

# THE DIRT ROAD

MAL PAIS STE TERESA ENGLISH WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

THURSDAY JUNE 19, 2008

## New weekly community newspaper !

This day marks the launch of a community newspaper designed and written by interested artists and villagers who are locally born residents and foreign residents alike. This is a call to any and all interested villagers to take part. If you have a flare for writing, poetry, photography or simply have an opinion, we invite you to get involved.

THE DIRT ROAD's aim is to produce a weekly newspaper, published mostly in English, that reflect the opinions of our local residents. We will publish in any language you wish to submit in.

Hopefully as THE DIRT ROAD develops there will be added columns and articles that represent what the residents, here in Mal Pais and Sta. Teresa, wish to read and write about. You can remain anonymous or not, that is your choice.

THE DIRT ROAD will try to publish all articles emailed to us. It can be a factual story or simply someone's experience or opinion. Detective investigations will be done where possible.

This is just the beginning.

Email ideas, stories and opinions. THE DIRT ROAD is interested in publishing what is on the minds of our residents that live in this interesting and challenging 'old fishing village', recently turned 'surf town'.

Hopefully with active residence input, this paper can be a dynamic format to communicate.

To reach us simply send us an email at [thedirtroadmalpais@yahoo.com](mailto:thedirtroadmalpais@yahoo.com)

## Joke of the week .....

A guy walks up to a bartender and say's, "I have a bet for you". "I'm going to give you \$300 that I can piss in that glass over there—10feet away, and not spill a drop". The bartender say's, "ok! You're going to pay me \$300 that you can piss in that glass standing over here, and not spill a single drop"?

The guy says "exactly".

Bartender says "Young man you've got yourself a bet!"

"Ok, here I go". So he pulls out "his thing" and starts thinking about the glass...his thing...the glass...his thing....the glass....and then he lets it rip. He piss's all over the place. He pisses on the bar, on the stool, on the phone, he even pisses on the bartender!...he piss everywhere except the glass. So the bartender starts to laugh his head off, he's \$300 richer. He's laughing hard, "you fool you got it over everything except the glass!". "You owe Me \$300, punta".

So the guy say's "excuse me", and goes to the back of the bar, up to a couple of guys playing pool. He starts talking to them all quite, and then goes back to the bartender and say's "here you go \$300".

The bartender looks at the money and then at the guy. The guy say's "You see those guy's over there? well I just bet them \$500 EACH that I could piss on your Bar, piss on your floor, your phone, your stool and even piss on you, and not only would you Not be mad at me, you'd be happy!"

Joke from movie 'Desperado'.

## POEM of the Week....written by Catalina Quesada

You...the person who guided me to a path where I can share love  
Where tender is common  
Is necessary...

You....who let me know that there are no coincidences.  
That we met because we where meant to  
and that using this time together  
Will show us that the life is beautiful.

You.....who let me show you that I can love too  
That I like to have company  
And that a family  
Is the person who cares for you, and takes care of you.

You.....who let me get inside your world  
Who took the chance and took the risk  
Who embrace me and who let me express  
that we are the same

You.....who are my friend  
Who wants to listen to me  
Who laughs with me and understands me  
Whom I really miss.....everyday

## Quote of the Week

*Keep Walking, Though There's No Place to Get To.  
Don't Try to See Through The Distances.  
That's Not for Human Beings.  
Move Within,  
Don't move the Way Fear Makes you Move.*

The Illuminated Rumi  
Translation by  
Coleman Barks

## Unusual Sighting of the Week

On Friday March 29 I was one of four sitting visiting a friend in Sta. Teresa hills when we saw a gathering of bright orange lights enter the sky from the northern direction moving randomly across the sky heading south. There had to be 15 or so of these orange lights in a trail of sorts, some traveling horizontal while others traveled upwards. Within moments the middle orange lights started disappearing one by

One. Seconds later the only two lights remaining were the original one at the beginning of this trail and the last light the entered the sky at the end of the trail. They both stood still for a moment and then they two simply disappeared.

If anyone saw similar action in the sky that night or have experienced other 'unusual sightings' here in our village, feel free to email us, we will publish your story in the next edition of THE DIRT ROAD.

## Wisdom from afar

*Qual si fuese un mandato  
divino  
O estaca en mi Corazon  
clavada  
Las palabras que he escuchado  
Tienen mas filo que una*

Divine world and the connection with it. You may be sitting in your home watching the monkey walk the trees...you may see the local roaster take control of the hen house. What ever you slow down enough to see and hear, it does represent music to our ears. I was not a poet when I first came to this country in 1991 but soon found my voice because of the moon and stars, the ocean, the sun ...born within me the poet. Take a moment and be one with nature and the poet will speak in you.

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## The Dirt Road Name

Written by Freelance Writer Mango Jane

### WHY THE NAME "THE DIRT ROAD" FOR THIS NEW NEWSPAPER?

The paper started without a name, I asked for suggestions from friends. It was going to be "The Weekly Buzz" until I was at a party and told Kristine about my plans. She suggested "THE DIRT ROAD". She had visiting friends who were new to C.R. and made a passing comment. So thanks to Kristine and her Canadian friends.

I think The Dirt Road is appropriate for many reasons. There are a lot of hot opinions about our town of mal Pais and Ste. Teresa, and it's development or lack of. Often being the heated vocal point of many conversations. One thing our village is, is a mix of many nationalities living in harmony for the most part. The tress get cut for expansion and grow back at a rapid pace,

covering a lot of unfortunate building designs. This town can be very challenging and the more years living here doesn't necessarily guarantee a softer ride.

But what of our road. It travels from one point to another directly through the heart of our town, joining Ste. Teresa and Mal Pais. Years and years of grading and lastri. The pot holes of the Summer and mile high dust of the winter. The level of frustration, and accidents never ending.

Tourist and residence alike all agree, The village has out grown our small dirt road, there is no doubt. But here it still remains. Transporting us back and forth, uniting the two villages. What better way of paying homage than to name our new community newspaper after it...we proudly introduce "THE DIRT ROAD" for your reading enjoyment!

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## ACCIDENT REPORT

Some Residence and Tourist alike seem to think we have a highway transporting them from one end of the village to the next. THE DIRT ROAD feels there are few reasons why anyone in this village needs to be travelling beyond 30 miles an hour, and endless reasons why we should all be slowing down.

### Top Reasons to Slow Down

- #1 Health problems caused by extreme dust conditions.
- #2 Safety around high pedestrian areas.
- #3 March ...Mal Pais Truck roll off hillside road, killing one
- #4 March. Playa Carmen Motorbike parked on side of road, hit by speeding ATV.
- #5 April in Mal Pais, side of the supers and Speeding car rolled at restaurants and schools.
- #6 April.....Ste. Teresa Tico hit by speeding ATV, still in hospital
- #7 May in Ste. Teresa another pedestrian hit by speeding ATV, still in hospital

THE DIRT ROAD plans to print all accidents that occur in the two villages

## COMMUNITY NEWS *written by freelance writer...Rene Paris*

What is community news and what does this community want to talk about and read about? This column is dedicated to print the Opinions of our community who wish to share ideas about an issue that is addressing our community currently.

Each week THE DIRT ROAD will supply a format for open opinions. Things that matter to you, our local residents. Email us and let us know a topic you wish to have open to local opinions.

This weeks issue.

Our Speed Limit-Less Road. Do we need to post and enforce speed limits along our dirt road? Or are their other ways to create a safe road we can travel on.

Please feel free to email us, we want to hear from the villagers themselves.

We would also like to ask those that do drive fast, to also email us. Who or what is waiting for you at the other end of the village that warrants your disregard of a safe speed to be traveling on an overly crowded and extremely dusty road,

creating low to no visibility? And what speed limit would you think is reasonable to post to create a save village? We would like to publish your reasons.

Please email your Opinions to be published in next weeks issue.

THE DIRT ROAD does not intend this column as an argument post. We simply wish to provide a format for open opinions. Maybe with some smart communication we can come to brilliant solutions to some of our local issues.

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

Give us your ideas and suggestions. We welcome all supportive comments and suggestions to make this paper better. Everyone working on this paper is volunteering their time and talent, so please be kind.

Dear Dirt Road...I was one of your proof readers and just wanted to say congratulations on this much

needed newspaper. I look forward to reading and laughing for many weeks to come. Lady in red.

Dear Dirt Road.....We had the pleasure to read your 1st edition by accident looking over the shoulder of one of your writers...very funny...love your community. This community has a killer dirt road.

Sincerely..tourist Bob from Colorado

U.S.A

Dear Dirt Road...Could you include the Soccer schedule for Ste. Teresa and Mal Pais. Thank you Soccer fan.

.Dear Dirt Road...Would like to see more pictures of the community. Are you always going to be in black and white? Good Luck Dave

## Dear "bleep bleep" Neighbor

This column is designed to help local residence with sometime delicate neighborly situations....lets talk about the latest crazy ass thing a neighbor has done.....there's no need to mention names, just the action that drove you momentarily insane!

Dear DIRT ROAD.....last Sunday a neighbor had a worker start his day at 6am with one of those gas fed weed whackers. Sure

spoiled my one morning of waking to the sound of the ocean.

sincerely..oh peaceful Sunday

Dear "Bleep Bleep Neighbor"...now we all understand the need for speed.. But I sure miss the gentle silence of the machete at work. Can we agree that next time a 9am start on Sunday would be a nice way of saying 'sorry'.....bravo..THE DIRT ROAD.

Dear DIRT ROAD. For months a mystery neighbor has been dropping garbage bags at the bottom of our shared road on a hill. Sits for days, dogs get into it...becoming a mess.

Help! Playa Carmen

Dear "Bleep Bleep" you know who you are....we all live together...enough said...THE DIRT ROAD.

## Theft Report

Written By freelance writer Mango Jane

This is surely a needed report, however there is much controversy from residents and business owners. Do we report the theft problem here or just let it continue to be talked about in meetings with little resolve. Well this paper thinks it's time we talk about all of the community activities...and lets face it, there is a lot of activity under this one subject.

So to make it less controversial the suggestion would be not to give business or home specific, but local area only. i.e.: Playa Carmen, Mal Pais or Sta. Teresa. What that means is no names.

By publishing the theft problem will we be deterring Tourist from our

area? Well everyone must be aware of common safety rules to practice no matter where in the world you are living, and especially if you are traveling! By not publishing are we really doing any service to the village, or are the thieves benefiting from our silence?

Lets all practice security measures as best possible. I think that is a neighborly thing to recommend to one-another. So we have no alarm-security systems or local police. This village, (along with most of Costa Rica) is still growing and trying to catch up with technology. Lets remember this village was literally in the dark just 20years ago. This whole country is making changes in almost every area of growth, in time

there will be new laws and prosecuting criminals. Until then this section wants to publish your successful ideas for security. (New ideas please, every resident knows of the continued plans for security companies and police setting up in this village, and the pros and cons of said.)

Being responsible for your own gear, could this be a good start? Securing your electronics out of site when not being used especially when you leave your property. Good locks on doors and bars on windows. There are a lot of people in this village with good security and no thefts for years. Including myself. If I look to these examples they all share these common security practices

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**Travelers of our Village... !**

THE DIRT ROAD is looking for any writer who wishes to contribute to our community newspaper that travels. This space will be dedicated to world news of the interesting kind. Leaving News Headlines to the big papers, THE DIRT ROAD

wants to publish culture from afar. New restaurant Openings, Gallery Shows, Music Tours. Anything that is new and exciting that is going on in a different part of the world.

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*There was a young lady of Norway,  
Who hung by her toes in a doorway;  
She said to her beau:  
"Come over here, Joe,  
I think I've discovered one more way!"  
Algernon Charles Swinburne*

*A few good writers!*

Now is the time to get involved and take action. If you are interested in writing for THE DIRT ROAD please contact us by email at [thedirtroadmalpais@yahoo.com](mailto:thedirtroadmalpais@yahoo.com)

**Theft Report**

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#1 They always have someone on site 24-7. #2 They have security dogs, not just an indoor pet. #3 Gates are large and are locked at night. #4 Good fencing around complete property. #5 Tight landscaping along fence line to prevent viewing from other side. #6 Well built doors and windows with good locks and bars.

we can spread to others in the village.

**Last Months Theft Activity**

Mal Pais Beach Front Houses

Several local residence were woken by intruders in their rooms at 2am. When chased down the beach the would-be thieves fired at the guard dog. Beloved pet and guard dog died of heart attack moments after being shot at by intruders. Police were called and reported on the scene of the crime within 25 minutes. No arrests have been made

Later that same night thieves were successful in stealing electronic equipment from a rental house. No arrests have been made.

Of course this is not the complete answer, however, I do hope I'm doing my part in writing this information down to share, for it may make a difference to someone.

This section is dedicated to all new ideas, successful security ideas that

Playa Carmen Central

We are looking for experienced and amateur writers who live in this village and have time to investigate leads and write articles. If you have an idea for a weekly article you wish to write please contact us. If you are an artist or cartoonist wishing to have your work published, please contact us. We are especially looking for Surfers that have time to write articles that would be of interest to surfers. The whole back page is waiting for good interesting articles relative to surfing and surfers.

If you are a local resident who finds time to travel Internationally and Locally in Costa Rica, we are looking for articles for page 3...International News and Costa Rica News.

Share your Joke, or share a wise Quote. Send us your pictures, your advise or your opinions. Review a DVD or Restaurant. We care and want to know what is on your mind. Give us ideas for other columns.

**Culture and Art Around Costa Rica**

**San Jose**—Art Galleries with expositions in June.

Galeria Taller Del Artista Tres Rios, del Saint Gregory School. Permanent Exhibition bar and restaurant Monday to Saturday 2pm to 12mn

Galeria Mata, 200 South, 25 East of Banco Nacional of San Pedro. Fine Art Permanent Exhibition Open Monday to Saturday 8am to 7pm

Galeria Enrique Café of the National Theater open Monday to Sunday 9a to 4pm now showing

works of Jose Luis Lopez Escarre

Galeria Garcia Monge. Behind National Theatre. 5th & 2nd avenue.

Galeria Amon. Barrio Amon 250 m. North from the kiosk in parquet Morazon. Contemporary Art. Open 10am to 6pm Tuesday to Saturday

Galeria Carlow & Co. Plaza Los Laureles, local 16 en San Rafael de Escazu. Fine Art from Costa Rica and International Artists. Artist showcase changes monthly. Open Monday to Saturday 10 am to 7pm



NATIONAL THEATER HAS IT'S OWN GALLERIA, ENRIQUE CAFÉ, WERE ONE CAN FIND

THE DIRT ROAD hopes to remain free of advertising, relying on volunteer writers. There is several Classified Ad sections in the paper and I hope everyone finds these useful to sell or trade their stuff.

As a volunteer writer you have the freedom to write articles when you want to. There is no need to commit your valuable time beyond your interest. If you have something you wish to write about email us a copy at [thedirtroadmalpais@yahoo.com](mailto:thedirtroadmalpais@yahoo.com)

**Our Local Weather**

Hard to image someone actually forecasting our weather. It may rain at your house and not at your neighbors. From one end of town to the other, our weather pattern shifts in a single moment.

This Local Weather Watch section will allow us to chart the weather weekly. This will include the amount of rain that has fallen in 3 regions of Mal Pais, Playa Carmen and Sta. Teresa. Each week we will publish last weeks weather. In time we will have a chart and in a years time we will have a weather chart that has recorded our weather from the past year.

In the same section we will publish the local surf action from week to week. This will include the general size of wave, direction of swell and conditions. We will have created our own village chart to the previous years surf.

	Mal Pais Weather	Playa Carmen Weather	Sta. Teresa Weather	Surf Record Playa Carmen	Surf Record Sta. Teresa
MONDAY 6/2	Rain Fall 0cm Clear sky's	0 cm	0 cm	Winds Size	Winds Size
TUESDAY 6/3	Rain Fall 0cm	0 cm	0 cm	Winds Size	Winds Size
WEDNESDAY 6/4	Rain Fall 0cm	0 cm	0 cm	Winds Size	Winds Size
THURSDAY 6/5	Rain Fall 1cm Afternoon rain	.02 cm	.01 cm	Winds Size	Winds Size
FRIDAY 6/6	Rain Fall 4cm	4 cm	1cm	Winds Size	Winds Size
SATURDAY 6/7	Rain Fall 0cm Partial clouds	2 cm	3 cm	Winds Size	Winds Size
SUNDAY 6/8	Rain Fall 0cm Clear sky's	0 cm	0 cm	Winds Size	Winds Size

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## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### DVD REVIEW

WE DO HAVE LOCAL DVD RENTAL LOCATIONS FOUND IN PLAYA CARMEN AT WILLY'S AND STA. TERESA. THIS COLUMN WILL GIVE YOU A WEEKLY REVIEW OF SOMETHING NEW...FEEL FREE TO SHARE ANY DVD YOU'VE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH FOR NEXT WEEKS PUBLICATION AT THEDIRTROADMALPAIS@YAHOO.COM

**LOCAL SHRIMP in White Wine Sauce over Fettuccine Pasta**  
 10minutes prep time  
 10 minutes cooking time  
 1 kilo Fresh Local Shrimp, deveined.  
 4 to 6 Garlic Heads, crushed  
 1 Large Leek, chopped  
 8 Fresh Mushrooms, chopped  
 1 cup white wine  
 1/2 cup butter  
 Salt and Cracked Pepper to taste  
 Bring to boil 2 cups of water, add fettuccine (1package), cook 10-12 minutes till andante

Melt butter on low in med-large sauce pan, add crushed/chopped garlic, add cleaned and deveined shrimp cook on med heat for 1 minute, add leeks, mushrooms and white wine....continue to cook on med heat until shrimp are light pink and cooked. Pour over cooked paste adding salt and fresh cracked pepper to taste, (parmesan cheese optional.) serve immediately. . O

Serves 4 adults

HINTS from the kitchen of "READY SET GO" .....

Local fresh shrimp. It is important to devein shrimp. With a sharp night gently cut the back vein and remove, it's that simple and you will taste the

difference.  
 Garlic, crushed....sometimes the right kitchen tool isn't available..to extract the oil from the garlic clove simple cut the hard bottom off head and place flat side of large kitchen knife over garlic head...hit with the bottom fist of your hand until crushed. Now it can be easily chopped with lots of oil. Garlic can easily burn so watch you heat, med-low is always a good safe temp.

Cook with Fresh Ingredients, get Fabulous results.

### LOCAL PROFILE

THE DIRT ROAD is looking for writers who wish to contribute. This column is entitled Local Profile. The writer for this column will be interviewing interesting locals and writing their story. Speaking and writing both English and Spanish is not necessary but would be a great advantage. All interested writers please contact us via ... thedirtroadmalpais@yahoo.com

### WHAT'S NEW IN THE SUPER MERCADOS !

This section is designed to introduce new products found in our local grocery stores. Most of the local and foreign residence here are aware of the excellent choice of import foods our local grocery stores offer. Worth noting for if you travel outside our area you will notice that most grocery stores carry bare essentials only. Super Trebol Maya in Cobano was the first to start carry import items and Costa Rica Bioland Organic products in the early 90's. Since then

most of our local stores are heavily stocked with exotic, import produce.

We have one Super Mercado in Mal Pais near the Cabuya road. There is Super Ronny's and Super Maya in Playa Carmen. We have two Super Mercado's in Sta. Teresa. And finally a new Super Mercado opened in April at the northern end of Ste. Teresa...La Hacienda. All stores open at 8am and close between 8 and 10pm.

*New products:*

"READY SET GO" Fresh Fabulous Food. Specializing in fresh foods package for one to take away....Salads include fork and dressing. Most popular items: Curry Potato, Hummus, Artichoke Spinach Spread/Dip and the Roasted Red Pepper and Garlic Dip. Also found at the Saturday Market, loaded with desserts and quiche sold by the slice, and the popular Vietnamese Spring Rolls.

### Quote

Written by philoshper

Soren Kierke Gaard 1813-1855

"People demand freedom of speech as compensation for the freedom which they seldom use"

### Beauty Advice

from the Jungles of Mal Pais!

Ok girls. THE DIRT ROAD is going to attempt to give you the latest Beauty Advice from Tica and Foreign girls that have years here and have the secrets for our body, hair, and face. Want to join in? Simply email us your Beauty finds and we will pass it on to all those interested. Let us know what you girls are using. Special body oils to shine. Special body powders to keep dry. Hair tonics for dry, curly, or thin hair. Dry skin, oily skin, white or well tanned. This is the place to share your secrets.

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This week we talk about:

*Body Exfoliation.*

This recipe came to us from a beautiful young Tica women who has recently joined our village and let me tell you...her skin shines. She uses this recipe daily in her shower. It's that easy.

In your favorite glass bowl, combine  
 Sugar 1 cup  
 Juice from 1 whole lemon/citrus

Mix together to form a Paste.  
 Using a shower mitt or your hand, rub paste over your entire body.  
 Follow with a hot shower to remove.

Enjoy!!!

### RESTAURANT REVIEW..

Due to the limited budget this community newspaper currently works with there are no free dinners for our food writer, we actually have no food writer! So ROAD would like to open this section to our readers and eaters.

There are a lot of restaurants and soda's in town, and new ones opening everywhere. All worthy of note. So... The next time you find yourself eating out and having a great time.

### HOUSEHOLD REMEDIES

Every day here in the tropics one can find themselves lost at what to do for a bug or spider bites, rashes, burns, fevers, stings, children coming home with hair lice, or ticks invading your favorite pet etc, etc.....,

here for over 6 years, with two children and several dogs....she has solutions for most problems, and when she doesn't she finds long tested remedies from local families.

There is a writer for this column that will be joining us soon. She will try her best to impart her wisdom. Living

This column is open to others to contribute as well. Write in your Household remedies and how your success story.

We promise to be subjective and positive. THE DIRT ROAD is dedicated editorially to printing honest views and comments that are positive and written in good faith to support our community.

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Email your Remedies to [thedirtroadmalpais@yahoo.com](mailto:thedirtroadmalpais@yahoo.com)

### Just the opposite fun word games

Can you sort each set of letter blocks into two words with opposite meanings?

- 1 . AD BRO ED KE LO
- 2 TH RA SE ER TO TE PA GE
- 3 IV IC PU PR ATE BL
- 4 OP IM RE PR COR ER CT
- 5 AM LE DYN TH IC IC ARG

Solution on back page.....8

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## PARTY REVIEW

**PARTY PARTY PARTY.** The Every bar in town has their Dirt Road wants to know about night to rock with a DJ or the parties in town. Everyone is sometimes even live music. welcomed to drop us an email Mar Azul rocks with Latino about your next local party Wednesday nights and the real event for our Calendar of popular Friday night reggae. Events section on page 6 & 7. D&N is a good choice with DJ

This section is to review our local parties and social activities. If you have found yourself at a great party, we want to know about it. Email a review, pictures are welcomed.

If you find yourself looking for something to do, most nights you can find people scattered about in one of our local bars.

specials most nights. And of course our long standing La Lora Amarillo is open again every night, with reggae Thurs. and Latin Saturday. Our Calendar of Events will list La Lora's Live Bands.

Email us with your review of the best party scene of recent! Any and all juicy details given will be shared, right here.

## DVD REVIEW

**The Darjeeling Limited**  
Written by Wes Anderson, Roman Coppola & Jason Schwartzman.

From beginning to end this film sparkled and charmed me. Sensitive and honest, a smart and provocative comedy. Favorite scenes includes the 'Found Perfume', 'Temple of 1000 Bulls', and 'The Mirror'. I loved the growing list of 'agreements', finding them insightful to human folly. I still cry when I recall the river scene, a life changing experience was had by all. This movie is not mainstream Hollywood. The masses may not enjoy the humor, but I'm sure glad I did. Hard to find good entertainment from Hollywood.

## DEAR MRS. POPPYCOCK

I AM NEW IN TOWN AND HAVE BEEN LIVING HERE FOR 9 MONTHS. MOST OF THE GIRLS I MEET ARE TOURISTS BUT WOULD LIKE TO MEET A GIRL THAT LIVES AND WORKS IN OUR VILLAGE. I HAVE A FEAR I'LL BE REJECTED BASED ON MY FIRST LINE...."WERE ARE YOU FROM"...ETC...I'M SURE YOU CAN SEE MY PROBLEM. WOULD LOVE SUGGESTION OR NEW PICK UP LINES.

SINCERELY... WAN-A-BE-LOVED

DEAR WAN-A-BE-LOVED; TRY GOOD OLD HONESTY...TELL THE PROSPECT GIRL THAT YOU ARE LIVING HERE AND WANT TO MEET SOMEONE SIMILAR..YOU'LL SURELY GET A GOOD RESPONSE, MEET NEW PEOPLE AND MAYBE YOU WILL MEET THE RIGHT ONE...OUR GIRLS HERE ARE INTELLIGENT AND STRONG MINDED...SO BE PREPARED TO MEET A STRONG GIRL...CHEERS....MS. POPPYCOCK

DEAR MS. POPPYCOCK...I'M STAYING HERE IN PLAYA CARMEN SURFING AND WAS TOLD BY A SHOP OWNER THAT IT WAS NOT SAFE FOR ME TO WALK AT NIGHT BY MYSELF. IS THIS TRUE ?

SINCERELY....SURFER GIRL

DEAR SURFER GIRL.....ANY GIRL SHOULD TAKE CARE WALKING AT NIGHT IN ANY TOWN IN ANY COUNTRY OF THE WORLD. I SUGGEST YOU TAKE CAUTION AND STAY AWAY FROM DARK PATHS. IF YOU ARE OUT AT ONE OF OUR BARS LATE AT NIGHT, TAKE A TAXI HOME. MOST OF THE TAXI'S OFFER THEIR SERVICES 24HOURS A DAY, I HOPE THIS IS GOOD ADVICE FOR ANY YOUNG GIRL IN ANY TOWN.

## BOOK REVIEW this week.....The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

If you have lived in this village for very long, you soon find a group of people to swap books with. This section is designed to review said 'swapped' books.

So take a moment and email us your latest reading material and share a brief comment or two of your impression. THE DIRT ROAD will publish in any language you wish to review in. Don't forget to include in the review the title and author that you're reviewing.

Without question one of the best books I've read that captures an element of human nature that in one moment can frighten us to the bone and in the next moment warm our steel hearts. Another example of how fortunate the white race is in this big mad world. Lots of factual history for those historian's. A great read to help pass away these rainy days and nights.

THE DIRT ROAD opens this section up to all readers. Share with us what you are reading and what you thought of the book. Everyone that lives here can agree that there is a certain element of absorption reading a book here in paradise allows us.

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### BOOK REVIEW

"The Kit Runner"

Written by Khaled Hosseini

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This section is designed to announce any and all special dates. Email us the week before the celebration so we can include it in the next weeks edition of THE DIRT ROAD.

### BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY to...

Tydu...6 years old. Here he had a magnificent birthday party....

### CONGRATULATIONS to...

Kurt and Tiffany who have recently wed. Party scheduled Thu-

day June 19th call 8370-5326 for details.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jes & David celebrating 6 years this month.

### NEW BIRTHS in town.....

New openings in town

Congratulations to Damian for his grand opening of fresh seafood & oysters Bar at Playa

## Word Builder

Solutions on Page 8.....

Using the nine letters provided, can you answer these clues? Every answer must include the highlighted letter C.

Which artisan uses all nine letters?

**6 LETTERS**  
Of Late  
Professional Life  
Floor covering  
Make  
Middle  
Drink of the gods

**7 LETTERS**  
Perform again  
Go over again  
Row of houses

R	E	N
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R	E	P

### 5 LETTERS

Type of nut  
Storage box  
Lack of hostility  
Mother of Pearl  
Put up  
Frolic

## ARTISAN ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Dave—Live Guitarist Available. Classical, Flamenco, Latin or Jazz. Available for parties, weddings, celebrations...contact at—dahoud@hotmail.com or at Zenaida's shack in Ste. Teresa.

Faux Artist. 20 years experience in Santa Fe, New Mexico now available here...call to view portfolio ....8370=5326

Photographer available for all occasions....

Artist Market @ Playa Carmen...daily exhibit till sunset.open to all artists and musicians

Kids Art—Free Activity to all children all ages, 2nd Saturday of every Month. 2640-

The DIRT ROAD is looking for a

Cartoonist/artist to contribute to our weekly Community newspaper. Interested? email us a sample of your work .....thedirtroad@yahoo.com

Artist call...last Sunday of every month..showing and selling at Ray Patricio in Sta. Teresa at the famous surf spot .....La Pinon.... Come and enjoy a drink and sunset views, enjoy artist from the area.....support local activities...all are welcome.. Artist can contact .....to reserve space to show.....

Cambodian Goods ...Asian Furniture, Budhas & hammocks, all sizes and styles...Franck 8377-4791

## Sudoku

from The London Sunday Telegraph. This week level Easy.

Place the number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each row, each column and each 3 x 3 block contains all the numbers from 1 to 9 to solve this puzzle. Solution is found on page 7.

Email us and let us know what level of Sudoku you want to see every week.. We can publish Easy, Medium, Difficult and Killer.

						3	7	
		8		5	2			6
	3				6	1		
						6	4	
	5							
	4	1					5	7
5		4	6			7		2
1			2		4			
	7				1			

# THE DIRT ROAD

## MONDAY

MORNINGS

**YOGA CLASSES** We will publish all yoga classes that are offered in this town by licensed instructors. Email your schedule and location for next weeks printing by Thursday afternoon.

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**EVENINGS—after Sunset**

Sports

Howler Monkey Playa Carmen Central-Sports Bar All day sports programming check their board Outside.

Bars

D&N—bar open, DJ reggae night  
MAR AZUL - bar & rest, open  
LA LOR—bar open

## TUESDAY

MORNINGS

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Happy Hour at Rancho Sancho 3 to 6

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## WEDNESDAY

MORNINGS

Send us your daytime activity, we would love to promote your activity for free. Simply email all the details to [thedirtroadmalpais@yahoo.com](mailto:thedirtroadmalpais@yahoo.com)

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Sports

Bars

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MAR AZUL—DJ Latino night  
LA LOR—bar open

## THURSDAY

MORNINGS

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Bars

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MAR AZUL - bar & rest. open  
LA LOR—bar open, DJ reggae night

Small pot luck party/reception for Kurt & Tiffany tonight starting at 7pm till midnight. Call 8370-5326 for more details. BYOB, BYOD, BYOF.

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<p><b>CARS and TRUCKS FOR SALE</b></p>	<p><b>HELP WANTED &amp; SERVICES</b></p>	<p><b>MISCELLANEOUS STUFF</b></p>	<p><b>Weekly Classified Advertising</b></p>
<p>1993 Isuzu Trooper 4x4 good running condition. New Rev.Tech...asking \$6,000 OBO.... Call 2640-0454</p>	<p>Freelance Full Service Photographer available for all occasions. Contact Derek at 8389-19-05</p>	<p>DVD Movies for sale at Super Maya <b>Birthday Cakes.....</b>Homemade cakes available for special occasions. Cakes of all sizes and shapes, Order from our list or we can custom make anything you wish. 24hours notice for most orders. Call 8370-5326</p>	<p><i>Buy 1 week — get 1 week free!</i> List anything you have for sale in our weekly classified. Drop off a brief description up to 20 words, at Super Maya Classified Box with 500 colones in our provided envelopes for next weeks edition, or email.</p>
<p><b>LANGUAGE CLASSES</b></p> <p>ONE4ALL local classes, all levels, private &amp; group rates. Call Diana for more information &amp; schedules 8371-84-44</p>	<p>Dave—Live Guitarist Available. Classical, Flamenco, Latin or Jazz. Available for parties, weddings, celebrations... contact at —dahoud@hotmail.com or at Zenaida's shack in Ste. Teresa.</p>	<p><b>Long Term House Rentals</b></p>	<p><b>DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIES</b> Friday afternoon for following Thursday Edition.</p>
<p><b>GARAGE SALE ITEMS</b></p>	<p><b>HOUSEHOLD ITEMS</b></p>	<p>Renovated Beach Side Studio with A/C office space, and phone line. \$350/month plus all utilities. Call for appointment 8878-6927</p>	<p><a href="mailto:thedirtroadmalpais@yahoo.com">thedirtroadmalpais@yahoo.com</a> <i>Buy 1 week - get 1 week free.</i></p>
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## FRIDAY

### MORNINGS

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### EVENINGS—after Sunset

#### Sports

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#### Bars

D&N—bar open  
MAR AZUL - bar & rest. Open DJ  
Reggae night  
LA LOR—bar open

## SATURDAY

### MORNINGS

**AFTERNOON—12 Noon to Sunset**  
Artist Market at Playa Carmen

3pm to sunset  
Organic Market at playa Carmen  
With participating vendors fresh fish, cheeses, dried veggie chips, freshly prepared dips, salsas and desserts to take away.

### EVENINGS—after Sunset

#### Sports

#### Bars

D&N—bar open  
MAR AZUL - bar & rest. open  
LA LOR—bar open, DJ Latino night

## SUNDAY

### MORNINGS

10 am to 7pm June 29  
El Ray Patricio in Sta. Teresa near "The Pinon".....artist to show and sell. The last Sunday of every month you can find the local artist from 10am to 7pm showing there ware's. Hand made items and imported. The bar and restaurant are open all day serving drinks and special appetizers at sunset. Come join the fun and support local artists.

**AFTERNOON—12 Noon to Sunset**

Artist Market at Playa Carmen

Fun River Races...join David and others as they make their own boat and race with the winds on the river north of beach access at Ronny's Super. Boat making starts around 2pm with races around 3pm.....come join the fun!

### EVENINGS—after Sunset

#### Sports

#### Bars

D&N—bar open  
MAR AZUL - bar & rest. open  
LA LOR—bar open, karaoke night  
BEIJA FLOR— Pool Party 3pm - 10pm

# KIDS NEWS

**A Saturday Afternoon Out with the Kids**  
There are lots of parents enjoying the Saturday Market at Playa Carmen, with their children, it's a great place to meet and have an afternoon family affair. Everyone welcomed.

River Boat Races....great family fun on Sunday afternoon....see Sunday calendar for more details.

Kids must be supervised.  
These are not drop off activities.

Holiday have begun for all children at the Hermosa School..... Classes resume July 7th.

If you have any, or know of any children activity, email us with the details. THE DIRT ROAD supports all children activities. Take a moment an email us today.

**Deadline for publishing in the next Kids News is Wednesday June 25th.**

### Sudoku ...this weeks solutions From page 3.....

4	6	2	9	1	8	3	7	5
7	1	8	3	5	2	4	9	6
9	3	5	7	4	6	1	2	8
8	2	7	1	3	5	6	4	9
6	5	9	4	2	7	8	3	1
3	4	1	8	6	9	2	5	7
5	8	4	6	9	3	7	1	2
1	9	6	2	7	4	5	8	3
2	7	3	5	8	1	9	6	4

# Sorry !

For the empty calendar of events and Daily Horoscopes. We tried our best to get more information for the calendar and horoscopes, hopefully next week will be complete. Please excuse all spelling or grammar errors you may find, we will improve with every week.

Send us your event to put into the Calendar of Events, closing is every Wednesday afternoon for following edition.

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If you have an evening activity you wish to have listed in our calendar of events, please email us your schedule by Friday afternoon for the following weeks publication.

## Daily Horoscopes

For Thursday June 19th, 2008 thru to Wednesday June 25th, 2008

Aries Mar.21-Apr.20    Taurus Apr.21-May21    Gemini May22-Jun.21    Cancer Jun.22-July22    Leo July 23-Aug.23    Virgo Aug.24-Sept.22

Libra Sept.23-Oct.23    Scorpio Oct.24-Nov.22    Sagittarius Nov.23-Dec.21    Capricorn Dec.21-Jan20    Aquarius Jan.21-Feb.18    Pisces Feb.19-Mar20

# THE DIRT ROAD

## Indigenous Design written by Sam George

Taken from The Surfer's Journal Volume 16  
Pre-contact: The Surfing Tradition of Sao Tome

Thumb through an 1840 volume of Sir James Edward Alexander's Narrative of a Voyage of Observations Among the Colonies of West Africa and you'll come upon utterly English chapter titles like "Native Huts," and "Lander's Death." But on page 192 is an intriguing subhead called "surf Game," in which Alexander recounts a session he witnessed at Ghana's Cape Coast Castle: "From at the beach, meanwhile might be seen boys swimming onto the sea, with light boards under their stomachs. Thy waited for a surf and then came rolling in like a cloud on top of it..."

Alexander doesn't describe the light bards these African surfers paddled out on, but I can take a guess what they looked like...carved with an adze, or ax, from a plank of lightweight wood, three-to four-feet in length, approximately 18 inches wide, with a squared-off tail and blunt, rounded nose, rails angled up from bottom to deck.. I can give such a detailed description of these surf craft, because after exploring many regions of West African coastline and making first contact with a number of indigenous surfers, I discovered that the design has changed very little in the past 167 years.

When last at Cape Coast Castle in Ghana, I found no native surfers. However, on the West African island of Sao Tome, I came across a surf culture that, with the exception of the raft-riding surfers on the islet of Rolas, rode waves on the classic belly board they call the tambua. Their approach on the tambua suggest an almost universal style of surfing: paddling out

with one hand on the nose, the other arm stroking, aided by kicking, catching the wave in the packet, then riding to shore prone, with both hands on the nose to facilitate steering. This similarity - Alexander's description of surfing and surfboards would be just as accurate today, as would Cook's, also suggests the existence of an organically standardized wave-riding design. Consider, for example, the classic 1897 Frank Davey photo of a Hawaiian surfer posed against Diamond Head, holding an alaia surfboard virtually identical to the West African tambua I encounter during my last rip to that wild coast.

When in 2000 I first visited Lihue das Rolas, the hand-cared tambua was in use, along with the unique goffe-wood rafts. The rafts actually represented a performance leap, as the increased flotation brought increased maneuverability both in the lineup and on the wave. Yet, following my stay, Rolas islander Shun began hand carving his own interpretation of our modern surfboards. Crafted from lightweight Oka wood salvaged from the gunwale sections of scrapped dugout canoes, Shun's board is a marvel of primitive hydrodynamics, featuring a concave deck, no fin but a pleasing tapered rail, flat to slightly bellied bottom contour, and a kicked, pointed nose. But as much as this native African surfer board reflects the outside influence of my change visit, each mark of the adze is a visible reminder of the board's place on surfing's design tree, rooted deep in what is clearly an authentic - and ancient- African tradition.

**THE DIRT ROAD is looking for Surfers who like to write, to contribute to this newspaper.**

Would love to have this back page full of good surfer news and articles. If you are interested and have a little time, experienced or not, we would love to hear from you.

Your assignment would be to write about things surfers want to read about. As a writer, you have full reign on subject matter, you have time to write full time (meaning weekly), or part-time as your free time allows.

We are looking for male and female surfers for this back page. Please feel free to submit your ideas to THE DIRT ROAD via email

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## Solutions to Fun Word Games

### Just the opposite Word Builder

Solution to puzzle from page 4...

- 1 Broke/Loaded
- 2 Separate/Together
- 3 Private/Public
- 4 Correct/Improper
- 5 Dynamic/Lethargic

Solutions to puzzle from page 5

Peace, Nacre, Erect, Cap-er, Pecan, Crate, Recent, Career, Carpet, Create, Centre, Nectar, Terrace, Reenact, Retrace - Carpenter

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Monday June 23th			Tuesday June 24th			Wednesday June 25			Thursday June 26th			Friday June 27th			Saturday June 28th			Sunday June 29th		
High 5:54am/6:03pm			High 6:33am/6:45pm			High 7:14am/7:30pm			High 7:59am/8:20pm			High 8:49am/9:16pm			High 9:44am/10:17pm			High 10:44am/11:21pm		
Low 11:45am			Low 12:09am/12:35pm			Low 12:49am/1:20pm			Low 1:31am/2:10pm			Low 2:19am/3:04pm			Low 3:12am/4:03pm			Low 4:12am/5:05pm		

Thursday June 19th			Friday June 20th			Saturday June 21st			Sunday June 22nd		
High 3:20am/3:24pm			High 3:59am/4:04pm			High 4:37am/4:42pm			High 5:15am/5:22pm		
Low 9:09am/9:39pm			Low 9:50am/10:17pm			Low 10:30am/10:55pm			Low 11:10am/11:31pm		