Huh, who knew dolphins could walk on water? Actually, these guys are just popping up out of the water to say hello!

Where Can We Recycle In Cabo?

We get this question a lot. Here’s the answer. Again. Write it down this time.

BY RUSTY CANN

If you’re at all concerned about the environment, it kills you to see the piles of plastic water bottles accumulating in your trash can. But what else can you do? Admittedly, recycling options are extremely limited here in Los Cabos, but there are some available. The reason there is not more recycling in our town is because we’re too small to support the big machinery that breaks the stuff down to be used again. You will notice flatbed trucks on the highway north, loaded with smooshed materials to be recycled. But that’s not cost effective for many kinds of trash.

In downtown Cabo, you can take your recycling to Plaza Los Mariachis. That’s the plaza on the back side of Cabo Wabo, where Rips and Jungle Bar are. You’ll find the recycling bins along the far wall as you enter the plaza, next to Jungle Bar. You can take your cans (aluminum and tin), paper, plastics (but not bags) and glass there.

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What’s The Deal With The Water Situation?

We chat with the general director and communication director of Oomsapas

BY JIM KEARNS

Cabo San Lucas is a city that is basically all desert and has no major commercial wells, reservoirs or lakes to supply water to its residents. It has some small wells that are used to fill water trucks for home delivery, but that’s about it. The first desalination plant was built in 2007, but the population has already outgrown the plant’s maximum capacity, not that it ever worked to promised capacity. And Cabo keeps getting bigger and bigger without first making sure there’s

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According to Rene Nunez, general director of Los Cabos’ water department, our water woes will get better in about three to four years, when construction on a new desal plant will be finished.
O (dead) Christmas tree
don't kick your Christmas tree
to the curb! That's uncool, even if
your neighbor does do it. And if
they do, what kind of neighbor-
you are living in?

The Los Cabos government
has set up legitimate sites for your
dead Christmas tree, which you
paid so much money for and lav-
ished so much time on, and now
it looks pathetic. Well, get off the
couch, Bunky, and take it down,
it's a fire hazard.

In Cabo, there are two dis-
posal sites. One is the traditional
temporary dump site at the top of
Morelos street (the "up" street),
where it turns left. The site is well
known to locals and old timers,
as it used to be the military base
in town. And it used to be where
the circus set up. The second site
is right next to the city's govern-
ment delegation building, next to
the Red Cross.

In San Jose, the dumping sites
are at the Public Services office in
the Guaymitas barrio, inside the
police headquarters across from
Soriana, and also on Centenario
Avenue, somewhere along that
stretch. The girl at the office
couldn't give us better directions.
Just troll down the street, it's not
long, you're bound to see it. The
sites will be open until January 31.

Party announcement! Paint-
ers and former art gallery own-
ers Chris MacClure and Mari-
lyn Hurst are planning a party.
They're celebrating the 20th anni-
versary of the 3 Amigos art exhib-
it at the Country Club. Paintings
from Canadian artists, including
seascape artist Jonn Einerssen,
Vancouver native Brent Heighton
and Chris MacClure himself, will
be on display. All three artists
have quite the expat following.

The party will be actually two
parties, held at the Old Town
gallery in San Jose, on Alvaro Ob-
regon street. The parties will be
from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on January
25th and February 1st, during San
Jose's Thursday night art walk.
Oh, and Marilyn says there will
be cake, yet another reason to go.

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She was hazy on the adult bever-
age situation.

Start training The next Iron-
man 70.3 competition will take
place in Los Cabos – mostly in
San Jose – on Saturday, Novem-
ber 4. Registration is now open.
The cost is $300 if you register
before March 1, for more infor-
mation visit www.ironman.
com. Yeah, this is our very early
warning system. And, some of
you couch potatoes are going to
need 10 months to practice put-
ting one foot in front of another,
so get on it.

Half marathon coming up
This race has three categories: the
half marathon and 5k and 10k
races. It will take place on Sunday,
February 11 starting at the main
plaza in downtown San Jose, and
continue through downtown, the
hotel zone and along the San Jose
marina.

Participants' kits can be
picked up on Saturday, February
10th at the Holiday Inn in San Jose
from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. To
sign up, visit their website, www.
loscaboshalfmarathon.com.

My daughter Daniella will be
participating, so I will see you
there!

Another party! The 6th An-
nual San Jose Jazz Weekend will
take place February 16th and 17th
at Plaza Del Pescador, across from
the Cabo Azul resort in the San
Jose hotel area. There will be live
bands performing from 5:00 to
11:00 p.m. each night. Listen to
the musicians while enjoying din-
er at one the various restaurants
in the strip mall. They close down
one side of the street so they can
set up extra tables on the pave-
mant and erect a stage. It’s best
to reserve your table in advance

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Who needs the United States?

Mexican exports to Canada placed fourth in Canada overall, Statistics Canada has revealed.

The trade balance between both countries remains favorable to Mexico. During most of the last year, Mexico kept a favorable trade balance with Canada that in average reached 1.5 billion dollars each month, Statistics Canada said.

The main Mexican exports to Canada were machinery and mechanical appliances, electrical equipment and accessories related to sound systems. Mexico also exports to Canada equipment related with aircrafts, vessels and transport vehicles.

Mexican horticulture, including plants, trees, bulbs, roots, flowers, edible oils, fruits and citrus, coffee, spices, cereals, medicinal plants and oil fruits also were important to Canada.

Hey, who moved our cheese?

Both Spain and Mexico are claiming marketing and naming rights to manchego cheese. Spain's is sheep's cheese from central Spain; Mexico's manchego cheese is a softer cow's milk product, usually used to stuff quesadillas, rather than savored with a glass of Rioja.

This bruha ha is holding up progress as the European Union negotiates a new trade deal with Mexico.

The reason for this argument is it holds the key to sales to the US market, where Mexican producers currently hold a dominant position. Spain wants in.

How do you feel about orange?

You better like it, if you live in San Luis Potosi, on the mainland. The mayor's urban improvement program is making sure that Pantone 116, the official color of the political party PRD, of which the mayor is a member, is splashed all over the city.

Ricardo Gallardo took office in October 2015 and a year later began giving the state capital a flood of orange.

Footbridges, lampposts, walls, planters, parks, schools and even whole housing projects are now painted in the exact same color as the political party.

The mayor is defending this by claiming his goal is to employ young gang members and improve urban areas in marginalized neigh-

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Take Advantage Of Advanced Health Care
Mexico is way ahead of the U.S. in some ways

BY B.A.WARE

Dr. Victor Ocegueda, medical director of PRmedia, specializes in regenerative medicine and his best tools in this specialty are ozone therapy, hyperbaric therapy, and chelation. We are going to explain each of these to you so you can determine if you can benefit from any of these procedures which many people have found life changing. The next step would be to make an appointment for an evaluation with Dr. Ocegueda. These therapies are expertly and legally performed right here in Spa Cielo in San Jose.

Ozone therapy has been studied and used for more than a century. Its effects are proven, consistent, and safe to treat conditions treated with hyperbaric oxygen therapy include serious infections and wounds that won’t heal as a result of diabetes or radiation injury. It is excellent for anemia, brain abscess, burns, crushing injury, gangrene, infection of skin or nonhealing wounds, such as a diabetic foot ulcer, radiation injury, skin graft, and vision loss. In a hyperbaric chamber, the air pressure is increased to three times higher than normal air pressure, increasing the amount of oxygen your blood can carry. Under these conditions, your lungs can gather more oxygen than would be possible breathing pure oxygen at normal air pressure.

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy typically is performed as an outpatient procedure and doesn’t require hospitalization. In PRMedica’s three person hyperbaric oxygen room such as at Spa Cielo, it kind of looks like a large hospital room, and you may sit or lie down. For most conditions, you hang out about two hours in this room, so bring a magazine. Members of your health care team will monitor you and the therapy unit throughout your treatment.

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is often used as part of a comprehensive treatment plan and administered with other therapies and procedures that fit your individual needs.

Chelation therapy is used to remove heavy metals from the body. Chelation has a long history and is valuable for some very specific medical treatments.

Chelation therapy is the preferred treatment for metal poisoning, including acute mercury, iron, arsenic, lead, uranium, plutonium and other forms of toxic metal poisoning. It may be administered intravenously, or under your skin, or orally, depending on the agent and the type of poisoning you have. You can get this poisoning by means such as eating sea food that has mercury, or drinking water that we’re finding to have more arsenic than is healthy for us. For the most common forms of heavy metal – lead, arsenic, or mercury – a number of chelating agents are available. These drugs work by binding to heavy metals in the body. They are CONTINUED ON PAGE 11
It’s Whale Season! And you can see them from our pool!

It’s a new year and we are all optimistic about growth and improvements on the East Cape. There are lots of new projects, land for sale and homes to buy. The roads are in good condition with pavement on the coast road. At Vidasoul, we keep adding to our services and have increased the product line in our tiendita to cheeses and deli items, wine, beer, cigarettes, homemade pastries.

Friday mornings from 9-11 will be the organic market offering locally grown organic vegetables, homemade salsa and desserts, cheeses, and crafts from local artists. We welcome new vendors.

We have some events coming up, starting with Brian Flynn’s band on Saturday, February 3. Brian will be playing with Jay Johnson, Grammy award winner Terry Townson and Carlos Villalobos, starting at 7:00 pm.

Our hotel sits on a beautiful stretch of beach in Vinorama, half way between Puerto Los Cabos and Cabo Pulmo. From our hotel there are many activities to enjoy, surf to the South of us Punta Perfecta, Nine Palms and Shipwreck’s and to the North diving and snorkeling at Los Arbolitos and Cabo Pulmo. In the hooler months, bicycling can be fun or a day trip to Santiago for the falls and hot springs. For the off-roaders, it is quite an adventure.

The Crossroads Country Club restaurant is celebrating its 15th year in business from a palapa and a wooden box on the beach, to the beautiful restaurant it is today. Our food is great and we accommodate all diets.

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WHERE CAN WE RECYCLE...

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There’s also Yo Reciclo, an organization that hosts monthly recycling events in Cabo and San Jose. If you have a lot of recycling, and a lot of different items that you can’t drop off at usual recycling stations, this is something to check out.

From 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month, Yo Reciclo sets up tents to receive clear glass bottles, metals, plastics (except Styrofoam), thick cardboard, computer equipment (except monitors), small home appliances (except TVs), cell-phones and accessories, edible vegetable oil, ink cartridges and toners of HP, Samsung and Xerox printers.

In San Jose, Yo Reciclo sets up at Avenida Copa Mexico (outside of the basketball court, next to the stadium). In Cabo, you can find them at the parking lot of the baseball stadium. Email@yoreciclo.org.mx for more information.

Now that you know where to go, there’s no excuse to keep throwing away your water bottles, beer cans and whatever else you’ve been tossing out.

WHAT’S THE DEAL WITH THE...

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enough water for new construction and new residents.

We asked Rene Nunez, the general director of Oomsapas, the water and sewage department here in Los Cabos, what the future holds for our water supply. Nunez is also a former mayor or Los Cabos.

Q. Will water rates go up in 2018?

A. No.

Q. When do you think Cabo will be trouble free as far as water is concerned?

A. Approximately three to four years.

Q. Why three to four years?

A. Because we are going to start building a new desalination plant in Cabo, which will take three to four years to build.

Q. Who is going to build and operate the new plant? I ask because the first desalination plant, which was built in 2007, has had many problems.

A. Yes, the plant has had many problems, but those problems have been solved. We will not be using the Spanish company that operates the original desalination plant. We are now in the process of taking bids from five other companies, which are located throughout the world.

Construction time will be three to four years, which is the time given by the federal government to build the plant. However, the plant is scheduled to be operating in three years. The plant will be operated by the winning bidder, but will be built by a combination of three Mexican construction companies.

Q. Where will the new desalination plant be built?

A. It will be build right next to the first desalination plant, which is located by Diamante Resort on the Pacific side. A third desalination plant is scheduled to be built in five years, and by 2040 we are going to have 11 desalination plants in Cabo.

Q. How many people was the desalination plant built to serve?

A. 80,000 people. The desalination plant supplies the Mesa Colorado barrio, the Los Cangre.

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Artists’ Studio Tour
In Los Barriles
Check out behind the scenes, meet new peeps, have fun, and oh yes, score something original

BY ART MAJOR

It is often said you can tell a lot about a person from their work space. What if that person is an artist? Do you see their inspiration in their studio? Can you get a feel for who the artist is by their studio? Well, your chance to find out is Wednesday, February 7, from 10am – 4pm.

About 15 studios/homes all in the Los Barriles area, will be flung open to the curious who pony up just $5 Gringo bucks.

And to sweeten the pot, many of the homes will showcase the art of more than one artist, as some go into cahoots in one location. That means you will have the opportunity of seeing the work of about 30 different artists altogether.

Artists work in fabric, jewelry, bead or soft goods medium, oil and water color paintings, ceramic and pottery and wood or rocks.

Artists include Mary Naylor (artist for the poster), Elizabeth Perkins who work in silver and precious stone jewelry, Victoria’s Sunny Dresses with her clothing, Steven King, (the artist, not the author), Christine Kenck Design and her Mexican folkloric sewn creations, Michele Melehes with her up-cycled indigenous Guatemalan clothing to contemporary clothes, Tessa Nisbet custom knits, Dianne Wright and her ceramic chickens, Tehroma Lask art, and Chris Rogers jewelry. And there are more.

There will be many new stops on the tour this year with new studios showcasing tile art, nature art, cards and custom candles and handmade chocolates.

Over the last seven years, the artist studio tour has become a favorite event for many in the Baja Sur. Friends meet and tour the homes while enjoying drinks or treats many of the artists set out. You linger, visit, shop and snack. You can also see many of the artists in action as they work right there in front of you.

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Stem Cells: An Alternative to Knee Replacement?

By Dr. Dick

Most of the parties will be private, but a limited number of tickets will be for sale through their website, www.omnialoscabos.com.

The best place to visit The New York times named The East Cape and the Los Cabos corridor as one of the 52 best places to visit. Mentioned in the article are the Chileno Bay resort, Acre restaurant in San Jose and the Four Seasons at Costa Palmas, even though that won’t be open until later this year. Well, does that suggest these things are all rigged to push the big names?

Los Cabos was number 11 on the list, following places like New Orleans, Colombia, Glasgow, Scotland, Cincinnati, the Gangwon Province in South Korea and the Route of Parks in Chile. South Korea? Who goes to Korea? Oh, the Olympics are coming up.

Bloomberg also listed Los Cabos as one of its 22 top places to visit. The Four Seasons at Costa Palmas must have a hell of a PR agency, because it was mentioned in this article as well, along with the Ritz Carlton’s high-end Zadun resort. The $50 million airport renovation at Los Cabos International also got a nod. No mention of the less than spiffy restrooms at the airport.

New kids in town The first newborn baby whales of the season have been spotted at Ojo de Liebre lagoon, which is north of Los Cabos. According to experts, there will be 650 new baby whales born in the area by the end of April. (Who becomes an expert on how many baby whales are born and why do they make that career choice?)

A total of 2,000 whales including the newborns are expected to winter here. They will travel back to Alaska in the spring, a 7,000 mile round trip, just to bask in our warm waters.

Hey, restaurant owners! We have learned that credit card cloning is rampant in Cabo.

The sting goes somewhat like this: The clones convince a rogue waiter to let them take a credit card processing machine home for the night and return it the next day. A hundred dollars is the usual payment for this sell out of their boss. All the credit card information that has been processed that day on that machine will be stolen before they bring it back the next morning. Better check those statements, but that doesn’t always tell you everything, as the thieves will often not use your info for several days, weeks, or even months.

The band of bad guys are Romansians, the politically correct name for gypsies. A couple of them were caught but they bought off the courts, and are back in business. No wonder the police don’t bust their bums.

Convention center opening soon Or so they say. Genaro Ruiz, the state’s secretary of tourism, said the new management company hired to run the Los Cabos Convention Center is currently working to repair the damage.

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borhoods of the city. The goal of the Gallardo administration is to paint half a million square feet of public buildings and housing.

Known locally as the “yellow wave”, the color is even found on official vehicles, the official website and the clothing of government officials, who have been seen wearing yellow vests to work.

Uh oh, Pemex, the national oil company that can’t shoot straight, is now importing gasoline. For many years they have sent raw oil across the border to be refined and sent back, but now they’re not even pretending to keep up with demand at home for their oil.

In October, Andeavor was the first company to import gasoline into Mexico, shipping fuel from its facility in Ancarote, Washington, to a Pemex facility in Rosarito, Mexico actually has more oil in the ground economically.

Start stockpiling! Everything. Inflation reached a 17-year-high of 6.77% last year, its highest level since May 2001 when it reached 6.95%, according to the National Statistics Institute, Inegi. The Mexican treasury is wringing its collective hands over it, as their target was 3%.

Inflation spiked at the beginning of the year following a massive fuel price increase. Since then, higher fruit and vegetable prices have been another factor that contributed to the problem. On average, their cost rose 17.5% last month. The price of tomatoes experienced the biggest hike last month, increasing by 42.9%, followed by zucchini which rose by 26.8%. Well, we can all live without zucchini, can’t we?

On the other hand, onions and cucumbers all decreased in price last month. Onions and pickles, yup, we can struggle along with that on our hamburgers.

Now this is payroll padding 8,000 government employees in Oaxaca are about to lose their jobs because the state’s Health Secretariat is grossly overstaffed, says the state’s new health secretary, Juan Díaz. This cost the state about US $259 million annually. About 44% of the 18,000 people employed by the Health Secretariat will be chopped.

Governor Alejandro Murat has stated that he inherited an inflated payroll from his predecessor, Gabino Cué and the situation is affecting the operations of the state’s hospitals.

“We’re going to restructure, and those who are not needed will have to go, because the Secretariat of Health will not be the Secretariat of Employment. Its mission is to offer health, not employment.”

Reserves than the US, they just can’t figure out how to get it out of the ground economically.

Yee gods! The U.S. State Department has approved the sale of $98 million worth of missiles and other military equipment to Mexico. Does Trump know about this? This is part of his deal making for “anything for a buck” program.

Turns out the Mexican government had requested to buy six Harpoon Block II surface launched missiles, 23 tactical missiles and six lightweight torpedoes. And related equipment. What is related to missiles, I don’t know, I’m only a cat. But it’s unlikely they’re talking about pea shooters.

Mexico harbors the most missile and space launches in South America. In December, ExxonMobil was the first company to import fuel via rail on Pemex’s infrastructure. The company introduced fuel via rail into Mexico without depending on Pemex, the national oil company.

Mexico actually has more oil reserves than the US, they just can’t figure out how to get it out of the ground economically.

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Calendar of Performing Arts

**CABO SAN LUCAS**

**CULTURAL PAVILION** Downtown next to the marina. Every Thursday, 7:00 pm. **Pavilion’s Movie Club.** A different movie every Thursday. Sometimes in English, sometimes other languages with Spanish subtitles. Free. January 25. Walking Distance. (2015). An urban fairytale about Fede, a man who weighs 400 pound, which make it difficult to leave his house. When he finds an old photographic film, he decides to have it developed and leave his house. All audiences. English with Spanish subtitles.

February 1. Metropolis. (1927). In a futuristic city sharply divided between the working class and the city planners, the son of the city’s mastermind falls in love with a working class prophet who predicts the coming of a savior to mediate their differences. English or/and German with Spanish subtitles.

February 8. The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari. (1920). Hypnotist Dr. Caligari uses Cesare, a patient who sleepwalks, to commit murders. Directed by Robert Wiene. English or/and German with Spanish subtitles.

February 15. Thursday. 7:00 pm. Run Lola Run. (1998). After a botched money delivery, Lola has 20 minutes to come up with 100,000 Deutschmarks. Lola pounds the pavement and racks her brain to save her lover from danger. English or/and German with Spanish subtitles.

February 22. Thursday. 7:00 pm. The Life of Others. (2006). In 1984 East Berlin, an agent of the secret police, conducting surveillance on a writer and his lover, finds himself increasingly absorbed by their lives. English or/and German with Spanish subtitles.

**Maroma Reading Club.** Books available. More info and special activities with Nixania email: idavictoriagallery.com/events. Every Wednesday. 8:30 pm. **Vagabond Movie Club** presents a different artsy movie in the original languages with Spanish subtitles. Short films and art videos before the movie.

**January 25. Thursday. 8:30 pm. Lady Bird.** (2017). Christine “Lady Bird” McPherson fights against her wildly loving, deeply opinionated and strong-willed mom, a nurse working tirelessly to keep her family afloat after Lady Bird’s father loses his job. English with Spanish subtitles.

February 1. Thursday. 8:30 pm. **The Florida Project.** (2017). The Florida Project tells the story of a precocious six-year-old and her ragtag group of friends whose summer break is filled with childhood wonder, possibility and a sense of adventure, while all living in the shadows of Disney World. English. Free.

**February 8. Thursday. 8:00 pm.** **Cabo Marina.** Every Saturday at 7:00 pm. Books available and circus drama style reading. Everyone is invited to dance. Spanish. Free.

**February 22. Thursday. 7:00 pm.** **CABO MARINA.** Every Saturday. 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Arts exhibits, live music, children’s workshops. Free entrance. At the Cabo marina, next to Solomon’s Landon restaurant. Spanish with some help in English. Free.

**MACONDO BOOKSTORE AND CULTURAL CENTER.** New Location at Hidalgo St. and Blvd Marina, left side of the street. The building with a ship’s bow coming out of the wall.

Every day from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm Happy hour (beers 20 pesos) with live music. Spanish with some help in English.

Every Tuesday. 5:00 pm. Literature reading sometimes with the author, sometimes with special guests. Spanish with some help in English. Free.

Every Wednesday. 8:00 pm. **Movie Club.** With selected movies. Every month a different theme. In the original language or Spanish. Fee.

Every Thursday. 8:00 pm. Trova and Bohemian LatinAmerica music. Spanish with some help in English. Free.

Every Friday. 7:30 pm. **Rock Bands encounter.** Different rock groups playing together, sometimes a real battle of the bands. Spanish with some help in English. Free.

**February 8. Thursday. 8:00 pm.** **Jazz Night.** Spanish with some help in English. Free.

**CERRITO DEL TIMBRE.** Behind Las Guacamayas in downtown Cabo

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Top 3 Beachfront Developments In Los Cabos

BY SANDRA MORGAN

A few years ago, oceanfront land in the corridor was available at a reasonable price. Reasonable is a state of mind, just ask any economist. Well, I can tell you this, if you desire beachfront in the corridor today, it will be at a premium. And why not, if you consider the variables. Los Cabos is a perfect scenario of ideal. Add up those checks in the “for” column versus the checks in the “against” column and it is definitely lop-sided in the direction of the “For”.

Here are a few reasons: natural beauty, fishing, golf, sailing, yachting, ocean, sea, mountains, community, infrastructure, health care, low property taxes, friendly locals and ideal weather. The style of living in the Baja seeps slowly and deeply into your new relaxed lifestyle. Here we present the very best of the oceanfront communities.

1. El Dorado Golf & Beach Club

This Discovery Land Co. project was the first Mexican destination for the wildly successful developer of ultra-exclusive private communities. Mike Meldman purchased the oceanfront golf course from Sanchez Navarro at a ripe time when that money would go into further developing the massive Puerto Los Cabos Marina. What a fortunate mixture of opportunity, risk and reward. The immediate success of this high end concept single handedly changed the real estate market and raised the bar to high end private developments.

While the Pedregal has its appeal with its close proximity to CSL and cliff side vistas, and the Palmilla has its own style and flavor, El Dorado raised the bar for exclusive members only. The founding members were easily convinced to join his then latest private club. This gave El Dorado a financial boost and they immediately redesigned the Nicklaus course. The beachfront holes became 42 beach front lots ranging from 1/3 to a full acre. These custom homesite are now custom homes to a Who’s Who list of celebrities, pro athletes and CEO’s. The second and third row above the surf are perfectly elevated so every home and condo have an amazing view of white water, sea and coastline. Further expansion on the eastern side houses those steep colorful condo villas seen from the highway. Those lucky purchasers need not worry about traffic noise as there is a project currently underway to move Hwy 1 behind Cabo Real and El Dorado. The current road will become a private through way. The far west side adjacent to The Marquis is now being sculpted for the remaining first row.

The whole project is 540 acres with a mile of beachfront smack in the middle of the corridor. Service and amenities are stand out and a signature asset of Discovery Land Co. The sense of comfortable, casual exclusivity permeates at every turn from the men and women’s club lounges to the classic rock practice facility. The “members only” beach club, private day spa, fitness facility with a complete recreational and lifestyle concierge team will make your Cabo experience time well spent. Prices are startling by any standards. The reason is the combination of exclusivity, location and celebrated services. Not to mention the sense of well healed community that gives members a relaxed private club atmosphere that is truly legendary.

2. Twin Dolphin Los Cabos

This is a three part development on the iconic site of the former Twin Dolphin Hotel. As one of the original hotel sites Twin Dolphin housed the celebrity set with Elizabeth Taylor, Sophia Loren, Lucille Ball and Desi Arnez, Bing Crosby and John Wayne. Perhaps the best swimming beach in the corridor with the ever popular Bahia Santa Maria. A favorite of the day tour boats out of Cabo San Lucas a mere 6 miles away. The amazing Playa Viudas is their second beach that comprises the shoreline of this ocean front paradise. 15 years ago we were enjoying lunch at the original hotel after a run on their nature trail as we congratulated ourselves for moving to Baja. A couple years later the purchase was completed by the Ohana Group. The hotel was torn down, the nature

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For Sale By Owner?
How does that work? Or does it?

BY CAROL S. BILLUPS

I realize that an article on this topic by a local real estate broker is going to seem self-serving. However, before you leap into a FSBO deal on either side, it will pay to take these points into consideration.

If you are the buyer ask yourself “What do I know about Mexican law?” Mexican law is quite different than the laws of the U.S. and Canada. Further, per the Mexican constitution all commerce must be conducted in the Spanish language. It is imperative that you have a team looking after your best interests; even an honest private party seller might make a mistake that could cost you hundreds of thousands of dollars. Your real estate agent has a team of legal experts in place who will work to ensure your investment is safe and all paperwork and registrations are completed correctly and in accordance with the law. It is important to note that some developers have their own in-house legal team that will handle the closing. Still, it never hurts to have someone looking over their shoulders. Since traditionally the seller (or developer) pays the real estate agent it just makes sense for buyers to take advantage of the services of a professional.

If you are the seller it is also in your best interest to use a realtor. Granted, Cabo is a safe place. But still, would you leave your home open to the general public? When a property is put on the market prospective buyers must first view it in order to determine if they wish to buy. How will you handle the logistics of that? Who will vet the prospect, present the home, and lock it up securely after the showing? Of course, showing the property presumes that you’ve found interested parties. Are you prepared to advertise the property? Do you have access to other real estate agents who may have clients looking for something similar to what you are selling? Mexico doesn’t keep statistics on the financial benefits of using a professional but in the U.S. it has been proven that properties sold by a professional sell more quickly and for a higher percentage of asking price than those sold by the owner.

Unlike many parts of Mexico, Los Cabos is home to a strong multiple listing service organization. In addition to the database, our organization provides Operating Procedures and Policies that govern our behavior. In order to subscribe to the service all agents must agree to conduct themselves in accordance with our practices and ethics. With over 400 agents it is a strong and efficient tool that wise buyers and sellers will put to good use. When you list your property with one of our subscribers you are actually hiring all 400+ agents who also subscribe, as they will all have access to the information on your property via the FLEX MLS data base that contains every property from every agency. In addition, your agent can use the database to obtain the actual sales price for properties similar to yours which will help you set a realistic price and give you the number of days that property was on the market prior to receiving an accepted offer. Your agent will also help you with the proper offer contracts to protect all parties to the transaction.

Granted, my point of view is likely biased but I believe the benefits of using a professional realtor who is an MLS-BCS subscriber is to your benefit.

Carol Billups is Broker/Owner of Cabo Realty Pros, a general real estate firm in Cabo San Lucas. She has more than 16 years of experience in Mexican real estate, and serves on the Board of the Multiple Listing Service for our state. She can be reached at carolbillups@hotmail.com, or visit her website at www.caborealtypros.com.

Deborah Spagnol

Debby was raised in beautiful Vancouver, BC, and spent most of her working life in sales and customer service, making her a natural fit for the real estate industry.

With a thirst for knowledge and a love for challenges, she made the decision to attend UBC and study residential trading services. Since obtaining her license as a real estate agent she focused her efforts in the Fraser Valley while preparing for her long-term dream to relocate to Baja. Her first visit to Cabo San Lucas was in 1993 and like the Marlin she was hooked!

Enjoying vacations and getting to know the communities in Cabo and San Jose year after year, relocating and continuing her real estate career with Team Cabo Properties, Los Cabos came easy.

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She adds her goal is to provide every client she works with the best service possible by connecting her clients with superior real estate opportunities.

Debby is looking forward to assisting you in making your next move! Email: godebbygocabo@gmail.com, Phone: 624-165-3336.

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trail closed and the developers began sculpting the land. Public access to the two beaches continued as they slowly and meticulously reshaped the terrain over the next 10 plus years before offering the lots for purchase.

a) The Montage Los Cabos

Sitting front row on the half moon shaped Santa Maria Bay is the new Montage Los Cabos Hotel. With 122 guest rooms and suites, the vision expanded into a 714 suite work-of-art along the Playa Blanca and featuring 120 brand new villas and town homes. The Montage was built with a culture of unique and personal service. It is the vision of Montage to create a exceptional hotel experience. The Montage Los Cabos will open its doors in late 2018.

b) Club La Costa

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Third Annual Real Estate Conference in La Paz

Sorry you missed it, it was a big success

BY JOHN K. GLAAB, CIPS

The Baja California Sur Real Estate Association (ASPI) recently staged its third annual conference in La Paz. The theme, “Invest in Paradise” attracted over 300 attendees including a dozen or so from Los Cabos. The Congress covered two days starting with an ice breaker reception on Friday night. It was under the stars at the Costa Baja Resort and Spa beside the Bay of La Paz.

In addition to Secretary of Economic Development for BCS and the heads of several municipal departments such as the Public Registry of Property and the Property Tax office in La Paz, five members of the Executive Council of the Mexican Real Estate Professional Association traveled from various cities. Carlos Bucheli Derat was recognized as an industry pioneer. He was one of the first real estate Brokers in the state and the Founder of AMPI La Paz.

Rodrigo de Rios de Luna, Secretary of Economy, Environment and Human Resources for B.C.S. congratulated the real estate industry for its role in promoting tourism zones of Mexico. He said, “Our state was considered a leader of Mexican economic growth for the third Quarter of 2017. The growth rate of 4.6% outpaced all other states. Much of this resulted from growth in tourism and real estate development.”

One of the more popular sessions during the day was a panel on real estate law in Mexico. The panel member from Sonora reported the Economic Development web site lists not only those in the industry who are licensed, but a list of authorized instructors. The representative from Guadalajara reported that there are many ladrones (crooks), selling real estate and the law helps detect them. Karen de Anda, ABR Past President of ASPI La Paz, moderated the panel. She stressed the need for those doing in the tourism zones to have access to international education as an aid for dealing with foreigners, for brokers and Agents in the tourism zones of Mexico. She said, “Linda Neil of The Settlement Company® is able to teach courses presented by the National Association of Realtors®. One panel member advised against having the government control real estate education. “We have an education council”, he said.

Salvador Sacal, Vice President of the International Real Estate Federation (FISBCI) for the Americas made a presentation, “Selling Yourself.” Before commencing his speech, he commented on the law in his place of work, (Mexico City) and the possible pitfalls that need to be considered.

Victor Granados, President of AMPI La Paz officiated at the Closing Ceremony.

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Property Taxes In Mexico

BY NICK FONG

Are you about ready to retire? Or maybe you’re looking for a winter escape from the snowy cold winters in the United States and Canada. If so, Mexico is surely a place you are considering. Besides the great weather, Mexico is still just a few hours away from loved ones left behind.

Making any change requires a great deal of thought and planning. When it comes to purchasing a retirement or vacation home one of the first things to think about is what the costs of maintaining the residence are. In general, the cost of living in Mexico is much more economical than north of the border. And this especially pertains to property taxes.

The property tax on Mexican real estate is called predial. Compared with the U.S. the cost of the predial is quite reasonable. It is a local tax and payable yearly. The average is approximately 0.1% of the assessed value of the property at the time of sale.

If you are used to the average rates in the U.S. this is a huge difference. If you live in Hawaii (the lowest rate in the nation) you are paying .28%, in Iowa 1.7% and in Illinois a whopping 2.25%.

January in Mexico is more than pleasant weather. It is the time to pay property taxes to receive a discount. Mexican property taxes are like in most places used to operate local governments. As north of the U.S.-Mexican border there is a discount for paying the entire tax early. In Los Cabos, if we pay in January it is a 20% discount. Pay by the end of February and the discount is 10%. By the end of March the discount is only 5%.

If you are a senior citizen (over 60) and a permanent resident, you qualify for an Inapam card. This is a senior discount card and with that in hand you pay only 50% of the predial tax bill.

This said it is sometimes easier to say than to do. In Mexico property tax statements are not sent out in the mail. However, they are available online and with just the previous tax bill in hand you are able to pay at the proper office in person.

Now you can pay your Los Cabos Mexico Property taxes on line.

San Jose Del Cabo Featured Property

Costa Azul Condos

San Jose Del Cabo almost directly across from the famous Costa Azul surfing beach.

This property was built back in 1991 and is perched on the side of the hill overlooking the Palmilla bay and neighboring beaches. The owners are spoiled by the beautiful sunrises that come up while they’re having coffee on their terrace or chilling around the community pool. In 2016 famous surfer cutie Tia Blanco was hosted at one of these condos which made it easy for her to walk to Costa Azul beach where the surfing event was being held.

For more information on inventory contact Marty Ochoa at 6241171497 or martyochoa@gmail.com.

The website is in Spanish but it’s easy. Log on to www.eloscabos.gob.mx, click on Impuesto Predial (property taxes in Spanish).

Enter your Clave Catastral Number (tax ID number). You will find this number on your deed (Escrutura if you’re a national or Fideicomiso if you’re a foreigner).

The amount of tax due will be shown in PESOS.

Enter your card payment information and your credit card account will be debited at the exchange rate of the day.

For future reference, pay in January February or March and receive a big discount on your property taxes for early payment. It is now that simple!!! To sum it all up………the cost of your property taxes is not something you have to think about budgeting for year round. If you are making a list of the pros and cons of moving to Mexico……..put that item in the plus column.

By: Nick Fong of Los Cabos Agent, info@loscabosagent.com, 624-157-3170(cabo) 312-725-3664 (us).

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rooms it is expected to open May 2018. Superior services and amenities will be offered including wellness center, tennis, lawn activities and the Montage Spa. Two pools and a signature immersive children’s program called Paintbox will make this a family vacation resort. Multiple dining options will focus on local seafood and organic produce.

Meeting and convention facilities will be offered.

b) Montage Residences

Sitting directly above and behind the hotel will be 52 private Montage residences.

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Your Property Taxes Are Due

Reminder!

BY CHERYL MILLER

Attention all foreign property owners: Property taxes are now due. It’s January, and in La Paz and Los Cabos Counties payments are due now.

If you own property in the municipality of La Paz, which also includes property in Cerritos, Todos Santos, north of Las Barilles, your property taxes can be paid from about October and onwards for 2018. Payments are accepted at the municipal offices in La Paz or Todos Santos in cash or credit/debit card. La Paz does not have online payment services. So if you need assistance, contact your Realtor, closing agent or property manager today. If you pay your property taxes for the municipal of La Paz in October and November, you get a whopping 30% off! December drops to 10% and January, you owe the whole nut. Penalties and interest do start to accrue after February.

If you own property in the municipality of Los Cabos, your payment becomes due in January of 2018, about the 8th of the month. But, if you pay prior to January 31st, you receive a 20% discount. 10% in February and 5% in March. After April, penalties and interest will be levied. Property taxes in Los Cabos require the property tax payer to register their tax info prior to paying. This started January 2013. If you have not already registered, do so while you are visiting here. Or ask your closing agent or property manager for assistance.

Above is a recent photo on the door of Catastro, in Los Cabos which gives you specific info how to pay. If you need a factura, you or your property manager will need to stand in line. Believe it or not, the government, which requires facturas from businesses and rental properties for deductions, does not have in place as easy online system to request and receive your factura.

Ok, OK, I get it...Say What? (see photo above). So here it is translated, Line by line:

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(And to get a factura) Make a bank transfer or deposit or corresponding importation to get your credit onto your fiscal charge you should officially notify the offices of the Direction Municipal of this city, Recaudation of Rents in the reception area to validate this operation, and for this you need to present the following documents:

NOTE: In the Discount Months for the Property Taxes, you should present in the same month of the discount for each respective transaction. Present the original payment receipt for each respective payment for each Clave Catastral.

LIST OF BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS

Please reference the payment: ISABU/Predial/Zofomat/ Etc. Payment online: www.eloscabos.gob.mx

So if you do need an official tax receipt, or want to apply your Senior Discount, you must go to the offices anyway. Seems a little crazy in our day and age of internet payments...but, it’s Mexico!

Write these dates down... As a property owner in Mexico, this is one of the responsibilities! Remember to pay!

Happy Savings!

By Cheryl Miller, Broker, Baja Realty and Investment 624-122-2690, info@forsaleinbaja.com
Custom homesites are offered in Las Playas and Las Colinas. All homesites are elevated allowing extraordinary white-water views. Plenty of green spaces abound including an 18 hole putting course and outdoor play areas. This is another private community offering the very best in amenities and personalized services. The Santa Maria Beach Club offers bay front dining and bar services as well as a perfect place for sunbathing and aquatic adventures. A Fred Couples Signature Golf course is currently under construction.

3. Chileno Bay Club
Another remarkable master planned community with Golf thing they did was move the highway to make more ocean side lots and began to design the golf course. After running into cash flow problems and unfavorable market conditions they brought in Discovery Land company to take over. The 2008 US housing market crash undermined this perfectly great arrangement. Another US developer from Aspen, CO picked up the project, rearranged the masterplan and gave it another try that did not work out. Mike Meldman and Discovery Land Company decided they wanted another go at this gorgeous piece of paradise. One only needs to see the level of building activity to see this second marriage doing exceedingly well. After some more masterplan rearranging and the addition of the Auberge Resort they began the finishing touches to the infrastructure and golf course.

Today the course is completed. The Tom Fazio course has the whitest bunkers with the darkest green contrasting the desert tan against the blue of the sea. Their finished Beach Club has every amenity and sets the standard for all future exclusive beach clubs. Their Outdoor Pursuits team give expert guidance for all mountain and beach activities. The aquatic options give everyone regardless of skill something to explore. The reef has a rich biodiversity and sits right in front of the Chileno Bay Resort.

Phase one of the Chileno Bay Resort and Residences has nearly sold out and phase two is nearly completed. This is Auberge Resort’s second property after the lovely Esperanza a few miles west. The resort surrounds a huge tiered infinity pool that steps down to the desirable Chileno Bay beach, one of the choicest swimming beaches with outstanding snorkeling in all of Los Cabos. All the requisite beach toys are on site as well as bar, restaurant and lounge.

In summary: These are three of the most exclusive and expensive developments in North America. These represent the very finest developments for those international jet setters.

By Sandra Morgan of Broker of Cabo Finest Properties. Contact Sandra by cell: 624-115-2703 or at 624-104-3944. With so many amazing options for the less wealthy of us that want a piece of the Cabo lifestyle please visit our MLS listings at http://www.cabosfinest.com/mls/

Also opening May 2018 these single level luxury condos will have excellent views and access to all of the Montage Hotel amenities. Private dining is offered for in suite entertaining. Hiking and biking trails with access to desert, mountain and beaches will have you exploring this amazing location. Being in the middle of Los Cabos both towns are a short 10 minute drive.

c) Maravilla Los Cabos
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Let’s Get Out Of Cabo!
Beat you to the car

BY DAVID FLORES

There’s a big world just north of Cabo, and it’s all within an hour’s drive.
We’re talking about the small communities of Cerritos, Pescadero and Todos Santos, which was given the “Pueblo Magico” (Magic Town) designation by the Mexican government.

There is a vast array of real estate opportunities, restaurants, farm to table dining, orchards, palm tree groves, art galleries, condos, quaint B&Bs, larger hotels, and the well-known San Pedrito and Cerritos surf spots.

Driving from Cabo, you will find Jungle Pescadero, a bar, restaurant and petting zoo (and soon-to-be tiny hotel rooms passing as huts). That’s at Km. 69, on your right. A child’s petting zoo and a bar? Well, you’ve got to do something with the rug rats while you’re drinking. Park them in front of large, scary animals. Owners Kimberly and Carlos personally take care of everyone.

Continue on north, and at Km. 65 on your left you will see Cerritos Beach. You will know it by the big fancy house out on the point. Big. Fancy. Now open to the public. Hang a U when you see it, and backtrack two kilometers. Take a right at a dirt road with a small sign directing you to the Cerritos Beach Inn. It’s also a bar and a very good restaurant, right on the beach, and if you say hi to owner Jim Coulson, tell him we said it was OK to use his pool. But, don’t be a cheapskate, buy a drink.

Go back out to the four lane and at Km. 65 take a left heading towards the beach. There you will find tacos, pizzas, and great seafood at the Barracuda Cantina, where owners Dano and Karla serve some of the best fish tacos in Southern Baja. Dano calls himself a mixologist, but we’re pretty sure that means he’s a bartender of fancy drinks.

You can also try FreeSouls, a second floor restaurant owned by a Frenchie that comes with a small swimming pool.

There you will see a big wooden building that is the well-known Cerritos Beach Club. The owner has taken it private now, but practically anyone who calls can get in. It’s kinda expensive, and the service sucks, but Daline Jones, who sings there on Sunday afternoons, swears that it’s all better now that it’s private. You can’t beat the ambiance of a pretty jazz singer and the Cerritos surf break.

Go back to the paved road and turn left onto it, continuing on for another three kilometers. You are now in the small Pescadero community. On your right is the only paved street with a median. Drive in and about 300 yards on your left there’s Carlito’s Place. Now that’s a unique restaurant in an unexpected place. Excellent seafood, sushi, sashimi and now Chinese food. Owners Carlito and wife Brianda will surprise you with their food. It’s CONTINUED ON PAGE 28

If you haven’t visited Todos Santos yet, what are you waiting for? It’s just about an hour’s drive north of Cabo and full of good restaurants, shops and galleries.
Jose has 15 big wells that pump supplies 30% of Cabo’s water, the desalination plant is completed in three years.

Q. Where else does Cabo get its water?
A. The desalination plant supplies 30% of Cabo’s water, the rest comes from San Jose. San Jose has 15 big wells that pump water 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The water is sent through a pipe system that runs between Santa Anita and Cabo. (Writer’s note: According to Nunez and Vladimir Torres, the Oomsapas communications director, Cabo has one well, which is plagued by problems. They did not divulge what the problems are).

Oomsapas has been working on and off with Pedregal to buy excess water from the Gringo housing tract’s desalination plant to supply downtown Cabo. The company that built the Pedregal desal plant is Global H2O, and that plant has never had a problem.

Q. What are the biggest problems Oomsapas is facing?
A. That the people of Los Cabos are very uneducated on the conservation of water and many do not even know where the water comes from. We need to teach people how to conserve water. BCS is the driest state in Mexico, but also has the fastest growth in Mexico. The first desalination plant produces 200 liters of water per second. The new desalination plant will produce 250 liters of water per second. But the new desalination plant being built in Rosarito, in Baja California Norte, will produce 4,300 liters of water per second. (They hope to sell water to San Diego).

The other problem is the cost of running the desalination plants. The electric bill alone is more than $21,000 USD per month for the first desalination plant.

Q. Does San Jose have the same water shortage problems as Cabo?
A. No. San Jose has 15 wells pumping 24 hours a day and has a giant reservoir which is about 6,300 feet long, 650 feet wide and 260 meters deep; it is called the Vista Hermosa dam. It collects rain water coming out of the mountains and as of now it is almost at full capacity. They can pump out of the estuary.

(That fresh water estuary is why San Jose was founded back in the 1700s and is the largest body of fresh water in southern Baja. The water comes down from the hills behind us, where it rains frequently.

So, bottom line, if we just built a better system of pipes between the two towns, people in Cabo would not be getting fresh water to their taps only a few times a week.)

Q. Can you tell me how to calculate or read our water bill and how do we know if we are paying the right amount?
A. Our water bills are not standard. They vary depending on location, but the rates are the same for all those areas, which are divided into four tiers.

On your bill you should see the word “consumo.” The number in that box will tell you how many cubic meters of water you have consumed.

Category 1 is domestic or barrio area, 0-5 cubic meters of water is $24.12 pesos (about $1.25 USD).

Category 2 is for general residences, 0-5 cubic meters of water is $92.00 pesos ($4.80 USD).

Category 3 is commercial zones, stores, offices, etc., 0-5 cubic meters is $95.00 pesos ($5 USD).

Category 4 is industry and hotels, 0-5 cubic meters is $117.51 pesos (about $6 USD).
For more information on the show, contact them at eastcapearls@gmail.com or check out their facebook page Festival de Artes – Los Barriles.  

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stop on the tour featuring a sampling of 20 selected tour artists’ work for sale. Additionally, the Palapa Society’s child artists will be working in their “studio” with work on display.

On this self-guided tour, visitors can catch a glimpse of the creative and artistic energy of the Todos Santos artists. It is an amazing experience to drive down a dusty road and gain entry to a magical place that is only open to the public once a year. No matter what your taste, you will leave inspired by the art and conversation with the artist.

All proceeds benefit the children’s art programs at the Palapa Society of Todos Santos. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/todossantos-pedinistudiotour.

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Hurricane Odile caused almost four years ago. Sheesh, even for Mexico, that’s a long time to wait for repairs. The thing was built in 2002. Now that’s a long time to wait to market it. Sigh.

Ritz said the convention center will be up and running in the second quarter of this year, although he didn’t say whether or not we have already some meetings scheduled for the near future.

Many conventions are planned many years ahead. Like, five years ahead. So don’t hold your breath on anything too soon.

Resort changes hands The Mar Adentro resort in San Jose, which was designed and formerly owned by Mesi...
Monday to Saturday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Rancher’s market in Todos Santos. Featuring homemade products from rural areas. Artisanal cheeses, organic chicken and eggs, liqueurs and virgin honey, as well as handicrafts such as furniture made with regional woods, leather goods and clay pottery all made by ranchers’ hands. The Mercado (market), Todos Santos on Calle Morelos between Rangel and Cuauhtemoc inside the San Diego Feed Store.

Every Monday: 8:30 am. Pickleball in San Jose. Contact rondumbarton@gmail.com.

Every Tuesday: 8:00 am. Rotary Club at the Sheraton Hacienda del Mar resort. In the Chapel. Rotary Club at the Sheraton Hacienda del Mar resort. In the Chapel.

Every Tuesday: 8:00 am. Club Cactus Bike at La Playa del Pescador in San Jose, next to the town of San Jose. Call 624-165-3333 for more information.

Every Tuesday: 1:00 pm. Liga MAC’s used book club. At Plaza del Pescador in San Jose, next to the town of San Jose. Call 624-165-3333 for more information.

Every Tuesday: 4:00 pm. Yoga class at the Palapa District in downtown San Jose. Email info@yoreciclo.org.mx for more information.

Every Thursday: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. La Paz organic market. Postal Park, Constitución and Madero streets. Free.

Every Thursday: 1:00 pm. Children’s library open. At the Playa Grande Resort, above the Sports Bar, Cabo San Lucas.

Every Thursday: 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Art classes at the Palapa Society campus in Todos Santos. Free. Classes are free to children ages 6 and up, and each class is limited to 16 students.

Every Thursday: 6:00 pm. “Vino Con Elena,” a weekly book club featuring the works of author Elena Poniatowska. At Los Abades restaurant in Todos Santos.

First Thursday: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. YoReciclo sets up tents to receive clear glass bottles, metals, plastics (except Styrofoam), thick cardboard, computer equipment (except monitors), small home appliances (except TVs of all kinds), cellphones and accessories, edible vegetable oil, ink cartridges and toners of HF, Samsung and Xerox only, please. In San Jose at Centenario corner with Ildefonso Green. In Cabo San Lucas at the parking lot of the baseball stadium. Email info@yoreciclo.org.mx for more information.

Every Thursday: 8:00 am. Rotary Club breakfast. At the Playa Grande Resort, above the Sports Bar, Cabo San Lucas.

Every Thursday: 12:00 to 8:00 pm. Artisans Market at Maco Raspado (Vegetarian restaurant). On the road to the Hacienda Beach Resort (behind the Puerto Paraiso mall), across from the Marina Fiesta hotel.

Every Thursday: 5:00 to 11:00 pm. After Office. Live music and special promotions. At El Merkado, the Koral Center in Cerro Colorado.

Every Thursday: 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Art Walk. Visit different galleries; many serve free wine. Art district in downtown San Jose.

Every other Thursday: 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Art Walk. Visit different galleries; many serve free wine. Art district in downtown San Jose.

Salud (Super Health Night). Hosted by Puré Vida Health food store and restaurant in Todos Santos. Dinner with jambalaya, coleslaw, tomato and corn soup and cheesecake with fresh fruit and their famous cacao sauce. Wine & spirits available at an additional charge. $16 USD. All are welcome. RSVP. Contact Paul Van Vleck at pvvleck@mac.com or 612-204-4432.

February 6: 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. A night in old Mexico. To benefit students and families of the Liga MAC Scholarship program. Hotel Casa del Mar. Tickets at Peso Gordo art gallery, Palmilla Shoppes.

February 6-10: 7:00 p.m. Las Estrellas and Hotel Casa Tota present Kitchen Witches, a play by Caroline Smith. Tickets $15 USD. Visit facebook.com/LasEstrellasDeTodosSantos for details.

February 8-13: La Paz Carnival celebration. Location TBA. There will be food stalls and beer booths around, as well as live music every night.

February 15: 6:00 p.m. Country for Kids, a night of hope for a better future. Dinner, concert, live auction and dancing to benefit the Los Cabos Youth Center. At Acre bar & restaurant in San Jose. Information: www.imfdn.org or 612-274-9505.

February 16 & 17: 6th Annual San Jose Jazz Weekend. At Plaza El Pescador, across from the Cabo Azul resort in the hotel area. Live bands on stage both days, from 5:00 to 11:00 pm. Enjoy a national and international musicians while enjoying dinner at the various restaurants in the strip mall. Information: www.plazadelpescador.com or on their website.

March 9-11 & 14-17: 7.00 p.m. The Baja Shake Up, a musical spoof on Woody Allen’s comedy Bullets Over Broadway. All shows at the Hotel Buena Vista Beach Resort’s Convention Center. Tickets are $20 at Baja Homes & Land or Galeria Los Angeles. Will call, 624-141-0314 or email nanatembden@gmail.com. For all details, facebook.com/pages/BajaShakespeare/220397878011557

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Baby Jesus And Tamales
How Mexicans celebrate the upcoming holiday of Candlemas

BY ALEJANDRA SARACHAGA

If, on January 6th (Three Kings Day), you lucked into being served the plastic baby Jesus that was hidden inside every King’s Cake, then listen up, here’s what you need to do. Tradition is that if you got the plastic baby, then you must host a party where only tamales are served.

And no, you don’t get to choose the date of your party, that’s already set. It’s February 2nd, which is Candlemas. Regardless of your Ground Hog day plans, this is the way Candlemas goes down:

This holiday commemorates the presentation of Jesus to the temple. On this day, people bring their images or figures of the Christ child to church to be blessed. These figures are elaborately dressed, traditionally in christening gowns. Afterwards, tamales and atole (a traditional Mexican drink) are shared, both of which are purchased or made by whoever found the miniature Jesus in the cake on January 6.

Candlemas (or “Día de la Candelaria” in Spanish) celebrates three occasions, according to Christian belief: the presentation of the Christ child; Jesus’ first entry into the temple; and the Virgin Mary’s purification (this is mainly celebrated in Catholic churches).

Candlemas primarily focuses on Jesus’ early life. Many Christians believe that Jesus’ mother Mary presented him to God at the temple in Jerusalem after observing the traditional 40 day period of purification following his birth (the purification was for her, not Jesus). According to the New Testament, a Jewish man named Simeon held the baby in his arms and said that he would be a light for the Gentiles (Luke 2:32). It is for this reason that this event is called Candlemas. (Candle, light, get it?)

And, considering that many Christians consider Jesus the “light of the world,” it is fitting that candles are also blessed on this day, and that a candlelit procession precedes the mass.

According to some sources, Christians began Candlemas in Jerusalem as early as the fourth century, and the lighting of candles began in the fifth century. Other sources say that Candlemas has been observed by blessing candles since the 11th century. An early writ-

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Cabo San Lucas

On the Pacific side of Cabo, the fishing has continued to offer some sensational catches. Some of the fleet fishing at the Finger Bank found the billfish were all but jumping into the boats for the anglers. There were feeders all over the area that were easy to spot, as the huge bird flocks hovered over the bait schools that were driven to the surface by feeding billfish in every direction and they were quite eager to bite. It was a light-tackle fisherman’s dream!

And, if a fish happened to get away, it was very easy to get another bite, as well as to stay in the action all day long.

With the great weather plus the great sea conditions, the 50-mile trip to the Finger Bank has been a snap. Back closer to Cabo, dorado have been the dominant catch for many of the anglers; in addition, there have still been a good scattering of marlin to be caught.

Just a few miles off the tip, roosterfish, jacks and sierra mackerel were a welcome winter bonus for both the fly and light tackle anglers.

Cabo Climate: There have been some scattered clouds on some days recently with other days sunny and clear. The daytime temperature has been on average 80 degrees and nights at 63.7 degrees with humidity averaging 56.28%.

Sea Conditions: Nearly flat-calm seas throughout the area with a gentle surface breeze from the westerly direction at about 7 mph. Sea temps from the Finger Bank and southerly across the Golden Gate and Jaime Banks have all been at 74 to 75 degrees. Cabo Falso to Gorda Banks and 15 miles above, all have been about 75 to 77 degrees.

Best Fishing Area: The Finger Bank, by far, has been the best fishing area with marlin feeders in every direction with El Faro/Cabo Falso, Jaime Bank and Pozo Corta all offering an occasional marlin.

Best Bait/Lure: At the Finger Bank, almost anything that moved got bit, and the in the other areas, rigged bait and live bait both were getting bit.

Bait Supply: Plenty of live bait is available at the $3.00 per bait rate and mackerel can still be replenished at the Gate Bank and the Finger Bank.

Puerto Los Cabos

Water temperature is now in the 73- to 75-degree range, as a cooling trend has continued. The inshore areas are no longer as clean and blue; they are more greenish as the current starts to push in.

There have been ample live sardina and caballito available. The larger baitfish, caballito, is being found inside the marina area, while sardina have been schooling along the rocky beach stretches from Palmilla to Cabo Real. Offshore from the hotel zone there were concentrations of mackerel and sardineta.

The main target species continue to be dorado and yellowfin tuna. Recently, the yellowfin tuna action has been great, with drift fishing with fly-lined bait being the main technique that has been producing 15 to 25 pound fish.

More recently, the action has rolled over to more skipjack showing as the winds increase.

Dorado action has been good even though most of the dorado are not giants, averaging from only 5 to 15 pounds. They have been found in smaller-sized schools along with the yellowfin tuna, as well as closer to shore, more often within a mile of the beach. They have been hitting a variety of baitfish, with a smaller percentage being caught on trolled lures.

Wahoo action has slowed, with only a handful of these fish hooked recently. The combination of cooling currents, the water becoming greener and it being very late in the season now, are all factors.

The billfish action off San Jose has come to a standstill, and the greener water has seemed to be a factor.

Along the shoreline, there were more juvenile-sized roosterfish showing. Anglers are encouraged to release these smaller fish at every possible chance.

Bottom fishing is beginning to show better signs of producing, though strong currents are still plaguing the preferred areas. The best catches were made in waters ranging from 60 to 120 feet using a variety of baitfish, with a leopard grouper, yellow snapper, surgeon fish, amberjack, bonito, trigger fish, barred pargo and dogtooth snapper.

East Cape

Local anglers have been enjoying sunny days that are still a bit chilly in the mornings. With the calm mornings and breezy afternoons, and temperatures ranging from a low of in the 60s a high bumping on 80 degrees, as well as a 70+ degree sea temp, it certainly sounds better than the weather wherever you come from.

However, the north wind is always a factor this time of year and visitors can expect a few windy days along with wind waves that can pound the beaches.

On the calm days you can still find a decent mix inshore of both small dorado and sierra, as well as a few grouper, plus a few yellowtail on the pinnacles outside of the entrance to the Marina in La Ribera.

Offshore, with few boats looking, it is hard to determine the quantity of billfish or even whether a yellowfin might be traveling under the porpoise farther out.

La Paz

Not many folks have been fishing here recently, which is typical now that the holidays are over. Most of the holiday visitors have left and the town is mellow once again, not that it has ever been a factor.

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Fish Killer Of The Week

Larry Friesen, a retired firefighter from British Columbia, brought in this haul while fishing from La Playita recently. He caught dorado, rooster fish, sierra, yellow fin tuna, and lots of bonito that were all returned to the sea.
Authentic homemade tamales are something magical. It’s a dish that’s been passed down through the generations, starting before Mexico was colonized. Although many Central American countries say tamales are endemic to their region, none of them have the diversity in tamales that we do. We have up to 5,000 different recipes for tamales.

Archeological evidence shows that tamales were a part of day-to-day life in most Mexican cultures. They appeared in religious rituals, offerings and tombs. In the case of the Mayans, there are rituals, offerings and tombs. In that sense, tamales were a part of everyday life in most Mexican cultures.

The estimated consumption of tamales in Mexico reaches the hundreds of millions each year. Tamales are so popular that one of the most famous Mexican sayings goes like this: “When you are born to be a tamale, the corn husks fall out of the sky for you.” Which roughly translates to saying that there is no way you can escape your destiny, or fate favors whoever is working toward their life’s mission.

Tamales are also part of our cuisine, but especially so during the Candlemas holiday. Tamales are always an important part of Mexican culture, but especially so during the Candlemas holiday. 

The recipe is long and takes a while, but tamales are easy to make once you get the hang of them. They’re heartwarming, traditional, delicious and well worth the effort.

**INGREDIENTS**

**For the pork filling:**
- 16 medium dried guajillo and/or ancho chiles, stemmed, seeded and torn into rough pieces (soak the chiles in warm water before you seed them)
- 4 tomatillos
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
- ½ tsp. ground black pepper
- ¼ tsp. ground cumin
- ½ lbs. of lean boneless pork (shoulder or butt works well), cut into ½-inch cubes
- 2 T powdered chicken stock

**For the batter:**
- 2¼ cups of pork lard, melted
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 7 cups of maize flour (look for Maseca at the grocery), mixed with ¾ cups hot water
- 2½ cups chicken stock
- 1 large package of dried corn husks (find these at any supermarket)

**PREPARATION**

**For the husks:**

For each tamale:
- 1 large package of dried corn husks
- 2 T chicken stock

Soak the husks:
- Fill a large pan (I like to use a roasting pan), add the wet maize husks (find these at any supermarket) and cover with 4½ cups hot water
- Bring the liquid to a boil
- Reduce the heat to a smooth simmer
- Keep the liquid reduced to the consistency of a thick sauce, about an hour and a half

Now, scoop out about two tablespoons of the pork mixture and spread it down the middle of the batter. (Ice cream scoopers are great for portioning, but you should use a small one unless you want huge tamales.)

In the upper, wider portion of the husk, spread the batter to the size of about a post card. You don’t need a thick layer of batter, it will expand as it steams.

Fold over the right third of the husk, then fold in the left side.

Fold the batter:
- Place the uncooked tamales in a large lidded pot with a metal steamer basket. Add the tamales:
- Channel your inner Mexican abuelita and have patience. Take a corn husk and pat dry with a dish towel.
- Flatten the husk and use a spoon to scoop out about ¼ cup of the batter. (Ice cream scoopers are great for portioning, but you should use a small one unless you want huge tamales.)
- Fold the open, wider portion of the husk, spread the batter to the size of about a post card. You don’t need a thick layer of batter, it will expand as it steams.
- Fold over the right third of the husk, then fold in the left side. Fold up the bottom, leaving the top open.
- Place the uncooked tamales on a large baking sheet, folded side down! That is very important. Steaming the tamales: You will need a large lidded pot with a metal steamer basket.

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Duck!

Another Mexican Holiday Is Coming Up. Didn’t we just have six weeks of Christmas?

BY ALEJANDRA SARACHAGA

Woohoo! Us Mexicans are getting ready for our first long weekend of the year. We celebrate the proclamation and signing of our constitution on February 5th, which is a Monday. Constitution Day (Día de la Constitución) is a federal public holiday in Mexico, so banks, schools, government offices and many businesses (including this rag’s offices) are closed. Our boss is too cheap to pay the three times higher wages for the holiday.

Up until 2006, the day was always celebrated on February 5th. However, following the new labor law, the holiday is now observed on the first Monday of February, to assure a three day weekend. Festivals, picnics, music concerts and street celebrations are part of the festivities that take place throughout Mexico on Constitution Day.

In some states of Mexico, the sale of liquor is banned three days prior to the holiday, up until the day itself. Exchanging of gifts and pleasantries is not uncommon on Constitution Day, as this is one of the country’s most important holidays.

The current constitution of Mexico had several predecessors, including a constitution that was established in 1857. This most recent constitution was drafted in central Mexico, following a revolution that started in 1910. It was a long revolution and the new constitution was approved by the on February 5th, 1917. It has been amended almost 500 times in those 101 years. In comparison, the US constitution has been amended 27 times. The Mexican version included significant social reforms to labor laws and provided for equality without discrimination, among other reforms. It placed emphasis on land reforms and fair land distribution among the poor.

Both the Mexican and the US constitutions are the products of the cultures which produced them and the times in which they were drafted. Here we do a little comparison, just to give you a frame of reference to better understand the Mexican document.

The Mexican constitution is longer than the US constitution, for several reasons. The Mexican constitution spells out in detail many legal principles, including the responsibilities of local governments. For example, it stipulates that the government of a municipio (more or less equivalent to a county) has to operate a slaughterhouse for livestock. Mexico has a European Civil...

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you will find the kind of new, but already famous, Jazamango restaurant. It’s owned by Chef Javier Plascencia of Mission 19 in Tijuana and Cocina de Raiz in San Diego. Chef Plascencia was named San Diego Eater’s Best Chef. The restaurant is literally surrounded by an orchard. Ex-
pect good food; we like the steak sizzled over an open fire. There is also a bike rental, and you can peddle seven miles of dirt trails.

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The Oasis, which used to be Dana’s Diner, is near the corner of the highway and the Beanery’s road. Owner Cyndi Williams just suffered a bad fire to her palapa roof, but the plucky restauranteur/Realtor/firefighter is back in business in the back-
yard. She serves good old fashion-
ioned American comfort food. Continuing drive north for about 15 minutes and you will be entering the magic town of Todos Santos, home of the famous Hotel California (no connection to the Eagle’s song, despite their best efforts to promote that with T-shirts). In a marketing ploy, Mexico has designated more than 100 towns as magic. To qualify, a city must demonstrate a mix of historical, cultural and aesthetic qualities, so these are very special, and for sure worth a visit.

As you enter Todos Santos, take the first paved street to the right and go to the end of it.
Aragonés, will now be known as Viceroy Los Cabos, operated by the Viceroy Hotel Group.

Viceroy currently operates luxury resorts in St. Lucia, Chicago, Beverly Hills, Abu Dhabi and the Mexican Riviera. Viceroy Los Cabos is the brand’s first collaboration with Rodina Group, an investment firm that acquired the hotel in December. You can check out their website for more info at www.viceroyhotelsandresorts.com/loscabos.

More flights to Cabo This month, we will welcome new flights from Milwaukee and Los Angeles, onboard my favorite Mexican airline, Interjet. Both flights will be inaugurated with the traditional water spray from the Los Cabos fire department, with government and business officials and the press there to celebrate.

February 2nd. Obviously, tamales weren’t a part of these ancient feasts, but we’re sure glad they’re a part of our modern day Candlemas celebrations. And, in case you’re panicking because you don’t know how to make tamales, you will find a tamale recipe and instructions in this issue’s Cooking Like A Mexican column. I don’t know what page, look for it!

And don’t go sneaking off to celebrate Ground Hog day, this Candlemas is serious business.

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been very bustling. Too bad, because the recent nice weather has resulted in some surprising fish. There have been the usual jacks and snapper, but also in those same spots, close to shore and over the rocks, yellowtail and wahoo were taken as well. In the bay, there are still some dorado cruising around.

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Fill the pot with water up to but not touching the basket. The object is to keep the cooking tamales in the pot above the boiling water so they don’t get wet.

Place the tamales in the basket standing up, with the envelope side of the steaming tamales on the bottom and the open end facing the top. Do not lay them on their side. Cover the pot.

Heat and steam over a constant medium heat for about 1 and ¼ hours. Watch carefully to make sure that all the water doesn’t boil away, adding more hot water as necessary (about every 15 minutes).

The tamales are done when the husks peel away from the dough easily. They will need to stand for at least a half an hour for the dough to firm up.

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Adorable Adoptables

NEMO
Call it the Los Cabos’ version of “Finding Nemo.” Our little Nemo was found dumped on the side of the road in the barrios. He’s a male lab/pitt mix and is just over two months old.

He’s healthy but needs lots of love. He is very scared but getting much better. Nemo will be ready for adoption in one month, but we are taking adoption applications now.

OPAL
This pup has a personality as pretty as her name. She is very calm and gets along with all the dogs (small and large) in her foster home.

Opal is a small female lab mix, about six to seven months old. She was also found on the streets and is ready for a new fur-ever home.

You can apply to adopt Opal and Nemo by emailing et.safe@hotmail.com.

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Ask a Mexican

This week we asked: What do you think is the biggest issue facing Mexicans right now? What do you think can be done about it?

1. Alfonso Villa, 32, PR rep
I think the biggest issue we face is security. Not only do we have to take care of ourselves, we have to watch out for the police, politicians, robbers, kidnappers, drug dealers, cartels and the list goes on. It’s just awful. I think we can’t do much about it, because those who can help us are part of the problem.

2. Javier Lopez, 34, accountant
I think the biggest problem for us is the government we are living under. President Enrique Peña Nieto is not only bad, but he is also a puppet for bigger guys who will also manage whoever is our next president. I think Mexicans can do something about it if we all get together for a revolution and make our bad government change. After all, the people have the voice to do it.

3. Emilia Rosas, 56, amateur photographer
The biggest problem in Mexico is the lack of quality education, which is the root of all of our problems. Look at the European countries like Finland and Sweden; they have great public education systems, which results in lower criminal rates and a better economy overall. It is difficult in Mexico to deal with education since it is one of the most corrupt systems, but if we took the time, we could file complaints until the whole system is changed, teacher by teacher.

4. Ulises Gamez, 23, unemployed
Unemployment is our biggest problem. Nowadays, to get a good job, you must have a degree of some sort, even for small jobs, and they’re not paid well enough to pay college. Plus, they ask you for at least three years of experience, but expect you to be a recent graduate so it’s just very hard and confusing. Mexicans can’t do anything about it, it’s a supply and demand rule: the more people that take those jobs, the more jobs will be offered.

5. Iliana Barrientos, 18, receptionist
I think one of the biggest problems we face is everything that has to do with the narc industry. From security to drugs and everything in between, that is what makes this country so bad. Look at Colombia, it used to be so bad when Pablo Escobar ruled it, now it’s doing great, with its economy rising and the reputation slowly being restored.

6. Julia Honora, 22, student
Mexico’s biggest problem is its people. We are the only thing that is wrong with the country. If you think about it, Mexico has every climate - snow, desert, forest, jungle - the most amazing produce, natural resources, great tourist spots, I mean, what else could you ask? But we have Mexican people who have chosen Mexican representatives, government and thieves. What can we do about it? Really love our country, and work to make it better.

Animal Eye Candy

ERICK
Few creatures are perfect in every way, and neither am I. However, if you delight in medium sized, happy-go-lucky canines who live to please their people, I am the perfect pooch. In my case, there has been a charming touch of Saint Bernard passed down the gene pool, making me even more loving, placid and eager to please than most dogs. Best of all, I didn’t inherit the Saint Bernard size!

IRIS
I might not look exactly like my floral namesake, but I still qualify as feline eye candy. How can you pass up my serene expression and adorable little clown nose? If you could use a low maintenance, upbeat animal, adopting me would fill the bill, while also helping support the most vital animal rescue organization in Los Cabos!
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