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No, it is not a man-made fiber nor a new acrylic paint but the first Toledo Tourism Expo planned for Saturday 10 November 2007 and timed to coincide with World Responsible Tourism Day on Wednesday 14 November. WRTD is being promoted by the organizers of the World Travel Mart exhibition which takes place in London in November each year.

Here is how it is described on the World Travel Mart web site. "WTM World Responsible Tourism Day supported by the UNWTO is the first opportunity for travel and tourism to become one powerful and unifying force. A chance to make a real difference that will keep our beaches clean, preserve our stunning scenery, save wildlife and glory in our historic buildings and precious heritage.

There is a responsibility too to help local people wherever they might be, provide them with shelter, jobs, clean water, food and education. Protect them from exploitation, corruption and deceit.

Making the difference personally and corporately is what WTM's World Responsible Tourism Day (WTM WRTD) is all about."

So what is responsible tourism? In 2002, 280 representatives from all sectors of tourism from 20 countries attended the Cape Town Conference on Responsible Tourism in South Africa. They agreed in a declaration that responsible tourism:

1. minimizes negative economic, environmental and social impacts

2. generates greater economic benefits for local people and enhances the well being of host communities; improves working conditions and access to the industry

3. involves local people in decisions that affect their lives and life chances

4. makes positive contributions to the conservation of natural and cultural heritage embracing diversity

5. provides more enjoyable experiences for tourists through more meaningful connections with local people, and a greater understanding of local cultural, social and environmental issues

6. provides access for physically challenged people

7. is culturally sensitive, encourages respect between tourists and hosts, and builds local pride and confidence

We do all or most of these things here in Toledo and TOLTEX is our attempt to showcase these for the first time. It brings together the work of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and tourism related businesses including hotels, restaurants, tour operators and guides and will demonstrate how they all complement each other. Small community based organizations make honey, jam and wooden picture frames. Local crafts people make carvings from calabashes, bowls from rosewood, baskets and other articles from jippi jappa and

woolen cuxtals all of which find their way into gift shops in Toledo and around Belize. The Aguacaliente Management Team is leading a gibbon ranching project which generates economic benefits and contributes to conservation. Hotels offer tours that enhance guests' appreciation of the natural world inland and under water and brings them into contact with local people and culture.

We will be bringing it all together at the party in the park on 10 November. See you all there!

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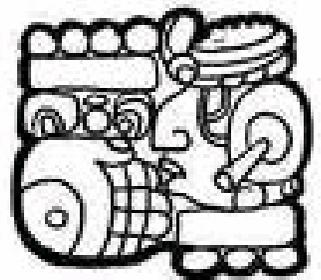
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MUSIC FROM THE ROOTS

Martha Weatherburn

Miss Martha Weatherburn is a singer and songwriter who was born and raised in Cattle Landing, Belize, a village about 2 miles from Punta Gorda. "When I sing, I feel the sea, the people, nature, life. I stand in my yard and look at the sea, and I get inspired to write music and poetry", says Miss Martha.

Martha was born in 1939, and still lives on the same property where she was born. Her yard overlooking the Caribbean Sea is filled with flowers, her house is filled with family pictures and local art, and her voice is filled with a sweet power. On the day that we chatted, the afternoon sun slanted through the bead curtains in her kitchen doorway, and she sang and talked to me of her life and music.

"I have been singing since I was 12 years old. My parents sang, and my father played the accordion with his band at local dances in PG."

One of her first performances was at the Belize City September Celebrations. She has



received awards in both Belize and abroad, including the EGF Belize Celebrations award, and a certificate from Inglewood, California, where she performed at the September Celebrations. She lived in the US for 25 years, where she was a nurse. She performed there at parties, old folks homes, and Belizean celebrations in her community. The songs Martha sings are in Spanish, English and Kriol, and her music runs the gamut from classical boleros to brukdown, soca

and reggae. She writes many of her songs herself, but also performs old folklores and traditional songs.

Martha has put out a new CD of Christmas music. Songs include "She neva had a Christmas Tree" and "Child of Bethlehem" both written by Martha. "Christmas Bum" is an old Calypso selection, sung by her Uncle Cleveland Berry, circa 1959. "Drink

a rum on a Christmas mahnin" is an old Kriol folk song in the Calypso style that will have you dancing around your living room. All of the songs on the CD are simple and joyful, with a tropical flavor. Definitely not your same old Christmas carols. If you want something a lee bit different for your holiday tunes, stop by Carysha's Deja Brew Café in PG to pick up an autographed copy of Martha's Christmas CD. Martha will be performing some selections from the new album at Deja Brew Café on December 6, at 3 p.m. Admission is free!



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THE GARIFUNA IN BELIZE

The Garifuna, or Garinagu people are recent arrivals to Belize, having settled the southern coast of Belize in the early 19th century. Their story begins on the island of St. Vincent in 1635. That year, two Spanish ships carrying Nigerian slaves sank off the coast of this Caribbean island. The survivors swam ashore, and found refuge in Carib Indian settlements on the island. For the next 150 years these two peoples mingled and intermarried thus creating the Garinagu.

A series of wars between the French allies of the Garinagu and the British on St. Vincent ended in a final battle on June 10th, 1796. The Garinagu were forced to surrender, leaving St. Vincent to look for a new home. They first landed on the island of Roatan, in Honduras, and soon migrated to the Honduran mainland. According to tradition, the first Garifuna reached British Honduras on November 19th, 1832. In modern Belize, November 19th is now celebrated as Garifuna Settlement Day.

The main center of the Garifuna celebration has always been Dangriga, but in the past several years, Punta Gorda has become the place to be. Celebrations of the holiday in PG have begun to attract people from all over the country and abroad.

The traditional Garifuna colors are yellow, black, and white. Garinagu women wearing long dresses sewn from checkered material along with colored head pieces are a familiar sight in PG. Traditional foods are based on coconut milk, "ground food" such as yams and cassava and fish. One traditional dish is Hudut (see recipe in "Wat's Cooking"). The Garinagu brought Punta music and dance to Belize. Traditional Punta is drum-based, with gourd shakers and turtle shell percussion. Punta Rock has evolved from traditional Punta into Belize's most popular and seductive dance music. Check out Garifuna drumming at the Battle of the Drums on November 16. Enjoy the celebrations in PG.

BATTLE OF THE DRUMS 2007

Garifuna Settlement Weekend in PG will begin with an exciting event again this year. Drummers from all over the country of Belize as well as from Livingston, Guatemala are invited to compete and display their talents.

This year's show will be one of intense competition. Drummers will compete in 5 categories of Garifuna drumming. First place cash prize is \$1500! The show will be held on Friday, November 16, 2007. Gates open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8, with a grand dance following the competition. Food and drinks will be on sale. Venue is the sports complex, near the airstrip in PG.

The proceeds from the Battle of the Drums will be used strictly to pursue various cultural retrieval projects in Punta Gorda Town and other Garifuna communities. One of these projects is an initiation of a Garifuna Drumming in Schools program.



in October 2006 out of a desire to assist the National Garifuna Council - Punta Gorda (Peini) Branch in raising funds to defray expenses relating to Garifuna Settlement Day celebrations. The first Battle of the Drums

was held in Punta Gorda Town on November 17, 2006 and was well received by spectators from home and abroad. Last year, the Battle of the Drums was restricted to drummers from the Punta Gorda Town area. However, the idea is that it will evolve into an international drumming competition; and this year will showcase drummers from towns and villages all over Belize.

The Battle of the Drums is the brainchild of Darius Avila, a businessman of Punta Gorda Town, and owner of the award-winning Beya Suites Hotel. He is actively supported by a team of leaders from Punta Gorda Town who form the Organizing Committee. The committee is still seeking sponsors for the event; if you are interested in contributing to this worthwhile cause, please contact Mr. Avila at 722-2188.

Start your holiday weekend with a bang on Friday November 16 at 8 p.m. at the P.G. sports complex. Don't miss it!

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Community Effort and Cooperation Pays Off

Over twenty community minded people spent Saturday 29th September working to remove the illegal and unsightly dump that was located on the Punta Gorda-San Antonio Road about half a mile from the intersection of the Southern Highway and San Antonio Road. It has been an eye sore for some time as well as being an environmental hazard, with the waters from the area flowing into the Aguacaliente Wildlife Sanctuary and areas of commercial rice farming close to the sanctuary.

A total of ten truckloads of garbage or the equivalent of one hundred and thirty cubic yards of garbage was removed from the illegal dumping site.

The new site designated by the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Health is the Old Quarry located close to San Pedro Columbia village. The new site has been deemed to be of a good enough quality to eliminate the risk of leaching damaging effluents into the surrounding water table.

As another part of the community outreach, over twelve buses loaded with over seven hundred travellers who normally passed the illegal dump on a daily basis were stopped and boarded by the volunteers. They explained to the passengers what the exercise was all about, why it needed to be done and the location of the new dump site. The passengers were also asked not to dump any trash there in future and to assist in keeping their own communities clean.

A sign was also erected stating that the area was "Closed to Dumping". Plans are underway to fill the area with soil and to plant tropical flowers over the site. The flowers for this part of the project were donated by Machaca Hill Lodge.

It was a collaborative effort of the Toledo District B.T.I.A, T.I.D.E., P.N.P. Party Executive, Aguacaliente Management Team, Big Falls Village Council, the Ministry of Works, Peace Corp volunteers serving in Toledo, Toledo Ecotourism Association, Machaca Hill Lodge, Dem Dats Doin', Sun Creek Lodge, Shell Gas Station, Toledo Cacao Growers Association, Green & Black Cocoa, Earth Watch and several other concerned citizens. People either volunteered their time or donated materials, cash or equipment necessary for the dump removal. The effort was a huge success. Working together works!




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TOLEDO TRAVEL CENTER



Wilma Salam, Office Manager at TTC

Hailing from Stuttgart in southern Germany, Bruno Kuppinger formerly worked as a bank manager and in marketing and sales for BMW among other companies. But he, like an increasing number of people, came to feel the financial rewards were not worth the imbalance between life and work.

He started to scan the world for a place where that balance might be restored and with a shortlist of ten countries in different continents finally settled on Belize. His first introduction to Belize was through the annual ITB travel show in Berlin. So like many other foreign investors in tourism in Belize his pre-

vious experience bore little relation to his present business.

Bruno is now well established here and with his wife Melissa from Mango Creek they manage Sun Creek Lodge fourteen miles west of Punta Gorda on the Southern Highway. They met a few months after his arrival in 1998 in a Spanish language class in Belize City. Sun Creek is strategically located for visitors who want to have easy access to the attractions of the Mayan villages, archaeological sites, caves, rivers and forests of central Toledo.

Their other business is IBTM Tours through which Bruno has escorted German groups touring all Belize. IBTM has now established an office in Punta Gorda as the Toledo Travel Center.

The office is next to the Fajina Craft Center and is just across the road from the new Customs and Immigration building. It is ideally placed to entice visitors to stay longer in Toledo. Wilma Salam (pictured left) runs the office, welcomes travelers and books them on to tours.

So what is different about these tour offers? Until now all tours in Toledo have been private charters with tour operators. The Toledo Travel Center's regular scheduled tours allow visitors to sign up at eight in the morning for a trip leaving an hour later. That means if there is only one guest the tour will still run. No waiting around to see if anyone else turns

up. The service is guaranteed.

Tours take people inland from Punta Gorda (pick ups can be arranged from other locations) to Aguacaliente Wildlife Sanctuary (see article on page 11), Blue Creek and Aguacate and caves close by the village of Santa Cruz. The Mayan sites of Lubaantun and Nim Li Punit are also on his menu of tour offerings.

But Bruno does more than day trips and keenly explores and researches his overnight trips. The Maya Divide Trail is a case in point. It is in many ways Bruno's "flagship" small group adventure tour and takes up to ten days from San Jose village in western Toledo along the trail which runs parallel to the border with Guatemala up to Las Cuevas in Cayo. The trail runs through some of the only rainforest in Belize which deserves the status of "pristine" due to its remoteness from settlements. This is a tough trek with participants toting packs of up to forty pounds weight with their own gear and all food and other supplies and is really only for the physically and mentally strong but is truly a once in a lifetime experience. This trip is done in association with guides from San Jose village and guests will be safe and well-looked after.

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Spotlight on Crafts: Hand-Carved Rosewood Heirloom Pieces

Mateo Cal is a native of Dolores village in the far south west corner of Belize but moved to Crique Sarco nearby at the age of eighteen when he married his wife Ularía who is from there. They have brought up their five children, between 15 and 23 years old, and the youngest two are now studying at the Julian Cho Technical High School close to Big Falls.

And with education comes school fees, so that Mateo and Ularía have had to supplement their family income through the manufacture and sale of Mateo's exquisite hand carved bowls made from rosewood and mahogany. He makes leaf-shaped, heart-shaped, oval and round bowls as well as salad fork and spoon sets and miniature carved dories (dug out canoes).

Even if he had power tools Mateo would not be able to use them since there is no electricity in Crique Sarco where life is more attuned to the rhythms of the sun and moon. His tools are basic; chisels made from machete blades, a hand planer, spoke shave and rasper.

Not much has changed in Crique Sarco in the

twenty-three years that Mateo has lived there and there is little paid employment. He grows corn, plantain, bananas and cassava on his plantation and supplements this with some hunting and fishing on the Temash river on which the village is built. According to Mateo being able to get in a dory on the river and go fishing anytime is one of the greatest pleasures of life there.

Probably the biggest change in the past twenty years has been transport. Mateo remembers the time not so long ago when the journey from Crique Sarco to Punta Gorda was a four-hour boat ride up the coast past Barranco. Now it is two hours by bus and with a bridge being built over the Temash maybe change is on the way.

Gift shops and hotels wanting to order Mateo's crafts can contact him on the Crique Sarco community phone at 702-2674 or send an e-mail order to btiatoleado@btl.net and Mateo will pick the order up when he comes into Punta Gorda each week and deliver it on Tropic Air.



Mateo Cal from Crique Sarco

Where to get your copy of The Toledo Howler:

The Toledo Howler will normally be distributed at the Toledo Tourism Information Center on Front Street as well as at other shops, restaurants and places of business of BTIA members in Toledo (see list on Page 7). The paper can also be found at Maya Island Air and Tropic Air terminals throughout Belize plus Tropic Air and Requena's Charters in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.

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Hudut

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Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. fish filet, from firm fish such as tarpon or barracuda, washed in lime juice
- Salt and black pepper
- 2 tsp. red recado
- Cilantro and culantro, 1 bunch each, chopped fine
- Cream from 3 coconuts (method below)
- 8 cups warm water
- 3 green plantain
- 1 ripe plantain
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 1 sweet pepper, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 TBSP oil

1-3 hot peppers, left whole

Preparation:

Season the fish with salt, pepper, recado, cilantro and culantro. Set aside to marinate.

Make the coconut cream by grating the coconut, then pouring warm water over it, and squeezing the cream out of it. You can squeeze out the milk with your hands, or by wringing it in a clean dish towel. Discard the grated coconut trash, or feed to the chickens.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Peel green plantain, and add to boiling water. Boil till just soft, then add peeled ripe plantain and boil a few more minutes. Mash plantain using large wooden mortar ('tubruce mortar' - see photo). Mash until it all comes together...it will be sticky, but not smooth. Cover and keep warm.

Sauté onion, garlic and sweet pepper in oil until soft. Add coconut milk and hot peppers, and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Add fish to this broth, and simmer until the fish is cooked through, stirring constantly to keep the coconut milk from curdling. Do not boil. Correct seasonings. If you want more heat in the soup, break the pepper while cooking. Put mashed plantain into bowls, cover with hot soup and serve. Eat till you bust yu belly!



Tableta

Ingredients:

- 2 coconuts (dried coconuts)
- 1 lb brown sugar
- Grated ginger

Preparation:

Grate coconut and put into pot with brown sugar and ginger.

Cook over medium heat stirring constantly until mixture sticks together.

Put on a wet or greased sheet.

Spread and flatten with wet spoon or knife.

Cut into squares when cool.



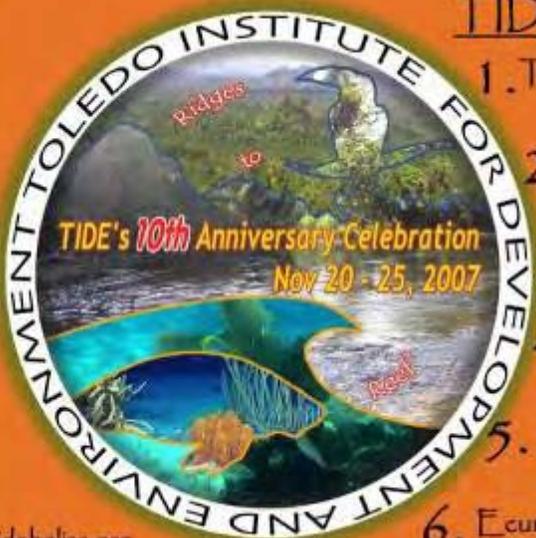
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4:30am	9:15am	\$22	National Transport	Regular
5:00am	11:00am	\$22	Usher's Bus Line	Regular
5:30am	12:30pm	\$22	James Bus Line	Regular
6:00am	11:00am	\$26	James Bus Line	Express
6:00am	1:00pm	\$22	James Bus Line	Regular
8:00am	3:00pm	\$22	James Bus Line	Regular
9:00am	4:00pm	\$22	BBDC	Regular
10:00am	5:00pm	\$22	James Bus Line	Regular
12:00 noon	7:00pm	\$22	James Bus Line	Regular
1:30pm	7:30pm	\$22	Usher's Bus Line	Regular
3:00pm	9:00pm	\$22	James Bus Line	Regular

Boat Schedule from Punta Gorda

To Puerto Barrios

Exit fee is \$7.50 BZ

Business Name & contact info	Departs Punta Gorda	Arrive In Puerto Barrios	Fare Single one way	Days of departure	Notes
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Pichilingo	2:00pm	3:00pm	\$43	Mon-Sun	
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Boat Schedule from Puerto Barrios to Punta Gorda

Applicable exit fees and taxes: \$80 Quetzales

Business Name & contact info	Departs Puerto Barrios	Arrive Punta Gorda	Fare Single - One way	Days of Departure
Pichilingo	10:00am	11:00am	\$43	Mon-Sun
Requena's Charter Service tel:722-2070 Email: water-taxi@btl.net	2:00pm	3:00pm	\$40	Mon-Sun
Mari Sol	2:00pm	3:00pm	\$43	Mon-Sun

Maya Island Air Flights from Punta Gorda

PUNTA GORDA			
FLIGHT #	TZA-PND	FLIGHT #	PND-TZA
103	8:00	102	6:50
103	1:00	104	9:30
115	2:30	116	4:00



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ARE WE THE WEAKEST LINK?

BY DR. RACHEL GRAHAM

We all form part of an intricate food chain that, once broken, can take many years to fix. For example, large sharks such as blacktips eat fish such as barracuda and hammerheads, snack on stingrays and eagle rays. Remove these sharks through overfishing and you end up with more barracuda and more rays. More barracudas mean fewer herbivorous fish that eat algae and more eagle rays mean fewer conchs (eagle rays prey on small conch).

Take it one step further: with no herbivorous fish to eat the algae covering the coral reef, there is nowhere for little corals to settle down and grow following coral spawning and the reef dies without being replaced. So top predators fulfill an important role in the marine ecosystem and their removal can have impacts that may be far more severe and widespread than we can imagine.

Before we can understand some of the complexities of the food chain and our impacts on its networks, we need to know more about the species and the links in the chain. One such set of links includes the sharks and Goliath grouper.

Southern Belize hosts two top predator research projects spearheaded since December 2005 by the Wildlife Conservation Society in partnership with local fishers and guides, Fisheries and local non-governmental organizations TIDE, SATIIM, FON and TASTE. These projects focus respectively on finding out more about the populations and distribution of sharks and rays and Goliath grouper, also known as jewfish. Our goal is to foster the management and conservation of these long lived and, in many cases, endangered species. To date, research results have been disseminated through community presentations, handouts and articles published in "The Placencia Breeze".

Evidence that populations of sharks and rays worldwide are buckling under the pressure from unsustainable fisheries prompted our research. Dramatic declines and complete disappearance of functional populations for a range of shark species has been documented over relatively short time scales. Goliath grouper, another top marine predator in our waters, have also faced dramatic declines throughout their ranges leading to local extirpations that have earned them the label of "Critically Endangered to Extinction" by the World Conservation Union's Red List.

The food chain's top predators have similar life history traits of long life, late maturation, low production, and low population recovery rates. Their absence is a strong indicator of fishing pressure. In many coastal and coral reef habitats, an abundance of sharks represents functional ecosystems. Moreover, in many sites worldwide sharks and grouper form the basis of a rapidly expanding snorkel and dive tourism industry. With one in four Belizeans associated with tourism, and a country-wide focus on marine tourism in particular, keeping sharks and large grouper alive is good for business.

Results from the field work and fisher surveys

have also revealed a lack of top predators throughout Belize, and Southern Belize in particular. Historical accounts derived from fishers, dive tour operators and guides have provided information on the changes in abundance and distribution of shark species and Goliath grouper populations. Surveys of local and Guatemalan fishermen revealed that catches of sharks and large Goliath grouper, once commonly taken, have declined dramatically over the past twenty years.

Some species such as lemon sharks and hammerheads are rarely found anymore where they were once abundant. More worrisome is the fact that fishers in Livingston who used to fish shark in Amatique Bay have now turned to catching stingrays as the sharks were fished out. A similar trend is occurring in Belize where fishers are increasingly focusing their efforts on nurse sharks and small mud-bottom dwelling sand sharks to make up for the increasing lack of large sharks (blacktips,



hammerheads, lemons, reef sharks and tigers). This is similar to findings presented by other researchers worldwide.

There is even less information on Goliath grouper as most populations worldwide have been fished out before research could even begin. It's not just impacts on the species themselves that is cause for concern but on their habitats. Recent studies in Florida have revealed that Goliath grouper require red mangroves to survive as juveniles - this is the same species that lines many of our estuaries and coasts in Belize. Goliath grouper are therefore increasingly vulnerable to the rapid changes in Belize's coastal mangrove habitats fostered, ironically, by tourism-driven development.

Whereas Goliath grouper are primarily caught by local fishers for local consumption, sharks are captured in Belize by fishers residing in Guatemala and products are exported to Guatemala or Mexico. The demand for shark products is fueled primarily by the Lenten season and the Asian fin markets - both of which are growing. Goliath grouper are not being spared from market de-

mand either. A restaurant survey conducted as part of the research has revealed that additional pressures will be placed on this critically endangered species due to planned expansion of restaurants and increased demand; and Goliath grouper wasn't even considered a favorite fish species for the dinner table! Fishers identified nets as their preferred shark fishing gear and spearfishing and set lines capture the majority of Goliath grouper. Most dramatically of all, the two species of sawfish that existed in Belize appear to be ecologically extinct: not a single one of the 151 fishers interviewed had encountered a sawfish in recent years despite an increase in fishing effort throughout the country. Again, nets were cited by the majority of fishers interviewed as the reason for their demise.

It is hard for some to imagine why one would want sharks or huge grouper. Yet we need to think about the future of our coasts and

reefs, our future. Also, can we imagine a sea, our sea stories or our imaginations devoid of sharks or large groupers? Will we let these species, these "jaguars of the sea" become distant memories like our once abundant sawfish? We hope not. Big fish are not only part of Belize's heritage, they keep the country's marine realm healthy and attract tourism. In fact, sharks are friends, not food!

We look forward to working with fishers, guides, NGOs and government to bring back and manage the populations of large marine predators for future generations and we definitely want to hear your stories of the big fish you have seen and have kept alive in your memories.

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AGUACALIENTE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

It is easy to overlook the contribution of community-based organizations in tourism development in Belize and here in Toledo the Aguacaliente Management Team (AMT), representing ten local villages, has been working hard over the past five years to conserve the remarkable biodiversity of the Aguacaliente Wildlife Sanctuary (AWS) established in 1998.

Part of those efforts have been aimed at demonstrating the potential benefits of attracting local and international tourism and part focused on educating local people about the sustainable use of the natural resources within the sanctuary. Traditional uses of the area, in addition to hunting, and fishing, include the harvesting of bay leaf and tie-tie vines for thatching, leaves from the Give and Take palm for brooms, and the collection of medicinal plants. Before being declared a wildlife Sanctuary, the area was once used for cattle ranching as well.

The AWS is a protected area of about five and a half thousand acres including a central wetland area with three large permanent lagoons set amidst rolling hills to the east and steep karst hills to the south. It really is a birder's paradise and a number of species such as the Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Blue-winged Teal and Black-necked Stilt use it as a transmigration stopover between February and May.

Much of the sanctuary consists of a very shallow basin which is quickly inundated when the rains begin and the seasonal flooding has produced adaptations of the flora and fauna which make the whole eco-system unique.

As part of AMT's "Alternative Livelihood Program" a gibnut (paca) rearing project has been established. It is modeled on a successful project in Costa Rica. A number of households in Laguna and San Marcos villages are involved. The project is aimed at domestication of gibnuts for meat production and the ranchers are already learning new things about them. They have learned to separate



newborn males from their jealous fathers who may kill them. They also must ensure that there is a water trough in the gibnut enclosure since they always mate standing in water.

The sanctuary is also home to what may be the largest structure in Toledo if not in the whole of Belize. This is the 2000 yard boardwalk constructed with the help of local people and Trekforce volunteers with wood salvaged from Hurricane Iris in 2001. The boardwalk makes the sanctuary accessible all year round and runs from close by Laguna village to Piedra Creek where visitors may embark on one of the canoes to take them out into the lagoons. Volunteers have also rebuilt the Visitor Center and toilets. There are presently two canoes available for visitors use with one or two more on the way.

AMT has also invested in training for their park rangers, three new tour guides living close to the sanctuary and for hospitality, food service and hygiene training for twenty women from Big Falls, Hickatee, Laguna, Blue

Creek, and Silver Creek. To arrange a meal in any of these villages contact the AMT office in Big Falls.

Florentino Pop is the manager of the Aguacaliente Wildlife Sanctuary and is based at the AMT's office in Big Falls village. He has been involved since the beginning and has taken a leading role in its development. He says, " I feel proud of our achievements which are the achievements of everyone involved, from villagers to PACT, the government, and the Forestry Department with whom we share co-management responsibilities, as well as overseas organizations like the Peace Corps and Trekforce".

Look out for Aguacaliente's new web site www.aguacaliente.bz which will be on line soon. Contact AMT at their Big Falls office on 665-4301 or e-mail amt_aws@yahoo.com

Visit Aguacaliente Wildlife Sanctuary

To arrange to visit the Aguacaliente Wildlife Sanctuary call the Laguna community phone 709-2970 and speak to Miss Hannah Shol. The sanctuary policy requires that all visiting groups are accompanied by a park ranger. Miss Shol is the **only** person authorized to receive entrance fees and canoe hire fees on behalf of the AMT. Please remember to ask for your receipt upon payment.

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To visit a gibnut rearing facility ask for Vicente Choc or Leoncio Muku in **San Marcos Village** or Manuel Mis, Wallace Cucul, Eduardo Coy, Francisco Chub or Vicente Sakul in **Laguna Village**.

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TUMUL K'IN CENTER OF LEARNING

If you are looking to satisfy your sweet tooth while doing some good for local kids, look no farther than Tumul K'in Center of Learning. Located in Blue Creek, Toledo, Tumul K'in was officially founded by Mr. Angel Tzec and Dr. Filiberto Penados but has really been in the mind of the Mayan elders for about 25 years.

Work to set up the school started as early as the year 2000-2001 and the school was officially opened by Prime Minister Said Musa in January of 2002. Tumul K'in is a non-governmental organization and only receives a small subvention from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Agriculture. Their primary funders are Ireland Aid, Omega - Finland and they have had projects with FAO, UNICEF, GEF/SGP, PACT, UNDP, Regional Radio Project, and many others. The Ministry of Agriculture in Cayo has provided invaluable non-monetary assistance.

Tumul K'in has a total of 30 students from Toledo, Orange Walk, and Cayo districts. They have students as young as 14 and as old as 20. There is no specific age limit as they believe that you are never too old to get an education. The students are a part of Tumul K'in for a total of 5 years, with the first 4

years spent at the Center and the fifth year spent in their respective villages doing their entrepreneurial projects. These are either in Food Processing or Agriculture Science and Production (or directly related areas) since these are the two main specializations offered.

For many years local people have produced many fruits, vegetables, honey and other products and not found a market for them. Tumul K'in took it upon itself to try to provide a market for many of these raw materials and convert them into processed foods for sale to the general public. All income generated from the sale of these products goes towards financing the school.

The Center became recognized nationally in 2006 with the launch of its honey product at the Radisson Fort George Hotel. Since then it has provided consumers with a honey product that is harvested, processed, packaged and marketed with the utmost care and attention. Tumul K'in not only produces its own honey but purchases honey from other bee-keepers in the Toledo district and the country of Belize. The honey processed and eventually sold comes primarily from bees feeding off wild flowers in the rainforest.

The Tumul K'in Food Processing Unit currently produces bottled honey, honey jelly, pickles, jams and pepper sauces. Tumul K'in's farm produces pigs, sheep, corn, rice, vegetables and poultry for its own consumption and some for sale. Presently, their honey, jam and pepper sauces are available at Mel's Market, Green Supaul's Supermarket and Carysha's Deja Brew Café in Punta Gorda as well as many hotels and lodges. These delicious products are a great addition to your pantry, and also make sweet gifts to take home.



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The BTIA directly represents the interests of hotels, lodges, guest houses, restaurants, tour operators, taxi and bus services and tour guides.

It indirectly promotes those of the shops and wholesalers, weavers and carvers and those young school and university graduates whose skills and education will leave Toledo if we cannot find long term employment for them at home. All these and others benefit from the extra trade and commerce the tourism industry generates in the local economy.

BTB (The Belize Tourism Board) advertizes that one in four jobs in the national economy are in tourism and the success of tourism has a trickle down effect through the local economy that will positively benefit far more than that.

BTIA's success in the promotion of tourism in Toledo is directly proportional to the energy, enthusiasm and numbers of its members. New members should be asking themselves what they can do for the organization, for the success of its projects will benefit all the stakeholders mentioned above.

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				Torchlight Parade	Cemetery to Central Park, P.G.
9 Nov.	Miss Cultural Pageant, St Peter Claver School	Parish Hall, P.G.		Mali	Central Park, P.G.
9 Nov.	Garifuna Drumming		18 Nov.	Garifuna Cultural Festival, all day	Central Park, P.G.
10 Nov.	Drumming TOLTEX	Central Park 10am-5pm		18th Night Party: Paul Nabor, DJ Jessie, DJ Bush, Umalali Drummers, Sports Bar Vibes	P.G. Sports Bar
11 Nov.	Drumming		19 Nov.	Yurumein Re-enactment	Immigration Wharf, P.G.
14 Nov.	Garifuna Service at 6:30pm	Methodist Church, P.G.		Garifuna Mass	St Peter Claver School
				Official Ceremony, Parade, Jump Up & Block Party	Central Park, P.G.
16 Nov.	Yurumein Re-enactment by St Peter Claver School	Fire Engine Wharf, P.G.	27 Jan 08	'Meet the Stars' Fundraiser	Central Park, 7 – 9 pm
	Cultural Day & Garifuna Mass	St. Peter Claver School, P.G.	27–29 Mar 08	3rd Annual Belizean Flavor Craft Competition: Exhibition & Sale	9 am – 6 pm
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	Cultural Day & Yurumein Re-enactment	Toledo Community College, P.G.	24–25 May 08	Monkey River Festival	Monkey River Village
	Cultural Day	Methodist School, P.G.	23–25 May 08	Toledo Cacao Festival	P.G. & district venues TBA
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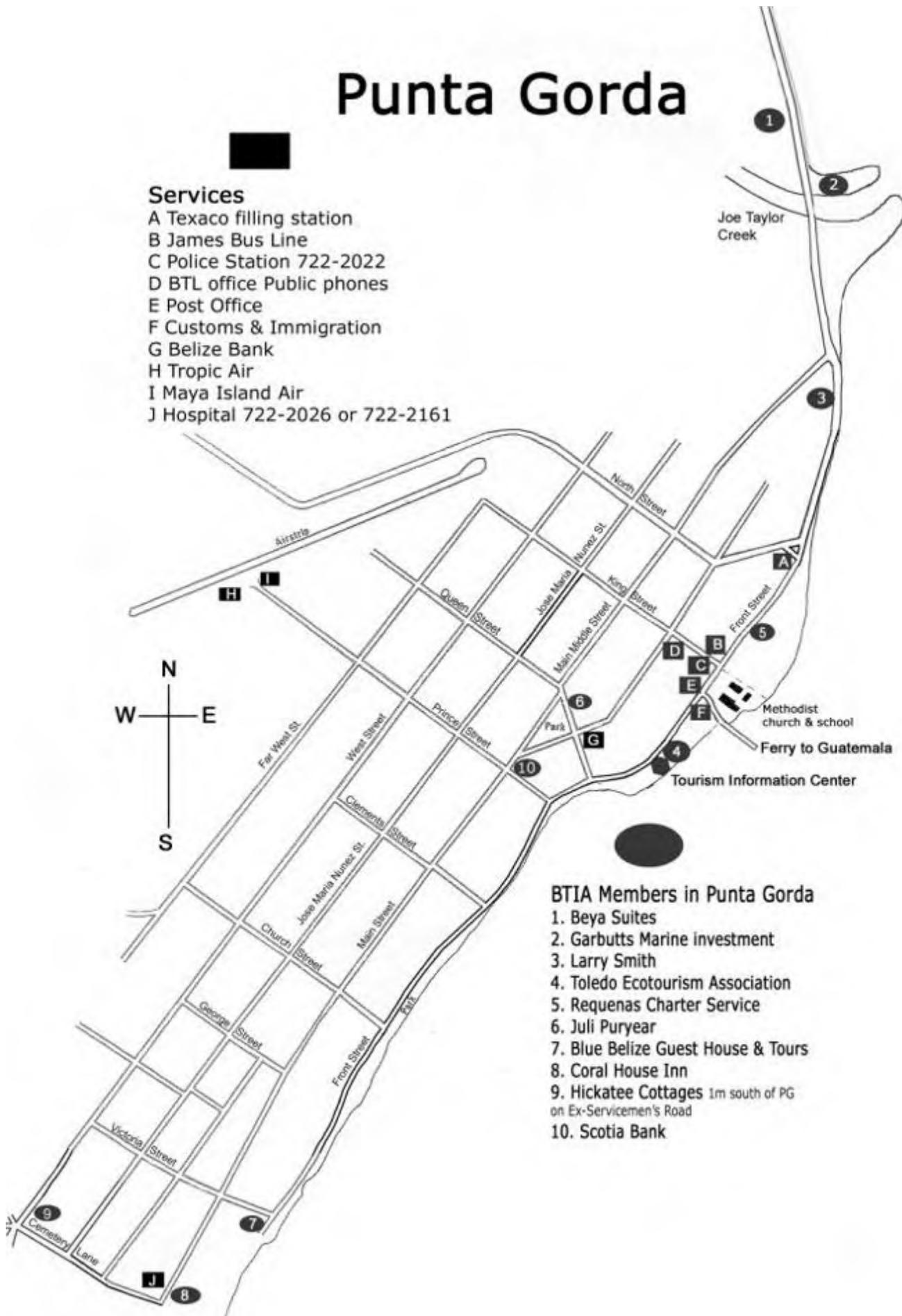
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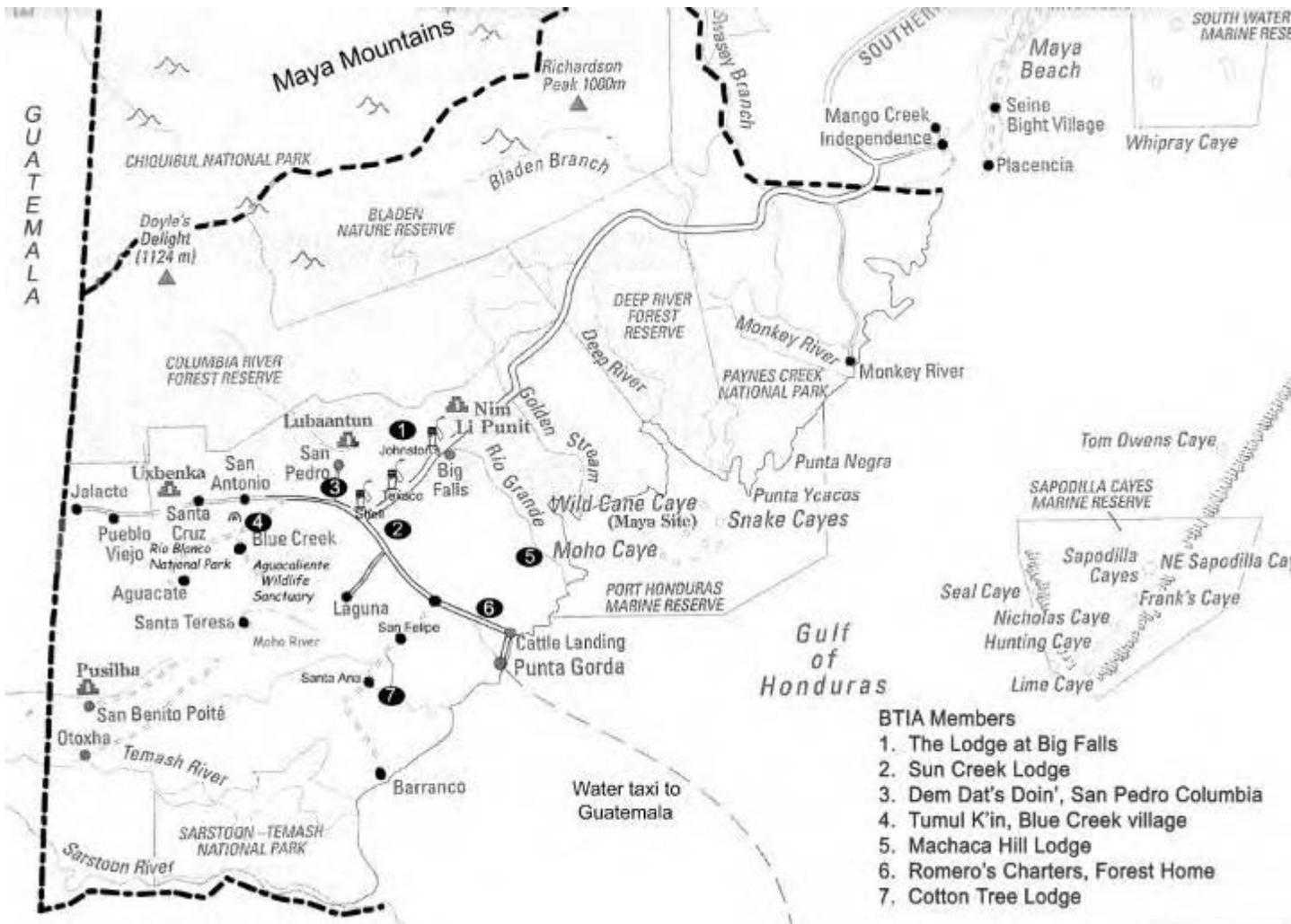
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