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Valentine's Day Event

Saint Valentine's Day Dinner Dance

Members and guests attending the St. Valentine's Day Dinner Dance were greeted with the ubiquitous pisco sour, (actually multiple pisco sours) soft music and friendly smiles at their private party, organized by the Association at La Carreta Restaurant. The appetizers were varied and plentiful, as we all mingled, stopping to chat at each table



A sundried tomato and cheese tart was followed by a steak dinner to satisfy the hungriest man. A brief respite, dessert, and the dancing began. Music as varied as Sinatra, Salsa, Fifties and more kept everyone entertained and dancing. Raul Sovero's disk jockey team did not disappoint us yet again.

The staff at La Carreta must be complimented on their excellent service and professional attitude. Each year, they prove to be more accommodating, even giving us our own area, called the Cloister, with our own chef and waiters who go out of their way to please. Private bathrooms and even now a private entrance with valet parking is available to us. The kindness of our patrons added to this year's event making it a most memorable evening to celebrate this well celebrated 'romantic' date.

**BLACK AND WHITE BALL
TO BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH**

Our friends at the Canada-Peru Chamber of Commerce have joined forces with your Association to organize this year's gala event, which will be held at the Canadian Ambassador's residence and, given the change of dates from years past, will take full advantage of Lima's delicious climate as summer turns to fall.

The black tie fundraiser will be staged outdoors, under a magical canopy encompassing the entire garden area. At the entrance of the residence, an Art Exhibit/Sale will be held and cocktails will be served. And our ever-popular Silent Auction will also be held for those who wish to take advantage of the vacation packages, hotel and restaurant vouchers that will be offered.

Following a sumptuous dinner prepared by one of Lima's top caterers, we can dance into the wee hours with Fallo Muñoz and his international orchestra.

There is a \$45 donation per member, \$50 for non-members.

The organizing committee, chaired by Maryse Harvey - our hostess and the wife of our Honorary President -- is hard at work to make this evening an elegant affair to remember. For more details, please call your Association office at 222-6359, M-F from 8:30 1:30 p.m., or e-mail Linda at acap@infonegocio.net.pe.

Gentlemen, black tie makes you look very handsome but a dark suit will do just as well. And ladies, please do not restrict your choice of gown to black or white.

Noche de Arte - May 6-7

The Noche de Arte is an annual two-day national art expo planned, coordinated and hosted by the USEA (United States Embassy Association). Noche de Arte is not only fun and cultural, but serves as USEA's principal means of raising money to support charity works in the greater Lima area. More than 200 artists display and sell their work, donating 40% of their sale to USEA's charity efforts. Start saving your money to buy your tickets and don't miss out on buying some great pieces of art.



President's Corner

Thank you for all your comments regarding the new look of the newsletter and for your ideas regarding a new name as well. Your Board of Directors has received many new name suggestions and will make a final decision at the next board meeting. We are still offering a dinner for two if we choose the name you put forth and will announce the winners in the next issue. The Board realizes that there were some mistakes last month in our first attempt at the new look and organizational structure. The Editorial team has worked with the support of the Newsletter committee to ensure a better editions moving forward. Also this month, Jack & Marie Ottiker offer us the first in a series of interviews with members of the Association who have interesting life stories.

I hope that the 50 or more of you who attended the St. Valentine's Dinner Dance enjoyed the evening gala and camaraderie at La Carreta Restaurant. Although I wasn't able to attend myself, the reports I received back were nothing but complementary. Coming up on March 20, your ACAP Board has a committee hard at work, together with a group from the Peru-Canada Chamber of Commerce, organizing what is billed to be a most elegant Black & White Ball. It will be held at the home of Canadian Ambassador and Honorary President of the Association, Hugues R. Rousseau. According to the organizers (Cheri, Linda, Karelia, and Maryse), this years' Black & White will be remembered as "the social event of the season", so it is definitely an affair not to be missed. Please look elsewhere in this newsletter for information and details.

On April 20th the American & Canadian Association of Peru will hold its Annual General Meeting, when a slate of candidates will be elected to the Board to take over the reins of the Association. A Nominating Committee, composed of Martin Singer (Chair), David Jansen, Amy Wesson, and Lois Ann Atkinson, has been formed to search for members who would like to lead ACAP in 2004-2005. If you have thoughts about serving on the Board of Directors, please let the office or one of the Nominating Committee members know of your interest. We need to elect a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and up to 9 directors. It has been said that Board Members of our Association need to "give," "get," or "get off." All jests aside: we are really looking for dedicated individuals who are willing to donate some of their time to make the Association better for everyone. WE WANT YOU!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Black & White Ball on the 20th.

John Lakatos

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1. Stimulate and foster among its members the ideals, spirit and acts which constitute its common heritage;
2. Promote and develop friendly relations between the people of Peru, the United States and Canada.



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Member News

Outstanding Dues As Of January 31st, 2004:

Due Date	Family
Feb. 2003	Barreto, Guillermo & María Elena
April 2003	Fallon, Thomas Izquierdo, Pedro & Vera
June 2003	Ramírez - Icaza, Alberto & Heather
July 2003	Jamil, Salem & Tatiana Roberts, Joseph & Elba Simmonds, Susan & David
August 2003	Mejia, Susana Wagner, Darrell & Vicki
Sept. 2003	Castro Malaga, Luis
Oct. 2003	Serkovic, Baldo & Wendy Waller, Harold & Lisa

Obituary: Your ACAP regrets to inform the membership of the passing away of Giselle Plunkett, the wife of Jim Plunkett, Vice President of our Association, on February 9. Our sincere condolences go out to Giselle and her family.

Moving: Tim Erickson has received the notice of a transfer to become pastor at Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) mission churches in Santiago, Chile. He and Ellen expect to move mid-March. As you can imagine, they are immensely busy sorting and packing, changing addresses, saying sad farewells to our dear friends, etc. Ellen writes that it is difficult for them to leave people who have been so hospitable to us for 22 years in beautiful Peru, but they are encouraged by kind words and prayers on their behalf and are confident God continues to guide them in their new adventure

They would enjoy hearing from ACAP members. E-mail will stay the same: etimothy@hotmail.com. Home phone number in Lima is 348-5920.

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Union Church of Lima
Morning Worship 10:30am

Av. Angamos Oeste 1155 Miraflores, Lima 18

Community Events

American and Canadian Association of Peru
Board Meeting Wednesday, March 10.

Black & White Ball
Saturday, March 20, 8:30 p.m. (see article on page 1)

Canadian Women's Club
The Canadian Women's Club holds their general meeting/coffee morning the third Thursday of each month, in the home of one of the members. This club is very social, very relaxed and its membership is open to all (change of statutes). For details, call Barbara Dmitrienko (441-7670) or Linda at the ACAP office (222-6359).

Contact Group
Regular meeting Wednesday, March 10th, 10 a.m. Ladies of all nationalities meet each month in the house of one of the members for coffee and a friendly chat. A wonderful way to meet ladies here in Lima. For location, call Lori Monteith at 344-2749.

South American Explorers' Club
Weekly presentations open to the public each Wednesday at 7 pm. Calle Piura 135, Miraflores (49th block of Av. Arequipa). Free! Weekly topics posted at www.saexplorers.org/bbs/sae_events.php or request weekly notifications via e-mail by writing to limaclub@saexplorers.org.

Toastmasters in Lima
Come practice your public speaking skills in a supportive, English-speaking atmosphere. All adults are welcome and there are two clubs to choose from:

The International Toastmasters Club of Peru meets every Tuesday from 7pm to 9pm at Grimaldo del Solar 469, Miraflores (between blocks 6 and 7 of Benavides Avenue). Call Alan 446-1257.

The Lima Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday from 12.30pm to 2.30 pm at the Lima Cricket Club, Justo Vigil 200 (block 7 of Ejército Avenue, beside the Larco Herrera hospital). Reservations not required. Call Jim 476-0899, Toti 372-3005, or Jack 423-1917.

Expatriate Journal

“Fear and Loathing in Breña: time to visit Immigration again!!”

After finding out that the new Immigration office at the Ovalo Gutiérrez is to help Peruvians get passports and does NOT attend to foreigners, I made my way down to the main office in Breña in the midday heat. Boy, was that a mistake! Inside was as hot as the 3rd ring of Dante's Inferno, with mobs of people in long lines, and plenty of confusion and anger all around. That Friday in late January, I got the information I needed to start on my annual task to “check in” with the Peruvian Immigration authorities, but when I left, it was clear that I would have to return at least twice before I am finished. There's got to be a better way...

After composing my Peruvian wife's written request to have me exonerated from paying the \$20 annual tax and spending the better part of an afternoon driving to the La Molina municipal government and waiting for them to process a new copy of our marriage certificate with a dated stamp on the back that Immigration officials consider proof that we are still married I returned to Breña.

This time, I wised up, arriving at 8:30 a.m. It was still hot, but the line to turn in my documents had 3 people in it, rather than the 30 sweaty, angry souls there last Friday. I even found a cheaper parking lot (street parking is no longer allowed!); two blocks away, conveniently located next to the Hostal “Eros.” Half an hour later, I had successfully traded my documents for a little slip of paper that I was told to present “in three working days” to the folks up on the 3rd floor who stamp our carnet extranjerías each summer.

Cultural Corner

www.perucultural.org.pe

This month's destination, www.perucultural.org.pe (which will be called Peru Cultural in the rest of this article), is a website developed by the Telefónica Foundation that offers the visitor a Virtual Peruvian Cultural Center. It is an invaluable resource of information for the resident of Lima, where information about museums and cultural events can be difficult to find.

Peru Cultural offers a guide to many of Lima's most interesting museums, including links to the websites of the Lima Museum of Art, the Peruvian National Museum of Archeology, Anthropology and History, and the Rafael Larco Herrera Archeology Museum, as well as the Museum of the Royal Tombs of the Lord of Sipán.

The website also has an assortment of virtual galleries of fine art exhibitions that have been sponsored by the Telefónica, and considerable information about pre-Hispanic Peru as well as links to websites specializing in aspects of Peruvian archaeology. There are also links to Peru's most important cultural institutions, including the Institute of Peruvian Studies, the National Cultural Institute, the North American-Peruvian Cultural Institute (ICPNA), the Catholic University Cultural Center, the Alliance Francaise and the Spanish Cultural Center. The quality of the websites varies, but some including the site for the Peruvian National Museum of Archeology, Anthropology and History are first-rate. The Peru Cultural website is only in Spanish, but many of the local cultural institutions it is linked to offer an English-language version of their websites.

I decided to wait 4 working days, just to be sure they would be ready for me and also to wait until a Tuesday, given my belief that Mondays and Fridays are probably the busiest days of the week. Again in this, my third and final visit, I was in and out in 30 minutes with the stamp giving me another year's residency in Peru. The third floor has even been blessed with a good number of (comfortable!) chairs, where we foreigners can commiserate. I found myself next to a Spaniard who has lived in Peru since 1940, who shared my belief that undertaking Peruvian citizenship in order to avoid annual visit to Immigration is not necessarily a good option. This was confirmed on my way to the first floor exit, as I passed by seemingly endless lines of Peruvians waiting to get their passports.

Remember:

- 1) Hours are 8-1, M-F. Get there early.
- 2) Go straight to the information desk. They will give you a blank Form F-007, (no James Bond here), but you must make a payment of S/.25 to the Banco de la Nación, even if you are exonerated from the annual tax. The tax is \$20 for those who are not exonerated.
- 3) Whether exonerated or not, the deadline to get the annual stamp in your Carnet Extranjería is March 31. Following that date, you will suffer a fine on top of the tax.
- 4) Those of us who lack immigrant status must also suffer a second set of annual procedures to prolong the validity of our visas. I am told that this is done on the anniversary of one's arrival in Peru, and costs another \$50.

Post Script: “Insult to Injury” -- After completing this story, our friend Fred Sears posted a note on the expatriate e-mail list expressing his surprise at reports by me and other exonerated expats of our annual travail. Not being exonerated, he simply spends 20 minutes each year at the office of the Banco de la Nación on Av. José Pardo in Miraflores, where they happily take his \$20 tax and stamp his immigrant carnet for another year. He never sets foot in Immigration! So much for the joys of being exonerated! Next year, I'll follow his advice before I set foot again in Breña. -- JR

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Member Profile

Jack and Marie Ottiker

Jack and Marie Ottiker have been members of the ACAP since 1938 and are one of the oldest couples in Lima's ever-changing expatriate community. Jack is an English citizen who was born in Panama in 1914, where his father worked during the construction of the Canal. Marie was born to American parents in Lima where her father worked for Goodyear.

The Lima they knew in the 1930's was much different than today. The population was below 400,000 and San Isidro was mostly covered by cotton fields and dirt roads, where many would travel by horseback. The British and much smaller American expat communities were a close-knit group where everyone knew everyone else.

Jack spent most of his professional life working at Panagra (Pan American Grace Airways), retiring after 34 years as vice-president. He then managed the Parker Pen Company in Peru and later served as General Manager of the American Chamber of Commerce of Peru. Marie worked for the Rubber Development Corporation, part of the U.S. State Department, and was an active contributor to the Lima Times. They have been married for 65 years.

ACAP: Can you describe the Lima of the 1930's?

Jack: It was wonderful little city, with practically no street crime. Life was very simple and there were no problems with drugs or anything like that. The British colony was very well knit, and just about everybody went to church. City Hall was located where the *Museo de Arte* is now, and the Government Palace was not much more than an adobe building.

Marie: There were virtually no tall buildings and no apartment living. Lima was very elitist and very patriarchal and was run by the top families. You never heard from the Indians, who lived outside of the city, often in very primitive conditions.

I remember the first supermarket that was built, over on Avenida Larco, at Benavides Avenue. No men would go in at first, they would just stare through the window...

Jack: Until one guy finally said "To hell with it, I am going in." Pretty soon you had all kinds of men pushing their carts around.



Jack kicking to touch
The "gringos" vs. the "cholos"

I remember that after church, there would always be a military band playing in the Miraflores park. All the men would walk around in one direction, and all the ladies in another.

Marie: The Jirón de la Union was another interesting feature of Lima at that time. That was the fashionable street.

Jack: The ladies would go there 'round about 5 or 6 p.m. When all the boys would come out of their offices. The Peruvian men would stand around the corner, "piropeando", very politely, of course. The girls would love that, although they would pretend they did not hear a thing. It was all very innocent.

The New Year's party at the Country Club was the social activity of the year. You just were not "in" unless you went to that party (laughter).



Marie Ottiker, in 1946.

Marie: And that club was still way out in the boondocks. It was built in the middle of nowhere.

ACAP: How did you spend your weekends?

Jack.: Sports, mostly, with lots of rugby, cricket, tennis, rowing. The big rugby game of the year was the "gringos" against the "cholos", who were the children of Peruvian families who had been sent to England to study.

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Our team would also play all the British cruisers that would come into Callao: the "Exceter", the "Ajax", the "Kelly." We would have games every other week.

ACAP: What were the most difficult times for you Peru?

Jack: I guess that the Garcia period was the most difficult. The economy went to hell, and there was the problem of the terrorists. One day the Minister of the Interior told me that they had found a Sendero hit-list with my name on it and he warned me to take precautions. I needed to change my route to and from work, I had to use different cars and change my schedule. Eventually, we even moved out of our house and into an apartment, where the security was better.



Jack, VP at Panagra Airlines in 1956.

ACAP: Well, if those were the worst of times, what about the best of times?

Jack: That has to be when I met Marie. In those days, after dinner, the people used to walk up and down Benavides Avenue, which was lined with big homes. Marie was walking down the street with a friend and I was walking towards her with a friend. When I stepped into the street to let them go past, I tripped and fell, and the only thing I could think of to say was "Well, I certainly fell for you."

Marie: I heard him, but of course I pretended not to hear, but we ended up meeting by chance a few days later at the Lima Cricket Club and got to know each other. I was only 15 at the time. We were married 5 years later.

ACAP: What are some of your impressions of Peru today, compared to decades ago?

Marie: We find that Peru has become incredibly Americanized over the past few years, with McDonalds and other chains creeping in.



Club Regattas

Jack rowing for the "Gringo" crew at the Club Regattas Lima, beating "Universitario".

ACAP: Is that progress for the country, or a setback?

Marie: I do not know if it is one or the other, but in many ways, it is inevitable. It is the way the world is going. It is globalization.

ACAP: Why did both of you decide to stay in Peru and build your life here?

Jack: One of the main reasons was the wonderful hospitality of the Peruvian people. Back in England, for example, to have somebody invite you over to their house for dinner, you pretty much had to have known their family for five generations. But in Peru, you can meet somebody for the first time and they might say "By the way, I am having a cocktail party next Thursday. Why don't you come along?"

Marie: That is right. You can make wonderful friendships in Peru. We have really enjoyed our life here.-- Alan Larue



Jack and Marie Ottiker

School News

International Christian School of Lima

Welcome International Christian School of Lima (ICSL) the newest American style preschool through grade 12 in Lima. ICSL, which follows the North American school calendar, is in its third year and has 48 students. The school started with 17 students in August 2001, grew to 35 students in August 2002 and started August of 2003 with 48 students. ICSL is truly an international school requiring all students to have a foreign passport to enroll. All subjects (except Spanish as a second language) are taught in English. ICSL graduates are attending Florida State University, University of California, Mount Vernon Nazarene College and Canadian International College. With 10 certified North American teachers the teacher/student ratio is 1 to 5. A family atmosphere with individual student attention sets ICSL apart from other schools in Lima.



Although ICSL is not part of the Union Church of Lima, it has use of the church's education wing and spacious facilities. Please stop by and see us in action at Av. Angamos Oeste 1155 or call us at 442-6149. You may also stop by our website (www.icslima.org) or email us at ics_lima@hotmail.com for more information.

Roosevelt News

Roosevelt's summer holiday draws to a close with the beginning of second semester classes on March 1st. While many faculty and students have been enjoying family, friends, and the beach, Roosevelt staff have been busy recruiting new foreign hire faculty at hiring fairs in Canada, the USA and UK for the 2004-05 school year, holding on campus security drills and preparing for the end of our 2003-04 academic year.

Events open to the greater community at Roosevelt in March are our Drama Fest slated for the 13th, Roosevelt's hosting of the Annual Association of American Schools in South America's (AASA) Technology Conference from the 18th through 20th with on-campus Saturday registration for non-conference guests at 7:30am for s./100. The featured speaker is scheduled to be Don Campbell, author of nine books including bestseller, "The Mozart Effect". Please also note that Roosevelt is Lima's test center for the April 3rd ACT standardized test for students applying to US colleges and the registration deadline is Friday, March 19th (please phone Mr. E. Levisman, Roosevelt Director of Guidance at 435.0890 x 4202).

Please contact Roosevelt's website at www.amersol.edu.pe, for more details, or Anne Arrarte at aarrarte@amersol.edu.pe, for embassy and foreign hire community assistance or any additional information to access our campus facilities.

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“Three Water Sports”

We've already had two months of summer and in case you haven't been taking advantage of it, don't forget that it comes and goes quickly, so make the most of it! And if you are not one to simply sun bathe why not take up one of the following:

Surfing:

Apparently, “it was in ancient Peru, and not in Polynesia or the South Sea Islands that the first evidence was found of men riding the waves with the help of external aids, as found on textiles and pottery dating back to pre-Hispanic civilizations.”

I thought surfing was for youngsters but had no idea that it is never too late to start the sport. Just last week, one of our retired members mentioned to us that he just had his first surf lesson and was now hooked. There are plenty of teachers that you can go to for classes and they will pick you up and provide you with a surf board. So, don't hesitate to join one of the 12,000 other surfers in Peru.

The waves off the Peruvian coast are well-known all over the world, and some of the best breakers - such as Punta Rocas, south of Lima or Cabo Blanco to the north - are part of the surfing world championship circuit. Chicama, La Herradura and Pico Alto are other very well known surf beaches.

Fishing:

It is a well known fact that writer Ernest Hemingway, through his visits to the Peruvian coast, was inspired to write *The Old Man and the Sea*. There is some shoreline fishing but fishing on the beaches is the most common here. Fishing is one of the most important industries in Peru due to the variety of species in Peru's rich fishing grounds. Here fishermen will always find an ideal beach for the kind of fishing they are looking for: rocky bluffs and cliffs, sweeping sandy beaches, cold waters teeming with plankton and warm, clear currents.

Scuba Diving:

Well, we are not exactly living in Bonaire or Micronesia but believe it or not there are unique aspects to diving here. Peru is home to a huge diversity of species, the coastline is full of playful sea lions and scuba diving can be practiced in fantastic places like: Máncora, Organos and Punta Sal (Tumbes); Talara, Islas Rocas, Bayóvar (Piura), Tortugas, Casma, Huarney (Ancash); Ancón, Pucusana, San Bartolo, Isla Asia (Lima); Islas San Lorenzo and Fronton (Callao), Lagunillas, Mendieta, Laguna Grande, Lomitas and Marcon (Ica), Quilca and Matarani (Arequipa)

– Leda Duif, South American Explorers

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Peru beyond Machu Picchu: its People, its Problems, its Possibilities

by Kurt Schultze-Rhonhof. Published in Lima by Peru Monitor, March 2003.

(Editor's note: This month, like last month, we review a book in English that is about Peru and is available for purchase in Lima. We welcome readers' suggestions of such books to be considered for review.)

This delightful and up-to-date volume is a valuable resource for the expatriate resident in Peru particularly for the recent arrival. Kurt Schultze-Rhonhof was born in Lima of German parents and has lived in Peru where he is still the owner and CEO of a mining concern for more than fifty years. He offers the reader "a summary of personal reflections without any claim to academic depth or profundity of analysis." His keen sense of observation about this complex country in which we have all chosen to live will help many of us to understand aspects about Peru that are not readily apparent.

The focus of Mr. Schultze-Rhonhof's observations is change, particularly the process of economic development with an eye towards why Peru's development strategies have failed in comparison to those of Germany and the United States.

Political and social factors including autocratic traditions and the lack of a unifying national identity and shared objectives are particularly pointed to as being responsible for Peru's inability to thrive in the modern world.



The Sporting Life

(Cont.) After painting a broad-brushed overview of the reasons for change in contemporary Peru, he offers the reader more detailed insights into changes in the economy giving a brief overview of mining, agriculture and other major sectors followed by a chapter that treats changes within government, the church, business, labor, the media and other major institutional players.

He then looks at foreign promoters of change multilateral and bilateral aid programs, NGOs and foreign investors and then turns to an examination of some of the most notable aspects of social change in Peru.

Mr. Schultze-Rhonhof's often humorous observations will strike many a chord, as when he describes Lima's public transportation: "These microbuses are driven by uncertified, unlicensed drivers who have only recently migrated from the provinces: to see them operate, one can only assume they are obsessed by a terrible death wish or desire for self-destruction."

Some ACAP readers may disagree with Mr. Schultze-Rhonhof's concluding remarks that the German development model (which he defines as "open market with social responsibility) is more appropriate to Peru than the "neo-liberal" American model, but few will argue with the companion conclusion that transnational corporations "can and will make a highly positive contribution" to a successful model of Peruvian development.

Despite the many challenges facing Peru, Mr. Schultze-Rhonhof reminds the reader in his concluding chapter that globalization offers "good reason for optimism about the prospects of future development for [Peru]." -- JR



In a corner of Magdalena lies what apparently is the oldest gentlemen's club in South America, The Lima Cricket and Football Club. The club was founded originally in 1859 in Callao before moving to its current site, for the benefit of the Huachafo (which is derived from the word Whitechapel, a colorful area of London) crowd of English folk taking advantage of the booming cotton trade at the time. It is now really a stately club, with very much of the original décor intact as you wander around the club. There is even an original English pub (the Cricketers) at the back of the club by the pool that was shipped over en masse, beam by oak beam, to help the traders overcome their homesickness.

For around 14 weeks of the year, starting in January, a disparate rabble of gentlemen gather together on Sunday afternoons to celebrate what in their and the author's opinion is the finest way to spend 5 hours of their lives: playing cricket. The players come from all over the world, Australia, New Zealand, England, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Holland, South Africa, Canada, and even from the USA. Although it may seem a somewhat pedestrian activity to an untrained eye, with lots of walking about, the action can get pretty lively with the red leather ball coming off willow bats at a phenomenal pace. This is a sport where simply taking part is as important as the outcome of the game.

So if of a Sunday you are tired up of traveling up and down the Pan-American Highway and risking lunatic drivers or under bridge crossers, this sedate afternoon activity might be just for you. Even if you only want to watch, the Cricket Club opens its doors to all fans of the sport, and towards Easter time there will be an international match versus Chile (date yet to be decided), which promises to be a spicy affair indeed.

Hopefully we will see you there! -- Julian Walter

Survival Tips

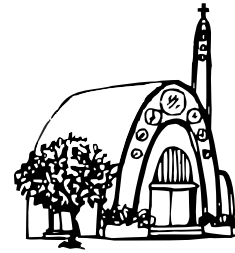
- Summer Survival beware of the creamed fresh aji sauce that is offered on the side in fish restaurants. If blended with water, the sauce goes off very quickly in the summer heat and causes serious stomach problems make sure it's been blended with oil.

- High blood pressure? Try chilled *chicha morada* (freshly made at home) or maracuya (passion fruit) juice they don't replace your medication, but you'll almost immediately feel cooler and calmer.

- The season has begun for the wonderful white *Uva Italia* grapes they are late this year, and their peak will be towards the end of February and through March.

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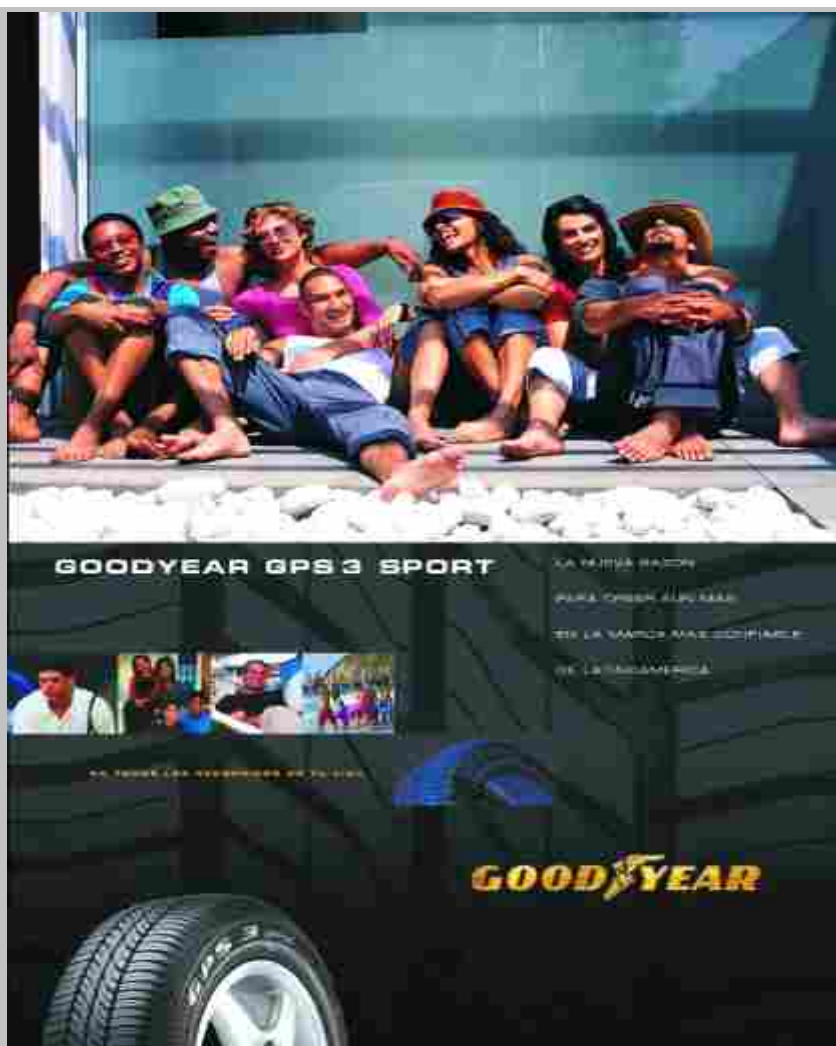
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The most useful aspect of Peru Cultural is its guide to current events in Lima. Here the visitor will find a treasury of information and hyper-links to what's on at the cinema (including links to Cineplanet, Cinemark, and many of Lima's Cine Clubs), at many of Lima's finest art galleries, as well as theatrical and musical events. The commercial movie theatre web sites, which offer descriptions of their films as well as schedules of when they are showing, are especially helpful in filling the large gaps in the information about local movies that we suffer in Lima's newspapers

I imagine that all of us wish at times that Lima offered us a richer scheduling of cultural events. Peru Cultural will help us make the most of what Lima does have to offer, and for many of us, will point to cultural activities that we never imagined were taking place "right here in our backyard." Enjoy! -- JR



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