

Readers' Letters

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I enjoy reading your newspaper on the 'Net. Excellent info., especially classifieds, embassy listing and spanish phrases.

However, many pages of your newspaper can be filled with comments and touching memories of Mark Misner, co-owner of Checkpoint Pub and Sandwich Bar in Sosua.

I (Kathy) joined the Checkpoint online forum to learn more about Sosua and instantly was welcomed by Colleen, Mark's wife, and so many other wonderful folks who live in a visit the Sosua area. My husband and I met Colleen and Mark in late 2006 at Checkpoint and they welcomed us with beaming smiles, warm hugs and instant friendship. We have kept in touch with them and the Checkpoint gang via the forum ever since.

We, like many people, are in shock about Mark's murder. What a wonderful human being with an enormous heart and genuine concern for all. I can't believe that when we return to Sosua later this year, his cheerful, bubbly personality won't be greeting us. We are so heartbroken for his devoted wife Collen, their family and their friends. Such a senseless tragedy to a wonderful person who was so full of love and life. A true gentleman, community activist and ambassador to your wonderful country. There will only be one Mark Misner; he is

irreplaceable and so deeply missed.

Until we meet again, dear friend.

Kathy McGowan and Brad Graham - Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

I just finished reading all twenty eight pages of your may edition and i would like to compliment you on a truly dazzling effort. it is clear that many people worked long and hard hours to compile such an edifying and entertaining journalistic triumph.

My husband, my son and myself are thinking seriously about moving to sosua, and now that kryptonite has been discovered on cabarete beach, it would appear to be a done deal. there's no way superman would ever attack the dominican republic now and what terrorist in his right mind would bother with a place that is harboring a mineral with such potential for destruction. i'm so relieved, because living in new york is getting to be a real pain in the ass. you can't breathe around here because everyone is waiting for the next "attack" and terrorists just seem to be everywhere...

I noticed several references to the "pollo" in your publication. i thought you might enjoy this little true story that happend two days ago. my son

is in central america, trying to get from one country to another by bus. God help him...the buses are little more than "markets on wheels"....muchos pollos all over the place. My son is a doctor and it's a very long story, but in any case he's on this bus trip. so, the other day, the bus driver went to take a leak (at least an hour) and the locals were having a heated argument as to whether it is preferable to hold your pollo on your lap in the bus, or put it in a basket. my son was the mediator....and the consensus wasa basket. i thought that was a very wise decision, because really, who would want their lap covered in chicken shit? I'm studying spanish and would like to thank dave for his helpful phrases. yo he perdido mi pollo is such an important thing to know...i am going to add it to my study list.

Gringa Marilyn Fox -New York

Ed: Thanks for the comments. I certainly get dazzled, frequently. Yes, Dave's handy phrases are certainly getting people talking around here. Personally, I prefer to keep my pollo in the the plastic wrapping it came in from the supermarket.

Dear Gringo Times
The British television company ITV are making a new series of hour long primetime documentaries for ITV1, the series will cover the many different problems owners of properties abroad experience, we are aiming to broadcast in the autumn. We are looking for stories from around the globe and would like to hear from anyone that has a story to tell about their home. Their experiences could range from problems with legal ownership, difficulty with builders,

disruption caused by natural disasters or even spooky inexplicable happenings.

We would like to speak to people as soon as possible with a view to visiting and filming with them in the very near future. If you know of anyone or indeed have experienced problems yourself please get in touch at ami.jackson@itv.com or call (UK) 0207 633 2716
Ami Jackson - ITV

Ed: I did explain to Ami that its very unlikely that anybody here has ever had a problem in the past with legal ownership or any other property purchase problems, but on the offchance...

DEAR SIR,

I am Mrs. Danla Chile from Ivory Coast. I am a widow being that I lost my husband a couple of months ago.

My husband was a serving director of the Cocoa exporting board until his death . He was assassinated last January by the rebels following the political uprising. Before his death he had a foreign account here in Côte d'Ivoire up to the tune of \$17.5M U.S.Dollars which he told the bank was for the importation of cocoa processing machine.

I want you to do me a favour to receive this funds to a safe account in your country or any safer place as the beneficiary . I have plans to do investment in your country, like real estate and industrial production.

This is my reason for writing to you. Please if you are willing to assist me and my only son Franceur, indicate your interest in replying soonest.

Mrs. Danla Chile

Ed: It looks like my lucky day! When I get the money, I'll be buying a nice oceanfront lot and retiring. Whoopee! I'll let you know how it turns out.

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