We have no idea what this is all about but it’s a pretty cool picture

Cerritos In Growth Spurt
It’s becoming the new Cabo, like it or not

BY CARRIE DUNCAN

The Cerritos Beach Club, the anchor to the very popular Cerritos beach for more than 10 years, has abruptly closed. Bang! The wooden building is nailed shut, and even the stage Daline Jones and Diego Rivera sang from every Sunday for 10 years has been ripped out of the sand.

The place ran on a generator, which left behind spilled diesel, only adding to the unkempt appearance that included two ratty trailers and lots of rusty sagging fencing, forlorn looking possibly dead palm trees, and a couple of full septic tanks. But that was the charm of it.

In the place of this throwback lifestyle, we will likely get a big fancy resort, although it’s still under consideration to move and restore the building somewhere on one of five large parcels.

Tony Cordova and Roger Pollock own the bar/restaurant and the property under it. They have also owned most of the land going all the way up to the highway, after buying it from the ejido owners. Ejidos are kind of like American Indian reservations, and getting all the owners to agree to a sale takes a lot of work and patience, but they did it.

Cerritos can be seen from the highway that goes to Todos Santos, and is about 45 minutes north of Cabo San Lucas. The beach is quite tranquil, with slow rollers the surfers like, but is tame enough for family swimming. When the road was widened to a fourlane super highway we all thought real estate was going to take off, but it didn’t. This might CONTINUED ON PAGE 7

The Cerritos Beach Club is closed, and this is a conceptual drawing of what the owners are thinking of doing with the property

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Sea critter guide. The Los Cabos city government presented a booklet titled “Quick Guide to Marine Mammals in Southern Baja” last week, with the attendance of biologists, students and government officials clapping. The guide was sponsored by the Las Ventanas al Paraiso resort to promote interest in our critters, their conservation and ecotourism. The guide in English and Spanish can be found in hotels and some stores in Los Cabos. The content, including photos and description of 33 species of marine mammals, is the result of an alliance between the Defenders of Wildlife and Teyliz non-governmental associations. The Baja peninsula is an important feeding and reproduction refuge for marine mammals. So this is a refuge for eating and screwing? How do we qualify to live there? Oh, we do.

New statue coming. Mario Meave, director of the Ciclovía in San Lucas, suggested on social media that we build a statue to honor our local firefighters. The response has been pretty enthusiastic, and people began donating the basic materials last Sunday at the weekly cycle event.

Besides zooming to fires, our local firechicks and firedudes do a good job wherever they’re needed. They helped with cleaning up downtown Cabo after hurricane Odile left it in shambles back in the Summer of 2014. They also participate in every citizen’s effort to clean up streets, beaches and the like. Plus, most of them are non-paid volunteers. So, bravo to them. A well deserved statue will pop up somewhere in downtown Cabo, carved by Juan Piedrola who has raised his hand to lend a hand.

Slow down, Bunky! In just one week, there were eight car wrecks along the fourlane between San Lucas and San Jose, leaving three people dead, several injured, and a lot of wreckage. Not to mention jamming up the traffic for hours and hours. (Oh, is that insensitive? Well, don’t tell me you don’t sit there and grind your teeth when you’re jammed up due to an accident.)

Most of these accidents are taking place near Costco In Cabo, and near La Jolla in San Jose. Most of these are preventable, caused by speeding and cell phone use. Local companies that have delivery vehicles have agreed to participate in an education plan for their drivers. Yup, way too many of these young uneducated men are responsible, as well as the young guys who reposition the rental cars. You see a brand new car zooming 100 kms an hour and you just know it’s not a couple from Iowa driving. The city and federal police have agreed to drive up and down in the middle of the lanes at the speed limit, or less, to force drivers to slow down. Cardboard federal police cars will also be deployed and moved around. Local residents

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Here are a few of the almost daily emails we send to those who sign up with us. There is no cost for these news items, but there is an ad you can squint your way through in a hurry.

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You can always un-sign up, but why would you? They’re fun and informative.

Carnival Coming Undone.
The carnival in La Paz is big, the biggest on the peninsula, but it’s been under fire because of the money the bankrupt city has to kick in. In an effort to cut corners this year the entertainment offerings have been second and third tier, and that has caused carnival fans to grumble.

Last week the chosen queen quit in disgust, not even wanting to be associated with what she called disorganized, and now two more invited entertainment selections have goofed out because of the chaos. (You wouldn’t know them if we listed them, they’re not even known by most Mexicans, so it doesn’t matter that we forgot to jot down their names).

The theme of what’s left of this year’s festival will be “Grandes Navegantes” or “Great Navigators.” As in old timey sailing ships. The city is trying to whip up enthusiasm by calling this a family-friendly event and pointing out their nice parade they have planned. There will also be food booths, games, and cultural events.

But people who live near downtown La Paz will be glad if it folds after this year as there is an awful lot of drinking going on at this family friendly cultural event. They’ve been complaining about the noise, the crime, and the disorder for years.

We do hope we haven’t dampened your enthusiasm to attend the carnival and sop up some culture.

Propane Deliveries Temporarily Halted.

Remember when we said the fuel theft problem over on the mainland wouldn’t affect us? We lied. (Sounds better than to say we were wrong).

Sale of propane was halted in Cabo and La Paz couple weekends ago, but that was a quick stoppage. Whew! The state’s Sustainable Energy Secretariat issued a statement saying that while there was no shortage of propane, it was being rationed in order to avoid reaching a “critical state.”

"Even though there is supply, the reserves were rationed and states in central Mexico were given top priority," said Energy Secretary Luis Solís. "We call this panico hoarding.

East Cape Doesn’t Want Race.

Well, the president of the Board of Directors of the East Cape, Jose Murrieta Rosas, doesn’t as he requested the cancellation of the off road races. He says the race cars run over cattle, goats, and pets, as well as the occasional person who apparently suicidally jumps in front of the cars. Maybe whoever or CONTINUED ON PAGE 8
Biggest Train Heist Ever.

Teachers in the state of Michoacán have been camping out on the train tracks, so far shutting down 250 trains. They’re demanding money for when they were striking against taking a competency exam. Now they’re threatening to escalate their protest by barricading banks, shopping centers and highway toll booths.

In dispute is about US $263 million, and it’s hard to see how the government is going to avoid the “most common” forms of corruption are the mayors, then other authorities related to bribes would be Urban Development and Housing, and then the Water Authority. According to the document, the "most common" forms of corruption are the fees of about $1,000, the request for an apartment from the work, the obligation to hire a specific contractor, or even to carry out works in public buildings.

Bribes also include personal gifts such as tickets for the Formula 1 race for officials, demolishing homes affected by the 2017 earthquake, or fixing parks. Of the respondents to the poll, 94% said they had been victims of extortion or corruption, but only 36% reported it, in part because 42% do not trust the authorities. Gosh, why not?

Dog attack! Dogs attacked a woman as she walked to work over on the mainland. Surveillance video showed a 34-year-old woman was killed by a pack of 11 dogs. The video indicates the attack lasted 11 minutes. Her body was discovered on the tracks, but do get them to move along. This is a toughie.

The government is admitting the teachers are racking up a loss to the economy of $52 million a day because the blockade is causing a shortage of supplies such as steel and automotive parts, which is beginning to impact a variety of people. Mexican companies that export products are also racking up losses because they can’t get their goods to the ports.

The president of the Business Coordinating Council said it’s time for the federal government to clear the tracks, stating, “We cannot allow railway tracks to be subject to political extortion by minority groups.”

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New Art Museum Coming
City of La Paz

BY JORGE RUIZ-ESPARZA

The state government will be more involved in the management of La Paz’s infrastructure in hopes of boosting tourism and eventually the city’s economy. As a result, the historic center of La Paz will be getting much more attention and financing from the government through The Secretary of Urban Planning, Infrastructure and Mobility (SEPUM in Spanish).

Although not much information has been given to the public about what exactly is being planned for the city other than minor renovations on the seafront walk again, the first project has already started to see the light of day: an art museum. This museum will give visitors and locals yet another reason to stick around and enjoy what the city has to offer.

The museum will be where the current art and cultural center is (originally La Paz’s historic town hall), between the streets of 5 de Mayo and Belisario Domínguez. The cultural center has not been emptied out only to be left abandoned, unlike the Whale Museum which is now nothing but an empty building and a not so distant memory. Instead, the building has been extended and renovated, making room for the art museum all the while leaving the original building as it is but in better shape. The extension mimics the design and architectural style of the original pearl-white building, making it hard to spot where the extension starts and ends and respecting the historical center’s old town vibe.

The head of the Secretary of Urban Planning, Infrastructure and Mobility here in Baja California Sur, Luis Genaro Ruíz, backs up the project by stating that growing interest in having larger spaces for art exhibitions, where artists and artisans can showcase their work, has led to their commitment in offering stronger support for the state’s capital in terms of historical and cultural identity. He adds that investing in the cultural side of a given place is one of the most important things a government can and should do, boosting participation in sports and arts further establishes a common identity and is an effective way of encouraging citizens’ overall development as he puts it.

The overall project has required an investment of around 1.5 million USD which means that the building is still being worked on with the current construction of two showrooms, a dressing room and a larger showroom for large-scale pieces and exhibitions. Each room is expected to have enough space to hold several exhibitions at a time, though they will periodically be replaced to spice things up.

Two additional restrooms will also be built and another plan for the museum is to have a public-friendly rooftop for all those who want or are in need of some fresh air along with a great view of the center. Handicapped individuals will definitely not be forgotten, as adaptations to the building and extension will be made in order to provide wheelchair access throughout the building. So far an opening date has not been given, but it looks like the museum will open soon.

La Paz art museum with new addition

[Image: La Paz art museum with new addition]
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finally be Cerritos’ time.

Cordova and Pollock sold many of the lots in the back rows to individuals and some of them erected small hotels, restaurants, and homes. But most just bought property to hold, making the Cerritos area checkered with development next to empty lots, giving it the charm of a backwater beach village.

Cordova build a multi story condo building at one end, and Pollock built that Taj Mahal of a personal house at the other end of the approximately three mile stretch of beach. Pollock also built thatched roof rental units on the beach, selling them as timeshares. The site built a very nice pool with a swim up bar to go with the little huts. A little out of shares. Then he built a very nice personal house at the other end of the approximately three mile stretch of beach. Pollock also erected small hotels, restaurants, to hold, making the market Cerritos at that time.

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Cordova tells us they have four beach front lots which will be 90 feet by 255 feet and they will make four parking lots behind them. Beach concessions will be in the front row. Sounds like another Medano beach coming towards us.

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Book Report
BY JEANNIE PÉREZ

The History of Mexico, by Amy Hunter. 2009. Mason Crest Publishers,

“You can only understand a nation’s present by looking at its past” says the blurb on the cover. This book, written for teens, is an interesting and easy read, full of photos and illustrations. It can also (I always try to begin by reading young people’s books whenever I need to research any new or complex topic and this reader a tantalizing taste of those long ago eras, including the legend behind Mexico City’s beginnings and then, of course we come to the Conquest; the arrival of the Spanish in Mexico when Hernan Cortez enters Mexico through the port of Veracruz. Of course, no one in that time realizes that Cortez is about to change the Mexican culture forever. Next then, comes the subsequent conquest of Mexico by the Spanish.

The third chapter contains a sense experience

Constitution that was adopted in 1917, still more unrest, and the beginning of reform in 1921. Mexico has had a very turbulent history. Maybe that’s why they have such a colorful culture.

Chapter six gives the reader an eye to the future, telling us of Mexico’s modern day hopes.

This book is brief, and I’ve sped through many centuries of fascinating history in writing these few descriptive paragraphs, but this slender volume has been valuable to my understanding of Mexico today. It has given me the historical highlights, the flavor, and perspective of many different times and people, and I have also developed a great curiosity to know still more details of Mexico’s colorful, sometimes confused, and always wonderful history, and additional stories of “courage and loyalty, violence and betrayal”. Of course I can call it a wonderful history since I didn’t have to live through it.

On page 60 there is a glossary of words and terms used in the book, and at the bottom of page 61, I also found a list of suggested further reading, and some Internet resources. I think I will check them out, and try to order some of the books.

This small volume is only a tantalizing taste of the complex history of Mexico, offering basic information that is easy to understand and remember. You can find copies at El Caballo Blanco bookstore in Loreto. That’s my book store, do drop in.

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Thanks so much for the story on the Marlin take. I hope you’ll continue to follow up and dig deeper into the movement of the carcass thru the marketplace, probably wider than just local seafood restaurants given the volume you are reporting. I’ll bet I could find plenty of sports fishermen that would finance a more in-depth investigation. Warm Regards,

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What we need is volunteers to happen. Editor

their job and that’s not going to problems, we need the govt to do import papers. We know all the other countries, and they keep claiming its imported. It is legal in and shaming them. But then they keep going around to restaurants for the existing Urban Develop-ment Plan be enforced. A beautiful two story home with granite and marble everywhere might pay at most a couple of hundred dollars a year, 30% less if you pay it on time, and 50% less if you’re over 60 and get your old folks card.

One more takeaway: The 80 signers say they’re only asking for the existing Urban Development Plan be enforced. Goodbye Plastics. This coming August may be the soonest the new law against plastic bags and plastic straws will go into effect. The law was approved last July but these things, (as all things in Mexico), take time.

We recently used a paper straw and that fell apart after sucking up most of one drink. The straw felt weird, too. But maybe we’re just a strong sucker with sensitive lips. The biggest change will be not having to deal with those cheesy Wal-Mart bags that are so small and so skinny they can only take a few items. As you’re pushing your cart out the store, you look down and see a sea of thin opaque plastic waving and clattering in the breeze. BYOB, (bring your own bag), has been the deal in some US states for a little while now, and it’s doable with surprisingly little

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also. Then a local motorcycle police officer stopped and offered his phone and tried to help them with the flat tire. (The Jack didn’t work). He even dropped back to make sure that they got help, (husbands arrived). Thought I would send this to you as I have seen lots of negative stories about

El Tezal Residents Protest. Homes in El Tezal, the hillside just outside of Cabo, are a mixed bag. There are many well off Mexicans, as well as many for-eigners. It’s not a development, the homes have been built one by one, over the last 20 years or so, and there’s no HOA to represent their interests. The streets have never been paved, but they do get city water occasionally and electricity is available.

Now about 80 residents, mostly foreigners, have signed a petition to stop the building of a high density four story condominium project of two and three bedrooms each, on three lots that have been pushed together. They say it will change the character of the mostly, (but not completely), single family neighborhood. Other concerns of the for-
New East Capers
Maybe this is why they keep coming

BY GEORGE JOBB

I’ve come to know Batdan and Ariel over the last few months, because they are renting a condo in San Jose while they were overseeing the preparation of their lot on the East Cape. Batdan and Ariel came down the Baja a few years ago and fell in love with the Baja. Their intention was to have a concrete slab poured, along with a septic field and water tanks, and a deck for the trailer they would bring down. They weren’t interested in a real house thinking they would be using the outdoor space more than indoor and a trailer would be perfect.

Batdan had worked in a variety of jobs over his life as a cook, truck driver, then in financial services and he was ready for a change. The married couple were both from Chicago. Ariel has her degree in acting and at one time had made a name for herself as a fresh young face in Hollywood. She still had royalty checks coming in and rental income from investment properties, so they were pretty sure they could afford to retire and we’re looking forward to the adventure.

On one of their visits before purchasing the East Cape property they had stayed at the ultra modern Viceroy Hotel in San Jose. That’s the former Mar Adentro. They found it both comforting and unique and had decided to design their custom-built trailer like those rooms, which isn’t too hard if you’ve ever seen the rooms: They are long and white on white, with white windows at one end. They kind of remind me of a bird cages for humans. But who am I to judge an award-winning design?

They would make it. But Batdan had worked as a truck driver as a young man, so he figured, how hard could it be?

After several tries to cross the border at Tijuana he was let in and five days later they had the beast of a trailer parked above their rented condo waiting for a quiet day to take it out to the East Cape. The trailer was moved out with nothing more than a few bumps and scrapes.

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What To Do With That Balky Car?

Good luck finding a good mechanic

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

Finding a good, honest, trustworthy, and most of all knowledgeable auto mechanic has long been a problem for both Gringos and the locals too.

The problem is the days of the shade tree mechanic are now numbered, due to the complexity and computers built into the modern car.

There are some systems on some cars that make regular maintenance or repairs impossible without expensive computer hardware and specialized software to reprogram modules, calibrate systems or put a device in service mode. Many Mexican mechanics don’t have the money to buy these systems, nor the education to run them.

For instance, if the battery in your car needs replacing, you used to pop the hood, get out a 10 mm wrench and loosen the positive and negative terminals, loosen the battery tie down, and yank the offending battery out. Nowadays, even this simple upkeep could mean a trip to your local dealer on a flatbed truck because if you disconnect the battery on some vehicles, the radio may no longer work and you may need to have the radio reset code before performing this simple task – check your owner’s manual for a code or mention of this. Of course you will most likely lose any computer system memory functions, preset radio stations, memory seat locations, and more when you swap that battery.

And what about taking your car to the dealer? Good luck with that. When our Ford lock was boogerred up in a clumsy attempt that. When our Ford lock was boogerred up in a clumsy attempt when our Ford lock was boogerred up in a clumsy attempt when our Ford lock was boogerred up in a clumsy attempt to steal it the car, the Ford dealer told us if we brought a new keypad from the U.S., they would install it. Two months later, when our new lock finally arrived, they looked at it like it was a snake and said, “What do you expect us to do with that?” And this is after we complied with their request to book an appointment. No drop ins/leave for a week, they claim they don’t have room to park a car.

So we all try to find a good mechanic by word of mouth. Here are a few we’ve gathered.

Sali’s Auto Electric is the answer to many peoples’ electric problems. Located on Revolución de 1910 Street, Sali’s Auto Electric can be found on the street behind the Oxxo/Pemex by City Club.

Shade tree mechanic not only has no respect for his life, he doesn’t even have a shade tree. And even Santiago has better sense than to be under there for a code or mention of this. Of course you will most likely lose any computer system memory functions, preset radio stations, memory seat locations, and more when you swap that battery. And what about taking your

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The problem is the days of shade tree mechanic are now numbered, due to the complexity and computers built into the modern car.

May 5 Cinco de Mayo Sand Castle Celebration all day fun for the family, music swimming, pinatas, food and the competition starts at 12:00 PM.

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and run dogs.

Last week, a pitbull jumped from the bed of a passing pick-up truck and attacked a smaller, good looking female doggie, minding her own business, walking on a leash. Her owner frantically tried to pull them apart, while the pitbull owner jumped out of his truck to stop his dog’s vicious sexual assault.

He interrupted the rape, but he got a nasty wound on his face, inflicted by his own dog. Wanna bet he’s one of these Mexican macho men who refuse to get their dogs neutered? Yeah, we’ll take that bet.

Several weeks ago, after several dog attacks on people, people demanded the city government forbid dogs on the Malecon even on a leash. There have been vicious attacks against people by dogs even as they’re tethered on a leash.

Dog owners and those afraid of dogs protested on separate days, and the city dithered, doing nothing. But after this last assault, the voices to keep dogs off the Malecon have increased, and now the city is “analyzing” the situation. They have promised to enforce the use of leashes in public, but that’s no good if the owner still gives the dog enough leash to attack, as has been the case.

The Todos Santos Pescadero beach has also been the site of numerous serious dog attacks. People know who owns the bad dogs but are afraid to do anything and the police will do nothing.

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Raised An Executive

THE PARTY DON’T START TILL I WALK IN

Adopt a pet if you want to raise a CEO

Want your kid to be the next Warren Buffett? Buy them a puppy. 93% of executives grew up with a pet, according to a study by Kelton Research for Banfield Pet Hospital. A further 78% of big corporate chiefs attribute their success to their childhood furry friend, with almost a quarter saying their first pet taught them more than their first internship. And it’s not just your children that may benefit from owning a four-legged companion — 62% of those surveyed said they’ve become closer to co-workers thanks to pet ownership, and 77% say they’ve had a big idea while walking their dog.

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The minimum wage was doubled and salaries only increased by 1% at the job as did 170 workers at a dairy bottling plant walked off the job as did 170 workers at a water purification company. The non-unionized employees of the bottler said their salaries received the “2013 Award of Excellence” from Trip Advisor and has the experience of workers’ victories in North-American Baja, employees of three more companies also started job action recently.

Now, 150 employees at a dairy bottling company walked off the job as did 170 workers at a water purification company. The non-unionized employees of the bottler said their salaries only increased by 1% at the start of this year when the minimum wage was doubled in the northern border region. They too want a 20% increase and a $160 US bonus.

Some striking workers, who are calling for the same raise and bonus, denounced what they called exploitation by their employer and condemned the indifference of the union to their cause.

They said they expected to receive an annual bonus of US $525 last year but got just $65. The strike action by employees of those two companies followed a work stoppage Thursday by workers at Arca Continental, the second largest Coca-Cola bottler in Latin America. The workers are also demanding a 20% pay raise and $1600 bonus. The plant and the distribution of products stopped,” said of the Mexican Employers Federation.

The president of the National Council of the Maquiladora Industry (Index Nacional), said earlier this week that strike action in Matamoros will result in 15 manufacturers leaving the city.

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The director of Spa Cielo, Cathy Dammann, a registered nurse in the real world, allows this very expensive piece of equipment to be used by local autistic children for no charge, as hyperbaric concentration of oxygen has been proven to be very beneficial for these kids. She has pictures of brain scans before and after treatment that shows parts of the brain actually normalizing, and more than that, the improvement in these kid’s behavior is dramatic. So why can’t we get benefit from it? We can.

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**WHAT TO DO WITH THAT...**

His radiator repair shop is in the Colonia del Sol neighborhood, which is on the left side from the main road of Leona Vicario that leads up to the Cabo San Lucas airport. Salvador manages the repair shop, German can be reached at (624) 136-7737. No, he doesn’t speak German, does that make up for the fact he doesn’t speak English?

Another highly recommended mechanic is Gomez, who specializes in brakes and clutch repair, and is known as “El Chaparro,” (The short one, which he kind of is) be contacted at (624) 158-0367. His garage is also in the Colonia del Sol neighborhood, block away from Clinica del Sol, a popular dental clinic on Via Lactea Street. Of the most basic automotive maintenance updates is the very common exchange of brake fluids. Used in the Colonia del Sol, run by “Alex Aceto” (Oil Alex), Alejandro Cruz, whose specialty is the very affordable oil change, which costs about 20 US dollars, extra if you don’t want him tossing the old oil onto the dirt under your car. Alex can be reached at his Auto Servicios y Lubricantes El Arco location on the corner of Via Lectoral and Nebulosa Streets or by calling (624) 129-6592.

Yes, there is an alternative to tossing used oil willy nilly. Bravo Energy Mexico sends used oil to Queretaro, on the Mexican mainland, ding their own specialized tanker trucks, they haul it to a modern day waste-to-energy plant. Maybe they are legit, they have an impressive website and have plants in Argentina, Chile and America. Alex Aceto tells us he pours used motor oil into a 20 gallon drum, which is picked up by Bravo Energy when he calls them.

Romero has been a resident of Los Cabos for seven years and originally hails from Argentina. The bilingual and friendly Nick Romero is a European car repair specialist who works on BMW, Audi, Mercedes, Porsche, Land rover, and Range Rover. Armando is ECS certified (European Care Service Experts) and only works by appointment which includes pick up and delivery. His expertise includes brakes, clutch, diagnostics, A/C, power steering, power windows, and everything electrical. For an appointment or quote, dial Nick at (624) 355-2669. Available 24 hours in case of emergency. And isn’t it always an emergency?

Owners give rave reviews to bilingual Armando at his “Servicio Automotriz El Dorado” shop on Leona Vicario in the uphill section of the one and only road that leads to the CSL Airport, in front of and across the street from the brand-spanking new Auto Zone. His cell phone # (624) 135-3937.

Los Cabos repair shop owner Salvador De La Paz speaks very limited English, but his A/C expertise is highly recommended by foreigners who drive to. De La Paz handles all types of vehicles from the regular American or foreign ride to an SUV. Salvador has been living in Los Cabos for seven years and hails originally from his namesake, La Paz. He’s at 2642 Avenida Flor de Pitahaya, 2642, Jacarandas, Cabo San Lucas, near the new left turn signal off highway 19 towards Todos Santos at the Guaymas Oxxo, a half mile past Soriana. (624) 172-5550.

The website cabogringopages.com26 recommended auto mechanics, but these listings are paid advertising, so what good is that? Be careful.

And how smart is choosing a mechanic by his language skills? We know a guy, Julio, who had such good English he had a backlog of Gringo cars. It went to his head and he started cutting corners, including painting an old expired battery shiny black and selling it as new. Many times, he would do this, until the word got out. So let’s all put out the word on good mechanics. And the bad. And the downright ugly. Painting batteries counts as ugly.
The Sleuth’s Guide to Home Inspections

Look ahead in your home purchase or sale

BY WILLY WISE

So you're a smart buyer and know your written offer to buy should be conditional on a home inspection. Smart sellers may even arrange a home inspection prior to listing a property to identify and/or fix deficiencies to limit price negotiations. Good move on both sides - but what if the inspector missed something and you've signed off on the final deal? Check the fine print on the inspection report and you will see a disclaimer absolving the inspector of any liability for his omissions. Now you're pulling more pesos out of your wallet to fix it. What could you have done differently? Before rushing into 'let's make a deal,' take a second look past the wall colours, past the stone countertop and the nice furniture and check for clues on potential home inspection outcomes. I've reduced my initial offer price significantly by finding deficiencies on my own, before the professional home inspection and still had the offer accepted.

Face it, once you make an offer you are emotionally invested in getting the deal done. You will likely accept certain deficiencies after seeing the formal inspection report with less vigorous negotiation. Your best position is to consider which deficiencies are deal breakers and which you use to justify your initial offer price. Deficiencies fall into degrees of severity from 'walk away now' to 'I can get that fixed.' The two most critical deficiencies are cracks in walls and ceilings and water damage. Next on the list are slow drains, the slope of balconies and shower floors and termites; then it's the condition of appliances and window coverings.

Let's start at the top. Cracks mean the building is moving and that's never good. Buildings in Mexico are usually made from cinder block and if done properly steel rod (rebar) and concrete are put in the vertical channels of the blocks to fortify them. Roofs are corrugated steel decking with poured concrete containing rebar or steel mesh for strength with some type of sealing product or terracotta tile to finish it off. Given cement is hard there is a degree of brittleness which means small cracks from settling are normal. Large cracks on the other hand are problematic. Even with older buildings, which should be fully settled look for cracks that have been patched and reopened signalling a building in motion. Newer buildings have yet to prove the workmanship trustworthy so it can be a gamble. Look at the site – a flat property suggests a sand base and a sloped lot or rocky outcroppings is apt to be on bedrock.

Cracks and settling naturally lead to big problem #2 which is water leaks. In years gone by most of them have evolved major deficiencies in a lot of complexes. Ideally, seeing a location during or just after several inches of rainfall will reveal any sins of construction that worsen over time. However, given more sunny days than rainy (that's why you're here, right?) look for water marks around ceiling lights or rust on ceiling fittings implying they have been wet. Ceiling leaks are the worst but also look for peeling paint, paint bubbles and even a lot of fresh paint as potential clues the underlying walls have been wet in the past. Check carpets and furniture feet for water marking or mold. Does it literally pass the "sniff" test? Mold and mildew have a musty smell which is not consistent with a desert location.

Cracks and leaks justifiy an expert inspection and I would probably walk away and look for something better despite a nice ocean view and good price. Besides, don’t be fooled by price, expensive places can crack and leak as well, especially if that nice view was created by building on packed sand.

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Puerta Cortes, La Paz

That would be the recently rebranded resort and residential development of Puerta Cortes. It was previously called Costa Baja. And it would seem that people can’t resist buying into the Vista Mar condominiums.

Said Dean and Donna Bernhard, from Calgary, Alberta: “It was kind of cool because the sales guy took us up on the cliff overlooking the Sea of Cortez location, just a quick jaunt from the city center of La Paz, while far enough away from the action to be quiet and tranquil. Plus the property is positioned as the gateway to the Sea of Cortez, a nationally protected body of water that extends up the interior of the Baja, an 800-kilometer long playground that sea explorer Jacques Cousteau dubbed “nature’s aquarium.”

Puerta Cortes in La Paz offers a slower, more serene lifestyle than Cabo. La Paz also has really good restaurants, and a long seafront perfect for strolling, and said this is where the building is going to go and this is what your view will be and it was such a beautiful vista. We just both fell in love with it and shared the passion and desire to be down in Mexico,” she says.

“Puerta Cortes is located in La Paz, and we wanted to experience the Mexican culture, and you just don’t get it if you go to Cabo or Cancun,” she says.

Bernhard was also thrilled about the amenities and the location, just a quick jaunt from the city center of La Paz, while far enough away from the action to be quiet and tranquil. Plus the property is positioned as the gateway to the Sea of Cortez, a nationally protected body of water that extends up the interior of the Baja, an 800-kilometer long playground that sea explorer Jacques Cousteau dubbed “nature’s aquarium.”

The first we were there, we went on a snorkeling trip, and we swam with the sea lions. Since then, we have been out with the family, and we’ve had schools of dolphins jumping around our boat, we’ve seen whale sharks and sea lions. There is just so much sea life out there,” says Donna.

Dean, an avid golfer, was attracted by Puerta Cortes’ Gary Player Signature Golf Course, the only Gary Player course in Mexico, while Donna was excited for the owners’ beachside private club, which offers private beach access, an infinity pool, a restaurant, health club and spa. Owners have access to the private 250-slip marina and the hotel. A boardwalk promenade with boutique shops and a myriad of restaurants is at the front door. The resort was recently purchased by Ascendancy, a Mexican-based asset management firm specializing in real estate investments, and the property is experiencing a refresh of amenities, including a $5 million upgrade of the owners’ clubhouse with additional plans to launch more fine dining restaurants at Pueblo Mariner, the development’s marina village.

“We are also in negotiations with two five-star hotels with a residential component that will be coming on board,” says Antonio Davila, president of Ascendancy. The Bernhards’ home is part of the 60-unit Vista Mar collection, an oceanfront enclave within the resort.

“It has this amazing view over the swimming pool to the Sea of Cortez, and at night we can see the lights twinkling in the city,” says Donna.

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Rancho San Lucas Organizes Exclusive Launch Event for Real Estate Agents in Los Cabos

After a successful pre-sale phase Rancho San Lucas opens its doors to the real estate community

Rancho San Lucas, the most recent venture of the Solmar Group, opened its doors to the most important real estate agents of Los Cabos with the VIP Realtor - Round Up. The event, which took place on January 17. The event was held to announce the unique aspects that make Rancho San Lucas an unparalleled master-planned community, in addition to providing the local real estate community with information about all the amenities of the project.

After the initial success with the pre-sale, Rancho San Lucas opened its doors to national and international buyers with an interest in its real estate offer, which stands out for being luxurious, innovative, sustainable and with a personality deeply rooted in the culture and lifestyle of the zone.

During the Realtor-Round Up, real estate agents received information on the highlights of the development, prices, commission plans and key selling-points of Rancho San Lucas in order to provide the realtors and brokers with the necessary tools to understand and promote the real estate offer. One of the highlights of this offer is the exclusive enclave that bears Greg Norman’s signature, Norman Estates at Rancho San Lucas, the private enclave of 32 luxurious homes and 36 high-rise residences that will be developed in two phases. Participants also received a top-notch information on the sustainable building practices put in place for a project that embodies the raw beauty of Baja California and a community planned to be a private retreat, a place of new beginnings, and an oasis to adopt a lifestyle that leads to well-being.

About Rancho San Lucas
Rancho San Lucas is an exclusive, 834-acre resort community located just 30 minutes from the Los Cabos International Airport. Enjoying sweeping vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Baja’s stunning desert landscape, this landmark community offers visitors and owners a private respite inclusive of two luxury resorts, an unparalleled collection of residential designs for future owners, the completion program for the Golf Club House (fall) and amenities, and the unique details of the Norman Estates at Rancho San Lucas, the private enclave of 32 luxurious homes and 36 high-rise residences that will be developed in two phases.

Several announcements were made during the event, including a preview on Chef Christian Ricci’s new garden-to-table concept, Picaro that will debut in the spring; the services of the Design Studio that offers individualized designs for future owners, the completion program for the Golf Club House (fall) and amenities, and the unique details of the Norman Estates at Rancho San Lucas, the private enclave of 32 luxurious homes and 36 high-rise residences that will be developed in two phases. Participants also received a top-notch information on the sustainable building practices put in place for a project that embodies the raw beauty of Baja California and a community planned to be a private retreat, a place of new beginnings, and an oasis to adopt a lifestyle that leads to well-being.

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5. Casa Here and Now - 3 bd, 2 bth, Pescadero Heights, Views of forever, mountains/ocean. $149,000.
6. Cerritos/Pescadero homesites - lots starting at $50,000 USD up to 2,000 m2
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Next on the problem list are slopes of drain pipes, balconies and shower floors. Turn on taps wherever there is a drain and see how fast the water flows back into the living room instead of out the drain pipe. It was just a little awkward for him.

And then there’s termites! They’re a fact of life in Mexico and you don’t want these little guys in your home. There are several kinds here including wood and cement burrowing. Any wood with small holes, the telltale termite “dust” on the floor close look at the wooden framing. Furniture if you can for a good need to be replaced. Old appliances aren’t necessarily bad but expect to be replacing them in the next few years. Hot water tanks fail regularly (5-7 years) due to the “hardness” or calcium content of the water. Ice makers in fridges are a perennial problem as the plastic water lines disintegrate and shower floors. Turn on taps wherever there is a drain and see how fast the water drains away. It’s a surprisingly common problem with new construction in Mexico as the installers typically don’t have a chance to test their work before the sinks and tubs are installed. I know three condo complexes where walls had to be jack-hammered open and the pipes reinstalled so the drains could work. Same thing for balconies - I’ve deliberately poured a pail of water on the balcony with the developer present and watched as the water flowed back into the living room instead of out the drain pipe. It was just a little awkward for him.

Subterranean termites leave a small brown or grey trail up a wall in which they are burrowing. If subterranean termites are present, intervention means having exterminators drill holes in the cement to pressure fumigate the home. If subterranean termites are present, intervention means having exterminators drill holes in the cement to pressure fumigate the home. If subterranean termites are present, intervention means having exterminators drill holes in the cement to pressure fumigate the home. If subterranean termites are present, intervention means having exterminators drill holes in the cement to pressure fumigate the home. If subterranean termites are present, intervention means having exterminators drill holes in the cement to pressure fumigate the home.
Americans are taxed on the basis of their citizenship, not residency. A US citizen, no matter where he or she resides and regardless of the type and source of income, is subject to US federal income tax, if certain income thresholds are met, and that individual must file a tax return with all the associated forms and schedules and, as called for, pay tax.

One of the associated forms requires reporting of information about specified foreign financial assets, including foreign deposit and custodial accounts and certain other foreign assets. Rules provide, as part of the regular income tax return, a foreign earned income exclusion, which can include a housing cost amount. Tax credits can be claimed to offset US tax, but not to the extent of foreign taxes that are allocable to excluded income. This benefit, in effect, is a type of partial residency-based tax treatment for some individuals. Upon an individual’s death, if the individual was a US citizen, his or her estate, if it is of a certain size, must file an estate tax return and pay estate tax with respect to its worldwide assets. A US citizen is generally subject to gift taxation regardless of where the individual resides and where the assets are situated. Special rules deal with the tax treatment of expatriation. In addition, if certain thresholds are met, a US citizen must report foreign bank account information.

On December 20, 2018, Congressman George Holding (R) North Carolina, introduced the Tax Fairness for Americans Abroad Act of 2018 (H.R. 7358). The goal of the legislation is to replace the current citizenship-based taxation with residency-based taxation. In general, this (the TFAA) would enact, alongside existing section 911, an alternative for Qualified Nonresident Citizens (QNCs) of the US living abroad.

With limited exceptions, the foreign-source income of Qualified Nonresident Citizens will be taxed like nonresident aliens, that is to say not taxed by the US. QNCs would remain US taxpayers and fully taxable, and subject to normal filing requirements, on US-source income.

The American Citizens Abroad explanation of TFAA outlines the tax treatment of both foreign earned and foreign unearned income. The explanation is an attempt to lay out all the various income streams and assess how the proposed TFAA legislation will be applied to these income streams, how they will be taxed by the US, and what will not be taxed by the US,” said Marylouise Serrato, ACA Executive Director. “The explanation is by no means an official technical explanation, and it should not be attributed to any degree to any person other than ACA,” added Charles Bruce, ACA Legal Counsel. “It’s important for the community and those working on the legislation to have a complete outline of the various areas of the current tax code that might be affected by the bill and how

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Sports Facilities In Los Cabos
Here’s a good alternative to the bar scene

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

When it comes to being active and staying fit, the Los Cabos community has free or low cost facilities for walking, jogging, running, playing basketball, baseball, softball volleyball, soccer, and tennis. In San Jose, new basketball courts went up two years ago near the Deportivo Sports Complex that features an indoor basketball gym, the only hardwood court in Baja California Sur. They also have a clay tennis court.

In Cabo San Lucas, the major sports parks are the Delegacion Sports Complex, which features the city’s only good baseball stadium, as well as the regular amenities and fitness areas.

Then there’s the Arenal Sports Complex located next door and around the corner from Office Depot, and is clearly visible from the Bordo, the road leading from the fourlane at the bull ring to Highway 19, which leads towards Todos Santos and La Paz. At Arenal there is a children’s playground, a covered rooftop basketball court, soccer field, and enclosed smaller soccer court.

The dusty soccer field at the entrance into Cabo near the Walmart overpass doesn’t really count as a sports facility, it’s so tacky, but they do have adult soccer league games there most evenings under the lights. A small baseball diamond is located there as well, but due to lack of use, people might not even be aware it exists. Strangely enough, there’s another small, dusty, baseball field located behind Walmart, where women’s league baseball and softball games are held.

And of course, El Cerro de Timbre, which is located downtown and is easily recognizable from the jumble of boulders surrounding it. Some of the city sports offices are there, and you can find late night lighting for the basketball courts where nearly every night men’s and women’s adult league games are played.

The Los Cabos sports community has long needed renovation updates and new construction of athletic complexes. The new basketball courts at Don Koll, while beautiful to look at and play in, are nearly impossible to access. The pristine and newly minted basketball courts were left without a concrete access road and worse, were built right next to an arroyo, where the road leading to the courts would logically be. Of course when the arroyo floods, so does the already crummy road. Currently the hoop court access road is a dusty, dirt path that winds left and right and up and down the crooked patch of Earth that has been modeled and shaped by the ravages of rain and water rushing through on its way from the upper barrios to the sea.

The access road to the basketball court is in bad shape. They would be pissed if they had to try and drive through here.”

Don Koll, a long time Los Cabos part time resident and one of the most visionary developers, passed away in 2012 after a long debilitating illness. Among other projects, like the Palmilla, Koll tore down the old Hacienda Hotel on Medano Beach and build the fancy pants million dollar Hacienda Residences.

Now let’s talk developer fees. Koll came here after many years developing commercial property in Southern California. He understood the need for developer fees and appreciated that hose fees are supposed to mitigate the impact of the con-
Beef tortillas?
The richness of Mexican food comes from the many states that belong to the country, but even more so, the little towns and settlements that make a state what it is. In Mexico, food is different from one state to the next, and even when a dish shares many ingredients with another, the way of making it makes it a completely different dish. Mexican food also owes its variety to the utensils that are used, and being one of the oldest civilizations, most of the utensils were made from stones, sticks, shells, bones, etc.

Metates are the great grandparents of blenders and food processors. Much like the Molcajete which is more widely known, metates are made from volcanic stone, called basalto. Before metates, prehispanic Mexicans would grind ingredients directly on the huge slab of stone, eroding little dimples in the slab as time went by.

Each metate gives a different flavor to what is ground on it. The metlapilli is the part that is held by hand to grind on the metate. Molcajetes are typically used for salsas, metates for mole and to make tortilla masa; but everything can be ground on them from seeds, vegetables, fruits to meats, clay, spices and natural pigments. Everything made in a metate is said to have the wisdom from the stone, and the person who made it. The metate is a very special artifact to master, and not everyone who know how to cook knows how to use one, but almost always someone who can work a metate is a wonderful cook.

Pacholas are one of the most ancient dishes in the state of Jalisco first appearing in a seventeenth century cookbook, and even though Pacholas share all the ingredients with hamburger patties, meatloaf and meatballs, they are a whole ‘mother thing once you taste them. It is one of the dishes that has been left to die with time, because metates were abandoned for blenders and food processors, which became cheaper and easier to use. This dish was made from previously ground meat, grinding it finer in the metate and leaving it to dry before frying.

Jalisco is better know for its tortas ahogadas, sopes ahogadas, and pretty much everything soaked in a bland salsa. Pacholas, however, are such a delicate but delicious dish, one double process that the meat goes through has a special effect on the protein, making them one of the most valuable dishes in food of the region of Jalisco.

We’ll also make a salsa this time, the typical salsa made in Jalisco for all dishes that usually makes food wet but in this case, it adds flavor and a nice presentation.

For the salsa:
1 pound of broiled tomatoes, chopped.
½ cup of water, as needed
Salt and pepper to taste.
2 spoonful of cooked, refried beans.
½ spoonful of dried oregano.
½ cup of vegetable oil.

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One more takeaway: The 80 signers say they’re only asking for the existing Urban Development Plan to be enforced. We have one of those?

Gov’t. Cries To Human Rights. The federal government has asked the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) how to get the striking teachers off the train tracks while staying within human rights boundaries.

You wonder how that conversation went: “So, how many teachers can we mow down before we’re accused of violating human rights?”

The teachers attacked police with sticks and stones on Thursday. Most teachers have folded their tents and want to go back to work, but one union is holding out.

Meanwhile, an estimated 3.3 million tons of freight is stranded while the cost of the blockades to the economy is estimated at about US $1.6 billion.

Most students in the state of Michoacán have not attended school for almost a month and teachers who aren’t camped on the tracks continue to barricade shopping centers and government offices.

The home features two bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms with double-height ceilings and marble and wood floors. The master bedroom features its own terrace and a kitchenette and can be locked off from the rest of the suite, a design feature that works well if owners are considering using the rental pool.

But really what sets the home apart is the 800-square-foot outdoor terrace overlooking the sea.

“In the mornings we get up, have coffee and breakfast on the balcony and sit there for a couple of hours and then we go to the gym, come back and have lunch out there. Then we decide what beach or pool to go to or whether we are going to golf for the afternoon. It’s a tough life,” says Donna.

The couple, who lives in Calgary, also has a recreational home in Invermere, a place that they use in the summer months.

“So the thought was that we would use the home in the winter for family getaways and eventually, once we fully retire, we plan to spend winters here,” says Dean, 50.

The couple also has three children, two daughters in their 20s and a son in Grade 10.

“It’s really great because our son speaks Spanish — he’s been in Spanish immersion since Grade 1, which is good because Dean and I each know five words each,” says Donna with a laugh.

In addition to the Vista Mar condominiums, Puerta Cortes also offers Las Colinas, a boutique collection of 72 hillside residences featuring contemporary rustic architecture. The homes are located between holes 8 and 10 of the Gary Player-designed golf course and range from 2,600 to 3,800 square feet with prices starting at $400,000 including home and lot.

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The short answer: Plenty

Spa Cielo has for all of its 12 years in San Jose, been forward thinking in cutting edge preservation of youth and good looks. But now owner/manager Cathy Dammann is branching into the use of recent developments in DNA technology to guide us into being as healthy and feeling as good as she has made us look.

She can guide you into how to run your DNA, and the doctor who heads her program, Dr. Joseph Dib, reviews your entire DNA report with you, interpreting it for you so you know what you’ve got cooking in your genes.

But the value in knowing your DNA is, oftentimes the doctor can get into a gene that has run amuck compensate for it. It is a little scary to peek into the future and see your potentially gravely ill self, but wouldn’t it be worth that fright if it can be fixed? Or even if it can’t be fixed today, to know that technology is coming as fast, that it will probably be fixable in a few years, and that you will watch for that development?

You owe it to yourself to run your DNA now. Your future self, and your loved ones, will thank you.

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Fish Report
BY CARY GRAHAM
THAT BAJA GUY

Cabo San Lucas
Numbers at a glance: Billfish 87%, tuna 27%, dorado 10%, other species 20%.
The fleets reported another solid week of striped marlin fishing in the Cabo area. Many boats were still reporting multiple-fish days with the overall daily success still being exceptional for anglers who were chasing their dream fish. The marlin were beginning to spread out as they followed schools of bait. The dorado counts were down substantially but the yellowfin tuna counts have continued to be good for the third week in a row – although the fish are now a bit more scattered.

The striped marlin fishing has continued to produce positive results overall on the Pacific side with the fishing being concentration from around the Lighthouse and out to the Golden Gate and San Jamie Banks. It appears the seasonal migration has begun to turn the corner, following the schools of bait up into the Sea of Cortez. Strippers were reported off Palmilla and around the Gordo Banks. The fleets were reporting solid counts of striped marlin with most boats averaging one to two fish per day. The yellowfin are again showing in the 25- to 30-mile range to the south and southwest and also off the Golden Gate and Gordo Banks – the key is to find the pods of porpoise and you can often find the tuna, with most averaging in the 30- to 100-pound range – with some weighing up to 150 pounds.

Inshore fishing has produced nice catches of schools of skipjack with the sierra showing in the Cabo area. Many boats have been producing a quality-grade of yellowfin, a few weighing nearly 100 pounds. The problem was that there were very few being landed; on a normal day we were seeing only a handful of these yellowfin brought to the fillet tables. The offshore action for the tuna associated with porpoise faded out and being 30 to 40 miles offshore, they were out of the range of most boats.

The billfish action has also become scattered – still being found, but not in any numbers like the past months. Despite cooler waters, there have been a couple of sailfish hooked into, though the striped marlin, averaging 60 to 100 pounds, have been the most common.

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Marlin & dorado are species reserved exclusively for sport fishing & cannot be sold commercially. If you see them on a restaurant menu, please do not order them. It is against the law.

We know they taste good but these sport fish are the foundation of our community; all business & families are linked directly or indirectly to sport fishing and without a healthy fishery, we will not have a healthy economy or environment.

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Fish Killers Of The Week

About 30 miles out from Cabo, owner/angler Mark Chiavetta, aboard his 32-foot boat Bill Collector spotted a swordfish running on the surface of the water. Sneaking up on the fish, Chiavetta cast a live mackerel to it from the bow. The swordfish turned, inhaled the mackerel, and was hooked!” Chiavetta said, “It fought hard – almost like a tuna but we landed it quickly!” at the dock, the “swordy” weighed 98-pounds. Pisces Sportfishing.
Missing Person/Dog

Wayne Long and his dog Ike were last seen in Loreto on January 17th, before he probably headed into the back country in his white pop up camper on his Toyota truck. If you have seen him please contact: Park Kitchings 541-815-5299 or on Facebook ParkKitchings
Every Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Garden of the Arts. More than forty local artists show and sell their works, including paintings, sculptures, photography and engravings. Open area. Spanish with some English. Mijares Main Plaza in Downtown San Jose. More info on Facebook: Jardín del arte Los Cabos.

Every Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. Documentary Movie Club. A different documentary every week. In the original language with Spanish subtitles. Free. Alfredo Green Cultural House Downtown San Jose.

Every Wednesday, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Vagabond Movie Club. Marina Sol club house. Cabo. Writers, poets, or dreamers. Adriana 624 108 2895

Every Wednesday, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Art Day. Art, paintings, books, live music. Spanish and English. El Merkado at Koral Center, next to the H+ Hospital. Kilometer 24.5 on the gas station (Pueblo Bonito Sunset St. up from Miguel A. Herrera St. to the marina). 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Short films and art videos before the movie. Free. Playa Migriño Hotel. Kilometer 21.5. Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Every Thursday, 5:00 p.m. Vagabond Movie Club presents Our Time 2018. Directed by Carlos Reygadas. A family lives in the Mexican countryside raising fighting bulls. Spanish. Free. February 21 and 22. Thursday and Friday. From 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Indigenous Culture Rescue Through Art Workshop. Book presentation, conferencias, book reading by Es Possible BCS Assault. With the Southern Baja History and Anthropology National Institute and the Baja California Government support. 5 de Mayo St and Altamirano St. Downtown La Paz. Spanish. Free. Info: (612) 11 16

Every Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Vagabond Movie Club. Marina Sol Cultural Pavilion. Cabo San Lucas. Free. More info: musicadecamaraloscabosfest@gmail.com

Every Thursday, 8:00 p.m. Pintos Tres. Palomas Winds Trio. Chamber music concert hosted by UABBS (Baja California’s University). Spanish with some help in English. As part of the 2nd Chamber Music Festival. Cultural Pavilion. San Jose Cultural House. Downtown San Jose. musicadecamaraloscabosfest@gmail.com

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Every Thursday, 7:00 p.m. La Circo Arts Workshop. A show with dancers, acrobats, live music and circus arts by El Espectaculo Band. Songs by Mauro Spinelli and Claudia Lobo. Opening of the Festival. Virgin of Guadalupe. Wednesday March 14. 7:00 p.m. Free. Rosaura Zapata Outsider Theater. 5 de Mayo St and Lopez Mateos St. Cabo San Lucas. musicadecamaraloscabosfest@gmail.com

February 21. Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Fráncisco Edmundo Portillo. Chamber music concert hosted by Leonardo DaVinci College. As part of the 2nd Chamber Music Festival. Cultural Pavilion. San Jose Cultural House. Downtown San Jose. musicadecamaraloscabosfest@gmail.com

February 21. Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Ollinco. Strings and Guitar Trio. Chamber music concert. San Jose Cultural House. Downtown San Jose. musicadecamaraloscabosfest@gmail.com

February 22. Friday, 6:00 p.m. Tres Palos Winds Trio. Chamber music concert hosted by UABBS (Baja California’s University). Spanish with some help in English. As part of the 2nd Chamber Music Festival. Cultural Pavilion. San Jose Cultural House. Downtown San Jose. musicadecamaraloscabosfest@gmail.com

February 22. Friday, 7:00 p.m. Acatl. Sax Quarter. Chamber music concert hosted by Universidad. Spanish with some help in English. As part of the 2nd Chamber Music Festival. Cultural Pavilion. San Jose Cultural House. Downtown San Jose. musicadecamaraloscabosfest@gmail.com

February 23, Saturday, 7:00 p.m. International Romantic Music directed by Tenor Daniel Silva. Chamber music concert hosted by Leonardo DaVinci College. As part of the 2nd Chamber Music Festival. Cultural Pavilion. San Jose Cultural House. Downtown San Jose. musicadecamaraloscabosfest@gmail.com

February 23, Saturday, 3:00 p.m. Pintos Tres. Palomas Winds Trio. Chamber music concert hosted by UABBS (Baja California’s University). Spanish with some help in English. As part of the 2nd Chamber Music Festival. Cultural Pavilion. San Jose Cultural House. Downtown San Jose. musicadecamaraloscabosfest@gmail.com

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February 24. Sunday, 6:00 p.m. Bad Santa. An impromptu improv show. As part of the 2nd Chamber Music Festival. Cultural Pavilion. San Jose Cultural House. Downtown San Jose. Free. musicadecamaraloscabosfest@gmail.com

From February 28 to March 5. La Paz Carnival 2019 Theme; The Numbers Enchanter. Monologue with Free. Rosaura Zapata Outsider Theater. 5 de Mayo St and Altamirano St. Downtown La Paz. Spanish. Free. More info: (612) 11 16

March 5, 6 and 7, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Film Festival. With Erika Licea, film photographer of Nicotine (2003) and Tercera Llamada (3rd Call, 2013). You will learn about framing, composition and lighting in Mexican cinema. Spanish. Free. Info: 624 210 11 40

March 5, Tuesday. 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. June 1 – 4. The Probemos Mexico (Let’s taste Mexico) national congress of Gastronomy and Culture. A food fest with recipes of the 32 states of Mexico, featuring 32 traditional female chefs who will prepare the most iconic meal of their state. The lady chefs will prepare more than 192 traditional dishes and beverages at the Delmar international school located here in El Tezal. Folk music and 200 exhibitors selling Mexican traditional products, workshops, conferences and shows.

Folk music and 200 exhibitors selling Mexican traditional products, workshops, conferences and shows.

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these changes might play out. The Holding bill lays down an
important marker. “ACA is obviously very much interested in helping develop and enact a final bill, work on background subjects and then the drafting details, ACA is now turning to pushing for adoption of residency-based taxation (RBT) and to run unofficial revenue estimates on that approach. The work was widely presented to the offices that developed TFAA, and ACA data and knowledge, we believe, was very valuable to that process. The American Citizens Abroad looks forward to con-
tinuing to develop its thinking on the subject of tax reform for Americans abroad and working with Members of Congress, the Administration and stakeholders of all stripes.

American Citizens Abroad’s (ACA, Inc.) mission is to educate, advocate and inform both the US Government and US Citizens living and working abroad on issues of concern to the overseas American community. Contact info@american abroad.org, +1 202 322 8441.

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To make the salsa:
In a blender, place all the	salsa ingredients and puree into
a smooth, thin salsa.
Place in a dish to serve along the pacholias.

To make the Pacholias:
Grind pepper, garlic, beans
and oregano into a paste.

In a large bowl, combine with
the ground meat.
Add salt and mix again.
If you can get a hold of a mol-
cajete, you can look up how to use it,
but I’ll break it down for you below,
if not, place in the food
processor until very fine, make
small balls and flatten between
two parchment papers with a rolling pin.
Make round or oval thin pat-
ties, as thin as you can, about 5
millimeters. (CARRIE: Can’t find the equivalent in inches, it would be .19 but it’s a weird number, I wish I knew fractions)

Leave to air dry covered with
a paper towel so flies don’t get to
them, until not sticky to the touch
anymore.

Fry in a pan with enough oil
to cover.

Serve with the salsa, some
guacamole and warm tortillas.
Tips and tricks:
To use the metate:
Cure. First, place a handful of
uncooked rice and grind until
powdered. This will fill whatever
pores are left, and smooth out
any unwanted bumps. Brush rice
powder off and discard. There
might be some stone powder in
there, that will make your teeth
screech unpleasantly.

Grind a tomato until all the
skin is broken. This will help
disinfect the metate, because of
the tomato acid.

Rinse. DO NOT ADD SOAP.
Place the metate on the floor,
and kneel in front of it. The high-
er part of the metate should be
against your knees and the lower
part should be farthest from you.
Place the ground meat on the
higher side, not all of it has to be
there at once, if its easier it can be
little by little.

Place the grinding stone (metlapilli) in the middle of the
metate, and start rocking it back and forth about one inch on each side.

If done correctly, the double
ground meat should start col-
lecting on the lower side of the
metate, if not, its just a matter of
practice.

Keep grinding until the edge
of the Pachola starts sliding off
the edge of the metate, that will
be enough meat.

Slide the pachola off and place
on a cooking sheet to dry.

FISHING...
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quent stray dorado.

East Cape
A plume of colder water that
came down from the north re-
cently all but shut the bite off.
There were reports of a dozen
fleet boats departing one morn-
ing with only one boat returning
with a marlin flag flapping in the
wind!
The tin boaters in their twelve- to sixteen-foot boats have been staying close to shore
(and home), and they are bagging
bonito and other inshore species.

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What’s It Like To Live Aboard A Boat?

One sailor’s story

BY VIC KUSSKE

I’m Vic with wife Linda aboard Sailing Vessel “Just Dandy” (JD) spending the winter enjoying the weather, working on our boat, and exploring the Sea of Cortez.

JD is a 1988 Ericson 32 foot sailboat, rated to sleep six but two is comfortable. She has a galley with a stove and small oven, refrigerator, a toilet with sink and shower. There is a TV and DVD player in the salon and many books in the rails. She has a VHF receiver and transmitter and an AM-FM radio, GPS, radar, autopilot and a windlass for pulling up the anchor.

We belong to a sailing club based in La Paz called Club Cruceros. There are about 500 of us. $10 a year for dues and boat ownership is not required. We watch out for each other as much as possible. The website is at www.clubcruceros.net and is very extensive.

Most of us marineros live on board during the winter and many of us spend a lot of time in La Paz either at anchor or in a marina. We like hosting family and friends and often sail to Espirito Santo island to spend a few nights at anchor in a secluded bay. We love swimming with the whale sharks and snorkeling, fishing, kayaking, hiking, and even just enjoying the sunsets over a glass of wine with BBQ steak or fresh caught fish.

The other choice is to anchor out in La Paz Bay. This requires a dinghy to get to and from shore, hauling water and supplies. There is a small fee to anchor in the bay and the fee is about a dollar a day to tie up a dinghy and get water at Marina de La Paz. Boats at anchor in the bay do what’s called “the La Paz waltz” since the currents move them all in one direction and the wind will move them in another direction looking like a waltz in slow motion. Anchors need to be reset often in these conditions to insure they haven’t pulled loose.

We love the Mexican people and their “mi casa es su casa” attitude and try to be good ambassadors representing our respective homelands. We enjoy the mild spring like winter weather and exploring the numerous fishing villages and deserted bays in the Sea of Cortez.

If you would like to get a closer look at our boating community we suggest you come to La Paz and spend a little time. You can get here from Cabo or San Jose by renting a car or catching the Baja Eco Tours bus from Cabo Airport to the malecon in La Paz for $45 dollars one way. Rooms on or near the malecon are inexpensive, in the $70 dollar a night range. Come to the Dock Café adjacent to Marina de La Paz, which is adjacent to Club Cruceros clubhouse and patio. Take a window seat in the Dock Café and watch the sailors in their dinghies coming and going to their boats anchored in the Bay while you have breakfast. Look down at the wooden floor; the old floorboards have warped and the old billboards have warped and contorted.
Ask a Mexican

This week we asked: President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, commonly called AMLO, has proposed drawing up an entirely new constitution. Do you agree with this? What should be added? What should be deleted?

Josue Garcia, 52, accountant.
AMLO is insane. A few years ago, he said Mexico needed to go back to the 1917 constitution, cancelling a lot of articles that refer to the work force, education, and taxes. Now he says we need a new one, because he wants to make the national guard. He thinks a fourth constitution will help because there are a lot of patches and reforms. I do not agree with this, it's going to turn the country upside down again and he will probably leave many important things out. I think something should be added in regards of protection to workers, but I do not know it well enough to know what should be deleted.

Cristina Lopez, 63, retired.
I think he must have his reasons to say that, after all he is the president. All I know is that the constitution was written in another time, and we need something for this time. I think the constitution should be balanced to benefit all Mexicans, rich and poor, and make sure our right are protected equally. There was a time when the economy was well enough for more people to buy houses, or be treated better at work and now that is not possible. I'm not sure if that's in the constitution but if it's not we should have something in there. I don't think anything should be deleted, because that would imbalance the whole justice system.

Maria Juarez, 46, teacher.
I don't think he should change the constitution. He has made enough mistakes as is, and a new constitution would put us on the level of Venezuela, Cuba, and all the Latin countries that are currently suffering so much. Its been a long time since I last read the constitution, but I am happy with a newer law that said something about the narcocorridos (music that portrays the narcos in a positive way) and I think the key to ending crime is to change culture. I think the constitution should have things added to it referring to technology, since it's fairly new and unregulated.

Alan Sanchez, 47, painter.
I think he wants to change it to be a more memorable president because so far he's only made things very difficult for us. He should take into consideration that most of the people living in this country are poor, and we need to change that in a smart way. I also think the constitution is on the side of politicians, because there is not enough of those in jail, but there are many people in jail for stealing bread because they are hungry. This is just a matter of good planning, and if AMLO has good assessment, then we should have a new constitution.

Dalia Ramos, 43, receptionist.
I do think our country needs a change as soon as possible, I am not sure if the change should be a constitution, but if it is, then AMLO should make a temporary one, see how it works and then modify it as needed. We could end up in a very bad place if we don't start opening up our minds and accept change. I think he should make the justice system better, add some articles about corruption, remove some power to authorities and give it to the people.

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Check out the notices on the bulletin board where sailors are looking for crew or crew looking for boats. You might find a skipper willing to give you a couple lessons before you sail to Mazatlán, San Carlos, Puerto Vallarta or other places if you want to crew. It is not uncommon for people to catch a sailboat ride to the Mexican mainland by helping the skipper make the trip. Duties working as a crewmember are usually spelled out in some detail and include standing watch, along with other chores like cooking and cleaning. Most boats are equipped with autopilots so standing watch may only consist of making sure the heading is maintained, the wind direction hasn’t changed and there are no hazards. In a couple days and nights you could be exploring Mazatlán and later return to La Paz via the big commercial ferry.

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Straight Outta Crazy

ROCCO (DOG)
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