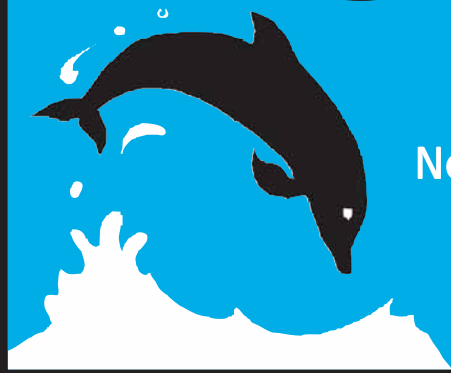


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# Woman on the Beach at tropic air

By: Harriette Fisher

Watch for Harriette walking the beach with her camera. What question will she ask you?



## Question:

*What here should never change? What needs to be changed Now?*



*CRAIG GRANDISON from Springfield, Massachusetts is a retired plastics engineer who lives at the Maya House in the Tres Cocos area. He hopes the island never turns into "Crazy resort like Cancun" and that property taxes need to be changed now.*



*MARY LEE, from Toronto, Canada stayed at the Victoria House and has been here five times. She is a banker and wants to see the relaxed atmosphere retained and the road north extended.*



*BILL SNIFFIN from Lander, Wyoming is a journalist/writer and was here for only three days, staying with his brother (our illustrious editor) in the San Pablo area. He thinks the public ownership of the beaches must be saved and would like the roads to be improved. He will be back soon.*



*JERRY WILLIAMS a pilot for Tropic Air lives in Punta Gorda and stays with his sister in the San Pedrito area when he has a layover on the island. He would like to keep the beaches nice and see the roads improved.*



*CHERYL & GEOFF MARSH from St. Louis, Missouri & grandson NICK from Chicago stayed at their time share at Reef Village on this their 3<sup>rd</sup> visit to the island. He is a retired VP in Human Resources and she is retired. What should never change is the reef, the whole character of the place; genuine people. They would like to see more opportunities for all and free schools.*

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By Bill Sniffin

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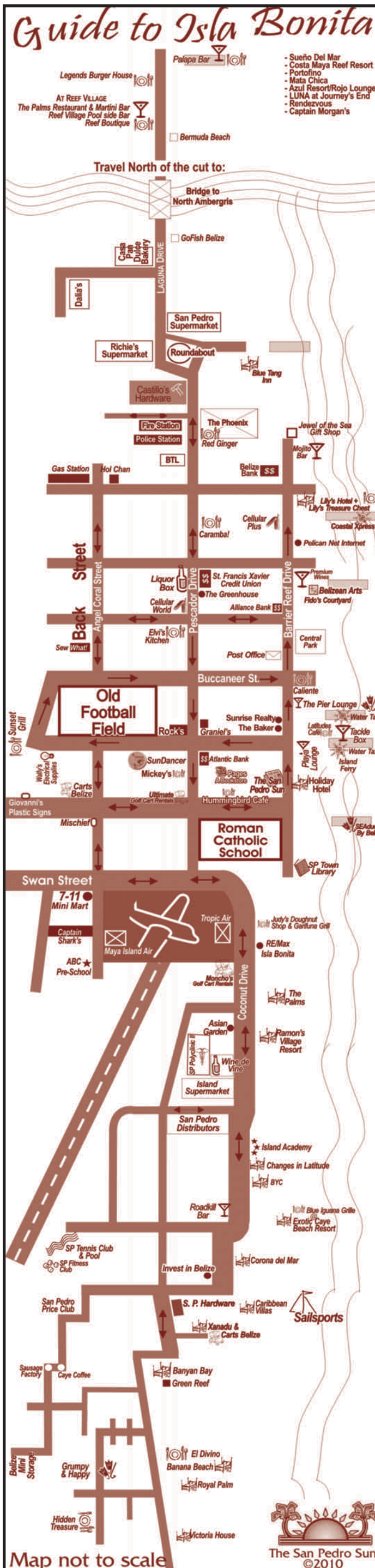
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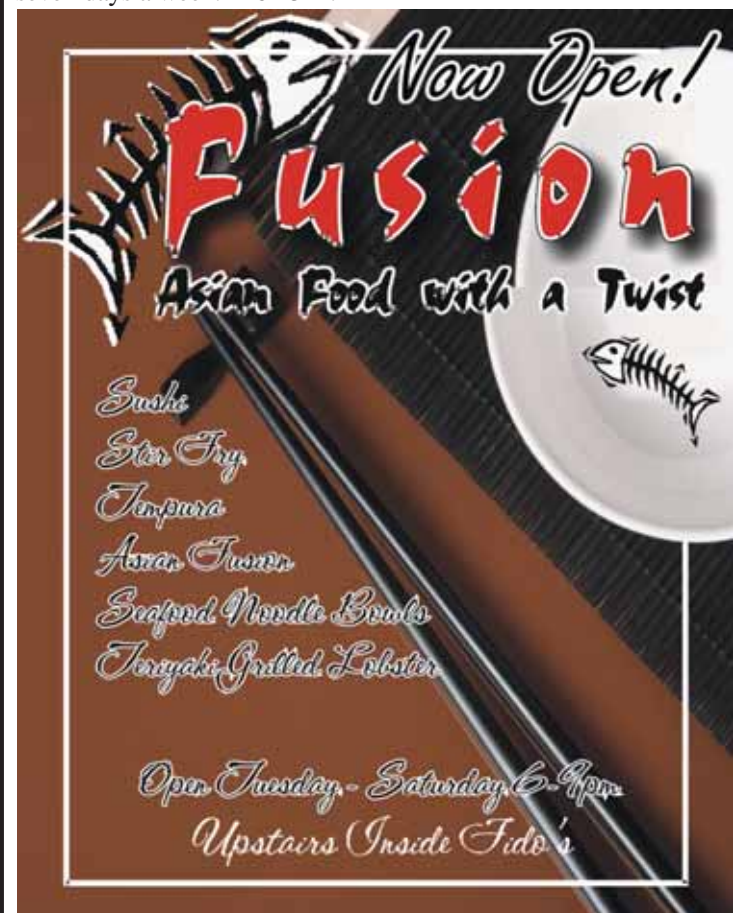
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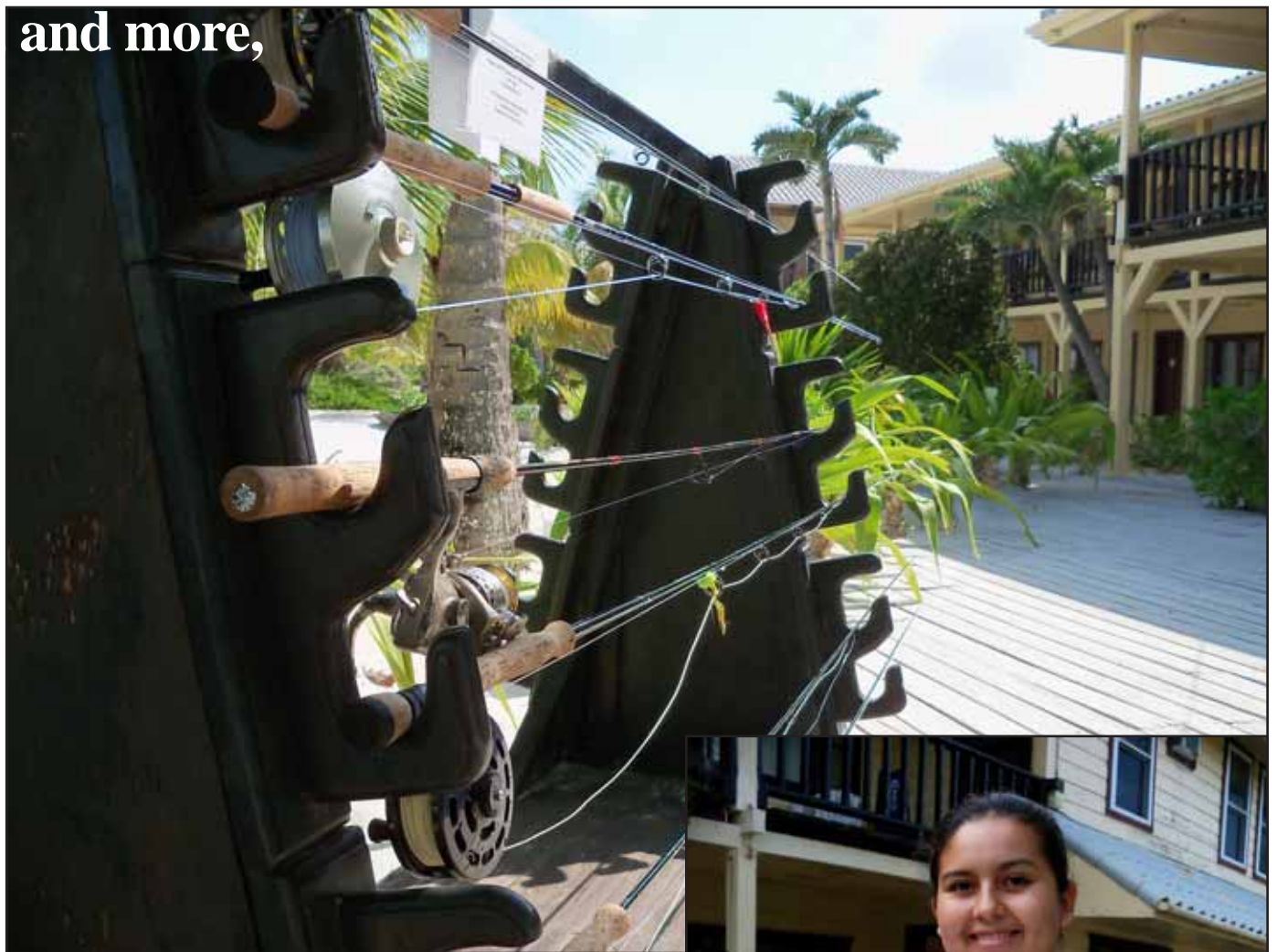
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Chris Spiro calls Lori-Ann "one of the top anglers in the world," and "we are thrilled to have her here helping our guests."

Although the resort formerly limited their fishing guiding to guests staying on the property, El Pescador is now offering fishing trips to anyone who wants to utilize their world-class guides. "We had the capacity to offer this wonderful service, so we thought we would make it available," she said. Visitors to Belize who want to experience one of their fishing trips just need to call them or email them, she said. Visitors to their resort typically will spend a week to ten days, although they have some folks from places like Texas who will come for a long weekend.

Chris and her husband Steve, who serves as president of the resort, came to Belize through difficult circumstances. Both were professionals in New York City (she was a marketing manager for Bloomingdales) when their adventuresome son Logan and daughter Ali

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She calls life on the island "is like living in this wonderful small town, only with better view!" Chris further explains: "We want to ensure that guests who come here for their holidays are not strangers. Our family lives and works here and we, along with our local Belizean staff, welcome you into our El Pescador family."

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The lodge owner is Chris' daughter Alissa Gentry Flota, who adds: "It is truly an honor to be part of a country that puts its natural resources and the environment at the forefront, as well as recognizes the importance of protecting Mother Nature to ensure our livelihood for future generations."

The resort is located two miles north of San Pedro and most visitors arrive by boat. They have full accommodations and offer a slew of other activities. Besides fishing, they have wonderful swimming pools on site, plus they offer incredible diving expeditions. Alonzo Flota, married to Alissa, runs all the diving at El Pescador with his company "Under Da Sea". Find out more at [www.elpescador.com](http://www.elpescador.com).



Lori-Ann Murphy, Director of Fishing and Guest Relations for El Pescador Resort, tries to greet all their guests as they return from their guided fishing tours. She also provides fly-casting lessons for their guests from the dock at El Pescador.



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## Trivia Tidbits

- \* The handkerchief had been used by the Romans, who ordinarily wore two handkerchiefs: one on the left wrist and one tucked in at the waist or around the neck.
- \* Four-wheel roller skates were invented by James L. Plimpton in 1863.
- \* The term "Ivy League" wasn't coined by the colleges involved, but by the sports pages of the *New York Herald Tribune* in the 1930s.
- \* When visiting Japan, it is important to know that it is considered polite to initially refuse someone's offer of help. The Japanese may also initially refuse your offer, even if they really want or need it. Traditionally, an offer is made three times.
- \* The word "bookkeeper" is the only word in the English language with three, back-to-back double letter combinations.
- \* Up to the age of six or seven months, a child can breathe and swallow at the same time. An adult cannot do this.
- \* The BRAT diet is a diet of bananas, rice, applesauce, and toast. The diet is often prescribed for infants with diarrhea.
- \* In Kentucky, it is against the law to throw eggs at a public speaker.

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## Wolfe's Woofers by Dennis Wolfe

### Religious Differences

"Hi, Grandpa," Davin called.

He walked up on the deck of the Holiday Hotel where I was having a mid-morning cup of coffee and reading my book.

"Hey, boy," I said. "Give your old grandpa a hug."

After he reluctantly hugged me, I nodded at the little girl with him and said, "Who is this?"

"This is my friend, Amy," he said. "She's going to church with me on Sunday for Easter so she can see the Easter Bunny."

"No, she's not," Melody said, as she walked up. "Amy is going to her church first. After church her mom will meet us and then we will go hunt for Easter eggs together."

"Why can't she go to my church?" Davin asked. "It's a nice church."

"Amy goes to the Baptist church and you go to the Catholic church."

"Mom, what's the difference between a Baptist and a Catholic?" Davin asked.

"I'm not about to try to explain that," Melody said to me. "Listen, do me a favor and watch the kids while I go to the town board."

"I don't know if I'm up to watching two five year-olds," I said. "How long will you be gone?"

"Not more than half an hour."

"Mom, can we go swimming while you're gone?"

"You and Amy don't have bathing suits," she said. "I don't want you getting your clothes wet."

Twenty minutes later, I looked up from my book and noticed a pile of clothes lying next to the deck. Davin and Amy were splashing in the water stark naked.

"Davin! Amy!" I yelled. "Get up here and get your clothes on right now. Your mom said no swimming."

"No," Davin said. "She said don't get our clothes wet and we didn't."

It is hard to argue with that kind of logic. Davin looked at Amy, who was busy gathering up her clothes.

"Grandpa," he said, eyeing her. "Mom was right. There sure is a lot of difference between Baptists and Catholics."



## Riddle Me This:

Q. What number comes next in this sequence?!

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- ❖ **Habaneros area** – 2<sup>nd</sup> row \$85,000 3<sup>rd</sup> row \$45,000 multiple lots available.

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Answer: 89 - Double the previous number, then add 1,2,3,4, and 5 respectively.

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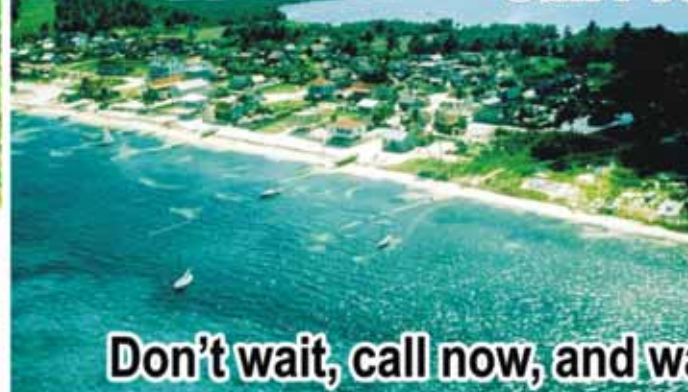
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