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4TH OF JULY 2014

Picnic Program

Charles Turner

President, American Colony Committee

This will be the 54th year we North Americans living in Costa Rica celebrate our independence and the freedoms that came with it. Wouldn't Don Jack Fendell, the founder of this event, be pleased? Each year since July 4, 1776, we have celebrated our independence. And this year we celebrate 238 years of independence. We are always reminded by events such as this how we came to be citizens of the United States of America.

From 1607 to 1775, a massive influx of immigrants came to the New World from Western Europe. They came looking for a "new life" in the "New World." Europeans at that time were being ruled by Kings, Queens, Dictators and War Lords. People in Western Europe lacked basic freedoms but paid high taxes. Those who set sail to the west hoped to create a brighter future for themselves and their families.

The first boats that sailed were filled predominantly with men, women and children from England, where the rule of "Royalty" had worn thin.

With them came the Irish, the Welsh, the

Scotch, the Germans and the Dutch. They all came seeking freedom.

Many people heard about this land across the ocean. With its fertile soil to raise crops and abundant wildlife, there was enough food to feed the immigrants and their families. And there was a land to establish those freedoms they so wanted. This was a land called America.

Those early immigrants brought with them three basic things that still exist in the U.S. today: the English language, Christianity, and a parliamentary system of government, which evolved into our current democratic republic.

The vast majority of those immigrants to this land of freedom came with solid work, religious and moral ethics. These traits created the base of what we enjoy and celebrate today.

Our forefathers took pride in their close families (they prayed together and stayed together), a desire to work and basic freedom. These were all a part of the formula for success. Those immigrants launched our land of freedom, and it became the United States of America.

Here's to the immigrants – all of us – the people of the United States.

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Chargé d'Affaires Gonzalo R. Gallegos and the entire U.S. Embassy Team would like to wish a healthy and happy 4th to the entire U.S. community in Costa Rica. Whether you are celebrating the holiday at the American Colony's annual party or staying closer to home, we hope you enjoy this great American holiday.

The Tico Times July 4th Event Program

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A vertical poster for a 4th of July fireworks celebration. The top features a stylized American flag with red and white stripes curving across the top. Below this, a dark blue background is filled with numerous white stars of varying sizes. A large, bright white number '4' is on the left, with 'th' in a smaller font to its upper right. To the right of the '4' is the word 'of' in a script font, followed by 'JULY' in large, bold, red capital letters. Below 'JULY' is the word 'FIREWORKS' in white capital letters, and at the bottom of the text block is 'CELEBRATION' in white capital letters, preceded by four white stars. In the center, a series of bright white light rays fan out from a point just above the silhouettes of a crowd. The crowd is represented by black silhouettes of people of various ages and heights, some with their arms raised. At the bottom of the poster, the logo for 'AVENIDA ESCAZU' is displayed, featuring a stylized 'V' shape made of white lines. Below the logo is the tagline 'SIENTE LA VIDA'. Further down, the event schedule is listed: '5:00 P.M. OPENING DJ MUSIC' and '7:00 P.M. SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS'. Below the schedule is the location: 'AVENIDA ESCAZÚ, LIFESTYLE CENTER, NEXT TO CIMA HOSPITAL, ESCAZÚ.' At the very bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook and Twitter, followed by the website address 'www.avenidaescazu.com'.

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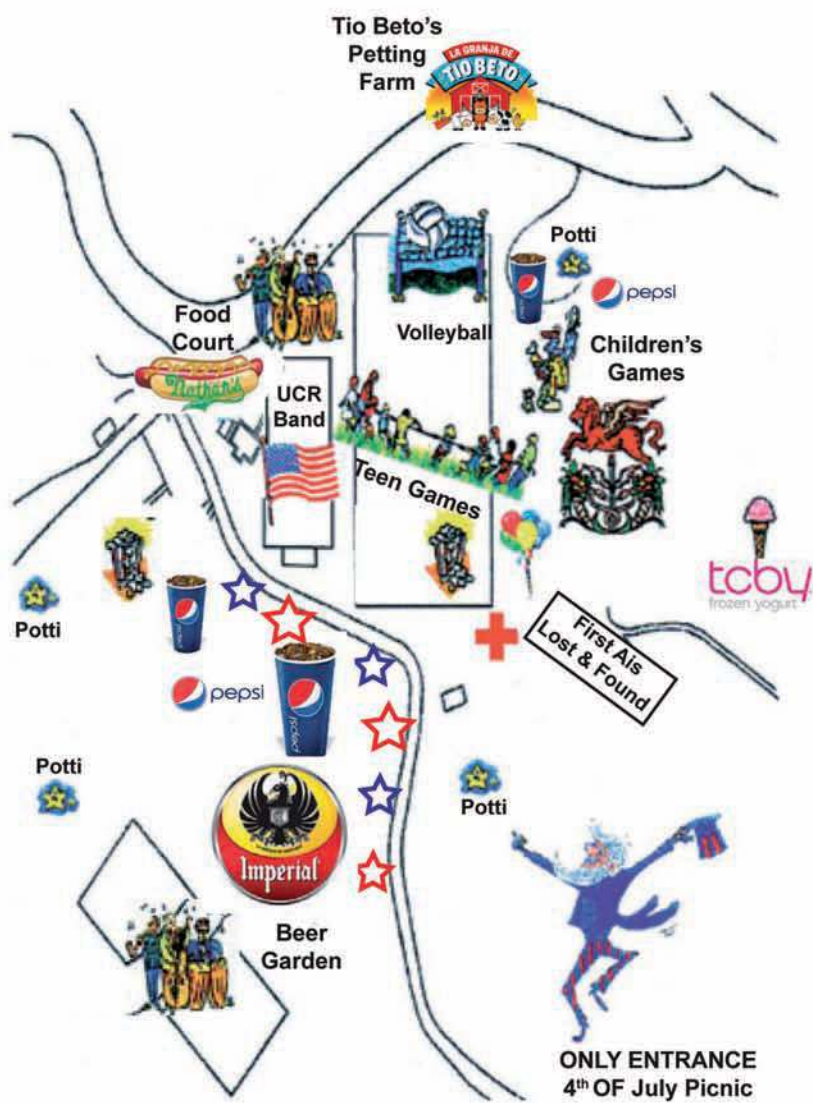
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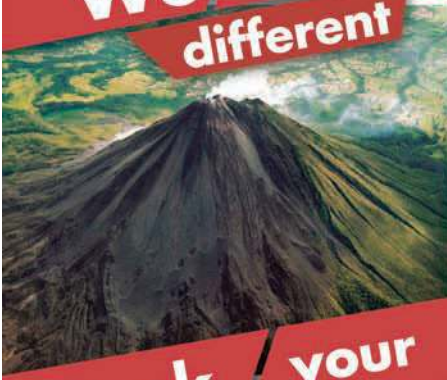
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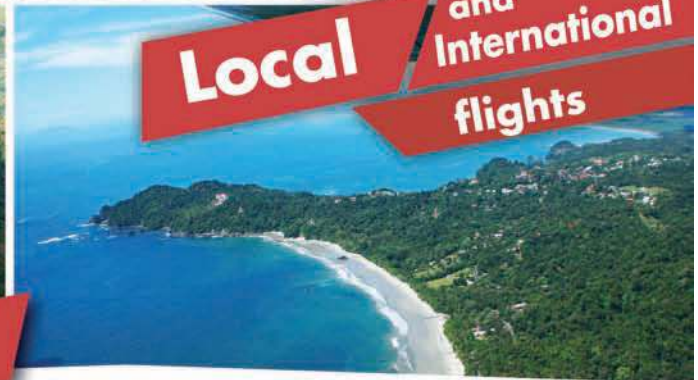
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In 1961, a group of U.S. expats decided to celebrate the Fourth of July with an outdoor picnic. Costa Rica had a small but expanding Gringo community, and it wanted something private and fun, a way to celebrate the spirit of 1776 in the heart of their adopted country. They ate, they played games, and they proudly waved the Stars and Stripes.

A half-century later, the annual Fourth of July Picnic is a beloved institution, and folks look forward to attending all year long. Organized by The American Colony Committee, the picnic is just like a county fair: You'll find carnival rides, Tío Beto's Petting Farm and a Nathan's Famous hotdog stand. The J.R. Blues band will set the tone of the day, and cover band Mustang65 may play just about anything, from Eric Clapton to Stevie Ray Vaughan. Meanwhile, there will be cheerleading performances, clowns and enough barbecued victuals to stuff you until Labor Day. The bonus: mechanical bull.

You can expect about 3,500 guests this year, come rain and shine.

Of course you can't commemorate the Declaration of Independence without a little sober reflection, and the Fourth of July party is rich with ceremony. The United States Marine Corps will raise the American flag, kids can learn the Pledge of Allegiance, and guests will get to hear the Costa Rica Symphonic Band play "The Star-Spangled Banner." There will even be a reading of an Independence Day greeting from President Barack Obama.

As many of us have discovered, there are tens of thousands of U.S. citizens in Costa



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A picnic attendant participates in the balloon toss.

Rica, but they often have trouble finding each other. The picnic doubles as a gathering of U.S.-friendly clubs and organizations, including the North American-Costa Rican Cultural Center, The Veterans of Foreign Wars, The Little Theatre Group of Costa Rica and the United States Embassy. Learn about exciting community-building organizations like the Peace Corps and Access language program. If you're feeling particularly civic, U.S. citizens can even register to vote!■

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Beef Tips: Barbequing with Lucas Withington

By Robert Isenberg

From the moment you meet him, you notice two things about Lucas Withington: He loves to host people, and he can barely sit still. When The Tico Times visited Withington in his hilltop home in Palmares to discuss his grilling career, Withington immediately started arranging chairs on his back patio. A minute later, he set down a cutting board full of sliced cheese and bread. Then he popped open a bottle of wine.

"Costa Rica is totally different from what I'm used to," said Withington, as he eagerly crumpled newsprint and stuffed the paper balls into a robust outdoor grill. "But I love it. Everyone thinks Costa Rican food is just rice and beans, but in reality that's not it."

A professional chef and founder of Asados CR, Withington grew up in Argentina, where ranching is ubiquitous and barbequing is a proud national pastime. His original plan was to become a food engineer, but it didn't pan out. "I wasn't patient enough to study," Withington confessed.

Instead, grilling became his passion. In May 2013, a friend asked him to make a grill. The final product was so successful that Withington started



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Lucas Withington at the grill.

receiving requests, and his reputation as a custom grill-maker rapidly spread. The result: Withington has crafted nearly 40 grills, each one specific to his clients' needs. He set up a workshop in Cartago, east of the capital, where he creates grills with Miguel Coto. This process is highly involved: They start with steel sheets, then cut, shape, and solder the metal into shiny new cooking appliances.

As Withington spoke about his business he

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also went about lighting the grill, using layers of paper, charcoal and wood scraps. He never uses lighter fluid, and he finds fuel at local woodshops, where a bag of kindling can be had for the equivalent of one dollar.

Withington is quite the multitasker. After three years as head chef of Restaurante La Dama Juana in San José, he found himself too frantic to continue. But he also is co-proprietor of the Casa Yoses hostel in San José and is a prolific rugby player. He lives with his girlfriend and young daughter in a beautiful house in Palmares, northwest of San José, where the walls are decked with artistic photographs. Yet Withington has also thrown himself into his grill-making. It is common for him to spend 70 hours on a single piece. Just as he scours carpentry shops for wood, Withington has also repurposed a disc from a farm plough as a kind of wok. His energy is palpable, and his creativity seems boundless.

To watch Withington cook meat and vegetables on his grill is to watch an artist at work. In one section of the grill, he burned the wood and prepared a dense layer of coals, which he then shoveled into a broader part of the grill, where the cooking actually took place. He laid down chicken breasts, eggplant slices, and a hunk of rare steak the size of a cinderblock. He sliced open red chili peppers and stuffed them with eggs, which bubbled enticingly inside. The final touch was a glaze of *chimichurri*



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— an Argentine specialty — that Withington made himself and stored in a basement for a month to enhance its flavor. He spread the concoction with a sprig of rosemary.

His style is to cook meat to a medium temperature. In Argentina, meat is cooked until tough and dry, while Gringos prefer juicier filets. Withington has found something in the middle that seems to please just about everybody, Ticos included.

“I laugh when I barbeque,” chortled Withington as he speared the meat and sliced it into pieces with enormous knives fashioned from cow bones. “The point is to bring family together in the house. Family and friends.” He added: “What you need for this is patience. If you don’t have patience, you will never like this type of cooking.”

Watch a video of Lucas Withington grilling at ticotimes.net. For more information about custom grills, visit the Asados CR website at asadoscr.com. ■



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Top 5 Burgers in Costa Rica

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Courtesy of The Point Bar and Grill.

Tico Times Staff

Nothing says Fourth of July like a mouth-watering hunk of beef on a bun. So in honor of the special occasion, The Tico Times brings you a list of the best burgers we've devoured in Costa Rica. The competition was deliciously fierce, and we think you'll love the results. We'd also like to thank our Facebook followers for letting us in on their favorite spots, which are mentioned at the bottom in the Reader's Choice box. *iProvecho!*

Chop It – Santa Teresa

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Tucked into a nondescript shopping plaza in Costa Rica's surf town of choice for the rich and famous, Chop It recently came under new ownership (it used to be The Holy Cow). The signature hamburgers all feature antibiotic and hormone-free Brangus beef and fresh, innovative ingredients. The Hipster, for example, comes with arugula, feta, sautéed mushrooms and chipotle mayo for ₡6,000 (\$12).

The Point Bar and Grill – Puerto Viejo

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For the best burger on Costa Rica's Carib-

bean, head to The Point and grab yourself a table in the sand. The burgers are made with U.S.D.A.-grade angus beef, and best eaten while watching sports and drinking craft beer. We highly recommend the Red Dirt BBQ cheeseburger, which comes with barbecued beef, American cheese and fried onions (₡5,250, \$10).

Burgers and Beers – Nosara

<https://www.facebook.com/burgersandbeerscr?filter=2>

On the north end of Nosara's Playa Guiones just a couple of minutes walk from the beach, this new place kills it. The burgers aren't cheap, but their fresh ingredients and organic beef are top quality and created to please. Don't miss the French burger – a tasty 270-gram tenderloin patty topped with bacon and béarnaise sauce (₡6,500, \$13).

Jolly Roger – Dominical

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wings, but the burgers are also plump, juicy and huge – American-style. We recommend the “Double Jungle Love” which is not on the menu. It’s nearly a 1-pounder, with cream cheese, diced jalapeños and crispy onions (¢4,900, \$9.80).

Café Agua Azul – Manuel Antonio

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Size absolutely matters when it comes to hamburgers, and the ones at Café Agua Azul in Manuel Antonio are bigger than your face. The one and only burger served here is appropriately named “Big Ass Burger with Cheese” and it comes with fresh-cut fries. Order it at around 5:30 p.m., because this place has one of the best sunset views in all of Costa Rica.■

Readers’ Choice for Best Burger

Hamburesia – Escazú
Café de Los Deseos – San José
Dimitri’s – Cartago
Restaurante Kalú – San José
The Green Room – Jacó
Roadshack Deli – Uvita
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Maes Grill – Puntarenas
Smashburger – Lincoln Mall in Moravia
Mandala Restaurante – Escazú
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Martina’s Bar – Osa Península
Bobo’s Burger House – Nicoya
Los Amigos Restaurant and Bar – Jacó
Entre Bocas Fusion Bites – Playas del Coco

Hamburger Factory – San José
BAM Canadian Grill – San Carlos
Restaurante Kalú – Barrio Amón in San José
Enjoy – Tamarindo
Langosta Beach Club – Tamarindo
Goathouse 169 – Uvita
Pura Vida Pantry – Playa Herradura
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Alma del Pacífico – Esterillos Este
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What Expats Love About July 4th

By Lindsay Fendt

Despite Costa Rica's beautiful beaches and idyllic mountain landscapes, the expat life can sometimes inspire homesickness in even the most *pura vida* U.S. transplants, particularly on a holiday like the Fourth of July.

Whether they have been in Costa Rica for more than a decade or are preparing for their first Independence Day away from home, here are what some expats miss most about Fourth of July.



Name: Jeff Lile

Age: 34

Occupation: English teacher

Hometown: Tulsa, Oklahoma

In Costa Rica since: January 2005

How did you celebrate your last Fourth of July? The last time I celebrated the 4th of July was four years ago in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with my Costa Rican wife. We were there all day in the hot sun waiting, because it gets crowded. There was an accident and the fireworks didn't work. They all went off on the ground and only half of them got up in the sky.

What is your favorite Fourth of July food? I miss the grill-outs with hamburgers because you don't get the same kind of hamburger here. It is not the same as getting a big old medium rare hamburger cooked over charcoal.



Name: María Weinrich

Age: 41

Occupation: English department coordinator

Hometown: Columbia, South Carolina

In Costa Rica since: February 2001

What do you miss most about celebrating the

Fourth of July in the U.S.? It is such a family holiday, so I miss my family. Also, getting to watch the fireworks with them and eating until we explode. My family has a reunion every

year on the 4th of July.

What is your favorite Fourth of July food?

Deviled eggs. I miss making 500 deviled eggs with my mama.



Name: Joan Brickley

Age: 25

Occupation:

Copywriter

Hometown: Austin, Texas

In Costa Rica since: March 2014

How will you celebrate your first Fourth of July in Costa Rica?

I've seen fireworks go off at the soccer games nearby, so hopefully we can buy some fireworks and shoot them off on the Fourth of July. And some friends might have a barbecue.

What is your favorite Fourth of July food?

Funnel cake and veggie dogs.



Name: Lee Kaplan-Unsoeld

Age: 20

Occupation: Study abroad student

Hometown: Olympia, Washington

In Costa Rica since: February 2014

What do you miss most about celebrating the Fourth of July in the U.S.?

What I do miss dearly are the friends and family that I would be spending time with if I were back home discussing our interpretations of this strange holiday, watching the chaos unfold and enjoying the small piece of America that I call home.

What is your favorite Fourth of July food?

Veggie burgers



Name: Kyle Briesemeister

Age: 29

Occupation: Business manager

Hometown: Eau Claire, Wisconsin

In Costa Rica since: April 2013

What is your favorite Fourth of July tradition? Sitting on a rooftop patio watching fireworks.

What is your favorite 4th of July food?

Hot dogs.



Name: Emily Hric

Age: 25

Occupation: International program adviser

Hometown: Springdale, Pennsylvania

In Costa Rica since: September 2011

What is your favorite new 4th of July tradition you have in

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Let the Picnic Games Begin, Again

By Erin Morris

The Fourth of July is a day of honoring tradition, and the American Colony Committee keeps the children's games traditional as well. "Let me put it this way," says committee member James Theologos. "I did them when I was a kid, and I'm 73."

These games include a three-legged race, a human wheelbarrow race, and a spoon-and-egg race, and over the past 25 years, there have been minimal changes. The spoon-and-egg race uses a potato now instead of an egg to cut down on the mess. But the only new game is actually the most popular – the balloon toss.

As many as 50 people enter the balloon toss. Participants pick partners and line up facing each other. Water balloons are tossed back and forth, and with each toss the partners take a step backward, increasing the distance between them. When asked if the water balloons pop, Theologos replies with a hearty chuckle, "Oh yes. Everyone has fun." The object of the game is to be the last couple, and most likely the driest couple, with an un-popped balloon. ■



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Dueling Anthems: 'Star-Spangled Banner' vs. 'Hermosa Bandera'

Robert Isenberg

Here's how the story goes: In 1852, President Juan Rafael Mora Porras was about to receive delegates from Great Britain and the United States. Costa Rica was newly independent, and Mora didn't want to welcome guests without a decent national anthem. He turned to Manuel María Gutiérrez Flores, a military officer who just happened to compose music. But Mora couldn't wait around for a magnum opus, so he locked Gutiérrez in a prison cell, instructing him to produce an anthem in 24 hours.

The result was "Noble Patria, Tu Hermosa Bandera," ("Noble Homeland, Your Beautiful Flag"), a song now played and sung before almost every civic event. The "Himno Nacional" is among the most successful rush-jobs in history: The music is martial and triumphant, and the listener immediately swells with pride. In 1900, the politician and poet José María Zeledón Brenes added lyrics, which speak of a "noble homeland," "your sons, simple farmhands," "unsullied blue of your skies," and "mother of life!" Only in the fourth stanza is there any reference to war, and it's fairly tame: "When anyone should attempt to besmirch your glory/You will see your people, valiant and virile/The rustic tool into a weapon transform."

In other words: We're pretty easygoing people, but don't mess with us, because we've got machetes. *¡Pura vida!*

The differences between the "Himno" and "The Star-Spangled Banner" are obvious, starting with their contexts. The American Revolution lasted eight years and cost tens of thousands of lives. A few decades later, there was a sequel: The War of 1812 lasted nearly three additional years and killed more than 20,000 people. The British forces went so far as to burn down Washington, D.C., and battles were fought all along the eastern seaboard. When Maryland attorney Francis Scott Key found himself captive aboard the HMS Surprise, he witnessed the Battle of Baltimore, with its tall ships, exploding rockets, and 15-star flag rising over Fort McHenry.

It's no surprise that "The Star-Spangled Banner" is a story of combat, since the 13 colonies

had to fight bitterly to become the United States of America, which then shed more blood just to assert itself. It took a while for Key's poem to become an anthem: His brother-in-law John Stafford Smith put the verses to music (by plagiarizing a British melody, ironically enough), and although the tune was popular among drinking buddies and brass bands, "Banner" didn't become an official anthem until 1931.

Costa Rica has a different story, starting with the quandary of its independence. It's hard to say exactly when Costa Rica became "free." Without firing a shot, Spain relinquished the country on Sept. 15, 1821, and Costa Rica gradually became an "autonomous subject" of the United Provinces of Central America. But Ticos were never really committed to that loose confederation, and when Spain recognized its independence in 1850, Costa Rica stayed peace-

ful for nearly 100 years. Even the fight against the U.S. Filibusteros was a short-lived affair, and fighting took place primarily in Nicaragua.

So yes, it's easy to see the two anthems as different and distinct. But what about the commonalities? Unlike "God Save the Queen," the "Bandera" and "Banner" anthems do not praise monarchy. Instead, they celebrate scrappy pioneers in the New World, determined patriots proud of their young nations. After "the twilight's last gleaming," Gringos marvel that their "flag was still there," while Ticos are grateful that "in the tenacious struggle of fruitful toil," their flag "brings a glow to men's faces." In each set of lyrics, a post-colonial people shows love and appreciation for its respective promised land. (Compare "rockets' red glare" to Italy's refrain, "We are ready to die!" Or see Hungary's anthem, with its weeping orphans and torrents of blood). Indeed, neither the U.S. nor Costa Rica calls out a specific enemy by name, whereas many anthems do.

Like "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Hermosa Bandera" also had to wait a long time for official recognition: Composed in 1852 and given lyrics in 1900, the song didn't become an official anthem until 1979. But sometimes great things are worth waiting for. ■



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The Star-Spangled Banner

National Anthem of the United States of America



O! say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last
gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the
perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly
streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting
in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was
still there;
O! say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of
the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence
reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering
steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first
beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner, O! long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country, should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps'
pollution.

No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the
grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth
wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the
brave

O! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's
desolation.
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n
rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us
a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust";
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall
wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the
brave!

Noble patria, tu hermosa bandera

National Anthem of Costa Rica



¡Noble patria!, tu hermosa bandera
expresión de tu vida nos da:
bajo el límpido azul de tu cielo
blanca y pura descansa la paz.

En la lucha tenaz, de fecunda labor,
que enrojece del hombre la faz;
conquistaron tus hijos – labriegos sencillos –
eterno prestigio, estima y honor.

¡Salve, oh tierra gentil!
¡Salve, oh madre de amor!
Cuando alguno pretenda tu gloria manchar,
verás a tu pueblo, valiente y viril,
la tosca herramienta en arma trocar.

¡Salve, oh patria!, tu pródigo suelo
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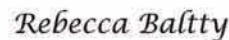
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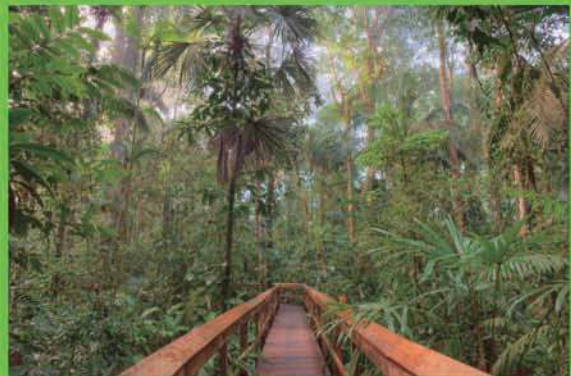


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