San Jose Music Festival’s 10th Anniversary
Support local artists and enjoy some music in downtown San Jose

BY BEN MARKATO

Every year, local musicians come out and rock the streets of downtown San Jose for one long night of music. This year, expect an even bigger party than usual as it’s the 10th anniversary of this event, which is also the worldwide celebration of the summer solstice. The festival will take place on June 23rd with the main stage set up at the plaza in front of city hall in San Jose’s historic district. Performances will take place on various street corners throughout downtown, beginning at 6pm and going until 2am. There will be over 100 different performers, and an expected turnout of 25,000, making it the biggest musical event in Baja California Sur.

This year’s headliner is Panoptica Orchestra, a prominent player in Mexico’s electronic music scene. Other performers include Andy, Color Hermano, Natty & the Trimmers, La Poronga Ska, Walksider, and many more.

Anyone can register to perform in the music festival if they meet the technical requirements such as professional audio equipment, an audio engineer on hand, professional lighting equipment, and access to power (via generator or from an outlet somewhere else in the city).

Snorkel, Eat, and Drink in Mexico’s Only National Marine Park
It’s entirely underwater

BY AMANDA BRUNO

Cabo Pulmo is the most successful reef restoration in the Western Hemisphere. In the 1960s and 70s, the area was almost completely fished out. Some of the locals saw the destruction that fishing had had on the area and petitioned the government to make it a national park. In 1995...
Is Pancho the sea lion dead? No. The reports of Pancho’s death have been greatly exaggerated. Pancho is an extra large sea lion who hangs out in the Cabo marina and makes his living by begging. Fishermen coming in from a day on the sea toss him scraps, and he puts on his cute face at all the fish cleaning stations in hopes of being fed. Most afternoons you can see him lying very still in the middle of the marina, one flipper in the air. He does this to equalize his body temperature. At night he flops onto one of the piers and is soon joined by his many girlfriends. They set up a terrible racket.

Recently, a sea lion was observed hanging out on the rocks and appeared to be injured. He was brought on land, put on a stretcher, and transferred to the marina, one flipper in the air. Alvaro Ramirez, head of the marine protection agency in Los Cabos, (what, you didn’t know we had one?) stated that together they did an inspection with our mud to your neighbors! They subsequently shut down the construction and instructed the RIU management to bring it down.

Well stay on it, too. Downtown alert! Genaro Ruiz, the state’s secretary of urban planning, announced in late May the plan to remodel the Amelia Wilkes park in downtown Cabo. That would be the one on Hidalgo Street with the bandstand and the museum.

The plan calls for new concrete flooring, lighting, landscaping and benches, but no word on trash cans. (A favorite subject of the Amigos, they are like trash can happy.) The Cabo downtown business owners’ association, known as Amigos, are awaiting a meeting with Ruiz to know more about the plan, as it is apparent that the park will be remodeled to resemble the main downtown park in San Jose, which so far nobody is happy with. The concrete on the ground is just dull and many think that it needs more tree shade. And, like, how about some grass? It’s a park, after all.

Housing needed! A total of 1,595 new hotel rooms are being opened this year in six new hotels. These include the Montage, Le Blanc, Comfort Inn, Garza Blanca, Solaz, and the new edition of the Riu Palace. Paloma Palacios, executive president of the Los Cabos hotel association, said each hotel needs nearly three employees per room, which amounts to a total of nearly 4,000 new employees to be hired.

Do we have them here? No, we don’t. During the Montage opening cocktail party this writer talked to three different employees. They all came from other resorts like Esperanza, Ventanas al Paraiso, and the Resort at Pedregal. They moved to the Montage because of better salaries and benefits.

So there will be wage pressure to pay better until new people come to Cabo from other

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A Self-Made Legend In Cabo
Ed Dutko shares the story of his life and how he built our CaboRey

BY AMANDA BRUNO

Ed Dutko, the builder and operator of the 144 foot catamaran named CaboRey, built his boat out of concrete because he read somewhere it would work. This paper laughed at him, calling it Eddie’s Folly for the entire three years he was building it. Just to show we learned our lesson, we’re passing on the knowledge of concrete boats to you, so you don’t make a fool of yourself laughing at a concrete boat builder.

If a boat weighs 1,000 pounds it will sink into the water until it has displaced 1,000 pounds of water. Provided that the boat displaces 1,000 pounds of water before the whole thing is submerged, the boat floats.

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Ed Dutko, builder of the CaboRey, and inventor of parasailing, still looking dapper at 91
Nobody Pushes Mexico Around. Mexico has hit back on U.S. tariffs that President Trump imposed on steel and aluminum, targeting products from congressional districts that the Republican party is fighting to retain in the November elections.

Economy Minister Ildefonso Guajardo said the tit-for-tat measures would hurt NAFTA talks but had to be done. Mexico’s retaliatory tariffs are targeting pork, apples, grapes and cheese, as well as steel – products from the U.S. heartland states that supported Trump in the 2016 election. So there.

It’s baaack….. Uber is back in Quintana Roo, and so are protesting taxi drivers. Think Cancun when you think that state, and that state Congress approved a law effectively allowing services like Uber to operate freely, a move that triggered protests and blockades by taxi drivers who have never been accused of being good sports. Drivers in Cancún blocked traffic in the city’s hotel zone and downtown. Just try and get a cab while all that was going on.

Representatives of the 17 cab driver unions sent up a hissy fit, saying Congress had “stabbed them in the back” and did not take into consideration the 33,000 families that depend on taxi drivers’ income.

Ride-hailing services stopped operating late last year after physical conflicts with taxistas, although the Quintana Roo chapter of the business group Coparmex presented survey results showing 90 per cent of respondents said they specifically wanted to see Uber continue operating in the state. The other 10% would be those 33,000 families. Pointing out that there will be 33,000 families that will be happy their head of household has an Uber job would just be too easy. And are you thinking you don’t want to see Mr. Uber get any richer? Well, who do you think makes the profit on the taxi ride you over paid for, the driver? No. Rich guys who control the industry and the unions.

Big Election coming. The National Electoral Institute (INE) has started distributing the 282 million ballots that will be used in the largest election in Mexico’s history. The Presidency of Mexico and 3,400 other public offices will be decided on July 1. This is a biggie, folks. More than 89 million Mexicans will be qualified to vote. There are 300 electoral districts with 156,974 polling stations operated by 1.4 million citizens, 40% of whom didn’t show up on the morning of the last election. Might be a little bit of a line-up if that happens again.

Pop quiz! How many states are there in Mexico? There are 31 states plus the federal district. What, you thought we were going to make you look that up? We know you weren’t going to bother.

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Solomon’s Is Doing Their Cheap, Cheap Menu Again

$3 bar food, $3 drinks

BY DICK FITZWELL

If you’ve been in Cabo for any length of time, you know that there are endless options to get something to eat, and every place claims to have a deal. Of course, many of them do, but for the most part it’s just a marketing strategy to get the Gringos in. At Solomon’s, though, you can really get a deal with their menu from now until September 30th.

Solomon’s is right on the marina in Cabo, water side of Tesoro’s in the corner. Their summer menu includes 11 food items and six drinks at a huge discount. Each dish is between $2 and $4, and drinks range from $1 to $3. We won’t tell you all 11 items on the menu, but here’s a few to give you an idea: fried calamari, buffalo chicken fingers, Kentucky ribs, chili poppers, and more yummies. Cheapo drinks include draft beer Rincon’s red or white wine, Smirnoff vodka, Appleton rum, and Destilador tequila for shots or margaritas. (That would be $2.50 margaritas). This menu is only available at the bar. And if you’re not filled up, just buy two and you’re still only at six bucks.

Solomon’s in the summer is a give-away. It’s the perfect stop for a quickie lunch or a quickie drink.

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near the stage). Sponsors include Hyatt Place, Squid Roe, Tecate, and many others. For more information about the Fiesta de la Musica, visit the website at www.fiestadelamusica.lascabos.net.

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How Come We Don’t Hear About The Candidates? Because you don’t read the Mexican papers

BY CAM PAYNE

Newspapers in Mexico are different than newspapers in the United States. Glance through any paper and you wonder how they stay in business. At least you wonder if you know that US papers make nearly all their money on advertising. Where are the ads in the Mexican papers? They’re there now, as we’re in the middle of an election cycle. The papers are full of ads for candidates. And even now, many of those ads are in stealth mode: They are disguised as real articles. Broadcasting giants like Televisa and Azteca (similar to ABC, NBC, and CBS,) get around 10 percent of their ad revenue from the federal government. Even so-called respected Mexico City newspapers like Milenio, El Universal, and Excelsior, rely on the government to keep the lights on.

In the off season papers get support from the government too. Since he came to power in 2012, Mexican President Pena Nieto has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on government ads on TV, radio, and newspapers, all promoting what his government is doing “for the people.”

If your main client is the government, you’d best not bite the hand that feeds you, so investigative reporting, critical journalism, and exposes are nonexistent. So is the press censored? Not exactly, they could be more critical of the government if they wanted to be, but once you take a free handout, it’s awfully hard to feed yourself. Media people here do not have a culture of hustling out and selling ads, like we need to do.

No, the Gringo Gazette doesn’t take ads from the government, avoiding that trap entirely because politicians don’t see our readership as being their voters. And maybe we aren’t. When former mayor Tony Agundez was asked why he didn’t do something about the way we kept calling him a crook, he said, “Aw nobody reads that paper anyway.”

And we were pushing it with that criticism of him, as foreign owned newspapers are not allowed to take sides in politics. Harsh? Well, the United States has that same rule, with Rupert Murdoch, owner of Fox News, Wall St. Journal, and assorted other media required to become a US citizen before he could build his media empire.

Last year the Supreme Court ruled in favor of laws to curb ad spending, suggesting government ad spending be distributed in an unbiased way, but the law was pretty weak and the media wasn’t seen as anxious to change things anyway.

Wine does good That is the wine festival that took place last month in Todos Santos, 45 minutes north of Cabo. Known as Gastrointestinal, the festival raised funds to remodel one of the town’s parks at the San Juan barrio and for El Padrino (the godfather) Foundation. A total of $16,254 was raised, 80 percent of which goes to the Padrino Children Foundation, and the rest (20 percent, Bunky) to the park. The Padrino Children’s Foundation is a provides access to professional medical care for children in need and to promote wellness for children in the community of Todos Santos and the surrounding region. For more information look up.

Southwest announces new flight Between Chicago and Cabo San Lucas, as of next November on weekends only. This is a brand new destination from Midway airfield.

La Paz taxis to compete with Uber Martin Insunza, a leader of taxi drivers in La Paz, is now planning to launch their own app and reduce their fees – but not as low as Uber’s. Stay tuned. 

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Los Cabos Surfing Contest

Head over to Zipper’s and watch the pros catch some waves

BY AMANDA BRUNO

From June 11th-17th, the Baja California Sur government, (that’s our state, Bunky), and the Los Cabos tourism board, along with some other hangers on sponsors will present the annual Los Cabos Open of Surf at Zipper’s Beach in San Jose. Zipper’s is a world famous surf spot at Costa Azul just south of San Jose. The Los Cabos Open of Surf is a professional surf and music event that has taken place here since 2013. It started as a men’s only event, but in 2014 it became the first professional surfing competition for women in Mexico. It now has three separate competitions: the women’s QS6,000, the men’s pro junior, and the women’s pro junior. Competitors are placed into one of the three events based on their age and performance level.

It turns out surfing is way more complicated than I ever thought. Here’s what I’ve learned about surf competitions.

There are different levels of surfing competitions: the World Championship Tour (CT) and the World Qualifying Series (QS). The CT is essentially the major league, and the QS is the minors. To become a part of the CT and compete in the big, surfers must earn enough points in the QS competitions. Each year, the World Surf League puts out a calendar of events, and anyone who wants to get in the CT can sign up for QS events and try to qualify. In order to sign up for QS events, aspiring competitors must pay for a membership with the World Surf League.

Regardless of whether it’s a CT or QS event, all of the competitions work pretty much the same way. They are done tournament style. Each round is called a heat, and each heat has two to four surfers. Surfers have between 20 and 30 minutes to choose the best waves possible, and only their best are counted. They must choose their waves wisely-- it’s about quality, not quantity-- as judges rank the quality of the wave as part of the surfer’s final score. Interfering with another surfer will cost them half the points of their second best wave, so competitors are careful not to get in the way of each other. The winner of each heat moves on to the next heat until there is a final winner.

Surfers competing in the Los Cabos Open of Surf come from all over the world and compete for big prizes in addition to points that will (hopefully) up their ranking. Last year’s top prize for the Women’s QS6,000 was $10,000, and second place was $5,000. Men’s and Women’s Pro Junior winners took home $2,000, $900, $600, and $500 for first through fourth place respectively.

Big crowds are expected and spectators can get a good view of the competition from the beach. Surfers and their guests will have a designated area roped off on the beach, as well as separate restrooms and parking.

The Solead is hosting the event so all the surfers can relax in the pool, and enjoy the juice bar. You can stay at the beach and enjoy food from the booths that will be set up around the area, or just sit and enjoy a cold one from your cooler. The fun begins at 8:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm each day, except for the finals that will go from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday.

While the Open of Surf is first and foremost a surfing competition, it doubles as a music festival of sorts. On June 15th, the Open of Surf will present Grammy winning Venezuelan group Los Amigos Invisible at El Merkado in front of H+ hospital at Cerro Colorado on the four-lane. The show begins at 8:00 pm in the center courtyard of El Merkado with an opening set by Chris Coté and a closing set by DJ DOC. This event requires a bracelet to get in, and you can get them at the offices of Koral Concierge at El Merkado for 600 pesos.

For more information, visit their website at loscaboopensurf.com, or check their Facebook page under Los Cabos Open of Surf.
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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 handcrafted furnishings made with repurposed waste and clay pottery all made by ranchers’ hands. The Mercado (market). Todos Santos on Calle Morelos between Rangel and Cuauhtemoc inside the San Diego Feed Store. **Every Monday.** 8:30 am. Pickleball in San Jose. Contact ron@donbarto.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.** 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Liga MAC’s used book store and thrift shop. El Chamizal (Paseo de Los Marinos Street, almost on the corner of Calle Goleta) in San Jose. Runs through until April.

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

**Every Tuesday.** 6:00 pm. Mu-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, breakfast and lunch at Penny Lane’s Café.

**Every Thursday.** 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Art classes at the Palapa Society campus in Todos Santos. **Every Wednesday.** Classes are free to children ages 6 and up. Class size is limited to 16 students.

**Every Wednesday.** 5:00 to 6:00 pm. “Vino Con Elena,” a weekly book club featuring the works of author Elena Poniatowska. At Los Abades restaurant in Todos Santos.

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

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

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

**Every Thursday.** 5:00 to 11:00 pm. After Office. Live music and special promotions. At El Merkado, the Koral Center in Cerrero 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@todos santosbrewing.mx

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

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**Every Friday.** 11:00 am. Al-Anon Family Group. Next to the Palapa Chapel Corner of Degollado and Margarita Maza de Juarez in San Jose. Call 624-165-3333 for more information.

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

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

**Every Saturday.** 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Children’s library open. Story tellers at 10:30 and 12:30. Looking for gently used books. theranch cabo@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 Solomon’s Landing and the cultural pavilion. Live music, dancers and art workshops for children. Free.

**Every Sunday.** 6:00 pm. Sun-day Sessions Live Music. Todos Santos Brewing. Enjoy the ever popular star filled Baja sky; live acoustic music, fabulous handmade craft beers and delicious food. Alvaro Obregón street (between Militar & Rangel). Facebook @ TodosSantosBrewing for more information, 612-145-2033 or email info@todos santosbrewing.mx

**Every Sunday.** 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Bicycle, walk, bike or drag your pet to downtown Cabo. The main drag in Cabo San Lucas closes to vehicle traf-fic. Great opportunity to exercise and mingle with local families. The party coincides with Father’s Day and includes games, contests and prizes available each day. For more information email loscabostohumane@yahoo.com.

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Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 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. CODEX Peninsula salon at The Centro Cultural La Paz. The old city hall on 16 de Septiembre at the corner of Belisario Dominguez, across from the Sears store. Down- town La Paz.

Everyday: 5:00 to 9:00 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 Tuesday, 5:00 pm. Art Day. Art, paintings, books, live music. Spanish and English. El Merkado at Koral Center, next to the H+ Hospital. Kilometer 24.5 on the fourlane to San Jose.

Every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Art Fair. Food sampling and wine tasting at the restaurants and shops in the mall. Live music and local artists showcasing their work. Plaza el Pescador across from Cabo Azul resort in the hotel zone. San Jose.

Every Wednesday, 7:00 pm. Vagabond Movie Club. A different movie every week. Sometimes in English, sometime other 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. Pavilion’s Movie Club. A different movie every week. Sometimes in English, sometime 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 Migriño 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. 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 Friday, 8:00 pm. Theater night by the Gest-noEsTeatro Company. Directed by Emmanuel Noveco. 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 Sunday, 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Danzon Afternoons. Traditional Mexican romantic dance. Everyone is invited to dance. Spanish. Main square in downtown San Jose.

Every Sunday, 5:00 pm. Trova and Mexican music with guest musicians, always to benefit a charity. 100 peso donation. Spanish. Free. San Lucas’ Cultural pavilion, downtown next to the Dolphin Center.


June 23, Saturday. Annual World Music Day. 6:00 pm until 2:00 am. At the historic downtown of San José. Several stages in various streets with up to 100 music bands and soloists, and up to 25,000 in attendance. Information: www.fiestademusicaloscabos.net


June 30, July 8, August 25. August 29. September 22. October 27. November 24. Saturday, 7:00 pm. Concert at the Cultural Center will celebrate their third anniversary with music, theater, wine, discounts, and surprises. Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. It's the building with a ship's bow coming out of it.

June 12, Tuesday. 6:00 and 8:00 pm. Passion, from Euridice Dance Center. First performance includes kids from Red Autism on stage, second performance includes The Theatrical Comedy. Classic Ballet, Jazz, Musical Com- edy, Theatrical Comedy. To benefit Red Autism. Spanish with some English. Tickets are 200 pesos for one show, and 300 pesos for two shows. 624 166 2975. Cabo San Lucas’ Cultural pavilion, downtown next to the marina.

June 13 and 14, Wednesday and Thursday, 7:00 pm. Symphonic Rock. The Baja California Sur Winds Orchestra presents a rock concert with music from Queen, The Beatles, Deep Purple, Guns and Roses and more. Spanish with some English. Tickets are 50 pesos at the entrance. Concert Lounge. Morelos St. at Colina de la Cruz neighborhood. La Paz.

June 10, Friday- 8:00 pm. One Night of Frank Sinatra. The Baja California Sur Winds Orchestra presents a night of Frank Sinatra. Spanish with some English. Tickets are 50 pesos at the entrance. Concert Lounge. Morelos St. at Colina de la Cruz neighborhood. La Paz.


June 16, Saturday. 8:00 pm. Concert Celebrating Father’s Day for Tenor Daniel Silva. Spanish. Includes a complimentary beverage. 624 355 4978. 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.

June 16, Saturday. 7:00 pm. Alice at the Princess’ Town. Dance show by Studio del Angel students. Spanish. Tickets at Studio del Angel Plaza San Lucas / Walmart. Cabo San Lucas. Tel.: 143 3606


June 21, Saturday. Annual World Music Day. 6:00 pm until 2:00 am. At the historic downtown of San José. Several stages in various streets with up to 100 music bands and soloists, and up to 25,000 in attendance. Information: www.fiestademusicaloscabos.net


A SELF-MADE LEGEND... continued from page 3

is the culmination of years of successful shipbuilding and business operations. This man is entirely self-taught, with no background in engineering, construction, or architecture. He learns by doing, reading, and asking for help—a method many of us might want to try for ourselves. He is so good at what he does that naval engineers have asked him for insight and civilian engineers buy tickets for the Cabo Rey just to check out Ed's ingenious creation.

This life and story is one of trial and error, and persistence in the face of adversity. His success has not come without some serious struggles, but he got back up each time he was knocked down and came out on top. At 91, Don Eduardo has lived through two gunshot wounds (the result of a burglary in Acapulco), a heart attack, six stents, and health challenges that would keep a horse down. He's still as sharp as ever, and is truly a testament to how far you can go if you believe in your abilities and work hard to realize your dreams.

HOW DOES A CONCRETE BOAT...
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If the material you're making the boat from is steel or concrete, you can't make a block of this material. You need to shape it like a boat, that is, scooped out with air in the middle of it. A good portion of the interior of any boat is air (unlike a cube of steel, which is solid steel throughout). The average density of a boat -- the combination of the concrete and the air -- is very light compared to the average density of water, so very little of the boat actually has to submerge into the water before it has displaced the weight of the boat.

Dutko tells us he used concrete to build his boat because there is more concrete around here than steel or wood. (Concrete comes from rocks, and there is more concrete around here than steel or wood. (Concrete comes from rocks, and we've no shortage there). He also told us his biggest challenge was obtaining the workforce, let alone workers who were experienced in building boats. He had to bring men over from the mainland and then train them and find housing for them. He said there was a lot of attrition as they got homesick.

To this day engineers drop by just to check it out and see if they can learn something from it. And the old gentleman is directing the building of one of the largest private yachts in Baja. He’s not crawling around on boats anymore, but his vision is carried out by a naval engineer he works with.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THIS...
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In the Atlantic…. Oh never mind, you can go if you believe in your dreams.

The Atlantic storms, four are predicted to be category 1 or 2 hurricanes, and six are forecast to be hurricanes reaching an intensity of category 3 or above. That’s batten down the hatches time. (Batten down the hatches comes from the way sailors made old ships watertight in the hatches time. (Batten down the hatches comes from the way sailors made old ships watertight in the hatches time.

In the Atlantic…. Oh never mind, who cares about the Atlantic storms, we’ve got our own hatches to batten.

Guns drawn. The only gun shop in all of Mexico is behind a fortress-like wall on a heavily guarded military base. To enter the Directorate of Arms and Munitions Sales, customers must undergo months of background checks — six documents are required — and then be frisked by uniformed soldiers who might be looking for those six documents.

Every day the army gun store sells on average $80 weapons are smuggled into Mexico from the United States on that same day.

American firearms are directly driving the current violence we see in Mexico, although the US appetite for drugs and rampant law enforcement officials from both neighboring countries view guns, legally and culturally.

Like the 2nd Amendment in the United States, Mexico’s Constitution guarantees the right to bear arms, but it also stipulates that federal law “will determine the cases, conditions, requirements and places” of gun ownership. For many Mexicans, even those who love guns, the thought of an unfettered right to owning one is perplexing and there is no political machine called the NRA.
Soccer For Dummies
As the World Cup approaches, here are some basics to help you through

BY MIKE RENOUF

Football or soccer hasn’t set the States alight yet, but it is the number one sport down here south of the border and throughout the majority of both the civilized and uncivilized world. Also, 2018 is World Cup year, albeit without the American team who lost in the playoffs. Russia, on the other hand, has made it to the finals in Russia, so we’ve put together a guide to help you root for your adopted home.

The top division, Liga MX, was founded in 1943 and consists of 18 teams. The season is divided into two: the apertura (opening) and the clausura (closing). In the apertura, only behind the National Football League and Major League Baseball. It’s also the 4th most attended soccer league worldwide, with an average attendance in excess of 26,000, only behind the three powerhouse leagues in Europe, Germany, and Spain.

In an unusually organized way for Mexico, each team always plays their home league game on the same day at the same time. So let’s say you decided to follow the current champions, the Tigres of Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, thankfully known as Tigres UANL for short. They currently always play their home games on Saturday night at 7pm. Well nearly always—for the last game of the regular season, all the teams are required to play on Sunday during prime viewing hours.

I mentioned at the beginning of the article that the event regarded as the biggest sporting event on the planet will take place this year, with Russia hosting 32 competing nations. The tournament will run from June 14th to July 15th. All teams are guaranteed the first time around will now travel to their opponent’s ground. The Clausura champions then play the winners of the apertura, with the victorious team being declared the champions of all of Mexico. If the same team happens to win both phases, they automatically win the title.

Now if you think that is complicated, wait until I explain the relegation to you! In fact, it could take days, so let’s just say that the team with the worst record over the last three years gets dropped down to the Mexican second division, called the Ascenso MX (ascending). You’re getting the hang of this, aren’t you? They are then replaced by the second-tier champions, who are established in much the same way as the Liga MX winners.

The two most successful teams in Mexico are Club America, who are based in Mexico City, and Club Deportivo Guadalajara, who are based in—well, I’m going to assume you can work that one out for yourself. They are the only two teams that have been ever-present in the top division of Mexican football since the league’s official formation in 1943. They spookily have exactly the same record of being crowned champions 12 times and runners up nine, and both teams’ nicknames are related to animals. America’s is Las Aguilas (The Eagles) and Guadalajara’s is Las Chivas (The Goats). The team from the Jalisco capital is unique in that they only field Mexican nationals in their team.

Keeping the animal nickname/mascot theme running, the only team based on the West Coast is Club Tijuana, also known as Los Xolos, after the Mexican hairless dog xoloitzcuintli, which was considered sacred dogs by the Aztecs, Toltecs and Mayans. The xolos breed is not widely known north of the border, leading to them to be mistaken for the mythical chupacabra on many occasions.

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After this, a specially prepared Bio-Filler of concentrated platelets with added hyaluronic acid is strategically placed in the smile lines, crow’s feet, chin, cheeks, forehead, and corners of the mouth using a tiny needle. The platelets contain numerous growth factors that stimulate the fibroblasts and stem cells to achieve total facial rejuvenation. It adds volume and smooths out the deep creases and wrinkles in the face. This is a single session treatment and the results will be long-lasting, depending on how the patient cares for their skin. A second application of PRP may be given 6 to 8 weeks later to stimulate the effects of the fibroblasts and stem cells to produce longer lasting results up to 18 months or more. Also included in the treatment is a facial cream containing numerous growth factors that will help maintain firmness, elasticity, and for hydration of the skin.

The procedure is performed by cosmetic surgeon Dr. Hector Canna at the clinic in San Jose del Cabo and takes about 60 minutes and the effects are immediate. Why not schedule a free consultation with the doctors to discuss Dermiblast Plus, the most effective non-surgical facelift treatment on the market. Visit www.prmedica-inc.com for more info about stem cell procedures available at PRMEdica.

The Dermitiblast Plus Face Lift uses fibroblasts and mesenchymal stem cells from clinically approved donors and is mixed with platelet-rich plasma obtained from the patient’s own blood. The combination of fibroblasts, stem cells and PRP are injected into the mid-structures of the face and below the skin surface with a micro-needling device. This achieves a diffused infusion of concentrated platelet growth factors, fibroblasts and mesenchymal stem cells throughout the dermis of the face.

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La Chatita, on the marina in Cabo, is not just another place to eat: it's a family run restaurant, with Cabo's own Beto Nuñez and his three children at the helm. They are well known locals from Los Cabos, and the restaurant is named in honor of Beto's abuela (grandmother), who was a Peiriqui Indian from the Baja area. A noted feature of the Piriqui Indians is a flat nose, which is called “chatita” in Spanish. Because of her “chatita,” Beto’s family always called her Chatita (adding ito or ita to the end of a word in Spanish makes the word a term of endearment).

Beto never planned to be in the restaurant business. He owns a few business spots that he rents outs on the marina and is a fisherman by trade. The restaurant Mis Sueños used to rent this spot from him, but they were behind on the rent. One day the owners up and left the business, taking everything with them and leaving the employees without a month’s pay and without a job. The staff, however, continued to report to work and asked Beto to take over the restaurant so that they could keep their jobs. Beto thought to himself, “I’m a fisherman and have managed Beto’s Sports fishing fleet for over 27 years in Cabo. I don’t know anything about the restaurant business.”

But he also knew that the sport fishing business is not what it used to be, and that it’s becoming harder to survive off fishing. The staff wouldn’t give up, and they told Beto that they would help him and train his family. He decided to take a gamble on these employees, not wanting to see them out of work. He took the restaurant back, paid the employees, and reopened it as La Chatita.

La Chatita is famous for the way it prepares your fresh caught fish. This tradition is called “La Preparacion” The Preparation, and there are seven different options to choose from. Your fish can be prepared Veracruz style with white wine and capers, or with panko, garlic, blackened, rockefeller, BBQ, or tempura. It costs $12 USD to prepare your fresh caught fish. Get chunks of your fish cooked all seven ways, you won’t be disappointed.

La Chatita serves a variety of food such as pasta, chicken, and beef, but seafood is their forte. Their “curricanes” are flavorful, with a chipotle sauce. A currican is similar to sashimi; it’s a tuna roll stuffed with crab, avocado, veggies, and sprinkled with sesame seeds. The waiters think it’s funny that people eat currican, which is what they think of as fish bait. The chef’s specialty is shrimp scampi, but the shrimp tempura and coconut shrimp are also very popular dishes. The seafood salad is light and fresh, and is served with scallops, fish, shrimp, octopus, and boiled eggs on a bed of lettuce with a special salad dressing. The presentation of the food is very appealing and professionally done.

At La Chatita, you can eat your meal in peace since the owner does not allow any time-share snappers on the property. The timeshare industry can pay a restaurant owner up to $5000 to $6000 USD each month for allowing a salesperson to snag couples for a timeshare presentation. Beto turns down the money because he doesn’t want his customers to be harassed. An added benefit to eating here is that the restaurant has parking. There are at least six parking spaces on the road with La Chatita written on the curb—just be sure to tell the hostess where you parked, so she can give you a card to put on your dashboard so your car won’t get towed.

La Chatita is quickly becoming a popular place. When the restaurant first opened it only had 560 likes on their Facebook page, but thanks to a little marketing and very good food, it has now soared to 11,000. Give it a try to-day and post your comments.

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**Marina Restaurant's Unlikely Revival**

A local fisherman turned business owner has saved La Chatita

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New Gas Station Opening
Actually, it’s not another Pemex

BY HANNAH G.

A new gas station is under construction at the intersection of Calle Abasolo and Jalisco, near Chedraui in La Paz, and no, it’s not Pemex. Repsol, a company out of Spain, is opening the new station. You might recognize the name as its service stations have popped up around Baja Sur for the past few months.

Active in Mexico for 10 years, Repsol distributed gasoline and assisted in exploration and production. Last year, Mexico opened its fuel market and Repsol, as well as many other companies, were able to open service stations, import fuel, and acquire mineral rights for offshore drilling.

Familiar names like Chevron entered the market by way of the boarder state Sonora, while others, like Repsol, popped up in Mexico City. Big companies like Exxon Mobile and Shell opened stations this year on the Mexican mainland and have plans to expand.

The companies are filling a gap in service stations throughout the country. According to the Energy Regulator Commission (CRE), there is only one gas station per 10,560 people in Mexico and the country continually ranks in the top 10 nations for gas and diesel consumption. The gas giants see this as a major opportunity and fuel is crossing the US – Mexico boarder, heading south, by train and truck. Yes, Mexico has lots of oil, but not enough refineries to turn it into gasoline.

La Paz serves as the entry point to Baja Sur for several companies. Chevron opened its first station in the state, on Blvd. Forjadores, marking its 7th station in the country. Repsol has two stations and one on the way. Eco Gasolineras has seven stations in La Paz as well as several stations in Tijuana and Mexico City. The rush into Mexico’s gasoline market leaves room for competition and new services.

Repsol prices could be as much as 40 centavos cheaper per liter than Pemex while Eco Gasolineras claims to be 50 centavos cheaper. Chevron and Repsol, among others, include additives in their gasoline. Most stations include a convenience store and one local claims the Palmira Repsol on the road to Pichilingue and the beaches has the best ice in town. Best ice? Yes there are different grades of ice. Good ice lasts longer, bad ice melts before your very eyes.

Currently, there are five Repsol stations open throughout the state: two in La Paz, one in Cabo, one in El Sargento, and another in Bahía Asunción. The company plans to open seven stations in La Paz and as many as 20 stations throughout the state this year. Including the stations in BCS, by the end of this year Repsol hopes to open 200 stations across the country. They want to continue that trend each year for the next five years. At that time, Repsol anticipates to corner eight to ten percent of the Mexican fuel market.

In La Paz, there will be no shortage of service stations. The stated date for the new Repsol on Callada Abasolo to open is June 17. A separate convenience store will allow you to grab that wonderful bag of ice or a quick snack while you fill up your tank. And as each company expands throughout the country and the state, perhaps those long road trips up and down the peninsula will provide more options at a fewer centavos per liter and a cleaner engine.

And don’t let your guard down just because of the name. Reports are the Chevron dealer just north of the Cabo airport is already pulling the old slight of hand trick on customers. Watch the pump and watch your money everywhere.

What’s It Take To Make You Happy?
I can do that

SHIVA
Two-year-old Labrador-Pitbull mix with black and white chest waiting for her new home. Shiva was thrown out of her house after her owners moved out. She was found in pretty good shape but very thin, roaming the streets of San Jose. Shiva is at our shelter and getting along well with her fellow dogs, but she’s ready to find her forever home.

HULA
Two-year-old Labrador-Pull mix with brown hair. Hula has been in a foster care program for the last two months and wants to find a new home soon. She gets along well with other dogs and still has puppy-like energy.
Beachfront Developments Los Cabos Part II

If you missed part one a couple issues ago, your loss

BY KT MORGAN

A few years ago, oceanfront land in the corridor was available at a reasonable price, however, reasonable is a state of mind, or maybe a state of wallet. Well I can tell you this, if you desire beachfront in the corridor today it will be at a premium. And why not, if you consider the variables. Los Cabos is a perfect scenario of ideal. The style of living in the Baja seeps slowly and deeply into your new relaxed lifestyle. Here we present the very best of the oceanfront communities.

El Dorado Golf & Beach Club This Discovery Land Co. project was the first Mexican destination for developing the ultra exclusive private communities. Mike Meldman purchased the oceanfront golf course from Sanchez Navarro, (Grupo Questro), at a time when that sale money would go into developing the massive Puerto Los Cabos Marina, golf course, and residences.

The immediate success of this high end concept single handedly changed the real estate market and raised the bar to acceptance of high end private developments. While the Pedregal has its appeal with its close proximity and cliff side vistas and the Palmilla has its own style and flavor, El Dorado raised the bar for exclusive members only. The founding members who were already there were wrapped into this latest private club but owners of golf memberships were distraught over losing access to the course. No matter, they lost out.

These built in new members gave El Dorado a financial boost to immediately redesign the Nicklaus course. The beachfront holes fell to 42 beach front lots ranging from 1/3 to a full acre. These custom home sites are now home to a who’s who list of celebrities, pro athletes and CEOs. Further expansion on the eastern side has houses and colorful condos which can be seen from the highway. The far west side adjacent to The Marquis is now being bulldozed and compacted for the remaining space in the first row.

Meldman understood that beachfront is seldom used for a golf course. A case can be made that the golf course designers took advantage of the unsophisticated Mexican developers even doing it. One hole in Cabo Real was sold a few years ago to Ventanas for $22million. The result is the next three holes on that course are so bolixed up they are almost unplayable, but what does Grupo Questro care? Sanchez Navarro doesn’t even play golf and he’s $22million richer.

Purchasers of the Eldorado condos real close to the highway have been told they need not worry about the current traffic noise as there is a project underway to move the fourlane that goes close by them and close behind Cabo Real and El Dorado. The current road will become a private road, and the highway will be moved further inland. The $30 million project is being paid for by the developments affected, but there is still push back from the locals who feel this is a beach grab and they will be prevented from getting to their own beaches.

The entire El Dorado project is 540 acres with a mile of beachfront smack in the middle of the corridor. Service and amenities are stand out and a signature asset of Discovery Land Co.

Twin Dolphin Los Cabos This is a three part develop-

ment on the iconic site of the former Twin Dolphin Hotel. As one of the original hotel sites Twin Dolphin housed the celebrity set with Elizabeth Taylor, Sophia Loren, Lucille Ball and Desi Arnez, Bing Crosby and John Wayne. It has perhaps the best swimming beach in the corridor with the ever popular Bahia Santa Maria, a favorite of the day tour boats out of Cabo San Lucas a mere six miles away. The amazing Playa Viudas is the second swimmable beach that comprises the shoreline of this ocean front paradise. 15 years ago we were enjoying lunch at the original hotel after a run on their nature trail as we congratulated ourselves for moving to Baja. A year later the purchase was completed by the Ohana Group. The hotel was torn down, the nature trail closed and the developers began bulldozing the land. Public access to the two beaches continued as they slowly and meticulously reshaped the terrain over the next 10 plus years before offering the lots for purchase.

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7 Places to Get Your Morning Coffee in San Jose

Not all coffee has to be Starbucks!

BY AMANDA BRUNO

Okay, don’t get me wrong. This is not an anti-Starbucks effort—I’ve been a regular consumer of Starbucks’ coffee for as long as I’ve been a coffee drinker. And of course Starbucks is known for their great employee perks (hello college tuition!) and community-building charity work, so I have no qualms with the company. My point here is that Mexico is one of the largest coffee-producing companies in the world, and while you’re here you should take full advantage of that by trying some of the unique and delicious blends for yourself. Below are my top seven picks for a local cup of joe in San Jose.

Coffee LAB – Come for the coffee, stay for the laid back vibe and friendly baristas. Coffee LAB is hands down my favorite coffee shop in San Jose. It is my go-to for a consistently great cup of coffee. With blends from Veracruz, Chiapas, Guerrero, and Oaxaca, Coffee LAB boasts domestically sourced beans at an unbeatable price (55 pesos per cup). They have a variety of coffee and espressos drinks, and carry almond milk, coconut milk, and soymilk in addition to dairy. They also have a yummy breakfast and lunch menu (I recommend the avocado toast).

And, as a fun perk, they have movie nights on Wednesdays at 8pm that are totally free!

Café Calafia – Art, coffee, and baked goods to blow your mind. This eclectic coffee shop is located on Av. Obregon, near the galleries and restaurants of historic downtown. The atmosphere here is great, and definitely unique among the other shops listed here. Café Calafia is full of art and charm, and boasts a fabulous breakfast and lunch menu in addition to their coffee menu. This is a great place to have some breakfast before getting your day started, or to sit and get some work done.

Ufficio Caffe – Enjoy a latte, or a plate of homemade pasta. Or both! Located in El Merkado, the Ufficio Caffe is a café/Italian restaurant and pizzeria that does not disappoint in either category. With beans from Guerrero and Veracruz, as well as a few other states, Ufficio has a blend and a roast for everyone. The regular cup of drip coffee is good every time, as are the espresso drinks, but I recommend the chai latte. The food menu is also fabulous. Ufficio makes their pasta fresh on site, as well as their pizza. The prices are more in line with what you would pay at an American café, but it’s worth it for the fresh food and coffee every once in a while.

Cream Café – The coffee is good, the red velvet cake is better. If you’ve ever been to the Shops at Palmitilla, you’ve probably seen the Cream Café. Like Ufficio, it’s half coffee shop and half pizzeria, but the two are separated inside and share a patio outside. Cream Café has a wide selection of coffee drinks, smoothies, teas, and food. They offer a full menu for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and a full bar. The patio is beautiful, and the red velvet cake is like nothing you’ve ever had before. This is a great spot to get some work done and enjoy a quick bite.

Café Dona Nena – A hideaway among the craziness of...

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Can The Mexican Government Take My Property?
Practically, almost, for sure, almost never

BY CONNIE MEYERHOFF

This is one of the most common questions from foreigners who are interested in purchasing property in Mexico. Even if you don’t ask the question you have probably thought it a time or two and wondered if there really was such a risk.

One would expect that you’re going to go through all the proper channels of purchasing your property legally. Work with a professional Realtor who is experienced, educated in Mexico real estate, an AMPI & MLS member. Complete the process by hiring a professional closing attorney to represent your interests to transfer the property into your name.

The Mexican government has no legal right to take the property nor do they want to discourage tourism or purchasing property and investment. Under NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) Mexico may not directly or indirectly expropriate property except for a public purpose and under certain guidelines. It must be founded on public interest and the owner must be compensated. It is very rare. For example, if the land is required to build roads or railways. This same process exists in most countries including the USA and Canada.

To legally own your property as a foreigner in the restricted zone your title/deed is held in a trust called a Fideicomiso. It is held in 50 year increments and there is some confusion, people fear they will lose their rights to the property after it expires. This is not the case. The real estate trust (Fideicomiso) is simply renewed every 50 years by the Minister of Foreign Affairs with a new 50 year permit renewing in perpetuity and can be passed on to heirs.

Ejido land is property that a foreigner should not be buying. You may be offered a great price for a great piece of property. This land is generally not for private sale. The Ejido is property which Mexican Nationals are given the right to use by the government for living, working and typically farming.

Protect your investment. Make sure the title to the property is free of liens and encumbrances, always get your trust/Fideicomiso on the property, pay your annual property taxes, and do not use the property for illegal activities.

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Los Barriles Featured Property

Palmas de Cortez

Los Barriles is a quaint, friendly, safe community that is reminiscent of Cabo San Lucas thirty years ago.

Palmas de Cortez condominiums are the gem of Los Barriles, spanning the beach in town. The condominiums offer an affordable alternative to owning beachfront homes in this special town.

There are several beautiful condos available for purchase priced from $209,000. The beautifully designed and decorated one bedroom or two bath master suites are perfect for families looking for a little more privacy at bed time. Each unit was designed with a living room area, guest bath, full kitchen, and a private master suite w/private bath. And let us not forget the breathtaking views of the Sea of Cortez from every unit!

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After The Purchase Is Completed

Part IV: Important info for new property owners

BY LINDA NEIL

The Baja Peninsula is a place of incredible natural beauty; wonderful mountains, delightful beaches, lots of good activities.

You have wonderful properties to select from and capable real estate professionals to guide you. It is easy to fall in love!!

Once the ink is dry on the deed, you may have some questions and concerns. Let's talk about those questions and concerns.

Tax on income from rental properties.

Many foreigners, thinking ahead to eventual retirement, will buy a small home or an apartment building, rent it out to cover costs and maintenance while they are still working at their jobs in the US or in Canada. They let appreciation work for them.

There are three ways to declare and pay taxes on rental income.

Option one is to become a Mexican resident or Mexican citizen with taxpayer ID and
What Is An "Uso de Suelo"

We're going to explain it to you

BY CHERYL T. MILLER

An Uso de Suelo, literally translated means, "Use of the Land," but for Americans and Canadians, you can think of it as a Zoning Determination.

Each of the 5 municipalities (the sake of ease, let’s call them counties) in Baja California Sur, Comandu, Loreto, La Paz, Los Cabos and Mulege, all have their own County Zoning Plans. Within their zones, some land may be federal land, some may be state land and some will be land under county’s sole jurisdiction.

Here in Los Cabos and La Paz municipalities, the zoning plans are extensive and designate zones for use throughout their jurisdiction. Some zones may be residential, some commercial, or industrial, etc. Some zones may have special protected areas such as mountain tops or ecological areas and some may be actually owned by the Municipality for its own use. Each zoning designation may also have differing levels of restrictions. For example in the Residential Designation, your property may be designated as low, medium, high or ultra high density. It may also be designated Touristic or Non-Touristic.

Each zone is defined by the county planners in writing as to what is allowed and not allowed for use in each zone designation. For example, in a residential area, a heavy manufacturing facility would not be permitted. In some residential areas, hotels would not be permitted. However, just like in the United States, a change of zoning, can be applied for and approved by the county zoning commission, if the use is not in conflict with the general concept of the plan, nor endangers fire and life safety of the general population. And just like the United States, neighboring residents can fight your request for a change of zoning designation.

An Uso de Suelo is a formal stamped document that you apply for, that specifies not only what zone your property is within, but also the permitted uses allowed, the height restrictions of your building, parking requirements, if any, the maximum land coverage, the maximum overall building area allowed, and in most cases, what your setbacks are that you must adhere to. It is generally issued by the Zoning Department and in most cases this department may by a branch of either Catastro or City Planning, all under the overall heading of the Municipal government. The process is fairly simple requiring copies of the title, ID’s of the owner, photos of the property and, if available, plans of the project intended for the property. There is a small fee and it takes about 10 days to receive. If you are seeking a zoning change or an entitlement, plans will be required, and the submission will be greater, as well as the fees.

Raw land rarely has this stamped dictamen already in place when you purchase the land. And, you really do not want it to be done prior to your purchase if you plan on doing something different from the overall zone determination. You, may wish to have it done if you are doing a home in a residential area in a rustic area. The inclusion of the Uso de Suelo in your title in a rustic area may establish the jurisdiction for such items as land cleaning permits, and requirements. In each case, you should speak to a real estate attorney for advice on the matter.

If you are buying an already built property, and you wish to use the property for commercial, industrial or hospitality uses, it is ALWAYS best to have as part of you offer, a due diligence period to check the present zoning. Be prepared to pay a consultant to check the zoning and the requirements of that zone. Even if the property, for example, was a hotel, but has not been in operation for a while, checking the zoning can eliminate the possibility of a recent zone change disallowing the property’s re-use as a hotel again. (Properties that have continued with the same use and can prove they licenses have never elapsed, are grandfathered, despite any zoning changes that may have occurred over the years.)

For an established gated community that has its own municipal jurisdiction, it is not necessary to check on Zoning as one of the steps of receiving a building permit or a condominium regime is to have an approved Uso de Suelo.

If you are purchasing raw land, please know that an Uso de Suelo is required to submit your plans for a construction license, but moreover, your architect should receive this zoning determination to any design work being done.

Unlike many foreigners perception of Mexico, planning is not unrestricted. And as time progresses and towns/cities grow, the sophistication of the Urban Planning laws grow more sophisticated as well.

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The people I meet are fun to see Los Cabos for the first time again through the eyes of first time visitors. It helps insure I never take my adopted home for granted.”

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Pedregal de Cabo San Lucas
That Fancy development on the hill

BY SANDRA MORGAN

In my previous article titled ‘Cabo Expansion’ we focused on the 17 major residential and resort developments that recently opened or are currently under development. Now we are taking a look back in time 42 years ago to September 1975 when the first stone was placed in the first residential project called ‘Pedregal de Cabo San Lucas’. In 1973 architect and developer Manuel Diaz Rivera was looking for a new opportunity, one that would take him and his young family away from the two paced life in Mexico City. Narrowing his search to the Baja he started at the top of the peninsula and began his quest. After making it to the amazing seaside village of La Paz with its crystal lagoons and rich aquatic life his search would narrow to this wild patch of Mexico. After a trip to the southern tip, his family was amazed by the site. Pedregal de Cabo San Lucas and decided that this should be the destination of choice. This was in 1973 and the lower Baja was only a territory of Mexico and not even established as the 32nd state until a year later.

Timing is an element that every successful developer has to be in tune with. The completion of the Federal Highway, 1 and the upcoming statehood were two important timelines that would make a large difference in the success of this wild idea to build a cliff side luxury development in a small fishing village. Perhaps he had some insider knowledge regarding the third piece of perfect timing, the Fonatur project Marina Cabo San Lucas; dredging began soon after his land purchase was completed. He was equally helped by the village of the seller of the land and one of the original wild eyed dreamers who saw beyond the tuna cannery. We will go down that wild tale in a future article. Now that the signatures were done, his new deed a huge amount of sweat, tears and effort were just about to swing into gear.

Ok so now you have a nice large parcel of land with views that would earn international awards but first you have to have infrastructure. In 1975 that is one thing Cabo had in little supply. There were a few hotels, Mar de Cortez, Solmar and Hotel Cabo San Lucas at Chileno Bay. La Paz was a fearful four hour bump fest away but at least there were building supplies and grocery there.

Getting labor was another massive problem. Trying to convince experienced labor to move to Cabo was a hard sell. The locals were either fishing or canning tuna or working in a hotel. Were there even schools for the kids? Yes and no depending on your expectations. One of the first projects was starting a decent school and that is what they built first, Colegio El Camino is now a widely respected institution that is still going strong to this day. Workers from Miraflores were employed and then the search widened to mainland Mexico where jobs were not in such high demand.

You couldn’t just drive up the four lane to Home Depot in those early days. Build a block factory, buy your first tractor, open a carpentry shop, and get started. Then you can get into the backbreaking step by building a cobblestone masterpiece of engineering road to access this steep terrain.

First sales were to friends and family from Mexico City. Rich fishermen here for the marlin were next. Thank the captains for the referrals as they rounded Land’s End and the foreigners would look up and see the roads going uphill. ‘What in the world are they doing?’ I’m glad you asked, better go talk to the jefe Manuel and his family.

Pedregal de Cabo San Lucas is still building the roads up and down the hills. Just when you think they can’t possibly build higher, there goes another massive villa up higher.

Sadly Manuel passed in 2016 but his family is still instrumental in this amazing and wildly successful development. While for decades it was the most expensive luxury development in all of Baja, there are now many new and even more expensive players in Los Cabos. While the new offerings may be newer and more exclusive you will be hard pressed to find a more dramatic setting.

The addition of the Capella Resort that is accessed through a 1,000 foot tunnel as you enter Pedregal is a five star wonder. Renamed the Resort at Pedregal after Hurricane Odile in 2014, this resort has been honored as one of the top resorts in the world. This is frosting, as the Pedregal is indeed a luxury wonder unto itself.

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it and never say a thing to the Mexican authorities. This is OK, isn’t it? After all the money never came to Mexico so how can it be taxed???

Wrong!
The source of the income is Mexican, your Mexican property. It is not important where the money was collected but the source is very important and the justification for the taxation. Yeah………..but no one is checking.

Do you want to bet on that? More and more SAT and immigration officials are using the internet, checking the Air BnB and rental ads. They learn who is offering their property for rent.

Recent news from Zihuatanejo authorities are requesting proof of declarations of income. Recent news from Cancun airport-visitors are greeted with the request for information on the properties they own.

Air BnB has just signed an agreement with state authorities in BCS to collect the 3% hospitality tax. They forgot about SAT and Hacienda however and the authorities at the local SAT offices are not happy about that but do have another source of information than by checking Air BnB records.

In other words, the game is up!!!

And penalties range from 2700 to 8230 pesos for not enrolling as a tax payer. Failure to make a declaration can range from 100 to 800 pesos per month, plus interest at the rate of 1.13% per month on the amount owed. hat is 13.56% per annum. Compounded, it can add up very quickly!!

The good news: More SAT and immigration officials are using the internet, checking the Air BnB and rental ads. They learn who is offering their property for rent.

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Casa Desert Sun, MLS# 17-2411, 4 bed/4.5 ba Fully Furnished Home on a double lot with Arch Views in Cabo Bello $637,500. N. Fong, Los Cabos Agent

Puerta Cabo Village 202, MLS #16-2404, 2bed/2ba New Construction Condo, $248,000, J. Schmidt, Los Cabos Agent

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Joseph Testa

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I have written several times now on the subject of passports and taxes. The brainchild of soon to retire Utah Senator Orrin Hatch, a portion of the 2015 FAST Act provides for nonrenewal of passports of individuals with "seriously delinquent" tax debt. If the IRS certifies you (2018 total tax debt amount: $51,000), then the State Department will not give you a passport. They are also able to revoke a passport as well.

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Less talked about is another rider yourself fortunate.

This may affect some who are U.S. citizens but never "got papers" or even considered themselves American. Foreign-born offspring of U.S. citizens, now adults, may discover they have a long road ahead should they want to get evidence of that citizenship. Today they will need a SSN. But you may also know, U.S. citizens are required to comply with U.S. tax laws no matter where they are located or when it was discovered they were citizens. So the "new" citizen may have a tax filing adventure too.

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 provisioning: the nonrenewal of passports (or even revocation) if no valid social security number is provided in the application. For ages, applications provided a space to enter one’s SSN. Many blew that off and left that space blank. Nobody ever told him there was a problem. However, the IRS had no effective way of using that information. According to IRS records, the IRS had no effective way of using that information.

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There’s a New Surf Shop in Town

Well, sort of.

BY RYAN SCHAEFER

There’s a new surf shop in San Jose, and it’s called San Jos. It’s at the 29 km mark of Highway 1, across from Hotel Casa Costa Azul, or, about 400m northeast of the arroyo that feeds Zipper’s. The location of San Jos used to belong to Baja Waterman. According to Alejandro Gonzalez, one of San Jos’ managing partners, Baja Waterman suffered such loss and damage after Odile that they decided to close their doors, opening the opportunity for Gonzalez and his partners to rebrand the space and launch their shop this past February.

San Jos Surf Shop is San Jose’s newest surf shop. It’s still a work in progress, but they’ve got rentals, lessons, and lots for sale.

San Jos is set back and up on a hill off Highway 1, meaning it’s easy to miss, especially with the pace of traffic. There is little to no room to transition from the highway to the three designated parking spaces at San Jos. Assuming one can safely navigate their way to the shop, and climb the dozen or so steep, rail-less stairs, what they would find today feels more like a work in progress than a fully functioning surf shop.

To date, services that San Jos offers include surf board rentals, some retail goods, surf lessons, surf coaching, surf photography and surf tours, by van or boat. There are plans and construction underway for a café that will serve breakfast and lunch items. The focus of the café, according to Gonzalez, will be coffee, smoothies and other healthy lunch options. There are also plans to turn the rooftop space of the shop into a music and event venue. When I asked Gonzalez if they planned to serve alcohol on the rooftop, he said it’s too far into the future to definitively answer at this point.

Currently the shop is open from 8 am to 6 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. The surfboard

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We all know Mexicans are resourceful; we tend to use everything we can so that we have as little waste as possible. Mexico isn’t all about the tacos and the tequila; there are also some awe-some plants, flowers and trees to be found in this sprawling and bio-diverse country.

Pumpkin flowers vary from orange to yellow to white, and are a big part of our gastronomy from way before the Spaniards came to ancient Mexico. These are not only delicious and pretty, but also highly nutritious. Most pumpkin and zucchini breeds come from the domesticated species of Mexico, and they all come from the cucurbita family. The oldest records of consumption go back as far as 10,000 years ago. Since then, pumpkin and zucchini have been a big staple in Mexican food.

Pumpkin flowers don’t have a strong scent, but they make up for that in flavor. They are often cooked with epazote, another amazing Mexican edible plant. The main dishes that are made are soups and quesadillas because of their easiness.

The best time for pumpkin flowers is during the rainy season, typically July through October. Botanically, these flowers have both male and female buds, and zucchini is the fruit that they produce. I know, when you read “pumpkin flowers,” you were probably picturing a big, round, orange pumpkin. But it’s actually zucchini!

Some flowers bloom for only a day. These flowers, however, have a super short life, they only last 24 hours before they start to get mushy and lose their prettiness.

The zucchini plant is so versatile. You can find the flowers and fruit all year round in supermarkets, mercados and corner stores. Each plant has about 174 to 222 flowers, making it one of the best crops to plant (of course, not before corn). Zucchini is also called a sister crop of corn, which means it can be planted right next to maize without affecting it in any way, and nourishing the soil as it grows. The zucchini flower is very cheap, and two pounds cost a little less than a dollar. A plus, since what is usually valued is the actual number of zucchini rather than their weight.

Pumpkin flowers are very nutritious. They have high levels of vitamin C, which protects the body from oxidation. They also have folic acid, which is recommended for fetal health; B complex vitamins, which generally aid the body to absorb nutrients; potassium, which restores nerves and muscles; and carbohydrates, which are energy and fuel the body. This amazing ingredient also has high levels of calcium, phosphorus and iron.

This time, I bring to you a delicious dish that can be an appetizer, a snack, or side dish. It’s so hot outside, I didn’t really want to give you another soup recipe.

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Free Entertainment in San Jose!

Coffee and movies—what else do you need?

BY HOLLY WOOD

Looking for a low-cost source of entertainment to keep you occupied through the summer? Look no further than right here in San Jose! Coffee LAB and The Shoppes at Palmilla both offer free movie nights.

Coffee LAB is located in downtown San Jose off of Blvd. Antonio Mijares. They have movie nights weekly, showing films (in English!) every Wednesday night at 8pm on their patio. They offer their full menu for movie nights, so grab a coffee, sit back, relax, and enjoy!

The Shoppes at Palmilla has a movie night on the last Friday of every month at 8pm, complete with free popcorn! The movies are shown outside, and guests are encouraged to bring beach chairs or blankets. The restaurants in the shopping center are also open during movie nights, with many offering special menu prices so that guests may enjoy dinner with their movies. Hours change in the fall, but through the summer the show begins at 8pm.

For more information on movie nights, visit coffeelab.mx for Coffee Lab, or theshoppesatpalmilla.com for Palmilla.

Try and find a bar with Sky Sports, as they often use English presenters to call the game and, as we invented the game, I guarantee this will give you better insight into what is happening on the field of play.

Finally, remember that like all sports not every clash is a classic, so give the world’s number one sport at least two chances to impress you.

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What To Do In La Paz This Summer

There are different activities in the summer, some cool stuff—as in staying cool

BY HANNAH G.

La Paz is known as a place for adventures: chasing whale sharks, swimming with the sea lions, watching the whales, and staring at the stunning geological views.

But as summer approaches, some of the best tours are no longer possible, specifically some of the amazing wildlife encounters. Swimming with whale sharks and sea lions are two popular excursions that are not going to happen in the summer.

The juvenile male whale sharks come to La Paz Bay for the nutrient rich waters. Most tour operators offer swimming with whale sharks between October and May, as these are the peak months for spotting the big critters. But now the sharks have moved on, and even though it is not known exactly where they go, there is speculation that some of these migratory giants head north to other areas of the Sea of Cortez.

Snorkeling with sea lions is another popular activity. Colonies are found throughout the gulf, but many tour operators bring guests to Los Islotes, which is only a few hundred yards north of Espiritu Santo island, which lies three miles off the shore of La Paz.

There is still a month or so to fit in a swim with the playful marine mammals, but breeding season starts in July and continues through August, making this snorkel officially off limits. (Our experience has been that they’re not shy about this activity when people are around, but it is against the law to jump in the water with them when they’re in the mood.)

Season changes force adventure seekers to seek different activities, but no worries, there is always something to do in La Paz. There is fishing, diving, and beach combing which are always fun. The city often puts on events, and a stroll down the Malecón guarantees a great view of the bay and the sunset.

But if you’re looking for something a little different, why not skip that afternoon siesta and try one of these activities.

The whale museum, located on the Malecón at 16th de Septiembre St. gives you an in-depth look at the magnificent animals that visit us. Although the building looks small, it is packed with information on sea turtles, orcas, sharks, and of course, whales. The staff is very knowledgeable and can give you a tour in English. Hide from the heat and check out this museum.

This is Mushroom Rock at Balandra Beach, just a few miles north of La Paz. Another fun summer activity is going out there and pushing and pulling and heaving on it until it falls over. Again.

Something that takes little skill and still allows you to interact with nature is paddle boarding. The calm waters around La Paz are perfect for...
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Could You Pass a Mexican Citizenship Test?

Unless you’re a history buff, you can whistle Dixie before you ever become a Mexican

BY GAIL COLLINS

So you want to become a Mexican? Really? OK, we’ll go along with that. We’ll even give you a study aid. There are several exams you’ll need to pass, but here is the first step, 100 multiple choice questions.

Buena suerte. That’s “good luck,” and if you didn’t know that you’re going to need a lot more than luck.

1. Which deity of ancient Mexico is known as the feathered serpent?
   a) Coatlicue
   b) Huiztilopochtli
   c) Quetzalcoatl
   d) Tlaloc

2. Which culture developed the city of Palenque?
   a) Maya
   b) Mexico
   c) Olmecas
   d) Tolteca

3. The giant heads of Mexico are creations of which culture?
   a) Mexico
   b) Mixteca
   c) Olmeca
   d) Tolteca

4. What is the name of the land built above the lakes of the Valley of Mexico that are the base of the productive systems in the central highlands? You can find them in Xochimilco.
   a) Chinampa
   b) Encomienda
   c) Eijido
   d) Hacienda

5. What name is given to manuscripts written on amate, or leather paper, with a pictorial representation of the history of Mexico?
   a) Jeroglifico
   b) Pictogram
   c) Libro
   d) Codice

6. Where can you find the pyramids of the sun and the moon?
   a) Palenque
   b) Chichen Itza
   c) Teotihuacan
   d) Uxmal

7. Where was the mythical place that the Mexicans migrated from?
   a) Autlan
   b) Tula
   c) Mixtlan
   d) Tenochtitlan

8. What was the most important food source for Mesoamericans?
   a) Potato
   b) Wheat
   c) Rice
   d) Corn

9. Chichen Itza was a powerful city belonging to which people?
   a) Tolteca
   b) Maya
   c) Totonaca
   d) Olmeca

10. What year did the Spanish conquer Mexico–Tenochtitlan?
    a) 1521
    b) 1555
    c) 1560
    d) 1689

11. What was Mexico known as during the colonial period?
    a) Mexico
    b) New Spain
    c) Tenochtitlan
    d) New Granada

12. What was the name of the conquistador who defeated Mexico?
    a) Hernan Cortes
    b) Francisco Pizarro
    c) Panfilo de Narvaez
    d) Cristobal Colon

13. What was the name of the last emperor of the Mexico people who was tortured by the Spanish conquistadors by burning his feet?
    a) Moctezuma
    b) Cuauhtemoc
    c) Caualhuac
    d) Tizoc

14. Who was “La Malinche”?
    a) An indigenous woman who served as an interpreter to Cortes
    b) A heroine who fought for independence
    c) A famous healer from Oaxaca
    d) The first woman to hold a federal deputation

15. What was the name of the battle where the Spanish lost men, horses, and canons in 1520 that made Cortes cry when he arrived at the edge of the lake?
    a) The Road of Tacuba
    b) The Rout of Atizapan
    c) The Night of Sadness
    d) The Slaughter of Cholula

El Wine Shop – Coffee and wine under one roof? Sold! El Wine Shop, 3R Boutique is another spot that puts two of life’s greatest things under one roof: coffee and ice cream. The ice cream is homemade and delicious, and the espresso is superb. 3R Boutique also has fresh brownies, so what you really need to do here is order a brownie with ice cream and a shot of espresso. You won’t be disappointed, I promise.

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anyone who wants to learn. A visit to Hawker Board Co. on the Malecón at Constitución, lets you rent a board, get a lesson, and afterwards reward yourself with a drink. Board rental is $12 for 1 hour (including the lesson). They have an entire restaurant at Hawkers, so the drink is separate. Paddleboard rentals are also available at Playa Balandra and Playa Tecolote, beaches on the north side of La Paz. A paddle is a great way to check out birds and maybe even spot a sea turtle. If you’re a bit uneasy on your feet, however, not to worry. There are plenty of other things to do. Novices, stick with Balandra, it’s calm. If you’ve got the balance of a ballerina, you might be ready to take on the water off of Tecolote. The seas there in the stait between Espiritu Santo Island and the mainland are always choppy.

Does the desert interest you more than the sea? Try the Serpentario de La Paz. Located on Brecha California St. on the south end of town, you will find an assortment of exotic and local reptiles. The facility functions as a rehab and educational center. Some of the reptiles are endemic to Baja, but some lizards at this center will never survive in our local desert. Some of those animals are rescued, and interaction with them is a great tool used at the center. You can feed freshwater turtles and some friendly birds in the aviary. The Serpentario is mostly outside, and so a little respite from the heat might be necessary after the tour.

Temperatures in the 90s send most people to the beach or looking for air conditioning. La Paz has already hit 96 degrees Fahrenheit (36°C) this year. At Rol & Bol Boliche a couple can get four rounds of bowling, two beers, shoes, and a serving of French fries for just over 300 pesos, and there is A/C. On Saturdays, the lights switch to cosmic mode, but the rest of the week has normal lighting. Pool tables, a snack bar, and arcade games ensure hours of entertainment. The bowling alley is located in the Shops at La Paz, near Home Depot south of town.

Summer does not mean an end to exciting activities in La Paz. Looking outside the box and mingling with locals will open new doors and ideas to you. There are many activities aside from these ideas that we’ve brought you and you can find them if you take the time to check them out this season.
Cabo San Lucas
The yellowfin tuna has dominated the fishing recently, and striped marlin are picking up even through the full moon.

Cabo Climate
The May weather finished with mostly sunny skies and average daytime temperatures in the 80s, and evening temperatures in the low 70s. The two-week outlook is favorable, heading into summer with daytime temperatures predicted to be in the mid 80s, and evening temperatures in the mid 70s with no precipitation predicted through the middle of May. Winds are expected in the 10 to 14 mph range, and humidity is expected to run in the 65% to 75% range through the middle of June.

Sea Conditions
There have been relatively calm seas throughout the area with some surface chop occasionally stirred up by surface breezes at 10 to 14 mph mostly out of the WSW. The forecast is for more of the same with winds in the same range out of the west and WSW. Sea temperatures around the Golden Gate and Jamie Banks are warming into the 71 to 72 degree range. Water around Cabo Falso east to the Gorda Banks is warmer, in the 73 to 74 degree range.

Best Fishing Areas
El Faro was clearly the hot spot this past week for both tuna and marlin. The Herradura area also produced both tuna and marlin.

Best Bait & Lures
Feathers and cedar plugs have been the favorite of tuna, while trolled smoke and cedar plugs have been the favorite of marlin. Live bait tossed to trail lures have been the favorite of tuna, while trolled smoke and cedar plugs have been the favorite of both tuna and marlin.

The Herradura area also produced the best fishing action has occurred. Although supplies of sardina have remained consistent, this is the time of year when these smaller baitfish migrate out of the area. This could happen very soon. Sizeable schools of mullet are now in the area, as well as caballito. More bait activity has been found offshore as well—chihuil, skipjack, sardineta, and even some mackerel.

The striped marlin bite that had scattered is now going strong on the Desteladera Bank, where concentrations of baitfish are located. Charters are reporting multiple shots for stripers daily, mainly while drift fishing baits, but also trolling.

After being gone for nearly a week, the yellowfin tuna were found once again, having moved from La Fortuna and Iman Bank to the Vinorama area. Although a long ride north for local fleets, these yellowfin were located within a mile of the shore. They were striking best on either slow-trolled or drifted sardinia. A lot of black skipjack were also on these same grounds. The tuna found here were about 70 pounds and finicky, striking best on 30 to 40 pound leaders. It’s necessary that you play out these larger fish for up to an hour to land them. Boats have been catching up to five fish but only landing one or two.

A few more dorado were seen recently, though they are very spread out and most were under ten pounds. There have been no wahoo to speak of yet.

Inshore action was mainly expected for roosterfish and jack crevalle. Most of the roosterfish were in the 25 pound range, though a few much larger fish were released. We expect the largest roosterfish to appear over the next three weeks. Other action included a mix of shallow water structure species. More pompano have been seen, as well as yellow snapper, amberjack, leopard grouper, and others.

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EAST CAPE
The water temperature has been about 82-83 degrees. The water has been clean, clear, and flat, with a southeasterly afternoon breeze. The late spring weather has shown highs in the mid to high 80s. With the weather warming up, so is the fishing. There is a lot of bait available here, including big sardina.

Almost all of the boats have limits on yellowfin. Fish from 10 to 45 pounds have been found under the porpoise, seven miles off the lighthouse. There is excellent fishing, with a lot of dorado around, some up to 45 pounds. There are large schools of four to 25-pounders. Roosterfish and pargo are around for inshore fishing, and a large 29 pound pargo was caught.

La Paz
Although there’s still not great fishing, the weather is getting warmer, the water is turning bluer, and there is at least decent fishing. There are still some funky water conditions around and the occasional bout of wind and waves, but overall the improvement every week is noticeable in conditions and consequently in the fishing. There were not as many big fish lately, but some fun fishing nonetheless.

Muertos Bay reported few fish, but the quantity was trumped by quality. The fish were generally larger and feistier models. The larger roosterfishes were running 30 to 80 pounds, the wahoo are around 20 to 50 pounds—though the dorado came in as small as eight pounds—but some nice bulls in the 20 to 30 pound class were taken as well. A few smatterings of 20 to 30 pound tuna were reported, too. Plus, mix in a few nice pargo, cabrilla, jack crevalle, bonito, and even some holdover cold-water species, like amberjack and sierra.

The thing is, you’ve got a homerun fish more or less. Few fish but the fish that were caught were larger. One boat could hit money and the boat next to it could blank. And with these larger fish you get hooked, but the fish (being larger and tougher) bust off. That’s not bad fishing, that’s just unlucky “catching,” and part of the sport. For straight action and fun, the better fishing was with La Paz Fleet. There weren’t as many big fish as in Las Arenas, but for just a day of action and getting bent, the action around La Paz was definitely worth the effort.

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If you are like the Beatles and need some pleasing, Kiba, this four-year-old lab cross, is your gal. She’s an absolute delight to handle, always attentive to your commands and taking direction happily. Kiba is quiet and polite, even when all the other shelter dogs are barking. Anyone who values an eager to please and kindhearted companion should come to the LCHS and find out if Kiba is the one.

KENNEDY

There appears to have been a population explosion in the tabby cat gene pool. What are the chances someone will choose this little rascal over all the others? Should there be a five for the price of one promotion? All we know is that even tough tabbies may not be as flashy looking as some other gatos, they are smart and sweet natured felines.

The retail inventory is minimal, comprised of about four to six short boards (seven feet and under), three to four fun boards (seven to eight feet), two foam long boards and three SUPs (stand up paddle boards). Roberto, another managing partner, openly admitted that they send most of their touring clients to Costa Azul Surf Shop (about half a kilometer down the highway) to rent boards. Neither Roberto nor Alejandro were able to provide prices for their rentals or tours. They did say most tours are to the East Cape, and that by boat they can reach Nine Palms in under 40 minutes. Touring clients are provided not only with transportation, but with snacks and cold refreshments as well.

The retail inventory is a smidge better at San Jos than the rental industry is. They carry women’s bikinis by RAY, a locally owned and operated apparel company. They also carry board bags, duffle bags, backpacks, and clothing by KMA, a brand Gonzalez started several years ago. KMA aims to produce durable and functional surf accessories, while trying to keep price points low. Board bags begin at around $50 USD. There are also beach blankets and other miscellaneous woven items imported from Oaxaca ranging in prices. Though San Jos is still in the nascent stages of its development, they do represent a brand and approach to surfing not often found in the retail side of Los Cabos. They see themselves as an alternative to shops like Billabong or Costa Azul, which tend to cater to individuals that identify with competitive, professional surfing and treat the activity much like a sport. San Jos is following in the footsteps of shops like Mollusk (https://mollusksurffshop.com) in Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA and Pilgrim Surf + Supply (https://pilgrimsurfsupply.com) in Brooklyn, NY, which tend to view surfing as an art and culture. For San Jos, surfing is part of a lifestyle, one centered around other activities like art, crafts, music, healthy food, and community. San Jos intends to be a center for like-minded surfers.

If you are in town for the upcoming contest, stop by and check them out. Or, for more information, pricing and tour availability, check out their Instagram @sanjosshop or call 624-136-8781.
Ask a Mexican

This week we asked: Do you think we need a new airport in Mexico City bad enough to overlook the corruption that is alleged to be occurring as it's being built?

1. Enrique Sol, 77, field worker I do not think we need a new one. The one that is already there works just fine. I believe the people who live around where they want to build it are really suffering the consequences because their land was bought without their consent, and they relocated some of them, but their needs weren't matched completely. About the corruption, it's something that has always happened in our country, except now we have social media and TV and radio to expose it.

2. Daniela Godines, 26, teacher We do need an airport, but not a completely new one. I believe that with only a portion of the money the government could have restored it, and maybe it would have been small, but have you seen how many empty commercial places there are? Its incredible how the president overlooks these situations and looks after his own benefit before the whole nation's. We don't need the corruption, we have plenty in social services, hospitals, police force, etc.

3. Dario Juarez, 42, accountant I think we do need a new airport, but the corruption is way out of control, because the money is ultimately coming out of our pockets. But this is not news, lots of things have been built with our taxes, like bridges, highways and hospitals. The difference is that someone did not get enough of a cut and started making the corruption so public it got out of hand.

4. Javier Mondragon, 52, entrepreneur We do need a new airport, the actual one is too old, inefficient, ugly, poorly kept and outdated. It's one of the reasons why some airlines do not even bother to land there, and we could all benefit from it. The problem is, that Mexican government being as bad as it is has ruined it with corruption. It would have been a great project, but they ruined it and now I bet it's not even going to end up happening one 100% as it's planned, so it's just going to be a half assed waste of money as always.

5. Jimena Ortiz, 28, secretary I've never been to the airport, but I don't think we need a new one. It's not the only airport in the country, and its very close to other ones, how many planes do we need? The environment certainly doesn't need it. Corruption is just the daily bread, we live with it, we even take part in it and embrace it. It’s just a matter of realizing what we can personally do to prevent it and maybe it could echo in the government and after they make that airport, we will never let corruption get in our way again.

6. Zoe Lopez, 29, law student It's definitely very pretty and bigger, which is maybe needed in our country if we think about how much money tourism brings in the country. What we do not need is corruption, we need transparent operations, the government should tell us what they spend until the very last cent, so that we know the real value of things and maybe take care of it better.

COOKING LIKE A MEXICAN...

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Stuffed pumpkin flowers

3 spoonfuls of water
A pinch of ground black pepper
A pinch of salt
1 bunch of pumpkin flowers
(can be bought in any market and some supermarkets)
8 ounces of panela cheese, or any fresh cheese of your choice.
(can be substituted for a vegan option)
½ cup of vegetable oil
1 cup of flour
2 eggs

First, we have to clean the flowers, which is quite easy. Remove the middle pistil and wash with cold water and a lot of patience so they don’t break. Stuff the flower with crumbled panela cheese, or whatever cheese you choose. Then, start preparing the coating.

In a bowl, place eggs, water, salt and pepper, and whisk until frothy. Then, dip each stuffed flower and roll in flour.

The last step may get a little tricky, but it just takes some practice! Fry the stuffed and coated flower in a pan with very hot oil. Two minutes on each side is enough, just watch for jumping oil. After frying, place the flowers in a plate with a paper napkin to drain as much excess oil as possible.

And that's it! ☺
We Are Loved
Because we’re a glamour puss

BY DAVID FLORES

Actor Leonardo DiCaprio was spotted having lunch with a brunette in downtown San Jose last week. A few days before, actress Gwyneth Paltrow was also in town, along with her boyfriend, TV director, writer, and producer, Brad Falchuck. The couple stayed at Costa Palmas on the East Cape and Gwyneth shared a bunch of happy pictures on her Instagram account. She also held her bachelorette party in that same development a few weeks before.

Another visitor washed up on our shores was Steve Munchin, the U.S. Secretary of Treasury, who spent the Memorial Day weekend with us here in Los Cabos. He flew, once again, in a private plane and round the clock bodyguards despite being under fire for charging private planes and round the clock bodyguards to the U.S. government. Perhaps he needed a break from the intense negative publicity he’s getting in the U.S.

Do you wonder why we have so many celebrities visiting? It’s because we are all over travel publications that love us. Los Cabos was named one of The 5 Best Places to Travel in June by the online BRTIT + CO magazine. We were included with Big Sur, CA, Cusco, Peru, Hilton Head, SC, and London. Their praise was, “For those looking to mix some R&R with adventure, this city stationed on the Baja California peninsula should be held in high consideration. By now, most of the wintertime crowds have left this sunny hotspot and the temperamental summer weather has yet to hit, so it makes for ideal conditions to lay poolside, yada yada.” Well, we made up the yada part. Then the Houstonian Magazine chose us among “10 Extremely Tempting Beach Vacations to Take in 2018,” saying, “From Baja to Puerto Rico, it’s time to plan for sand and sun.” Another travel publication devoted its main article to the newly remodeled Viceroy Los Cabos, calling it “a complete redesign from the former Mar Adentro resort into a new 194-room dreamscape complete with a beachfront pool and bar, infinity pool, state-of-the-art fitness center curated by celebrity trainer Harley Pasternak, and five new eateries, one of which appears to float on water and another that has a tequila library. Later this year, a rooftop bar will also make its debut.”

Conde Nast Traveler and Forbes devoted articles to the new Montage Los Cabos, located on the pristine Santa Maria Bay, along the four-lane between Cabo and San Jose, where the old Twin Dolphin hotel used to sit. The Cabo legend was demolished for the Montage. Sigh.

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of the community with endless amenities and a more than 60,000 square foot clubhouse. There are private cabanas, hot tubs, fire pits, water toys, spa, yoga and fitness centers overlooking Playa Viudas. There will also be an outdoor amphitheater and two story climbing wall, fitness palapa and a staff that will make every activity feel like a private encounter. Custom homesites are offered in Las Playas and Las Colinas. All homesites are elevated allowing extraordinary whitewater views. There are plenty of green spaces including an 18 hole putting course and outdoor play areas. This is another private community offering the very best in amenities and personalized services. The Santa Maria Beach Club offers bay front dining and bar services as well as a perfect place for sunbathing and aquatic adventures. A Fred Couples Signature Golf course is currently under construction.

Chileno Bay Club This is another remarkable master planned community with golf and beach club. The location has the perfect blend of bays, rocks, mountains and a sloping gradient that allows for incredible white water views from all lots. The storied history of this property began when Bud Parr purchased this land and opened Hotel Cabo San Lucas in 1961. Like a grand dame with a rich past, this property has had a few marriages and lovers, ups and downs.

A group of investors purchased the hotel from Parr and the surrounding land on both sides of the highway. The first thing they did was move the highway to make more ocean side lots and began to design the golf course. After running into cash flow and unfavorable market conditions they brought in Discovery Land company to take over. The 2008 US housing market crash undermined that. Another US developer, this one from Aspen, Colorado, picked up the project, rearranged the masterplan and gave it another try but it did not work out. Mike Meldman and Discovery Land company decided they wanted another go at this property, and one only needs to see the level of building activity to see this second marriage is doing well. After some more masterplan rearranging and the addition of the Auberge Resort they have begun the finishing touches to the infrastructure and golf course. Today the Tom Fazio course is completed, and so is their beach. Phase one of the Chileno Bay Resort and Residences has nearly sold out and phase two is nearly completed. This Is Auberge Resorts’ second property after Esperanza a few miles west.

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**BY ANNA PRENTICE**

Mexico is touted as a great place to get dentistry done, and most of that touting is from the industry itself. But that doesn't mean it's not a great savings or it's not safe, it just means slow down and do your due diligence. Find out who you're going to trust your health to. Make no mistake, just because your mouth is kind of on the edge of your health, it is still your health. We know a woman who got a tooth so badly infected the pain went into her neck and shoulder and she went to a chiropractor, not even realizing the pain was tooth related. It took her almost a year to find a doctor who figured out it was coming from an infection in a tooth she had had work done on in a Mexican border town.

The cost here is a fraction of what it is in the States, and you need to ask yourself why? OK, so we're asking: Why? Because these dentists don't carry insurance. Fine, if nothing goes wrong.

Another reason for cheap dentistry is they pay such low wages. As a friend and business owner told me when I complained about his lousy service, Sorry about that but I pay peanuts,

so I get monkeys.” Do you want someone making way less than $1000 a month drilling holes in your gums? Fine, that's understandable. Dentistry is costly, we get that.

Reason three that dentistry is cheaper here is that most Mexicans can't afford to pay even the price you think is so cheap. Therefore, dentists are hungry for business from foreigners. The price you're chortling over is a godsend to them.

Do they have the same training as US dentists? No. There were 83 dental schools registered in the last official national count in 2007. Half are public, half are private. Admission to dental schools in Mexico requires a high school diploma, and to obtain a license in Mexico, dental students must complete a 3 to 5 year program plus a year of community service. But this is scary. No formal nationwide standard curriculum exists, so who knows if your dentist went to a Mickey Mouse stay and vay or to a tough school where they had to learn their craft? And did you just notice we said that dentists here have four fewer years of school than US dentists? Of course a case can be made that those four years our dentists spend in college before they get to dental school are wasted since they never see a tooth.

There are 195,000 dentists in the US, and 153,000 dentists in Mexico. There are 312 million Americans and 129 million Mexicans. Clearly there are too many dentists here, especially considering how many of the very poor people never open wide a mouth.

So, why are so many Mexican dentists trained in the United States? Look closer to that diploma on the wall they’re so proud of, especially if it says graduated from a US school. Most of them are a course lasting a week or two on a specialty. No doubt the dentist wants to improve his craft, but being able to say he's US trained makes that couple weeks a very good investment.

And who ever sees dentists in Mexico? Nobody. In the US, a dentist must pass three tests in the state he/she intends to practice in and show a hepatitis B test, fingerprint prints, a course in infection control, and oh yes, be the islands north of town were a lot more entertaining. In addition to great action on snapper, several species of pargo, and some real fat cabrilla, toss in some occasional tuna, some big roosterfish, and some 10 to 25 pound dorado, and you'll have the makings of a fun day and some great fillets for the cooler.

A lot of the algae that's lining the beach is now starting to burn off, leaving behind it warmer blue waters, so expectations are high for better fishing as we head towards summer.
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