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Greetings to my visiting friends

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

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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.

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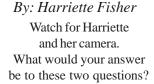


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Woman on the Beach at the Lazy croc

Question: What here should never change? What needs to be changed Now?







CHERI FLETCHER is the owner (chief, cook & bottle washer) of the Lazy Crock Restaurant in the Buena Vista area where she lives. She came here from Orlando, Florida in 2000 and thinks the natural beauty of the island is what needs to be saves. What needs changes if the bridge toll removed or use the money to fix the road.

HEATHER TOONEN-DOTSON and her sister SARAH TOONEN stayed at Paradise Villas and were here for their brother's wedding. Heather lives in Los Angeles and is

an actress & photographer. What should never changes is "The heart

of the island which is the charm of the people." She thinks the island is too built up "Keep it Simple."

Sarah is a Dentist in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and hopes the Chicken Drop never goes away. "I used to feel safe here but now I need a heightened sense of awareness.



SCOTT WALLACE from Palm Beach, Florida is the Hotel Operations manager where he is staying at Coco Beach Resort. "The charm of San Pedro should never change and we need to save the lagoon and get rid of the plastic" were his responses to the questions.

VANESSA GARCIA is a waitress and assistant

manager at the Lazy Crock and came here in 2002 from Punta Gorda and lives in the San Pablo area. To the question of what should never change she said "The natural beauty." However the roads need fixed now.



DAN KUKA from Kenora, Ontario, Canada is an aircraft engineer and has been coming here since 1997. He has a place in town core. He was quick to answer "The Mangroves" what should never change. "The level of corruption" was his response to what needs changed now.



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It's a Crustacean Celebration! Lobster Fests 2010

Ode to the Lobster

By: Lydia Langston

I look into your eyes so shiny and black And can't wait to hold you near The smell of the sea breeze lingers long As a campfire I prepare.

Water is bubbling like the champagne we drink

Another season done A celebration we prepare As more join in the fun

You slip into the water so perfectly warm

And I wait for your reply Shiny and succulent I reach for you A tear touches my eye.

The time is right, the butter drawn
Fresh lemon to my satisfaction
My final lobster of the year
Is absolute pure perfection

June 15th is the official start to *Lobster Season* – let the rejoicing begin!! Lobster lovers all over have free reign to indulge in the tasty creations of restaurants, delis and home cooks with the tasty crustacean as the star. True lobster lovers can show up early in the morning to watch as lobster fishermen bring in their first haul of the season – catch a glimpse of the spiny creatures fresh out of the water, before they land red and glistening with butter and spices on your plate. So beloved is this seafood, there's even a festival in its honor. And not just in one place, but three!! The original festival began in Caye Caulker, and then Placencia followed. Not to be outdone, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye also stepped up with a weeklong celebration of this gastronomical delight, and now we have San Pedro's Lobster Fest as well.

This year's celebrations begin in San Pedro on June 14th, with the official "Meat and Greet". Being that lobster season doesn't officially open until the 15th, El Divino hosts a delightful dinner and drinks party. This year will feature live music by Banda Cubana, and El Divino's brand new Tapas menu will be debuting to the foodies in attendance. June 15th means lobster, lobster and more lobster, and Fido's is the place to be to enjoy this celebrated crusta-



cean. This year promises to be a Carnival-style party, with fabulous beach games and even a "Grill your own lobster" Beach BBQ!! The official Lobsterfest weigh-in will take place on the beach, and will be followed by a night of dance and music.

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*The city of San Juan used to be known as Puerto Rico (which means "rich port" in Spanish), while the island of Puerto Rico was originally named San Juan.

*Pigs, dogs, and some other animals can taste water, but people cannot. Humans don't actually taste the water, they taste the chemicals and impurities in the water.

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will involve a variety of planned activities that include a Lobsterfest pub crawl (starting at Lime and ending at Wet Willy's), All-you-can-eat Lobster Pizza at Pedro's Pizza, and dinner at Captain Morgan's Retreat.

Saturday will be jam packed for the Arts & Culture Festival. From 11am through 3pm, San Pedro's Central Park will feature local arts, live music and cultural exhibits that showcase the rich culture of San Pedro and Belize to all those who swing by. After priming with culture and art, the party swings into serious motion with the grand Town Block Party. Food booths, food and drink competitions, the Lobsterfest King and Queen contest, and live performance by Belize's own Supa G – can you afford to miss this?? San Pedro's Lobsterfest 2010 will also be hosting two very special celebrity guests, Joey Stevens and Bob the Parrot of One Caribbean Weather/WSEE TV. Joey, Bob and crew will be filming the festival from start to finish, so it's a can'tmiss opportunity to see "HOT HOT HOT" in action!!









Cave Caulker and Placencia

The weekend of June 25th will be hopping in both Caye Caulker and Placencia as the celebration continues over the lobster. Grills will be lining streets, music will be blaring, and drinks will cool as Lobsterfest continues in both La Isla Cariñosa and at the pretty peninsula, Placencia!

Already, Caye Caulker festival organizers have held their grand gala presenting their pageant contestants. While San Pedro's "king and queen" is informal and open to anyone wishing to participate, Caye Caulker hosts an elegant pageant full of pomp and circumstance, with special guest hosts and entertainers. This year, hosts include popular media personalities William Neal (Channel 5) and the beautiful Indira Craig (Channel 7). Friday June 25th will be the pageant itself, and one of the five beautiful ladies vying for the prestigious title of Miss Caye Caulker Lobsterfest 2010 will be crowned. The reigning queen, Miss Lexee Marin, will be present to crown and sash her successor.

The following day includes the opening ceremonies and then it's off

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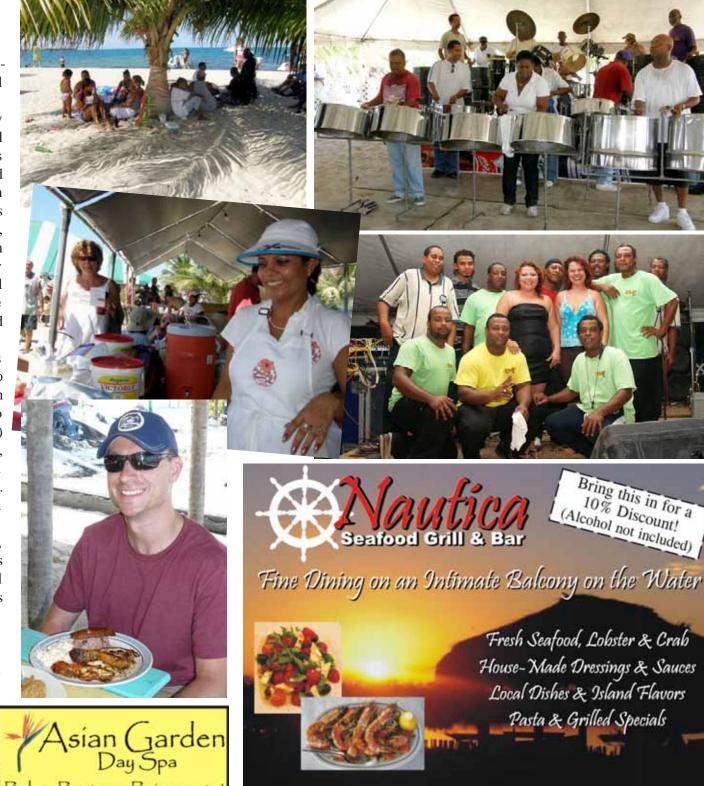
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to celebrate the lobster the best way possible: grilled, stewed, curried, fried and maybe even in soup!

That same weekend, but in a completely different part of the country, Placencia will be celebrating that delicious crustacean as well. Placencia's Lobsterfest is always held on the last full weekend of June, and so on June 25th through the 27th, Placencia comes alive with great music by DJ Brown Sugar, Entourage Movements, Karl Lovell, Gram Berry, All Star Steel Band and the mighty Gilharry 7!! People can enjoy a wonderful weekend of sun, sand, sea and fun on the beach with fabulous lobster dishes prepared by the local businesses and cooks.

The 12th annual Placencia Fishermen's Day Saltwater Fishing Tournament will also be taking place on Saturday and Sunday, with nearly \$10,000 in prizes!! Also, be sure to participate in the BTIA (Placencia chapter) raffle. This raffle is the largest in the country, and there are over 70 prizes up for grabs. Win great getaways, chartered sails and more. Don't forget to also participate in the fun games organizers have prepared for the weekend. Tug-o-war, rubber ducky races, tipsy tuna toss, beach volleyball – all games one can join in on – that is, if you can peel yourself away from the beach or grills!! It's a fabulous weekend in the works, and Placencia welcomes you with open arms! Don't miss it!!

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"Well, I'm heading to work," I said. "I'll see you down there."

Dulce and Davin came in while The Usual Suspects and I were playing the first set of the Sunday jam session. They took a seat at Dick Gentry's table.

"How is my sweet boy today?" I asked Davin, when I went on break.

"Hi, Grandpa," he said. "Look at how many cherries I had."

He pointed to a pile of cherry stems and counted, "One, two, three, four, five. I had five cherries."

"Boy, you're pretty smart," Dick said. "How old are you?"

"I'm going to be five on my next birthday."

"He'll be graduating from ABC pre-school next week," I said. "Next year he goes to the big school. Oh, by the way, Dulce, John gave me some books to send to James over in Cayo."

I slid three books across the table to her. John had given me Void Moon by Michael Connelly and two books by Dick Francis; Hot Money and Straight.

"I know what that says," Davin said, pointing to one of the books by Dick Francis. "It says straight."

"Wow!" I said. "That pre-school is really teaching these kids a lot."

"Grandma taught me that," Davin said. "I didn't learn that at school. Grandma teaches me a lot of things."

"Davin, I'm glad you can spell straight," I said, "but do you know what it means?"

"Sure," he said. "Grandma taught me. Straight means it beats three of a



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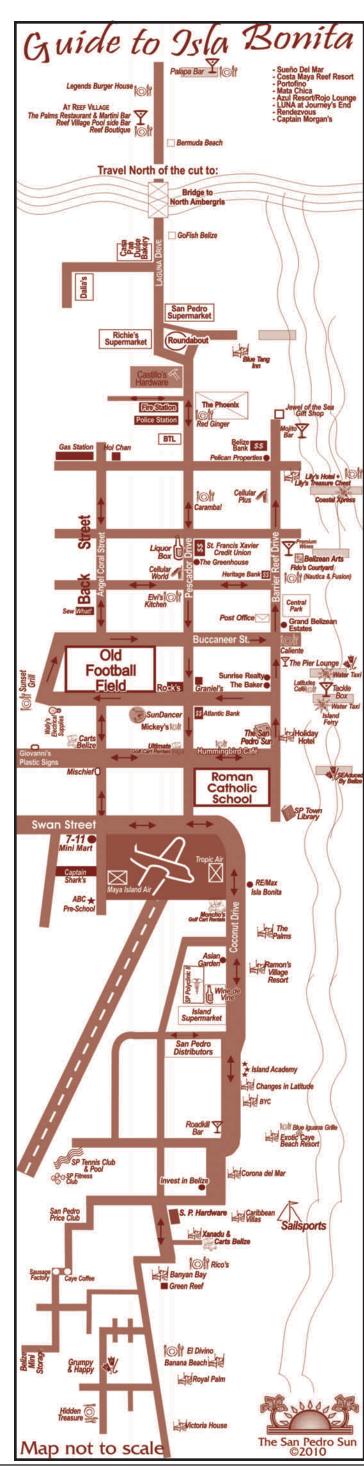
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MICKEY'S PLACE - Open daily 6:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. for breakfast, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for lunch and 6 - 10 p.m. for dinner. Burritos on Wednesdays. Pescador Drive. Call 226-2223. BLUE WATER GRILL – Island cuisine with a twist! Wood-fired Oven Pizzas, 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.

BEAN RESTAURANT/SHADE BAR- @Ak'bol Resort- full service-awesome 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 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.

LILY'S TREASURE CHEST-Serving beachside breakfast, lunch & dinner. A true island dining experience. Get fresh seafood daily! Beachside at Lily's Hotel. 226-2650.

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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SAN PEDRO FITNESS CLUB – A/C Gym, Fully-equipped. Open to the public. Tennis Courts, Lap and Family pools, Aqua Fitness and Toning Classes. Open 7am-8pm Monday - Friday, 7am-5pm Saturday, 11am-5pm Sundays. 226-4749. sanpedrofitnessclub@gmail.com

THE GREENHOUSE - Fresh Produce & Seafood. Belizean and imported speciality. Fresh herbs, cold cuts, chilled goods, plus an exciting selection of groceries. A/C local on Pescador Dr, next to St. Francis Xavier Credit Union. 226-2084.

CAYE INTERNATIONAL BANK - Offering Demand Deposit Accounts, Loans, Savings Accounts, etc. cibl@btl.net or phone 226-2388.

PROVIDENT BANK & TRUST - Offering a full range of International Banking Services. phone 223-5698 services@providentbank.bz

PAGES, A BOOK STORE – carrying new and used books. We also trade gently used books. Located at the Vilma Linda Plaza, open Mon. through Sat. 8am-5pm, 206-2254.

SUNDANCER - Unique boutique featuring quality clothing, jewelry and great gift items for men. Phone: 226-2948.

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Open to All: *Beginners Welcome* Mats Available.

Mon thru Sat 9-10am gentle morning flow, Tu &Th 3:30-5pm asana+ meditation,

Sunday 1pm Kids Yoga + Pizza Day Private sessions/Group Classes available.

226-2073, 607-7305, 626-6296

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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!



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