a grand prize package to Belize, courtesy of the Belize private sector. As a branded dive site, Scubadiving.com attracts predominantly dive enthusiasts. Next month, the BTB and the private sector will have a physical presence at the Dive Equipment Marketing Association (DEMA) show to promote Belize as a premier destination. As a jumpstart, the featured destination of the month also provides viewers with special Belize packages, making it easier to book Belize.

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"On-line coverage of Belize in specialized markets such as diving contin-



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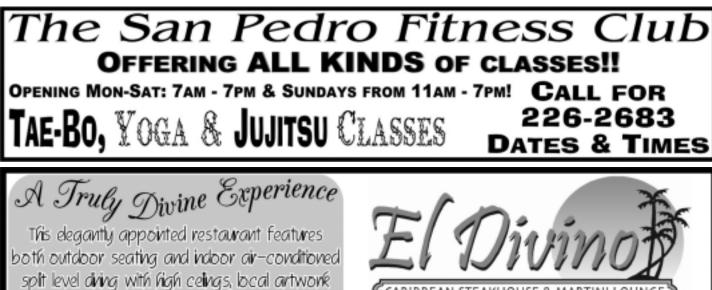
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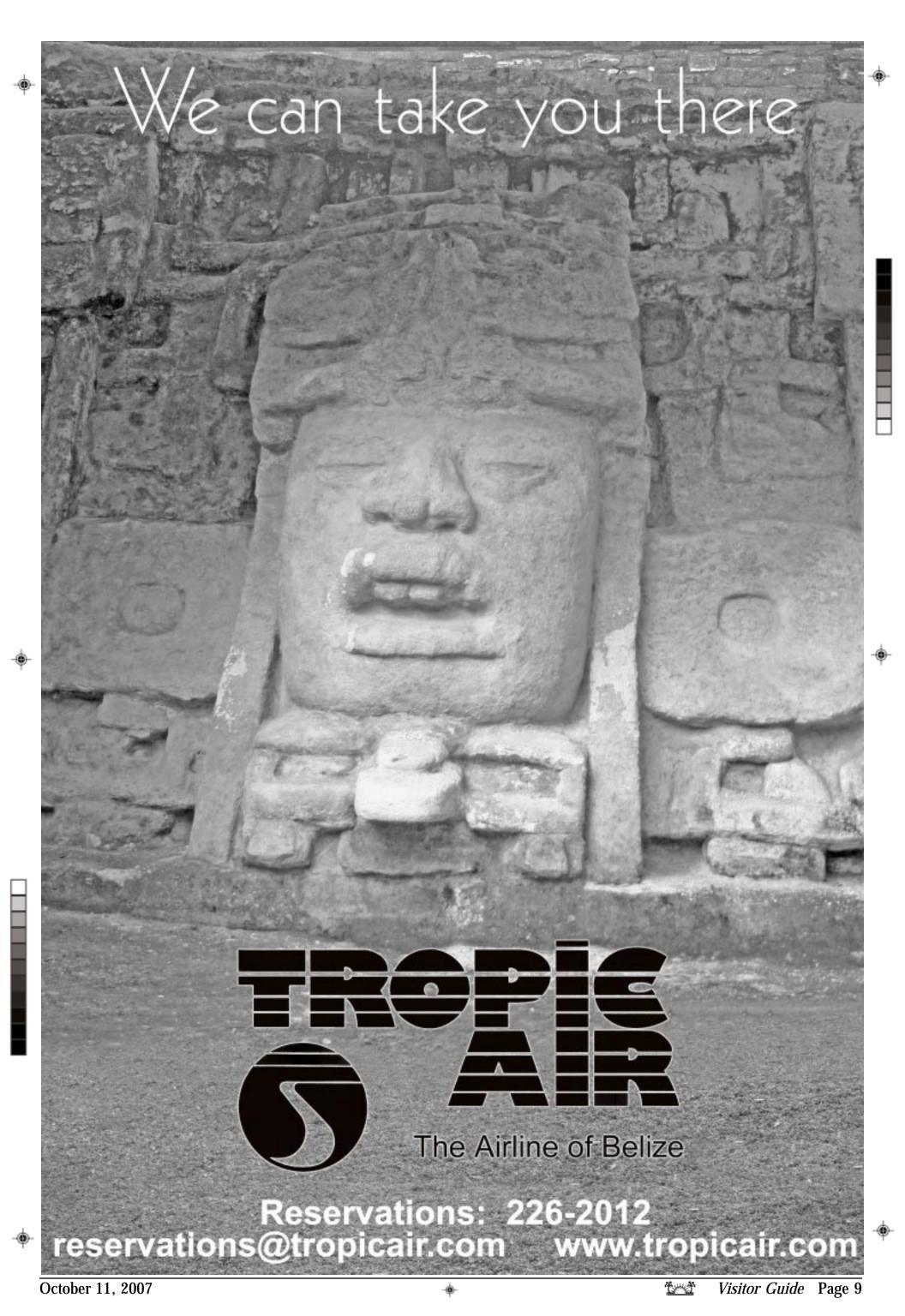
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Lizard Tales: The Male Sisimite

Let me tell you about the Sisimite. I haven't seen it but I sure have heard a lot about it. It looks like a gorilla, big and very hairy. I remember one time when four men went out into the bush. It was right here [in Belize] along the Guatemalan border. They knew it was a dangerous place, so they took plenty of guns. On the first night they made camp and went to sleep. Sometime between midnight and one o'clock they were awakened by a rustling sound in the bush. What they saw looked like a man covered with hair from head to

foot. It was the guardian of the forest, the one they call the Sisimite. Without saying a word (they say it cannot speak), it went straight to one of the men, grabbed him and tore him to pieces. What a horrible animal! The other three grabbed their shotguns and shot the creature, but it didn't hurt him because his hair was so thick that the bullets couldn't penetrate it.

Then, one of the men got an idea. He exclaimed, "The only thing that will work against this animal is fire!" So they found some dried palm leaves,

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One is an anticoagulant that counters the clotting defenses. A second keeps red blood cells from sticking together and a third inhibits the constriction of veins near the wound. It may take the bat about 20 minutes to take its fill, it is then time to take off and return to its roost.

Each vampire bat, whatever the species, needs about two tablespoonful of blood every day. This represents about 60% of the bat's body weight, or 20 g of blood. It appears that vampire bats are "one stop shoppers," feeding on one victim each night. Getting 20 g of blood from a wound that normally produces just one

drop is a specialized business. One stop shopping for vampire bats will only work with large prey, and the availability of large prey and the difficulty of obtaining large amounts of blood which probably explains why vampire bats are no bigger than 40 g.

Vampire bats are among the most fascinating of mammals, although we know relatively little about the details of their lives. Whether you consider their anatomical or physiological specializations or their amazing social structure, the vampires are among the most exciting of bats.



made a pile with them, and set them on fire. When the Sisimite saw the fire, he took off running with the dead man firmly in his grip.

The three survivors went to town to file a report with the authorities. The chief of police asked them, "Well, what happened?"

One of the men answered, "It was a horrible animal, the one they call Sisimite. It killed our friend and took his body into the forest."

So, they gathered up a large group of men to hunt it down. The trail of blood was easy to follow. It led them to a rocky area, and they saw where the Sisimite had entered the cave. The townspeople were so afraid that no one dared to go in after it. Instead, they threw several sticks of dynamite into the cave. The explosion was so strong that the entire hillside crumbled. They never found the dead man's body or that of the Sisimite, but from the force of the explosion, they were certain that it must have died. So you see, this creature really does exist.

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Wolfe's **Woofers** by **Dennis Wolfe** Smiling

Baby

"You know, your son is an excellent guitar player."

"Thanks, Buck," I said. "But, I have to cut this conversation off right now."

"Why? What's wrong?"

"Because Dennis Jr. told me to never write another thing about him in my column and I feel a story coming on. Now that he's over six feet tall, I have to take his requests seriously."

Buck comes down here about every six months and he was amazed at the ability of Dennis Jr. and Derrick, the bass player. We had just finished the jam session at BC's and Buck and I were talking as the band packed up the equipment.

"Dulce, have you met Buck?" I asked, as Dulce walked up. "He was just commenting on Dennis's guitar playing."

"He's really amazing," Buck said, "Plus, he is a very personable young man who smiles easily."

"That's because he was born smiling," Dulce told him.

"He was born smiling?"

"He certainly was. The doctor who delivered him in Chetumal, Mexico had never seen anything like it. He called in several other doctors from the hospital to witness it."

"That's amazing," Buck said.

"Not really," I told him. "He was just born with a great sense of humor."

"That's impossible," Buck said. "Newborn babies don't have a sense of humor."

"Dennisito certainly did," Dulce said.

"How do you know for sure?"

"The doctors checked to find out why he was smiling. Some claimed it was gas and other's said it was just coincidence. Then they noticed his fist was clenched. When they pried it open they found my IUD."



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Trivia Tidbits...

*The nose cleans, warms, and humidifies over 500 cubic feet of air every day.

*The number 4 is the only number, in the English language, that has the same number of letters in its name as its meaning.

*Insects consume 10 percent of the world's food supply every year.

*A large Caribbean parrot fish excretes a ton of sand a year. Using two oversized front teeth, it nibbles on seagrass and scrapes algae. Another set of teeth in its throat grinds up the coral it ingests.

*If there would be no greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, the average temperature on Earth would be 5 degrees Fahrenheit, instead of the present average of 57 degrees Fahrenheit.

*Breathing for most snakes is accomplished with one lung only. The left lung is either greatly reduced in size or missing completely.

Riddle Me This!!

What grows when it eats, but dies when it drinks? Answer Below



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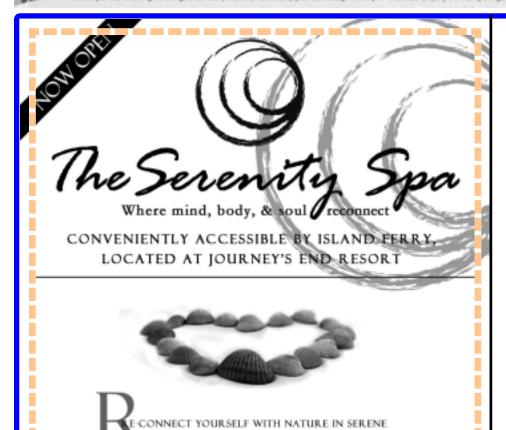
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