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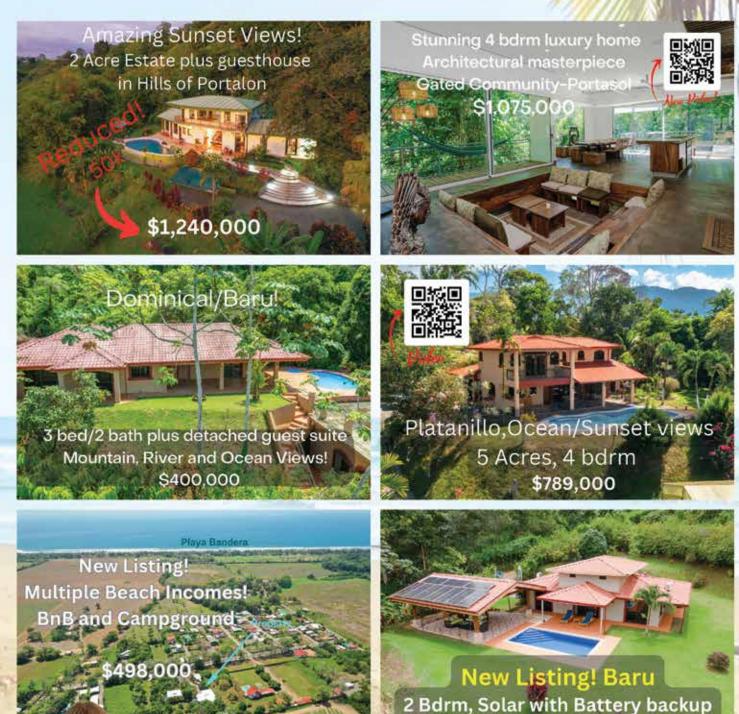
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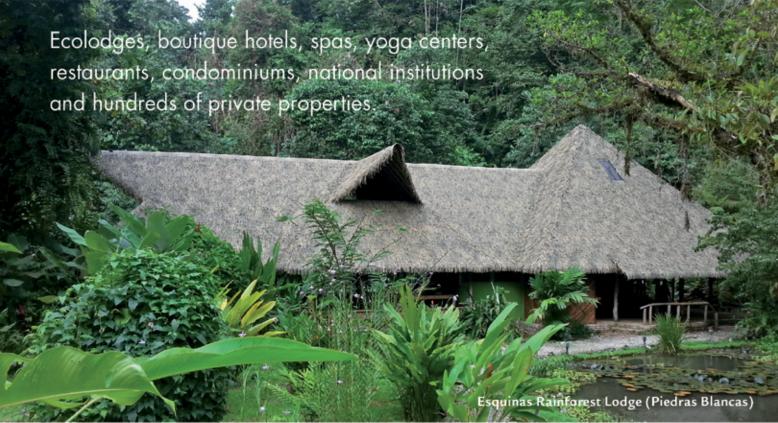
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Bienvenidos... Welcome to the Rainforest. It may be rainy season but that doesn't mean we slow things down here in the central pacific. September and October are full of activities that should not be missed.

The Humpbacks have arrived and is a must do tour this time of year that you will never forget. Marina Pez Vela is your whale watching headquarters for experiencing this annual migration. Brisa Elegante and Sunset Sails are ready to show you our spectacular coast and these majestic creatures so book your tour and enjoy the ride.

Are you ready for some FOOTBALL? The NFL kicks off on September 5th and we've got all the action this season at Quepoa Sport Bar and Sunset **Restaurant**. Some come and enjoy great food and drinks and cheer for your favorite team.

September15 is Independence Day in Costa Rica, marking 203 years of independence from Spain. Ticos are very proud of their freedom and love to celebrate and share the Pura Vida. Quepos will be hosting their annual parade along the seawall with bands, kids in traditional costumes, and dancing in the streets. Always a great time for the entire family to experience and celebration of our freedom.

Halloween in the jungle is always a highlight event at Marina Pez Vela. This event is a favorite for families providing a great place to bring the kids for Trick or Treating, live music and restaurant specials. So, mark your calendar and start thinking about your costumes for fright night in the jungle.

We want to thank **Toni Tsay** for this month's incredible Quetzal cover and photos used in our **Birds Eye View** article, (Pg 57).

September/October is a double month issue so we will be back to guide you in November. We hope you have enjoyed our magazine and it helps guide you through this enchanting paradise we call home. You can always follow and share us at **Quepolandia.com** and **Facebook/Quepolandia**. We welcome and appreciate your comments.

Peace and Enjoy... D



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BRISA ELEGANTE, THE LUXURIOUS SAILING EXPERIENCE IN QUEPOS & MANUEL ANTONIO

Have you seen a classical two-masted sailship cruising along the coast of Manuel Antonio, the sails spread in the wind? Or have you visited Marina Pez Vela, where a wooden sail cruiser dominates the view of the marina?

This is Brisa Elegante, the new landmark of Quepos and Manuel Antonio.



What kind of sailship is this?

Brisa Elegante was built in 2010 by the Fethiye Shipyard in Turkey. She is a Gulet, a type of sail cruiser known for its spacious and robust design. Shipbuilding in the south of Turkey has a long tradition. More than 2000 years ago, even the Phoenicians had their ships built in this region.

Gulet became popular in the 1930s in the Eastern Mediterranean, with growing popularity during the following decades. Today, Gulets are popular for day cruises and week charters in the Med, especially in Turkey, Greece, and Croatia.

But Brisa Elegante is special! Her hull is built from solid 3-inch mahogany planks, giving her a unique look and strength. She boasts a spacious foredeck, providing room for functions, weddings, and parties, and for your family and friends to enjoy a cruise on the Pacific Ocean.

Why does Brisa Elegante look like a pirate ship?

She is built in a very traditional way—like sailships have been designed for centuries. In the days of the Buccaneers, pirate ships were about the same size as Brisa Elegante. So, by boarding her, you will get the very feeling that generations of sailors had during the past 500 years!

How is sailing on Brisa Elegante?

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After leaving the marina and setting the sails, the long pacific waves gently roll the cruiser. This feels like sitting in a giant rocking chair on the front porch with a gigantic view! Watch the dolphins playing under the bowsprit and chasing each other. Just relax and enjoy the sound of the wind in the sails and the water murmuring under the keel.



What are our guests saying?

Daniela from Switzerland is taking a deep breath, saying: "*Now I really feel like being on vacation!*"

Anne-Marie from Canada is happy: "This is the single best experience I had during my stay in Costa Rica." After our return to the marina, Daniela from Switzerland recognizes, "This trip is packed with experiences and impressions; hard to believe that you can put this much in a half-day cruise." Walking down the gangway, she says: "I will be back for my next vacation. For sure!"

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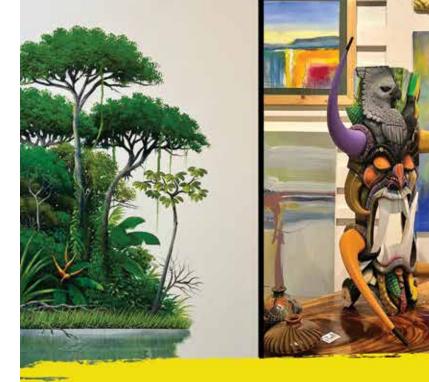


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BRISA HENNESSY PARIS 2024

Brisa Hennessy came tantalizingly close to an Olympic medal at the Paris 2024 Games, finishing fourth in the women's surfing competition. The event, held in the legendary waves of Teahupo'o, Tahiti, saw Hennessy battle fiercely but ultimately fall to France's Johanne Defay in the bronze medal match.

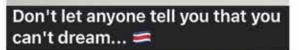
Despite the disappointment, Hennessy's fourth-place finish marks a significant achievement for Costa Rican surfing on the global stage. Her performance showcases the growing strength of our nation's surfing program and sets a new benchmark for future Tico athletes in the sport.

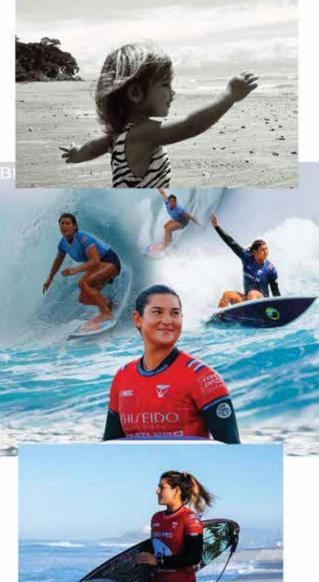
The competition highlighted the intense level of talent in women's surfing, with all finalists demonstrating exceptional skill in Teahupo'o's challenging conditions. This spot, known for its powerful waves, provided a spectacular backdrop for the Olympic contest.

While Costa Rica may have missed out on a medal this time, Hennessy's performance has undoubtedly inspired a new generation of surfers in our country. As we look ahead to future Olympics, there's renewed hope and determination to see our flag on the podium in this exciting sport.

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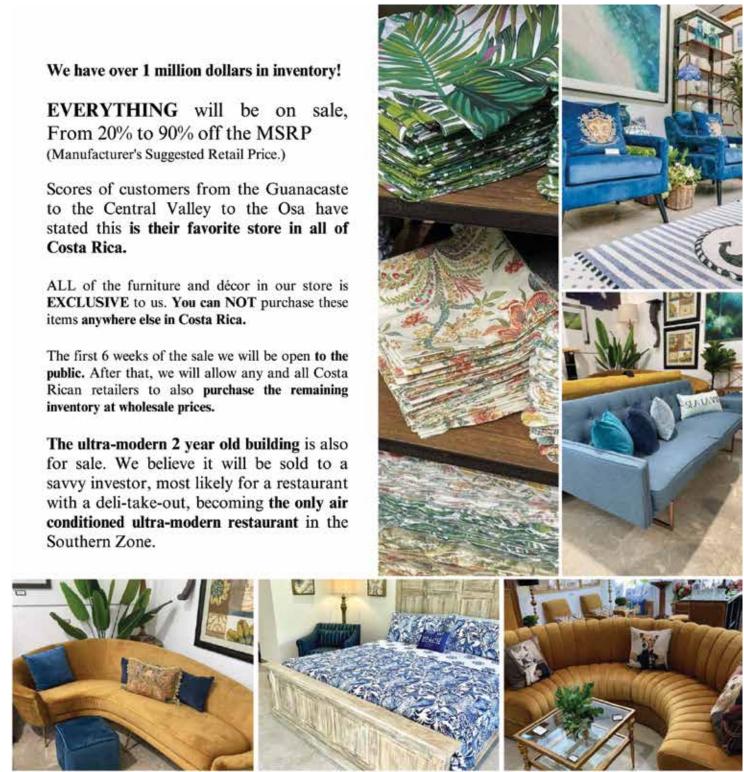


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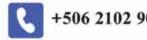
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THE FIRST REWILDED PARCEL **ON HACIENDA BARÚ**

By Jack Ewing

Memo's Cornfield

When I began working at Hacienda Barú in 1972, the owners were a group of investors from North America. They had recently purchased the hacienda, and according to the sale contract the property was supposed to be free of squatters. That turned out to be false. About three months before the closing, a guy named Memo had felled seven hectares of primary forest on the upper slopes of the hacienda, built a one-room, dirt-floored shack where he lived with his wife and four kids, and planted corn on the land. He claimed it as his own.



Hacienda Barú 1972

My first job was to evict Memo. I didn't have any idea how to carry out that task and was more than a little apprehensive. I knew that the law was on our side. The land was titled in our name, and Memo had only been there a short time. I called our lawyer in San Jose, but he was a city slicker and had less idea than I did about how to deal with the situation.

"For me to file charges and carry out a legal eviction would take several years and cost a fortune," he informed me, "and I don't think your employers would be too happy about that. Out in the boondocks people do things differently. Ask your employees. Ask your neighbors. They know how campesinos deal with these situations."

Tonio, the head cowboy at Hacienda Barú suggested talking to the policeman in Dominical. I had already met Don Antonio. I liked him and liked the idea of consulting with him. I jumped on my horse and headed for Dominical. I found him in his office near Bar and Restaurant Miramar (today known as Roca Verde) and explained my problem.

"I think all we need is to get Memo here and talk this out," he commented calmly. "Talking is a great way to solve problems like this." Don Antonio wrote a summons for Memo to appear at the police office at 3:00 pm that afternoon, gave it to Tonio, and said: "Take this to Memo. He can't read so you'll have to tell him it says to be here at three."

I was already there when a small, skinny, barefoot man appeared in the doorway. I assumed it was Memo. He was all fired up: "I know what you gringos are up to. You're gonna take away my farm. I got 10 manzanas of corn. I worked my butt off chopping down those trees and planting that corn. (Memo didn't understand hectares. In those days he, and most other campesinos, used a measurement of area called a manzana. One manzana is equal to 7/10 of a hectare or 1.72 acres.)

Don Antonio interrupted Memo. "Hey man. You're gittin all worked up. Tranguilo! We're here to talk. We know you worked hard clearing that land and planting that corn. What do you figure your work is worth? Maybe Don Jack would be willing to pay you something."

Memo's face lit up. "I'd need at least 500 colones," he blurted out. (In those days 500 colones were worth \$58.34.)

Don Antonio saw me smile. "Whatta ya say Don Jack? Pay Memo 500 colones for his corn, and he'll leave the land, the rancho, and the corn and go somewhere else.

"I'll give him 250 colones right now, and the rest when he leaves."

"Sounds like a good deal to me," smiled Don Antonio.

Memo agreed. Don Antonio typed up a short note with the terms of the agreement, I signed, Memo put his X on the line, I gave him half the money, and everyone went home happy. Two days later Memo came by the house for the 250-colon balance. I sent Tonio up to make sure they were all gone and had taken all their belongings. He soon returned saying they had, I paid Memo, and that was the last we saw of him.

I told the Hacienda Barú workers they could have the corn if they wanted it, but while they were waiting for it to ripen the monkeys ate it all. That sevenhectare parcel was taken over by Mother Nature who returned the land to its natural state. In other words, She rewilded it. For the first 25 years the area was dominated by a fast-growing species of tree called the gallinazo (Schizolobium parahyba). The faster a tree grows, the younger it is when it dies and falls over. These gallinazos began toppling at about 20 years. New species of trees sprouted and filled the spaces where the gallinazos had been. Today more than two dozen tree species cover the parcel and lots of undergrowth. It looks just like the rest of the jungle. Memo's cornfield was the first part of Hacienda Barú to be rewilded. Little by little and parcel by parcel 96% of the pastureland was rewilded. Today the hacienda is an officially recognized nature reserve called Hacienda Barú National Wildlife Refuge.

One day in the early 2000s I was driving to San Isidro and saw a heavyset man with a fancy cowboy hat, boots, and a big silver belt buckle standing at a bus stop. He had missed his bus. I felt sorry for him and gave him a ride. He told me all about his farm near Paquarito where he raised cattle. I told him I was from Hacienda Barú.

"Oh my God. You must be Jack. I thought you looked familiar. I'm Memo. Don't you remember me?"



Memo's Cornfield 50 years later

"If you're the Memo I think you are, you look a lot different than you did last time I saw you," I exclaimed.

Memo went on to tell me the story of their life after being evicted. When they left Hacienda Barú they had gone to the Osa Peninsula where he and his two sons mined gold. They had a huge stroke of luck and found an enormous six-and-a-half-pound nugget. I figured it would have been worth about \$75,000 at the time. Memo showed me a Polaroid photo of him with his two sons, each with a big cowboy hat, a pair of fancy boots, and a revolver strapped to his hip. I hope he bought something nice for his wife and daughters too. I was pleased to see that he had been smart enough to invest most of the money in the farm and cattle. Memo had come a long way since I first met him.

I wish I had a copy of that photo.

Jack Ewing was born and educated in Colorado. In 1970 he and his wife Diane moved to the jungles of Costa Rica where they raised two children, Natalie and Chris. A newfound fascination with the rainforest was responsible for his transformation from cattle rancher into environmentalist and naturalist. His many years of living in the rainforest have rendered a multitude of personal experiences, many of which are recounted in his published collections of essays, Monkeys are Made of Chocolate & Where Jaguars & Tapirs Once Roamed. His latest book is, Monkeys are Made of Mangos.



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A Story of Resilience **A Young Howler Monkey's Journey After Losing Her Mother on Powerlines**

On June 6th, at 6 a.m., we received an urgent call from Hotel Costa Verde about a howler monkey being electrocuted. Our team immediately rushed to the site. Upon arrival, they discovered an adult female howler monkey who had passed away after the shock. Clinging to her back was a juvenile, who we later named Athena.





The Initial Assessment and Treatment

Our veterinarian guickly assessed Athena's condition and began immediate treatment. She received fluid therapy to treat dehydration. Determining the severity of electrocution on the initial exam wounds can be challenging on the intake exam, as they often worsen over the first weeks. Our team monitored Athena's external wounds and internal health, taking weekly blood samples to ensure her treatment was effective.



Athena's wounds did worsen during the first weeks, prompting our veterinary team to use tilapia skin bandages, changing them weekly to check for improvements. Fortunately, she responded positively to treatments and began to recover, showing signs of improvement and starting to eat within the first two weeks.

Special Care for a Special Monkey



Howler monkeys are challenging animals to rehabilitate due to their specific dietary needs and social nature. Recognizing this, our team knew Athena needed to be with her own kind to continue her recovery. Working alongside CR Green Airways and International Animal Rescue, we arranged for Athena to be transported to Nosara. There, she would join a group of six monkeys

her size and be introduced to a larger group of 26 individuals, preparing them for release back into the wild later this year.

A Brighter Future for Athena

We are thrilled to have been part of Athena's rehabilitation. Her resilience and the compassionate care from our team have given her another chance. We kept in touch with the veterinary team at International animal rescue and they gave us updates this week that she has made some friends with another juvenile

the same age named Sky.

Athena's journey is a testament to the power of resilience and compassionate care. She has come a long way from that tragic morning, and we look forward to seeing her flourish in her natural habitat soon.



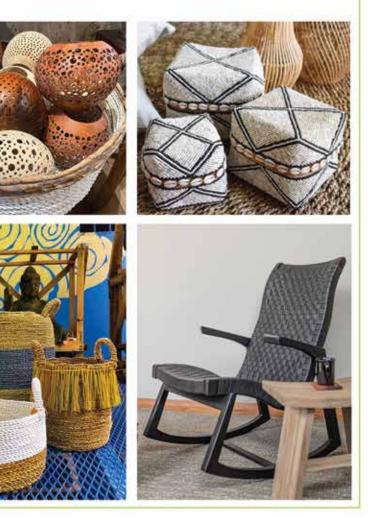




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MEMOIRS of a MASSEUR By Todd Pequeen

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of *life is to give it away"*, Pablo Picasso

Last month, I entered my fifty-third year of living and have been contemplating the essence of my motivation when I wake up each morning. I discuss this with my peers, the moment when consciousness returns after a night's sleep, what is "it" that gets one out of bed. For me the answer is simple and unwavering. Creating positivity and to keep spreading the gift I have as a bodyworker, for it is an addiction. My tenured twenty-six years of physically manipulating bodies is also a workout and a meditation. I am a slave to it. I desire to do it every day and the physical, spiritual, and mental energy involved is simply a part of me that continues to grow. Whether it is one hour of work or seven, I am whole heartedly there to give everything I have. Each booking comes with gratitude, and each encounter with my clients is an opportunity to share and learn and the result is always two humans that feel better. I am often drained even wounded after my big days, yet I want more. Trust me on this it is not my earnings that keeps me going. How many massage therapists do you know that are financially cruising through life? The entrepreneurs in my field open spas and become managers and owners. The grass root individuals massage on and earn their gratitude from each client. None of us are wealthy but in the world that I live in, that we live in, our gift is sustainable. The two dozen massage therapists I know never talk about income. We talk about our growth as practitioners and about the systems and commissions that try to control us.

For any government worker or a suit slave to the system this might sound strange. I never wake up and grind out my day with thoughts of the finish line pension and what is to come. I muster energy to give to my next client and hope to make them a better person by laying on my massage alter table. I desire to relax them, to de-stress them, to help "tune-in" their frequency. It is my oath and my



direction for over a quarter century. I'm serious, massaging the world a day at a time has brought me riches beyond my dreams and so I dream bigger. My type of passion for any type of work that you the reader may have I applaud you as well. If it isn't there now, change it up and seek out your desires. Find your gift and interweave it with your dream and go for it. Train your body and mind to be unwavering and be prepared to suffer until it is realized. It is not a complicated equation. You do not want to be courageous when there is no risk.

Tenacious. Unwavering. Laser focused. At any age. Every step is a moral decision. Independently employed is an option for everyone. I even found it without social media but now I am showing my age. Don't let all the questions of how, outweigh the energy of your desires. I warn that the path must be as true as the day turns to night. Discipline and sacrifice can realize all dreams. Drugs and alcohol and "retreats" based on yoga or ayahuasca or fasting or veganism might help but confidence is the major player. Trust funds and living easy are detrimental and can derail the goal. A state of liberation is the gratitude of one's dreams, and the hard work that follows. I can feel with every client I massage if they are satisfied with the lives they have chosen. Be the person who is unafraid to make the hard decisions. It is never too late. Embrace faith. Give your gift away....

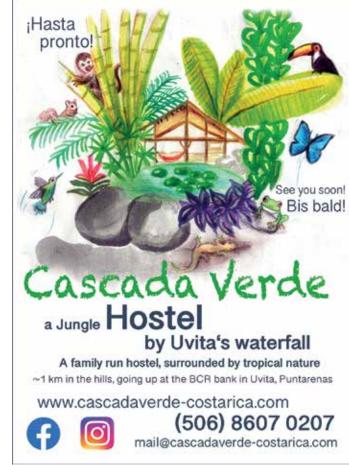
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CRACKERS! Michele Poff, PhD

It's the usual conundrum. You want a salty snack but don't want to eat junk. Or maybe you're not in the mood for a meal at dinnertime; you really just want crackers. Here, that means basically saltines. Even back home, it's tough to find crackers that you feel good about eating that nourish your body, not just fill your gut with white flour. Wouldn't it be great to find crackers that you can munch on and get your nutritional needs met? Or grab some for a plane ride rather than trying to deal with airport food? And kids? Don't we little humans come out naturally liking crackers?

The most excellent news is that you can make your own crackers at home very easily, from any kind of ingredients you want. Beans, tofu, garbanzo flour, oats—whatever you want. Gluten-free, no problem. Hi-protein, done. Hidden veggies for the kids? We've got you covered. Crackers are fast, easy, delicious, nutritious, highly transportable, and easily kid-friendly.

The Cracker Strategy

Before we talk about how to construct the perfect cracker for your own personal delights, let's deconstruct the cracker so we know what we're working with.

Like all baked items, crackers need ingredients from certain specific categories so that they'll behave like we want them to once we cook them. We are making a dough. That means we are combining wet items with dry items. We need the following:

- Base ingredient(s) (may be wet or dry)
- Tablespoon ground flax in water as binder
- Liquid if working with dry base
- Fat. Helps bind to limit crumbling and helps the crackers not taste dry.
- Grain
- Rising agent. Otherwise they're just hard little pucks.
- Salt
- Flavorings

This list is actually the fundamentals for all things you'll want to bake. Let's see how this works for crackers.

Cracker Construction

Base Ingredients

You can use any legume or grain as a base. Legumes may be wet, such as tofu, a bowl of beans, or bowl of sprouted lentils. They may also be dry, meaning any kind of flour or even whole rolled oats. Use any combination for any nutrient goals you may have. Wet items will need to be crushed. Tofu and soft beans may be mashed, but otherwise use a blender on low. They don't need to be completely smooth but they can if you prefer.



Ground Flax

Mix a tablespoon of ground flax with a tablespoon water and let set 5 minutes. It'll gel up and make a nice binder.

Liquids & Veggies

Here is where you can sneak in some vegetables. Puree whatever veggies you want or use a lower blender setting and leave them in tiny chunks. Zucchini has a lot of water while carrots do not. Spinach, you can't even tell is there except the color. Peppers add a bit of flavoring. Add spicy peppers if you dare. Also consider something zesty like kimchi or sauerkraut. You can also just add water or vegetable stock.

If you're working with a base that's already wet, like tofu or beans, you won't need to add any more liquids. You can, of course, add as many veggies as you want. The wetter your mixture, the more flour you will need, so keep that in mind. Sometimes intended small batches get very big very fast when a lot of flour needs to be added to soak up the liquid. After mixing well, with a fork is fine, grab about a teaspoon or tablespoon of dough, pat it down as flat as you can, maybe dip it in some toppings, and lay it onto the sheet. You might also refrigerate the dough for a couple hours and roll it out, then cut your crackers. Or, you can roll up the dough fat, like a biscuit tube, and slice off rounds. Toppings are always nice: dehydrated onion, chia, sesame...

Some Fat

Coconut oil, olive oil, ripe avocado, or nut butter. Your recipe; you choose the quantity.

Some Grain

It's great to experiment with any kind of flour desired for this ingredient. Whole rolled oats also work well. About one-third-to-one-quarter of the overall mixture should be a grain. If you want to make the crackers grain-free, use a legume flour instead. Better results tend to come with including a grain or grain flour. You need to add enough of this to make your dough easy to handle without it sticking to everything.

Rising Agent

Baking soda or baking powder. About a half-teaspoon.

Flavorings

Salt is the most important flavoring, so it gets its own ingredients line. About a half-to-full teaspoon.

Whether or not you want to eat your crackers all comes down to your flavorings. Use strong flavorings, and a lot of them. Err more on the side of overdoing the flavorings than underdoing them.

Rosemary and fennel are both excellent choices. Both are strong flavors and very nice in a cracker.

Other ideas: miso paste, veggie stock/cube, soy sauce, Bragg's aminos, mustard (powder), vermouth, and/or your favorite spice blend. Brine of pickles, sauerkraut, olives, capers. Dehydrated onion, powdered garlic and onion, chili powder, ground pepper. And anything else with flavor.

Also consider adding chopped nuts and seeds: almond, hazelnut, walnut; chia, flax, hemp, sesame whatever you like in a cracker and whichever nutrients you're targeting. Dr. Michele Poff is a professional writer, editor, instructional designer and qualitative researcher, working primarily in formal spaces and healing sciences. She hosts well-being tours in the Brazilian Amazon, **paradisefoundretreat.com**. Her latest endeavor, The Alignment Portal website, **thealignmentportal.com**, hosts materials to help people find and follow their life purpose, aiming at fulfilling their life potential. She lives on the Central Coast and gets a lot of great thinking done in the jungle.

Bake

Bake at 350F until dark brown and crispy. Air-frying also works well. If you want them as a raw food, use a food dehydrator (may not get crunchy).

Be sure to cook until completely crispy. The color needs to turn darker. Any remaining softness means moisture. If totally done, they will stay crunchy and fresh in a sealed bag easily long enough for you to eat them. They won't last long!



Enjoy!

Taking charge of your snacking in this way is tremendously self-satisfying. It's also a wonderful expression of self-love. Not to mention how easy it is to open up new meal possibilities, especially while travelling, and impress all your friends with your delicious ingenuity!



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Welcome to the September and October edition of That's Fishin for a quick round up of all things Fishing in the Quepos area.

OFFSHORE FISHING

August produced the best Marlin fishing of the year so far, after a quiet few months on the Marlin front which had us all wondering where the Marlin were this year. Hawaii experienced some of their best Marlin fishing ever this season leaving us to believe that our usual run of Blue Marlin had taken a different migration route this year and made their way to Hawaii. Thankfully during August the Marlin arrived and



the Quepos and Los Suenos fleets were delighted to get back into some epic Marlin fishing.

The 35' Monkeyshine released 5 Blue Marlin during one day's fishing and then 3 Blue Marlin the very next year. GOOD DAY released a Black Marlin, Blue Marlin, Sailfish

GRAND SLAM on August 15th to celebrate CR mother's day with the fish of the day being a 350lb Black Marlin.

Benn Gilmour



Now that the Marlin are here and with water temperatures in the 81-83 range the Marlin bite should continue throughout September and October, a Full Day Offshore trip or a trip out to the Costa Rica FADS & SEAMOUNTS will give you your best chance of catching a Marlin.

There have been good numbers of Sailfish showing also, TOOSEA released 6 Sailfish & 1 Blue Marlin in a day and we are still seeing Sailfish on most Offshore charters.

The Wahoo fishing over the Offshore reefs has been solid with most fish in the 15-40b range and some bigger fish possible too. There was some great Tuna fishing during August with lots of 30-40 pound fish and some big guys also. Expect this to continue through September and October during full day Offshore charters in the 20-40 mile range.



INSHORE FISHING

The next couple of months can be the most challenging for Inshore fishing here in Quepos due to the afternoon/evening rains and the run off from the rivers making the inshore waters murky. There will still be opportunities to catch Roosterfish, Snapper, Mackerel, Jacks and more during Inshore trips.

Catching livebait can sometimes be a challenge at this time of year but if you can get good bait then you will be in with a chance of success Our Offshore bottom fishing is also a great option at this time of year for Snapper, Grouper, Tilefish & Congrio. Bottom fishing and jigging at our Offshore reefs can also produce Amberjack, Pompano, Snapper and more.



We have some excellent inshore boats available at the Marina Pez Vela to suit all budgets and sizes, just let us know if you would like an Inshore trip of your own.

DORADO DERBY TOURNAMENT

The first tournament of the new season are just around the corner, the Dorado Derby 1 & 2 taking place on 9th & 16th November. We cannot wait for this one!! The Dorado Derby is most definitely one of our favourite tournaments of the year with more boats, more prize money and more FUN each and every year.

Prizes for Heaviest Dorado, Top Lady Angler, Top Junior Angler plus a host of other cash Jackpots and prizes will be up for grabs. We hope to see you there either to join us for the tournament or to come down to enjoy the weigh in and live music at the after party. If you would like to fish the Dorado Derby please start looking for your boat immediately and just let me or the Team at the Marina Pez Vela Guest Centre know if you need some help finding a boat.



Tournament Dates

The rest of the 2025 tournament calendar is coming together and you can find our full event schedule at marinapezvela.com/tournaments

Nov 9
Nov 16
Jan 9-12
Feb 1
Feb 20-22

Dorado Derby 1 Dorado Derby 2 Pelagic Rockstar Roosterfish Rodeo Pescadora Billfish Championship (Ladies Only) Sailfish Slam Marina Pez Vela Open

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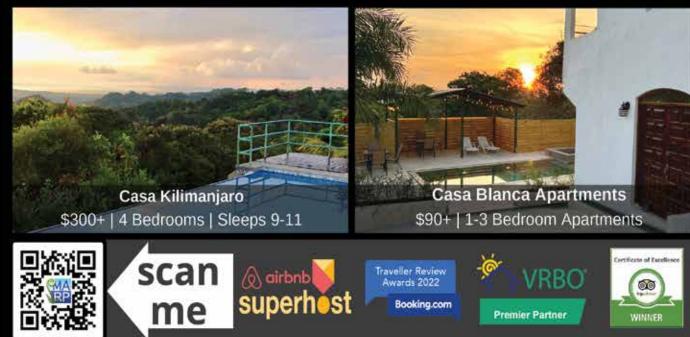
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Hawaiian Coconut Syrup for Pancakes

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Ingredients

- 1 can (400 ml or 13.5 ounces) of coconut milk
- 1 tablespoon of cornstarch
- 1/2 cup of white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt
- 1 tablespoon of light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla

Directions

- 1. Pour the coconut milk and cornstarch into a saucepan and mix completely before turning on the heat to medium.
- 2. Add the sugar, salt, and corn syrup.
- 3. Stir continuously until the sauce thickens, bubbles, and pops.
- 4. Stir in the vanilla and serve with pancakes, waffles, crepes, French toast, ice creams etc.

Bonus recipe: Japanese-style fluffy pancakes

Ingredients

- 4 eggs, separated
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup of flour
- 1/2 teaspoon of baking powder
- 1 pinch of salt
- 3 tablespoons of milk (any type)
- 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla
- 4 tablespoons of water for cooking
- 4 pats of butter



Directions

- 1. Combine egg yolks, milk, and vanilla in a bowl.
- 2. Add flour, baking powder, salt, and mix well.
- 3. Beat egg whites with beater until frothy. 4. Add sugar and continue beating until
- marshmallow-like.
- 5. Gently fold everything together while melting one pat of butter in a nonstick pan.
- 6. Spoon batter onto the hot pan and cover with a lid for 3 minutes.
- 7. Flip over, add 1 tablespoon of water into the pan and cover again until pancakes are cooked through.







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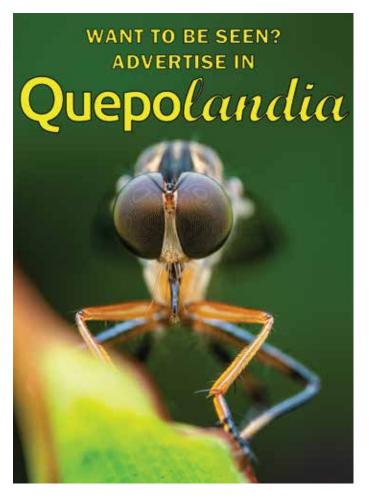
be for Halloween. Seeing both the expat and local families come together with their kids The Marina Pez Vela Guest Center has created and extended families to celebrate everything opportunities for every budget and every style that is so special, but our community and traveler so do NOT mis out on this opportunity this project is one of the highlights of the to create memories with friends and family and year. As the dates approach, stay tuned for also to support the local tour operators and restaurant specials and details on the schedule economy during what are traditionally the most and security measures to insure a safe and challenging months of the year. enjoyable Halloween here at Marina Pez Vela.

Costa Rican Independence Day, September 15

Come by the Marina as we will have some events, typical foods, some traditional folk dances, and music popping up in and around the monthly long celebration of our Independence.

Halloween, October 31

What was once an expat holiday, hidden in the bars of the area, has become one of the most enjoyable family evenings and cultural fusion of the entire year. The Marina, with an easy and safe trick or treating has become the PLACE to



TOURNAMENTS ARE COMING

Get ready for the iconic Dorado Derby which is coming soon on November 9th & Dorado Derby Dos on November 16th. These are super fun tournaments, ideal for families, friends, first time anglers and anyone just looking to experience a day on the water, the fun of fishing at a great price in a great environment. Inquire now at the Marina Pez Vela Guest Center for your reservation and more details (+506 2774-9006).



ACROSS

- 1. A wind does this
- 6. Footnote note
- 10. Mother
- 14. Boundary
- 15. Beak
- 16. Anagram of "Bone"
- 17. Alpha's opposite
- 18. Story
- 19. Sound a horn
- 20. Analyzed
- 22. Diversion
- 23. Geek
- 24. Is melodramatic
- 26. Against
- 30. Type of primate
- 31. Downturn
- 32. Unit of paper
- 33. Forsaken
- 35. Wanderer
- 39. Rugs
- 41. Usefulness
- 43. Athletics
- 44. River in Spain
- 46. Computer symbol
- 47. Half of a pair
- 49. Estimated time of arrival
- 50. Identical
- 51. Tent material
- 54. Rumple
- 56. African sheep
- 57. Place of many trials
- 63. Cone-bearing trees
- 64. Abbey area
- 65. Spring month
- 66. Being
- 67. Jury member
- 68. What trains run on
- 69. Sow
- 70. Stops
- 71. Fill with joy

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42. Breakfast bread 45. Perplexed 48. Get away 51. Coffee shops 52. Come up 53. Care for 55. Divvy up 58. Not closed 59. Iridescent gem 60. Murres 61. River deposit 62. Apart from this

ACROSS
1. Donkeys
6. Overtake
10. Speed competition
14. Neighborhood
15. Cain's brother
16. Winglike
17. Dirty look
18. All-night party
19. Not stereo
20. Foolish
22. Outbuilding
23. Cell alternative
24. Stage
25. Cuts (down)
29. A skin disease
31. Bestial
33. Fastened
37. Inclined
Bakeshop
39. Manifestation
41. Thousand million
42. Vocabulary
44. Celtic language
45. A very prickly woody vine
48. Serious
50. Deserve
Quality of being surly
56. French for "State"
57. A period of calm
Female demon
59. Give as an example
60. Away from the wind
61. Rewrites

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1. Seaweed Traded 3. Cigarfish 4. Noble 5. Slumber 6. Ideal 7. Lets up 8. More than a couple 9. Sleigh 10. Dilapidated 11. Hawaiian greeting 12. Walking sticks

Crossword Solution1 on Page 61

1. Alliance

3. Portent

6. Interject

7. Lodger

10. City

5. Spot

2. Luxury car

4. Hairpieces





DOWN

- 13. Wear away
- 21. Contradiction
- 24. Flower feature
- 25. Overlook
- 26. Sole
- 27. Which person?
- 28. Superseded
- 30. Hutch
 - 32. Metric unit of length
 - 34. Inheritor
- 35. "Aeneid" figure
- 36. Physics unit

- 40. Govern badly
- 41. Long racing sled
- 43. Deep gulch or ravine
- 45. Kind of nut
- 46. Relative magnitudes
- 47. Angered
- 49. Angers
- 51. Extended family
- 52. Nil
- 53. Broadcast
- 54. Location
- 55. Back talk



Sustainable Practices in Tourism: Steps You Can Take To Be A Green Visitor



Tourism brings visitors to the Quepos and Manuel Antonio area from all across the world They come to experience incredible sport fishing and scuba diving, as well as the many natural wonders available for view just down the road. It is an integral aspect of Quepos and its economy, but is it becoming "too much of a good thing"? It is important that we keep a balance and encourage sustainable tourism as much as possible to conserve our environment.

Sustainable practices in tourism can be a source for mitigation of the problems brought on by the growing number of foreign visitors flowing in and out of any area. But what is sustainability?

"Sustainability" refers to the use of resources in a means that protects and preserves them for the sake of future generations. The following simple actions can be implemented by all of our visitors and encouraged by residents in order to maintain a beautiful, thriving Quepos and Manuel Antonio

Use of Safe Sunscreen

Coral reefs are vital organisms that are crucial to supporting Costa Rica's rich marine biodiversity. They are extremely sensitive to even the slightest of environmental changes, including exposure to chemicals commonly found in sunscreens. It is our duty as naturalists and stewards of the Earth to take care of these organisms for the sake of all living things. Although a brand may display itself as "reef-friendly" or "reef-safe", it does not guarantee their product is completely free of dangerous materials. Before purchasing, be sure to look out for the following ingredients:

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- PABA
- Parabens
- Triclosan
- Any nanoparticles or "nano-sized" zinc or titanium
- Microplastics, such as "exfoliating beads"

Any of these chemicals can cause deterioration, illness, and contamination to corals, who often struggle to recover efficiently due to a multitude of environmental stressors occurring at once. Next time you need a new bottle of sunscreen, do your part for our oceans and check labels carefully!

Passive Interaction with Wildlife

Costa Rica is famous for its rich biodiversity, both on land and in sea, but it's crucial to know how to interact with any wildlife you may come across. The first rule of thumb is to observe species from afar and to not physically interact with them. As we are often taught by our mothers, treat others as you wish to be treated; this principle applies with wildlife as well.

Stay quiet and calm around animals to avoid disturbing them. Don't chase or harass wildlife, as they may react defensively or aggressively (it's also illegal). Wounds like bites or scratches could result in more serious complications, like infection, if not properly treated. So, the next time you wish to feed bananas to the capuchin monkeys, just let them be. When exploring underwater, it's vital to be aware of your movements and avoid thrashing about or kicking any wildlife that may be residing beneath you. Be sure to stay streamlined when scuba diving, keeping all attachments and gear close to your body. Always observe from afar, and be sure to keep your flash off when taking photos and/or videos, so as not to cause disruption.

Before you begin exploring the jungles and oceans of Costa Rica, be sure to read up on potentially dangerous species that you might encounter. For example, Costa Rica is home to the Bullet Ant, which has the most painful sting according to the Schmidt Sting Pain Index. Lastly, it's best to follow the "Leave No Trace" policy whenever you're in a natural habitat. The purpose of this motto is to leave each space better than you found it. This means picking up after oneself and leaving all nature where it was found, as well as taking care of any other trash you may encounter during your adventures.

Sustainable Food Choices

Costa Rica has an extensive menu of incredibly flavorful and traditional food to offer. However, it's important to keep in mind where and how your food makes it to your plate. In order to maintain a truly sustainable diet, ensuring your meals come from locally and responsibly sourced places is the number one rule to follow. When possible, always ask your server or vender where and how your meat or seafood came to arrive in their hands. If they cannot answer, it's best to go with a more plantbased meal item. Additionally, a sustainable diet is made up of diverse and well-rounded sources of plant-based nutrients, like beans and lentils. Generally speaking, the less meat, the more sustainable. Another consideration when choosing meats and seafood especially is how far it must travel to get to your fryer. Shopping at local stores and farmer's markets are often the best option when it comes to a short travel distance, which almost always guarantees a fresher batch as well. The less energy it takes to get a food from its source to your pantry, the more sustainable it is considered. Farmer's markets take place nearly every Friday and Saturday in Quepos, making supporting local workers and purchasing sustainably even easier.

Checking Your Utility Usage

Utility usage primarily refers to water, electricity, and gas. Preserving these resources doesn't only mean saving money, it means saving energy. Electrical power is the second largest emitter of carbon dioxide into the Earth's atmosphere. This not only contributes to climate change, but also possesses an abundance of human health risks. Potable water, although a natural resource, is not as easy to come by as it may seem. Many places throughout the world do not have consistent access to a reliable and safe water supply. Thus, we must use water safely and respectfully so as to conserve it for those in need both now and in the future. Natural gas is a highly toxic and flammable liquid. Burning natural gas releases methane into the atmosphere, which is the second most significant climate pollutant. Natural gas is a finite resource that cannot be quickly replenished naturally, so conserving our supply is vital.

Getting Around Locally

Most motorized vehicles today are powered by gas. These vehicles are responsible for about half of all nitrogen oxides present in our air. This gas and countless others are responsible for burning a small hole in our ozone layer, which protects us from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. The best way to limit the further spread of these toxins is to carpool with others, take public transportation, and walk when given the opportunity. These simple choices also help out the local community, where bus and taxi drivers make their livings by driving other people where they need to go.

So, You think you can help and take a couple of these steps?

All of these actions and more will ensure Quepos as well as many beautiful places around the world remain able to welcome visitors for generations to come. When in doubt, check labels, ask questions, shop local, and respect all life!





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Thu 05	04:10 9.04 ft	10:15 0.52 ft	16:24 8.62 ft	22:24 0.42 ft			
Fri 06	04:42 9.05 ft	10:48 0.50 ft	16:58 8.45 ft	22:56 0.58 ft			
Sat 07	05:14 8.93 ft	11:22 0.62 ft	17:32 8.15 ft	23:28 0.87 ft			
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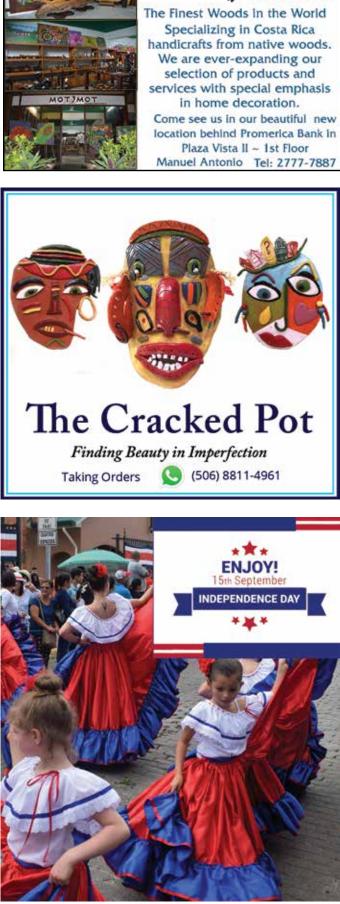
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Saving Sea Turtles at Playa Linda: A Call for Volunteer Beach **Patrols**

Elly King, Volunteer Coordinator at The Sloth Institute



The Sloth Institute is excited to continue our collaboration with the Playa Linda community! Together we have previously addressed significant deforestation issues with the installation of Sloth Speedways in the area and also teamed up with a local landowner to plant over 300 cecropia

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saplings from our tree nursery. We're delighted to report that these saplings are thriving and will soon provide essential habitat for sloths and other wildlife.

Playa Linda has recently launched Conservación de Tortugas Marinas Playa Linda (CTMPL), an initiative approved by SINAC, aimed at protecting this vital sea turtle nesting site. This time of year sees Olive Ridley and Pacific Green turtles nesting, while Hawksbill and occasionally critically endangered Leatherback turtles visit at other times.

Sadly, these sea turtles face serious threats from poachers who illegally harvest their eggs, putting their populations at risk. To combat this, Playa Linda is seeking passionate volunteers to assist with beach patrols. Volunteers will help monitor nesting activities and conduct



surveys, these findings will aid the relocation of eggs to safer areas and ultimately ensure the successful release of hatchlings back into the ocean. This handson involvement is a meaningful way to contribute to the conservation of these magnificent creatures.

The CTMPL conservation project is teaming up with Reserva Playa Tortuga, local volunteers from The Playa Hermosa project as well as a local landowner, where the community has seen significant success in reducing poaching. We deeply appreciate the efforts of all involved and are enthusiastic about our continued collaboration.



If you're interested in making a difference, please contact playalindaturtlepatrol@gmail.com for more information. Whether you can commit to one or two days a week or just a few hours on the weekend, your support will have a profound impact on sea turtle conservation. We look forward to seeing vou on the beach!





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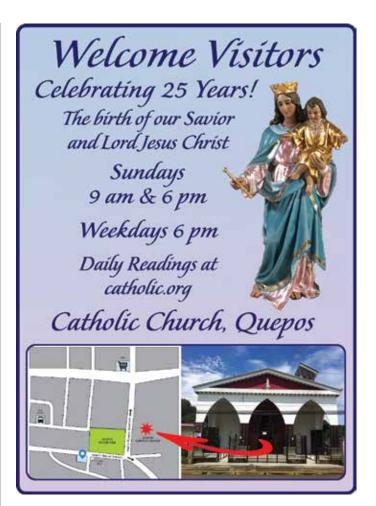
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A New York attorney representing a wealthy art collector called his client and said to him, "Saul, I have some good news and I have some bad news."

The art collector replied, "I've had an awful day, let's hear the good news first."

The attorney said, "Well, I met with your wife today, and she informed me that she invested \$5,000 in two pictures that she thinks will bring a minimum of \$15-20 million. I think she could be right."

Saul replied enthusiastically, "Well done! My wife is a brilliant businesswoman! You've just made my day. Now I know I can handle the bad news. What is it?"

The attorney replied, "The pictures are of you with your secretary."

A guy said to God, "God, is it true that to you a billion years is like a second?"

God said, "Yes."

The guy said, "God, is it true that to you a billion dollars is like a penny?"

God said, "Yes."

The guy said, "God, can I have a penny?"

God said, "Sure, just a second."

Donald Trump was walking through Manhattan and saw a long line. Wondering what is was for, he joined it.

People would look over their shoulder, see that is was Donald Trump behind them, and leave the queue, so he would proceed closer and closer to the front.

As he was getting closer to the head of the line, he asked one guy, who also looked and was about to walk away, "Wait a second, what is this line for and why are you now leaving it?"

The man said "This is the line for Canadian Immigration Visas, but if you are getting one, I don't need one now."

Putin is being held hostage by a terrorist.

A Russian truckdriver stops at the back of a long queue on the motorway. He sees a policeman walking down the line of stopped cars to briefly talk to the drivers. As the policeman approaches the truck, the truckdriver rolls down his window and asks, "What's going on?"

Policeman: "A terrorist is holding Putin hostage in a car. He's demanding 10 million rubles, or he'll douse Putin in petrol and set him on fire. So we're asking drivers for donations."

Driver: "Oh, ok. How much do people donate on average."

Policeman: "About a gallon."

"If there are any idiots in the room, will they please stand up", said the sarcastic teacher.

After a long silence, one freshman rose to his feet.

"Now then mister, why do you consider yourself an idiot?", inquired the teacher with a sneer.

"Well, actually I don't," said the student, "but I hate to see you standing up there all by yourself."

Tim decided to tie the knot with his long time girlfriend. One evening, after the honeymoon, he was organizing his golfing equipment. His wife was standing nearby watching him.

After a long period of silence she finally speaks: "Tim, I've been thinking, now that we're married maybe it's time you quit golfing. You spend so much time on the course. You could probably get a good price for your clubs."

Tim gets this horrified look on his face.

She says, "Darling, what's wrong?"

"For a minute there you were beginning to sound like my ex-wife."

"Ex-wife!" she screams, "I didn't know you were married before!"

"I wasn't," he replied.



The Resplendent Quetzal (*Pharomachrus mocinno costaricensis*) is a small bird found in Central America and southern Mexico that lives in tropical forests, particularly cloud forests. Like other quetzals, the resplendent is mostly omnivorous; its diet mainly consists of fruits of plants in the laurel family, but it occasionally also preys on insects, lizards, frogs and snails.

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The species is well known for its colorful and complex plumage that differs substantially between sexes. Males have iridescentgreen plumes, a red lower breast and belly, black innerwings and a white undertail, whilst females are duller and have a shorter tail. Grey lower breasts, bellies, and bills, along with bronze-green heads are characteristic of females. These birds hollow holes in decaying trees or use ones already made by woodpeckers as a nest site. They are known to take turns while incubating, males throughout the day and females at night. The female usually lays one to three eggs, which hatch in 17 to 19 days. The quetzal is an altitudinal migrant, migrating from the slopes to the canopy of the forest. This occurs during the breeding season, which varies depending on the location, but usually commences in March and extends as far as August.

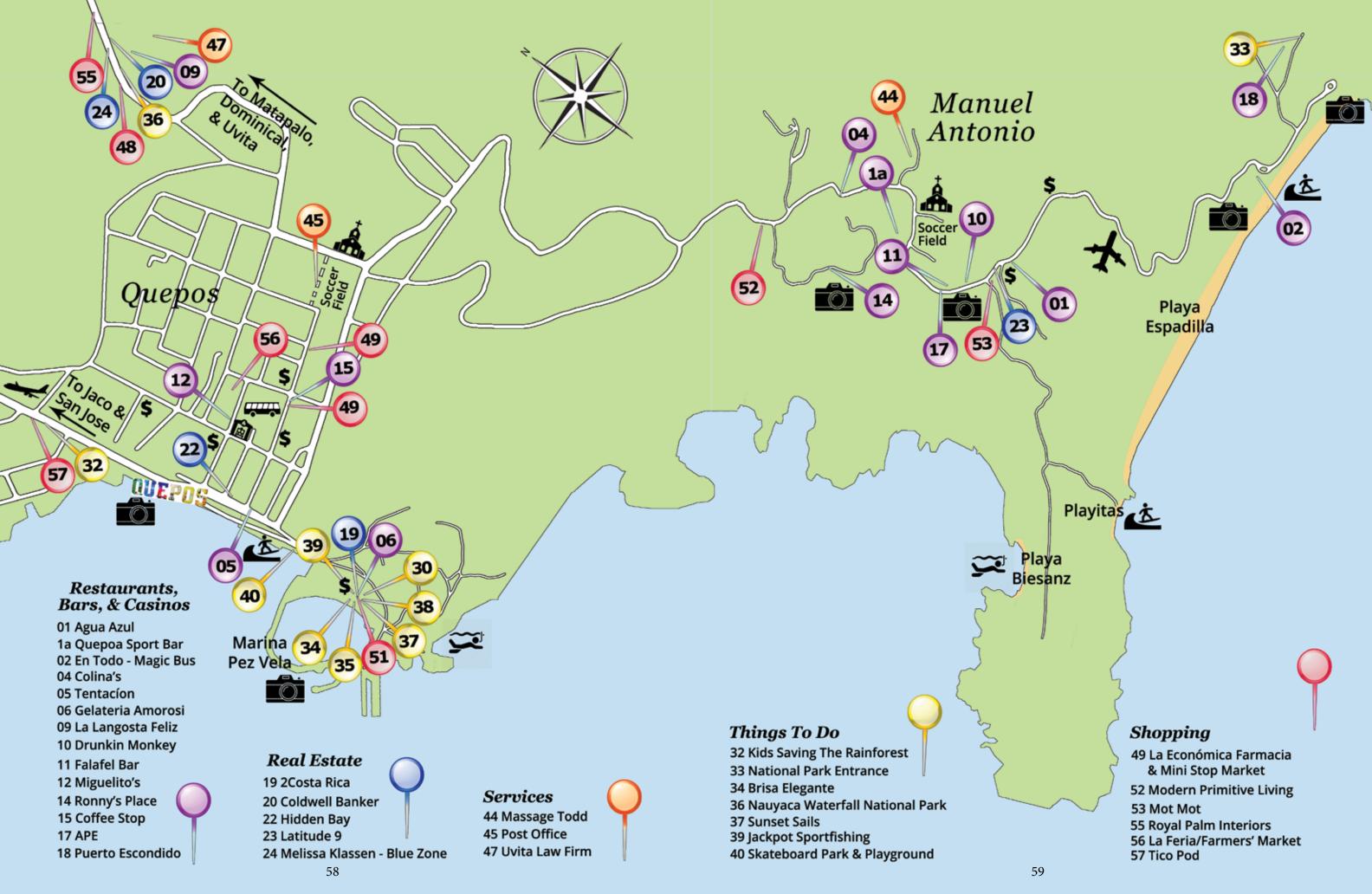
Resplendent quetzals generally display shy and quiet behaviour to elude predators. In contrast, they are rather vocal during the mating season and their behavior is designated to exhibit and attract mates. Their known predators include the ornate hawk-eagle, golden eagle, and other hawks and owlsas adults, along with emerald toucanets, brown jays, long-tailed weasels, squirrels, and kinkajous as nestlings or eggs. The resplendent quetzal plays an important ecological role in the cloud forests, helping disseminate the seeds of at least 32 tree species. Its scintillating green tail feathers, symbolizes spring plant sprout, were venerated by the Aztec and Maya. The Maya also regarded the guetzal as representative of freedom and wealth on account of quetzals dying in captivity and the worth of their feathers along with jade, correspondingly. Mesoamerican rulers and some high ranked nobles wore diadems created from guetzal feathers, symbolically linking them to Quetzalcoatl. Since the killing of quetzals was forbidden under the Mayas and Aztec criminal law, the bird was merely seized, its

prolonged tail feathers deplumed, and was set loose. In ancient Mayan culture, the quetzal feathers were considered so precious that they were even used as a medium of exchange. Thus the name of the Guatemala currency, the quetzal. In various Mesoamerican languages, the word quetzal can as well mean precious, sacred, or king, warrior, prince.



The resplendent quetzal is considered near threatened on the IUCN Red List, with habitat destruction being the main threat. It has an important role in Mesoamerican mythology, and is closely associated with Quetzalcoatl, a deity.

One Mayan legend has it that a resplendent quetzal accompanied the hero, Tecún Umán, prince of the Quiché (K'iche') Maya, during his battle against Spanish conquistador Pedro de Alvarado. Tecún, equipped with just an arrow and bow, nevertheless is able to incapacitate Alvarado's horse on the first strike. Alvarado was then given a second horse and counter-charged against Tecún, running his chest through with a spear. A quetzal flew down and alighted on Tecún's body, drenching its chest in his blood. It was then that the species, which used to be completely green, obtained its characteristic red chest feathers. Additionally, from that day on, the quetzal, which sang delightfully before the Spanish conquest, has been mute ever since; it will sing anew solely when the land is fully liberated.





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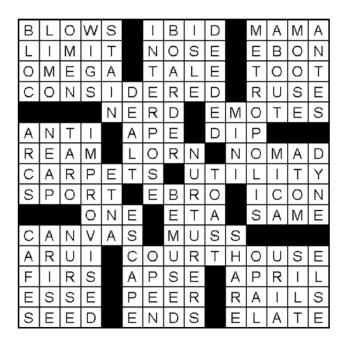
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CURTAINS-DRAPES-BLINDS

More and more people are choosing bold colors for their curtains. This is changing how we see curtain design. With the right colors, your windows can become a focal point. Using contrasting colors or patterns is a trendy way to design curtains now. It really catches the eye. Color blocking, where different parts of a curtain show unique colors, is another way to make them interesting. With these bold choices in curtain design, you get to show off your style. It's a fun way to make your home unique.

Linen, cotton, and silk blends are very popular. They look elegant and feel warm in a room. These fabrics work well in all kinds of design styles, like minimal or boho.Using eco-friendly drapes is also a trend. Many are picking organic cotton and linen draperies. These materials are made without hurting the environment. So, they're good for the planet and your home.



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You might love daring jewel tones or prefer soft, calming pastels. Jewel tones like emerald green, sapphire blue, and ruby red are great for making a room stand out. If you want something more peaceful, pastel colors like blush pink, light blue, and mint green help create a serene environment.



The drapery trends are focused on nature and expressing yourself. They're also about changing how we see patterns. Bold, vibrant colors are in for drapes this year. Forget about the neutral tones of the past. Today's window treatments strive to stand out. With colors like rich jewel tones and vivid primary colors, your room can show off its personality beautifully.



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The Intergovernmental **Panel on Climate Change** continues to issue severe warnings of the failure of governments and systems to suitably react to the rapidly changing climate.

Policymakers and industry leaders need to make big strides as soon as possible.

Panels with eye-catching patterns are also popular. Whether you prefer florals or geometric shapes, these curtains grab attention. They let you bring in unique, global flair, turning your drapes into a form of art.

Lightweight and sheer drapes are timeless favorites. They let in natural light and add a soft, sophisticated touch. They are perfect for spaces that need a bit of lightness.

Layering curtains is a trend that's both stylish and useful. Mixing different fabrics adds a contemporary flair. Plus, it offers more privacy and better insulation. Think about combining linen, cotton, and silk for a multi-faceted look.

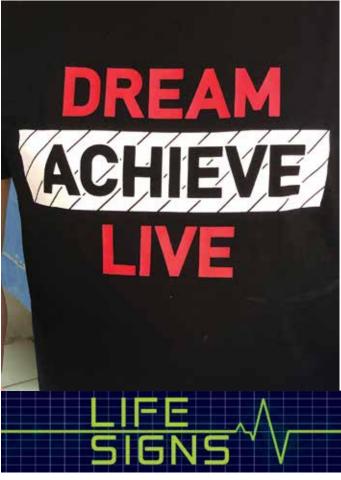
The aim is to bring the outside in, with a big love for earthy textures and eco-friendly fabrics. Mixing textures and fabrics is also important. This creates a modern, eye-catching vibe.

New ways to hang curtains and smart designs are trends that we will discuss in our November issue. They're making window fashion more exciting. Cultural designs and high-tech touches are turning curtains into art.

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To continue the theme from the last article, I am sharing my experiences of being robbed in Costa Rica so other travelers will not have the same misfortune. These are the times I had things stolen from my vehicles, both my own and rentals. It has happened four times in the last 28 years. I am not trying to scare anyone, but want to ensure that every traveler has a great experience in Costa Rica so they want to come back.

The first time was in Jaco back in 1999. I had been living in Dominical for about a year and had a friend come visit from the United States. He worked in the surf industry and brought down a bunch of gear sunglasses, t-shirts, surf trunks, fins, and packed them in two brand new travel backpacks. I took the bus to San Jose and we rented a Toyota Rav4 for the ride back to Dominical.

We stopped for lunch in Jaco at Soda Marea Alta. Since we had boardbags on the roof we parked right in front of the restaurant so we could keep an eye on the vehicle. However, while we could see the roof, we were not looking into the locked vehicle. Someone used a butter knife to pry out the rubber seal around the back panel of the back seat window on the far side of the car (in the middle of the street) and reached in to unlock the door.

They were able to open the door and slide out both backpacks without us seeing anything. We were shocked when we approached the car. Sadly my

friend had his passport inside one of the packs so we decided to drive back to San Jose to get a replacement. We still got to surf Boca Barranca and Ollies Point, but the theft left a bad taste in my mouth about Jaco.

The second time was in my truck in San Jose in 2002. I was staying at a hotel downtown and arrived late. Their lot was full so I had to park in the street. I locked up the 1992 Toyota, thinking I had nothing of value inside so nothing would happen to it. When I came back in the morning I saw that the rear side window was broken out. They had stolen my \$30 tool kit from behind the front seat as there was nothing else to steal.



The third time I was visiting Costa Rica on a two week trip. I had rented another SUV and was back in Jaco. I parked it inside a secured lot at my friendâ€[™]s house who had lived there for 20 years. We took his SUV down to Esterillos Oeste and parked it in front of a busy elementary school right off the beach. I knew that area was known for car break ins, but with surf looking so good and all the kids and teachers walking around I was not cautious enough.

We surfed for two hours and when we came in, we saw the passenger window was broken and they had taken my beach bag. I had just left it along with my shorts in the front seat, too easy to see and snag. In that bag was my wallet and the rental key, which cost \$450 to replace. There was not one person around to ask if they witnessed anything. I filed a report at the police department in Jaco and then filed a claim through my travel insurance, which after a few months reimbursed me for my loss. It still sucked, especially after that epic surf session.

The lesson to be learned is to not leave anything valuable in your vehicle. I know that sometimes it has to be done, like when you paddle out and have to hide your keys and phone. What I do is find a dried out coconut shell and hide the keys inside, and then hide it amongst other beach driftwood or up in the dunes. Be sure it stays above any rising ocean tide. And for the phone, I try to hide it inside the vehicle as far as possible from any windows, like back where the spare tire is. At least this way the thief needs to take some time to find it. Keep in mind that the thief may be watching where you hide things, so try to be inconspicuous. The longer it takes a thief to steal something, the less likely they will attempt to break in.

If you own a vehicle you could cut a small hole in the floorboard rug and slide a phone or money into that. Or you could install a small safe with bolts or welding just for your phone/wallet/purse under the seat. Those combo locks that hold keys seem to be too visible and easy for a good thief to break open.

If you are renting a vehicle, first try to park where there is a paid security guard. Even if they look like they just showed up for the job and put on an orange strap. they still will take your money and tell you where it is safe to park. At least that is one less person who may steal your belongings and for a few dollars offers a little piece of mind. Of course never leave your luggage in the vehicle, or backpacks, cameras, computers, or passports. If you stop to eat and there is no guard, then park in a spot so you can easily see all the doors and the trunk. You could also put a surf sticker on the back of the vehicle or a Saprissa flag under the rear view mirror so your vehicle looks more local. And if you get it dirty it will look less flashy. If you are on an empty beach and someone walks by offering a pipa or some pastry or a copa, buy it. They may actually be the thief and if you are nice to them they will not break into your car when you go into the water. But also be aware they may be checking to see where you keep your money and what valuables you have so stay vigilant.

One final tip, new technology allows thieves to block the electrical signal from your key to the vehicle. You think you locked the car when you heard the beep, but you really didn't. So everytime double check it is locked by pulling on the driver's side handle.

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Nestled idvilically on some 682 plus hectares of the mid-Pacific coast of Costa Rica, Manuel Antonio National Park (named after a conquistador that is buried there) is one of the most visited tourist destinations of all of the country's 34 National Park and Reserve Systems. Second only to the Poas volcano in admissions, 366,000 visitors in 2022 traversed the park trails and enjoyed the pristine, white-sand beaches that slope down from tropical forest into the clear azure waters of the Pacific Ocean. The park habitat consists of primary and secondary forest, marsh and littoral woodland, an 18-hectare mangrove swamp and 12 islands off of the coast. Over 100 species of mammal and close to 200 species of bird have been identified in the park. It is home to the endangered Mono Titi (Saimiri oerstedii) monkey, as well as white-faced capuchin monkeys, howler monkeys, two and three-toed sloths, white-nosed coati, iguanas, and many other species of exotic wildlife. Pacific green turtles and olive ridley turtles occasionally nest on the beach. In addition to its diverse, paradisiacal flora and fauna, the park also has several other interesting features: The blowhole at Escondido Harbor that is best viewed as the tide surges in, Serrucho Point, an eroded cliff that looks like a saw and is honeycombed with sea caves, and a pre-Columbian, underwater turtle trap located on the western tip of Manuel Antonio Beach.

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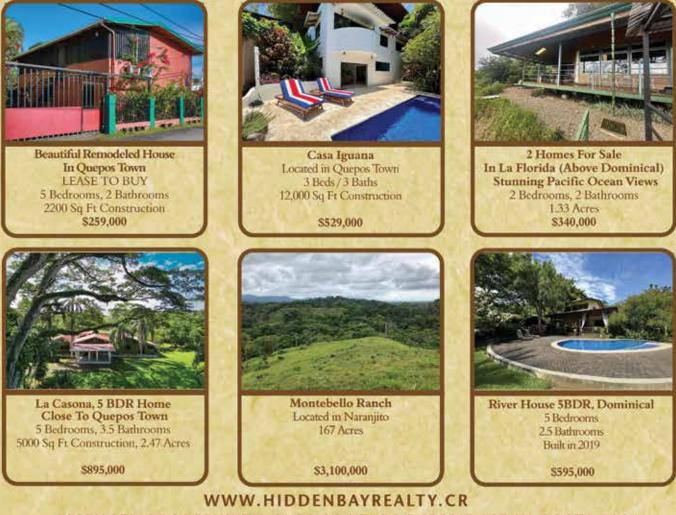






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