Tales Of Treasure Hunting In Baja

Could be treasure here, San Jose was founded by pirates

BY EDGAR GONZALEZ

The history of Baja California is filled with exciting tales of famous pirates and adventurous priests who mingled with the locals in the sixteenth century. The locals were Indians, the Pirates were here to rob ships that stopped at the San Diego estuary for fresh water.

But this article is not about their adventures; it is about the treasures these people left behind, those who look for them, and the lucky ones who find them.

Since Baja California was an area where pirates pillaged the ships of the Manila Galleon trade route, a commercial route the Spaniards had between the Philippines and Mexico. It would be logical to think that they hid their stolen goods in the area too. This assumption has attracted a myriad of treasure hunters seeking for the gold and the ancient goods that could be stashed all around the peninsula.

There are many Jesuit missions treasure stories like the San Javier mission and Santa Isabel mission where the priests had supposedly hidden their riches nearby before leaving after being banished from this land.

The treasure of Pichilingue is one of the most known treasure tales in the area. The story says that in 1578 the famous pirate Francis Drake, was running away from two Spanish warships in a gold and silver laden ship of his own when he decided to hide in the La Paz Bay, later.

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Caboholics: A Party Of More Than 12,000 Cabo Enthusiasts

And they all know how to party

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

The Caboholics social group was officially founded on October 3, 2010 by Johnny and Maddie Corona; years after they made their first visit to Los Cabos during the early to mid-1990’s. That date is a little fuzzy to them.

“We got really involved with what was going on in Cabo during the 2009 swine flu scare, and the negative publicity Mexico was receiving at the time, ” said Maddie, originally from San Antonio, Texas. “There were so many people who were afraid to come down here, that we decided to start a group, to help spread the word that things weren’t as scary as they heard on the news. So we started the website cabofriends.net, which took us six months to create. After that, it became, The Caboholics, once we obtained the trademark; and the website was changed to caboholics.com.” It is now a social group which has 12,560 members in the Caboholics support group on Facebook, a number that has grown from the original 30 - 40 people that flew down here and met for that first time in February 2011. The Caboholics from 2011 raised $483 US dollars for local charities. “Everyone had a great time, kicking back and relaxing, and we all agreed that Cabo was something special.”

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Sailing tourney. This Thursday, November 29, the Extreme Sailing Series’ last leg of the year will be held in Cabo bay for four consecutive days. Preliminary tournaments this year have taken place in Oman, Italy, Spain, Portugal, the U.K. and San Diego. Hmmm…maybe they call these things regattas? Tourney does sound a little ping pong.

We can all watch the fastest sailing boats in the world from Medano beach (bring binoculars), or aboard a luxurious yacht, acquiring VIP tickets that include an open bar and snacks. Ticket prices vary from $350 to $875 (in dollars), or aboard a luxurious yacht, Medano beach (bring binoculars). For more details email: guestexperience@extremesailingseries.com. Or hire a panga and bring your own snacks for a whole lot less. Or watch from your beach towel. We did it again! And even better this time. Forbes magazine has chosen Los Cabos as one of the best 19 destinations to visit in 2019. We were chosen for our natural beauty with Cabo Pulmo marine park used as an example.

Said Forbes: “We tapped into some of the world’s top travel experts to discover where they want to go next. From a colorful beach town in Belize to an unexpected European country with a vibrant new arts scene, here are the most exciting places to travel in 2019.”

They suggest that back in Los Cabos, visit chef Enrique Silva’s working organic farm and restaurant at Los Tamarindos, where you can pick your produce and make a meal with him.

Free seminar! And free snacks and kiddie liquid refreshments. The latest, (in the past year there have been huge advancements), on the use of stem cells to get over practically anything. At the Barcelo Grand Faro Los Cabos on hotel row in San Jose November 15th. 12 noon and 7 pm. Holiday Inn Express at km. 4.5 on the fourlane right outside of Cabo on November 28th...at 7 pm. RSVP:stencelcabo@gmail.com. But you know they’re going to let you in without an RSVP, you just might not get a donut. Tel: 624 688 8497.

More housing. The federal government, where Infonavit, Mexico’s housing agency, will build about 9,000 new homes. These small starter one-story homes will be delivered to hotel workers only, under the federal agency’s financing system of shared cost between the government and deductions from workers’ paychecks.

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Famous Faces And Their Favourite Places

BY GAIL COLLINS

Celebrity spotting on the Peninsula is not new. From 1919-1933 when prohibition was in full swing in California and casinos, alcohol, prostitution and horse racing were strictly prohibited or severely restricted, Tijuana might even have seen thirteen-year-old Margarita Carmen Can-sino performing in a duo with her Spanish gypsy flamenco dancing father at one of the casino’s shows. She would later become known as 1940’s sex symbol and icon - Rita Hayworth who sadly carried her father’s abuse. In 1931 the Mexican play-ground scene changed as Nevada legalized gambling followed two years later by prohibition being lifted. The glitter and glamour set became the go to mecca of forbidden pleasures for the Hollywood set. Charlie Chaplin, Gary Cooper, Douglas Fairbanks, Jean Harlow, Bing Crosby and Clark Gable all found their way to what was known then as “Satán’s playground”. When they arrived, they joined the go to mecca of forbidden pleasures for the Hollywood set. Charlie Chaplin, Gary Cooper, Douglas Fairbanks, Jean Harlow, Bing Crosby and Clark Gable all found their way to what was known then as “Satán’s playground”. When they arrived, they

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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 “2013-2017 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.

American Presidents have flown in surrounded by their entourage of men in suits (or even ladies if it was after 1971 when the first women secret service agents were appointed). Ronald Reagan came to Baja in 1982, 1983 and 1986 to meet with then President de la Madrid. George Bush visited Los Cabos in 2002 for the 14th APEC Sum- mit meeting and Barack Obama followed in his footsteps in 2012 for the G-20 Summit meeting.

Sadly, Trump’s only brush with Baja was a failed condo-hotel project in Rosarito Beach, (oh and a wall) back in 2006 which led to a lawsuit against him that was finally settled in 2013.

As Los Cabos and San Jose del Cabo have grown over the years, attracting millions of dollars of investment into 5 star accommo- dation, exclusive communities, gourmet eateries, golf courses and luxurious spas, so too have the new generation of A-lister

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Can you patent a recipe?

Traditional Mixtec dishes from Oaxaca might soon be protected by a patent that has been requested by the Indigenous Peoples Development (CDI). A CDI representative in the Mixtec town of Silacayoápam, said the first stage of the cultural conservation project is to promote some staples of regional cuisine to a larger public. Gastronomic festivals have been used to develop this idea. They’ve had good progress, some recipes have already been documented, like those for the atoles (traditional hot corn and masa-based beverages), to Tepejillo, a thick pork-based sauce.

Once the cuisine of the Mixtec region and all of its dishes are fully recognizable by foodies, the CDI will move forward to formally register them. Another part of the registration process is taking place at the Teposcolula Institute of Technology, where gastronomy students are trying to formalize each of the Mixtec dishes’ recipes.

The CDI is also offering counsel and training to traditional Mixtec cooks, improving the presentation of their pre-Hispanic dishes while keeping them authentic. Wait a minute, improving or keeping them authentic? Does anyone else think this is odd? Maybe it’s just us. Did Aunt Jamima ever try to patent waffles? No. And she had something going there.

Druggies hedge income stream. A criminal organization known as the Tobacco Cartel is attempting to control Mexico’s cigarette market by eliminating from store shelves brands it doesn’t sell. Between January and September, police — or people posing as police — have carried out 364 operations at stores in eight states to seize and destroy cigarettes not distributed by the company Tobacco International Holdings (TIH).

Business owners and distributors of other cigarette brands were given fake letters from government departments such as the Federal Tax Administration (SAT) or the Federal Commission for Protection Against Sanitary Risk (Cofepris). The letters state that cigarette brands other than those distributed by TIH are illegal and cannot be sold in Mexico. Not true, you may pick your own poison.

Pueblo Magicos, again. Our Todos Santos has been chosen by the federal government to be a magic town, pueblo magico. Special? Not so much. There are now 121 magic towns all over Mexico. At the end of former President Calderón’s administration a lot of new towns were included in the Pueblos Magics despite not meeting the inclusion requirements. It’s very political. Some of the requirements are: There must be a municipal tourism department and the implementation of a tourism development plan. Each town receives US $260,000 in federal funding every year. Earlier this month the country got 10 new ones.

Mapimi, Durango, has seen the biggest improvement in terms of the well-being of citizens, with poverty levels cut from 61% in 2010 to 40% in 2015. Poverty also decreased significantly in Huicha, but Todos Santos hasn’t seen such progress. Well, maybe, they do get a lot of tourists, who know if they know they are treading on magic ground?

Who do you trust?

According to a study, more than 70% of Mexicans reported feeling unsafe in the streets of the neighborhood where they live and 80% said that they were aware of crimes such as assault, robbery, drug trafficking, shootings and homicides, taking place near their homes. Coneval that 62% CONTINUED ON PAGE 20
Every Day Is Art Day
In San Jose
But especially Thursday

BY EDGAR GONZALEZ

San Jose del Cabo is known for its art galleries. In recent years even more with its world famous Art Walk. The Art Walk is a cultural event that is celebrated every Thursday from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm in downtown San Jose, more exactly in the gallery district behind the main plaza, Plaza Mijares, and the old church. It is officially there from November to June, but the people in San Jose and the some of the businesses in the area have made it a habit of celebrating it all year long with events like live music and even sometimes dancers. Of course in the high season these events are bigger and more spectacular. The main street most of the galleries are on is closed to vehicles, so it’s a very relaxing stroll and there are some excellent restaurants amid the galleries.

This art festival’s first iteration dates back to 2005 and was created to introduce tourists to the gallery district. This festival has been so successful in its goal to promote the Art district that now even the high end real estate companies have offices in the area. No worries, we haven’t seen any time share snaggers there. Yet.

In the high season there’s even a little art market by local artisans in a plaza where Morelos street meets Obregon street. This is supported by the government to help the people in the ranchos who make handicrafts. These people come down from the hills to sell on card tables they set up. You can find everything from impressive oil works to handmade jewelry. And if you are planning to drive to the Art Walk it is useful to know that there’s plenty of parking behind the town on El Centenario Avenue.

This season of the Art Walk starts on November 8 but the galleries are there every day. On non-art walk days the best hours to go gallery hopping is from 11am to 6 pm. Sadly, no free cups of wine other days.

There are more than 20 galleries in the area. One of the biggest and most prestigious, and well organized, is the Ida Victoria Gallery which has been here for more than 15 years. It has been recognized as one of the 10 best galleries in Mexico. Ida, who has a degree in fine art, sells about 50% to tourists who take the art back home with them and the other 50% is foreigners who own a second home in Cabo and want to decorate it tastefully with the beautiful pieces that the gallery has. The artists in this gallery are mainly from Mexico, U.S.A and Canada. The building is a beautiful three level house located on the summit of the art district and in every corner you can find pleasant surprises in the form of high quality works that appeal to the senses. Ida’s husband Pete is a first class framer.

We also talked with a smaller gallery owner, Cesar Gallery, who told us how some of the galleries close for the low season but not everybody can do that or wants to. So those that remain open struggle to survive until November, when the yearly flock of tourists comes back south on their yearly migration to Los Cabos to enjoy their fair share of desert, ocean and art.

Art is sold by the artists, no middle man gallery here

But the art offer in Los Cabos is not limited to the Art Walk. There is a group of artists called “Jardin del Arte” or “Art Garden” These are organized local artists that exhibit their work weekly in several places around Los Cabos: On Tuesdays they are in the Plaza Mijares, on Wednesdays you can find them at Plaza Pescador in San Jose and on Saturdays there is always an exhibit at the Cabo San Lucas marina right in front of Solomon’s Landing. The offer of art in this group is very diverse, ranging from sculpture, painting CONTINUED ON PAGE 22
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The subsequent Caboholics reunions grew every year, and in 2015, the group raised $11,000 towards Los Cabos charities. The current list of charitable organizations on the Caboholics fundraising radar is the Senior Center, “Casa de Los Abuelitos,” The Humane Society of Los Cabos, Los Bomberos de Los Cabos (Firefighters), the Sea Turtle Conservation and the Feeding Los Cabos Kids. "Johnny was joking around about his addiction to Cabo, and that’s really where it all started," noted Maddie of her husband. "We also personally drive into the colonias (neighborhoods) and do our best to help those less fortunate with whatever they need."

The annual Caboholics group and symptoms here. "What is a Caboholic?" If you are experiencing even a few symptoms, you might already be a Caboholic."

"This site was created not only for Caboholics, but also for the many businesses that have welcomed us and helped make our visits so much more enjoyable," said Maddie Corona. "We give businesses an affordable option to have an online presence where they can offer Caboholic discounts and promotions. More importantly, we give them the best type of advertising money can't buy - word of mouth! We are constantly sharing with each other all the hidden treasures we’ve found and the wonderful experiences we’ve had while visiting the smaller, off the beaten path type of places."

"Sure, we all come down to relax, party, eat, drink, be merry, get crazy, and have an unforgettable time just like most typical tourists and visitors. The difference is this: for the countless memories of good feelings and great times that we take from this great place, we give back, states the Caboholics website home-page. A Caboholics requirement, asks its members to help the less fortunate people of Cabo which includes the children, the elderly, the homeless, the animals, and the volunteer fire department.

And in regard to the Caboholics fun, businesses have a loteria Mexican bingo game cards somewhere posted on-site at their bar or restaurant. Caboholics members scratch off the images on their Caboholics Loteria game card to see if they’ve won something.

When the Caboholics have their annual convention in February, this next one during the second week of the month from Saturday, February 9 until the following week of Saturday, the 16th, they are pretty easy to spot since there’s so many of them. "Only a true Caboholic can understand the feeling you get when you arrive at the airport in San Jose del Cabo," said Johnny Corona, decades before leaving Los Cabos forever. Born Johnie R. Haney, Johnny Corona passed away on February 4th, 2017 in Salem, Oregon surrounded by family and friends at the age of 63. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 18, 1953. After graduating from high school in Michigan, Johnie relocated to Oregon, where he owned and operated Haney Hardwoods for many years until his retirement in 2012. He was a master of his trade and highly respected in the lumber industry. In 1998, Johnie married Maddie and the newlyweds traveled to Cabo, of course. Upon his retirement, Johnie and Maddie realized their dream and moved to Cabo. It was in Cabo that he became known as Johnny Corona. At his funeral, in lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requested donations be made to Johnie’s favorite charity, El Ranchito orphanage (www.elranchitocabo.com) in San Jose. Johnny Corona’s world wide locally famous straw hat is on display at the Caboholics Store and Activity Center, located next to Cabo Cantina on the main drag.

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Comic Convention Comes To Cabo
This is a surprisingly big event

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

In 2012, the first Cabo Con comic book convention made its humble debut, held as a one-day event at the Pavilion Cultural Center. This year’s newest version of the Cabo Con Deluxe attracted an estimated 1,200 teenage youngsters, and a few parents. The festivities included an on-stage live performance from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM, organized and presented by Ixchel Estefania Murillo. A young local singer and community arts and cultural leader, that led a song and dance routine which mesmerized the crowd of excited teens. A musical dance act eerily reminiscent of a female version of The Back Street Boys and Nysnc. 92% of the Cabo Con Deluxe vendors were dominated by Japanese Anime'-related memorabilia, an affinity and attraction that is shared by a great percentage of USA American comic book convention party-goers. While the Japanese like and adore so much of Western Culture, the American and Mexican comic book fan boys, love their Japanese Anime’. Comic book animated action series that include Speed Racer, Poke’man, Dragon Ball Zero, Death Note, Full Metal Alchemist, Hell Girl, and the extremely popular, Ghost in the Shell.

The 2018 Cabo Con Deluxe also held a cosplay Contest, and featured a popular movie star, Maggie Vera, the Spanish-language voice-over actress who is credited as the voice of Snow White, Pocahontas, and Princess Jasmine from Aladdin. A drawing course was also offered that featured Japanese Anime’ comic book character artist, Eileen Merary, of La Paz. Cosplay is the act of dressing up like one of your favorite comic book, and/or Japanese Anime’ characters and often times entering and winning hundreds if not thousands of dollars for the best costume. People get crazy serious about this cosplay thing and its popularity is at staggering world wide participation numbers.

And while the attendance numbers of Cabo Con Deluxe, will never challenge the incredible magnitude of Comic Con San Diego (167,000), LA Comic Con (100,000), New York City Comic Con (130,000), or the growing popularity of the Latino Comix Expo; Nation’s Largest Gathering of Latino/a Comic Book Creators and Animators comes, the increased annual attendance is testament that the love and passion for comic books is alive and well and Baja California Sur, Mexico as well.
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 Cuauhtemoc inside the San Diego Feed Store.

Every Tuesday and Saturday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. La Paz organic market. Postal Park, Constitution and Madero streets. Free.

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Every Wednesday: 9:00 am 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 Walk.

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

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

Every Thursday: 12:00 to 8:00 pm. Artisans Market at Mako 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 loscabsotomatoes@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. Alvaro Obregón (between Militar & Rangel). Facebook @TodosSantosBrewing. Ph 612 1452023 or email info@todosantosbrewing.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.

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

Nov. 21, Saturday. 3rd Gastronomic Festival, El Triunfo. North of San Jose. Food and booze tasting starts at 2:00 pm, followed with a live show and salsa dance with Alexey and the Triplets starting at 5:00. Tickets at La Pintada restaurant in Cabo San Lucas. 500 pesos. The main drag in Cabo. The main drag in Cabo. The main drag in Cabo. There will be food and music included. 

Nov. 29, Saturday. Extreme Sailing Series. Watch the fastest sailing boats in the world from Medano beach (bring binoculars), or aboard a luxurious yacht, acquiring VIP tickets that include an open bar and snacks. Ticket prices vary from $350 to $875 USD. www.extremesailingseries.com or facebook.com/extremesailingseries

December 11th, Saturday. 13th Annual Dressed to the K9’s “Glitz & Glam” 5:30 to 11:00 pm. At the Sheraton Grande, Cabo San Lucas. To benefit The Los Cabos Humane Society. www.lscaboshumanesociety.com

December 9, Sunday. 10:00 am. Todos Santos 23rd Annual Tianguis. To benefit the Amigos De Los Animales. Support spaying and neutering dogs and cats. Accepting donations of household goods, gently used clothing and shoes, working appliances, tools and sporting goods. Please, no books. Drop off items at Kitty Heaven or contact Angélique Schornstein, bajakitties@yahoo.com, bajarescue.org/. 612 145-0250, Todos Santos.

December 11, Tuesday. The Padrino Children’s Foundation’s Fiesta fundraiser. Todos Santos. Celebrate guest chef, panoramic view, and entertainment. Seating limited. Supports the healthcare of children. Tickets available late October. For early reservations (recommended), info@padrinofund.org, padrinofund.org/en/, 6121780040, Todos Santos.
November and December:
Every Monday from today, November 12 to December 10 at 4:30 pm, talented instructor Caryl Leffel will be present. And each Monday a different theme is chosen. Here's the list: November 12th - Seahorse. November 19th - Mt Picocho. November 26th - Mexicks. December 3rd - Cowboy, and December 10th - Virgin of Guadalupe. Each class is $70 USD including materials. Attendees end the class with their own masterpiece to take home. Advance registration is required. You can secure space by calling 144.52.92, emailing pezgordoaort@yahoo.com or visiting the gallery.

Then every Tuesday, learn mixed media - a most creative process. Painting with one of Cabo’s leading artists, Tanya Talamante. It’s fun and messy and a thorough exploration of this intriguing art technique. You’ll end the afternoon learning quite a bit about mixed media and having your own piece to take home.

Two different classes are scheduled for November and December: Remember, Tuesday at 4:00 pm. November 20 and December 18. Classes are $90 including materials. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. Please call 144.52.92, email pezgordoaort@yahoo.com or visit the gallery to save your spot.

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 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. CODEX Peninsula salon at The Centro Cultural La Paz. The old city hall on 16 de September at the corner of Belisario Dominguez, across from the Sears store. Downtown La Paz.

Every day: 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 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: Jardín del Arte / El Cabo.

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

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

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

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

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


Every Sunday. 1:00 pm. Movies for kids, storyteller, table games and more. 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.

November 12 to 17. Different hours. Pal’La Calle Urban Scenic Arts Festival 5th Anniversary. Dance workshops, Master classes, and Video-Dance workshop with Tomas Gulvarte from the National Contemporary Dance Company. Josey Bow, and John Furtado from Colombia, Ximena Monroy from Mexico and more. Free. In Spanish. Various locations in Cabo San Lucas and San Jose. For more information call Fabiola Garcia 624 122 3208.


November 17. Saturday. 8:00 pm. Jaime Lopez in concert featuring his new production Rabbit Time (Tiempo de Conejos). All proceeds will benefit Listen to my Hands, Choir Without Voices, by deaf and mute kids and teens. Spanish with some help in English. Cultural Pavilion. Hey! If the kids can do this without hearing, you can do this without Spanish. 8:00 p.m. Donations welcome. 624 129 9681.


November 24. Saturday. 9:00 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. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it. 624 150 0216.


November 17. Saturday. 6:00 pm. Carmina Burana, CONTINUED ON PAGE 22
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landing in the island de San Juan Nepomuceno right by the Pichilique bay in order to hide his treasure there. The locals saw him during this venue but didn’t know what he was hiding. Later the news reached the Spaniards who began looking for the bounty. Up to this day nothing has been found.

Another pirate treasure story which seems to have come to fruition is the “Cerro atravesado” or pierced hill treasure. This was supposedly buried by pirate Tefall Lamartine together with the body of his recently killed partner. In 1959 a local newspaper called “El diario de la mañana” reported that two men from the state of Zacatecas in central Mexico found a treasure near the afore mentioned hill, and unsurprisingly immediately went AWOL, and were never heard of again.

A more recent story is from the 1990s. In La Paz where the streets of Ocampo and Revolución cross, a gold stash was supposedly found while demolishing a house to build the actual Coppel store. A construction worker is said to have found a treasure and before multiple witnesses just took off with his finding and we can only guess he lived happily ever after.

About ten years ago, a local from San Jose who has already passed away would tell me stories about fishermen that he knew who would actively search for objects that were later exhibited in the Caracol museum of Ensenada. Since most of the objects were ceramic pieces and the like, we can only assume that the heavier stuff like gold, if there ever was any, would still be underwater somewhere in the vicinity.

While not in Cabo recently the remains of a sunken ship with 17 tons of gold and silver was found by treasure hunters who are often in the Baja California area. This company is called Odyssey Marine Exploration, but we can only guess he lived happily ever after.

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Loreto’s marina holds grand opening. November 3, the Marina Puerto Escondido near Loreto held their grand opening ceremony to showcase the new 100 slips, breakwater, premium services, amenities and more that are now available at the marina.

They can take yachts up to 200 ft. In fact, the marina will welcome its first 200 ft. yacht next January. They have built a breakwater to protect against northern winds. There are a newly remodelled facilities, including bathrooms, showers, and a marina store. They have underwater repair services and bottom painting. Premium services and amenities, including yacht maintenance.

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Take The Bus, Gus

Beats walking, and is cheaper than Uber. Don’t even think about taking a taxi.

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

The local public buses in Cabo San Lucas are mostly tired old American school buses painted over in white. They flow in and out of the downtown area with regularity, mostly servicing the working poor. The cost to ride one of these buses is a meager 12 pesos or 60 cents in U.S. currency, although drivers will not accept American coins like quarters, nickels and dimes, but paying with a George Washington is okay, so give them a green back and shine on your change.

One of three bus lines that traverse through town, is one that has “Walmart Zona Hotel” written in white on the front and passenger side window. This bus’s route comes down along Leona Vicario from the Soriana Grocery Shopping Center up in the neighborhood called Lomas del Sol, which started out as a modest squatter camp but has now been “regularized” and enjoys all city services. It’s grown to be huge in just a few years. And everyone living there needs to go somewhere else to work. Since minimum wage here is less than five dollars a day, they arrive to work by bus.

Many of the buses terminate at the foot of Leona Vicario, in front of the big mall, because barrio people need to get to work downtown. You see buses stacked up there, in driving lanes, kick-ing their passengers to the curb before hurrying on.

But the happy little former school bus we’re talking about today lurches and rattles along a route one block city side of Cabo Villas, Casa Dorada, and along the horribly pot holed ruin of a street along the Hotel Zone where Pueblo Bonito Rose, Pueblo Lazaro Cardenas Boulevard and treads past Squid Roe, Mandalay, Mar de Cortez Hotel and hangs a left turn at Mi Casa, a tough tight turn even for the little school bus that could.

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Let’s Kick Around CFE Some More
The electricity utility deserves it

BY ALBERTO IMBERTON

On December 2013 the Mexican electricity industry underwent a profound transformation. The need for the reform was greatly justified by several factors, such as market diversity of the generation and sustainability, competitive pricing, efficient power system expansion, and CFE’s rickety financial performance and execution capabilities.

It went from a centrally planned system dating back to the mid-1900's, where CFE had a social mission to supply electricity under a vertical monopoly arrangement, to a market where the benefits will be reaped by those who are most able to influence market dynamics. CFE has turned into at least 14 different companies, divided within the generation, transmission, distribution, basic supply and qualified supply segment.

From a customer's viewpoint the most significant consequence of the reform, is that CFE no longer has a social mission. Instead, the revenue requirement for each of the separate CFE entities will inevitably force management to compete with market forces to maximize profits. Set aside the CFE utility companies which are subject to a requirement that everyone gets some juice, CFE is competing against new private market participants. These participants, represented by private global utilities, investment funds, and other investors are very competitive in their marketing, placing more pressure on CFE’s revenue requirement.

Baja California Sur has very peculiar characteristics when it comes to its power system. After four years of reforms, the winners are clearly the sellers, (CFE) and the buyers, (consumers), are the losers.

BCS is an island for power systems, because it is not connected to mainland Mexico or Baja California. This means we are not able to export electricity to other regions, nor able to import cheaper electricity from other regions.

CFE has neglected, for years, the maintenance and expansion of the high and low voltage grid. This, in turn, has caused that the grids are not able to sustain all the power needed to meet the current and forecast demand. According to official data, BCS is the fastest growing region in economic terms in Mexico. Well above the national average, and such growth is expected to sustain for the next 5 years. Nonetheless, the high voltage grid has capability of 0% growth rate for the next 5 years. Inevitably electric growth will stagnate in the region. It is well known that economic growth and power system expansion goes hand in hand.

The bottleneck created on the high and low voltage grid due to lack of proper maintenance and expansion creates a pervasive incentive for the incumbents. No new sellers can come into the market, which means that established sellers will face no competition. For buyers, it means they will have to buy at whatever price seller sets. Surely, this issue has more to do with system expansion than market forces, but at the end is all tied up as one. Nonetheless, it’s nothing that a properly organized demand can’t easily overcome.

BCS power system runs on fossil fuels, and therefore its prices are heavily dependent on the fluctuating prices of oil and gas. Moreover, CFE has long term commitments for the purchase of natural gas, eliminating any incentives to allow new entrants. Surprisingly, CFE current interests in BCS do not use the renewable resources potential the region offers.

Much is said about the high electricity prices in BCS, and realistically they should be higher. There is a mismatch between wholesale and retail prices, which can only be explained by heavy government subsidies. Subsidies are perverse. First and foremost, they cloud price signals resulting in under investment. Second, they can be taken away any moment. And third, upgrading the infrastructure that requires subsidies, takes years to complete.

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Big Fines for Small Tools

Mexico seems to be catching up with the US as a nanny state

BY FARAH WAY

Drones can invade privacy, they can cause accidents, they annoy birds, and they can really piss off pilots in actual airplanes. They can also be incredible tools for scientists, photographers, and anyone in the tourism industry. In some countries, licenses are required. The International Civil Aviation Organization insists on a license too. And of course, there are regulations. But that doesn’t stop anyone from buying a drone off the internet, and those drones are high-tech.

For example, the DJI Phantom 4 is a model from a few years ago but still very popular. It fits into a piece of hand luggage. It has the ability to fly 20 meters per second, reach 6000 meters above sea level, and fly for about a half hour on a single battery. The drone costs around 840 USD. The DJI Inspire 2 is an up-to-date professional machine. It also has a flight time of about a half hour, but a range of 7 km and a max speed of 58 mph. Inspire 2 costs a little over 2,700 USD. As tools, these drones have great potential. Their cameras are capable of getting great shots and video. Mexico has some rules on the flying of great shots and video. The Mexican government has identified a problem, (drones have the potential to kill people in manned aircraft), and they are taking steps to solve the problem. But more than likely a cop will not even stop you, especially if you’re in the middle of the desert 100 kilometers from the nearest town. The police need to cover huge spaces with few resources (they most likely don’t have a drone). Also, they probably have better things to do, like setting up speed traps to catch unsuspecting Gringos. Although it might not be completely necessary, it’s always good to follow the rules when in another country. And that’s our disclaimer.

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What If You Didn’t Use A Realtor?
Oh man, good luck with that

BY BILL LONEY

Say you want to shave 6 or 8 percentage points off the cost of selling your home.

First you’ll need to do your own comparative market analysis to determine an appropriate price for your home. Got a plan for that?

You’ll also need to decide which repairs you think will pay off in the form of a higher sale price for your home. When that’s done, you’ll need to research and hire a professional real estate photographer, and arrange the details for the photo shoot. Prices for real estate photography generally range from $100 to $500 for 25-50 photos. And nowadays you should have drone shots, another couple hundred.

You can’t get your home listed on the Multiple Listing Service, so how are you going to advertise it? Put an ad in the Gringo Gazette? Good answer, very effective.

When people contact you, you’ll need to be flexible and arrange to show them the home during a time that works best for them, otherwise you could risk having them fall in love with another home first. And what if you’re not in the country? Leave the key with your neighbor and hope he hasn’t planned to go to the beach that day? Pray for clouds.

If you receive an offer, you’ll need to decide if you want to accept it, or submit a counter-offer. At this point you should at least hire an attorney who will work up a purchase and sale agreement, help negotiate the terms of the contract and review related paperwork and loan agreements. Some attorneys charge a flat fee for a package of services, while others charge by the hour. Prices for real estate attorneys range from $100 (for simple processing of the deed) to $1,000 plus whatever they can get. Then you need to take it to a notary public to make it legal.

Once the price and terms are agreed upon, you’ll need to complete the home appraisal and home inspection process, which means you need to be there to let the professionals into your home. If any issues arise with the appraisal or inspection, the buyer may try to negotiate additional terms, like making repairs or lowering the price of the home, which you’ll need to accept or reject. Finally, you’ll need to be there for the buyer’s final walk-through, and for the signing appointment. All these appointments will take time out of your day, so if you’re working full-time, it’s wise to save up your vacation time in advance.

If your buyer used a real estate agent, you’ll need to pay them at least 3 percent of the final sale price of the home, more like 4 percent. Selling your own home only saves you the commission that you would pay your own agent, minus the expenses involved in MLS services, real estate photography and attorney fees.

Big word of warning: most agents who represent buyers do not like to work with people who are selling their home as a for sale by owner property. That’s because it’s not guaranteed that they will receive a commission from the home owner, and it usually means they’ll end up doing more work to make the deal move forward smoothly. They won’t be as motivated to show their clients your home, which often results in fewer offers on your home.

With an agent, you’ll receive pricing guidance, additional marketing, an experienced negotiator, someone to attend all of the appointments and the peace of mind that comes with having an expert handle the transaction.

Maybe re-think this for sale by owner idea.
Mexican Land Trusts
Big IRS implications

BY ORLANDO GOTAY

I was intrigued by a recent presentation by a Mexican bank on the subject of Fideicomisos (land trusts). By way of a quick primer, ownership of real property in the “restricted zone” (100km from borders, 50km from shore) by a foreigner must be done through a Fideicomiso. As it turns out, Mexican banks have a monopoly on this.

Fideicomiso business. The bank’s role is to hold the title to property on your behalf. One can direct the disposition of the property; sell, give away, or otherwise encumber the property. ‘Fidos’ are good estate planning vehicles from the Mexican perspective. At death, the property is transferred via the trust, perhaps a more efficient mechanism than Mexican probate.

Some banks appear to be pulling out of the “fido” market. When I asked why, I was told there is increased emphasis on anti money laundering compliance by bank regulators, which to me means there may be a new spotlight in this market segment.

One of the reasons I attended was to see how much awareness there was on the part of bank officials on the federal income tax aspects of Fidos. None. Zilge-ola. That means you, the person who may need to enter into a fido to own property, must pay special attention, because the bank won’t tell you.

Here’s the rub. What may work from a Mexican perspective may be sheer disaster from a U.S. tax perspective. Properly structured fidos (meaning they meet IRS requirements) are deemed to be “disregarded entities” and the IRS will not bother you. When they are not, they become IRS ‘radioactive’. They become reportable foreign trusts. Every time there is an IRS reportable ‘ anything’ you have better had done it right from the beginning.

“Good” fidos have only one property in them. At the presentation it seemed like it was common to add more than one property per fido. Again, ok from the Mexican point of view, but runs afoul of IRS ‘safe harbors’. In fact, bank officials later confirmed they gladly would add properties to an existing fideicomiso, for a fee.

Another trait of “good” fidos: They do nothing but hold title to property. Be wary of the bank doing other things for the property; managing it, paying taxes or other things. The IRS does not like that.

Food for thought: New owner, new trust, or just substitute the name? Does one inherit the federal tax troubles of the last fido owner?

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Hey, Aren’t You Supposed To Be Paying Social Security?

Maybe, maybe not

BY DON D. NELSON

The US does not have a social security treaty with Mexico. Therefore, though you can exclude $104,100 of your earnings while living and working abroad as a full time resident of Mexico, that exclusion does not apply to the social security tax and medicare tax, (which is 15.3% of your net profit-and is referred to as self employment tax) paid to the IRS by self employed US individuals working in Mexico. The exclusion only applies to your US income tax and not the self employment tax.

If you are a bona fide employee of a Mexican employer (or your own Mexican corporation) you do not have to pay US social security and medicare, (self employment tax). Therefore many Americans set up their own Mexican corporation and become Mexican employees to avoid having to pay that 15.3 % tax on their earnings. Mexican social security which must be paid if you are an employee of a Mexican corporation is significantly lower. Remember to be a bona fide employee (as defined by the IRS) you must be treated the same and have the same withholdings and benefits as any legal employee would have under Mexican law.

If you have lived and worked in Mexico for many years and not paid US social security and medicare, it can cause your benefits to be adversely affected. For social security benefits to accrue you must have paid the social security tax into social security for at least 10 years. Your failure to pay into US social security for at least 10 years can reduce or eliminate your eligibility for US Medicare benefits also. You should contact social security immediately, (they are very helpful), if due to your work history with foreign employers you are concerned about receiving those benefits when you retire in the USA. They can advise you on what needs to be done to solve your potential problem. You can learn more at www.ssa.gov

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So You Want To Move Here?
Some things to think about

BY MARSHA MELLOW

If you’re considering retiring in Mexico, you’re in the company of an estimated one million Canadians and Americans who have beat you to it.

One of the biggest factors for many North Americans who make the decision for retiring in Mexico is how close Mexico is. Being just a short flight away from home is very important to many people who want to retire abroad, but also want to visit friends and family, or be close to medical services. A very close second, is that retiring in Mexico is very affordable, which helps a fixed income to go much further. Everything from food to travel to healthcare to leisure activities costs so much less in Mexico than it does in the US, Canada or Europe, although choosing Los Cabos is not going to be your cheapest way to enjoy the country. The costs around here do keep the riff raff out, however. The schools are pretty bad, but private education is way cheaper than abroad and of decent quality. Still, Mexico real estate is affordable compared to much of North America or Europe. And there are many types of real estate to choose from here, from laid back beachfront to mountains. Additionally Mexico real estate is a great way to invest in Mexico. Rentals are going up like hotcakes now, and people who buy a home to live in can rent it on sites like Airbnb at great profits.

The food in Mexico is wonderful. Shopping at the local markets for fish, meat, fruit and vegetables is a great value for the money, mostly. Just try buying decent lettuce that doesn’t go black and slimy andicky in the middle within a few days. OK, Costco has good lettuce, but you have to buy three of them. You could try walking outside to the outdoor Costco restaurant and passing out the other two and making some new friends.

The cost of utilities is pretty cheap unless the electric utility chooses you to go nuts on, and property taxes are so low they’re a joke. And the exchange rate just keeps getting better and better. The peso has lost half its value in the last few years, making almost everything half price for someone with a foreign income. So does the declining peso make Mexico less stable? No, the peso has plunged mostly due to President Trump’s angry rhetoric.

Finally, getting residency in Mexico for your Mexico retirement is pretty simple and straight forward. It’s a lot easier than it used to be. However, until you decide to buy here, it’s somewhat easier to just cruise on your tourist visa you were handed on the airplane. It’s good for six months, no muss, no fuss.

From a lifestyle point of view, the laid-back vibe of the warm and welcoming native population makes for stress free living. This doesn’t mean that your retirement in Mexico has to be sedentary, uneventful, you just have to get up and move around.

While our infrastructure might have pot holes in it, keep in mind the charm of it all. You don’t move here just for the cheaper living, you’re here for the charm, the ocean, the warm people, and the great food. And you will be amazed at how welcoming most people are.
Mexico Living
Making every moment count.

BY LINDA JONES NEIL

La Paz: Doing Well!
La Paz. City of the Peace is located on the Sea of Cortez, a magic body of water known to many as the Aquarium of the World because of its diversity of sea life. La Paz, surrounded by mountains and the sea, has seen an increase in tourism from 225,000 in the first quarter of 2010 to 350,000 in the same period of 2018. There is an outstanding real estate investment opportunity in the forested mountains west of Mexico City: Monarch butterflies wintering in Mexico. These migrating monarch butterflies travel in colonies of about 20 million insects and will travel between 80-120 nautical miles per day, depending on the wind and other weather conditions.

The monarch butterflies settle in the Oyamel fir tree forests which are situated west of Mexico City; along eastern perimeter of the Mexican state of Michoacán, also bordering the state of Mexico. Once here, the butterflies cluster on the tree trunks and remain in the region for the winter.

As the sun heats the day, some of the butterflies will flutter into the forests and return to the tree trunks when the air cools in the evening.

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How Did We End Up With A Street Named Green?

I mean, you don’t see a street in the US named Jesus Rodriguez.

BY ALEJANDRA BORBOLLA

Idelfonso Green was born in Cabo San Lucas, on January 23rd, 1830. His father was Esteban Green, a British subject, and his mother was Jesus Cesena Ojeda. His father passed away when Idelfonso was only five years old, and he was sent to San Jose to start elementary school. His mother married again when Idelfonso was only five years old, and he was sent to San Jose, to start elementary school. His mother married again when Idelfonso was only five years old, and he was sent to San Jose, to start elementary school. His mother married again when Idelfonso was only five years old, and he was sent to San Jose, to start elementary school.

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of Mexicans are not happy with the neighborhood they live in and one in three people don’t trust their neighbors. Yikes, a bad place to be in when you don’t have a police department that plays heads up ball. And what cities have one of those? Better love your neighbor, as you will never love your police.

Turn it around, Pedro. Central American migrants were arrested while walking or hitching rides in the southern state of Chiapas. Immigration officials and police blocked the migrants’ path with about 30 vehicles. Some succeeded in outrunning authorities while those detained were taken to a National Immigration Institute (INM) facility where they were put on buses and taken to the airport. There, they were tossed aboard a Federal Police plane and flown to San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

The United States government is warning that its armed forces will fire guns on migrants who throw rocks at them, but in Mexico a kinder and gentler approach is coming. The incoming chief of the National Immigration Institute (INM) has vowed that Central American migrants will receive kinder attention during the administration of the incoming federal government. We’ll see how long that lasts, as some people in the migrant caravan tossed Molotov cocktails, rocks and sticks at the police. That can piss off anyone. But meanwhile, incoming immigration authorities are babbling on about migrants’ human rights.

The social sciences academic and former head of the College of the Northern Border, who was announced this week as the new INM chief, said that under Andrés Manuel López Obrador presidency migrants won’t be stigmatized nor will their personal situations be ignored.

No more chicken fights. The Supreme Court has ruled that ban on cockfights by the Vera-...
Leave it to we Mexicans to turn what has become an American staple into a tostada. Did you know, the turkey you eat on Thanksgiving is Mexican? Yup, it was a native species of this country, back when Spaniards hadn’t yet come to loot. The Nahual name was “huexolot” which meant old monster, or great bird to the god of the sun and life.

Guajolote is what we call it nowadays, and although it has lost its popularity next to beef and pork, it is still used in various Mexican ceremonies and dishes. Way before we even thought about baking it whole, it was cooked in the Yucatan peninsula with “black stuffing” - a mix of charred chiles, or with mole around Oaxaca during the festivities for day of the dead, to be offered for those who came from the spirit world to visit their families.

Spanish chroniclers made note of Guajolotes when the conquest started, having plenty of information about this new species that was not really a chicken as they knew but ate it anyway. Back in this time, the only domestic animals for human consumption were Guajolotes and Xoloescuincles, the bald dogs. One of those chronicles tells that back in 1519, when Cortez made it to Cozumel (around Cancun) he left his men and went back to his ship. Cortes continued on page 21.

“…Cortés sent us to another village, where the naturals also ran away and couldn’t take their hacienda. They left behind chickens and other things, where Pedro de Alvarado ordered to take up to forty of them. Cortes reprehended Pedro severely, telling him to not take over those lands and had the naturals brought back to their haciendas, offering gold and beads and jingle bells for the chickens we had eaten…”

In another text, 5 years later: “…In the houses we found double chinned roosters, cooked chickens in the peppers the natives eat, and a corn bread that the call tamales, which made us happy for all the food and admire all the new things we could see…”

In Yucatan, wild and domestic turkeys are abundant, that is why they are called “the land of deer and turkeys”; they were bred greatly because they needed very little water. Most moles were originally made with Guajolote as the protein, and most of them have the “chile” word in them, that is where the Spaniards first tasted turkey.

Mayans also thought very highly of Turkeys, incorporating them in rituals and offerings to the gods. Back in 1980, turkey bones were found in a special pyramid context, people often think of turkeys as something to eat, but they were probably making some sort of special offerings of them, which would go along with the fact that they brought them in from a long distance.

Around 17th-century, when the Pilgrims landed nearby Plymouth, they found the woods were already full of wild turkeys, distant cousins of the birds domesticated in Mesoamerica. Pilgrim writings refer to turkeys as ‘fat and sweet’, the birds were also very easy to hunt. Well, they’ve never been known for their brilliant minds. Turkey is one of the best proteins you can eat, too. It is low cal, and save the kitty! 2215 Paseo de Las Americas Suite 25-M143, San Diego, CA, 92154. Ph. (562) 714 6735
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CALENDAR OF PERFORMING...

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November 20 to 25. Different surprising hours. 5th Páh La Calle, Urban Scenic Arts Festival. The flash mob is back with a lot of activities as Dance, Clown, Puppeters, Story Tellers, Music and much fun. Streets, Malls, Markets and Plazas of San Lucas, San Jose and rural areas of Los Cabos. Spanish mostly. Free.


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Reptile Museum For Those Who Slither In The Night
And a few with feet snuck in as well

BY SHANDA LEAR

They’re creepy and they’re kooky, mysterious and spooky. And they are all there at the Serpentarium in La Paz.

In 1992, Victor Velazquez was working at the zoo in Santiago, just north of San Jose, when he met Abraham Blanc, an American animal lover with deep pockets. Abraham would go to local schools and give talks about the various and unique animals in Baja with Victor in tow.

In 1999 Abraham built a facility in La Paz to showcase the many local species of reptiles, sharing them with the public. That facility became the Serpentario de La Paz. It was so promising that in 2001 he went to Cabo San Lucas to open a second facility. And that’s when Abraham Blanc ran into a different kind of snake.

In Cabo, Abraham made a deal with an American guy named Jimmy to clear the property he bought for the new Serpentario, but the deal went amiss. A “strong discussion” ensued and the next day Abraham disappeared.

 Turns out Jimmy was a convicted felon who had done time in prison in the U.S. He went like a bat out of hell, he smacked into a bus and died. Ja! Justice!

Investigators from the U.S., in conjunction with the Mexican police, searched for two months over a very wide area for Abraham’s body, but it was never found. Unwilling to admit they might not be able to find a dead body in about a million square miles of kitty litter which is our surrounding area, they said it must be in the ocean and they quit looking.

After Abraham’s death, Victor Velazquez teamed up with Javier Uranga, a lawyer who was not a lawyer but who now is, and an associate of Abraham’s from Cabo, to keep the Serpentarium in La Paz going, and 19 years later, the venture is still wobbling along. Well, slithering along.

Every day between 30 and 40 students from local schools visit the facility while their teachers give lectures on the various inmates. It’s a must-see for tourists and locals alike. Last year the Serpentarium was featured on Animal Planet, the Discovery channel, and the BBC in London.

Currently, it is home to 70 snakes, 55 lizards, 200 turtles, both desert and sea, 25 birds, an eagle, an alligator who was only 10 inches when he arrived 14 years ago and is now nine feet and still growing, and a handful of bunnies, with that population diminishing. Oh, you don’t think the bunnies are there as food for the others do you? Ohhhh, say it ain’t sooooo.

80% of the animals are indigenous to southern Baja, others are gifts, and the rest are injured animals that are rehabbed at the facility and released into protected areas of the wild. We can only hope that they mean protected areas from us.

Every year Victor gets over 100 phone calls to rescue animals from private homes. Most of the rescues are snakes, but he’s also helped with coyotes, a fox, even a mountain lion that stayed eight months at the Serpentinario and left as an adult. Victor is also working hard to protect and reverse the decline of endangered species. Currently there are 10 extinct species in south Baja, a combination of serpents, turtles, and...
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Drum roll here, because this is what it’s all about: The marina owners are building luxury homes, calling the development Waicurt. This is a gated waterfront community with private docks right in the front yard of every home.

Paint parties are back! The Pez Gordo art gallery in the Palmilla strip mall in San Jose has begun its series of paint parties again, exploring art with local artists Tanya Talamanca and Careryl Leffel. These are workshops where the artists teach everyone how to paint. Materials are provided by Pez Gordo art gallery.

Every Monday from today, November 12 to December 10 at 4:30 instructor Caryl Leffel will be there to help and each Monday a different theme is chosen. Here’s the list: November 12th – Seahorse. November 19th – Mt Picacho. November 26th – Mexico.

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Los Cabos Pioneer Dies

Abelardo “Rod” Rodriguez passed away last month in California at the age of 100. He was the son of former Mexico President Abelardo L. Rodriguez, and a pilot trained in California. He became a flight instructor and then a pilot for the British Air Force and later in the Mexican Air Force. He flew over our gorgeous beaches and fell in love with them, so he acquired land at Los Frailes, Palmita, Cabo San Lucas and Todos Santos.

In 1950, Rodriguez built the Rancho Las Cruces hotel, the original Palmilla Hotel in 1956, and only 6 years later the Hacienda hotel on Medano beach. In the early 1980s, he purchased a small airline called Aeromar, which he sold in 1990. He later founded the Cabo Air Charter service.

He lived most of his adult years between Rancho Santa Fe, California and his Rancho Las Cruces hotel. He married a Hollywood star, Lucille Bremer in 1948 and is survived by his four children, Cristina, Karen, Abelardo and Ricardo.

He could play guitar, pan handling for spare change. Depending on the time of day, these public transportation buses are known to get jam-packed during the morning and late after work hours when hotel employees are on their way to and from their Cabo San Lucas job.

Aside from the Blue Bird school bus model, there is a model that actually has conditioning, which creates a nicer-smelling environment for that after work ride. The air conditioned units have a high ceiling and look like nothing anyone has ever seen in the USA or Canada.

The most vital buses for anyone traveling between San Jose and Cabo is the big modern-looking, purple and yellow colored “Desierto” (Desert) which cruises along the corridor’s four lane highway as far away and directly to the International Airport at a cost of about $5 USD. Taking the bus between San Jose and Cabo costs about $3 US dollars. And while there are only two major bus stops for these buses, one next to the post office near McDonald’s and across the street from the Penex gas station, in Mexico, no matter where one is, one only needs to raise their arms and flag the bus down and they will happily slow down and pick you up.

There are other, older, white buses with green and blue trim that are called Suburcabo that drive along the four-lane highway as El Desierto but they are not as nice and they do not offer the comfy air conditioned luxury of the Desierto buses. You’re a Gringo, you’ve already lowered yourself to ride the bus, don’t touch rock bottom by taking the cheaper express.
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deferring investments can be offset in the short term by subsidies. But in the long term, these situations can have dire results, such as shortages, black outs, and even negatively impact economic growth.

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Reece Witherspoon and Maroon 5 frontman Adam Levine who rented the entire hotel back in July 2014 for his wedding celebrations with Victoria’s Secrets model – Behati Prinsloo. Talking of weddings – Cabo has seen its fair share of the famous tying the knot. Back in 1983, Rolling Stones Keith Richards with best man Mick Jagger in tow, got hitched to Patti Hansen (and the good news in a rock ‘n’ roll world is they are still happily married), in 2014 Naya Rivera of Glee fame married actor Ryan Dorsey at the aptly named Las Ventanas al Paraiso (windows to paradise) although this one does not end happily ever after as they divorced this year. Thom Matthews, best known for his roles in soap operas such as Falcon Crest and Dynasty as well as Freddy in the horror franchise, married Karla Jensen and Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps tied the knot with Nicole Johnson. Last year Country crooners Kelsea Ballerini and Morgan Evans chose Cabo as their wedding destination and in April of this year Gwyneth Paltrow was in town with a gang of A-list gal pals that included Stella McCartney, Drew Barrymore and Reece Witherspoon for her bachelorette party.

The Cape - a luxury hotel in the Thompson Group – is a regular hotspot for actor David Arquette and has been enjoyed by Noel Gallagher, Kim Kourtney Kardashian (seen in August this year strutting her stuff on Cabo’s beaches in an itsy, bitsy, teenie, weenie yellow no polka dot bikini) and golden surf boys – Rob Machado and Tom Curran.

This year we’ve seen Justin Bieber, Selena Gomez and Jennifer Aniston with her family ring in the New Year. Will Smith came down for some high-adrenalin fun, staying at the Chileno Bay Resort and Residences. Alicia Keys and Swizz Beatz were spotted in February kayaking along the coast and singer - Camila Cabello with British dating coach Matthew Hussey were seen splashing around on the beach.

More recently Housewives of New Jersey star – Teresa Guidice was spotted in the luxury Le Blanc, lazing by the infinity pool in a red bikini whilst hubby Joe was not seeing much daylight from jail, where he now resides, following a conviction for fraud.

But hey – it’s October and Sammy Hagar rocked back into town for his annual bash at Cabo Wabo so the place is still reeling from a slightly tender head. He sold off his Cabo Wabo Tequila company to Campari for a cool 80 million USD – now that’s really rock ‘n’ roll!

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The fleets have reported that overall offshore fishing has continued to be productive with lots of blue marlin activity; some sails, along with a few blacks and more and more striped marlin as the Pacific waters begin cooling.

Most of the blues are running in the 200- to 300-pound range with more blacks around the corner to the East than in the Cabo area.

Yellowfin are showing in the 20- to 25-mile range out toward the San Jamie with most averaging in the 15- to 25-pound range; hopefully, larger fish will follow.

Dorado fishing has tailed off with mostly mid-size fish showing. Wahoo continue to show up mostly on downrigger-run Rapalas or top-shot rigged cabalito.

Inshore fishing has continued to produce nice catches of smaller dorado and schools of skipjack with sierra also starting to show.

Yesterday’s catches are off the charts! Pisces 32-foot Bill Collector landed an impressive 186-pound yellowfin and Pisces 42-foot Caliente, a 154-pounder!

**ROCKSTAR Tournament begins with $160,000 on the line.** Caliente, along with a few other members of the fleet are participating; let’s hope they catch another one just like this today!

Other catches: Pisces 31-foot Rebecca caught and released 8 striped marlin, Pisces 31-foot Ruthless landed 10.

A total of 82 fish were caught yesterday by 13 boats! Of these, 32 were dorado; 29 were yellowfin tuna; and 20 were striped marlin -- many were nice-sized dorado and amazing striped marlin catches!

All of the marlin were released successfully and ALL tuna and dorado catch limits were well respected. (Boats released tuna and dorado as well!)

Cabo Climate: The month ended with very pleasant weather -- mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies with average daytime temps in the upper to mid-80s; evenings in the mid-70s. The forecast for November is for more of the same. Winds are expected in the gentle 6- to 8-mph range through the middle of the month. Humidity is expected to run in the upper-50s to mid-60s range through the middle of November.

Sea Conditions’ Seas have been relatively calm in the mornings with swells showing up in the afternoons. Forecast is for more of the same with winds in the 6- to 8-mph range out of the SSW and WSE. Sea temps are running from 79- to 80 (Pacific) to 82- 83 around the inside corner to the Coedas.

Best Fishing Areas: The hot spots seem to be shifting from the 95 and 1150 Spots to the west and north. Good counts of marlin from around the Lighthouse and out to the San Jamie Bank. Sailfish and striped marlin counts are good in the Migrino area and quality dorado have moved north along Migrino as well. The yellowfin are being found 15- to 25 miles out from the Herradura west to the San Jamie Bank.

For those willing to make the longer runs, the Finger Bank has started producing multiple striped marlin counts.

Best Bait & Lures: Feathers and cedar plugs were the favorite for tuna with trolled smoke trail lures the favorite for the blue and black marlin. Live bait tossed to tailing stripers was also successful. Soaking live bait around the Finger Bank produced successful multiple stripers counts.

Bait Supply: Live bait is available at the $3.00 per bait upon exit from the harbor. With recent tournament action and an increase in seasonal traffic quality live bait has become scarce at times.

**Puerto Los Cabos** Local San Jose del Cabo fleets are fishing mainly in the vicinity of man and San Luis Banks. The action for yellowfin tuna has been tougher, through the winds created very fast drifts and made drift fishing much more difficult. Yellowfin tuna in the 40- to 90-pound range were limited; continued on page 31
Doggie Friends Forever

STERLING

Mix Beagle female 4 years old got swept away in the last September rain and could not find her way back home so she took up corner in Zacatal area. Now she is SAFE and waiting for her new home at Baja SAFE but needs a real home. Folks, you have got to put tags on these priceless family members.

RITZ

Schnauzer mix male 2 years old was found at the same time as Sterling. They both teamed up during and after the rain and are now best friends for life. They know it will take a special family to take them both in but we promised we would ask. Please consider adopting those little ones that have been going through a lot like most of their friends still out there waiting their turn to come into Baja SAFE care as soon as there’s room.

Venustiano Carranza, (another street here), was elected president, Green was appointed to the army for three years. After that, he retired to his ranch in Santa Gertrudis, San Jose. Idelfonso Green died at the age of 102, and buried in Cabo San Lucas. He then was dug up to be transferred to La Paz, to a place where famous south Californians are buried.

Fun Fact: he was best friends with El Zorro yes, the man who was portrayed by Antonio Banderas in the movie. Idelfonso was called El Patrio. Not as catchy as El Zorro.

TheMX Protection Act also prohibits hunting and capturing wild animals, fights between any animals, and displaying animals in circus shows.

Say, what? Mexicans’ command of English is on the decline, a new study shows. Mexico dropped 13 places to 57th of 88 countries on the 2018 EF English Proficiency Index (EPI). In Latin America, Mexico ranks ninth out of 17 countries behind Argentina, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Chile, Brazil, Guatemala and Panama.

This was attributed to overcrowded schools, low teacher wages, and inadequate teacher training.

Don’t bogart that joint. Mexico’s Supreme Court has issued two more rulings ordering that complainants in individual cases be allowed to use marijuana for recreational purposes, establishing a precedent that a blanket prohibition on pot is unconstitutional.

The court found that adults have a fundamental right to personal development which lets them decide their recreational activities without interference from the state.

We’re talking personal consumption, not all out commercialization. The rulings do not even technically legalize recreational use, however. They establish that courts must allow it, but it is still up to each individual to press his or her case in the judicial system.

Mexico saw something similar happen in recent years with five Supreme Court rulings establishing a broader precedent allowing same-sex couples to wed, though same-sex marriage has yet to become the law of the land nationwide.

Welcome cruise shippers. So far in 2018, a total of 220 cruise ships have arrived at Los Cabos, and we have 70 more coming yet this year. That’s a total of more than 460,000 cruise passengers and more than 200,000 crew members.

Four ships cancelled on us due to Hurricane Willa that hit Mexico farther south. Ships don’t come down here just for us, they need the three other destinations of Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Zihuatanejo.

For those who think we don’t benefit from these people, you need only watch the hordes come at us on the tender dock. The people flock all over downtown and there is a busy bus station right there, that takes cruise shippers to San Jose, Todos Santos, and many activities such as ATV’s camel rides, bike rides, and more.
Ask a Mexican

This week we asked: How do you feel about the Central Americans marching through Mexico? Would you help them with food and water? Do you think it’s right that the President offered them jobs if they would stay here?

Aralia Castillo, 65, retired.
I feel very sorry for the immigrants that have had to take such extreme measures. I am not very happy about the fact that they broke the border doors, and some of them seem aggressive, but they are also families, they have kids and they are looking out for their sons and daughters. I have helped immigrants multiple times, not just now with the caravana, but I usually make sandwiches and buy fruit that I put in plastic bags and distribute them at train crossings. I agree with the president offering them jobs, but also some kind of transport, so they can reach their goal and not affect our country too much. They were coming, and maybe they wanted to stay here, or maybe they were so desperate to come to our country they don’t want to stay here, or maybe jobs, because instead of passing by, they would stay, or maybe jobs that were temporary, so they could make enough money to make it to the United States.

Julio Lopez, 32, worker.
I think they should have done things the right way, identify themselves and have IDs handy so Mexico could have a record of who was coming in just for safety or statistics. Things are very bad in their country, I understand but we are no better really, Mexico is also going down a very ugly path lately. I don’t think I would give them much, since I don’t have much to offer, I need to provide for my own, my people, my family. I think Peña Nieto should give jobs to Mexicans first, maybe we could raise the economy and slow down crime, stealing and assaults. Claudia Padron, 41, teacher.
I think there is no illegal people, we are all a part of something greater and borders should not be for people, only for tax and economic purposes. The fact that they were so desperate to come to our country should give us a lot of empathy; we should realize that we are an amazing country, so much so that people think they will be better here. Mexicans also try to go to the united states and a great percentage cross illegally. Why would we ask for something we don’t give? Why are we being so racist to them when we ourselves suffer from racism? I always give immigrants whatever I can, many times I give them my packed lunch because I am lucky enough that I can ask whoever I know to share with me, or I can come home and eat a warm, hearty supper. I think Peña Nieto should not be the only one to offer them jobs, we could also help them, if they sweep the front of the house, we could give them a little money. We need more love to go around this world.

Diana Santos, 26, caretaker.
I think we should make things easy for them to reach the united states, they don’t want to stay here, they want to go there. If we make it too easy, they will want to stay here and we are not capable of holding a lot of people who can not work and contribute to the economy like the rest of us. I have not given them anything as I don’t see a lot of immigrants, but I think I would if I had anything on hand. The president should not only offer them jobs, but also some kind of transport, so they can reach their goal and not affect our country very much. Maybe, if we had better immigration rules, things would be different. Of course, the big Cheeto would rather they stayed in Mexico, but they are not planning that, we can not offer them as much as they can find over there.

Orlando Gomez, 53, accountant.
There are bad people everywhere and I think a country is made by immigrants. Just like the United States was built by Mexicans and we are often offended by racist comments, we are doing the same to them. I have given immigrants food, fruit and some spare change. I think we should all give them a little food but unfortunately, I have also seen many of them spend the money they get on alcohol. I don’t think we should give them jobs because that makes them want to stay here, or maybe something temporary.

David Torres, 71, bus driver.
For me, if they need to go through to the United States, they should but they shouldn’t break the law and do bad things like breaking the border’s doors. I would set up a food and water station outside my home if I knew they were coming, and maybe give them some of God’s word. I don’t think they should be offered jobs, because instead of passing by, they would stay, or maybe jobs that were temporary, so they could make enough money to make it to the United States.
A dish, and tacos and tostadas families gather to eat, sometimes any occasion. When Mexican those recipes people across the Tinga originated, but it is one of delicious! It is unclear as to where luck, it’s cheap, easy, feeds a large those Thanksgiving leftovers! turkey, but this time we will use and B12 which prevents anemia, and iron, potassium, magnesium, of iron, and is full of “good fats” January 12th, 2018

Ingredients: 2 cups of shredded turkey meat, cooked.

The recipe I bring to you today is a Mexican classic, which can be made with chicken or turkey, but this time we will use those Thanksgiving leftovers! Tinga is a popular dish made when we gather around a potluck, it’s cheap, easy, feeds a large crowd and most importantly, it’s delicious! It is unclear as to where Tinga originated, but it is one of those recipes people across the country make for pretty much any occasion. When Mexican families gather to eat, sometimes self service is the way to go: the women in the family each make a dish, and tacos and tostadas are at the table for everyone to assemble freely.

Ingredients: large onion, sliced thinly. cooked tomatoes, no skin. chipotle peppers (or one, depends on your tolerance to spice).

2 tablespoons of olive oil or any oil you like
Salt and pepper to taste.
Tostada, the necessary.
Soup cream
Sliced lettuce
Avocado to taste
Limes
In a blender, place tomatoes and chipotles, and blend until smooth. You can add more chipotles if you want more heat.

Heat the oil in a pan, and add the onions. Cook until the onions are a little see through and soft, on middle heat for about four minutes.

Add turkey, fry for two minutes and add the sauce after that.

Put a lid on the pan, and let it simmer on low heat for fifteen minutes.
Season with salt and pepper.
To serve, place in slices, some tortillas, lettuce, avocado, sour cream and limes.

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