Balandra Bay, just 15 minutes north of La Paz. At low tide, you can walk across the entire bay. If you rent a kayak there, you can paddle through the mangroves. Take cardboard, and you can slide down the sand dunes.

Big Election Coming Up
We have 18,311 candidates for various offices

BY DAVID FLORES
On Sunday, July 1st, Mexico will elect a new president for the 2018-2024 period, as well as lawmakers for both chambers of congress. Some states are also electing new governors and mayors. You will see signs around, so pay attention to our explanation for you. No, there are no lawn signs, who has lawns around here? They tend to paint candidate's names and slogans on walls. You will see president this and president that, but don't be confused, the mayor of our town is in a hotly contested race and the position is actually called president of the city. We usually translate that office as mayor for you. There is actually

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Pet Patrol!
Guess what they do?

BY HAIRY PAWTER
Leo Bravo is a young Mexican who believes pets should have pet rights right up there with humans who have human rights. Same thing to him. He's a bit of a zealot in advocating for the rights of domestic animals, and he and his band of volunteers patrol the barrios for animals who are enduring abuse. He doesn't have far to look.

"Driving down a random street, we can always find about five cases of animals within ten blocks who are being abused," he tells us.

Abuse in Leo’s world includes being chained up with no human interaction, not grooming a dog, not getting it vaccinated, and, of course, not feeding it adequately. Oh, and letting the animal go on dates willy nilly with no protection for the lady dog.

While most of their efforts go into the care of dogs, they also extend their patrol to cats, birds, bunnies, and whatever animal whose rights people choose to disrespect.

There are laws against this, but they go on for many pages, they are not enforced, and most people don’t even know the laws are on the books. Even Leo admits to having difficulty understanding and interpreting the laws correctly, and he says there are no pet police nor judges who are up to speed on the laws. Pet police? Sure, says Leo, pointing out that even tourists have their

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Big in the news this week is the Boeing 737 that went down in Cuba, killing 110 people. There but for the grace of God, go I, because I have had some scary moments flying into and out of Cuba. Cubas’s excuse for the poor maintenance of the plane, (it didn’t take long to get that established, maybe about 12 hours after the plane went down), is they can’t buy good planes because of the decades long US embargo.

Well, that explains a lot. I can remember taking the plane between Cancun and Havana shaking, rattling and rolling all the way. (The plane, not me). I can remember watching a screw rolling to and fro on the uncarpeted floor with every lurch of the plane. Worse, it happened two trips in a row and I had to wonder if it was the same errant screw. But maybe that was a positive sign, as if it was, it obviously wasn’t important to keeping the plane in the air.

Another bad omen for last weeks tragedy in Cuba was just keeping the plane in the air. It obviously wasn’t important to was a positive sign, as if it was, errant screw. But maybe that had to wonder if it was the same happened two trips in a row and I every lurch of the plane. Worse, it fro on the uncarpeted floor with not me). I can remember rolling all the way. (The plane, Havana shaking, rattling and plane between Cancun and US embargo.

is they can’t buy good planes after the plane went down), didn’t take long to get that established, maybe about 12 hours after the plane got off the ground and I would be dumbfounded that the stewardess would even bother with preflight evacuation instructions.

It turns out that the plane that took the header last week in Cuba was piloted by a Mexican crew that was already sanctioned for stuffing baggage into the bathrooms. (I wonder if the Costa Rican crew ever thought of that? We couldn’t get up to go to the bathrooms. (I wonder of that? We couldn’t get up to go to the bathrooms, so who knew?) The plane was leased by Cuba from a budget airline out of Honduras but no Cuban crew knew how to fly it so they subbed that out to Mexicans. So now we’ve got a 40 year old US jet owned by a cut rate Honduras company run by Cubans and flown by Mexicans. Gee, what could go wrong?

I lived through my Cuban and Costa Rican flights on dumb luck, no doubt about it.

And should I push my luck and fly around another third world, fourth rate country? I think not. I would like to go to China but you hear about those Chinese planes falling out of the air all the time. It’s a big country and the only way to see the high points in less than a year is to fly and I don’t think I would like the food. I can only go as long as a suitcase full of peanut butter will last me. Maybe I can train around. I hear they have high speed trains, what could go wrong?

You can live to be a hundred if you give up all things that make you want to live to be a hundred.

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no such office in Spanish as mayor.

This year elections are being called by political analysts his- torical for several reasons: one, the number of candidates running for president is four but started with five, as one has already pooed out. In the past, the number of candidates was no more than three, but this is the first year independent candidates not af- filiated with any political party are allowed to run, so they have.

A total of 18,311 political candidates are running for one position or another and this is the largest number of candidates in one single election. It’s good to have spares, as so far 36 candidates running for local office have been assassinated.

This is the largest number of voters ever, with 89 million people registered to vote. This is the largest ever number of people
Todos Santos Brewing is located on Alvaro Obregón between Militar & Rangel streets, in, well, Todos Santos. For reservations call Liz or Ted at 612 145 2023, or message them via Facebook at Todos Santos Brewing. Visit www.todossantosbrewing.mx to learn more.

We're booked! Our Southern Baja state is the 2nd most connected to the internet in Mexico, following the state of Sonora, just across from the Sea of Cortez. According to INEGI, Mexico’s statistics and geography agency, over 60 percent of households and offices are connected to the Internet, way up from the national average. At the top with us are Mexico City, Quintana Roo (think Cancún and the Mayan Riviera), Yucatan, Nuevo Leon, Colima, Sinaloa and Campeche.

New hotels open this month. Remember the Mar Adentro resort in San Jose’s hotel zone? Well, it changed hands a few months ago through Rodina, a Mexican investment firm, who founded Promecap, another investment firm, owned by Mexican billionaire Fernando Chico. Chico is the President of Asur, an airport operating company that oversees nine airports in Mexico, mostly in the south, as in the Cancun International Airport. Chico is also one of the main stockholders of U.S. based Carrix, one of the world’s largest privately held marine terminal and rail operators.

The Maradentro is now named Viceroy, part of the Viceroy Icon Collection, along with its hotels and resorts in New York, San Francisco, Santa Monica, Chicago, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Beverly Hills, Riviera Maya, Snowmass, and St. Lucia. Other hotels in the pipeline for the collection will be in Algarve, Buenos Aires, Panama, Serbia and Vietnam. The Viceroy Hotel Group has a portfolio of 550 hotels worldwide.

That was a reopening. Now comes the really new hotel opening. The Montage, located along the four lane between Cabo and San Jose, will open with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday May 30th at 5:00 pm. Oh, you didn’t get an invite? So sorry; stay tuned to see pictures of the expectedly lavish party in our social media pages!

Later in the year, more hotels will open their lobbies to tourists: the Villa Valencia on the four lane, the Four Seasons at Costa Palmas and the Vidanta (formerly Mayan Palace) on the East Cape, and the expanded Cache Corazón on Cabo San Lucas’ Medano beach (formerly known as Cabo Villas).

All of these combined will add 1,714 rooms to the existing 17,000 + hotel rooms in Los Cabos. Manholes changed! Remember a couple of issues ago when we wrote about those weak plastic covers for water valves that were deployed in Cabo’s sidewalks? Yeah, the ones that break when you step on them and either cut your toes or cause you to stumble and fall. Don’t remember? People! We even posted pictures.

The new news is that Oomsapas, the Los Cabos water supply agency has renewed 100 of them in the historic downtown of Cabo San Lucas. The new ones are made of high-density plastic and should support the weight of a Sumo wrestler. We hope.
Mexico ready with plan B.

Frustrated with the slow go on NAFTA talks, and with the perception that President Trump is not negotiating with any sort of parity in mind, Mexican officials are pushing on. Trade delegations have been zipping back and forth to China and to Brazil, among smaller countries, making deals to sell their products there and to import what they need to.

Former President Vicente Fox, no fan of Trump, was in the United States on a media tour saying things those currently in office feel would be too indelicate coming from them. Fox, never one to be delicate, is threatening to let drugs flow freely through Mexico to the US. “Why should we care if the United States drowns in drugs?” he asks. “Our people are dying because we’re trying to be good guys and help the US stop the flow of drugs. But if Trump is not dealing fairly, why should we?” He is also describing in detail how Mexican trade talks with other countries are coming along. Mexico is tired of getting kicked around, and we think we don’t need that anymore. It’s time to move on.

I even have a problem with this. And I’m an animal! Mexico will file a formal complaint with the United States over comments by President Donald Trump in which he described some unauthorized immigrants as animals.

Mexican foreign Secretary Luis Videgaray said that Trump’s description was “absolutely unacceptable,” and that the Mexican government would file a formal complaint with the U.S. State Department. Like he cares, sigh.

Trump made the remark and other disparaging comments that portrayed Mexico as a poor ally during a White House meeting with members of his cabinet, lawmakers and local California officials. And the press. “You wouldn’t believe how bad these people are. These aren’t people. These are animals. And we’re taking them out of the country at a level and at a rate that’s never happened before,” Trump said, referring to convicted gang bangers.

Inflation. Or not.

Mexico’s annual inflation rate in April fell to the lowest level since December 2016, approaching 4 percent. Just for comparison’s sake, the inflation rate in the U.S. was 2% last year.

The Mexican central bank has decided to leave the prime rate at 7.5 percent. Yikes! No wonder there are no good loans to be had in this country.

The prime rate in the US right now is about 3.75 percent. That’s what individual banks lend to  their most creditworthy customers and is used to set the interest rate to other loans like credit card and small-business loans. And your mortgage.

Some folks grow wise as they get older, but most simply grow stubborner.

Loan for your second home in Mexico? Is that what you want, Bunky? Because your Realtor said you could get one? What they meant was, go home and take out a second on your US home. There is a new company in San Jose that’s puffing themselves up over having mortgage money to loan. At 10%! You might as well do business with the local pawn shop.

This could work. But probably won’t. There is a movement to require anyone who wants to be a state governor to sign a promise not to steal. Well, continued on page 12.
own tourist police. You get the idea that Leo ranks animals a little higher than tourists.

Pet Patrol uses persuasion, he says, preferring to call it education, and he and his 15 volunteers spend a lot of time talking to abusers. He says they usually are persuaded to give up the animal or at least let the patrol take it, clean it up, and return it.

Cleaning up includes shaving it if it has long hair. “Long hair dogs have a lot of trouble with ticks and fleas, but you can’t see them if they have long fur,” he says. So they shave them down, bathe them, give them appropriate medicine, vaccinate them, and oh yes, get them sterilized. Some are then taken back, but many are not wanted back or the Patrol believes they will not be treated any better.

So they are taken to their shelter. But this is not just any shelter; remember, this is for pets who have rights equal to people. You wouldn’t put a people in a cage would you?

Pet Patrol’s version of a shelter is kind of like a chicken’s idea of services. Leo says this free range is not just respect for their rights, but also important in socializing the dogs. “You can’t expect to let a dog out of a cage and into a new home and believe it will know how to behave,” he explains.

Leo contacted us because they could use some help. Dog food doesn’t grow on trees, you know, and their one van needs gas. Leo took the bus down to our office, leaving the van for volunteers to go out on Pet Patrol. Both Leo and his wife hold down several part time jobs as they can around their Pet Patrol schedule. One of Leo’s jobs is working as a social director at a local hotel. He can give a volleyball class in an hour, scoop up tips, and get back to Pet Patrolling.

Pet Patrol gathers what money then can from donations, raffles, and events, but up to now their outreach has been limited to Mexicans, and as Leo explains, that is limiting.

If you believe as Pet Patrol does, that animal rights are as important to civilization as human rights, you can get involved by calling him on his cell: 624 126 4300. They have a Facebook page at Patrulla Mascotera, Spanish for Pet Patrol. These young people truly are dedicated.

And now, we give you the candidates:

 Leading the polls is Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, 64 years old, known as AMLO for his long name initials. He has degrees in political science and public administration from the UNAM, Mexico’s highly regarded public university. He is a far lefty and a populist, the former leader of the PRD party, and current leader of the Morena party which he stitched together with coalitions. He went into caucuses with other, smaller political parties under the name of “Together we will make history.” He has been compared to Hugo Chavez and Nicolas Maduro, former and current presidents of Venezuela, and we all know how that country ended up.

Second in the polls is Ricardo Anaya, 39 years old, a conserva-
Here’s Another Shot At The Electric Utility
We all need to play defense with CFE, and it just got easier

BY REDDY KILOWAT

We all know we live in the land of solar generated electricity, after all, we’re in the land of the sun. We know we should get more of our household energy from solar, and less from filthyicky coal. But show of hands, who knows where our electricity in Southern Baja comes from? Thought so. No, you in the back in Southern Baja comes from? who knows where our electricity

from the switch on the wall, that answer won't cut it. We're thinking deep here, and we're going to learn about our prospects for beating the hated electric utility, CFE, which has just changed the rules on us again. But this rule change is in a good way.

Baja is almost an island, cut-off from the grid rest of Mexico is on. They’ve been talking about submerging an extension cord under the Sea of Cortez, but that takes a big investment, and it seems CFE would rather just wring more money out of us than tie into the country’s electrical grid.

We get almost all our energy from a diesel generator in La Paz. Yup, just like that Honda generator out in your garage. Well, this one is way bigger. The diesel comes over from the mainland in big tanker ships that lay off the coast just a little north of La Paz. They aren’t just screwing around out there, they are hooked up to a pipe that’s sucking their load of oil out of the ship and into the tank farm you can see from the road to Pichilingue. There are nearly a dozen tanks full of oil that will be used to run those generators.

The people in La Paz are not too happy with this arrangement, as the generator spews out a lot of filth, and they feel that given the population of Los Cabos compared to the population of La Paz, we who are far from the apparatus get more of the benefit of the smoking, belching diesel plant. Now that you know we are on generator, you can imagine how the cost of our electricity is tied so closely with the price of oil. (Hint: Oil is going up fast here in Mexico, but the reasons for that}

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We Have A Hyperbaric Chamber In San Jose!

NLF athletes, the entire Cubbies team, Michael Phelps, Tiger Woods, and Lance Armstrong all use it to gain an optimum health advantage. Why not you?

A hyperbaric chamber is a cocoon-like apparatus that you crawl into and get creamy cozy for an hour or two. Under pressure, it cranks up the oxygen concentration in the chamber, and pushes that concentrated oxygen throughout your body. This concentrated oxygen, (100% oxygen), goes into any organs that may need a little pick me up, and even into your brain. The normal concentration of oxygen in your system is only about 20%.

The director of Spa Cielo, Cathy Dammann, a registered nurse back in the real world, shows 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 kids’ behavior is dramatic. So why can’t we get plenty of benefit from it as well? We can.

The increased concentration of oxygen in our blood, our organs, and our brain has been proven to result in better health, better feeling of well-being and probably better longevity.

Cathy Dammann is a Medical Aesthetics Practitioner and has certifications in Aesthetics, and Light and Laser Therapies. She is a member of the International Association for Physicians in Aesthetic Medicine and the recent recipient of the 2012 “Successful Women of the Baja” by Baja Traveler Magazine. She has made numerous appearances on talk shows including Oprah. Spa Cielo’s physicians and staff are trained and certified in United States and Mexico and are bilingual. Spa Cielo Laser and Wellness Center holds a five star rating and received the “2013 Award of Excellence” from TripAdvisor and has the experience you look for in a laser medical spa, with 10 years in Los Cabos area, 14,000 patients and over 70,000 procedures performed, Spa Cielo is your answer to skin and body rejuvenation.

So, if you would like a complimentary session in the hyperbaric chamber, call Cathy Dammann at Spa Cielo in San Jose. 624 105 2209. Go to www.spa-cielo-cabo.com.

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Foreign Community Brings Pediatric Surgery To Our State

Supervising at first, but now local doctors are flying solo

BY AMANDA BRUNO

The American and the Mexican teams have been working together to save the lives of hundreds of Baja children.

On Wednesday May 2nd, the pediatric cardiology team and the Los Cabos Children’s Foundation celebrated the 11th successful round of pediatric open-heart surgery and the 5th successful catheterization mission at the local team, along with the support of doctors and nurses from Omaha Children’s Hospital and Medical Center, make up a well-rounded and accomplished team of professionals that is hard to come by throughout the rest of the country. The collaboration and hard work of these two teams has given hope to more than 748 children and families across the state of Baja California Sur, and it is after five years of training and multinational teamwork that they have been able to reach this milestone.

The Salvatierra General Hospital opened its doors in 2010 after relocating from their downtown location. The new building came with updated equipment and facilities, and is regarded as the premier hospital in the state of Baja California Sur. The hospital boasts the only (and much needed) pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) in the state, a pediatric hematology-oncology unit (UHOP), and a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). Having the only PICU in the state is no small matter; it not only includes a specific and isolated area with four dedicated beds (plus five more for special events, such as these missions), world-class facilities, and the necessary life-saving, high-tech equipment and supplies, but also a chief pediatric intensivist, highly qualified supporting pediatricians, and a specialized nursing staff available 24/7. Although it is a general hospital that treats medical issues of all kind from across the state, Salvatierra is clearly very child-centered, and they have the Los Cabos Children’s Foundation to thank for much of that.

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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, 8:00 am. Pickleball in San Jose. Contact rondonumbarton@gmail.com.

Every Tuesday, 8:00 am. Rotary Club at the Sheraton Hacienda del Mar Resort. In the Chapel. RSVP: 172-0009 or 172-0010

Every Tuesday and Saturday, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. La Paz organic market. Postal Park, Constitution and Madero streets.

Free.

Every Tuesday, 6:00 pm. Music. Mexico Tuesdays. Downtown San Jose. Live music, mariachi band, and artisans.

Every Wednesday, 7:00 am to 12:30 pm. The Organic Market at Pedregal. Fresh, organic produce, coffee, fish, seafood, eggs, whole lambs (Little Bo Peep!), pigs (Porky? Is that you?) handicrafts, plus breakfast and lunch at Penny Lane’s Café.

Every Wednesday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. At La Esquina in Todos Santos. Organic eggs, honey, locally made jewelry and beauty products, traditional baskets and more! Info: marimardelmar@gmail.com, facebook.com/laesquintas.

Every Wednesday. 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Bike ride in San Jose. Free if you bring your own bike, or rent from Sportia bike store.

Form up at Plaza del Pescador in San Jose, across from the Royal Fishers Market. Fresh, organic produce, coffee, fish, seafood, eggs, whole lambs, (Little Bo Peep?) pigs, (Porky? Is that you?) handicrafts, plus breakfast and lunch at Penny Lane’s Café.

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. You guess which one. Los Cabos Tomatoes, ladies’ social group. All women who aspire to be a tomato are welcome. Email loscabostomatoes@gmail.com for more information.

Every Friday. 5:00 to 10:00 pm. Los Cabos Products. Sale of products made in Los Cabos by residents from the rural areas. Fresh produce, jams, sweets, arts and crafts and furniture. At the main plaza in downtown Cabo on Hidalgo street, two blocks up from the Tesoro hotel.

Every Friday. 6:00 pm. Trivia Night, Todos Santos Brewing. English and Spanish with short rounds and prizes available each round. Alvaro Obregón (between Militar & Rangel). Facebook @ TodosSantosBrewing. Ph 612 1452023 or email info@todosantosbrewing.mx

Every Friday. 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Todos Santos Farmers Market. Music and fun stuff. At The Distillery (but it moves around, check where it is this week). Email James Black at merlo4u@gmail.com or call (612) 134-8728 for more information.

Every Friday. 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Arts and crafts market “El Colibrí.” Original handmade jewelry, homemade food, arts, crafts and original live music. Nothing made in China here.

Amelia Wilkes Plaza in downtown Cabo. For more info, or if you are a vendor, please contact Max at 624-108-2250 (Spanish), or email tomyrosa@gmail.com (English).

Every Friday. 11:00 a.m. Al-Anon Family Group. Next to Cabo Sports Corner of Degollado and Margarita Maza de Juarez in San Jose. Call 624-165-3333 for more information.

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Every Friday. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Farmer’s market at the Shoppes at Palmilla. Information: 624-144-6999, www.theshoppe satpalmilla.com. Runs through April.

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

Every Saturday. 7:00 am to 12:30 pm. The Organic Market at Pedregal. Fresh, organic produce, coffee, fish, seafood, eggs, whole lambs, (Little Bo Peep?) pigs, (Porky? Is that you?) handicrafts, plus breakfast and lunch at Penny Lane’s Café.

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Every Saturday. All day. The grandaddy of all markets. In addition to organic produce, there are handicrafts, food to eat and who knows what. Behind the town of San Jose. Go to their website and study the map: www.sanjomo.com

Every Saturday. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Chela’s Wine Club. Story tellers at 10:30 and 12:30. Looking for gently used books. theranchkidz@yahoo.com, Todos Santos, Spanish.

Every Saturday. 5:00 pm to midnight. Cultural Circuit. Arts and crafts exhibit along the Cabo marina, in front of Solomos’. Landing and the cultural pavilion. Live music, dancers and art workshops for children. Free.

Every Sunday. 6:00 pm. Sun- days Sessions Live Music. Todos Santos Brewing. Enjoy the beautiful star filled Baja sky, live acoustic music, fabulous handmade craft beers and delicious food. Álvaro Obregón street (between Militar & Rangel). Facebook @ TodosSantosBrewing. Ph 612 1452023 or email info@todosantosbrewing.mx

Every Sunday. 7:00 to 11:00 am. Bicycle, walk, skate or drag your pet around downtown Cabo. The main drag in downtown San Lucas closes to vehicle traffic. Great opportunity to exercise and mingle with local families. Each week a different activity, like spinning, aerobics, zumba lessons. Email clubcactusbike@gmail.com for information.

Every Sunday. 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Sunday in the park. Secured dog park. Open to the public. Providing a safe location to enjoy your dog off leash. Visit www.caboscornal.com for information.


July 1, Sunday. Mexico’s presidential elections. The newly elected take office December 1

No, don’t line up, no foreigners can vote

July 21, 2018, Saturday. 14th annual East Cape Dorado Shoot Out. At the Van Wormer Resorts in Los Barriles. This is one of larg- est fishing tournaments in Southern Baja with an average turnout of 125 teams each year. Entry fee $500 per team and the winning team will walk away with a brand new, fully loaded, 2018-19 Volkswagen Amarok pickup truck. Optional side jackpots of $200, $300, $500 and $1,000. Last years jackpot reached over $126,000 in cash. At the Hotel Palmas De Cortez www.vanwormeresorts.com For Reservations call 877-777-8862 Register online at www.doradoshootout.com


October 14-18 The Los Cabos Billfish Tournament returns for its- anniversary. Base entry fee is $5,000 per team (up to six registered anglers). This fee covers the participation of registered anglers and allows the team to enter any of the optional jackpot categories.

November 1 to 4. Life Luxe Jazz Concert Series. At Pueblo Bonito Pacifica resort, Cabo San Lucas. A weekend of great jazz concerts on the beach, featuring top smooth jazz artists. Information and tickets: www.lifeluxejazz.com

November 4, Sunday. 7:00 am - 2:00 pm. Ironman 70.3 Los Cabos 2018. More information soon, but roads will be closed, best don’t fly in or out that day. Follow: www.ironman.com

November 7-10 20th Annual Los Cabos Tuna Jackpot. Information: www.loscabostunajackpot.com

November 13-16 Los Cabos Big Game Charter Boat Classic returns for its anniversary tournament. This is a free competition for visiting anglers where, instead of an entry fee, participants book a local fishing charter and the crew provides the expertise, experience and tackle needed to compete. The tournament is designed to be stress-free and requires little preparation from participants.

To get your event listed here, email the details to david@grringoazette.com. There is no charge. And, if an event we list here does not go off when stated, please don’t shoot the messenger, this is Mexico, and every event is, well, fluid.

May 28th, 2018
**Calendar of Performing Arts**

**Monday through Friday.** 8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. On permanent display.** Man, Nature and Culture. A permanent photography show of cultural identity of Baja California Sur. Video also. Text is in English and Spanish. Free.

**CÓDEX Peninsula salon at The Centro Cultural La Paz.** The old city hall on 16 de Septiembre at the corner of Belisario Domínguez, across from the Sears store. Downtown La Paz.

**Everyday. 5:00 to 8:00 pm.** Live music. Spanish with some help in English. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it.

**Every Tuesday. 5:00 pm.** Literature reading sometimes with the author, sometimes with special guests. Spanish with some help in English. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it.

**Every Tuesday. 8:00 pm.** 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. 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.** Danzon Afternoons. Traditional Mexican dance classes. Spanish. Free. Leon Cota Plaza next to the Red Cross. Cabo San Lucas.

**Every Wednesday. 8:00 pm.** Movie Club. Every month a different theme. In the original language with Spanish subtitles. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it.

**Every Wednesday. 5:00 to 10:00 pm.** Art Day. Art, paintings, books, live music. Spanish and English. El Mercado at Koral Center, next to the H+ Hospital. Kilometer 24.5 on the fourlane to San Jose.

**Every Wednesday.** 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. **Herman Ita de Ysabela Main plaza downtown CSL.** Free.

**Every Wednesday.** 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. **MoMa: Modern and Contemporary Art.** Free. 25 pesos (about $2.50). Cabo San Lucas Thousands of people come out of it.

**Every Thursday. 7:00 pm.** Vagabond Movie Club. A different movie every week in the original languages with Spanish subtitles. More info: 612-145-1056. Free. Todos Santos, at La Posta Del Oasis. Zaragoza St And Rangel Streets

**Every Thursday. 8:00 pm.** Trova and Bohemian Latin-American music. Spanish with some help in English. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it.

**Every Thursday. 7:00 pm.** Pavillon's Movie Club. A different movie every week. Sometimes in English, sometimes other languages with Spanish subtitles. Free. April features films from Spain. Cabo San Lucas' Cultural pavilion, downtown next to the marina.

**Every Thursday. 8:30 pm.** Vagabond Movie Club. A different movie in the original languages with Spanish subtitles. Short films and art videos before the movie. Free. La Rana Vegana. Playa Migrilio St. up from Miguel A. Herrera St. Turn right 2 blocks before the gas station (Pueblo Bonito Sunset area).

**Every Friday. 7:30 pm.** Rock Bands Encounter. Different rock groups playing together, sometimes a real battle of the bands. Sometimes some help in English. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it.

**Every Friday. 8:00 pm.** Theater night, by the Ge-stoNoEsTeatro Company. Directed by Emmanuel Novelo. Spanish with some help in English. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it.

**Every Saturday. 8:00 pm.** Jazz Night. Spanish with some help in English. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it.

**Every Saturday. 6:00 to 10:00 pm.** PlazaArte. Four hours of arts workshops, music, dance show and family fun. Spanish. Main square in downtown San Jose.

**Every Saturday. 7:00 pm.** Comedy play. More info and special activities with Nixania email: todossomos1@gmail.com Free.

**Every Sunday.** 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. **Trotamundos Reading Club.** Spanish mostly. More info and special activities on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/sala-de-letratura-La-Mar%C3%A1n-Kinesis-Fabuladanza-691039797630803/timeline

**At KINESIS GYM.** El Chimaltzin barrio near the Convention Center.

**From Monday to Friday.** 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. **La Maroma Reading club.** Books available. More info and special activities on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Sala-de-letratura-La-Mar%C3%A1n-Kinesis-Fabuladanza-691039797630803/timeline

**At LA CIRCO.** Libroteka Reading Club.

**From Monday to Friday.** 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Books available and circus drama style reading on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. More info with Sara Flores on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LaCirco-577897035553733/timeline

**Every Thursday.** 1:00 pm. **CÓDEX Península salon at The Centro Cultural La Paz.** Video also. Text is in English and Spanish. Free.

**Every Sunday.** 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. How were your wings broken? (A ti como se te rompieron las alas?) Play by AyudArte Project which includes handicapped people's talent on stage. To benefit Red Autism Foundation. Spanish with some help in English. Tickets at entrance, donations are welcome too. 624 166 2975. Cabo San Lucas' Cultural pavilion, downtown next to the Dolphin Center.

**May 31. Thursday. 7:00 pm.** This Strange Passion (Tormentos). (1953). Comedy, Drama, Romance. When a man who has remained chaste through his entire life becomes hopelessly enamored of a woman he sees in church, he woos her away from her lover and marries her. Torn between an obsessive passion for her and a logic-obliterating jealousy of everyone he sees, he destroys the relationship. He retreats to a monastery, where he is visited years later by his ex-wife and her child. Directed by Luis Bunuel. Pavillon's Movie Club. Spanish sometimes with English subtitles. Free. Cabo San Lucas' Cultural pavilion, downtown next to the marina.

**June 1. Friday. 8:00 pm.** Lion King - The Musical tribute. By Henry Lopez Studio students. Spanish. $200 pesos donation. Cabo San Lucas' Cultural pavilion, downtown next to the marina.

**June 2. Thursday. 6:00 pm and 8:30 pm.** Lion King - The musical tribute. By Henry Lopez Studio students. Spanish. $200 pesos cooperation at the entrance. Cabo San Lucas' Cultural pavilion, downtown next to the marina.

**June 3 and 30. July 28 August 25 September 29 October 27 and November 24. Saturday. 9:00 pm.** Jaime Martinez in Concert. Trova and Mexican Music with guest musicians, always to benefit some charity. $100 peso donation. Angel cell 624 150 0216. Spanish with some help in English. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it. We're not going to tell you again, you can't miss it. We just had to ha.

**June 2. Saturday. 7:00 pm.** Cometa. (2014). A puppy is tossed out onto the street. On site cocktail party featuring four chefs and some movie stars. Tickets 500 pesos (about $25 bucks) to benefit PET Los Cabos. More info @PETLOSCABOS and on Facebook/Petloscabsos. Credit card reservations @METATE. Spanish. At Metate Restaurant in El Teral behind Modelorama. Cabo San Lucas.

**June 3. Monday. 1:30 pm and 5:00 pm.** Lion King - The Musical tribute. By Henry Lopez Studio students. Spanish. $200 pesos donation. Cabo San Lucas' Cultural pavilion, downtown next to the marina.


**June 12. Tuesday. 6:00 and 8:00 pm.** Passion. Dance and Theater show. By Enricde Dance Center students. Spanish with some help in English. Tickets 200 pesos 1 function, 300 pesos 2 functions. Spanish with some help in English. 624 166 2975. Cabo San Lucas' Cultural pavilion, downtown next to the marina.

Stop Buying Bottled Water

Distill, don’t filter

BY CRYSTAL SHORES

Don’t drink the water in Mexico! How many times have you heard that? It’s the reason every Los Cabos resident and tourist goes through multiple plastic bottles of water every day. If you’re sick of spending money on bottled water, and/or hate the amount of waste it generates, there’s an alternative for you: distilled water. The distilled water camp says their method is better than bottled, argues that water distillers are so effective in purifying water that they also remove the good minerals that are in that water. However, food, not water, is the main source of minerals people need. People get over 95% of the minerals they need from their food, not from water, so get over that argument. And to get the very small amount of good minerals that may be contained in the water, you have to drink all the bad minerals and all the other pollution and contaminants along with it.

The method behind distilled water is similar to the natural water cycle. Just as rain is produced from evaporation followed by condensation to liquid, water distillers produce rain inside a chamber as regular tap water is heated and vaporized into sterilized steam and then condensed back to its original pure liquid state. All the contaminants including viruses, bacteria, organic and inorganic chemicals, toxins, heavy metals, cysts and other pollutants are left behind as the water turns to steam. Distilled water is the way nature intended it to be, as newly condensed back.

Some people feel that distilled water made from a water distiller is actually far more pure, arguing that water distillers are so effective in purifying water that they also remove the good minerals that are in that water. However, food, not water, is the main source of minerals people need. People get over 95% of the minerals they need from their food, not from water, so get over that argument. And to get the very small amount of good minerals that may be contained in the water, you have to drink all the bad minerals and all the other pollution and contaminants along with it.

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For those who are thinking about the last time they storebought bottled distilled water and it tasted flat, remember, that water sat in warehouses and on store shelves for weeks; that is not the case with homemade distilled water that’s made fresh daily. In fact, there is no taste at all because there isn’t anything in the water to taste in the first place. Nothing can taste as clean and pure as distilled water when it’s made fresh and stored appropriately for future use.

Locally, you can buy a counter top distiller that puts out four gallons a day, and costs less than $250 or you can buy an easy to install under the sink distiller that puts out 20 gallons a day and will cost you about $2,000. The under the counter gadget is fully automatic, meaning it turns itself on and off and cleans itself. You pour water out of an additional faucet at your sink. You can also hook it up to your refrigerator so you have nice tasting ice cubes. You just have to tap into the water supply line, install an auto drain line and plug it in. It’s 21” x 13” x 15” and draws 1000 watts, runs on standard household 120 volts and requires 8.5 amps. So do it.

Now for the really bad news. Some free lance jerks are going around the barrios selling five gallon bottles of purified water that they’ve filled from the tap.
Que Pasas en Cabo?

We’re a bit skinnier than a sumo wrestler, so we haven’t managed to break any of them.

Surf, anyone? The Los Cabos Open of Surf will take place June 11th to 17th this year at the Costa Azul beach just in front of the almost finished Soleado condominiums.

Los Cabos Open of Surf is one of the most important professional surf and music events in México. It started in 2013 as an ASP 6-star men’s event, and in 2014 it became the first women’s ASP 6-star competition in México. This year, the competition will be a WSL women’s QS6000, as well as a WSL men’s and women’s pro junior event.

The Soleado Beach & Spa Resort is hosting the event where all the surfers can enjoy Soleado’s world-class areas and relax in its pool and enjoy the juice bar. The public attending the event can stay at the beach and enjoy food from the booths that will be deployed around the area, or just sit and enjoy a cold one. The hits starts at: 8:00 am and end at 4:00 pm each day, excepting the finals that will go from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday. For more information look it on Facebook at Los Cabos Open of Surf.

Gringos training Mexicans.

A group of U.S. cops were in town recently to train Cabo’s finest. Yes, we get American training several times a year as part of the Merida Initiative that gives Mexico money, choppers, weapons, and other equipment to fight crime, especially drug dealing groups.

This time, the training course was named “First Line Supervisor.” No, we don’t know what that means, but we know what a year. We haven’t seen anybody counting bodies, but they say so, and we believe them (hee hee).

Now the hotel is about to begin the construction of an AC Marriott business hotel, residential spaces, more shops of well-known international brands, and what they call “La Timo spaces,” a combination of bars and restaurants offering Latin food and music. The project is expected to be complete sometime next year. Mexican time, that is, so don’t hold your breath.

Big election coming up...

Many experts say it’ll be his third attempt, one lost to the PAN party in 2000, and we believe them (hee hee). A candidate who has thrown a hissy fit and encouraged his supporters to demonstrate in the village and lose by so close he threw curbng corruption. Many people think his perceived lead is responsible for the most recent dump of the peso, as he is promising more social programs that will be expensive to fund. He says he will get the money from under the seat cushions of the government. Just checking to see if you’re paying attention. He plans to fund these social programs by curbing corruption.

Local mall becomes a hotel.

And condos. All in one, we say. The Puerto Paraiso mall in Cabo San Lucas’ downtown is expanding. A number of condos have already been built, some sold, and some even occupied. They were built on top of the parking lot, with a few featuring great views of the marina.

According to our sources, the mall has 6.2 million visitors a year. We haven’t seen anybody counting bodies, but they say so, and we believe them (hee hee).

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Auto workers in Mexico are paid on average US $3.14 per hour, whereas their counterparts earn $28.60 and Canada $26.34 per hour. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau believes Mexico needs to improve salaries and working conditions as part of the modernization of NAFTA.

In order for a vehicle to qualify for tariff-free import from Mexico, the United States wants Mexico to pay $6 per hour. Right now making a car in Mexico is $4.13 cheaper than in the United States. Between 2010 and 2017, Mexico received more than US $30 billion in investment in the automotive industry, so Mexico really wants to keep wages down. And they do.

Before a major manufacturer, (Think Ford, BMW, etc.), even breaks ground to build a new plant, the company has made a deal with the auto union on how much they will pay workers. When the plant opens, the union puts out the word there are jobs, and the people show up. They are obviously lying about not getting paid. We mean worse than usual.

Hackers used hundreds of fake orders to transfer hundreds of thousands of pesos to fake accounts in other banks. Then that money was quickly withdrawn through cash withdrawals from the phony accounts in what is now being called a cyber-attack.

The hackers might had in-side help since such large cash withdrawals are uncommon and would have been flagged.

A Bank of Mexico official allowed that there had been unauthorized transfers but would not call it a cyber-attack nor would provide information regarding the amount stolen. That's banking in Mexico. Not transparent at all. Some banks allowed they might have had some “hardware problems.” The industry largely shut down for a few days, with no transfers, and some ATM and bank accounts not functioning right. Only $20 million? Hmmm.... Nobody is believing it.

See the rest on page 20.
What is Ejido Land?

Listen up, this is important to you

BY CONNIE MEYERHOFF

Ejido in Mexico are village lands that are communally held in the tradition of the Indian system of land tenure combining communal ownership, some with individual use. It consists of cultivated land, pasture land, other uncultivated land and the legal town site. In some cases, the cultivated land is divided into separate family holdings which most often are handed down to heirs. This is the legacy of the revolution of 1910. The constitution of 1917 contained a statute limiting the amount of land that a person could own and through the concept of social utility legalized the federal governments redistribution of land. Initially small parcels were granted to communal groups whose members worked holdings individually, usually cropland or in common for pasture or woodland. The Mexican reform of 1915 followed a revolution and dealt mainly with land of Indian villages that had been illegally absorbed by haciendas (plantations) which led to a change in Ejido holdings. Legally there was no serfdom, but, the Indian wage workers were reduced to indebtedness. Thus the landlords mastered the Indians. The immediate aim was to reform and restore the land its legal owners, settle title and reconstruct Indian villages, also motivated by reducing poverty and inequality. By 1915 a decree voided all land alienations that took place illegally since 1856 extracting land from haciendas and reestablishing collective Indian villages - the Ejidos.

The 1917 constitution reaffirmed those provisions but also guaranteed protection of property including haciendas. Nevertheless loopholes and litigation slowed implementation and effective reform came only after passage of the Agrarian Code of 1934 by President Lazaro Cardenas. With massive popular support and with the powerful elites under control, Cardenas tirelessly pushed toward revolutionary goals. He and his advisors elaborated the land reform using land which was expropriated from private owners and created the communal cooperatives and gave them Ejido status, a rural working force or communities. That would be a brief history in a nutshell. You may have also heard of people “having trouble with land purchases in Mexico”. Chances are they have purchased Ejido. In recent years new laws have made it possible to regularize the Ejido land and foreign investors have been trying to buy up these “affordable” parcels. The process is timely after many years the land is removed from the Ejidarian and registered with Public Registry meaning it now has private title. Yet the problems may not be over, there is still a first right of refusal to other Ejido, workers of land and family members before it can be privatized and removed from the Ejiditarian lands. In general, as the investor you should demand this Derecho An Tanto as a contingency of the sale and you should plan to have excess money, time and legal representation. It is possible, but it needs to be done legally.

Los Cabos has many free title properties to offer a safe secure investment. By Connie Meyerhoff, Elkers/ENGEL & VOLKERS SNELL REAL ESTATE. Contact Connie at 480-393-0639 or write her at c.meyerhoff@snellrealestate.com.

It’s safe and it’s easy. Let me help you find your piece of paradise.

San Jose Featured Property

Costa Azul Condos

Location as well as views is what attract Americans & Canadians to this small but unique condo community. Costa Azul is a 16 unit condominium complex in San Jose Del Cabo almost directly across from the famous Costa Azul surfing beach, the proximity to this famous beach is practically 3 to 5 minutes walking distance. This property was built in 1993 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 enjoying their 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 mar-tyochoa@gmail.com.
What About Listing Your Property In Summer?

What about it?

BY NATALIE EVANIEW

Many folks think this is an easy answer. Of course you list your property during the high season. I mean, this is the time that you are most likely to have buyers coming through your property and hopefully make an offer and get it sold. But have you ever thought about listing your property in low season?

Did you ever think that this may be the edge you are looking for? Turning a possible negative into a positive?

Well for starters there is a lot less inventory typically on the market during this time of year. Also, the people who are out looking at properties during this time, tend to be serious buyers. They are not usually here for a holiday, wanting to go out looking at possible properties, that they may possibly buy, if they could possibly get a possible good deal if the stars and moon are aligned just right.

No, these types of buyers looking in low season are looking to buy. There is going to be less inventory and lower inventory levels means less competition. So just because the weather is heating up doesn’t mean the market is cooling down! Low inventory and minimal time to accomplish a sale can also create the urgency for Buyers to buy, which every seller dreams about. But, if your home isn’t listed for sale, it cannot be bought.

Back home in Canada, some of the busiest times I experienced in real estate when listings were selling and buyers were buying was during the summer time, when everyone would say, oh, no one buys during the summer months as the kids are out of school and people are taking summer vacations and their holidays. True, but the buyers who were looking at buying a property in the summer were serious and they bought. Christmas time too, was like this. Not a lot of buyers typically, but the ones looking during the holiday season were the ones buying.

So there you go... sometimes doing things a bit differently and not doing what the masses do, can be of great benefit to you. If you needed or seriously wanted to buy a property here, would you devout your time when most people are off doing something else, like going back to Canada or the US for the summer?

It is also known that web online searches typically go up during this time of year. During the summer months people are doing their research more than any other time. Maybe it’s due the A/C cranking, the cold drinks being enjoyed and the computer being right there? Also, home searchers from outside the area will browse online listings in the summer to get a head start on their home search.

So Mr. and Mrs. Seller think about this: your property can be made available on the MLS plus other marketing venues so these serious buyers can have a look during a time when you will not be competing against many other properties just waiting to be listed come high season. You will be ahead of the game because your property may very well be sold come high season. Wouldn’t that be great? And what about the buyers who want to move in now and take full advantage of the high season here in Los Cabos? If they close during the low season, that can happen for them.

If you are looking for a realistic market evaluation of your property, I invite you to email me at info@NatalieEvaniew.com or NatalieEvaniew@remax.net. You can also give me a call at: 624 317 9562. You will have a professional Realtor and a professional brokerage, REMAX CABO SAN LUCAS, looking after marketing your property here in Los Cabo, across North America in both Canada and the USA, along with globally. What are you waiting for?
Which Side To Buy Part 2

What, you missed part 1? Pay attention!

BY TERRY GRAY CURTIS

We continue our journey around the southernmost tip of Baja from La Paz to Punta Pescadero. The goal is to provide valuable information to help you decide where the perfect slice of Paradise is for you. Just to recap, in part 1, we covered La Paz to Todos Santos and in this part 2, we will discuss the Pacific side on into Cabo San Lucas. The next, Part 3 will cover the Cabo corridor and San Jose, so watch this space and don’t slack off.

The Pacific side is what we refer to as the area just south of Pescadero to about the back side of the Arch, really. This stretch encompasses around 32 miles of stunning Pacific coastline. Not much different than Southern California some 50-60 years ago. On the Northern stretch of this coast there are some scattered homes existing on both the Ocean side and Mountain side of the Highway, mostly on solar. Some are spectacular, beach front homes, also fully self-contained. This area has a similar climate as to Todos Santos, with cooler temps and lower humidity. There are no real organized developments until you reach Migrino or Rancho Las Margaritas, (San Cristobal) both beachfront communities. Residential options exist here as well, however no electricity or services available. Moving on down south we reach Rolling Hills a designed residential development, but still only partial services. We do finally reach some civilization at Rancho San Lucas, a private and elegant resort community. Next we reach the Resort Community of Diamante, currently sporting one of the very best golf courses in the world and the best in Mexico. Watch the wind here! This brings us to the Ernesto Coppel resort properties. What can I say, this development has some of the very best options available. There are 3 resorts in which you can vacation and currently at least 4 residential development options with more coming. Home and condo prices range from the $300’s to over $1M with the very best amenities at your finger tips.

By now everyone knows about the Pedregal which encompasses a mountain overlooking beachfront homes to marina side view homes. This is a 4th generation heritage development with sustained standards of the utmost quality. This is the consistent standard in which other developments are compared to. The Resort at The Pedregal is second to none in all of Baja.

From here to Land’s End (The Arch) we can only share resorts in which there are no residences. Now folks, we jump through the Arch and talk about Cabo San Lucas. Well where to start here, let’s going in the Real Estate world here. I can say if you want easy access to services, fine dining, American style box stores and products in a quasi Mexican background, this is where you want to be. Don’t be fooled by the Americanization of our quaint fishing village. Cabo has a culture truly unique to itself and you would best understand this if you have been to other Mexican resorts. In terms of residences, we have everything from the studio condo for under $100K to the $13M, 10 bedroom Villa perched on the side of a mountain overlooking the Pacific, you can almost see the Volcano in Hawaii! Our largest group of properties available and most in gated communities are in the $250K-$500K price range. Our beloved Cabo lifestyle is most definitely not for everyone, thank goodness, but one thing for sure our lifestyle is for you because you are reading this. There is a lot to know about Cabo in terms of living here; maintaining a sense of humor is probably in the top 3. Here we have the best night life, restaurants, golf, fishing, scuba and beaches and one resort can offer regardless of the Country.

With over 400 real estate agents I am sure you will find one that can help you and is knowledgeable. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions as Cabo has been my home for 30 years now.

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The Pedregal is second to none in all of Baja.

SOLD

Laguna Vista 94, MLS 15-103, $131,500.00 USD

One-bedroom, ocean & golf course view. J.Pryde/REMexico; D.Reubens/2Seas Christie’s Intl

Tortuga Bay 2401, MLS 17-1215, $1,250,000 USD

3 bedrooms and 3 bathroom beachfront Villa with panoramic views from Punta Gorda to Palmilla. M. Schaible/Baja Properties

Casa Fuhr, MLS 17-2062, $410,000 USD

Located in Terrasol a 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. A. Arraut and M. Posch/Windermere

Lot 22 Block 16 Pedregal – CSL MLS#15-2384. $75,000 USD

Quarter of an acre lot within walking distance to marina, town and restaurants. R. Curiel/Coldwell Bankers Riveras, L. Miller/Cabo Linda

Andalaya Condo – CSL, MLS# 17-1874, $189,000 USD

2BD-2BA, fully furnished condo, located within the exclusive community of Pedregal. M. Ochoa/Reaxm Cabo San Lucas, J. Garner/Cabo Linda

Calafia #199 – Cabo Corridor MLS# 17-355. $135,000 USD

2BD – 2BA, Beachfront condo community within gated community of Cabo Bello. J. Garner/Cabo Linda, M. Rivero/The Agency

Mediation Of Legal Disputes

Saves years of heartache and thousands of pesos

BY DON D. NELSON

If you want to dramatically cut costs and waiting for a resolution, consider using third party mediation to resolve your legal disputes in Mexico.

Mediation is an informal process where an impartial third-party, the mediator, helps the disputing parties find a mutually satisfactory solution to their issue. The mediator guides the parties toward a mutually agreeable settlement by helping them clarify their underlying interests and concerns, and encouraging compromise and trade-offs based on the relative importance of each item to each party.

Mediators cannot impose a resolution upon the parties since they are not able to make legally binding decisions. Any settlement reached, if in fact one is reached, is simply an agreement signed by the parties just like any other contract. The settlement does not have the same legal force as an Award which results from arbitration.

Mediation is usually well-suited to disputing parties who still have somewhat amicable relationship, who are still able to negotiate, and who do not want a third-party to make final decision. Statistically mediation has historically been successful somewhere between 40 to 50 percent of the times it has been used.

What do you need to do? Put a written arbitration and mediation clause into all contracts you enter into in Mexico. It will save you many years in Mexican courts and untold legal fees.

NOTE: The Settlement Company has an arbitration clause in all of its contracts.

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Furnishing Your New Home In Mexico

BY NICK FONG

Say your new home is ready to go and all you need to do is pick out new furnishings. When furnishing your new home in Mexico you want to give it a style all its own, but stay practical at the same time. Owning property south of the border in a climate and terrain that not everyone is familiar with can become a bit complicated. I would like to offer some suggestions that might save you time, money and possibly a few headaches.

When outfitting your new digs you should decide on a budget, its functional purpose or use, and a specific theme you want to portray. Is the property going to be your home, a second or vacation home or an investment and/or a combination of both? Here is when you decide to purchase really nice or just nice furnishings. If you and your family will be the only tenants using the property, then probably looking at nicer furniture and appliances is a logical option.

Considering the year-round weather being warm to very hot, leather or a synthetic fiber seems much more practical than cloth. If you choose cloth, consider that when you lay down in wet clothing and/or covered with lotions, it is very difficult to clean. At least with leather or a synthetic fabric, all you do is use a diluted cleaning solution to wipe down the furniture’s smooth surface. If you decide to rent your unit for any length of time, leather or a similar material is still the most sensible choice.

When selecting your appliances, remember that things seem to rust a little faster in the Cabo San Lucas area because of being so close to the sea. If you as an owner will be maintaining and cleaning the appliances, buying a little higher quality product would be money well spent. If renting your home for investment purposes, I would stay away from the higher cost of stainless steel. If you are not there to clean and polish them periodically, most likely they will start to rust after a few years. Its not that they won’t last their life expectancy, it just that the cosmetics of the appliances won’t be as eye appealing. White appliances hide flaws much better than the showcasing shininess of stainless steel. If applicable, just remember that it is a rental and functionality is everything.

Bedroom furniture isn’t really that difficult to decide on. Actually, it’s the least used room in the house. When picking out mattresses, again will you and your family be the only occupants staying in the home? If so, select your own degree of comfort. In an investment situation, using a higher firmness usually last longer and sags less. Try to stay away from bed lamps made of glass and go with metal or wood. This is advised for both owner and rental purposes. When something gets knocked off at night, your first reaction is to step out of bed. Enough said.

Depending on your home’s motif, I would stay away from glass end-tables and dining room sets. Especially when using your home as a vacation rental. When vacationing in sunny Cabo San Lucas, people have a tendency to indulge in some thirst quenching fun. If things get a little happy and spirits rise, things sometimes end up broken. Glass is the worst material to assure proper clean up and disposal. It is suggested to keep with solid fixtures and nick knacks. There are always exceptions to the rules. As an owner, you make those decisions.

When accenting your walls, keep in mind that you are in Mexico and not in downtown Boston or Kansas City. You are on or very close to the beaches and the beautiful Pacific waters. A few themes that you might want to consider are a beachy-nautical, Mexican tradition or a modern contemporary with a traditional flare. Let’s start with the modern contemporary décor. This would be more for an owner only usage. It would be cared for and not messed with by renters and their usual curiosity. This particular style would include one of a kind or artist originals.

For your new home in Mexico was purchased mainly for investment, then a simple traditional or beachy-nautical décor would be appropriate and very affordable. Stay with commercial grade art pieces and don’t worry about filling every space in the home. This is not to say that either one of these two themes wouldn’t work for owner occupied as well. If staged right, both set-CONTINUED ON PAGE 17

Agent Profile
Ashlee Fuller

Born in New York, Ashlee received her Bachelor of Science in Zoology & Civil/Environmental Engineering from the University of Maine, Orono and the University of New Hampshire, Durham. After working in South America and Europe, Ashlee moved to South Florida where she received her 100 ton captains license to pursue her career in the yachting and sport fishing industry.

In 2010, she followed her passion throughout the U.S. and Central America eventually relocating to Cabo San Lucas in 2013. “Once I experienced the Baja lifestyle, I knew this was my home,” she explained.

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Acronyms Explained

There are many of them in Mexican real estate.

Just like in your own home country, Mexico has various acronyms that have become part of the language, but, stand for longer names or phrases. Whether you live here, own property or are just visiting, some, if not all will be part of your experience here. Here are a few, demystified:

IVA - Impuesto sobre el Valor Agregado. For foreigners, think: Value Added Tax or Sales Tax. Currently in all of Mexico the amount is 16% of all goods and services.

SAT - Servicio de Administración Tributaria. Also “affectionately” called “The Hacienda”, SAT is the Mexican version of the IRS in the United States or the Canadian Revenue Agency in Canada.

ISR - Impuestos sobre la Renta. A tax on income gained. It could be either a straight income tax on money earned in Mexico or Capital Gains, say, from a real estate transaction.

ISABI - Impuesto sobre Adquisicion de Bienes Inmuebles. Literally, an acquisition tax on the purchase of or transaction involving real estate. Here in Baja Sur, initial transactions are at 2% of the sales price. Elsewhere in Mexico, it may be as high as 4.5%, like in Mexico City.

IMPUESTO PREDIAL - No acronym, but sometimes just called “Predial”. This is your property tax.

RFC - Registro Federal de Contribuyentes. This is your tax ID number. For U.S. Citizens, think of your Social Security Number when used for tax purposes. It is required for all permanent residents and nationals. And it is a good idea to obtain if you own property here.

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bosagent.com.

Furnished homes in Baja California Sur are very eye appealing and provide a fun atmosphere. Outside patio furniture is probably the hardest part of your home to decide on. The functionality is important, but keep in mind the sun and sea air plays havoc on outdoor furniture. If there is a place to store it when you aren’t around, metal chairs with cushions and tables are a nice choice. If your home is an investment property, plastic is your most logical choice. However, in either scenario there are places where you can get decorative plastic furniture. It will cost a little more, but will be more formal and stylish.

I hope these suggestions will be somewhat helpful. Everyone faces frustrations in one form or another when trying to accomplish the final touches. Just remember this, “When it is all said and done, life in paradise is well worth the effort put forth.” So sit back, grab your favorite beverage and enjoy the beautiful sunsets.

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Let’s Go To The Botanical Garden
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BY AMANDA BRUNO

Last Saturday, I packed up my camera and my beach bag, and headed up highway 1 to check out the Buena Fortuna Botanical Garden. Having read about it online, I was excited to get away from the noise of Los Cabos and spend some time with nature, and to report back on the experience to the dedicated readers of the Gringo Gazette. As my luck would have it, though, the Buena Fortuna Botanical Garden is not open all the time for visitors to peruse at their leisure, and I never actually got to immerse myself in Mother Nature. But fear not! I’m sure that the garden is a wonder to behold, and with some careful planning, it offers a great escape and a change of pace for Cabo vacationers and residents alike. So let’s learn from my mistake, shall we?

Founded in 1998 by renowned botanist Gabriel Howearth, the Buena Fortuna Botanical Garden is nestled in the small fishing town of La Ribera, about an hour and a half north of San Jose. It is almost directly across from the La Ribera welcome sign (you’ll see this as soon as you get to town), and down the street from Oxxo. It bills itself as a living genealogy seed bank and training center that works toward the preservation of botanical diversity. The main emphasis of the Buena Fortuna Botanical Garden is on permaculture. Depending on whom you ask, permaculture can mean many different things. For the purposes of the Buena Fortuna Botanical Garden, though, it simply refers to a system of symbiotic relationships that allow the garden to sustain itself for generations to come. Everything grown there is done so organically, without the use of any chemical fertilizers or pesticides. Growers use techniques such as crop rotation, composting, and the use of cover crops. Organic agriculture makes it possible to maintain the health and natural structure of the soil.

The Garden is maintained through a variety of techniques, including organic agriculture, agro-forestry, and bio-construction. It also boasts an impressive education and charity program, working with nearby schools and community organizations to teach about sustainability and to supply seeds to community members. Their permaculture practices include composting, mulching, beekeeping, and seed production, and they integrate those practices into the community through permaculture design courses, school gardens, community gardens, home gardens, and edible landscape design.

Today Kitzia Kokopelmana, a local artist, earth-lover, and

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Spotlight: Prickly Pear Cactus

The prickly pear cactus is just one of the 3,000+ species of plants found in Buena Fortuna. An indigenous plant to Mexico and the Southwestern United States, locals here have enjoyed the nutritional and medicinal uses of the cactus for centuries.

The prickly pear cactus can be prepared and enjoyed in a variety of ways. The cactus pads (the wide, flat leaves), called nopales in Mexico, can be cooked and enjoyed in a vegetable dish, or eaten raw in a salad. The nopales are high in vitamin C and rich in antioxidants. They are commonly used to treat diabetes, diarrhea, high blood pressure, as an anti-inflammatory, and a multitude of other ailments (I’m told that it’s a great hangover cure). The fruit of that cactus can be enjoyed raw, as a jam, or as a juice (prickly pear margaritas, anyone?).

Both the fruit and the nopales can be enjoyed raw, but only after removing the thorns. If you grow your own, be sure to use gloves or towels to pick any part of the cactus and remove all thorns before consumption.

I’m no culinary expert or natural-medicine pro, so do a quick Google search for a how-to on thorn removal, and

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botanist, among other things, maintains the garden. To visit Buena Fortuna, you must contact Kitzia directly via email (kitzia-kokopelmana@gmail.com) and schedule a tour. According to their website (buenafortuna-maculture.wordpress.com), Kitzia hosts a brunch every Friday and Saturday morning at 10:00 from December to May. During brunch, visitors will tour the garden, learn about the various plants, and enjoy a freshly cooked organic meal.

In addition to weekly tours, Buena Fortuna hosts a variety of workshops, including how to prepare your own compost, creating and maintaining a school garden, how to grow food in your home garden, and several other topics. Their website states they can organize workshops on demand as well, which would be a great option for groups here for only a short while.

My suggestion is to make a day of it. Have brunch in the morning at Buena Fortuna, and then head to the La Ribera beach in the afternoon. The town is on the Sea of Cortez and has plenty of swimmable, nearly deserted... continued on page 28

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He has authorized payments to people and companies that can’t be found, he has not paid those who should have been paid, public equipment has gone missing, and public works projects, (think potholes), have been, um, “mismanaged”.

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This typical dish from the coast of Veracruz, on the Gulf of Mexico in the southeastern region, is kind of between a paella, a risotto and a rice stew. This hearty meal has seafood and fish, and the original recipe has an interesting story among “jarochos” (that’s what people from Veracruz are called).

At the beginning of the century, the fishermen would travel the Veracruz Riviera looking for fish, crab, and shellfish. The story says a crew found a sweet spot around the Blanco river, which is near the Alvarado settlement, and they would use a combination of nets and knives to get the products they needed. These further excursions were called “de Nevada” which roughly translates to “snowy”, because they could sometimes find ice while exploring the waters, which helped them preserve their catch for a longer time and therefore allowed them to go on longer fishing trips without the risk of the catch going bad.

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BY BEAU TYE

We have so-called universal health coverage here in Mexico, but it is far from universal. First, you have to pay your taxes, and less than half of the workforce does that. The slight majority works in the “informal” market. Meaning under the table.

And the health care offered is spread so thin that major diseases are not treated. At all. Like a child born with a corrupted heart. Or many forms of cancer. They are just sent home to eventually die.

But the charity called Los Cabos Children’s Foundation, (LCCF), supported by foreigners to the tune of millions of dollars, each year, built a program for children with cancer. It’s at the Salvatierra hospital in La Paz, because that’s where the political power is. LCCF originally wanted to build a hospital on a chunk of donated land it had ready but couldn’t get it done when the power of the state wanted the acutely ill children’s center in the government hospital in the state capitol.

Very ill children arrive from all over the state, and often they and their family must stay throughout a protracted medical battle.

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The golf course at Costa Baja has recently been brought back after it was left to go to hell. Or maybe golf heaven, who knows? It was brown and unplayable. They have a clubhouse at the top that’s open to the public and has a view to China
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The local team and the Omaha team have continued working closely since Dr. Hammel’s arrival in 2013, and by this most recent round of surgeries his oversight was minimal, with Dr. Hammel acknowledging that he had only felt it necessary to spend about 15 minutes in the operating room—the local team has reached the point of no longer needing him there. Also notable is the accreditation of each of the pediatric units at Salvatierra. With the help of the LCCF, the USCH, the cardiology program, and the PICU have all been fully accredited and are thus able to receive federal funds for their continued functionality.

At the opening of the Salvatierra General Hospital in 2010, then-president Felipe Calderón said, “the Salvatierra Hospital will change the history of Baja California Sur as far as health is concerned. There will be a watershed in this hospital…” President Calderón hit the nail on the head; the Salvatierra Hospital, with the help of the LCCF, has totally changed the quality of and accessibility to healthcare for children in the state for the better. LCCF leads hospital visits monthly, (the next one is June 20th), and is happy to take along anyone interested in seeing their work in action. LCCF provides transportation to and from the hospital, including a stop for breakfast, to anyone in Baja Sur who wants to go. For information on hospital visits, contact LCCF via email at contact@loscabochildrens.org. To learn more about the Los Cabos Children’s Foundation and to donate to their cause, visit their website at www.loscabochildrens.org. Opportunities for donations and volunteering abound!
Live Like A Tourist

You can get a day pass to Breathless, the resort on the Cabo marina, for $53 USD. This gets you into the rather crowded pool from 9 am to sunset, but there are some restrictions, and the meaning of “sunset” is up to the resort. Also, if you haven’t eaten by 6 pm, there probably isn’t any food left. Still, it’s fun and a great party if you like bumping DJ music.

Join the party with a day pass at Breathless

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for what appeared to them to be a strange meal. The cook was expecting a bunch of angry reactions to what he had so carelessly made, but the fishermen were quite pleased. Much like many other Mexican recipes, this was an accident. An accident of tumbada, tossing ingredients in a pot

Ingredients
2 cups of long grain rice
2 tablespoons olive oil
10 cups of hot fish broth or water
½ cup white onion chopped
3 garlic cloves minced
2 cups tomatoes chopped
16 u/8 shrimp peeled and deveined with tail on
½ cup cooked octopus or squid rings
4 blue crab cleaned and cut in half
1 cup mussels or small clams (whatever you like best or can find freshest)
½ cup peas
½ cup carrot, peeled and cut pea-size
¼ cup chopped cilantro
3 or 4 Serrano Chiles chopped
4 limes cut in wedges
Sea salt to taste (about 2 tablespoons)

Instructions
We will need a large sauté or paella pan about 25 inches in diameter and 4 – 5 inches deep. You will need a lid to cover the pan.
Place the pan on medium heat and add the olive oil. Place the rice and fry for 2 to 3 minutes until the grains are translucid on the outside and white on the inside. Don’t mix the rice. Gently fold the rice so it won’t break and turn mushy after cooking.
Add chopped onion and cook for another minute, then add minced garlic cook for another 30 seconds. Add chopped tomatoes and cook for another minute. Salt freely.
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Add 4 cups of the hot fish broth or water. Allow to come to a boil. Taste the broth and see

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Cabo San Lucas

Numbers at a glance: Billfish 57%, Tuna 18%, Dorado 2%, other 14%.

Marlin numbers seem to be spiking, with six striped marlin caught by 35 foot Va-lerie and 31 foot Ruthless on their luckiest day. The weekend brought with it various numbers of stripers per boat, found far up the East Cape, past Punta Gorda.

and catch limits were respected. except for one were released, smaller game fish. All marlin, marlin, 55 tuna, 1 dorado and 24

found about 30 miles out. catches, with yellowfin tuna still were some of the smaller game Jack crevelle and a nice wahoo

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Weather conditions: beautiful sunny skies and calm water.

Average water temp: water temp varied from an average of 72 f. to 84 f. from East Cape to 78 degree range. This is where the clear blue water is, along with concentrations of baitfish and in turn the more productive fishing opportunities.

Supplies of sardina remain steady; schools of these baitfish are now back in close range, just north of the Puerto Los Cabos Marina jetty. Other bait options were mullet and caballito, as well as rigging ballyhoo or finding bait offshore, such as skipjack and chihuil.

The yellowfin tuna bite has been concentrated near the La Fortuna or the Twenty-Five Spot, just inside of the Iman Bank. Drift fishing with sardina for bait has been the best bet for this, though these yellowfin remain finicky. An average size for the tuna was in the 20 to 60 pound class. Only an occasional dorado was even being seen, but a handful of wahoo strikes were reported.

Shallow water rock piles are now holding a variety of species; the best bite did seem to be earlier in the day. Amberjack up to 30 pounds were coming to the surface, not a normal action for these jacks, but it is the time of year when it can happen. Quite a few yellow snapper are being found, some over ten pounds: island jack, surgeon fish, leop-ard grouper, barred pargo, rose spotted snapper, sierra and pompano were also accounted for, so basically a smorgasbord of quality eating fish. We saw one sierra about 12 pounds, end of the season for these members of the mackerel family, time of year when the big ones show up.

With more mullet now moving into local inshore beach stretches we are also seeing increasing numbers of rooster-fish arriving, the majority are still under 20 pounds, though larger specimens were reported. During the next few weeks is usually when we see peak action locally for the larger grade of roosterfish.

The action for striped marlin broke wide open through this month, particular so the later part of the week, with the best action being found from the Gordo Banks north to Desteladera. Marlin were coming up and feeding on balled up baitfish and boat battles ensued, with the first few charters arriving to the scene hooking up and then everyone waiting for the striper to come back up on another bait ball. Also, many marlin were striking on trolled lures, though the higher percentage of hook ups were from live baits such as caballito, chihuil or skipjack, as well as rigged ballyhoo.

East Cape

Water – 79/80 degrees, clean and clear.

The bite just exploded Thursday off Iman Bank. Huge schools of mackerel are holding thousands of striped marlin. Rancho and other hotel cruisers are releasing from three to seven fish per day, all on live mackerel. This is very much like Mag Bay on a good day.

Multiple pods of porpoise are found outside from 15 to 50 miles offshore and are holding lots and lots of tuna. The average fish is around 25 pounds; some footballs, but mostly dandy fish.
ocean front. If you’re looking for something more picturesque, head 20 minutes up the coast to the twin towns of Buena Vista and Los Barriles for a quiet, beautiful beach day, away from the tourist-heavy beaches in Los Cabos and La Paz, but still in civilization. Or, head back south to the serene beaches of Baja’s East Cape. There’s no wrong option—we’re in Mexico, after all. Just don’t do what I did, and be sure to invest the proper time to plan for Mexican hours. We gave you the email and website. Use it.

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registered and in the last year three small ones were not able to overcome the disease

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if it needs more salt. It should taste a little salty since you will be adding seafood and vegetables, put on low heat and cover for 10 minutes.

Add another 2 cups of hot fish broth. Carefully place the blue crab into the rice and cover for 5 minutes. The broth should always be ¼ inch above the level of the rice. Add up to two cups of broth to do so. It is not necessary for the broth to cover the sea food. Taste the broth. It should be a little salty. Also taste the rice as it should be almost cooked.

Add the rest of the seafood, carrots, and peas. Cover the pan for 5 minutes after the broth comes to a boil again. You may need to add more broth do so. Again, making sure the broth is ¼ inch above the rice.

Important: This is a soupy style of dish. It should have liquid as you serve the dish in a bowl. This is not like paella (only in presentation) which is much drier.

When the rice is cooked but still al dente, serve in a bowl and sprinkle with cilantro and Serrano chile. Serve with lime wedges to squeeze over the dish.

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up to 65 pounds. They’re taking small trolled blue and white lures. All anglers are limiting! Dorado were again scarce this week, but everyone was targeting marlin or tuna.

There were bigger and more roosters this week with lots of them around. However, they put up only light pressure pm the roosters as most anglers headed outside for the tuna.

A pompano party with as many nice sized pompano as anglers are willing to pull on. These are three to 10 pounds being taken off the bottom at the lighthouse on live sardina with lots of pargo mixed in. It’s our best week so far this year!!!

La Paz

Conditions are improving, but we are still getting some winds and off-color water as we move into warmer conditions. However, overall, it was maybe the best weather of the season with mostly great sunny days and generally flat seas.

It wasn’t great fishing but wasn’t bad either. As we transition into more pelagic warm water species, there’s a lot of variety in the water. Cooler water species like yellowtail and amberjack seem to still be lingering around and some are up to about 20-pounds. Other cooler water species like pargo, snapper and cabrilla also made for some good action.

However, the presence of more species like tuna, wahoo, dorado and billfish are evident of the changing conditions. There’s not a lot of blue water stuff yet, but we’re getting a few here and there and seemingly more with each passing week. Also more big-time rooster fish are showing up as well in the 40 to 60 pound class.

The biggest issue is that fish are everywhere, the problem is that they are not everywhere all the time. Conditions can be so erratic that what’s biting one day doesn’t necessarily mean they will bite the next day. Or, one fishing hot spot can suddenly go cold as fast as the currents change and the water colors change. Or, a spot that’s great for pargo, will turn into a jack crevalle spot the next day or conversely one of our boats will be bent on fish while a boat a few yards away can’t get a single chew! It’s ever changing, daily and hourly!

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MIKE

Yes, that’s a medal you see around my neck. Did I win an Olympic drape climbing race? A sunbeam sleeping marathon? Perhaps a house eating competition? No, in fact, someone who cared enough about me to make me a personal name badge had to surrender me. I don’t know the reason why and my heart is aching. Let’s compete in this game of life together - we’ll both win!
This week we asked: What will you be doing this summer?

**Amador Garcia, 62, field worker**

Summers are a little hard when it comes to working in the field, because the sun is so hot and there is little wind. The crop we specialize in is tomatoes and the picking is a little hard because you have to be gentle and it takes a little longer than other crops, like maize. There is also this weird raining that used to happen later in the season but it’s lately ruining the crops, so we have to clean up the fields faster. The upside to the summer is that my sons come to town and it’s nice to see them, but they don’t want to come to work with me anymore.

Donaldo Ramirez, 58, night guard

My job is the same through the year, but in the summer when the kids are out of school we have to pay closer attention in case they want to go into the park at times when they are not allowed or be careful not to fall into their pranks. Last summer we had to work double shifts for some summer festivals, but the bosses haven’t told us anything about this year yet.

**Dalia Lopez, 36, nurse**

I change my shifts in the summer because my kids are on vacation from school and my mom can’t help me watch them in the mornings, so I stay at home until lunch and then take them to their grandparents’ house and work the middle shift (2:30 pm to 10 pm). We get a lot of accidents during the summer too, mostly drunk drivers and kids who hurt themselves because of bad supervision.

**Eduardo Gomez, 33, campaign coordinator**

This summer I am in charge of a political campaign and I have to do many things, like drive people to wave the party flag at certain places, make sure the candidate I am supporting gets to where he must safely, go to meetings and plan events at the district he is going for. Now, for example I am setting up a lucha libre event fund raising event, and I must make sure the people who set out the ring are in time, the fighters are okay, and the music and speakers are set up. Summer is my busiest time because elections are July first.

**Enrique Orozco, 28, accountant**

This summer I am taking on a part time job helping other accountants who have slacked off the rest of the year because taxes are due in the winter. I have everything in order in my office, but some of my colleagues don’t because they have family obligations they must take care of the rest of the year. I have no kids, so I don’t face that problem. My niece is studying accounting as well and she asked me to give her and some of her friends some extra courses, their teachers are not all that great and there are some things they need to improve on. Also help my other sister watch her son in the mornings at my office. I give him crayons and paper and once he gets too bored, I let him use one of the iPads, so he can stay quiet until his mom comes.

**Mirna Lomeli, 35, teacher**

During the summer I usually take a small job in some sort of camp or summer course since I am out on vacation too, but I try to relax as much as possible. I also have to go to some training thing my school organizes for teachers to update their teaching methods and at the end the principal takes us to a two day camp and a big dinner.
Book Report

BY JEANNINE PEREZ


The discovery of the New World has been said to be one of the world’s greatest historical events and here is how it was described or attempted to be described.

"...I do not know how to describe the first glimpse of things never heard of, never seen, never dreamed of before."

But, of course, the cultures found in the New World were as old or older and just as sophisticated, as anything found in Europe of that day.

The six chapters in this book give us still another view of the man who had such an impact on Mexican history; Hernon Cortez, the times in which the conquest happened, and the impact on both old and new worlds.

Chapter I, Cortes (his name is sometimes spelled with a z at the end, and sometimes with an s), prepared to attack Mexico in the name of King Charles. His motivation was glory for the king, glory to his God, and, of course, the lure of gold. He had already sent many treasures and art back. His entry and interests in the new land perplexed and disgusted the natives. But soon there were precious few natives left to perplex and disgust.

It was a trade. Cortes gained slaves, new exotic food, plants, and animals (among other golden treasures). And what did that trade gain for Montezuma and his country, that would become known as Mexico? Violence, death, and destruction. Also, many diseases unknown before Cortes; small pox, measles, and malaria, and many other diseases for which the natives had no immunity. Great numbers of them died of disease.

I wondered, who was Cortes the man? On page 104, he’s described as dark, handsome, a true gambler, a puzzle and an enigma, but certainly a man with charisma. He was also a seducer (of Malinche), and he came up with ambitious, creative, and heroic ideas.

We read of the glory and the violence of the conquistadors and question, was the conquest of the new world, in any sense, just? The Maya and Aztec cultures, so old and sophisticated, were ignored, the natives called by the padres, “Indians, natives, and savages. Did they deserve human rights? Are not Indians no less fully human? They wondered. (It was argued by some at that time, that Indians were natural slaves).

This was a disturbing book to read. How much have humans evolved since then?

The Houston chronicle calls the conquest, “...a triumph of greed, brutality, and blood...but of all these wonders...today all is overthrown and lost and nothing is left standing.”

This book describes a meeting and collision of two very different worlds and two very different world views. What did we gain? What did we lose?

I think you will find this a thought provoking book, great for book club discussions.

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