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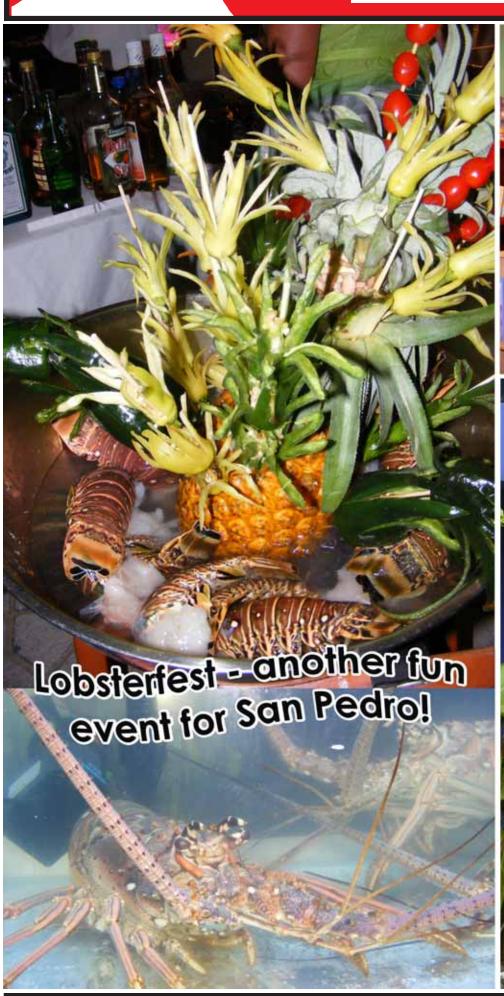
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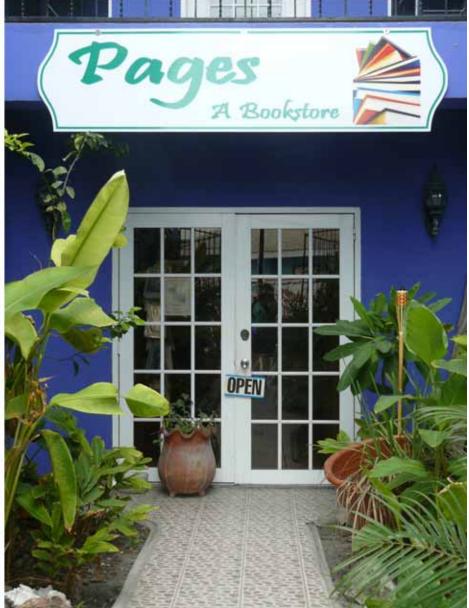
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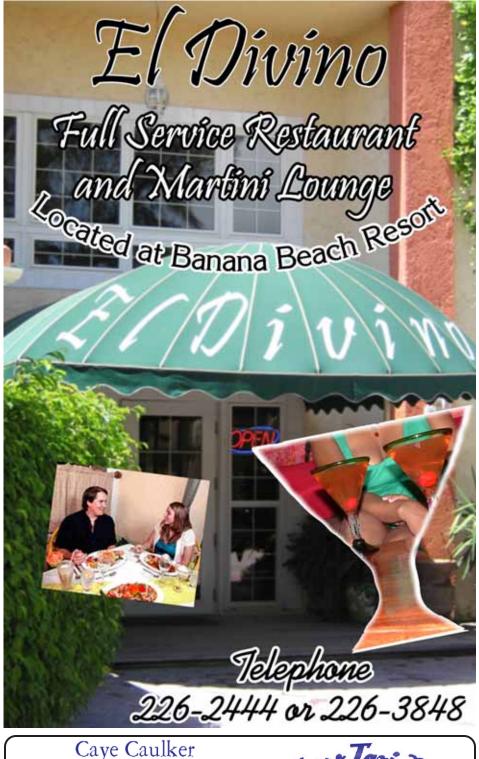
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### San Pedro Lobsterfest - more reason to visit La Isla Bonita!





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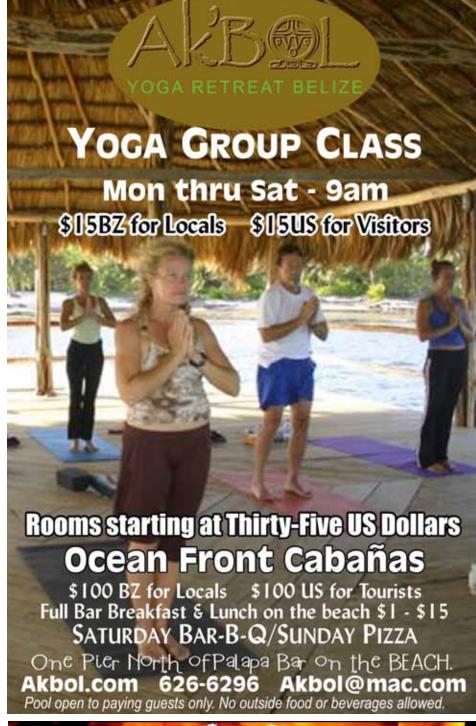
First started in 2007, it is clear that the annual San Pedro Lobster Fest is a solid event with local and visitor participation growing significantly each year. Held over a week, the festivities are a sure crowd pleaser and the affair stands to be a huge draw for tourism on the island each June. It is a great way for visitors to immerse themselves in the island cul-

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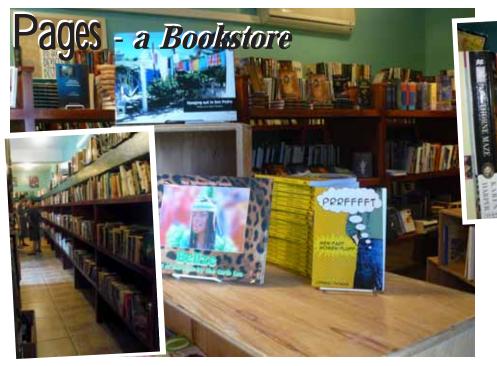
From Sunday through Saturday, the weekend was filled with fun Lobsterthemed activities. Lobster Mojitos, icecream, cheesecake, kabobs, pasta, stuffed jalapeños, tacos, grilled, stuffed

son celebrated at Fido's Courtyard and Fat Cats' music. On Tuesday Portofino held a special lobster beach BBQ and afternoon happy hour. Wednesday the party continued at Pedro's Inn for lobster pizza, Texas Hold'em Poker and music. Thursday night the Tackle Box rocked solid with DJ Debbie while serving lobster ceviche and lobster quesadillas. Friday night the party became a tad more sophisticated with a gourmet lobster menu at the Victoria House and live music with the Fat Cats and the big Lobster Festival Block Party at Central Park on Saturday night culminated the week's events.

Great food and great music was the perfect ingredient for an evening of socializing and enjoying the cultural diversity of San Pedro, and Saturday night was no exception. Dozens of local restaurants were on sight in elaborately decorated booths showcasing their lobster specialties and competing for winning status in the categories of best cocktail, best lobster appetizer, best lobster entrée, best dessert and best overall booth. Each participating restaurant brought to the table their own unique signature dishes that boasted culinary influences from all corners of the globe. It was also a great way for visitors to be introduced to the large variety of restaurants on the island while

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In all the hustle and bustle that can come with packing for a long awaited vacation your list of things to bring can be long (and even misplaced) at times! As you tick your way down your list the inventory might read, toothbrush? Check! Sunscreen? Check! Sunglasses? Sun hat? Check! Bikini's? Check! Bug spray? Check! Sexy little sundress? Check! Jewelry, make-up and accessories? Check! Lots of cash? Check! What more could a tropical vacation require? So off you go into the wild blue Caribbean ready for some quality time in the surf and sun. Once you have arrived to your destination and you are properly lathered and sprawled out on a fabulous beach chair with an umbrella'd cocktail in hand it occurs to you, something is missing...OMG, you forgot your BOOK! Now for some of us who consider a good book

Trivia Tidbits

\*The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

\*It's been estimated that an opera singer burns an average of more than 2 calories per minute during a performance.

\*Felix the Cat's girlfriend was named Phyllis.

\*Petroleum accounts for nearly half the world's energy supply.

\*Most roofs in the Washington, D.C. area are designed to withstand at least 15 to 20 pounds of snow per square foot.

\*One-fourth of the people who lose their sense of smell also lose their desire for sexual relations.

\*The official term for the pincerlike claw of a crab, lobster, or scorpion is a "chela."

\*India ink (sometimes called "Chinese ink") was not known until recently in either China or India.

\*Only about 1.6 percent of the water on Earth is fresh. Most of it is locked — unusable for living things in snow and the ice at the poles and on the peaks of the highest mountains.

an essential component to a perfect vacation this could only mean HOLI-DAY crisis!

But have no fear, because if you are fortunate enough to be vacationing in San Pedro your crisis will be The variety of books available gives something for everyone. The Belize section contains informative and humorous selections. Curl up on the couch and catch up on your reading on a rainy day.

short lived. Once you have visited Pages Bookstore you will find enough books to get you through those long hours in the sun and gosh forbid if it rains your day can still be a delicious one curled up with a good book while it pours monkeys and iguanas outside!

Pages is located in the Vilma Linda Plaza across from the RC School in the big purple building on

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sampling tasty crustacean creations and many took note of the ones they wanted to get to know better! With the air perfumed with grilling lobster and live music causing even the most stagnant foot to tap the evening was immensely enjoyed by all who attended.

Sunday brought the end to the activities with a beachfront lobster BBQ at Catamaran Beach Bar Caribbean Villas Resort. The crowd lamented on the end of a great week but eager anticipation for next year's San Pedro Lobster Fest was already brewing.

For folks planning a trip to San Pedro, June is a great time to come! For information on the San Pedro Lobster Fest 2010 please refer to the San Pedro Business Association website at <a href="http://sanpedrobusiness.com">http://sanpedrobusiness.com</a>.

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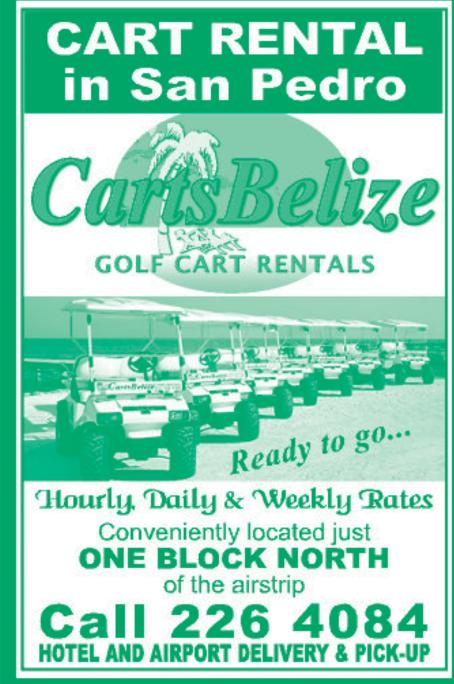
there is free Wi-Fi available if you feel compelled to use your laptop. The homey décor and relaxed ambience encourages a long and proper browse of the extensive shelves of inventory and the shop also serves as a galley that showcases the beautiful artwork of local artist Linda Mikulich. Not only does Pages stock top selling and new books but they also have a wide variety of Belize travel

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Language can link WORD OF 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 couple of words in Creole. and translate it to English, using the Creole/ English Dictionary released through the Kriol Council. Special thanks to Sylvana Woods for our copy of the dictionary. Enjoy!!! Where is customs?

Wehpaa kostomz deh?
There are gifts in this suitcase.
Gif deh eena dis bag ya.

### Daily Quip:

"We live in an age when pizza gets to your home before the police do."

- Jeff Marder

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### Wolfe's Woofers by Dennis Wolfe

### I Winned You

"How are you doing today, Dick?" I asked.

Dick Gentry pulled up a chair and sat at the table with me on the beach at BC's.

"It's going great," he said. "It's early for you to be sitting down. Is the band equipment for The Usual Suspects already set up?"

"We sure are. When Sherry and Maverick finish tuning we'll have about twenty minutes to sit and relax before we start the Sunday jam session. Mike already had the drums in place before we got here."

"Hey Alex," Dick called. "What are you up to today? Where are your buddies?"

Alex is one of the mob of boys that sell bracelets and jewelry on the beach. They range in age from about eight to twelve years old and are harder to avoid than condo salesmen. They are just as persistent, too.

"I'm waiting for my friends," Alex said, as he drew a line in the sand with his foot. "We are having a race from Holiday Hotel to BC's. I am the referee for the race."

Just then we heard a yell from the beach. In a cloud of beach sand and with much huffing and puffing three little boys came flying around the corner racing for all they were worth.

"I winned you! I winned you!" Pedro said, as he crossed the line first. "I am the fastest runner in the world."

"No you're not," Juan said. "My dad could win you. He is really fast. He can throw a ball to me and catch it before it even reaches me."

"My dad could win your dad," Pedro said. "When he goes hunting he can shoot a gun and be there before the bullet."

"See?" Dick said to me. "We men learn how to do this at an early age. The first liar never stands a chance."

"How about you, Jaime?" he asked. "Is your dad as fast as Juan and Pedro's dads are?"

"My dad could win both of them," Jaime said. "They don't even know anything about fast."

"How is that?"

Jaime said, "My dad works for the government. He stops working at five o'clock and he is already home by three thirty."





### Riddle Me This:

Q. If two's company, and three's a crowd, what are four and five?

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**7-11** - For all your grocery needs. Located at the corner of Swan and Tropical Wave Street, 7-11 is newly remodeled to better suit your shopping needs. Call 226-3300 or come by and shop in comfort!

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BELIZEAN MELODY ART GALLERY at Exotic Caye Beach Resort.

### Party...Party...Party!!!

**THE HOLIDAY HOTEL** - Every Wednesday, live music and a fabulous Beach Barbeque 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Barrier Reef Dr. 226-2014.

**FIDO'S RESTAURANT & BAR** - Fun & food on the beach. Live music nightly, island drink specials, new shot menu with over twenty selections!

**BC'S BEACH BAR** - Serving food all day. Live music every day. Famous Sunday BBQ and Jam Session starting at noon. We do catering. On the beach between the SunBreeze Hotel and Ramon's Village. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**LA PLAYA LOUNGE** - Casually elegant beachfront bar. Enjoy great drinks, snacks and lounge while listening to great music. Watch beach volleyball, enjoy weekend pig roasts and more. On the beach by SP Belize Express dock.

conut Drive. Phone 226-2071.

MICKEY'S PLACE - Open daily 6:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. for breakfast, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for lunch and 6 - 10 p.m. for dinner. Burritos on Wednesdays. Pescador Drive. Call 226-2223.

BLUE WATER GRILL – Island cuisine with a twist! Wood-fired Oven Pizzas, Sushi & more! Open daily. Happy Hour 4 to 6 p.m. 226-3347.

EL DIVINO RESTAURANT at BANANA BEACH - Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 a.m - 10 p.m. Book your party or banquet today! Phone 226-2444.

RENDEZVOUS RESTAURANT AND BAR - The most romantic spot in town featuring award winning chefs. Thai and French cuisine blended to make paradise taste like heaven, or so our customers say. Free Rendezvous Wine tasting from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fermented, blended and bottled here on the property. Open for lunch and dinner. Call 226 3426 for reservations and transport options.

BEAN RESTAURANT/SHADE BAR- @Ak'bol Resort- full serviceawesome bartender! Local food @ Local prices on the beach \$1-\$15BZ + unique specials+ desserts daily. Interesting pizzas \$25BZ+ up. Saturday Beach BBQ. One pier North of Palapa Bar.

CASA PICASSO TAPAS + MARTINIS - Small plates, big pastas and fantastic desserts! "Hippest martini spot"-*Frommer's.* Nightly 5:30pm, closed Sundays. reservations 206-2272.

RICO'S SURFSIDE RESTAU-RANT – A truly unique dining experience on the beach at Banyan Bay. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Phone 226-3739 ext. 135.

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PORTOFINO RESTAURANT AND GREEN PARROT BEACH BAR - Meet our boat at 6:30 p.m. at Fido's Dock for a complimentary ride to one of the best culinary experiences you will have while in paradise. For reservations, call 220-5096.

BC'S BEACH BAR & GRILL - On the beach between Sunbreeze & Ramon's, BC's is open every day from 8am - midnight. Live music Thursday and Sunday Jam Session. SUNDAY BBQ from Midday. 226-3286; bcbar@btl.net. Burritos and nachos every day.

PALAPA BAR AND GRILL - The Coolest Place, North of Bridge. Drink & Dine out over the Caribbean waters with cool breezes and no mosquitoes. Specialty is a BBQ, Slow Smoked, Pork Sandwich and Fresh Caught Fish Tacos. Open 7 days, Happy Hour Drinks from 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Telephone: 226-3111.

NAUTICA SEAFOOD GRILL & BAR - Fine dining on an intimate balcony overlooking the water. Fresh seafood, island flavors, pasta, grilled specials. Upstairs inside Fido's.

HUMMINGBIRD CAFÉ - serving a wide variety of healthy, homemade wraps, salads, specialty meals, gourmet coffee drinks and desserts. Dine in air conditioned comfort. Located at the Vilma Linda Plaza, open Mon. through Sat. 8am-5pm, 226-2754.

HIDDEN TREASURE - Discover great food in an enchanting setting! Featuring Latin American and Caribbean Cuisine, and the Island's Best Martinis & Mojitos! Open for Lunch and Dinner. For Reservations, please call 226-4111.



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