

I was living in Gamboa as a little kid. So, we actually lived right on the edge of the jungle in Gamboa. Gamboa is a little town that's two miles around. Because we measured it. And as high school kids we would run, at night, barefoot around the town and the only clock in the town was at the post office. So, we would go down the post office and wait for the time and then we run around town barefoot in the dark, stepping on monkey plums and thinking about snakes and gators the whole time. And then we checked the time when we got back six and a half minutes. Oh, we can do faster. Let's do six minutes. Oh, let's do it again. So, I guess we were in pretty good shape. It was a small town. You knew everybody in town. There were fruit trees everywhere in the town, and you knew where all the—today I could tell you where every fruit tree was because it was a big deal. You want to get mangos. Okay. You get salt and pepper and some vinegar maybe, and or nothing. And whatever mango tree was in right there, we knew the good mango trees that bad mango trees. Some tasted like turpentine. Some were stringy. Some had bugs in them. We'd sit in those trees and eat I don't know how many mangos. So, as a kid in a small town, and it was a different time, it was—like we get off the bus. We had to ride a bus. We were the farthest out. Gamboa's halfway across the Canal. It's surrounded by 96,000 acres of jungle. So, we had to catch the bus at 6:30 in the morning every day, and then we get home. And then we'd say, hey, you want to go hunting? What do you wanna do? Let's do something? We'd go sailing. We'd go swimming in the Chagres. Snorkeling or spearfishing. But what I was going for is. It was different in that we could say, oh, let's go hunting. So, here we are, thirteen years old. I'd go home. I get a shotgun. I'd walk up the street to Kenny's house. He'd get his shotgun and we go to Joey's house and get his shotgun. And then the three of us would wander through town with their shotguns and then just head out into the jungle. We, I don't think we ever got anything but it was fun. We were out there.