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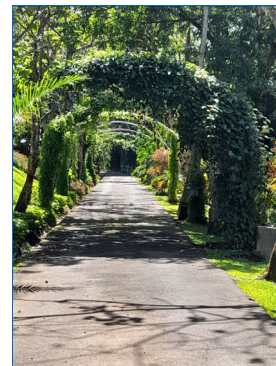
### 2024 Update #6 June 2024

#### What's New in Que Pasa Grecia

Since our last Update, [on the website](#) we have updated the home page to show bus schedules more prominently, added a link to a better bus schedule site, and have also listed more ways to contribute to community. There are two new resources for auto parts added and there is a new listing in Medical Services for functional medicine in San Jose. (For those that don't know, including your editor, functional medicine is a systems biology-based approach that focuses on identifying and addressing the root cause of disease. Each symptom or differential diagnosis may be one of many contributing to an individual's illness.)

#### U.S. Dollar-to-Colon Exchange Rate Improving

There's no telling how the run up to the U.S. election in November or the election results will impact the exchange rate in the future. However, the U.S. appears to be getting inflation under control (already the lowest in the industrialized world), its stock market has reached record heights, it has near-record low unemployment, is adding jobs at record levels, and the Fed has said it is likely to lower interest rates, at least, once



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before the end of the year. We don't know how Costa Rica's Central Bank will influence or outright manipulate exchange rates, but the dollar-to-colon exchange rate has recently seen improvement and may continue improving to the benefit of Costa Rica's overall economy and all of us North Americans on fixed incomes.

**Chaves Is at It Again**

Costa Rica's president, Rodrigo Chaves, is taunting the legislature and the courts and calling them cowards for not being in favor of his "Jaguar Law," which would in essence get rid of competitive contract bidding and open up a new era of legalized favoritism and corruption. Your editor hopes the courts and legislature hold their ground and don't give in to making a move that would be hard to undo.

**U.S. Citizens: Prepare to Vote**

Each year, overseas U.S. citizens should first submit a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to participate in their respective federal, state, and local elections. The FPCA allows eligible U.S. citizens to apply to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and/or update their contact information with their local election office. Depending on each state's specific election rules, U.S. citizens abroad may receive an absentee ballot by email, fax, or internet download. For more information about how to vote abroad please visit [FVAP.gov](https://fvap.gov).

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**Miscellaneous News Notes**

**Blackouts** We're averaging almost an inch of rain a day so far in June. It's unlikely for the near term, at least, there's much of a chance of scheduled power blackouts.

**Violent crime**, most of it gang-based and generated by recently arrived drug cartels, has been moving out of the urban areas and creeping into local neighborhoods. Grecia and Sarchi have both recently been sites of murder scenes. Several women known to your editor, who have recently experienced personal or nearby violence or robberies, have moved primarily because their landlords offered no security measures. (If you are a senior, living alone, or both, look into security options where you live and make any adjustments you feel are necessary to improve your security and safety.)

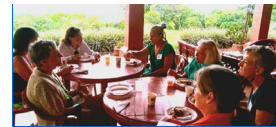
**COVID Shots** Costa Rica has confirmed the presence of the new COVID-19 KP.2 variant of the virus, which is rapidly taking spreading in the United States and Europe. Data so far shows that it is more contagious, but not more aggressive.

Also, note that there are currently no COVID vaccines available anywhere in Costa Rica, not for this variant; the older, established variants; or any combination COVID-flu

Vintage White brand Sewing Machine for Sale!



[Help empower young women by learning about and donating to the Niñas Sabias menstrual kits project](#)



[Blooms invites you to get social! Monthly meetings in the Western Central valley.](#)



**Take me home!**  
3 pups and Mama are looking for forever homes!  
Shown here is  
**Ody** - male, 16.5k  
11 months old.  
Neutered, current vaccines, dewormed, healthy.

combos, that are becoming available in North America. Under this administration, I do not expect COVID boosters to ever become available here unless we get to pandemic numbers again, when vaccines would be available for little or no cost to all nations.

***“Consultar con la almohada”***  
***Literal translation: “to consult with the pillow.”***  
***Actual meaning: “to sleep on it.”***  
***Thank you, Isabel Arguello, for your continuing contributions.***  
***Isabel teaches Spanish and does translations.***  
***Find out more about Isabel on the [QuePasaGrecia](http://QuePasaGrecia.com) website.***

Time to replace your broken umbrellas,  
D. Davis, editor  
Diane Cooner, webmaster



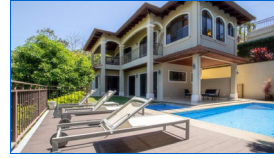
**Ready for my forever home!**  
**Chloe**, female, 14 k  
Spayed, 11 months old.  
Current vaccines,  
dewormed, healthy.



**I'm also looking for my forever home!**  
**Dany**, male, 13.5k  
Neutered, 11 months old.  
Current vaccines,  
dewormed, healthy.



**No more puppies for me!**  
**Mama Amber**, 10k  
I'm smaller than my kids  
and ready for a loving home!  
Spayed, current vaccines,  
dewormed, healthy.



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