Save The Parrotfish
Major pooper cleans coral and makes sand

BY SANDY BEECH

Some years ago, the richness and diversity of fish in our seas was thought to be endless and infinite. The resources of the sea were plentiful and the oceans were full of food. Unfortunately, what will soon be endless will be the species of fish that will continue to disappear. We have been very irresponsible with the resources the sea offers us by preying on and endangering a species that we do not even know.

Here, in the state of Baja California Sur, particularly in the area of Bay of La Paz and the nearby islands, there is a species of fish that will soon be under this threat: the parrotfish. Unfortunately, the sightings of this beautiful fish with striking colors are becoming fewer, as their numbers have fallen precipitously. The nightly spearfishing has significantly decimated the populations of our coasts. Other illegal fishing techniques have also contributed. What is most striking is that there is no regulation on the size captured.

Just to show you this, go around the local markets and see that the parrot fish that are offered at the fishmongers are mostly small, do not reach their maturity or optimal size, caught by unscrupulous fishermen and bought by traders indifferent to the problem. Nobody cares if the population of this variety of fish has been reduced or affected, just for business purposes. Environmental local organizations like “Espiritu Santo es parte de ti” where Lucia Corral, Leonardo Gonzales and Elena Zavala have done a great job coming to the rescue of the parrotfish recently, asking society to not sell or eat

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Los Cabos Billfish Tournament Has Bigger Year Than Last
Who says all the good fish are gone?

BY MOBY DICK

Radio Channel 28 stayed lively all three days of the 20th Annual Los Cabos Billfish tournament, with the tournament fleet averaging 50 releases each day. Last year, anglers released 61 blues and 31 striped marlin; this year, the striped marlin bite returned with a fury. In total, the fleet of 52 boats caught 150 billfish, consisting of 109

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This has been a busy time out at our arch, as there was a sandy floor under it, not 20 feet of water like usual. This happens every so often, but it’s exciting and people like to go out there and walk under the rocks. But it’s dangerous, with waves seeming to sneak up and grab people, pulling them into the ocean. Some survived, and two weren’t so lucky. Or like to go out there and walk un-

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fast because it's going down that

out of a swimming pool. And the

so quickly. It's almost like climb-

beach is so deadly is it drops off

not correct. The reason that

miles of constant rip tide is just

know and work with the ocean.


would have never happened. I

have my Red Cross certification

and got a paying job saving lives.

Except for the lives I didn't save.

worked at an old quarry that

had filled up with water and I

made some credible rescues, and

had some horrible failures. Like

time two teenagers tried to

sneak in for free. Two kids hid

in the trunk of the car, but the

young driver was nervous and

confused, and hit the gas instead

of the brake, sending the car into

the lake. Visibility was almost

nil, we were just feeling around

for the car, and we were late get-
ting there, as first the teens not

trapped in the trunk had to pop

up and tell us. That was a bad
day, made worse by the fact that

I was supervisor that day and it

was my call to leave two of the

four lifeguards on the surface to

evacuate the lake and watch that

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day, made worse by the fact that

nobody did something stupid.

Maybe if I had chosen for all of us
to go down, we could have saved
those two kids? I will never know.

The next bad save, but at least
she lived, I think, was at the Colo-
rado River on the Parker Strip.
That's 22 miles of crazed bars and
drunk speed boating. Arizona al-
lowed drinking at 18 then, so of
course that brought in the 16 year
olds. One day I was standing on
the dock in front of a bar, getting
ready to cast off my boat, and a
woman leaped from the second
story of the bar into the river
just as a speed boat whooshed
close by the dock in a show-off
maneuver. The prop cut her arm
off. I reflexively leaped into the
water and pulled her to the dock
where men lifted her out. What
7th Annual Film Festival

Stay tuned somewhere for the schedule, because at this moment they don’t even have a venue

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

After its grand opening premier six years ago, The 2018 Los Cabos International Film Festival returns this year for another 5 day run from November 7-11 at the Pavilion Cultural Center in Cabo San Lucas. If that building is fixed it time, which the city said can-do. It was badly damaged by the recent rains.

Founded in 2012 by Scott Cross, Sean Cross, and Pablo Sanchez–Navarro, and funded by Eduardo Sanchez–Navarro, Alfonso Pasquel, Juan Gallardo Thurlow, the event changed its venue from the San Jose Convention Center in 2012, to the cultural center in 2013. That’s the funny looking gray building on the Marina downtown Cabo.

The Mexican faction took the event over the second year, kicking out the Cross brothers who now have a gag order in effect. The film fest was taken in a different direction, towards more Latin films in Spanish. As a result of that, and the unreliability of their schedule, the number of American stars coming has slowed down, although we did get Nicole Kidman at the closing ceremonies last year.

As of two weeks out, when this was written, there has been no announcement of what stars are coming nor a list of all the films and their venues and times. We would be hesitant to tell you a schedule if we had one and this year there is the added uncertainty of the building being too rickety to use.

But here is some news on some films that we do have.

This year’s cast of Hollywood Arles, where his creative energy and emotional problems enter in constant conflict, triggering one of the most decisive and difficult stages of the artist’s life.

Another American film not to be missed is "Destroyer" which stars an unrecognizable Nicole Kidman, as a Los Angeles police detective, who approaches the scene of an intriguing crime—a man covered in blood lies facing down, and the only clue to finding the culprit is a one-dollar bill soaked in purple paint. Kidman’s appearance in the film is akin to the 2004 Oscar-winning Charlize Theron Best Actress portrayal of Aileen Wuornos, a Daytona Beach prostitute who became a serial killer. For an actress considered very attractive, Kidman is cast in an extremely unattractive plain-Jane, tough girl opposite.

While he may not pull into the first night’s red-carpet ceremony in a blazing fast, tires screeching, race car Porsche, Steve McQueen brings an impressive fourth feature film to the festival as director of “Widows.” An hour and a half long compelling criminal drama, rooted in the gender and racial tensions of modern-day Chicago. With his impeccable visual style, McQueen has assembled an impressive ensemble of actors, led by Viola Davis. In the film, when she learns about her husband’s death at the hands of the police, Veronica (Viola Davis) finds out that her wealthy lifestyle is the result of her partner’s (Liam Neeson) criminal activities. While still mourning, political bigwigs request she pay off her late husband’s million-dollar debt. Veronica then decides to contact three women she has never met before (Michelle Rodriguez, Elizabeth Debicki and Cynthia Erivo), who all have one only thing in common with her—they all are widows of members of a criminal gang that no longer exists. Her plan is to carry out one last big robbery that would clear them of all debt and show them to and prove that concentrated oxygen throughout your body. This concentrated oxygen, (100% oxygen), goes into any organs that may need a little pick me up, and even into your brain. The normal concentration of oxygen in your system is only about 20%.

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

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

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

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

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

Rated with five stars on tripadvisor
Traffic alert! This Sunday November 4, the Ironman 70.3 competition returns to Cabo. As in past years, large areas of the four-lane from San Jose to Cabo will be closed, as well as the toll road to the airport and streets in and around downtown San Jose.

The map of closed streets has not been released at press time, but the swimming competition starts at 7:00 am at Playa Palmilla, continuing with a bike race and a running race. It ends about 5:00 p.m., so expect a day fraught with delays.

Last year the Ironman welcomed 455 participants, 96 of them women and 359 men, plus managers, trainers, helpers, volunteers and the public that watches it. Don’t fly in or out that day, and subscribe to our daily updates at www.gringogazette.com for update information, or look up: www.ironman.com or in Facebook: ironmanloscabos.

Sea turtles in trouble. The mama sea turtles who have arrived in Los Cabos beaches to deposit their eggs are in trouble, and 6,700 eggs along with the mamas. The Asupmatoma ranch, as it is known locally and internationally, has been in operation for 24 years on a beach on the Pacific side just outside of Cabo, known as Rancho San Cristobal.

The camp was used with the blessing of local developer Rene Pinal, but the land is now in legal turmoil. A group that claims legal ownership of the land has shut down the camp, not allowing biologists in or out. A group of them was already in and are staying there, tending to the 670 turtle nests, which will produce thousands of sea turtles in the weeks and months to come. Egg tenders have been told that if they leave the camp, they will not be allowed back in.

The Asupmatoma people have launched a cry for help from Semarnat, Mexico’s environmental secretariat. If that doesn’t work they will have to borrow boats to land on the camp’s beach to continue helping the little critters. The beach is federal property and of public use, so they can’t be prohibited from approaching by sea.

Cultural Center Closed Our cultural pavilion is facing serious infrastructure problems, due to the last rains. That big ugly building that looks like a deflating soccer ball has never been popular with anyone who has to look at it, certainly not with the people behind it in the Pedregal, nor with the marina workers who gave up their parking for it.

Tiles are falling off the outside, making the entire downtown appear shabby and it’s so poorly built that it leaks every time it rains.

But this last rain really did it in. The water poured through the roof, through the ceiling tiles, and onto the seats and then onto the floor in the auditorium. Then the water cascaded through the next floor, the ground floor, then through the ground floor into the underground garage, depositing now filthy water onto the cars seeking shelter from the storm there.

Now the upholstered theater seats are ruined, the fancy red carpeting is ruined, and the floors are buckling, making it difficult to walk on the roley-poley squishy carpet.

This is not going to be a simple fix to the $28-million dollar facility and it’s not even clear who is responsible, as the city has been trying to get the state to take it off their hands. Good luck with that now, because the state is not going to be anxious to take over what is essentially a ruined building.

Scheduled shows have been canceled or moved to another location, while the Los Cabos International Film Festival starts on November 7. Elea Casiano, the Los Cabos director of culture, said in a telephone interview that several agencies involved in the operation of the cultural pavilion are currently inspecting it and will have it restored in time for the film fest. Sort of fixed. Like it was sort of built.

Shake Shack coming! Sort of.

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Residents of Iztapalapa will have to rely solely on government tanker trucks because private companies refuse to deliver to the borough after their trucks were stolen in the days following the earthquake on September 19, last year.

Residents will have more water at their disposal prior to the suspension in order to fill up water tanks and containers. The National Water Commission will bump water pressure by 15% five days before the suspension begins and for five days after service resumes.

Oh toughen up! We here in Los Cabos only get water a couple times a week and we don’t stink nor go thirsty. Nor do we whine. Is this a strategy? The Hotel Ass. says the increase in the cost of electricity is due to a strategy of the federal government to encourage entrepreneurs to find their own sources of energy.

Our Hotel Ass. is looking into other sources than CFE, including wind energy and solar energy, since the network available to the state is at full capacity and needs renovation. The share of electricity used by hotels has increased by 70%, while our infrastructure has not. The Federal Electricity Commission (CFE) does not have the capacity to supply the state so some of the bigger guys are going to be cut loose.

The Vaquita are nearly done, right? Well, maybe not. An expedition to investigate the dwindling vaquita porpoise population found three different groups of the mammals, including babies, raising hopes about its future. It was determined only months ago that the small dolphins found only in the Sea of Cortez were nearly gones, with only a handful left. Well, maybe they’re hiding, they’re shy. How do people know how many there are anyway? Let’s face it, these vaquita huggers have no idea what the hell they’re doing.

No more plastic bags. First it was straws. Tijuana has now banned plastic bags. Living with this isn’t as bad as it sounds. We’re doing it in the States now and you get used to keeping a cloth bag in your car. If you forget they will sell you a paper bag. Of if you’re really us against it, just have them throw all your stuff back into the basket and you throw it all into your car.

The campaign against plastic pollution was launched in the spring of 2017 by the United Nations Environment Program. According to data compiled by the federal Secretariat of the Environment, Mexico generates close to 103,000 tons of trash every day, 10.9% of which are plastics which are often washed away by rain and end up in the ocean.

We’re waiting for someone to get excited about all the unnecessary plastic bottles we’re buying and discarding. We’re not eco freaks but even we think that’s nonsense and we buy our water by the gallon and pour it into smaller bottles we re-use. That’s certainly more important than ripping straws out of our mouths.

Vanished! Money, of course. More than US $852 million in federal health care funding that was re-directed to tourism. And for what?...
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it, but we should also add not to catch it.

Parrotfishes are key players in regulating algae and reef life. Their parrot-like beaks and fused-together teeth are used for scraping and biting dead coral, while additional teeth in their throats help to break it all down into sand. Snorkelers can actually hear them chomping or see the bite marks they leave on rocks. Because parrotfishes don’t have stomachs, their meals pass straight through the long intestine, exploding in a cloud of sand out the back door. Larger parrotfish are like sand factories, producing as much as 840 pounds of sand per year.

Those responsible for establishing laws about the protection of this little critter have not yet noticed the seriousness of the problem so the parrotfish is unprotected by laws. It needs to be put on the list of endangered species. But there is hope: Teacher Ramón Ibarra and some students from alternative tourism training are developing a campaign to save this big time pooper. The campaign is promoted with t-shirts and posters which seek to generate awareness and hopefully, to the competent authorities.

Last June, the group climbed to the top of one of the hills around Balandra just to show a banner with big letters that reads “hold on parrotfish, we love you”. We hope it’s not too late.

This is one example of a parrotfish. The world class poopers come in different colors.

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The overall winner of the 20th Annual Los Cabos Billfish Tournament was Team Sea Angel, scoring 1,700 points. Sea Angel didn’t weigh any fish, but thanks to their 28 striped marlin releases and one blue marlin release, they were able to hold onto the top spots in the Overall Team Division and Overall Release Points Jackpot. The team, consisting of Capt. Billy Chase “BC” Angel, Andrea Angel, Greg Angel, Austin Angel, Chase Travers, Fico Ortega and Juan Carlos Buenes, earned $113,500 for their efforts and an invitation to the 2019 Offshore World Championship in Costa Rica. For his outstanding showing, Capt. BC Angel won the top captain received a Garmin Quatix watch.

The Los Cabos Billfish Tournament awards 300 points for black and blue marlin releases, while striped marlin, sailfish and spearfish are just 50 points. Marlin weighed over the 300-pound minimum are awarded points based on their weight. In 2018, each pound was worth 1.5 points, so a 500-pound black marlin catch earned 750 points. The Los Ca-

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Four Day Jazz Festival
Starting Nov 1 at Pacifica

BY LOU ARMSTRONG

The adults-only Pueblo Bonito Pacifica is hosting what it’s calling the Life Luxe jazz series November 1-4 with Grammy-winning artists, a sunset cruise and more.

“Life Luxe Jazz is a premier luxury cultural experience with jazz as the focal point, bringing people together with common interests in music, culture, and exceptional cuisine, with the goal of building bridges across borders,” say organizers. And it ain’t cheap.

They’re selling tickets in packages of hotel, all food and the jazz. Prices start at about $2500 and go up into the thousands, but most of the cheap seats have been sold. We were promised there would be tickets for locals that didn’t include hotel and food, but so far they haven’t released them. If they sell enough packages, they probably won’t. So here’s who you’re missing:

The lineup includes Grammy-winning contemporary jazz and R&B singer Norman Brown who’s sold nearly two million albums. Other artists include Abair, Bobby Caldwell, Darian Emory, Boney James, Michael Manson, Keiko Matsui, Mayya, Melisa Morgan, Najee, Gregory Porter, Ernest Quarles, Lin Rountree, Lindsey Webster, Kirk Whalum, and Zoe Wood.

T.S. Monk, son of the jazz pianist Thelonius Monk, will host free music clinics for local children. Several other events will be scheduled for the young residents of Cabo with the goal of introducing the jazz culture to Los Cabos’ youth.

A portion of the ticket sales will benefit the Letty Coppel Foundation, which concentrates its philanthropy in several areas that benefit the Los Cabos community, including ecology, social assis-

lighted by all-day concerts that will take place on the secluded beach in front of the resort. Guests will be able to curl up around large circular fire pits that have been carved out and will be lit aglow during the evening and food and drink stations will serve up plenty of options. The festival will also feature a live jazz sunset cruise on the Sun Ryder with a special menu, and multiple bars.

You do have to be nimble, quick and strong to scramble up that incline as your feet get mired in the sand. Best to do this on the first try or you get tired. If you do miss the first couple attempts and you’re tired, float back out to sea and float there and collect your thoughts and strength before rushing the shore again. I have swum the ocean many times before and have swum many miles out to sea. It was actually only a couple hundred yards, anyone could do it but down, because they couldn’t believe some fool would be out there in the middle of the channel treading water. It was fun. At home they’re still talking about how I swam miles out to sea. It was actually only a couple hundred yards, anyone could do it who can swim and keep their wits about them.

Recently I had out of town friends that I packed on to what I think is the best sunset cruise, the Cabo Rey. Then I hurried over to Medano Beach and pushed off into the sea. I treaded water for 45 minutes until the Cabo Rey came by. Then I yelled and waved to my friends. They heard me and were looking everywhere but down, because they couldn’t believe I was actually only a couple hundred yards, anyone could do it who can swim and keep their wits about them.

I kayaked out to the arch one time and hovered around for maybe half an hour, timing the waves and getting up my courage to fly through the arch. I chickened. I was worried I didn’t have a helmet and might get thrown up against the rocks and knocked coo coo and drown. Well, I like to tell myself I would have kayaked through the arch if only I had a helmet. The truth is closer to I simply chickened out. Maybe that’s why I’m still alive: I do know my limits. And I respect the fact that we all have different limits. We just have to get acquainted with them.
Monday to Saturday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Ranch market in Todos Santos. Featuring homemade products from rural areas. Artisanal cheeses, organic chicken and eggs, liqueurs and virgin honey, as well as handicrafts such as furniture made with regional woods, leather goods and clay pottery all made by ranch hands. The Mercado (market). Todos Santos on Calle Morelos between Rangel and Canuhemoc inside the San Diego Feed Store.

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

Every Tuesday and Saturday: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. At La Esquina in Todos Santos. Organic eggs, honey, locally made jewelry and beauty products, traditional baskets and more! Info: marimardelmar@gmail.com, facebook.com/laesquinas.

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

Every Wednesday: 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Art Day. Art, paintings, books, live music. At El Mercado, in the Koral Center in Cerro Colorado.

Every Wednesday: 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 Thursday, November 1st to June 30th. San Jose Art Market. The granddaddy 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.sanjomo.com

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 Mak Raspado (Vegetarian restaurant). On the road to the Hacienda Beach Resort (behind the Puerto Paraiso mall), across from the Marina Fiesta hotel.

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

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

Every Saturday: 7:00 am. El Mirador Restaurant in Todos Santos. Traditional Mexican and regional dishes, stunning ocean views and now featuring jazz pianist Bill Levine. Take Camino al Mirador from Los Cabos-Todos Santos Highway. Information: Facebook @GuaycuraHotel E-mail reservation@guaycura.com Ph +52 (612) 175 0800.

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


Nov. 3, Saturday. Cruising for the Critics. To benefit the Los Cabos Humanite Society. Tickets $50 USD. Includes delicious antipasto appetizers & Premium open bar. Boarding at 4:30 pm. Sailing 5:00 to 7:30 pm. Ticket sales online www.loscaboshumanities.com

November 4, Sunday. 7:00 am - 5:00 pm. Ironman 70.3 Los Cabos 2018. More information soon, but roads will be closed, best don’t fly in or out that day. Follow: www.ironman.com.

November 7-10. 20th Annual Los Cabos Tunas Jackpot. Information: wWw.oscosabostunajackpot.com/

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


November 18 Sunday. Car- rera 5K Cabo Fitness Club. 10K & 5K Races. preparation event for Los Cabos Half Marathon in February 2019. Start and Finish: Cabo Fitness Club (Local Transpeninsular Plaza 19 to 22 on the fourlane, Km. 4.5 El Tezal next to Office Max. 5 pm, not a- am, 10K $ 400.00 5K Adults $ 380.00 5K Kids $ 280.00. Pesos, Bunkly, not dollars.

November 24. Saturday. 2nd Ba-jamed Cuisine Festival. At El Faro Beach Club & Spa in Todos Santos. Four course pairing dinner by guest chef Miguel Ángel Guerro. Dessert tasting and live music. 1,200 pesos. reservation@guaycura.com Ph +52 (612) 175 0800.

November 24. Saturday. 3rd Gas- trofornic Festival, El Triunfo. North of San Jose. Food and boozie tasting starts at 2:00 pm, followed with a live show and salsa dance with Alexey and the Tropic Thunder starting at 5:00. Tickets at La Pintada restaurant in Cabo San Lucas, Villa Valentina in SanJose, Saz Boutique in Palmilla and at Marina La Paz. 950 pesos on pre-sale, 1,100 pesos day of children under 10 half price. Proceeds to preserve the culture, quaint mining town and mother of all chimneys.


December 16. Sunday. Ultra-Marathon 50 Kms. Walk or run race, crossing the sierra mountains at Los Naranjos, starting from Km. 54.5 on the road near Buenavista in the East Cape, to end at Km. 73 other side of the mountain, on road from Cabo to Todos Santos. Organized by the Cabo San Lucas Ciclovia. Tough terrain, toughies only or you’re going to die out there. gorgeous view of the mountains. Maximum fin- ish time of 12 hours. Apparently after that they send the dogs out for you. 500 pesos per person. ul-tramarcaton.com, loscabos@gmail.com, Call cell 624-125-5674 or look up Ciclovia.Cabo on Facebook.

January 10-20. Tropic of Cancer Concert Series. Hosted by the rock’n’roll band Cordovas, for two weekends of music, love, and art in the small Baja town with proceeds going to the local fire department. Tickets now available from $20 to $80 varying with rate of exchange. So far, nearly 40 bands and artists, both local, national and international, includ- ing American singer, songwriter Joan Osborne, former member of The Dead. Mexican band La Santa Cecilia and Todos Santos singers Divier Guive and Jenelle Aubade. For more information and the complete line up look up: www.tropicofcancerconcertseries.mx.

Feb 9 & 10. From 10 am to 4 pm. The 10th Annual Todos Santos Open Studio Tour. All proceeds benefit children’s art programs at the Palapa Society.

For more information and the complete line up look up: www.tropicofcancerconcertseries.mx.

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

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

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

Every Tuesday. 5:00 pm. Literature reading sometimes with the author, sometimes with special guests. Spanish with some help in English. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel.

Every Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Garden of the Arts. More than forty local artists show and sell their works, including paintings, sculptures, photography and engravings. Open area. Spanish with some English. Mijares Main Plaza in downtown San Jose. More info on Facebook: Jardin del Arte Los Cabos.

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

Every Wednesday. 5:00 to 8:00 pm. La CIRCO Reading Club.

From Monday to Friday. From 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Books available and circus drama style reading on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. More info with Sara Flores on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LaCirco.57789703555733/timeline.

Community Reading Lounges

At AMELIA WILKES PLAZA Main plaza downtown CSL.

Every Saturday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Herman Ita de Ysabela Reading club has a different book to read and comment. Saturdays starting April 9. Spanish mostly. Book donations are welcome. More info and special activities with Nixiana email: todosemosellos@gmail.com. Free.

At PLAZA COTA

From Monday to Friday. From 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. Reading club. Books available to all. Lazaro Cardenas one block before to the main park in Cabo San Lucas. Spanish and some in English. Free.

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At KINESIS GYM. El Chamizar barrio near the Convention Center.

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At LA CIRCO. Libroteka Reading Club.

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November 1, 2 and 3. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Starting 11:00 am. Traditional Day of the Dead celebration. Food, beverage and artsy craftsy stuff selling at the church atrium. Todos Santos. Spanish with some help in English. Free.

November 2, 3 and 7. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. 6:00 pm. The traditional Day of the Dead Photo Santos photography exhibition, poetry and the traditional Calaveras reading. Dead’s Altars tour and procession to the new cemetery. As part of the beginning of the Day of the Dead celebration. Todos Santos main plaza. Spanish with some help in English. Free.

November 1. Thursday. 7:30 pm. Day of the Dead Art festival. Folk and local dances by Maria Elena Verdugo, as part of Day of Dead Party. Todos Santos Main Plaza. Spanish. Free.

November 2. Friday. 6:00 pm. Altar of the Day of Dead award. Church Altarum. Todos Santos. Spanish. Free.


November 3. Sunday. 6:00 pm. Day of Dead celebration. Todos Santos. Catrinas contest, pets’ runway and music festival with Dj Dimitri Kota, Terry Townsend, Divier Guive, Mariachi Nuevo Jalisco, La Internacional Sonora Santanera. Enjoy this traditional Mexican party dancing and shaking the skull. Todos Santos Main Plaza.


November 12 to 17. Different hours. Pah’La Calle Urban Scenic Arts Festival 5th Anniversary. Dance workshops, Master classes, and Video-Dance workshop with Tomas Guliarte from the National Contemporary Dance Company Of Cuba, John Fandiño from Colombia, Xisue Monroy from Mexico and more. Free. In Spanish, English with some help in English. Free.


November 24. Saturday. 5:00 pm. Jaime Martinez in concert. Trova and Mexican music with guest musicians, always to benefit a charity. 100 peso donation. Spanish with some English. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel.

Tight (Family) Lines
The Bisbees hang together

BY BITSY LYLE

Wednesday, October 24 at 8 am in the Marina. It’s estimated to be the biggest tournament and purse ever, with over 150 boats registered and more coming in daily (some wait till the very last day to check weather conditions). But this year is also the very last day to check weather conditions. Wayne Bisbee, who founded the eponymous big game fishing tournament over 30 years ago, passed away in June of this year. But his indelible stamp on this richest of fishing tournaments isn’t just about the fishing. There are many benefits to having the annual Bisbee Black & Blue here in Cabo San Lucas. After an historically slow and hot August and September for local retailers, money is pouring into town. From the copious amounts of provisions being delivered to Wayne’s home and the mantas that have been caught in his son, Wayne Bisbee.

And that’s why Wayne is down in the trenches with the rest of his staff. “My father left me with a wonderful legacy of what’s important in life and number one, foremost, is to have a strict work ethic.” He continued wistfully, “If it’s even an hour after sunrise, you’d better be up!”

That’s good advice, especially if you happen to like fishing.

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The other benefit of the massive amount of fish coming in is the participants donate the fish to local charities. At the end of the 2018 tournament, participants will have donated, since 2015, over 30,000 pounds of fish to Feeding Los Cabos Kids’ eleven kitchens and many other charities that take care of those in need of food. That’s impressive. And so are the other values Bob passed on to Wayne and his five siblings. “My father always told us the day you’re too good for your job is when your business goes downhill.” He described his father mopping decks, making phone calls, whatever had to be done for the tournament to be a success, exemplifying what he preached.

And when pressed for keys to his father’s lasting legacy, Wayne summed it up. “His memory.” in the ’60s in Newport Beach working on the fuel docks, Wayne reminisced, “He remembered every person’s face and name and even something about their life. “It would happen over and over again, Wayne continued. “He’d run into someone, it didn’t matter who, a store clerk or a deckhand and he could pull up their name and some minute detail and they would be delighted.

It meant he listened and every person meant something to him. It was remarkable. It was a gift.”

There will be a lot of fond memories of Bob Bisbee on the docks this year. Many, (25% of the field), have fished 25 years or more in the Bisbee Black & Blue. Ned Wallace, on Tiger Spirit, now in his 80’s, joked to Wayne that nowadays he’s getting beat by the younger guys.

What advice would Bob Bisbee give the fishermen (and women) this year? Wayne didn’t skip a beat. “Radio fish don’t bite!” For non-anglers, that means don’t chase the radio fish sightings. But do chase the dream of catching the big one!

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The Big Chalupa

BY ORLANDO GOTAY

Whenever something major happens in life, the taxman is never far behind. Buying property is one of those “somethings.” It’s slightly more special when outside the U.S. Here’s a non-exclusive primer special when outside the U.S. “somethings.” It’s slightly more

purchasing a dwelling for your use in Mexico. If you rely on home equity loans or second mortgages to fund Mexico home purchases, know the new tax law curtailed deductibility of those. But the IRS clarifies the law: independent of what the loan is called, it could be deductible if used to buy, build or substantially improve the taxpayer’s home securing the loan. If your Mexico home is not loan security, the interest is not deductible. Mexican mortgages: your interest could be deductible. We just lost the foreign property tax “predial” personal deduction for individuals. Now, predial is only deductible if the property is used for a business or for the production of income—rent.

Those who purchase and later rent out must depreciate (it’s an allowance for wear and tear) the property and take annual deductions for it (later “paying it back” when the property is sold). The new law changed the time period for foreign residential property from 40 to 30 years, leading to higher deductions. Don’t forget to depreciate if you must.

Documenting your purchase price is a critical. U.S. taxes are paid in dollars; make sure you document the Peso exchange rate. As back home, improvements call for an adjustment of “basis” in the property. It should be documented during the life of the property. You would be amazed at how many people try to reconstruct these numbers, years after the fact.

Did you inherit the property instead of buying it? Get it appraised. You may need to report the inheritance if it came from a non-U.S. person. It may not be taxable, but reportable. If your Mexico property meets the test as your “principal residence” the federal gain on its eventual sale can be excluded from your tax, just like a U.S. home. The same limits and rules apply.

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wanting to break free from their mundane and insignificant lives in a Kentucky small town—sought media fame by planning the robbery of antique books safely stored at their university. Their greatest obstacle was their own childish naivety. Directed and written by Bart Layton, the film was made with the cooperation and work alongside the real authors of this robbery in a documentary research style. In his first feature film, Layton, has put together an unusual gangster movie, which uses humor to showcase the drama of a small-town teenagers and their dreams of greatness.

Every year, the festival pays tribute to outstanding members of the North American film scene. Actors, directors and screenwriters have received recognition for their trajectories throughout the festival’s four-year-old award. This year the Festival will pay tribute to the iconic American scriptwriter and director Paul Schrader. Some of Schrader’s best films include American Gigolo (1980), Patty Hearst (1988), and The Comfort of Strangers (1990). His screenwriting credits consist of Taxi Driver (1976), Raging Bull (1980), and The Last Temptation of Christ (1988).

Most of the films will be shown at the Cinemex Puerto Paraíso Theaters, and at the Cultural Center. The Los Cabos International Film Festival will also present $1.6 million pesos towards 21 films that will be recipients of the Gabriél Figueroa Film Fund. The GFF boosts projects in development and in post-production stages, and is a showcase to promote co-productions, and distribution. The 21 selected titles that will participate in a bid to receive funding through the following three categories: Film in Development, Film in Post Production (Work in Progress) and TV Series in Development. These 21 titles were picked out of 535 competing projects that applied for the different categories of this one-of-a-kind Fund, which promotes the creation and completion of new film and TV projects produced or co-produced by Mexico, USA, Canada and Latin America.

Mexico First, opens the doors not only to new and daring Mexican filmmakers, with stories as intimate as they are universal. The Los Cabos Competition, brings together an eclectic and vibrant selection of films produced or co-produced by Mexico, the United States and Canada. Winners of the Cinemex Mexico First Prize, The Los Cabos Competition Award, the FIPRESCI Award, the Art Kingdom Award and the Cinemex Audience Award will be announced during closing ceremonies on Saturday, November 10, 2018. The Los Cabos Competition films are Bisbee’17 (Directed by Robert Greene), Comb Me A Revolver (Directed by Julio Hernández Cordon), Genèse by Philippe Lesage, The Great Darkened Days (Maxime Giroux), Lemonade (Ioana Uricaru), Madeline’s Madeline (Josephine Decker), Summer Birds (Co-Directed by Cristina Gallego, and Ciro Guerra), Skate Kitchen (Crystal Moselle) and We The Animals (Jeremiah Zagar). For more information please visit, www.cabosfilmfestival.com.
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Uber is Now Legal

How the caper went down

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

After entering the Mexican market in 2013, the transportation ride-hailing business giant, Uber, has finally and legally been cleared to operate in Los Cabos; although not at full capacity. For instance, in Guadalajara, Mexico City and the other 41 cities Uber operates in Mexico, the phone app taxi service, is operational 24 hours a day. In Cabo, the Uber service hours are currently only from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM. The lack of qualified drivers with vehicles and the slow process of getting them approved and ready for the road, might be the reason why Uber has yet to get their Cabo business going at full 24-hour speed. And the fact that Uber has been fought harder here than anywhere else in Mexico. The taxi cartel is strongest here, and they are not amused. But the Supreme Court decision was not to be trifled with, so here they are.

One of the final hurdles the transportation company had to overcome was announced in Mexico City on October 12, that a ban on cash fares for ride-hailing companies was struck down by the Mexican Supreme Court; which ruled by an overwhelming 8-3 vote; that such a ban was unconstitutional. Considering that Mexico is a country where 60% of its ride-hailing drivers do not have or use a bank account, and therefore, lack a credit or debit card, cash fares are imperative for the success of Uber. “We are celebrating this resolution,” said Sergio Romero, the company’s legal director in Mexico. “Our operation, and all the people that now are now paying for their trips in cash, are now protected by the Supreme Court.” Rival ride-hailing service Cabify also applauded the decision, saying in a statement that it would democratize access for consumers without bank accounts. More than 50 percent of Uber’s trips in Mexico are paid for in cash, Romero said.

As reported by Reuters.com, transportation is regulated by states in Mexico, and a complicated patchwork of ride-hailing regulation has emerged since Uber’s arrival in 2013. For example, while cash fares are banned in Mexico City, they are permitted as soon as drivers cross into the surrounding state of Mexico. “I think it is a step in the right direction (for ride-hailing companies) to see a higher court take a stand and set the rules of the game,” said Edgardo Rivera, a former country manager of Cabify who is now co-chief executive of Bancompara, a loan comparison start-up. Ruling on another aspect of the regulation, the Supreme Court rejected a cap on the number of ride-hailing drivers who can work at any given moment, handing another win to ride-hailing companies like Uber and Cabify and Adalante.

The few local non-tourist area taxi drivers I spoke with for this article, said none of them would consider leaving their taxi-driver career for a new one with Uber. In a quora.com blog, Daniel Baldor, a former driver at Uber said, “When I went on my short stint as an Uber driver, earnings were somewhere around $700 a week in Mexico City; a sprawling metropolis of 8.85 million people. Earnings would be significantly less for an Uber driver in Los Cabos’ population of 267,000. Baldor further explained that his figures were “green” numbers (this is what is paid to the partner/driver once Uber takes their cut). Which theoretically translates to something around $12,000 - 1,6000 MXN per month. “I was in a 30% earnings model because I didn’t own the car. The car owner is paid by Uber, and I got paid 30% out of that. The upside being that the owner paid for gas refills, which were somewhere around $700 MXN per week, sometimes twice that much on a good week.” Daniel Baldor also provided the following advice and information on his blog: 1) A Conductor, means you own the car. This cuts out any kind of middleman, and thus you’re doing all the work and earning all the money. 2) A
Many Americans Moving To Mexico
Here’s Why

BY TERRY GRAY CURTIS

Inquiring minds want to know and some need to. Some say: since the presidential election money has freed up and new economic confidence has surged enough for people to invest, with some of that money arriving in Mexico. Others say: it is because of the new POTUS and people are fleeing with their retirement fund, investments and or fixed income from S$. At the end of the day it may be one, maybe the other or possibly a little of both, but one thing for sure, there is an increase of expats desiring to live in Los Cabos these days. In very many ways, Mexico especially Los Cabos today is like the U.S. was 60 years ago. Way before big government, big business and special interests groups slowly whittled away the much freer lifestyle our parents took for granted and we did as children. Los Cabos is full of many, overlooked retirement havens where you can retire in luxury without spending a fortune. Los Cabos’ lower cost of living and just about everything else, means a comfortable, enjoyable life here will likely cost you a fraction of what you are paying in the USA or Canada. From real estate to groceries, from entertainment to healthcare, life in Mexico simply costs less. Here you can still find comfortable homes for under $150,000 USD in nice communities and pay pennies on the dollar for fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and entertainment. As for healthcare, across the board healthcare in Los Cabos costs a quarter to a half of what you’d pay in the U.S. for treatment by well-trained medical professionals in first-class hospitals and clinics. Add this to our spectacular climate in Los Cabos, never ending list of activities and it might make you ask, yourself, what am I waiting on? Los Cabos is mostly first-world, with excellent toll ways, a sleek international airport, high-speed internet, as well as current first run, in theater movies in English with Spanish subtitles. We have nice malls and modern supermarkets with many brands and products you are accustomed to. In Los Cabos you will enjoy a slower, safer, more relaxed lifestyle where your kids or grandkids can still play in the streets and you know your neighbors. You will also find a rich, strong local culture if you take the time to ask and look around. There is plenty to do and see in Los Cabos and Baja Sur not to mention the local people are some of the friendliest people you will ever meet. With Los Cabos’ varied facing shores and geography, you can find a slightly different climate and lifestyle, depending on which side of the peninsula you are on. It is no wonder close to 2M expats from the USA have made their full or part time home Mexico. I myself am very proud to call Los Cabos, Mexico my home and have no plans to leave. Terry Gray Curtis is a veteran Century 21 Paradise Properties agent and Property Manager, he operates www.caboresortproperties.com & www.cabosecrets.com.

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My love for Mexico started when my father moved us to Mexico City for 2 years. Since then, I’ve traveled all over Mexico, but the first time I came to Cabo, it was love at first sight! I was taken by the beauty, people, culture and weather. My husband and I decided to sell everything in Denver and are now embracing our new life in paradise.

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Tax On Rental Income
Paying It And Being Legal In Mexico

BY LINDA NEIL

Here are some frequent questions and answers that may help you too!

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The Income?
Marilyn from Cozumel. Hi Marilyn. Thanks for your question! We will need to have your documents translated and authorizations prepared in the name of the LLC and signed by the legal representative. With this we can pay your taxes and provide you with receipts which will be accepted by Mexican officials. Our Property Title Is In An LLC. How Can We Pay Taxes On The Foreign Investment?

Hi Jim. The foreign investment law specifically permits the beneficiary (foreigner) to rent, sell, modify their properties and to collect the profits therefrom. Many trusts expressly state that the bank must pay the taxes but we know that will not happen. It has been our experience that if the foreigner pays his/her taxes on rental income and has the receipts to prove it there is absolutely no quarrel with Mexican officials. Our Property Title Is In An LLC. How Can We Pay Taxes On

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Property Taxes Are Now Due

Pay promptly and get a huge discount

BY CHERYL MILLER

Attention all foreign property owners with property in La Paz County. Property taxes are now due. It’s October, and in La Paz Counties, if you pay now, you get a huge discount!!!

If you own property in the Municipality of La Paz, which also includes property in Cerritos, Todos Santos, north of Las Balleres, your property taxes can be paid from October and November with a 30% discount onwards for 2019! Payments are accepted at the Municipal offices in La Paz or Todos Santos in cash or Credit/Debit Card. La Paz DOES NOT HAVE online payment services. So if you need assistance, contact your realtor, closing agent or property manager today. If you pay your property taxes for the Municipal of La Paz in October and November, you get a whopping 30% off! December drops to 10% and January, you owe the whole nut. Penalties and interest do start to accrue until February.

If you own property in the Municipality of Los Cabos, your payment becomes due in January of 2019, about the 8th of the month. But, if you pay prior to January 31st, you receive a 20% discount. 10% in February and 5% in March. After April, penalties and interest will be levied. Payments in Los Cabos require the property tax payer to register their tax info prior to paying. This started January 2013. If you have not already registered, do so while you are visiting here. Or ask your closing agent or property manager for assistance.

IF YOU NEED A FACTURA, you or your property manager will need to stand in line…Believe it or not, the government, who requires facturas from businesses and rental properties for deductions, does NOT have in place as easy online system to request and receive your factura.

The paragraph below is a translation of a sign on the door of Catastro, in Los Cabos which gives you specific info how to pay:

“Payments by Transfers or Deposits can be realized directly in the specified bank accounts in the name of the Municipal of Los Cabos BCS. We would like to inform you that your Fiscal credit of the charge will be considered accomplished should it be done in the following procedures:

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

NOTE: In the Discount Months for the Property Taxes, you should present in the same month of the discount for each respective transaction.

Present the original payment receipt for each respective payment for each Clave Catastral.

LIST OF BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS

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

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

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

Happy Savings!

By Cheryl Miller, Broker, Baja Realty and Investment 624-122-2600, info@forsaleinbaja.com.

Recapitulation:

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15. Payments can be made online.

Closing Costs In Mexico Explained

BY CONNIE (MEYERHOFF) BEZEREDI

Closing Costs In Mexico Are Very Different Than What A US Or Canadian Citizen Would Be Used To Paying When Purchasing Property In Their Home Country. In Mexico, The Closings Costs Associated With Purchasing Property Are Assessed To The Buyer. They Are Not A Shared Cost Between Buyer And Seller And The Fees Are Not Negotiable.

In The Example Below Where Purchaser Is Obtaining A New Trust Deed On The $2,000,000 Purchase Closing Costs Average 4.5%; While The $100,000 Purchase The Closing Costs Average 9.2%. This Is Because Some Of The Fees Are A Flat Fee Or A Fee Based On The Purchase Price. There Are Fees That Apply When The Buyer Is Obtaining A New 50 Year Trust Deed /Fideicomiso Such As The Application And Permit Fee And The Foreign Investment Registration. If The Seller Has A Trust Deed In Place Already And Beneficial Rights Are Being Transferred From Seller To Buyer The Application, Permit Fee And Foreign Investment Registration Would Not Apply. If The Buyer Is Taking Title In An Escritura (The Mexican National’s Deed) Then No Trust Fees Apply As There Is No Trust Bank Involved For The Buyer. However If The Seller In That Case Has A Trust Deed / Fideicomiso Then There Will Be A Cancellation Fee Of The Trust Deed Assessed To The Seller.

Closing Cost Example: A $2,000,000 Property Purchase With A New 50

YEAR TRUST DEED
Application & Permit Fee: $1,200.00
Foreign Investment Registration: $700.00
Appraisal Fee: $550.00
Title Insurance: $14,000.00 (This Fee Is Optional)
Notary Fee: $20,000.00
Acquisition Tax: $40,000.00
Public Registration: $6,500.00
Certificate – No Liens: $35.00
Certificate – Property Tax: $10.00
Fiduciary Acceptance Fee: $440.00
May Depend On The Trust Bank
Fiduciary First Annual Fee: $440.00
May Depend On The Trust Bank
Closing Company Fees: $1,800.00
Total Cost: $2,086,023.00 (Property Purchase And Buyer Closing Fees)
Closing Cost Example: A $100,000

Agent Profile
Dennis Fleming

After traveling to paradise every year since 1999, Dennis was inspired to relocate to Los Cabos in 2008. Shortly after, Dennis met his wife in Cabo and was married on Medano Beach. At that time they both pursued their dreams of selling luxury real estate. After purchasing a home in San José del Cabo, today they are raising their beautiful children. After years of success selling beach homes and condos at El Encanto de la Laguna, Dennis established Oceanside Real Estate in 2017 to help clients from all over the globe own their dream home in paradise. Dennis enjoys working together with discerning clients towards their goals and desires as if they were his own. With an active Los Cabos market, he has personally taken the opportunity to invest in multiple properties in this growing market.

As an experienced Multilist/CONOCER/AMPI Broker, Dennis invites you to view his website to find your dream home in Los Cabos. www.OceansideLosCabos.com, info@oceanside-loscabos.com, (Cabo) 624 129 7097, (US) 805 618 2012.
Monday, Oct. 29th, 12 pm until 3 pm. Casa Vista Bonita, Lot 205, Fundadores, Puerto Los Cabos, 5 beds, maids quarters, one level, big views #17-2183, $2,700,000.00. Janet, & Mauricio

Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 10am - 1pm. Group Open House. Puerta Del Sol Unit B204 in Cabo del Sol & 6 other units, MLS 18-546 + 6 other units. Beautiful 3 bedroom condo that feels like a home. Stunning views. $725,000 US. Kristin at 624 191 7634

Tuesday, Nov. 6th, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Casa Valhalla - Lot 15 Caleta, Palmilla, #18–2197, $5,900,000. Janet,

Tuesday, Nov. 06, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Ventanas #6, Phase 3, MLS# 18-17-1070. Wonderful house in the luxurious gated community. CSL Corridor, 3bd/ 3.5ba. Price $525,000. Manny (686) 134-0870

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Friday, Nov. 9th 2-6PM. ART SHOW and Open Houses: See the work of acclaimed artist Joaquin Pineda and these two fabulous homes in San Jose!

a) Casa Libertad, Chamizal, San Jose 3 bdrm/3ba, Modern, elegant, quality. MLS 18-1433, $320,000 US, Call Maria 624-139-1111, and
b) Casa Carina, Magistral, San Jose. 4 bdrm/3.5 ba, pool, huerta, garage, entertainment layout in the kitchen & family room, over 800 m2 of land. A great Value. $399,000 US, MLS 18-1376. Manny at 624-122-2690

SOLD

1) Cresta del Mar #58, MLS 17-297, A Stunning, Contemporary Masterpiece for under 1M. Sold $830,000. LA: J. Schock / ReMexico Real Estate and L. Zolton / Cabo4Sale.
2) Casa Gala, MLS# 18-1291, Three Bedroom, Oceanfront, Located at Costa Brava, San Jose Corridor $699.000.00, M. Nichol/ Cabo 4Sale and E. Romeike/ Los Cabos Agent.
3) Casa Mexicana Las Palmas # 5, MLS # 17-2407, Three Bedroom, Cabo Corridor, San Lucas, $250,000.00, G. Willis and C. Galindo / Los Cabos Agent
4) Casa Playita, MLS#18-1301, Two Bedroom, Located at La Playita, San Jose del Cabo, $100,000.00, H. Escoto / Los Cabos Agent and P. Belmonte & C. Walker/Century21.

Notary Fee: $1,000.00
Acquisition Tax: $2,000.00
Public Registration: $325.00
Certificate - No Liens: $35.00
Certificate - Property Tax: $10.00
Fiduciary Acceptance Fee: $440.00
Fiduciary First Annual Fee: $440.00
Closing Company Fees: $1,800.00 (may depend on the trust bank)

Additional fees include:
- Application Fee: $1,200.00
- Foreign Investment Registration: $700.00
- Appraisal Fee: $265.00
- Title Insurance: $700.00 (this fee is optional)

IVA Tax: $198.00
Total Cost: $109,263.00 (property purchase and buyer closing fees)

Other fees that apply are the escrow fee which opens the account for where the buyer’s funds will hold until closing date, this fee depends on the close company but averages about $750 US dollars. This fee can be referenced in the buyer offer to purchase contract.

The notary fee is based on the purchase price typically 1% but has a cap limit at $2,000,000 which means the notary cannot charge any more than the $20,000 on property purchased in a higher price point.

There may also be a reverse capital gain assessed. This happens when the appraiser performs the requisite municipal tax appraisal to determine accurate cost basis of the property from the assessment of both the acquisition tax and the future property tax payments. This is not a commercial appraisal and does not meet or provide a comparative market information or analysis.

What you see in the examples above are the standard fees applied to a cash purchase (no financing involved).
The popular U.S. hamburger joint has announced that it will open its first Mexico restaurant in Mexico City, in cahoots with the Toks group, whom have been granted a license to open up to 30 Shake Shacks around the country.

While they are still looking for the Mexico City location, around preferred posh areas like Santa Fe, Polanco and Bosques de las Lomas, they told us that for sure, for sure, Los Cabos will get one, at the San Jose International airport. They didn’t say it would be in our

lifetime, or in which terminal.

Tourist tax alert! Here they go again. Carlos Mendoza, our Southern Baja state governor, said, “we are fine tuning the new tourist tax procedure, which will be included in next year’s budget.”

Ja! He’s been trying to nick every tourist 20 bucks for several years now but he can’t get anyone to help him collect it. Finally the airport people have said they can set up a booth and try to collect it themselves. Good luck with that. What are they going to do with people

silver were extracted, in the tiny town of El Triunfo north of San Jose. The mines supported a town of more than 10,000 in its day, one of the biggest in the entire peninsula at the time.

Nobody knows exactly who designed the chimney, but there is confirmation that it was Gustav Eiffel, despite the legends. Modern structural analysis shows it to be outstanding in its capability to withstand hurricanes and earthquakes. Restoration will assure it stands for decades to come.

as President elect Lopez Obrador will need money to make good his campaign programs to help the poor. And because all the money sent to the state gets “lost” So what do they do? Tax the people who don’t vote.

Restoring La Ramona

The 50-meter tall “La Ramona” brick chimney is undergoing a careful restoration by Corredor Historico Carem association. The chimney was weakened with the passage of time, threatening both the monument and the public.

It was built in 1890 by the El Progreso Mining Company as part of operations in the late 19th and early 20th Century. Gold and

flected at the La Ramona donors’ memorial after the restoration is complete.

You can donate online: donate.icfdn.org and enter La Ramona Carem name.

City lawmakers making less money

As promised during the past July elections, members of the La Paz city council have announced a voluntary reduction of their salaries by 51%, plus 100% of additional bonuses and benefits. This will save the city nearly 400 grand a year.

Other benefits like fuel will be reduced by 60%, saving the city an additional 52 grand. Reassigning lawmakers’ subordinates to other areas will also save another half a million a year.

That’s nearly one million a year. In Los Cabos, mayor Armida Castro also promised that she would reduce her salary by half if elected. Instead, she increased her salary above that of her predecessor, only to announce a month later that she would reduce it by 10 percent. Sigh.

New ferry a coming.

The new ferry boat has been baptized “México Star” and will increase Baja Ferries’ cargo capacity by 50%, starting sometime this November. It was built in Italy and is built for Roll on – Roll off cargo.

Harry Potter and Beauty and the Beast actress who was photographed kissing a man who appears to be a new beau, Brendan Wallace, co-founder & managing partner at Fifth Wall ventures, while dining in a restaurant during a trip to Cabo. The two have not commented on the status of their relationship.

“They kissed across the table and seemed passionate about each other,” a source told us. “She had a big smile on her face and seemed to really love being with him. They chatted a lot and spent time laughing together. They seemed like a very happy couple enjoying their vacation.” The source said Watson and Wallace stayed at an oceanfront resort. No, we’re not going to tell you! You’re going to run out there and make a fool of yourself. We’re saving you from yourself.
Dia de Muertos

Don’t call it Halloween

BY EDGAR GONZALAZ

Dia de muertos or day of the dead is a famous Mexican tradition. It is a day to honor the dead, but it is also a day to make fun of death. You have seen it in many movies, but most of the big screen depictions I’ve seen picture it wrong (I haven’t seen Coco by the way). Today we will give you the real story. First we will start with its origins:

Before the Spaniards came to Mexico, the day of the dead was already being celebrated.

There are historical registries of this tradition in the cultures of the Mexico, Maya, Purepecha and Totonaca ethnic groups. The ritual of celebrating the life of the deceased has always been part of Mexico. In the pre-Hispanic world it was a common occurrence to keep the skulls as trophies and exhibit them in the rituals that celebrate death and rebirth.

The cult of death: When somebody died festivities were organized to guide his soul through its journey across the underworld. The body would be buried rolled up in a “Petate” and personal objects along with his favorite food would be placed in his tomb in case he got hungry.

The most important aspect of this celebration is the ofrenda or offering. On this day it is believed that the souls of the dead come back to be with their loved ones, that is the reason of the offerings. Some of the ancient beliefs link this offering to the four elements: Water, air, earth and fire.

Earth is represented by the fruits in the offering. These usually pumpkins, tejocotes, tangerines, sugar cane and oranges. Water is placed in a jar to calm the thirst during the journey. Fire is present through the candles, there are usually four candles that represent the cardinal points to guide the soul. Wind is in the copal and incense burned and it is believed to mark the way for the deceased to follow.

Altars are placed with the offerings to celebrate the deceased’s loved ones. These altars are usually set up at home and decorated with zempasúchil flowers surrounding a picture of the defunct person all this on top of a white mantle. You can almost always find colored paper cut in ingenious designs decorating the altar. And don’t forget one of the most famous and enjoyable offerings “pan de muerto” or bread of the dead which comes in a plethora of presentations and flavors.

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Day of the dead, or Día de Muertos is a big deal as you most obviously probably know. It is a celebration, and nothing to be afraid of, kind of what the Disney Movie Coco portrays, if you haven’t watched it, this is the perfect time of the year. It is very well done and portrays a very close idea of the tradition. This time, I will indulge you with two recipes, day of the dead bread and traditional Mexican chocolate.

Pan de Muerto, or “Bread of the Dead”, is a sweet bread that is baked during the Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, celebration in Mexico on November 1st (all saints day, for dead babies and children) and 2nd (the rest of the dead). It is a light and egg-y sweet bread that is shaped as a round loaf or smaller round rolls. Both and rolls are decorated with bone-shaped strips of dough to honor the celebration of those gone before.

The most prominent symbol of Día de los Muertos is the calacas and calaveras, or skeletons and skulls. From parades to decorations, even to foods, images of bones are everywhere. Sugar skulls and chocolate skulls are often given as gifts. In larger cities, you will find parades filled with dancers, and many people dressed up like skeletons. One of the most popular figures to dress up as is La Calavera Catrina (The Elegant Skull), a skeleton who resembles an upper-class female, showing that, in death, rich and poor are the same. Despite the multitude of skeletons dancing through the streets and the belief that spirits return to be with their families, the festival is not scary, or macabre. The complete opposite, it is a joyous event, full of parties, good memories, and good food. The festival celebrates death as a natural part of the human experience: as natural to celebrate as a newborn baby, a wedding, or any birthday. Through the celebrations and decorations of graves and home altars, the dead are remembered and honored.

Day of the dead bread:

Ingredients
- ¾ c sugar
- 1 ½ tsp ground anise
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 ½ tsp ground allspice
- 2 ¼ tsp active dry yeast (one packet)
- ¼ c sugar
- 2 Tbsp unsalted butter, room temperature
- 3-3 ½ c unbleached all-purpose flour, divided
- ½ c milk
- ¼ c water
- 2 Tbsp unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 orange, zested and juiced
- 2 eggs, at room temperature
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 2 Tbsp grated lime zest
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp milk

For the Glaze and Topping
- ¼ c sifted confectioners sugar

Instructions:
- In a large bowl, mix together 1 c flour, 1 tsp baking powder, ½ tsp baking soda, and ½ tsp salt.
- In a large bowl, mix together ½ c sugar, 1 tsp ground allspice, ½ tsp nutmeg, 1 Tbsp milk, and 2 eggs, at room temperature.
- In a small saucepan heat the milk, water, and butter together until the butter has melted. Remove the pan from the heat and cool the mixture to roughly 80-90F.
- In a large bowl, mix together 1 c flour, sugar, yeast, salt, and anise. Add the cooled milk mixture to the flour mixture and whisk until smooth. Add the eggs and whisk until combined.
- Add the remaining 2 c flour, ½ c at a time, stirring well after each addition, until a soft dough forms.
- Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead for 5-7 minutes, adding flour as needed, until it is smooth, soft, and slightly tacky.
- Transfer the dough to a lightly greased bowl. Cover with a damp tea towel and let rise in a warm, draft free place until doubled in bulk, roughly 1 hour.
- Once the dough has risen, turn it onto the counter and

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Horse Racing In Cabo
Maybe you can make some $$$ here

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

Horse racing is one of the most ancient sports in the world, and Mexico has adopted its own traditions here. There is a long tradition of horse races in this country, of course they come with their own format. But horse races in Cabo? Yes they exist, and they are a big thing between locals, especially in the small towns surrounding Cabo like Mígríño and San Pedro.

This races are part of the local traditions and have been carried out for a long time now. The races are between cuadras which are local teams of racers and breeders. The most common format is between two horses, and in derbies this is the elimination process that will be used until the last two remaining compete for the first place. Most of the races are 300 varas long which amounts to 252 meters. From time to time there are 200 and 100 meters races, where lighter horses compete, and sometimes there are even 300 and 400 meters races but these are more the exception than the norm.

The races are presented in “Tastes” which is the local name for the race track. Most races are in a big old open field, but this has never been a deterrent for the race enthusiasts to attend. These races get a turn out. There are Tastes in Santiago, Mígríño, San Pedro, San Jose in Santa Rosa, La Paz. But horses from cuadras as far as Culiacán which is across the Sea of Cortez come to compete all the time.

There is always a healthy rivalry between cuadras and this adds excitement to the events. Like last year a horse called Z40 from the Valley ran against Centavo from Mígríño. A lot of people came to this particular race. This race was so big they even composed a folk song about it. A corrido is a Mexican song that tells a story of notable events or individuals. The most famous one is “El corrido del caballo blanco” and tells the story of a white horse that crossed Mexico from south to north but this adventurous voyage claimed his life.

The tastes with the best infrastructure, namely with bleachers and protection from the sun and with bathrooms are the ones in San Pedro and Mígríño but the latest have more capacity. The Mígríño annual celebration is in June and the one for Los Cabos is

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Los Cabos Billfish Tournament point system favors blue and black marlin releases, or catching a monster marlin for weigh-in, but Team Sea Angel was able to defy the odds by totaling 28 striped marlin releases. The year 2018 was the first time a team not weighing a marlin won first-place team in the tournament.

Second-place in the Overall Team Division went to Team Chupacabra with 1,548.5 points. The team released two blue marlin and four striped marlin for 800 points. On the third day of fishing, angler Blake Stamper landed a 499-pound blue marlin worth 748.5 points. The monster blue marlin won all four levels of the Day Three Marlin Jackpot and the Overall Largest Marlin Jackpot. The team, consisting of Capt. Clay Hefley, Bo Jenney, Jason Douglas, Blake Stamper, Don Stamper, Don Logue and Pablo Pino, earned $195,950, the largest check of the tournament.

Third-place in the Overall Team Division was secured by Team El Suertudo with 1,400 points with four blue marlin, three striped marlin and one spearfish. The team also scored the Day One Release Points Jackpot and Second-Place Overall Release Points Jackpot. Their top-three finishes earned them $57,780 in total. The El Suertudo team consisted of Capt. Greg DiStefano, Bruce McDonald, Alfonso Ortega, Guy Yocom, Oswaldo Ortega, Gary Mason, Dave Elow, Azam Flores and Noe Isaias Cruz.

Three qualifying marlin were caught during the tournament, with Team Chupacabra’s the heaviest. But two other marlin catches on days one and two won teams Carpe Diem and Second Wind large cash payouts. On day one, Carpe Diem’s Dr. Rick McShane landed a 467-pound blue marlin. The blue marlin won all four levels of the Day One Marlin Jackpot, earning $81,750 for the team. The 2018 Carpe Diem team was made up of Capt. Jeff Hamm, Dr. Ricky McShane, James McDonald, Gary Benson, Kellium Tice, Alex Hill and Juan Manuel.

On day two, Team Second Wind won the day with a 363-pound black marlin caught.
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started by Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman, Burt Ives. Based on a play by Tennessee Williams, Cultural Pavilion’s Movie Club at Cerrito del Timbre Cultural House behind Aramburo’s super-


November 17. Saturday. 6:00 pm At the town’s main church, downtown.

November 20 to 25. Different surprising hours. 5th Pah’La Calle. Urban Scenic Arts Festival. The flash mob is back with a lot of activities as Dance, Clown, Pupp-


December 8 and 9. Saturday and Sunday. Jazz Fest La Paz and Jazz Fest Todos Santos. With Cienfuegos Jazz Music a group of Mexican jazz talent with and some other international jazz guest musicians. Marea La Paz. More info facebook: Jazz Fest La Paz.

Feb 9 & 10. From 10 am to way more than a Mexico City cab driver. The market will sort itself out.

Of course, the other troubling aspect of Uber in Los Cabos is the lack of an address for pick ups, wherefore, someone might actually have to walk to a location available on their maps, as I had to walk a block away for a pick up at a Moderna Pharmacy. A whole block. For a ride, half the cost of a taxi. Remember, the driver can see where you are holding your phone.

Many locals and frequent visi-
tors to Cabo welcome the Uber option, proclaiming their ire over the taxi mafia decades-long, “taking advantage of tourists with their outrageous prices.” Others of course, have voiced their fears of facing the wrath of union taxis “hunting down” Uber drivers, which has occurred years ago in Tijuana, Guadalajara, Mazatlan and Mexico City; and yes, here. Just last week an Uber driver was stopped,, the tourists made to get out, and transfer their luggage.

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And last but not least the kids’ favored offering: Skulls made of sugar, often with the name of the person being remembered.

There are different variations on the celebration of this day according to the geographic location. In some places the number of steps in the altar represent the levels of the underworld the soul has to go through. There can be up to seven steps but most common is to have only two that represent heaven and earth.

In the present the date of this celebration is officially on November the 2nd but the original tradition also has the first of November as the day to honor the dead children. The Catholic church calls this day the saints innocents day. In some places the offering starts on October 28th until the official date. The Aztecs used to dedicate a whole month to this holiday but it all changed with the arrival of the Spaniards. People often go to the cemetery with family and friends and spend the day there eating, drinking and around the graves. They clean up the tombs and decorate it with candles and even spend the night there. Often there is live music in the cemetery making this a complete celebration.

There are many fun other traditions linked to this holiday. One of them is the calaveras: These are verses that depict a person as if they were already dead mostly in a satirical way. The verses date back to the Virreinal age, starting as a satire of the long dedications the rich people used to put on their loved ones’ graves. Later it became more of a way to do social critique up to the point the government censored them. After a while fun drawings of skeletons were added to the calaveras. The most famous artist in this venue was Jose Guadalupe Posada, He is the original designer of the Catrina character, whom you’ll recognize as the elegant rich lady skeleton you find in Mexican artesania.

The calaveras today are less political and more a fun way to express the feelings towards someone, whether it’s love, hate or critique. Often they are used as gifts to that person.

In November 2003 the UNESCO recognized The dia de muertos holiday as a cultural heritage masterpiece of humanity.

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knead it a few times to deflate it. Cut 6, 1 oz. pieces (roughly the size of a golf ball) from the dough.

Shape the larger portion of dough into a round loaf and place it on a lightly floured baking sheet. Shape each of the 6 smaller portions into a bone, by rolling them in the center to create two larger sections on each side of a smaller connecting strip. Arrange the bones on top of the round loaf.

Cover the shaped loaf with a damp tea towel and let rise until doubled, roughly 30 min.

While the bread is baking, make the glaze: Heat ¼ c sugar, water, and cinnamon to a boil. Let cool. Brush the loaf lightly with the glaze while it is still hot. The cinnamon sugar is the original designer of the glaze.

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The Migriño taste and cuadra whose name is “El atracón en Migriño” is run by Mr. Raul Leggs who has been working it for 8 years now. This taste organizes about 5 events a year, including a derby. Most cuadras are in San Pedro which is where most of the best known horses are from.

This is not a cheap sport. For example here is an invitation for a race that will take place on December 16 where the entrance fee for each horse is 100,000 pesos (around 5,500 USD), the horses in this race will run for 300 varas. Is there gambling? Well, is the Pope Catholic? Gambling is the whole point, and large sums exchange hands.

There is also another equestrian Mexican tradition popular here in Los Cabos. It is called the Cabalgata or “The ride”. This is a group of horse riders that get together for a stroll, more like a parade. Usually to celebrate a certain event. The group can be made of up to a hundred riders or more and in the finish line there will be a lot of food, music and celebrations akin to the date the event is celebrating. This month Los Cabos celebrates the “Fiestas patronales” a local yearly celebration, and it will have its cabalgata. It will take place the 18th of October. It started in the San Lucas taste and went to the Evangelista church downtown and finished in the Plaza de Toros La san Luqueña, with live music, mechanical bull, donkey competition and horse games and acrobatics called escaramuzas. It is a quite beautiful and entertaining event.

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Los Cabos Rotary Club
Meetings at the Sports Bar at Sheraton Grand Hacienda del Mar
Every Tuesday at 8:00 am
Cabos San Lucas

With several tournaments recently completed, it appears that offshore the blue and black marlin are in the house. Not wide open, but enough to pique the interests of any saltwater angler worth his/her salt. There were blacks and blues caught in both events with the largest being 522-pounds. In addition to the jumbo-sized blacks and blues, there were double-digit counts of striped marlin as well as a few early-arriving sailfish.

There were plenty of the smaller yellowfin tuna and there have been some in the 200-pound range as well. To be honest, they fall into the “careful what you wish for” category. Closer to shore, a few wahoo have appeared early mornings that “wow” early-bird anglers. Also, there have been a good show of roosterfish and jack crevalle that have earned the respect of anglers from around the world for their tenacity. Lastly, if you are into eating fish, the pargo, grouper and cabrilla that hang out in deeper water are great fun to catch and most of the restaurants in town are happy to cook them for you.

LOCATION: Finger Bank, 11:50 Spot, 95 Spot, and Inshore Golden Gate.

Puerto Los Cabos

Heavy pressure has cleaned out the sardina which had been schooling around the Puerto Los Cabos Marina jetties for several months now. New sources are now off of Chileno and surely, they will be scouting our areas farther south. Squid supplies have maintained but are likely to become scarce in the coming weeks as well. Other options will include ballyhoo, caballito and chihuil.

Recently we felt strong south winds since then the winds have been coming mainly from the north -- already strong for this early in the season. Hopefully this will calm down. It has contributed to the cool current and then of course Sportfishing fleets are fishing in all different directions, and since there is no hot spot, action has been spread out. A variety of fish are in the area, but no large concentrations of any particular species. The yellowfin tuna action has slowed down as well, and the Imán Bank was still the spot producing the better grade of tuna. Yellowfin tuna ranging up to 100-pounds are being landed, though these fish have been few and far between. Some anglers were getting lucky and landing up to three of the tuna. Off Cabo San Lucas there was a bite of smaller tuna off Santa Maria, as well as offshore yellowfin associated with porpoise. The cooling current seemed to make the wahoo a bit more active, as many more of these fish are being reported, a small percentage are being landed, and quite a few others are being lost. There are not many anglers specifically targeting these fish yet, because they have not been biting much. This will all change soon, with water temperatures now in the ideal range; slow-trolling trap hooked live chihuil is always one of the more productive techniques. Wahoo also hit on Rapala, Yo-Zuri, skirted lead heads and a few on yo-yo jigs.

Still only a few dorado being seen, but more than we have seen for a while now, still no large specimens, but at least we are seeing some of these popular gamefish show up.

Bottom action was limited by strong currents and north winds -- some red snapper, barred pargo, cabrilla, bonito and an occasional amberjack or dogtooth snapper.

Danny Hogan captured this 458-pound black marlin during the recent Bisbee Los Cabos Offshore Tournament. He took a moment to share his victory with a young girl in the throng of spectators, inviting her to join him for a photograph with his prize as he had done with a young boy last year. He explained that he felt it was important to introduce local children to the fishing opportunities that exist.
Cheap Love

TWINGA
Beautiful little puppy female 4 months old that was running across the highway almost got hit by a truck. Bea and Becky were there to save her from a major accident and took her to Baja SAFE that very day. TWINGA is a brindle pointer mix and will be medium size. Already house trained and in a foster home with our lovely Dee. TWINGA will be for adoption in the next few weeks. You can send your request through our website and you will receive our adoption form.

HONEY
Small female retriever mix weighs 18 pounds. She was rescued by Sheri and brought to Baja SAFE for care. Honey is full grown about 1 year old and ready for her new home. She is currently in foster with our veterinarian Jorge and doing great. Loves to play with all the other dogs. Honey will make a wonderful pet. She is beautiful inside out. Honey has her passport health records ready if anyone wants to suggest another country, she’ll beat you to the plane.

Baja S.A.F.E. is a non-profit Humane Society registered to operate in the State of San Jose del Cabo, California Baja Sur. Founded in 2007 by Isabelle Ann Tiberghien, the organization run by Isabelle Ann and many volunteers.

Isabelle Ann’s dedication is not restricted to the homeless animals of Los Cabos, but she also touches the lives of countless poor, uneducated, deprived families in the area. is not uncommon to find Isabelle Ann in the barrios assisting needy families by supplying medical care and food for their pets. At Christmas, with her vehicle loaded with presents she winds her way through the poorer areas handing out gifts for the children bout with donations from caring friends.

The primary focus of Baja SAFE is on spaying and neutering the rescued pets, and provide education to local families on the importance of spaying and neutering. Ann makes a positive impact in the community and is respected for her efforts.

Baja SAFE is funded solely by public donations and corporate sponsorship. The objective of Baja Safe is to rescue stray dogs and cats in the San Jose del Cabo area, and whenever possible rehabilitate them back to good health.

Once the animal is in good health he is moved to our shelter SAFE PAWS located by the airport or place into our Foster Care Program.

Then, we look to find homes for these orphaned animals and have been successful in finding loving homes here in the Baja, as well in the USA and Canada.

We often receive assistance from Rancho Coastal Humane Society.

Thank you for adopting and not shopping.
Ask a Mexican

The newly elected mayor promised in her campaign to reduce her salary by 50% but then changed her mind, reducing it by 10%. This week we asked: Does this surprise you? What do you think the extra money should be used for?

Diana Sotelo, 27, stay at home mom. I think it's what every candidate does when campaigning. They promise things they are not going to do. I think this lady has broken many promises and this one is not surprising. It's a lot of money that could make a difference in Los Cabos but won't make a difference in her pocket. She's a selfish hypocrite. If I had a choice, I would fix the streets off away from the tourist area, and put pavement on those that are full of holes and dirt.

Diego Urquiza, 36, accountant. I knew she had many crazy promises that she just said to win the campaign, but this is the cherry on the cake. She could use that money to improve the schools we have because education is much more important than new shoes. Or maybe we could use that money for garbage collection since there are some places where the truck hasn't come in weeks, and it's rain season, that garbage is going to end up in the ocean.

Gabriel Rivera, 42, reporter. She had to say whatever her team told her to. I think she does need the same salary as the mayor before her, it's only fair. The government can lower other people's salaries to have extra money, not hers. She deserves it. If there was an extra little bit of money, I say we should use it to upgrade public transportation, it is one of the things we need the most here.

Paty Gomez, 36, secretary. What if people just left her alone and focused on themselves we would be better off. She is one of the few women strong and brave enough to assume a position like she did. So, she didn't give up some money that was rightfully hers, would any of us really do that? I don't think we should be so quick to judge, but if there was some money to spend in a different way, I think it should be towards programs for the youth, so they grow up in a healthier way and stay away from drugs.

Sonia Marquez, 30, waitress. That lady has been saying lie after lie, and that is not even one of the worst ones. I think as a woman it is very offensive how she is doing things, because she is confirming the fact that women don't do well in politics. She should keep her promise and reduce her pay, and use the money to help women in need or help women with small businesses. I think she could win back a lot of the credibility she has lost.

Dalia Quiroz, 36, manager. She should be forced to keep her promises, not only this one. We as the people have the power to make her do as we wish, that is why we live in a democracy. Imagine if we had all of that money to make Cabo a decent place to live for the locals, not only the tourist section, or if we had better health care, or streets, or some kind of program to train our workforce better, so we can have better jobs.

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

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

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In a small saucepan, mix cocoa and sugar; stir in water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Add cinnamon and cloves; stir in milk. Simmer 5 minutes, stirring constantly.

For the traditional Mexican hot chocolate:

- You can also buy Abuelita chocolate. You can spike it with the alcohol of your choice.
- Some things to consider regarding Mexican hot chocolate:
  
  - In Mexico, a good mug of hot chocolate has some delicious espuma, or froth, on the top. Which should give you a mustache. Traditionally, this is created with a molinillo. These are often very beautifully made and are as decorative as they are useful. The molinillo is inserted into the hot chocolate, either while the liquid is still in the pan or after it has already been poured into a cup, the cook then takes the handle of the utensil between his or her palms and makes the molinillo spin quickly back and forth in the liquid until the desired amount of froth is produced. It can take several minutes to create a lot of froth; patience and persistence are key. If you don’t have an official molinillo, try the same technique with a wire whisk.
  
  - For the ancient Mayans and Aztecs, hot chocolate was a drink consumed only by those at the top of the social pyramid, as cacao beans were also used as a type of currency. The concoction that the common folk produced was only marginally similar to the one we sip today, however, as neither sugar nor milk products had yet made it to the American Continent, and so were not used in the hot chocolate drink.

I highly recommend doing this a Saturday afternoon, to enjoy the coco movie at night eating some pan de muerto and sippin’ on some Mexican hot chocolate. Yes, you can spike it with the alcohol of your choice. Maybe some tequila, or brandy? Keep this batch away from the kids though! Or not, for an early bed time. Just kidding. Or am I? Don’t worry, I’m not a mother… Until next time! 🍫

FISH REPORT...

and cedar plugs; others will just go on calamarí. Billfish are scattered everywhere. Recently, there were three sailfish released, a stripper and three more events five miles off La Ríbera to the lighthouse. All indications that high season may squeeze all the way to Thanksgiving.

La Paz

The weather has changed dramatically. Almost overnight temperatures dropped precipitously from the mid-to-high-90s down to the mid-to-low-80s. Humidity disappeared, and the northern winds started kicking up waves and chop.

The fishing fell off drastically as well. After such a good long season, I was about to declare the season pretty much over. I figured it had just ended a bit sooner than we expected because we normally don’t see these kinds of conditions until November.

So, fishing has been difficult. We had to scratch for everything we got -- erratic at best. Rough waters, changing currents, winds… all contributed to an anemic bite. It also affected our ability to find live bait. Several days there was little or no live bait to be had! There were a few highlights here and there, but the chew was not what it had been. Some boats got skunked.

But then, slowly, we had a change. The temperatures and humidity started to rise. The winds calmed down just a bit. Bait became more readily available.

And little-by-little, the bite improved. A few more tuna, a few more dorado. Some wahoo, Pargo, big dog-tooth and cabrilla. Even a few billfish. Not what it had been, but a zillion percent better! It’s still a hunt right now. Some boats are doing better than others. Some captains are doing better than others. But then… the next day a boat that was hot now is better than others. But then… the next day a boat that was hot now is better than others. But then…

There’s just no predicting. The captains are working hard to find the bite. Harder than they would normally have to as we adjust to the changing ambience of wind and water.

There’s no doubt that the season is changing. Winter conditions have started to move in earlier than we would have liked. Cabo San Lucas.

Jonathan Roldan’s Tailhunter International www.tailhunterinternational.com

Every Monday and Wednesday the Los Cabos Humane Society performs free spay and neuters. Plus regular mobile clinics in the community which are also free.

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Day Two


Day Three

Angler Jim Smith, of Team Mjolnir, landed a 43.9-pound wahoo to win the Largest Wahoo Daily Jackpot. For their day two and three catches, the team won $19,987.

A total of $642,300 was awarded to the winning teams, plus lots of great prizes from tournament sponsors. King Sailfish Mounts provided custom trophies. Garmin awarded a Quatix watch and GPSSMap multi-function-display unit. Maui Jim attended the event and provided sunglasses. YETI offered up both Rambles and coolers to winners. Accurate and Shimano both provided high-quality offshore reels. Marine artist Carey Chen couldn’t make the event this year, printed prints for the winners. Lucas Oil attended the event and provided a load of different marine products for tournament anglers. JABSCO and Rule brands attended the event and provided boat products, such as bilge pumps, to winners. AFTCO was the official apparel sponsor for the 2018 Los Cabos Billfish to every angler received an AFTCO tournament performance shirt. AFTCO also provided rod belts, gaffs, gloves and championship team apparel for the winning team.

The tournament is presented by the Los Cabos Tourism Board and culminated with a surf-and-turf awards dinner at the Playa Grande Resort. As the night ended, a giant sea turtle crawled up onto the beach to dig a hole and lay her eggs. The Playa Grande Resort and Spa also provided excellent accommodations and support for the Los Cabos Billfish Tournament staff.


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