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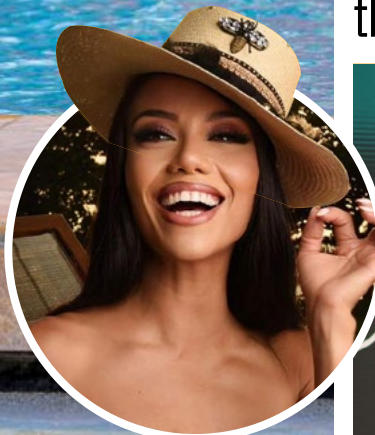
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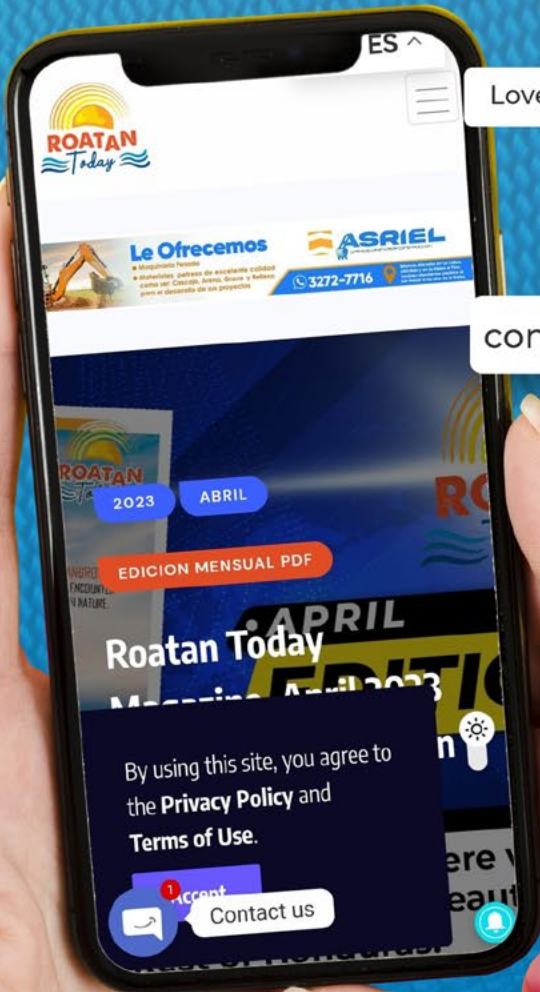


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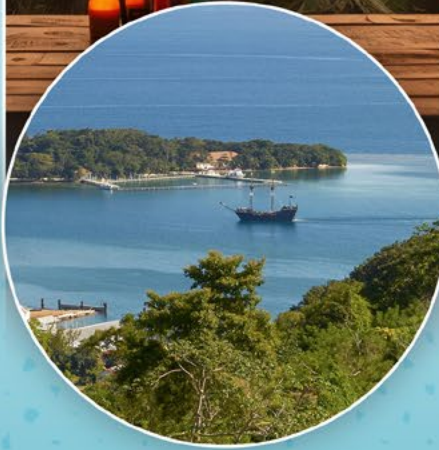
EDITORIAL

2024 Year of Island Women's Empowerment

The distinguished journalist Exenia Mann was introduced as the municipal director of education in this month dedicated to Honduran women.

We have started a tumultuous 2024 on the island of Roatan with events that have made us think: What is happening? What new strategies should we create? Roatan is an island paradise that for many years has been the face of Honduras and this year there have been many events that have brought mourning to the tourism industry. But in the midst of the difficult situations we have faced, we also have good news to tell. For the first time in Roatan Island we will have a female departmental chief, it will be a woman leading the security of our island department. The distinguished journalist Exenia Mann was introduced as the municipal director of education in this month dedicated to Honduran women. Roatan Today is proud to dedicate this edition to them. Because women are successful, empowered and entrepreneurial.





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Suyapa Nazareth Posada

new departmental chief of Islas de la Bahia

For the first time a woman will be department head in Bay Islands

With the passage of time, women are taking leadership in society, so that more and more of them hold positions that, for a long time, were only carried out by men. Deputy Commissioner Nazareth Posadas is no exception, as the thought “if men can do it, so can I” was her motivation to enter this field. She will occupy the position of the new departmental chief of police in the Insular Department.

Deputy Commissioner Nazareth Posadas, who was previously the head of the metropolitan unit of Siguatepeque, was recently appointed to the position of Bay Islands departmental chief of the national police. She comes to work with the island community. Roatan Today spoke with her via telephone prior to her inauguration as departmental chief.

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Posada defines herself as “a woman who lives with her feet on the ground, but with her eyes on the sky”, who lives and fights to be better every day, for her own good and for the good of the society she is entrusted to serve. Her favorite music is romantic ballads, Banda music and why not Rancheras; her favorite team, like all the Posada Barahona family, is Olimpia and her favorite book is the bible, because there she finds peace, wisdom and strength, especially in the Psalms and Proverbs.

With a humble childhood, surrounded by love and family unity, being part of the struggles that her parents faced to get ahead and to help their children to realize their dreams; her father was a tailor, so since she was a child Posada grew up surrounded by policemen who frequented her father to make suits and uniforms for officers and police officers. The admiration and respect she had for them was palpable in that little girl who dreamed of one day being able to serve her country. As the years went by, she managed to obtain her teaching degree and that is how she was able to combine her profession with the discipline and order she learned in the National Police.

Due to the complexity of her job, Posadas at some point thought about giving up her dream; however, she fell and got up again, because “my faith was always greater than my fears”, her motivation was also the fact that at home, her parents and siblings were waiting for her to return as a real police officer.

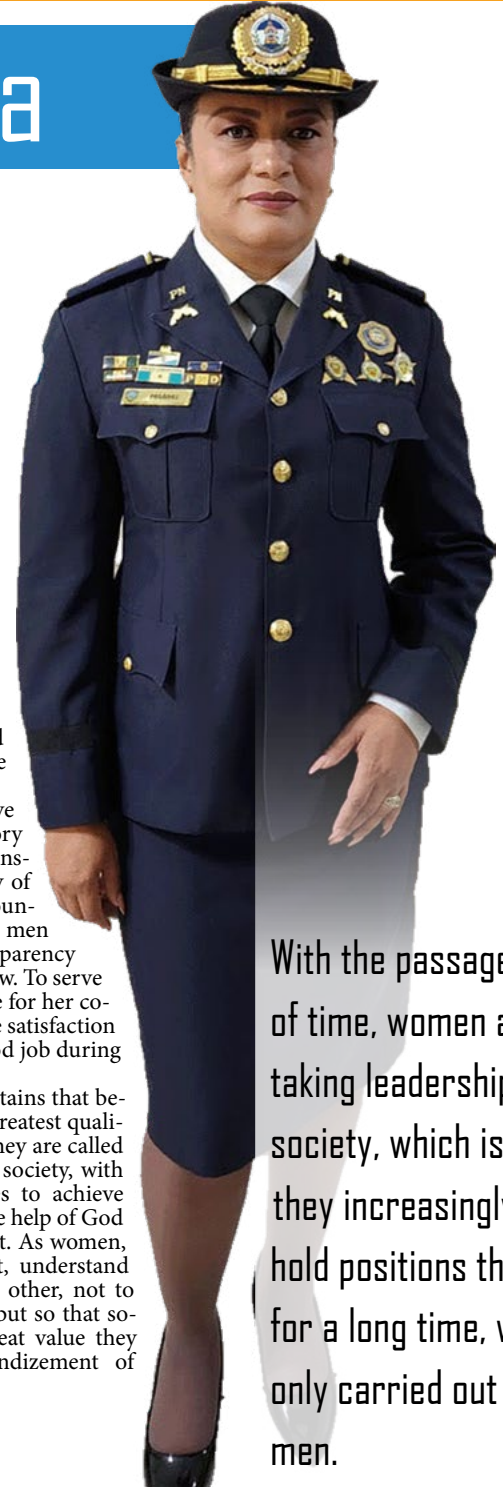
She has had to overcome many difficult missions, but the ones that have marked her life the most have been the rescue of three lives, including two newborns who were abandoned in a cardboard box in Comayagüela and another who was put in a garbage container. She has also provided assistance in childbirth, which to her honor was a baby girl who was baptized with her name “Nazareth”.

Likewise, Posadas said she is happy to belong to this noble institution, which she calls her means of blessing and sustenance for her and her children, so every day she contributes her grain of sand to enhance the institution, trying to show the population that good policemen are the majority and that they deserve their vote of confidence. Along the same lines, she instills in her colleagues the spirit of service, en-

trusting her actions and those of the authorities so that they may be enlightened in the performance of their duties.

His legacy is to leave an honorable memory of his service in the institution, with the joy of having served his country and his fellow men with fairness, transparency and respect for the law. To serve as a positive example for her colleagues and with the satisfaction of having done a good job during her tenure.

Finally, Posada maintains that being a woman is the greatest quality and strength, so they are called to build a more just society, with greater opportunities to achieve their dreams with the help of God and with much effort. As women, they should support, understand and encourage each other, not to compete with men, but so that society realizes the great value they have in the aggrandizement of Honduras.



With the passage of time, women are taking leadership in society, which is why they increasingly hold positions that, for a long time, were only carried out by men.



HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DESERVED

With emotional words of gratitude, Consul Edil Mendez addressed the audience of the Central American Coalition.

I am deeply grateful for the important recognition that I have received from the Central American Coalition. As an islander in the Bay Islands, Honduras, it is an honor to represent my community and receive this recognition that highlights the commitment and the work we do every day for the development and welfare of our region”.

During his speech he said that the recognition is not only for him, but also for every person who works tirelessly to make the Bay Islands a better place for everyone.

He also expressed that this time should be a moment of celebration, to remember the legacy of General Francisco Morazán Quezada, a Central American hero who is a source of inspiration in his struggles for unity and justice.

The hero Morazán taught that the strength of our region lies in our unity and solidarity.

The recognition encourages him to move forward with more determination and commitment in the search for a more just and prosperous future for all.

I conclude by thanking the Central American Coalition for the honor received and for its tireless work in favor of our region.



Consul Edil Mendez receives important recognition from Central American Coalition

Important honor receives the consul of the brother country El Salvador Edil Mendez this time by the Central American Coalition.



Edil Mendez accompanied by his wife, Dominic.



Edil Mendez with members of the Central America Coalition.

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U.S. EMBASSY IN HONDURAS

Recognizes the Work of Roatan Island Deputy Mayor Trudy Hilton

In commemoration of Honduran Women's Day, the U.S. Embassy in Honduras, represented by Ambassador Laura Dogu, has presented a distinguished recognition to Vice Mayor Trudy Hilton of Roatan for her exemplary service and outstanding contribution in support of a U.S. citizen in immediate need of care.

Vice Mayor Hilton, with her hard work and sensitivity to women in general, has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the welfare of the community.

Minister-Counselor Roy Perrin, representing the U.S. Embassy in Honduras, personally presented the award, expressing gratitude for Deputy Mayor Trudy Hilton's pivotal role in supporting a U.S. citizen at a crucial time.

This recognition not only celebrates Vice Mayor Hilton's humanitarian work, but also highlights her ongoing commitment to women's sensitivity, thus consolidating the collaboration and friendship between the two nations.



Trudy Hilton receiving recognition from the American Embassy.

Vice Mayor Trudy Hilton posing in front of the cameras.




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ISLAND WOMEN CELEBRATE WOMEN'S DAY

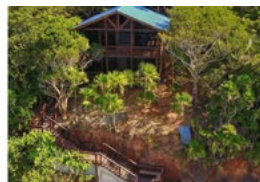
Successful Empowerment Day and Celebration in Roatan

The event, which took place from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the municipal conference room

On January 25, the municipality of Roatan was dressed in pink and witnessed a wonderful day full of positive energy during the “Women’s Empowerment Conversation”, led by Vice Mayor Trudy Hilton. The event, which took place from 8:30 am to noon in the municipal conference room, featured presentations by CONADEH, Women’s Health and BICA. Vice Mayor Trudy Hilton highlighted the importance of women’s empowerment, emphasizing collaboration with key organizations to strengthen the position of women in society. In the afternoon, the Women’s Bureau supported an exciting women’s entrepreneurship fair, promoting the talent and creativity of local businesswomen. The day culminated with a vibrant Christian concert in the parking lot of the Municipal Palace, which brought the community together in an atmosphere of joy and celebration. This initiative reflects the continued commitment of the Municipality of Roatán to the promotion of women’s empowerment and the support of women entrepreneurs in the community.



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THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROATAN

Carries out multiple cleaning days in different communities

The population in general is urged to collaborate by removing heavy items such as refrigerators, beds, stoves, among others, thus facilitating the efficiency of the cleaning work.



The Municipality of Roatan has initiated successful cleaning days in the communities of Spring Garden 1, 2 and 3. The activities began at 7:00 am promoting the beautification and welfare of these areas. Likewise, last Saturday, January 27th, cleaning activities will be carried out in the communities of El Ticket and Flowers Bay

starting at 7:00 am, inviting the active participation of the community. The population in general is urged to collaborate by removing heavy items such as refrigerators, beds, stoves, among others, thus facilitating the efficiency of the cleaning work. Samy Cortez, head of Municipal Health, said: "Every day we clean the main streets and visit different areas. We invite the communities to carry out

a general cleaning, removing everything heavy that normally cannot be picked up by the sanitation truck. We need the collaboration of the communities; let's raise awareness, a clean community is a community with less diseases". We thank the population for their cooperation and urge them to continue working together to maintain a clean and healthy environment.



GOOD NEWS ROATAN AND SANTOS GUARDIOLA

Cabildo abierto (accountability 2023) in the municipality of Santos Guardiola

At the beginning of each year, in the month of January, the municipality of Santos Guardiola holds its first Cabildo Abierto, called 'Rendición de Cuentas', in which information is shared on the financial status of the municipality. This includes funds generated and expenses incurred during the previous year.

During the event, details were shared about projects completed during the previous year and those budgeted for the new year, including the continuation of the paving of Camp Bay- Diamond Rock and efforts for the improvement of Main Street from First Right to

Oak Ridge.

The event took place on Friday, January 26, 2024, at the CEB Marco Aurelio Soto facilities in Oak Ridge and was attended by Mayor Carson Dilbert, Vice Mayor Clifford Mejia and municipal aldermen, in addition to authorities from the Fire Department, Naval Preventive Police and Health.

The mayor reiterated that the information presented is a right of the taxpayers, and emphasized that he and the municipal corporation will continue working for the good of the municipality.



Mayor Carson Dilberth presenting the open town hall meeting.

Zona Libre Turisticas continues to carry out repair works

The Bay Islands Tourist Free Zone (ZOLITUR), continues the work of repairing the sewerage wells in La Punta de Coxen Hole, in which we will continue working on the days that there is no cruise ship. We kindly ask the beneficiary population and the general population to respect the street blockage signs while these works are being carried out.



Repair of some areas on the island of Roatán.



PHOTO NEWS

Roatan's hotel sector participates in international trade show

The hotel sector of Roatan once again makes an appearance at the Travel & Adventure Show in the city of New York to be held today January 27th and 28th at the Jacob Javits Convention Center.

The companies that promote the Bay Islands as one of the most emblematic attractions of Central America representatives are: Turquoise Bay, BarefootCay, Bananarama, InfinityBayParadiseHotel, MayanPrincess and CamaraTurismo Islas de la Bahia (BITB).

Promoting the Bay Islands at the different tourism fairs requires a great human and economic sacrifice.

Hotel sector participating in the travel fair in New York City.





POLICY



Consul Edil Méndez meets with candidate for the presidency of El Salvador

An event that promises to mark a milestone in the regional political landscape, Honorary Consul Edil Méndez led a prominent delegation, accompanied by his wife and prominent members of the Central American coalition, to meet with the candidate for the Vice President of El Salvador Felix Ulloa. The meeting, which was also attended by the respected Mayor of the island of Útila, Alex Ebanks, had the union of Cen-

tral America as its central point of discussion. During the meeting, crucial issues for regional integration were discussed in depth, from economic cooperation to security and sustainable development. The delegation expressed its firm commitment to building a more united and prosperous Central America, recognizing the importance of working in a coordinated and collaborative manner to achieve this objective. The candidate for the Vice Presiden-

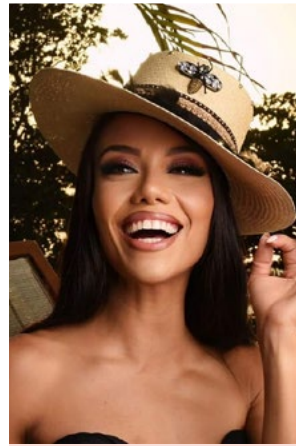
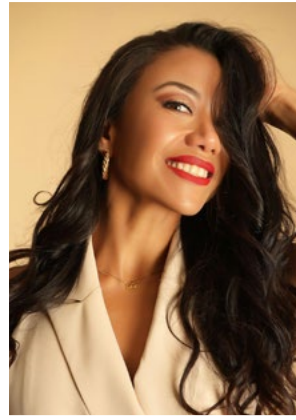
cy of El Salvador received the delegation with warmth and receptivity, demonstrating a genuine interest in promoting dialogue and cooperation between Central American countries. His leadership and vision of the future were key elements in building a favorable environment for the discussion of transcendental issues for the region. The presence of Mayor Ebanks and representatives of the Central American coalition underscores the shared commitment to building a more

prosperous and equitable future for all the inhabitants of Central America. This meeting represents a significant step towards greater regional integration and collaboration, laying the foundation for a promising future for our beloved region. The community thanks Honorary Consul Edil Méndez and the delegation for their leadership and commitment, as well as the candidate for the Vice Presidency of El Salvador for his willingness to dialogue and work for Central American unity.



BEAUTY

Paola Carbajal will represent Honduras as lady vicereine from Honduras



The Honduran Paola Carbajal is preparing for a masterful performance of the Mrs. Globe pageant that will take place in China

Paola Carbajal, lived more than two decades in Europe and has a degree in Marketing and Communication. During her professional career she found her true calling: supporting and empowering women. His return to Honduras marks the beginning of a significant project. Currently, I work as a personal trainer and sports nutritionist, focusing on strengthening women through fitness, positive mindset, discipline and self-knowledge to raise their self-esteem. Her project, Fit Woman in Roatán, is not only a profession, but my life mission. I work hard to positively impact the female community in Roatán, providing tools and guidance so they can achieve their wellness goals. During the interview she told us that she will have the honor of representing Honduras as Virreina Señora Honduras in the international Mrs. Globe pageant, which will take place in China on March 1. This role is not only personal recognition, but also an opportunity to highlight the achievements and strength of Honduran women worldwide. In the midst of this journey, she sincerely expressed gratitude for the achievements made so far, knowing that each step contributes to the growth and well-being of the community of women in Roatán.

CCNN

President of the National Congress affirms full support to CORETT

The executive secretary of the Inter-institutional Commission Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Persons (CICESCT), MSc. Sua Martinez Ibarra, attended the ceremony of the installation of the III Legislature of the National Congress, at the invitation of the president of the legislative branch, Eng. Luis Redondo Guifarro.

He also discussed with the president of the National Congress, the full support to the Regional Coalition Against Trafficking and Smuggling of Persons (CORETT), of which Honduras obtained the presidency of this, along with the Forum of Presidents of the Legislative Powers of Central America, the Caribbean Basin and Mexico (FOPREL).

This important event was attended by secretaries of state, authorities of the Supreme Court of Justice, deputies and the President of Honduras Xiomara Castro Sarmiento, the government cabinet, ambassadors and international organizations such as the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The solemn act concluded with a conviviality among all the guests, where the presence of Sua Martinez, executive secretary of CICESCT, was highlighted.

The Secretary of Education - SEDUC and the Interinstitutional Commission Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking - CICESCT of Honduras.

They mark a historic event by uniting in the fight against Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants.

UNODC reaffirmed its full support for CICESCT and CORETT to strengthen the work in Honduras and at the regional level in the fight against human trafficking, with the aim of guaranteeing the human rights of all people.



INDUSTRIAL CAPITAL

Mayor Roberto Contreras presents achievements of his two years of municipal government in the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortes *Entrepreneurs once again support the administration of Mayor Roberto Contreras to continue promoting the economic and social development of the city. Contributing to the economic development of the city and with the purpose of improving the quality of life of the population, Mayor Roberto Contreras, under the commitment to serve the people, with a policy of open doors, order, discipline, respect and transparency, has executed during his administration infrastructure works in different parts of San Pedro Sula. Also, actions aimed at strengthening and bringing health closer to the population, supporting education, especially technical education, sports, security, culture, competitiveness and entrepreneurship, as well as administrative savings, road reorganization, care and preservation of natural resources and helping those most in need.

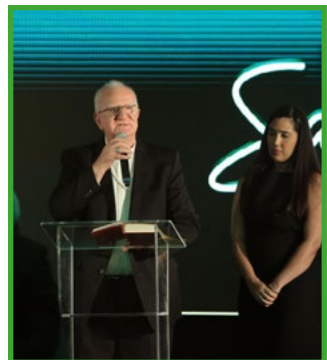
Mayor Roberto Contreras and his work team, held this Friday the conference “La Nueva San Pedro Sula, la ciudad que más avanza” at the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Cortes (CCIC), in order to present the achievements of his two years of government to the central government authorities, ambassadors, consular corps, businessmen, church leaders and media. In his speech, the mayor stressed that “the greatest achievement of this municipality is that we have done everything with our own funds, without bank loans, on the contrary, we have paid loans from past administrations. He also highlighted the support to technical education, schools and health.

The mayor indicated that in this administration we have not looked for culprits, “but we have dedicated ourselves to do our work based on the 3 D’s; Let work, Stop getting in the way and Stop stealing”.

In relation to infrastructure, he said that investment continues for this 2024, with about 1,000 million lempiras in paving projects in neighborhoods and colonies, as well as the construction of bridges and boulevards. In education, he addressed the graduation of more than a thousand young people from the three municipal technical training centers; Honduras Corea, Chamelecón and Sampedrano, which are currently in the process of enrollment for the 2024 school year. Referring to the work being carried out in the area of Health, he said that it is the auxiliary arm of government health, “our health system this year concluded with nearly 370 thousand attentions.

Conference “the new San Pedro Sula, the city that moves forward”

Mayor Roberto Contreras presents achievements of his two years of municipal government at the chamber of commerce and industry of Cortes.



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Municipality Leads Environmental Conservation and Recycling Initiatives"

Roatan Mayor Ron McNab reinforces commitment to environmental and marine ecosystem protection



Roatan Mayor Ron McNab recently reaffirmed his commitment to environmental and marine ecosystem conservation in a key meeting with Curt Cozart, representative of the U.S. Recycling Association, Mujeres Por Honduras, and other organizations and foundations concerned with the preservation of the natural environment.

During the meeting, an exchange of ideas took place with the objective of actively promoting recycling in the municipality and positioning Roatan as an outstanding model of environmental conservation. This

meeting marks the first step in the development of concrete initiatives to address the waste problem and promote more sustainable practices on the island.

In his remarks, Mayor Ron McNab expressed his determination to find solutions to the waste problem, stressing the importance of integrating solutions to a problem that affects the community. "Litter is a problem we live with. The idea is to integrate solutions together. We want to get added value and maximum potential out of the plastics that are produced in garbage on the island and prevent plastic from reaching the oceans."

In addition, he announced the launch of a recycling project aimed at local schools, with the purpose of involving young people in the cause and at the same time raising funds for environmental conservation initiatives. "We want to give an incentive to each school that manages to raise the most each month. We need to raise awareness among our young people about the importance of recycling and caring for the environment."

Mr. Curt Cozart, a representative of the American Recycling Association, shared his enthusiasm for the community's involvement and active search for solutions. "I'm excited to see people interested, the big questions, there are a lot of people who want to find solutions. It's time to bring ideas together and look for solutions. One of the important points is to find the value of plastic and prevent it from reaching the ocean and transform it in our favor to generate income and protect the environment." This joint commitment between the local government and international organizations reflects a significant step towards sustainability and the preservation of Roatan's natural environment. It is hoped that this initiative will serve as an inspiring example for other communities in the search for global environmental solutions.

INFORMATIVE BRIEFS

Smoky Grill Roatan an unforgettable gastronomic experience

Roatan has a restaurant located in the Las Palmas sector, a gastronomic experience in every sense. With a wonderful view of the cruise ships and the Galaxy Wave ferry. The national or foreign tourist begins to enjoy an unforgettable experience. Since its dishes will delight your palate and will make you live extraordinary sensations just by tasting them. Inside the restaurant there is an ecological environment and its design is linked to the traditions of our country. So that the visitor not only live a gastronomic experience but also get to know different places of Honduras through the dishes that are prepared and the decoration.



If you want to visit Smoky Grill Roatan visit our social networks.



Changes at Bay Islands Naval Base

Lieutenant Commander CC Josue Jimenez, Commander of the Bay Islands Naval Base, recently appointed, meets with the Mayor of Roatan Ron McNab to strengthen collaboration ties between both institutions, seeking at all times to be worthy servants of the island population. We welcome Captain Jimenez and wish him success and blessings in his new assignment.



AMHON seeks to manage housing projects



The Association of Municipalities of Honduras (AMHON), held a meeting with representatives of the Property Institute, CONVIVIENDA, SEDESOL, this in order to know the status of housing projects under implementation under the Housing Program of Social Work Donated and Financed (PVOSDF). The meeting was attended by the president of AMHON, Nelson Castellanos, the mayor of Olanchito, Juan Carlos Molina, the mayor of Choloma, Gustavo Mejia, the mayor of Villanueva, Walter Perdomo, the mayor of Macuelizo, Jacqueline Trejo, the vice president of AMHON, Marlon Pineda, the deputies Bartolo Fuentes, Ronal Pineda and technical team of AMHON.

HISTORICO

CAMCAYCA's mission is to represent the National Associations of Municipalities and to influence strategic regional decision-making bodies for the definition and implementation of public policies to support municipal development.

"We are very grateful to the Association of Municipalities of Honduras, for designating Comayagua as the host city to host the Fourth Ordinary Session of the National Confederation of Municipalities of Central America and the Caribbean, it is a great opportunity to sell the positive image of heritage, historical and architectural city that Comayagua has, this is thanks to the effort that as local government, we have been doing for years to position Comayagua with a positive image both nationally and internationally," said Carlos Miranda, Mayor of Comayagua.

Luis Hernandez, President CAMCAYCA, said "We thank our great friend Carlos Miranda, for allowing us to be in Comayagua and be the host municipality of this important activity, the struggles that were presented, are to strengthen the municipalism between nations, I take a very nice impression of the city of Comayagua, I appreciate your great hospitality and the fine attentions we received during our stay," he concluded.

Mayor Carlos Miranda, when he was president of the Association of Municipalities of Honduras, made great efforts, since he managed to increase the transfers for the municipalities, from 5 to 11 percent.

"For this event we chose Comayagua because of the great example we have in municipalism as Mayor Carlos Miranda, we are proud, because he represents us with dignity at national and international level, he has the image of being a municipalist at heart, especially very committed to the people," said Nelson Castellanos, President of AMHON.

The Mayors who participated in the Fourth Ordinary Session of the National Confederation of Municipalities of Central America and the Caribbean, left happy to know all the patrimonial, historical and architectural wealth of Comayagua.

Comayagua hosted the IV Ordinary Session of the National Confederation of Municipalities of Central America and the Caribbean

Historic and Colonial Comayagua is the first city in Honduras to host the Fourth Ordinary Session of the National Confederation of Municipalities of Central America and the Caribbean (CAMCAYCA).





HAPPINESS



The Municipality of Roatán is committed to continuing to work tirelessly to build a bright future for youth.

Roatán Mayor's Office continues with the delivery of backpacks to schools

Jimmy Connor, municipal councilor, carried out the delivery of backpacks at the Juan Brooks school in Coxen Hole as part of Mayor Ron McNab's commitment to support children. In an effort to ensure that all children have access to the resources necessary for their education, backpacks continue to be provided to

the schools most in need. "We have a corporation and a Mayor who believe in the future and the education of children, and that is why we are focused on it," said Connor. "We are moving forward with the construction and repair of schools, as well as the implementation of educational projects." Jairo Rivera, deputy director of the Juan Brooks school, commented:

"There is no reason for children not to go to school due to lack of backpacks or uniforms, since positive management has been done with the authorities of the Municipality of Roatán, We appreciate the good management. The Municipality of Roatán is committed to continuing to work tirelessly to build a bright future for youth.



The event stood out for offering an inclusive and enriching space where participants could exchange ideas, establish connections and empower each other.

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On January 25, 2024, the island of Roatán witnessed a grand event that honored and celebrated the remarkable careers of outstanding women who reside on the island of Roatán.

“Roatan’s Women of Achievement” was held at the Bean Crazy facility located in Dolphin Plaza, opening its doors for the second consecutive year to a multicultural and passionate audience of over 70 women and men who gathered to recognize and highlight the exceptional achievements of fifteen influential women.

Women entrepreneurs, professionals and community leaders graced the evening, each of these women shared their experiences, challenges overcome and remarkable achievements, providing inspiration to the community.

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The day was marked by motivational speeches and moving moments of reflection and ended with Angela Rosa, a talented singer who delighted the audience with the moving musical performance “Creo en mí”, adding an artistic, powerful and unique note to the event.

The women highlighted during the evening were: the honorable and outstanding deputy mayor of the island of Roatán Trudy Hilton, Island journalist Indira Fox Founder of the First Digital Newspaper of the Islanders, Diario Roatan www.diarioroatan.com; Jinniva Alvarez, creator of Roatan Vibes Boutique; Jessie Ustariz and Alejandra Zelaya of Zeus Real State, Courtney Xatruch Tiki Boat Adventures Roatan; Julia Colindres of Giulia jewelry; Paula Arteaga of Infoinsular TV; Gabriela Moreira, marketer; Shery Manzanera founder of Primer Makeup Studio de Belleza de Roatán; Ana Flores and Sophia Fedio of Keller Williams Roatán; Paola Carbajal of Mujer Fit en Roatán and Angela Rosa, artist; each representing the wealth and diversity of talent in Roatán.

All of these women are a source of pride and represent empowerment and entrepreneurship as role models for future generations.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROATÁN

The director of the Education Department of the Municipality of Roatan, Excenia Mann, expressed the municipality's commitment and vision towards the educational development of the municipality. "We are investing significantly in improving education in Roatan. Although we have not reached every school, Mayor Ronnie McNab's desire is to cover every corner of the municipality," said Mann. The investment is not limited only to infrastructure, as the Municipality has allocated resources towards the implementation of educational technology. This year, 20 virtual classrooms will be completed, ensuring that each educational center has adequate facilities for learning English.

Excenia Mann emphasized the importance of education in building the future of Roatan: "Educating our children and youth is how we will transform the Roatan we all seek".

The Municipality of Roatan reiterates its commitment to educational excellence and continues to work tirelessly to provide quality learning opportunities to every student in the municipality.

Welcomes the 2024 School Year with Educational Commitment

This Thursday marked the beginning of the 2024 school year and the Municipality of Roatan joined with enthusiasm to ensure its strong support for education in the municipality.

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Excenia Mann
Director of the Department of Education



Marvin Corrales a passionate for the arts in the city of La Ceiba

Roatan Today talked with one of the cultural promoters of the city of La Ceiba. Marvin Corrales better known in popular slang as Marti.



Profile in text box
Name: Marvin Corrales (Marti Corrales, artistic)
Profession: Visual Artist (studied History, photography, art)
Marital Status: Married
Studies: Art at the National School of Fine Arts, Photography at the French Alliance, History at the National Autonomous University of Honduras.



1. Who is Marvin Corrales, visual artist, I work in painting in its different techniques, drawing and photography. At the same time I am a consultant, co-founder of Hondurastock, a company specialized in communication and visibility for international cooperation agencies. Since 2010 I am an activist for the promotion of culture in the city of La Ceiba and from 2022 I am president of the Cultural Association of La Ceiba, whose main project is the definitive installation of the House of Culture of La Ceiba in the historic building of the Customs.

2. How did you start in the world of culture?

In 2010, the year I arrived in the city of La Ceiba (I was born in Tegucigalpa), I was introduced by my friend (QDDG) Guillermo Anderson in the different cultural and artistic circles of the city, almost immediately I was accepted and a few months later I was elected president of the Cultural Council of La Ceiba, an initiative of the Joint Project of the United Nations, and almost immediately, I was also elected vice president of the Cultural Association La Ceiba, by the guild of artists of the city.

3. What projects are you currently working on?

I am currently developing a visual-photographic project called "Fusion; Past and Present, which consists of the digital composition of historical photographs of Honduras from the early and mid-twentieth century merged with current photographs. This project has been well accepted, it was inaugurated at the Museum of National Identity and is now part of its temporary collection and its traveling exhibition called "Maleta MIN", it has also been in the airports of the country and in some municipalities. We have developed a specific sample

of the city of La Ceiba, which has been exhibited in different squares of the city. A sample of visual art has been selected to be presented in a group exhibition on the occasion of the 85th anniversary of the Honduran Institute of Inter-American Culture, IHCI, to be held in the coming months.

4. What cultural changes are currently taking place in La Ceiba?

After a long period in which the local authorities were obstacles for the cultural development of this city, the situation has changed for the better, since the current administration of the city has good intentions to support the cultural activity of La Ceiba. This is logical because no city that intends to develop tourism can leave aside its cultural displays, since these are precisely the contents that enrich the offer of tourist attractions. We maintain the hope that the central and local authorities will finally address the need for the creation of a cultural center at the height of a city like La Ceiba, since they have expressed this interest, as a sign of goodwill, a cooperation agreement has been signed between the Ministry of Culture, Artes y Patrimonios de los Pueblos de Honduras, SECAPH, Municipality of La Ceiba and the Cultural Association of La Ceiba, ASOCLACE to definitively establish the House of Culture of La Ceiba, and its headquarters, the historic building of La Aduana, which will also be restored.

5. What legacy would you like to leave?

I would like our efforts to bear fruit and that the citizens of the Caribbean region of Honduras can count on a center for the development and cultural exercise of the different artists of the region, as well as that future generations have the opportunity to have formal art education and spaces for their practice, development and exhibition.



INTERNATIONAL JOURNALIST

Neyda Sandoval visits the Municipality of San Pedro Sula

Neyda Sandoval sharing with a little girl.



Neida Sandoval is winner of five National Emmy Awards in the United States and Goodwill Ambassador for Cepudo and Food For The Poor. She also has an extensive journalistic career at the international level.

The reason for the visit to the municipality of San Pedro Sula was to celebrate the link between Neida Sandoval and the organizations Cepudo and Food For The Poor, as well as to share and learn about the work done by EcoSocial for the benefit of the needy.

The hostess was the ad honorem director of EcoSocial, Zoila Santos de Contreras, who gave a warm welcome to the international journalist Neida Sandoval, and to celebrate her liaison with the organizations Cepudo and Food For The Poor, as well as to share with her the work that the Mayor's Wife's Office does for the benefit of children, youth and underprivileged adults.

The Mayor's Wife's Office, EcoSocial, works hand in hand with the Cepudo Organization to help with food supplies for the poor people of San Pedro Sula. The meeting took place in the City Hall of the Municipality of San Pedro Sula, where the founder of Cepudo, Mrs. Linda Coello, also attended. In addition, the students of the José Ramón Aguilar Basic Education Center gave a warm welcome to the journalist with folkloric presentations.

Zoila Santos de Contreras expressed that, "we are celebrating Cepudo's link with Neida Sandoval, "a journalist with a great trajectory, a legacy for our country, who is back in Honduras and comes to give her best. She already has references of Cepudo and the work of the Municipality, and is willing to help the foundation in this beautiful work". Santos shared that Cepudo helps EcoSocial with



Entering the Sampedrana City Hall accompanied by Linda Coello and Zoila de Contreras.

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200 bags of food per month, which are distributed in places of great need. Meanwhile, Neida Sandoval, said that she celebrates all the good things that happen in the country, "to arrive in Honduras, to feel this warm welcome in the Municipality of San Pedro Sula", after adding that "I am here as a Goodwill Ambassador of Cepudo and Food For The Poor", through which she will visit several communities in Honduras to learn about the work they do. "This reception in the Municipality by Don Roberto and Doña Zoila fills me with gratitude and to see the work that the first lady is developing as a public servant, I applaud her", she said. During the visit, Doña Zoila de Contreras presented an award to journalist Neida Sandoval, for her valuable work and inspiring example of solidarity, empathy and effort that has positively impacted vulnerable communities, providing help and hope in times of need, especially through her dedication and commitment to the Cepudo Association.

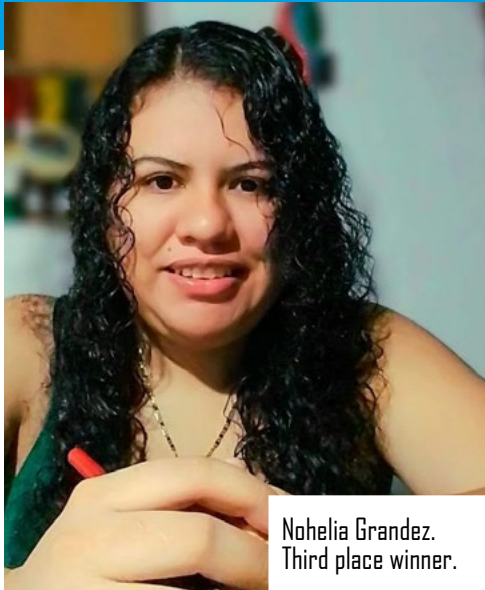


Neyda Sandoval Honduran journalist who developed her career in important networks in the United States.

CATRACHO TALENT

Cultural Events that exalt Honduras

In Roatán Today we are celebrating as a family since our appreciated uncle and cousin Pedro Grandez Oyuela and his daughter Noelia Grandez Castro have been awarded for having participated in the Arte Expo Latina awards and both have obtained first and third place in the V Latin Art Expo art award held in Colombia 2023 Edition. For us it is a pride that our family members are awarded internationally. This event is organized by teacher Jorge Enrique Londono Ramírez, originally from Colombia.



Noelia Grandez. Third place winner.



Pedro Grandez. First place winner.

Pedro and Nohelia Grandez are a source of pride for Honduran art.



Diploma from Pedro Grandez.



Diploma from Nohelia Grandez.