

# QUEPOLANDIA

Month of July 1998

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THE ONLY ENGLISH NEWSPAPER FOR THE QUEPOS/ MANUEL ANTONIO AREA

*INSIDE: Calendar of Events \* Tide Charts & Lunar Phases \* Sports Update\* Fishing & Surfing Reports \* Restaurant & Video Reviews \* "World & Local News" \* Local Classified Advertising \* Smile Corner \* Night Life \* Horoscopes \* Cooking Corner \* Quotable Quotes \* & MORE*

BIENVENIDOS AND WELCOME to the Quepos / Manuel Antonio area of Costa Rica. You have in your hands the premier issue of QUEPOLANDIA - a monthly newsletter and (somewhat tongue-in-cheek) informational guide put together to provide you with insights that will hopefully smooth the way as you journey through this little burg we call home. But before the fun begins - a brief history lesson. (Thanks to our friend William Deverell for his contribution (real facts) to this historical insight!)

The area first gained notoriety as a banana port - Puerto Quepos. Until the mid-1960's one could only get here by boat. Then a road came in from San Jose with Quepos being the end of the ( 7 hours on a Bluebird bus ) line.

Passengers would alight, ashen faced and desperate, and stare at the many-hued collection of clapboard buildings lining the street and wonder what the hell they were doing here and where the beaches were.

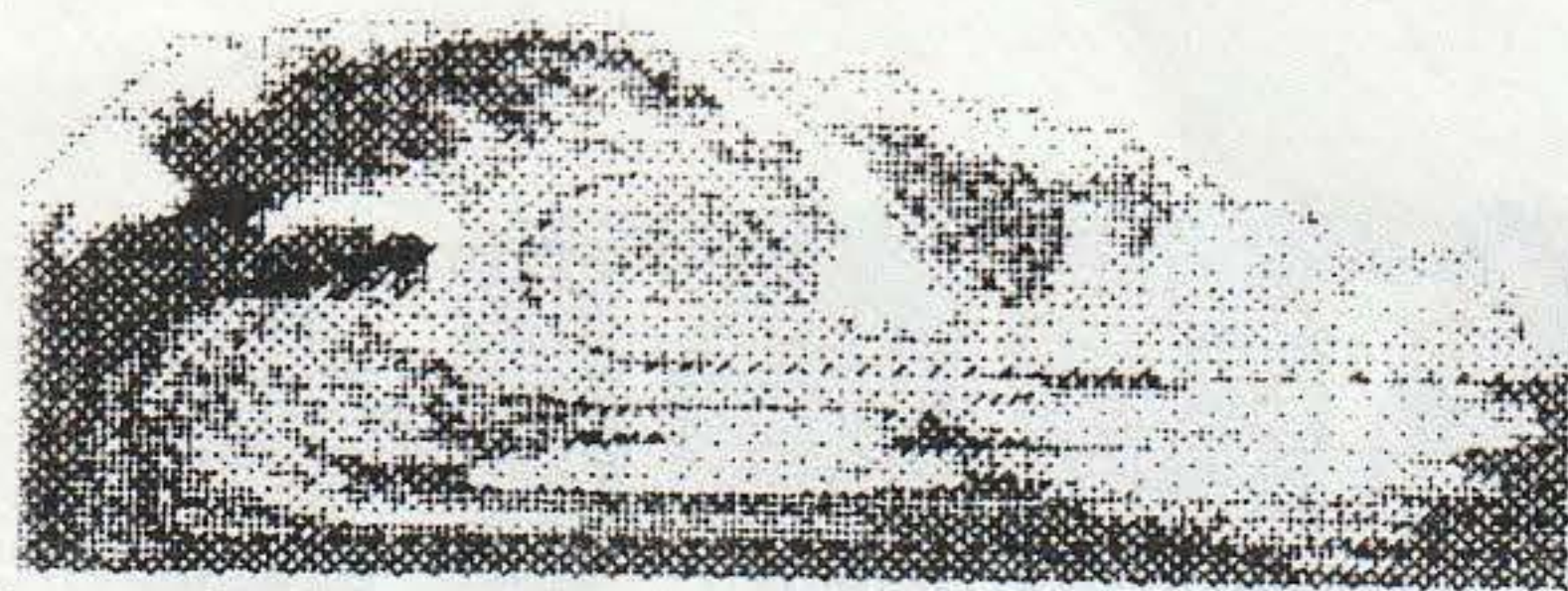
By 1980 a colony of gringos, mostly refugees of one sort or the other, had built homes and begun businesses at Manuel Antonio. In 1980 a SANSA Airlines DC-3 also began (irregular) service to the area. The tourist industry at this time consisted of a gringo bar - El Barba Roja, a few luxury villas at La Mariposa, some rustic cabins, a beachfront bar called the Mar Y Sombra and that was all there was!

## BUT THAT WAS THEN, AND THIS IS NOW.

The tourist industry, and subsequently the area, has grown exponentially in the intervening years. Today Quepos / Manuel Antonio is an eclectic and quite delightful mix of expatriated adventurers from around the world, as well as an intrepid group of locals who have hung around for the "pura vida".

Once again, we wish you a warm welcome to our unique slice of paradise.

**BE CAREFUL AND HAVE FUN !!!**



# Tide Charts, Lunar Phases & Sunsets

Date The asterisk\* on the right = high tide time

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7/26	4:37 AM *	10:39 AM	4:51 PM *	10:59 PM
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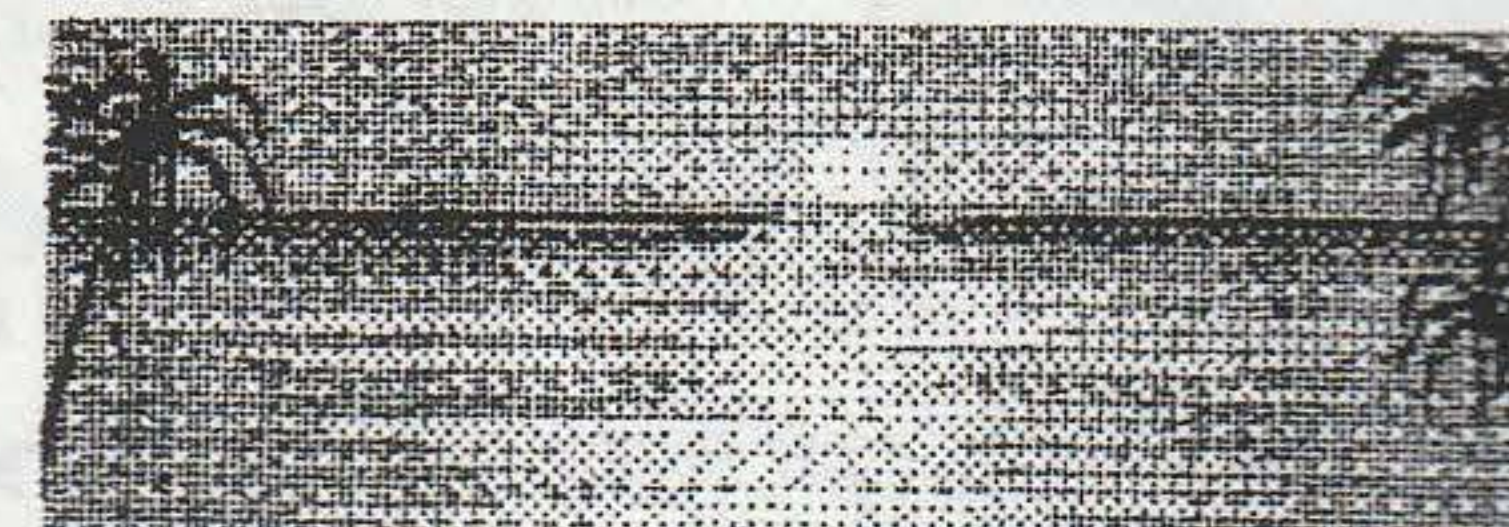


**Wed, July 1st**  
**Crescent Moon**  
(Cuarto Creciente)

**Thurs, July 9th**  
**Full Moon**  
(Luna Llena)

**Thurs, July 16th**  
**Waning Moon**  
(Cuarto Menguante)

**Thurs, July 23rd**  
**New Moon**  
(Luna Nueva)



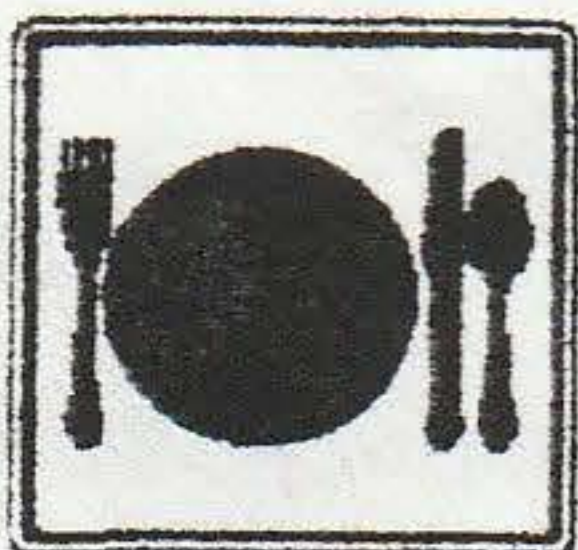
Because we are only about degrees above the equator, sunset occurs at about the same time every day -- around 5: pm. It's spectacular -- don't miss it!

## VIDEO REVIEW

This video reviews from USA Today -- we'd like you to submit a review of your favorite (or unfavorite) video rented locally.

**BREAST MEN (1997, HBO):** Though director Lawrence O'Neil has a tough time finessing a consistent tone for this cautionary yarn about the invention and downfall of silicon breast implants, what tone would apply to a ribald slice of recent history that turned tragic for so many participants? Billed as "basically a true story, slightly augmented," this uneven satire serves up David Schwimmer as the geekier half of a contentious two-man combine that concocts the brazen new concept. Chris Cooper plays the more polished of the partners. The story is outlandishly fascinating yet inevitably discomforting.

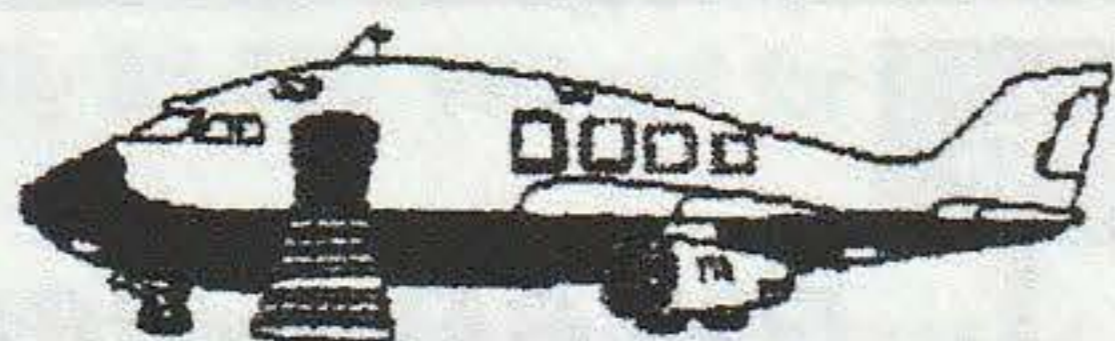
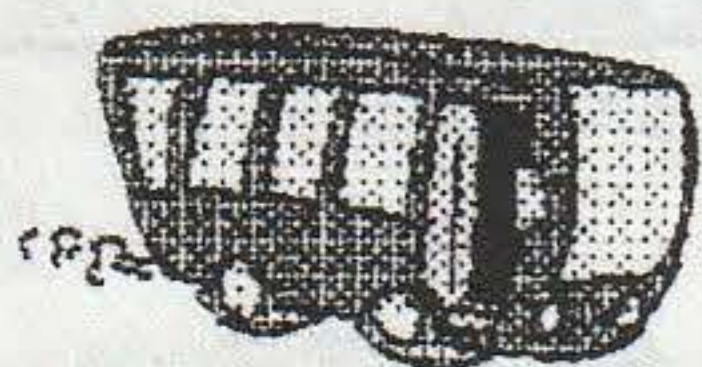




## Restaurant Review

Each month we dine at a selected restaurant & offer our opinions herein. Want your restaurant reviewed? Invite us for a meal!

**La Marquesa** - Many of you may already be familiar with this little restaurant on the main road coming into Quepos. The menu is basically tipico, consistent, and always an excellent value. A very full and satisfying breakfast runs around \$2-3 -- not a "grand slam", but still a good deal for our area. It's hard to spend more than \$5 for lunch/dinner -- try a casado, a lot of food for a small price -- and the beers are cheap and cold.

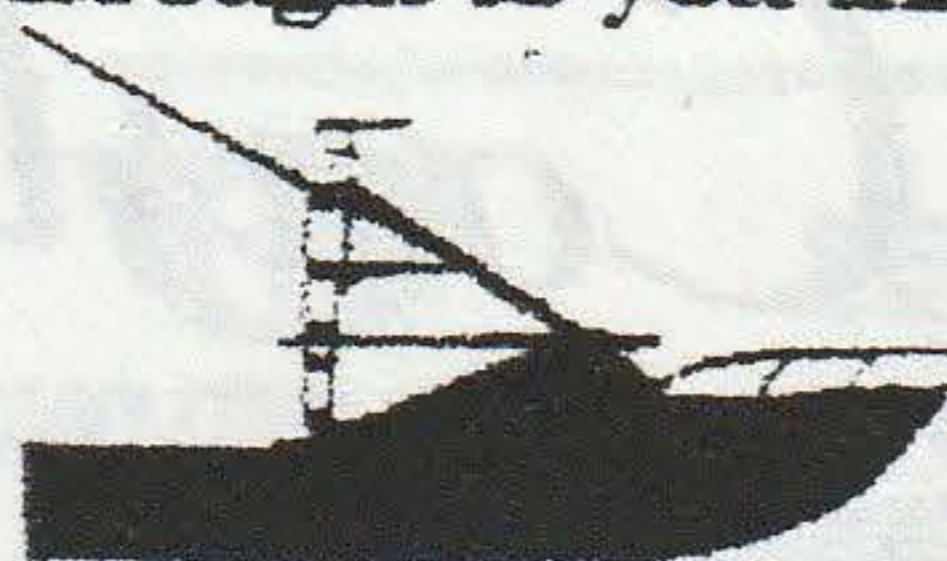


## Transportation Information

Bus service between Quepos and Manuel Antonio is inexpensive (75 colones) - and is provided almost every half hour. Taxi's to Manuel Antonio start at 500 colones (a little more if the trip goes off the main road) -- flag down a taxi for the return trip to Quepos and pay only 150 colones. Air shuttle service to/from San Jose is available daily starting at \$35 -- several flights every day.

## Monthly Fishing Report

Brought to you this month compliments of:

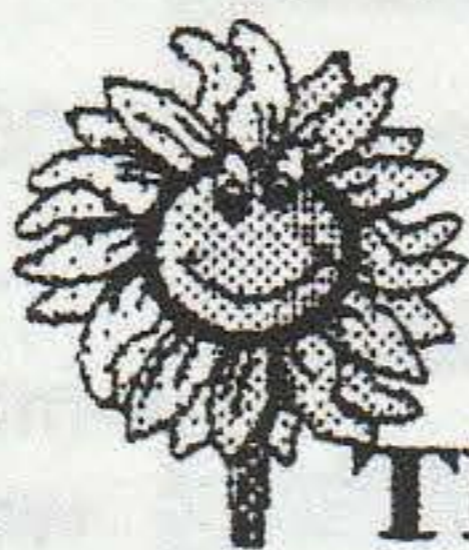


Capt Wayne Hixson and the **PESCADOR del PACIFICO**

Break out the wasabi & soy sauce -- the tuna bite is on! Here it is July, the water has cooled down, the bait is back and the ocean off Quepos is loaded with tuna. It's a short run to find the birds and porpoise which is almost a guarantee (remember, it's fishing) that hordes of hungry yellowfin tuna are nearby. High speed trolling in front of the porpoise usually produces multiple hookups of "footballs" (swollen yellowfin tuna up to 50 lbs.) while dropping a live bait in front will produce larger fish (100 lbs and up). As a bonus sailfish and an occasional marlin can be taken in the same area. It's wintertime so the ocean can be a little bumpy; so make preparations and have a great day fishing. For more information and reservations, contact Capt. Wayne Hixon of the "Pescador del Pacifico at 777-0817

"TIGHT LINES"

## The Smile Corner



## Things to think about..



How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?

If vegetable oil comes from vegetables, where does baby oil come from?

What hair color do they put on a driver's license of a bald man?



Ricardo y Anita



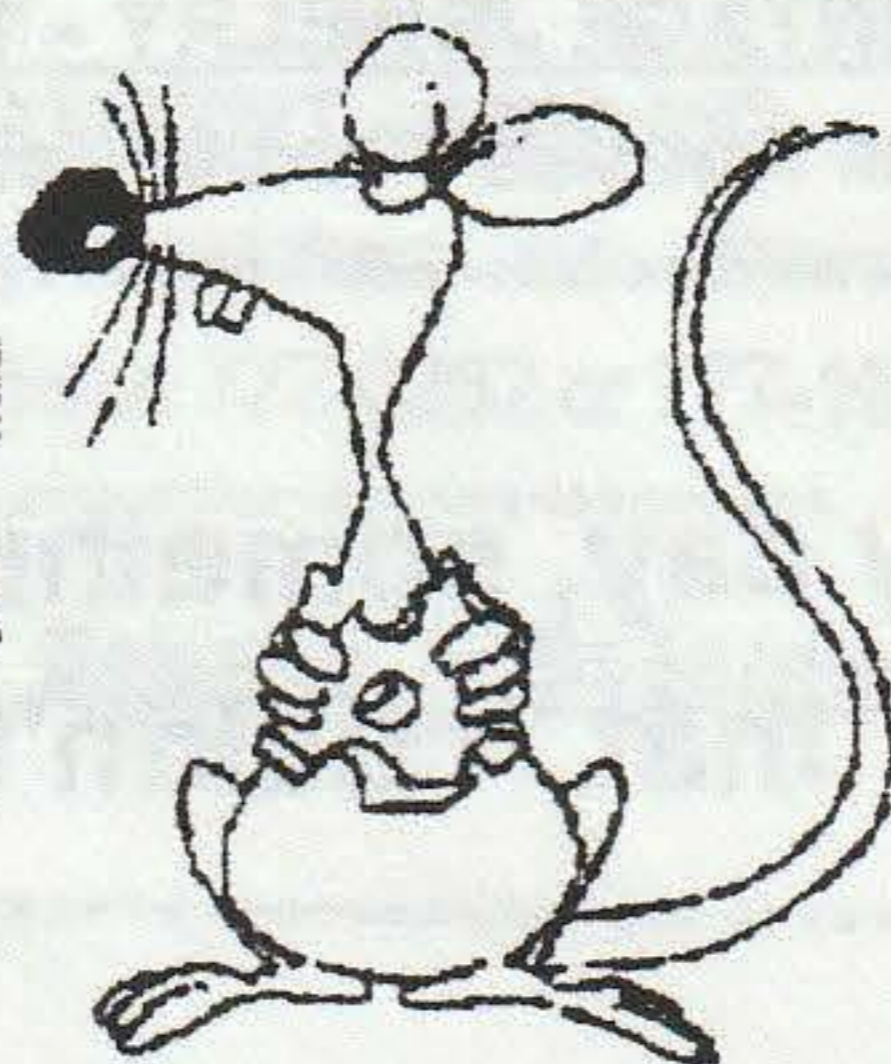
Ricardo: "I've read so much about the evils of drinking & smoking that I've given up reading!"

Anita: "I was thinking... that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans."



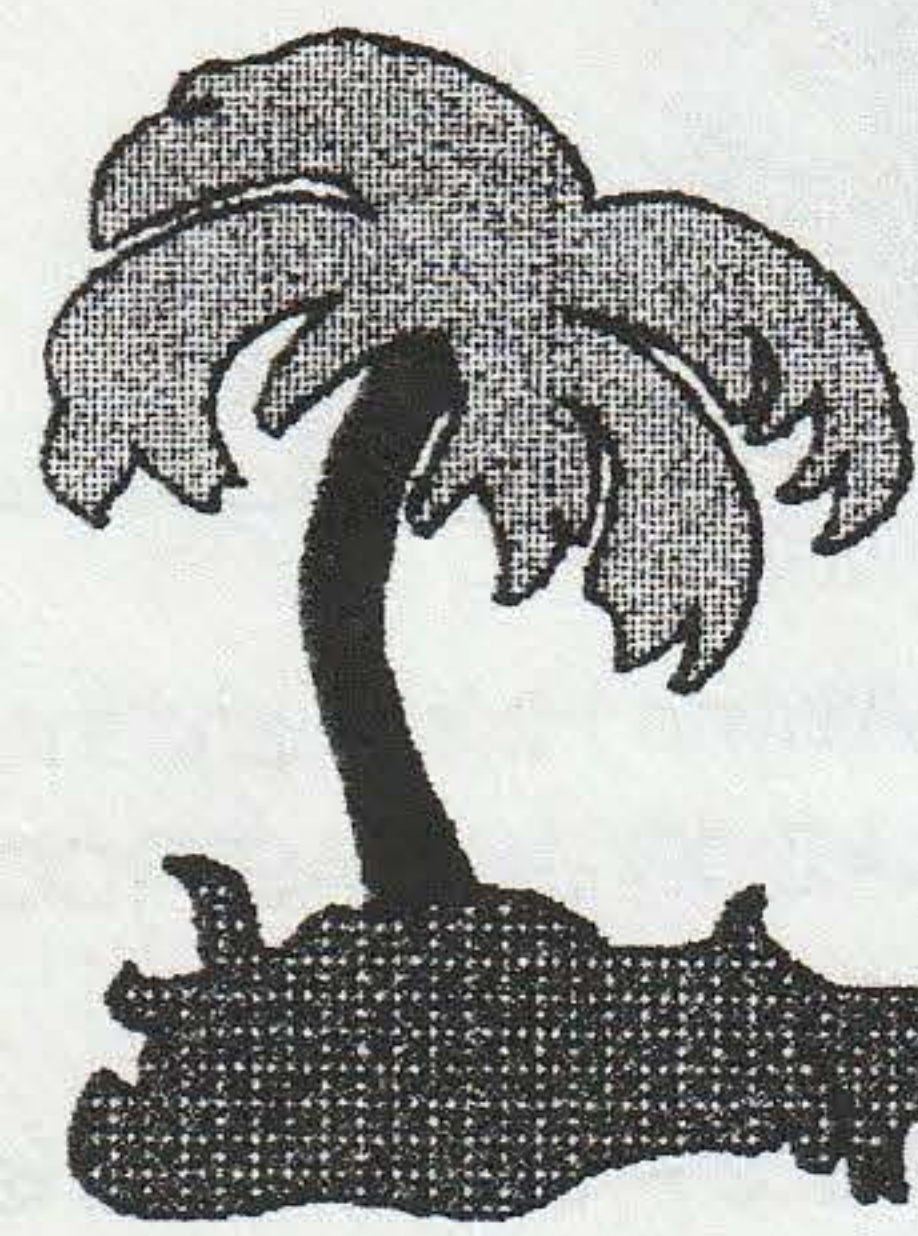
The early bird might get the worm...

but the second mouse gets the cheese!!!



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...and do it every month in the ...



# Coastal Classifieds

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### HOUSE FOR SALE - QUEPOS - 2 BR

**With apartment and buildable lot for 5 units. A/C, Phone, Cable - \$70,000. 777-0262 or 777-1943.**

## JEWELRY



### VINTAGE JEWELRY - 1940's, 50's and 60's

**Almacen Rosales (Next to Banco de Costa Rica)**

**Every day, something is being done that "couldn't be done."**

## MISCELLANEOUS

### ORIGINAL USN LEATHER FLIGHT JACKET TYPE G-1

Size 44. Great condition. Easily worth \$500-600 in US. First \$150 takes it. Call/fax 777-1092.

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## PETS

ATTENTION PET OWNERS IN MATAPALO: There are apparently several people who enjoy killing other people's pets in a most vicious way - by poison - which causes great suffering and pain for many hours. Please make sure your pet is on your property or with you at all times.

## RENTALS

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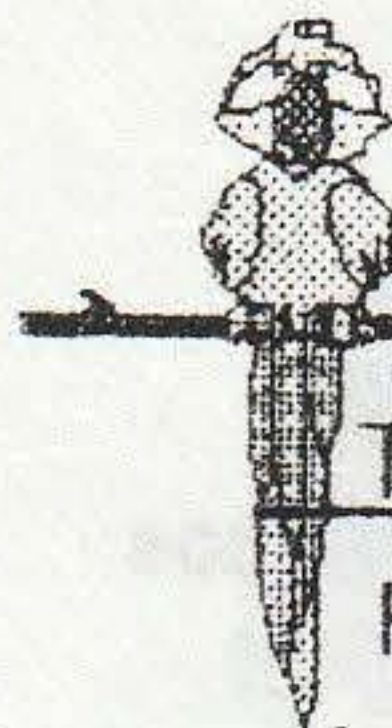
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...or perhaps you have a larger project - a newsletter, brochure or poster that can be distributed to the right market to sell your product or service. Let us help you - we are reliable, professional and value priced. Call or fax Oasis Communications at 777-1092 or e-mail us: oasisame@sol.racsa.co.cr

**Readers: We want to expand this newsletter into something that is useful and entertaining to tourists and locals alike. BUT - we need your participation and suggestions - we have lots of ideas, but we want to hear and use yours too. We also need some "paid advertising" to cover the production costs - this will be a non-profit project. In August we hope to have a more complete paper, but it depends on you. We need your help.**

**Contact us by tel/fax**

**777-1092.**

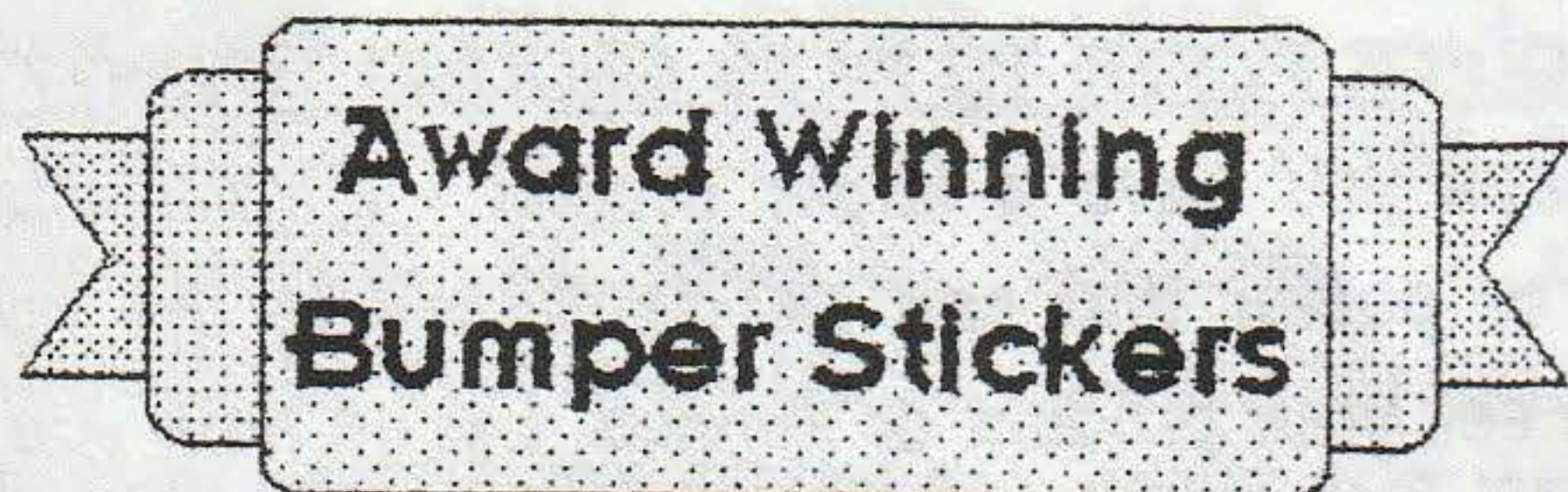


# TICO TALK

This month we feature "MONEY" items:

Plata literally means silver, but Ticos use it to denote money; "dinero" is understood, but rarely used. A "tucan" is a 5,000 colones bill (so-named because of the watermark); "rojo" is slang for the 1,000 colones bill (so named because it's red...duh); "teja" literally means roof tile, but is slang for the 100 colones bill - maybe because of their abundance; "caro" is expensive; "barato" is inexpensive or cheap; "estoy limpio" literally means "I'm clean", but is slang here for "I'm broke" - a street-smart reply to someone who is trying to bum money from you!

NEXT MONTH'S FEATURE - "DRINK" items



I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian. Few women admit their age; few men act it.

According to my calculations, the problem doesn't exist.

We have enough youth; how about a fountain of "smart?"

Consciousness: that annoying time between naps.

## HERE'S THE SURF REPORT, DUDE...



Now that the rain has started and winter is upon us, the surf is getting "swell" -- Next month look for some expert opinion on what's happening and where to go to find the best!

# BIGGER BETTER BEST

Where to find the best of the best in Quepos/Manuel Antonio

Note: These are our opinions only or those of trusted friends and family. Minds can be changed, but we cannot be bought.

**The best coffee (& place to read a newspaper)**

*Cafe Malagro (2 locations - Quepos & Manuel Antonio)*

**The best hamburger & french fries:**

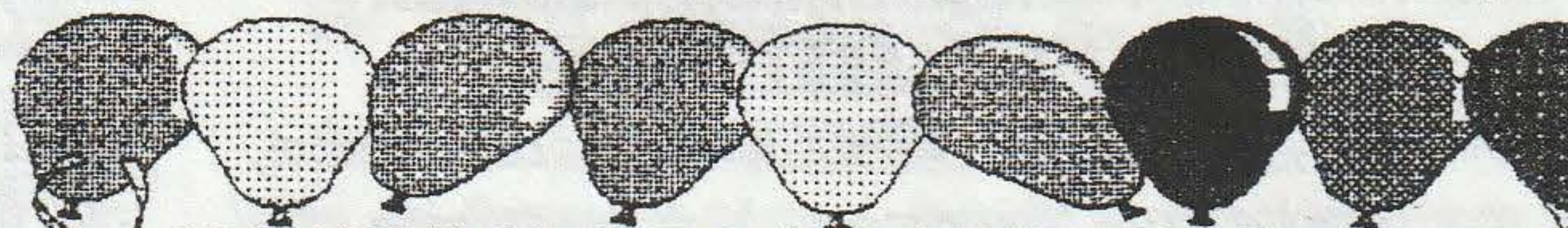
*Rest El Pueblo (Quepos centro)*

**The best (largest) TV screen:**

*Pub Kamuk (Quepos centro)*

**The best restaurant (all things considered!)**

*Sunspot at Hotel Makanda by the Sea (Manuel Antonio)*



## FUN THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

If you're looking for a nice relaxing time, make a day or week-end trip to Playa Matapalo, one of Costa Rica's most beautiful beaches. Located only 25 km from Manuel Antonio, just off the Costanera Sur, you will find tranquility, a friendly rural atmosphere, decent surf -- and several restaurants. There are cabins to fit everyone's budget -- there's even a place with a swimming pool -- and another with a tennis court! Look for the Viva Matapalo newsletter more more info and have a great time!



Closed for a while, but re-opening soon is the Banco Bar-- we've heard with new kitchen, menu, and (as always) lots of good sporting events coming up. Sorry we don't have the exact date or all the details yet, but keep an ear out -- and maybe ask Nick when you see him walking around town.



## Cooking Corner

Your favorite recipes using locally acquired ingredients -- and a few helpful hints

### COLD AVOCADO SOUP

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 ripe avocados, peeled & cubed | Juice of 3 limes       |
| 1/2 cup sour cream              | 1/2 cup heavy cream    |
| 3 scallions, finely chopped     | 3/4 cups chicken stock |
| 1 tsp ground black pepper       | 1 tsp salt             |

Puree all the ingredients in a food processor or blender until smooth and creamy. Pour the soup into a large serving bowl, cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Garnish each serving with a lime wedge and chopped parsley.

## Top World News Stories

we only select positive news - from USA Today

**POLAND LIFTS BAN ON BEER ADS:** Lawmakers in Warsaw lifted a prohibition on advertising beer after concluding that the 5-yr-old regulation was too hard to enforce.

**NIGERIA's** new military government has promised to release ALL political prisoners to prepare the West African nation - Africa's most populous - for a peaceful transition to democracy. The new military ruler, Abubakar appears to be making an effort to move away from his predecessor's harsh policies.

# SPORTS UPDATE

**WORLD CUP:** The first three weeks of the World Cup saw at least 2 matches played every day. Now the quarterfinals are about to begin as of the first of July. The semi-finals will take place from July 7th-8th, the third-place game will be held on July 11th and the championship is scheduled for Sunday, July 12th. Below are a few soccer terms for those who are not so familiar with the sport:

**BANANA KICK** - a kick with exceptional curve.

**CAP** - represents an appearance in a national team match for a player.

**CHIP** - a high, arching shot that is lofted over the heads of defenders or the goalkeeper.

**GOAL** - the manner in which points are scored in soccer; to score, the ball must completely cross over the goal line and into the goal; a goal counts as one point.

**HEADER** - when a player uses his head to shoot, pass or control the ball.

**NUTMEG** - when an attacker moves forward by passing a ball through an opponent's legs.

**SUNDAY SHOT** - a desperation shot from long out that remarkably results in a goal.

**TRAP** - the use of any legal part of the body to gain control of an airborne ball.

**VOLLEY** - a shot where the ball is struck while airborne.

## ZODIAC SIGNS

**Cancer (June 21 - July 22)** - Your strongest virtues are tenacity, emotional sensitivity, the urge to nurture. Weaknesses are negative moods and over-sensitivity. Lucky colors yellow-orange, indigo.

**Leo - (July 23 - Aug 22)** - Your strongest virtues are leadership ability, confidence and creativity. Weaknesses include vanity, arrogance and bossiness.

If you are interested in having your complete astrological chart (or that of a friend or loved one) composed and printed on banana paper as a keepsake, call Ann at 777-1092 with date, time and location of birth. Cost per chart is \$25.

The most important things are not things!

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## Holidays & Events

Wed, July 1st.....Canada Day

Sat, July 4th.....US Independence Day

Tues, July 14th.....Bastille Day in France

Wed, July 15th...Flush toilet invented  
in 1589-just in time

Sat, July 25th....Anaxios Guanacaste

Sun, July 26th....Mick Jagger's Birthday

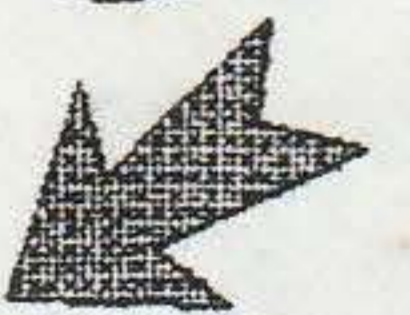
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