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EDITORIAL

A Journey through the History of the Bay Islands

Since its discovery, the islands were dominated by Spanish, English and Dutch conquerors, however, the domain that lasted the longest was the English, for almost two centuries.

Throughout the ages, the Bay Islands have been home to thousands of foreigners, among them the Garifuna or Black Caribs, who came from the St. Vincent Islands after being expelled by the English, as well as English families who left Grand Cayman Island when the cotton crop ran out. Since its discovery, the islands were dominated by Spanish, English and Dutch conquerors, however, the domain that lasted the longest was the English, for almost two centuries, but after so long England returned to the Government of Honduras its control on November 28, 1859. It was thanks to the "Lennox Wyke Cruz Treaty", which was given under the administration of the former president of Honduras José Santos

Guardiola Bustillo, that this achievement could be reached.

This treaty contained several important points, among them, to allow freedom of worship to the inhabitants of the islands, so that the respect to their religious practices had to be concretized, since most of the settlers were of English descent and their doctrine was Anglican.

But not everything was so easy, because the Vicar of the Catholic Church of Honduras, Don Miguel Delcid, was indignant at this clause and on December 26, 1860 excommunicated Guardiola, who in revenge expelled him from the country, so these events between the church and the State are known as "the war of the fathers".

In addition, another group of Englishmen who opposed the treaty sought help from the American fi-

libuster William Walker to pressure Great Britain to maintain its dominion in the islands.

After Walker was stripped of the presidency of Nicaragua by the allied army of Central America in 1857, he decided to help them, so, in his attempt to recover the territory claimed by the English, he disembarked in Trujillo in command of 100 men, but his objective could not be achieved, because he was captured by the Honduran authorities, who shot him in that same place on September 12, 1860.

An important fact of this event is that after many years of being under the Government of Honduras and being of English descent, they continued to claim citizenship of that country, however, citizens born after 1861 are considered legally Honduran.



Panoramic view of The Bay Islands in its maximum splendor.

Atucun Honduran franchise to open operations in the U.S.

Atucun is one of the businesses that is aiming big and is currently opening its first franchise in the United States and hopes to expand in many more places, with its cocoa products, healthy and exotic, which highlights the origins of cocoa.

Efrén Elvir is an agro-industrial engineer, originally from Comayagua and founder of the ATUCUN Artisan Chocolate Factory, which began as a university project, but after Elvir discovered cocoa in the jungles, he carried out an investigation, which would catch him and turn it into his heritage, that is, an authentic product, with origin and full of flavor.

Its name (Atucun) is derived from a Honduran expression, especially native to the mountains, which essentially means to drink something liquid in one gulp; hence Elvir used this expression in its first product, which consisted of traditional pinol and this used to make drinks, then began to sell other products such as chocolate, but its name endured.

The line of products that Atucun currently offers are: chocolate that includes: dark chocolate bars with 2 ingredients, white chocolate and others combined with: milk, blackberry, passion fruit, orange, coffee, cappuccino, chili, cereal and peanut.

Confectionery: boxes of assorted chocolates and truffles in the shape of famous books, an explosion of flavors including: rum, caramel, coffee, peanuts, blackberry, passion fruit, coconut and more.

Drinks: hot chocolate, chocolate granita, cocoa juice with mint granita (mawiste), cocoa liquor, cocoa beer and cocoa cypher.

Also, 100% cocoa powder and ready cocoa, cocoa and chocolate energy bars, cookies, chocolate cake (bomb), cocoa eggs (cocoa beans covered with chocolate), cocoa mass, virgin cocoa butter and chocolate vodka, cocoa cooking vinegar and cocoa juice concentrate for sauces.

because he not only offers delicious products, in which people can interact and learn through the process, but also the same is packaged with creative titles of literary works. This idea came about because the place where they started was practically destroyed and in the process of reconstruction they discovered that it belonged to a famous writer of Comayagua, Edilberto Cardona Bulnes, then due to their lack of capital they decided to honor and create an environment where people could come to read and enjoy chocolate. During the pandemic the business was left without a supplier, in this situation they put together a box with a book signature to try, this was the chocolate of the stain. To everyone's surprise, the idea was a success and over time they have created many more.



At Atucun chocolate is enjoyed in many ways.

The success of this venture is so great that it has won twice in a row the Food Product Valorization Agency (AVPA) award, "we never thought we could even send bars to Paris (it is expensive), but we made the effort, since we were invited to participate. The first time we won a gourmet medal; the second triumph was even greater, because we won silver and bronze, it means a great satisfaction for us to see that, despite all the differences between our company and the other competitors, we can do things of high quality, it really is a life lesson and gives us a lot of certainty of the route we take, even with the negative noise of the environment", expressed Elvir. Innovation is undoubtedly one of the great talents of its owner, be-



Efrén Elvir co-founder of Atucun



Atucun an iconic brand at its best.

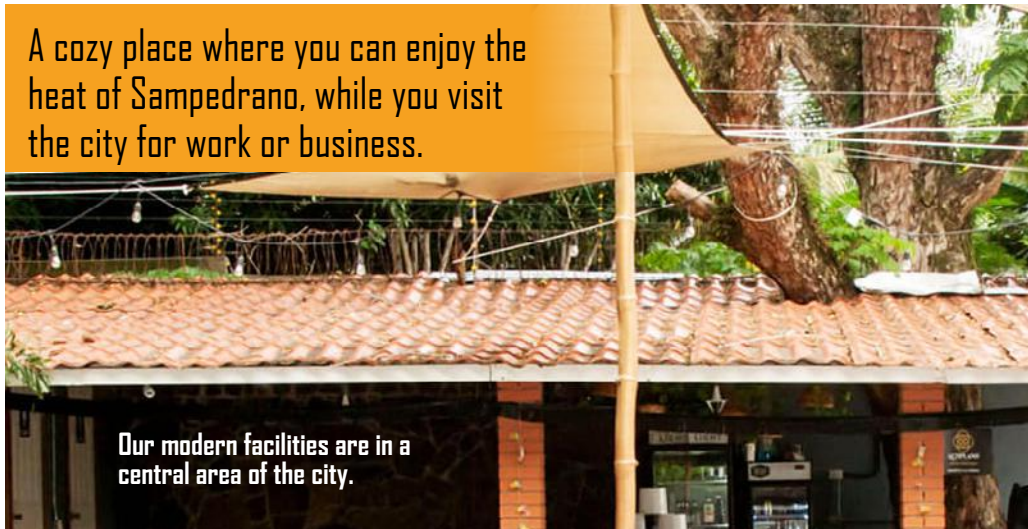
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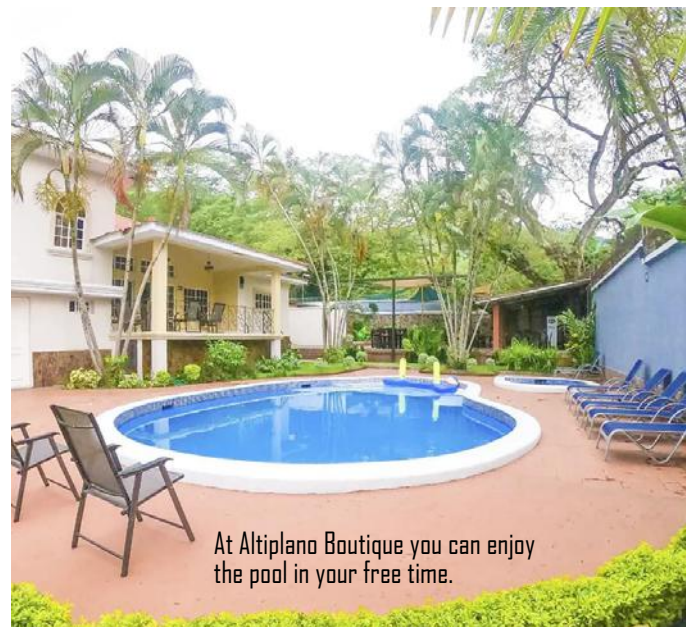
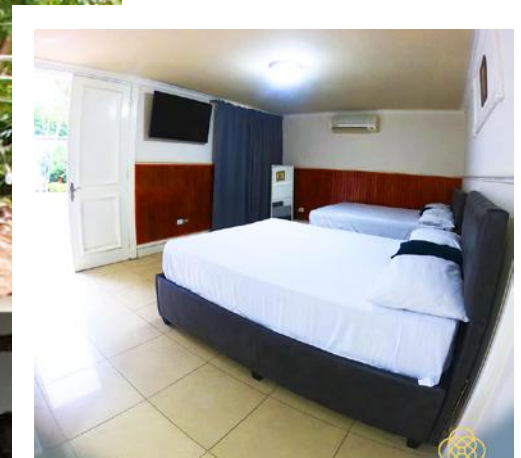


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Roatan Marine Park, the organization committed to the conservation of marine ecosystems

Buses are constantly coming down to clean the coral reef.



Founded in 2005 with the mission to contribute to the conservation of marine and coastal ecosystems in Honduras, Roatan Marine Park (RMP) is a non-profit organization that works with communities to educate, train and improve the conservation of marine and coastal ecosystems and their associated species.

Its office is in Sandy Bay, after the dolphin house at Anthony's Key Hotel. This organization is co-manager of the Bay Islands National Marine Park, the largest protected area in the country, with approximately 650,000 hectares; it is also part of the Mesoamerican Reef (MAR), the second largest reef in the world, which is shared between the countries of Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras.

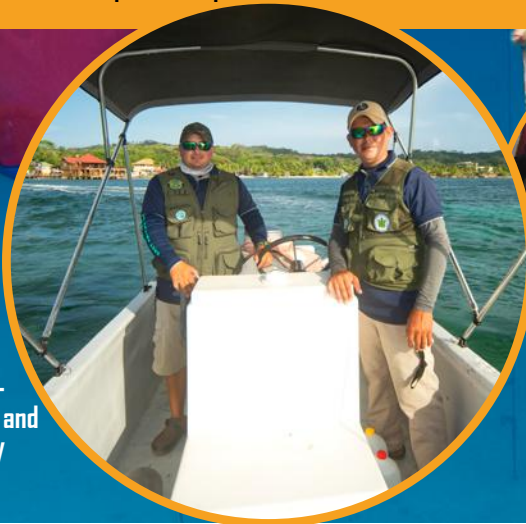
Its importance lies in its enormous biodiversity, which is the economic livelihood and social welfare for the people who live and visit the region. RMP's efforts would not be possible without the communities, its partners, and donors, who support the efforts of various conservation programs, including Environmental Education, Marine Infrastructure, Patrolling, Research and Community Development, each of which is vitally important as they are aimed at protecting and conserving marine life.

It is important to mention that the organization has installed more than 90% of the marine infrastructure around the island of Roatan, which includes buoys, channel markers and swimming areas. This protects the reef ecosystems from mechanical damage by reducing the likelihood of boat collisions.

Each year, approximately 5 to 6 beach clean-up days are held, in which companies, schools and communities participate. Companies wishing to sponsor the organization must be committed to the conservation of natural resources and must integrate this philosophy into their business model and way of operating.

Finally, it is important to highlight the work carried out by Roatan Marine Park, in its struggle to promote the importance of conserving the island's reefs, including the strengthening of sustainable tourism, since this represents one of the most important incomes in the sector.

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Caribbean Guardians are ready and available for any eventuality.



Primary schools are constantly being trained on coral reef care

Entrepreneur Stories

Gavilán Coffee, a national and international benchmark venture

Gavilán Coffee is the brand of Edwin Pérez, a young entrepreneur who acquired the DNA of the business from his grandmother Alicia, who taught him to work and undertake with ethics and professionalism.

In 2008 when this story began, after Edwin led the Specialty Coffee Certification Unit of the denomination of origin Café Marcala, where he worked with 19 municipalities anchored to 3 departments: La Paz, Comayagua and Intibucá. This experience allowed him to learn about coffee origins and qualities, so in 2016 he decided to open his own business, Gavilán Coffee.

For 7 years, Edwin has managed to move Gavilán Coffee forward with faith, perseverance and a lot of discipline, which is why he is currently a national and international reference for generating opportunities for men,

women and young people, so that they can be trained in specialty coffee and business generation, through the methodology of social entrepreneurship.

The secret of this business is also due to the mentors that Edwin has had during his journey, who have given him their advice and recommendations so that Gavilán Coffee can advance with concrete objectives, as well as to support the coffee growing families, who with their work and passion put the name of Honduras on high.

Over the years, Gavilán Coffee has strengthened in such an impressive way that it has obtained many awards, among them: the Yo Emprendo Honduras Award, the CEMEX-TEC Mexico Award, the TOYP Honduras Award and the Honduras Youth Award. This has brought mentoring from INCAE Business School in Managua, Nicaragua. Ashoka Mexico and the Tecnológico de Monterrey,

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Quality control of Gavilán Coffee specialty coffees.



likewise, has participated in business training workshops by the Ean University of Colombia, Mealla & Associates of Argentina, the HUB of UNITEC and the Catalyst Training Program of the U.S. Department of State, also, integrates the Incubation Program "Greenhouse" EUROSAN through the ITZÉ 2020 Contest.

In view of this, Edwin expressed feeling very happy, since it is "gratifying to know that what we do helps more people to get ahead... Likewise, the social impact is to create leaders in each community so that they have access to greater opportunities for growth."

In this sense, his aspirations for the business are to be able to design a commercialization model for specialty coffees, with a traceability system, that can guarantee the categorization of coffees of strict altitude, according to the characteristics and cup profile, that comply with the quality requirements at a national and international level.

Likewise, to provide professional training to coffee producers through workshops on agronomic management of coffee plantations and diversification within productive plots, quality control and strategic planning using Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).

The message that Edwin sends to people is, "regardless of their religion, put our projects in God's hands, no matter how many difficulties we face, people will always come into our lives to help us, but it has to go hand in hand with a strong commitment, effort, perseverance, discipline and faith".

Edwin sends his special thanks to all the people who have supported him so that Gavilán Coffee can be a business model to follow, and above all, to be an example for the present and future generations that are working with the aromatic bean, which makes them so happy to produce and commercialize, so that people can taste specialty coffees.

CAREER PATH

PROFESSIONAL CAREER / EDWIN PÉREZ / GAVILÁN COFFEE

Winner of the 2016 Yo Emprendo Honduras Award granted by the Universidad Tecnológica Centroamericana UNITEC to Young Social Entrepreneurs.

Member of the International Network of Young Social Entrepreneurs of the YOUTH ACTION NET. and member of the International Youth Foundation (International Youth Foundation).

Winner of the CEMEX-TEC Mexico Award 2017.

Scholarship and selected as a Social Entrepreneur by the International Organization VIVA IDEA to participate in the VIVA Workshop 2017, at the Campus Francisco de Sola of INCAE Business School in Managua, Nicaragua.

Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) from Washington, D.C. United States, selects him as a youth delegate to represent Honduras and participated in the V Youth Forum of the Americas, which was held on April 11 and 12 in Lima, Peru, as an official activity of the VIII Summit of the Americas 2018. Having as central theme "Democratic Governance in the face of Corruption".

Winner of the TOYP Honduras 2018 Award in the Personal Achievement Category.

Winner of the Honduras Youth Award 2018 in the Community Leadership Category.

Youth Representative in the framework of the Global Coffee Sustainability Conference held from November 8-12, 2018 in Belo

Horizonte, Brazil.

Scholarship recipient and speaker for La Coordinadora Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Pequeños(as) Productores(as) y Trabajadores(as) de Comercio Justo (CLAC).

Selected from Washington D. C., United States by the Organization of American States (OAS) for the Open Government Fellowship of the Americas - Honduras 2019 Edition. Gavilán Coffee, winner of the ITZÉ Competition, promoted by the European Union, EUROSAN, Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) and the Central American Technological University (UNITEC).

Gavilán Coffee, in the year 2021 is recognized among the 20 initiatives with social impact in Latin America in the category of Marketing Solutions and Market Access of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) of the United Nations.

Panelist at the VI Meeting of Rural Youth of the Central American Integration System (SICA). Held from June 16 to 18 in Panama City.

Panelist at the Conference on Geographical Indications of Central America within the framework of the IPKEY Project of the European Union. Held in Antigua, Guatemala from September 26 to 27, 2022.

Professional Career / Edwin Pérez / Gavilán Coffee

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Edwin Pérez, founder of Gavilán Coffee.



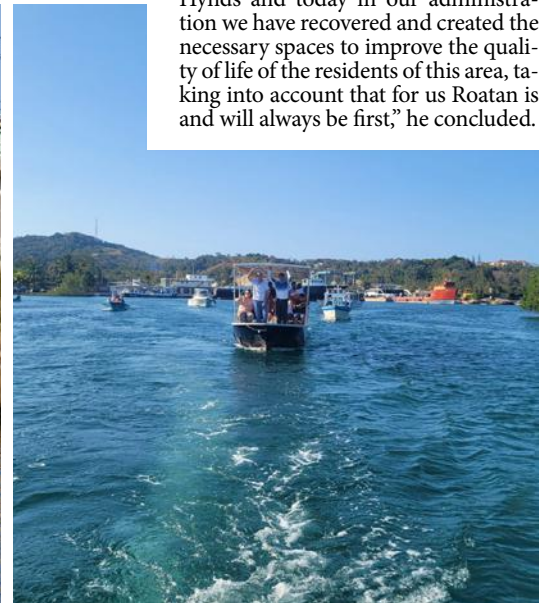
Municipality of Roatan, inaugurates French Harbour Canal

French Harbor is a developing community and all government facilities are in the area. The channel is an initiative of the former mayor, Jerry Hynds.

Last Saturday, April 8, the inauguration of the French Harbour canal took place. The tour was attended by former mayor and politician Mr. Jerry Hynds who, from his position as mayor in the previous period, promoted the project. The current mayor of Roatan, Ronnie Richard McNab, who during the short time of his administration has continued with this visionary project. The tour was also joined by aldermen and islanders who thanked the authorities for such an important work for the benefit of the development of the community of French Harbour. The mayor expressed during the inauguration that he has always stated that every work or project that he executes from the mayor's office of Roatan has the objective of benefiting the population in general. "With great joy we inaugurate the access to the French Harbour canal, a project initiated by former Mayor Jerry Hynds and today in our administration we have recovered and created the necessary spaces to improve the quality of life of the residents of this area, taking into account that for us Roatan is and will always be first," he concluded.



Residents taking a tour in the French Harbour canal boat.



The sailors enjoyed passing through the canal with great joy.

Kimberly Lemus, the young woman who transforms the world through art

The famous art historian, Hans Ulrich, said, "society needs art now more than ever, since art is to turn the invisible into the visible", this phrase has served as an inspiration for new painters to emerge and has strengthened those who they were already engaged in it.

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Lemus was transported to that world and pushed her to make her drawings with strong colors, in the style of lyrical abstraction and cubism, were these and other reasons why art took over that little girl, who is now co-founder and artist of "Art & Brushes", professional marketing and server management, self-taught in experimental art and aspiring to a career in visual arts. In addition, she is a full-time entrepreneur and has a dynamic work process, aimed at innovation and passion for art, in which she gives life to each of her pieces, with designs full of colors and unique details, with a variety of techniques, engraving, modeling and silkscreen printing on different types of surfaces.



Showing her great activities.

She is also a faithful believer of God and the great purposes He has for her life.

In order to perfect her skills, Lemus has taken different trainings that involve color and lighting techniques with paint and the psychology of it, to achieve this mission and also to be able to expand not only painting, but in the future, illustration and writing children's books, since she has wanted to be a writer since she was a child, but now contrasting it with painting and design of handmade garments, which involves textile painting, sewing and embroidery, handmade textile screen printing and sculpture modeling. She is currently studying for a degree in art education with a focus on visual arts, and said, "I always like to motivate people not to stop learning new skills or things. All that knowledge added with an action brings a lot of impact in our life and in our environment, which will bring a retribution and a very big improvement not only as people, but as a key piece in society". His works are full of impressive details, as well as the inspiration of the smallest and everyday things in life, such as the sound of the rain, the birds singing in the distance, the paintbrush moving to the rhythm of the music, people in a

hurry and the laughter of children; the expression of each of the people who acquire his pieces is undoubtedly his greatest inspiration. The talent has been so palpable that Lemus has been awarded by different institutions such as the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortes, the Academy of Women Entrepreneurship of the U.S. Embassy in Honduras, along with the UTH. She has also received the Entrepreneurial Woman Award from Grupo Terra, among others.

Lemus, continues to promote her art in different group exhibitions within the country, such as the Saturday bazaar, as well as virtually on Facebook and Instagram @artpinceles, her greatest desire is to exhibit her art in Wynwood in Miami, Florida, which is known for its colorful murals, its very lively city that exhibits and houses art and galleries with original paintings, in it she will be able to inspire others, while inspiring herself; As well as "to be able to be a vehicle to support young people and children by training them with workshops with every technique I have learned so that they can be their own key actors of change and transformation, to give back as much as I can to my country in a positive way," she concluded.



Kimberly Lemus is a great cultural entrepreneur.

Garifuna community of Punta Gorda celebrates 226 years of presence in Honduras

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The activities began at 7:00 a.m. with a parade with the participation of municipal authorities carrying the Garifuna flag. The community of Punta Gorda is located on the eastern tip of the island of Roatan, the population that resides there has remained there since their arrival to the national territory.

During the event several activities were carried out such as the departure of the cayucos, to simulate the Yurumei, the Garifuna name given to the simulation of the arrival of the cayucos to the coast of Punta Gorda from the island of San Vicente. The tour began at the La Perla restaurant located at the entrance to the community and ended at the small beach in front of the Catholic church.

When they got off the cayucos, they went up to the stage and began to play their typical instruments, drums, conch shells, maracas and gathered in circles, they began to sing and dance



The community of Punta Gorda was the first Garifuna settlement in Honduras.

the hymns commemorating this date. The programming of the event consisted of several acts by the schools, where there were songs and poems and the main act was the simulation of the Yurumei (the arrival of the first Garifuna), there was also the presentation of the Indian barbarian in honor of the mother Arawaka and the dance of the mascaros.

Along the main street of Punta Gorda the entrepreneurs were in various food stalls, where you could enjoy the delicious cuisine such as machuca, fried pork, fish, coconut bread, tablets, darasas and its famous drink the guifiti.

This great celebration lasted all day and continued until the early hours of the next day, according to the organizers. The invited groups were Jensen Grant, Nino Arzu, Germain and Dj Sacate. The Garifuna community has a population of approximately 300,000 thousand people residing in the departments of Islas de la Bahía, Colon, Atlántida, Cortes, Gracias a Dios, Yoro and a strong population in the capital city of Honduras, Tegucigalpa.



INTERVIEW

Héctor Martínez Ruiz

outstanding Honduran police officer

Family is the basis of society and that of Commissioner Ruiz Martínez.



PROFILE

Name:
Héctor Martínez Ruiz.

Grade:
Commissioner General of the National Police.

Position:
Assistant to the Minister of Security in Police Affairs.

This month of April Roatán Today, in commemoration of the 226 years of Garifuna presence in Honduras we share with you the story of an honorable member of the National Police of Honduras, we highlight the work of one of the Garifuna officers who has held important positions in the security institution. He currently serves as assistant to the Minister of Security in Police Affairs and as a high-level liaison of the Security Commission of the Central American Integration System (SICA). SICA

When did you make the decision to join the National Police?

A/= I made the decision to join the National Police after finishing my high school studies as a Mercantile Expert and Public Accountant at the Jesús Milla Selva Institute, as well as after having completed my military service in the Second Battalion of Airborne Infantry of Honduras in the Elite Unit of the Armed Forces.

What are the main challenges you have faced as an Afro-descendant officer?

A/= To have broken stereotypes from the professional point of view as a police officer, Afro-descendants had never managed to reach the rank of Police Commissioner General, which is deserved but very difficult, with 30 years of service and as a challenge normally Afro-descendants in the National Police.

What is the day-to-day life of Commissioner General Ruiz Martínez like?

A/= From my position as Commissioner General of the National Police, we are officers 24/7, it is an apostolate, a vocation of service and social commitment.

What has been the best experience you have had as a member of the institution?

A/= It has been to serve the citizens as a police officer and first link of justice.

What are the activities you do in your free time?

A/= I enjoy hiking, sports, reading, watching documentaries.

How has the process to become a commissioner been?

R/=It has been by meritocracy, where the day to day is to perform the work in a committed way of the country, competing healthily to perform and transcend in the Police Institution.

What are your aspirations when you retire from the National Police?

A/= I would like to conduct conversations with Afro descendant personnel of the noble Police Career and teach classes to the new Police generations. I would like to dedicate myself to personal and family matters.

What advice would you give to all young Afro-descendants who want to join the National Police?

A/= That the police career is an excellent profession where there is the opportunity to grow professionally.

What aspect could you highlight about the Afro-descendant community? You dance Punta.

A/= Today the new generations are standing out for their leadership in all their professions, they are breaking stereotypes and I encourage them to continue in this line of development and welfare to our communities and the country.

If I dance Punta, speak Garifuna dialect, embrace the Garifuna culture, I make the Afro descendant community visible.

What is your favorite book?

A/= I have several among them Roots by author Alex Haley, Principles that Work, by author Colin Powell, 360 Degree Leadership by author Jon Haley. 360 Degree Leadership by author John Maxwell, Dreams of My Father Barack Obama, Green Prison by author Amaya Amador.

What anecdotes do you remember from your time as a cadet in Anapo?

A/= I remember the sports competitions of the National Police Academy which I enjoyed very much.

Do you think that the authorities should work to create more and better opportunities for the Afro-descendant community?

A/=Yes it is evident, we are a relatively invisible people, it is important to work on social inclusion, embracing education will be key to be competitive in the country.

What was the most difficult mission during your police career?

A/= In our day to day work we go out to work with the uncertainty if we will return home, there are permanent challenges and challenges.

What song do you like? What musical group or artist do you like to listen to?

A/= I like the Punta rhythm, Salsa (Mark Antony), Whitney Houston.

How would you like to be remembered in the national police?

A/= As an honest officer, as a committed human being, professional, a fair officer, who makes common cause with his team, disciplined, who embraces public and private decency.

What message do you send to society in general?

A/= That as National Police we embrace serving the citizenry, society, and the Government by being a police officer who protects, working tirelessly to bring peace, harmony and tranquility to the more than 10,000,000 Honduras.

7 places to visit in Roatan

Roatán is the most exclusive tourist destination in Honduras.

Crystal clear beaches, white sand and the second largest coral reef in the world perfectly describe Roatan, a tourist jewel located in the Honduran Caribbean. Roatan is the perfect place to disconnect from routine, breathe fresh air and enjoy life. This paradisiacal destination, located in the Caribbean Sea, is 25

kilometers long and 8 kilometers wide. Considered one of the best tourist destinations in the world, Roatan has been recognized more than once by TripAdvisor as one of the best islands for vacationing. Honduras has unique tourist destinations and, without a doubt, Roatan is a tourist jewel that deserves to be explored. Among the most outstanding sites in Roatan are the following:



Photo West Bay

WEST BAY

West Bay beach is considered by tourists to be the best on the island. Most people go to Roatan to rest, enjoy the beach, relax, enjoy the sun and the scenery. West Bay is the perfect place to enjoy the beach and watch the sunset with a cocktail in hand. West Bay is the essence of idyllic living: paradisiacal beaches, crystal clear waters and turquoise blue. Here you will find the best restaurants and hotels on the island. Among them are Infinity Bay, Grand Roatán, Mayan Princess, Henry Morgan, Foster Resort, and others.



Photo West End

WEST END

West End is the lively area of the island. Unlike West Bay, West End focuses on entertainment. Here you will find dive centers, souvenir stores, bars and restaurants. Because it is the perfect area for partying and dancing in the bars and nightclubs. Among them stand out: Happy Harry's Hideaway, which was formerly known as Foster, being the first bar-restaurant in West End, with more than 30 years of existence in this area. Other bars include Franks Cigar Bar and Booty Bar.



Photo Anthony's Key Resort

ANTHONY'S KEY RESORT

This historic resort with five decades of existence offers a unique and unforgettable experience to its visitors. Besides being a beautiful place to visit and stay, Anthony's Key offers a variety of activities such as excursions, kayaking, diving, spa services, among others. Anthony's Key is famous for being a place where you can have a real encounter with dolphins, which is undoubtedly the main attraction of this resort.

LITTLE FRENCH KEY

Little French Key is one of the 53 keys around the Bay Islands and is undoubtedly one of the most popular destinations in Roatan, a favorite among cruise ship travelers, as the key offers an all-in-one experience. This small cay offers a few activities, including kayaking, massages, horseback riding, jet skiing, and most surprising is the small zoo with rescued animals; here you can observe monkeys, toucans, leopards, macaws and many more.



Photo Little French Key



Photo Oak Ridge

ROATAN MANGROVES

The mangrove forests of Roatan are one of the most amazing destinations. This site deserves to be explored if you are visiting the island. The most striking are its turquoise blue crystalline waters surrounding the mangroves that allow you to observe the different species that inhabit these forests.

PIGEON CAY

This is an isolated atoll located on the south side of Barbareta Island in the easternmost section of Roatan. The cay lies in the middle of a lagoon with a nearby reef that drops off into deeper water. These geographic features help produce a stunning array of blue hues surrounding this small patch of land barely peeking above sea level, which is highlighted by a pristine white sand beach on one side of the cay and a narrow line of scrub with literally three palm trees.



Photo Pigeon Cay



Photo Punta Gorda

PUNTA GORDA

The community where this ethnic group is located is known as Punta Gorda, and it is a place full of history and tradition that is worth visiting. In Punta Gorda you can appreciate the culture of the Garifuna, as well as enjoy the famous Sundays in Punta Gorda, which are known to be very entertaining and joyful, as you enjoy their typical dance and music known as La Punta.



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Robby Molina and Lena Dixon, innovate in gastronomy with **The Taste**

Lena Dixon and Robby Molina owners.

The Taste experience will be complemented with the possibility of attending themed and 4-hand dinners, talks and workshops, with a varied program of activities related to the world of cooking.

Chef Robby Molina and Lena Dixon have embarked on one of the most ambitious projects of their career, whose first phase focuses on a new restaurant that opened its doors last Thursday, April 1, located in Havana 65 in French Harbour. Reservations are already open both through their website and by phone at 9343-3135. Robby, restless by nature, took advantage of the time available to develop the project in more detail and even expand it by incorporating new facets always around the world of gastronomy and cuisine. The main axis of this adventure is a new restaurant that seeks to bring a fresh air to the gastronomic panorama of the region. Aware of the impor-

tance of having a cozy atmosphere, The Taste. Gastronomically, Robby Molina and Lena Dixon seek to develop their most creative side in this new space, giving free rein to experimentation without forgetting their roots and origin. Global cuisine that connects the most distant flavors with the product of proximity and market, all with the aim of generating unforgettable sensations in the diner. The experience of this new restaurant will be completed with the possibility of attending themed dinners and 4-hands, talks and workshops; an intense program of activities around the world of cuisine designed for the enjoyment of food lovers.



Include photos of dishes and the restaurant.



Lunch, Dinner,
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GUANAJA,

a hidden treasure on the Caribbean coast of Honduras

Guanaja is one of the most paradisiacal islands of Honduras, located specifically in the department of Islas de la Bahia, it has a territorial extension of approximately 50 km² and is composed of 4 villages and 46 hamlets.



Guanaja stands out for its warm charm.



Guanaja is the largest island of the insular department.

This treasure stands out for its natural beauty and ecological, historical and cultural importance. It is visited by thousands of tourists, who enjoy all that the island has to offer, among them, its warm, crystalline waters, which contain part of the second largest coral reef in the world.

Its importance lies in its richness and natural beauty, which has led it to be known as “the little Venice of Honduras”, with its attractive beaches, its waterfalls and of course, its people, who share with tourists even the smallest detail that hides this Caribbean treasure. Its hotels, restaurants and activities are waiting for you, so we will introduce you to two of the many hotels where you can stay on your next vacation.

La Villa on Dunbar Rock: surrounded only by a crystalline sea, full of life and energy, it will make you spend the best vacations of your life.

This luxurious resort is the ideal place to stay, as it is built on a 30-meter-high rock, so you will have to take a boat to get there. In addition, for those guests who wish to arrive by air, Villa On Dunbar Rock has its own heliport, of course, just like a movie.

The activities you will be able to do are: Exploring the coral reef, snorkeling tours, water paddle, scuba diving, fly fishing, outdoor pool, private beach, bar and restaurant.

The Resort at Marble Hill: located on a private beach, east of Roatan, it offers rustic style lodging, surrounded by tropical gardens, with lush vegetation and local fauna, such as hummingbirds and iguanas.

The activities offered are diving, snorkeling, kite surfing and reef fishing. You can also enjoy homemade jams made with nothing more and nothing less than exotic fruits grown on the premises.

FACT

Guanaja and the other nearby islands were dominated for short periods of time by the Spanish, Dutch and English, the latter occupying their territory for more than 200 years.

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This event is of great importance for the inhabitants, as it helps to strengthen the conservation of culture, gastronomy, potentiates the coffee of the area and promotes the department of Copán as a tourist destination, generating high income, which in turn benefits local businesses and individuals.

The expectations for the eighth edition of Expo Copán is to receive more than 15 thousand visitors, with 130 exhibitors and more than 150 events distributed among the four days, from April 26 to 30. In addition, it seeks to promote the entrepreneurs of the city, which represent 85% of the participants, while the other 15% are from different parts of the country.

If you would like to participate in this event, you can request more information at 2662-3334 - 9561-2726 - 9749-4788.

The requirements you must present are fill out the online form, where you must attach photos of the product, as well as a note signed and sealed by the entrepreneur.

The realization of ExpoCopán is possible thanks to the alliances that are developed with private enterprise, institutions, NGOs, municipalities, universities, schools, media, volunteers and active forces of the city of Santa Rosa de Copan.

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Enzo enjoys playing instruments.



Enzo Stark, the artist who is slowly winning the hearts of Spotify followers

As a child he always drew, since he was born creative. His teachers told him that he was very intelligent, but that he talked too much; He was doing very badly in his classes, so he thought that he was not intelligent due to his academic grades.

Enzo Stark is an artist of Olancho origin, with an extraordinary talent in painting, music, his good charisma has led him to conquer the hearts of many Hondurans, which have positioned him in one of the main trends on Spotify, but mostly on YouTube.

Despite the little support he receives from the media in the country, Roatan Today wants to highlight his career. Enzo Stark expressed feeling very grateful to the Hondurans, because little by little they have come to his channel, to support him and motivate him to move forward. His two big musical dreams are, "that one day the media will support natio-

nal artists, as Colombia or Puerto Rico does, and that is why they have Maluma and Daddy Yankee and the other would be, that of every artist, to hit a song worldwide". He stressed that, with time, he hopes that the country will change the little culture of support towards artists, since one of the main reasons why they retire is because of the lack of motiva-



He is a multifaceted artist who loves music and the arts.

tion they receive from the public. In addition, he expressed that as a legacy he would like to be remembered as an artist who did things right, who always gave his best to offer a quality, clean and well-worked product. Finally, we invite you to visit his Spotify or YouTube channel and subscribe, completely free.



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Hotel Executive Inn an ideal option to stay while doing business

The Executive Inn Hotel is located in a strategic area of the beautiful island of Roatán, since it is only 4.5 km from the Mahogany Bay cruise port and the Galaxy Wave ferry terminal and only 8.2 km from the Juan International Airport. Manuel Galvez.

The Executive Inn Hotel, surrounded by nature, is a good choice for executives visiting Roatan for business. It has cable service, internet, rooms with two and three beds, traditional Catracho breakfast and at night at the end of your workday you can take a dip in the pool area or enjoy a pleasant atmosphere in the bar. The location of The Executive Inn is strategic in Roatan Island, since it is only 4.5 km from the cruise port of Mahogany Bay and the ferry terminal Galaxy Wave and Utila Dream, only 8.2 km from the Juan Manuel Galvez International Airport. At 1 km from this cozy hotel, you will also find the Mall Mega Plaza shopping center, where you will

find all the banks and stores of your choice, so you can do all your shopping. As if that weren't enough, it is only 4.2 km from Big French Key and Little French Key, two of the island's most important cays, and 2.2 km from Eldon's supermarket, located in French Harbour. Best of all, The Executive Inn Hotel, is available to the public 7 days a week, from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. To make reservations you can call 504-9889-0542 or contact us via e-mail at hotelejecutivoroatan@hotmail.com. If you wish to visit the facilities, get to the community of Monte Placentero, turn left, in front of Molineros Comercial, take the street up, specifically to the left side and there you will find the hotel facilities.



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Silvia Loredo launches her first book titled "La Reina y El Pirata"

The Honduran writer, Silvia Ester Loredo, recently launched her first book entitled "La Reina y El Pirata", which is a story based on real life and teaches us the values of compassion, solidarity, and love. During the presentation, which took place at the House of Culture, Loredo commented that this work emerged during the pandemic, specifically in the year 2020, when God put it in her heart to write the book, so that people of all ages can be inspired and learn many things, including the feeling and energy of love, which we have lost and which is so lacking.

In addition, he said that during the realization of this project, which took him approximately 2 years, he has had the moral support and accompaniment of his family, as well as the support of the people of Roatan, where the launch was held to refer to the pirates, since that was where they first arrived. It is important to mention that this work is unique and is available on many digital platforms, as well as on Amazon. Finally, she called on young people to purchase her book to recover and put into practice moral and spiritual values, while encouraging them to make use of the tools they must write their own stories.

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Silvia Ester Loredo, author of "La Reina y El Pirata".

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FACT

The origin of the Easter bunny goes back to pre-Christian Anglo-Saxon festivities, when the rabbit was the symbol of fertility and was associated with the goddess Easter, to whom the month of April and the honor of the spring festivities were dedicated among the peoples of Northern Europe.



Henry Morgan held the Easter Bunny party for children



As part of the Easter celebrations, the Henry Morgan Hotel held the Easter Bunny celebration.

On April 8, at the culmination of the Easter celebrations, the Henry Morgan Hotel held an Easter celebration for the children who were staying with their families. The event started at 10:00 a.m. and ended in the afternoon.





PUNTA GORDA

a pleasant full town color

The Garifunas preserve their language, their culture, their customs and their gastronomy intact. They arrived in the Honduran Caribbean more than 226 years ago.

