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TEQUILA By: Neira Rodriguez

Tequila is one of the most popular alcoholic drinks made in Mexico. The liquor comes from a small town called Tequila in Jalisco state. This alcoholic drink comes from the agave plant that is an important economic product of Jalisco and the base ingredient of tequila. Also tequila is produced by removing the heart of the plant. This heart is stripped of leaves and heated to remove the sap, which is fermented and distilled. Tequila can only be produced in Mexico, in the tequila region and it must comply with strict Mexican government regulations. In order to satisfy the consumers preferences and tastes, tequila is produce in two categories of different types. Tequila 100% agave must be made with 100% blue agaves juice and must be bottled at the distillery in Mexico. It may be Blanco or anejo.



These are some types of tequila:

Blanco or silver: clear and transparent tequila, fresh from the still.

Oro or Gold: Tequila blanco mellowed by the addition of colorants and flavors, with caramel being the most common.

Reposado: keeps the blue agave taste and is gentler to the palate.

Anejo or aged: It is blanco tequila aged in white oak casks for more than year. The amber color and woody flavor are picked up from the oak.

Reserva: Although not a category in itself it is special anejo that certain distillers keep in oak casks for up to 8 years.

Tequila is fine liquor and as such it must be sipped slowly. Traditionally people in my country serve it in a "caballito" a glass made exclusively for this purposes. Americans like margaritas and tequila shots with lime and salt. Choose the right tequila for your cocktail and enjoy it.





KunTok Pary

By Bank

I've introduced two well known festivals of Thailand to you already. This week I will introduce another kind of Thai tradition. That is a Kantok party. A Kantok party is a traditional party of the people in the north of Thailand. Kantok means tray in English, so it means that at this party, we will put some food onto small plates or bowls and then put it on this tray. This kind of tray has legs and it looks like small table. People have to sit on the floor to eat food, from this tray. One Kantok can serve about five to six persons. Nowadays, people believe that Kantok comes from when the family is finished having supper, they can take all the plates or bowls to wash at the same time by taking them of the Kantok.

Today, it is preferred to use a Kantok for a welcome party or special event. This is the how the northern people express their welcome for their visitors. Food that is usually served with this Kantok are comprised of pork curry with ginger, chili dip, steamed vegetables, fried pork skins, chicken soup, sticky rice and Thai desserts. A Kantok party is usually held outdoors and in the night time, especially in the garden. So the light that is suitable for this party is from candles, Prateep candles are traditional northern style candles that have handle for protecting your hands from fire. Some Kantok parties usually have a Thai dancing show and Thai folk music. Thus, a Kantok party is the party that represents Thai culture and it includes food, dancing and music. This is why it is proper to do it for our visitors.

Two is company, but three is.....

May be enemies. Ryota

Is better. Naoki

Makes a conflict. Yoshi

Is the best. Bank

Is too much. Neira

Is happiness. Marta

Is not. Hazem



The Incredible Salt Cathedral in Colombia

By: Marta Luz Perez

Zipaquira is located 31 miles north of Bogotá where you can find salt deposits that were formed 200 million years ago. This mine was exploited by the Muisca culture in the eras before the Spanish came to the Americas and the architect built the cathedral.

Years before the Cathedral was built, the miners had carved a sanctuary. Afterwards, the people of Zipaquira thought that the Construction of the first salt cathedral was begun in 1950 and it was inaugurated after four years. However, the cathedral had structural problems and safety concerns that led the authorities to shut down the sanctuary in 1990. Construction of a new cathedral was embarked on. It was 200 feet larger than the old one, and built by the architect Roswell Garavito. The new cathedral was inaugurated in 1995.

The new salt cathedral of Zipaquira is the largest church built in a tunnel of salt mine inside a salt mountain in the town of Zipaquira, in Cundinamarca, Colombia. The Roman Catholic temple has 14 chapels representing the Stations of the Cross, and each cross represents the pain toward Calvary taken by Jesus before he was crucified. It also has platforms carved into the salt. Beside the church there are 3 sections that represent the birth, life and death of Jesus. The floors, walls and religious figures are made of salt. It really is a wonder to see.



The Beauty of Canada

By: Ryota

Where is your favorite beautiful place you have ever been before? I visited the small city called *Banff* in Canada a year ago and stayed in a home for a month. This was the first induction in a foreign country for me and I had been excited since before I visited.

Although the season of *Banff* was summer, it was too cold to walk around wearing cool clothes. *Banff* is actually a cold place the whole year. The temperature was pretty low, but wherever I walked, I could see the huge and beautiful mountains covered with snow and also the air was so clear. If you travel a couple of hours by car, you will arrive at the national park. It has a lake whose color is emerald green and wild animals such as moose and geese always walking around. However, it's not the best place of *Banff*. Going farther, you can see enormous mountains called *The Canadian Rockies* and a lake that is said to be the most beautiful.

The mountain is brilliant like a diamond and reflected in the lake. If you look at the surrounding area, you will be able to recognize a coniferous forest. It seems to be picture-perfect as little birds protect *The*



Canadian Rockies. There is a snow-white area called *Athabasca Glacier* near here and there was nothing but ice as far as I could see. It was like an icy world. It was breath taking.

As they are one of the Nature Heritage Sites, they are pretty popular for visitors. If you get an opportunity to visit Canada, you don't have to

go to other places. Visit *Banff* first!!!





How Would You Move Mount Fuji? by: Yoshi

Are you familiar with the book “How Would You Move Mount Fuji?: Microsoft’s Cult of the Puzzle”? This book, written by William Poundstone in 2003, is about the questions in Microsoft’s job interviews. The title is one of the questions and there are more than 35 of Microsoft’s puzzles and riddles, such as: Why does a mirror reverse right and left but not up and down? If you could eliminate one U.S. state, which would it be? How many piano tuners are there in the world?

These types of puzzles are also asked by consulting companies or investment banks during their job interviews. But who knows the answers to these questions? Actually, they don’t require us to show our knowledge. Instead we need to think about the question logically even if the answer might be wrong. When I tried to get a job, I read this book to study for these kinds of questions and practiced answering the questions. The following is my answer to one of them, “How many piano tuners are there in the world?”

First, I will think about the whole number of pianos in the world. The whole population of the world is about 6 billion. I think the number of people who can afford to buy a piano in the world is about a quarter of the whole number, so it’s about 1.5 billion. In most developed countries, the average number of family members is about 4, so there are about 400 million families who have enough finances. How many families actually have pianos? If I imagine my neighbors in Japan, there are about 16 houses around my house, and 4 of them have pianos. So I determine that a quarter of the families, who can afford to buy pianos, actually do so. Now, the number of pianos is definite, which is about 100 million.

Second, I will think about how many pianos one tuner can tune in a year. I think it takes about 1 hour to tune a piano, and about 1 hour is the average time to go to and come back from a customer’s house. Since they need 2 hours for one customer, they can work on 4 pianos in a day. People work 5 days a week, 40 weeks a year, so tuners can work on 800 pianos in a year.

Next, how often do you need to retune your piano? I’ve heard that it needs to be done once a year, but in my case, my family is too lazy to keep up with that. Although I don’t think my family is the standard, I will assume that people retune their pianos once every two years, in consideration of unconcerned people like me. There are 100 million pianos in the world, so 50 million pianos are required to be retuned in a year.

Finally, I can determine the number of the piano tuners from the balance between supply and demand. 50 million, the number of the pianos which demand to be retuned, divided by 800, the number of pianos which one tuner can tune, gives us 62,500. Now, I can conclude that there are about 60,000 piano tuners in the world.

Logical thinking is very important not only in job interviews. We should think logically when we face some difficulties in our lives to that we need to overcome. I recommend that you read this book, learn how to think logically, and make use of this skill.

What's the Definition of Friend?

By: Naoki

Can you answer the definition of friend? I thought about that problem again and again after graduating from elementary school. Because I didn't know how to have a good relationship with friends after entering junior high school. Although there were only about 28 students in my elementary school, there were 130 students in my junior high school days!! Students in junior high school are different from students in an elementary school. The environment in junior high school is different than at elementary school, too. Everything was different from elementary school for me. I'd like to think about friends again by writing this article.

"It is better for us to make a lot of friends." What do you think about that statement? I think we don't need to make a lot of friends. That will make for shallow human relationships with them. So I think we had better make a few friends. However, I think we don't talk only with the friends who we talk with every time, but also I think we talk with other people sometimes. If we talk only with the friends who we talk with every day, we will build a wall around ourselves. But, if we talk with other people, we can expand our ways of thinking and sense of value. It is important for us to spend time with friendly people, but it is more important for us to spend time with other people.

"Every classmate is a friend." Is it OK that we agree with that? Unfortunately, I can't agree with that. Because even though I think that every classmate is my friend, they may think that I am not their friend. When I was a junior high school student, a friend of mine told me that every classmate is my friend! But, she didn't talk with all her classmates every time. She only talked with some of friends every day, though is it OK that she thinks that every classmate is her friend? If I were her, I wouldn't think so. Because perhaps she just got it wrong.

Are the friends that you met in your elementary school days, junior high school days, and high school days precious friends even now? In my case, the friends that I made when I belonged to the Track & Field club in my high school days are friends for me even now. I believe so every day. But, perhaps it may inappropriate for me to think that the friends that I met in junior high school days and elementary school days are friends for me. Because I haven't seen them for a long time. And, I don't often have contact with them since I graduated from junior high school and high school. So I don't know whether I am a friend for them or not.

Finally, writing this article is the good chance for me to think about friends. Thanks to writing this article, I don't know what friends are more than ever before. But, I think this problem is eternal problem for human. So I'll keep thinking about this problem until I die. Anyway, I am going to take care of my IEI classmates and American students that I met at The University of Memphis.

, Why There are A lot of Fat People in America

By: Hazem

Everywhere in the world and in every country we can find overweight people. However, when I came to the U.S I saw some people who are fatter than I have ever seen. In my opinion that happens for several reasons.

First, food. Americans often eat fast food, I have rarely seen American people who are cooking at home, whereas most of them prefer to buy food or go a restaurant like McDonalds or Wendy's because, I think they are always busy at work or having parties. And even they don't even want to enter the restaurant to stay in their cars to use the drive through.

Second, different areas. In the U.S places and areas are wide and huge. For example, the state of Tennessee is bigger than Palestine. That is why everyone here needs special transportation like a car which makes people lazy and they use their cars for everything and they never walk anywhere.

Finally, our life style development generally in the world and especially in the U.S and due to offer many techniques that make life easier than before. Therefore, people don't have to make as much effort as before to do their activities.

Finally, nowadays, people have some awareness about what is happening and they are trying to avoid this problem by going to sports centers and trying to be independent in some activities.

