Our Reporter Travels With Migrant Caravan

Well, for a couple of days we embedded her, she’s not going to be climbing the mythical wall

BY ALEJANDRA BORBOLLA

Ale was sent by this paper to embed herself with the migrant caravan, and this is what she took away from it after several days on the road. She also writes the cooking column and the Ask A Mexican piec each issue. She is working her way through University, majoring in industrial design. Her mother works for the paper full time, and her grandmother worked here before her. Most of us have read the news

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Mexican Gas Stations Seeing Changes

No, not concerning prices coming down. Other stuff

BY CHIP MUNK

Costco opened its first gas station in the state of Guanajuato this week, its fourth in Mexico. The spiffy new station cost $3.3 million. They’re selling Costco’s Kirkland Signature gasoline brand, and sure it comes from the States, but so does most gas. Mexico has very little refining capabilities. Maybe that goes a long way toward explaining the cost of a gallon of gas costing about $3.65 a gallon.

The company assured customers that they will get what they pay for and won’t be short poured here. Yes, he actually said that, acknowledging the elephant in the room where gas is sold. They will only accept credit or debit cards and members who use their Costco card get a 3% discount.

Meanwhile, The British oil and gas company BP continues its expansion into Mexico by opening its first ToGo convenience store in this country, where it also introduced its Wild Bean Café to customers. This station is in Guadalajara. The new store and its coffee is part of a strategy

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Party time! The snowbirds are back, and so are the usual Gringo parties. Pay attention, write down the following events in ink, and, most important, get your tickets! These are some of the most popular events at this time of the year and some do sell out.

The most important food and music event in Cabo will take place this Saturday December 1 at Quivira, the residential development next to the Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach resort on the Pacific side. Sabor a Cabo is one of Cabo’s finest chefs, who along with some of Cabo’s finest chefs, who prepare their signature dishes for the attendees while we are all enjoying live music. Money raised is donated to the firehouse, Los Cabos Children Foundation, and the Red Cross. For information: saboracabo.com, Ph. (624) 143-3944, email: info@canirates.com

Los Cabos Humane Society. To buy your tickets look up: www.locaboshumanesociety.com. The tough part is, you will need to get the husband into long pants for this.

December 9, Sunday. 1:00 am. The Todos Santos 23rd Annual Tianguis, to benefit the Amigos de los Animales (we do have to translate that for you, Bunky?). Go ahead, rent a car and support spaying and neutering dogs and cats. They’re always looking for volunteers to put a smile back on their faces, but not at this party. The organization will be accepting donations of household goods, gently used clothing and shoes, working appliances, tools and sporting goods. Please, no books, as there are plenty at the Palapa de Todos Santos. Drop off items at Kitty Heaven or contact Angelique Schornstein, am. The Todos Santos 23rd Annual Tianguis, to benefit the Amigos de los Animales (we do have to translate that for you, Bunky?). Go ahead, rent a car and support spaying and neutering dogs and cats. They’re always looking for volunteers to put a smile back on their faces, but not at this party. The organization will be accepting donations of household goods, gently used clothing and shoes, working appliances, tools and sporting goods. Please, no books, as there are plenty at the Palapa de Todos Santos. Drop off items at Kitty Heaven or contact Angelique Schornstein, bajarescue.org, 612-145-0250, Todos Santos.

December 11, Tuesday. The Padrino Children’s Foundation’s Fiesta fundraiser will take place in Todos Santos too. There will be a celebrity guest chef, panoramic view, and entertainment with limited seating, and it’s all to support the healthcare of children. For early reservations (recommended), info@padrinocf.org, padrinocf.org/en/, 6121780040, Todos Santos. Gracias.

Frogs in the water! The 35-foot long Sans Limits 3 dive boat, with 21 Frenchies on board sank in La Paz, just in front of the San Rafaelito island. Fortunately, Captain Daniel Cota got an S.O.S. quickly radioed off and the Navy rushed to the rescue. They discovered there were almost twice the number of people on board that the boat was rated for. Along with the Frogs were 6 local crew members. The boat sank in 12 feet of water, real close to the beach, but still, they hadn’t pulled their flippers on yet, and they weren’t ready for the water. All tourists and crew members survived but over 100 oxygen tanks sunk. Hey, these people are divers, of course they returned and retrieved them.

New development announced. Nearly 1900 acres of land will be developed at the Punta Gorda area, just four miles north of San Jose. The project is so big that it will take 10 years to complete, as it includes hotels, condominiums, commercial areas and of course a golf course. It was Semarnat, Mexico’s environmental agency, who made the announcement after their blessing. The company named was El Estero, who will build a sewage treatment plant and a desal plant. They promise. Scouts honor. No, wait, that's developer’s honor. Good luck with that.

Los Barriles. It’s the time... CONTINUED ON PAGE 7
Tips For Using Uber
The ride sharing service is evolving quickly

By Dusty Rhodes

If you don’t want to drive a car in Mexico, Uber can fill in most any transportation need you have. Unless it’s after 8 pm in Cabo. For now.

But, Uber here is a little bit different, so listen up.

In Mexico, you can pay with cash instead of using a credit card. Use cash if you can. The drivers prefer it. Drivers cannot see how you have elected to pay until they arrive. If you have chosen to pay with a credit card, they might drive away right in front of you. In that case the app automatically sets you up with another driver. However, it can be annoying.

Unlike U.S. cars, which will have the Uber sticker on their windshield, Uber drivers will flash their lights to let you know it’s them when they pull up. You just need to stand there looking like you’re waiting for an Uber ride, whatever that looks like.

Americans usually climb into the back seat of an Uber ride, while most Mexican passangers sit in the front seat in both taxis and when taking Uber.

Uber rides are great opportunities to practice your Spanish. Think of a topic and look up a little accompanying vocabulary to practice for each ride. The words left and right come to mind as useful.

Drivers have generous self-assessments of what it means to “speak English” as described in their profile on the app. Most will not understand your English.

Write down your complete destination, as addresses in Mexico can be long and detailed. Keep your home address in your wallet also written Spanish.

Uber Mexico is a busy place. Prepare a few words in Spanish to describe what you are wearing, “Llevo un vestido azul.” (I’m wearing a blue dress). Text this information immediately after the ride is confirmed. See, now you don’t have to look overly earnest as a ride seeker. OK, so now you’re going to have to wear a blue dress every time you call for an Uber because your Spanish sucks. Guys will be very noticeable in the vestidos azul, which is a big advantage.

Uber in Mexico is half the cost of Uber in the U.S., why not tip generously!

By dusty Rhodes

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More hotels. Just not here in Cabo right now for Wyndham. They are expanding in Mexico because the country is a rising power in tourism and the sector is expected to continue to grow in the coming years, declared their spokes dude. With these eight new properties announced, the number of Wyndham hotels in Mexico will increase from 52 to 60. If you recall, (and if you don’t that’s why you have me), our downtown flagship hotel was branded a Wyndham for one year. The hotel formerly known to change the price on you mid ride, then call in their buddies as enforcers if you don’t pay. They will take you around the long way if they think you don’t know the territory, and they initially quote you whatever price that will get them through that day. You will notice there’s no meter in their cabs. But this taxista went a little too far.

Bad habits such as texting and speaking on cell phones while driving us, we can maybe live with. Even watching them watch videos on dash-mounted screens is a bit unsettling.

But a couple of passengers in Puerto Escondido discovered last week it’s not such a good idea to complain. When they asked the driver to stop using his phone and focus on driving, he physically assaulted them. The passengers got out of the vehicle with the aid of passersby and their attacker fled the scene. The unidentified driver and his cab — number 02-968 — are being sought by state traffic police after a formal complaint was filed.

For the record, traffic regulations forbid the use of mobile phones while driving except when the driver is using hands-free devices or a speakerphone.

Got Netflix? The largest cell-phone operator in Mexico is now offering household internet via its 4G mobile network. Spain-based Movistar was the first company to offer the service earlier this year, followed by the United States-based AT&T and finally bringing up the end of the innovation and service trend is our own domestic firm, Televisa.

For about US $10 per month, we get speeds of up to 5 mbps but once you run through 100 GB, they put the speed breaks on and download speed is reduced to 1 mbps.

The second tier offers up to 10 mbps with a data cap of 150 GB for about US $17.50. The price of the modem is about US $40 per month. For about US $55.00 per month, we get speeds of up to 5 mbps but once you run through 100 GB, they put the speed breaks on and download speed is reduced to 1 mbps.

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The decision to delay

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Frosty Reception In TJ

A few days after the first of the migrant caravanners reached Tijuana, Mexico’s spirit of cooperation dissolved. Tijuana’s mayor described it as a “horde” of 2,000 Central American migrants that is overwhelming the city’s municipal resources and has troublemakers who should be expelled. Following skirmishes and verbal clashes between migrants and residents earlier in the week, Juan Manuel Gastélum told Milenio Televisión: “Tijuana is a city of migrants but we don’t want them like this.” He added: “Human rights people are going to come down on me, but human rights are for right-thinking people.” Mr. Gastélum claimed that “potheads” and “people who are bad for the townsfolk” were among the caravan. Five Central Americans have reportedly been arrested in Tijuana.

The first migrants to arrive got reportedly processing about 90 people a day, out of more than 3,000 on a list, and that list doesn’t include this latest push by an additional 6,000 to 9,000. That raises the prospect of a huge backlog building up in Tijuana as migrants arrive and are stuck. Tijuana has already absorbed about 3,000 Haitian migrants who remained in the city instead of trying to cross into the U.S. two years ago, and that went relatively smoothly.

“We are not against migration,” Ulises Araiza, President of the Association of Human Resources of Industry in Tijuana, told Reuters. “We know the situation that these people face in their country. But we also favor order so as to integrate them into the labor sector, because in Tijuana do we have a demand in the maquiladora industry for 5,000 people.”

Some in Playas de Tijuana are now saying, “Anyone can find work in Tijuana right now,” the mayor said.

Some in Playas de Tijuana are upset because the caravan caused Trump to tighten border crossings by closing lanes some ports of entry, making life miserable for the estimated 30,000 Tijuana residents who work in the United States.

US border authorities are off to a rocky start, as they were a group of about 50 very flamboyant gays and transgenders. They wore makeup and insisted in walking up here in women’s shoes, some of them 3 inch heels. That was one reason why they were packed onto a bus. They immediately clashed with the locals near their camp at the beach at Playas de Tijuana, starting scary rumors about all migrants. Some locals have shouted insults, hurled rocks and even thrown punches at migrants.

But there are thousands of job openings right now, particularly in the manufacturing and construction industries, in Tijuana, a metro area with up to 2 million residents.

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US border authorities are
Fonatur, The Original Los Cabos Developer

By Edgar Gonzalez

Fonatur is an acronym of a federal agency created in 1974. The letters stand for some Spanish words you’re never going to remember, so let it go. More important is Fonatur is the economic engine that started Los Cabos by buying up large tracts of land, installing the infrastructure like electricity, roads, and water, and then selling smallish chunks of that semi developed land to private developers who would take development further.

Fonatur’s objective in Los Cabos, and in all of its projects, was to jump start development back when there was not the investment capital nor the enthusiasm for development of tourist areas. So the national trust fund for tourist development (Fonatur) was created.

In the seventies the Mexican government, Fonatur, decided on five tourist areas to promote, calling them CIPs, another acronym, this one for “integrally planned centers” in Spanish. This was the most important effort made in tourist matters in Mexico up to that date. The purpose of this was to rescue from economic depression marginal zones with touristic potential all over the country, and create jobs.

The points considered when choosing the places to develop were they had to be scarcely populated, they had to have to have singular beauty in their landscape, there should be enough land to develop and lastly, the population should have limited options for economic development. That described Los Cabos at that time. All Cabo had was the canneries for jobs.

The original areas of Fonatur’s generosity were Cancun, Huatulco, Los Cabos, Loreto and Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo. All the infrastructure in these projects was to be built from the ground up to avoid all the problems associated with disorganized growth that older tourist spots like Acapulco and Mazatlan were suffering. Too be fair, both those towns were first and foremost driven by commerce, there simply were no dedicated tourist towns.

All five of these projects were small towns with marginal economies when this project was initiated, so the first problem they had to resolve was adequate ways to get there, via air and/or land. So here in Los Cabos the Carretera Peninsular or highway 1 was built. Or more exactly they finished a road that had been in construction for decades.

What is Fonatur’s role in Los Cabos?

Fonatur erects a statue of their logo in each town they invest in. This one is in front of their offices in San Jose points to consider and implement.

New housing for the builders of the projects
- Golf course
- Marina
- Hotels
- Tourist focused real estate
- Retail business

From the five original projects Cancun was the most successful, up to the point that it surpassed its original plan, overflowing into the surrounding areas. Los Cabos is a close second by also growing beyond expectations. In Los Cabos we now have a 20 mile long tourist corridor that connects Cabo San Lucas with San Jose, all filled in with development.

Here in Cabo, as in most of Fonatur’s territory, developers have

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to transform the concept of service stations in Mexico now that stations other than Pemex are allowed. BP operates the Wild Bean Café brand in 1,200 convenience stores in 11 countries. In Mexico, the company has more than 350 gas stations. And peering at the pictures, it does appear that BP’s convenience store is a lot nicer than the Oxxos.

Meanwhile stodgy old Pemex appears to be running scared, as the government owned oil company is sporting a new look.

New café and convenience store attached to a British Petroleum station on the mainland

The new gas station design was officially inaugurated last week in the state of México. Poo. Always at the end of the line, Baja doesn’t get anything cool.

The head of the company’s industrial transformation division said the new design will be incorporated at 45 stations this year, eight new ones and 37 boring old stations will be renovated. Carlos Murrieta Cummings said the new concept “is intended to maintain the franchise’s leadership in the domestic market.”

See? They just admitted they’re running scared. “The new image breaks with the conventional and projects a new Pemex: a highly competitive business in an open market,” he said in the announcement.

Murrieta added the new design reflects an eagle in flight, “a leader, strong and agile, with its wings extended towards new challenges.”

Meanwhile the general manager of the first Pemex franchise to sport the new look did say its sales have doubled since the new design was incorporated in mid-June. With prices fixed, maybe appearances and service do count.

Que pasa in Cabo?... continued from page 2

of the year when the winds are blowing like hell, which makes the kiters happy. They and the Gringos going to and fro on the beach in their four wheelers are not getting along. Seems that the ATV people are driving over the lines they carefully lay out on the beach in preparation for launch. Hey, why can’t we all get along? And anyhow, those things aren’t allowed on the beach in the first place. The vehicles, not the kiters’ ropes.

Tagged sea turtle released. An Olive Ridley sea turtle named Patricia was released last week in San Jose, after nailing a satellite transmitter on her back. The transmitter was donated by Howard Appel and David Cohen of Destinations in Paradise.

Sea turtles are an endangered species and protected in Mexican waters. For each 100 eggs a mama turtle deposits in the sand, only one baby turtle survives predators to get to adulthood. Maybe if she wasn’t such a hit it and get...
**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 Cauahtemoc inside the San Diego Feed Store.

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

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

**Every 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: marimar delmar@gmail.com, facebook.com/laesquinats.

**Every Wednesday.** 5:00 to 10:00 pm. Art classes at the Palapa Society campus in Todos Santos. Free.

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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. Free.

**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 Puerta 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 loscaboestomatotes@gmail.com for more information.

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

**Every Friday.** 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 to 12:30 pm. The Organic Market at Pedregal. Fresh, organic produce, coffee, fish, seafood, eggs, whole lambs, (Little Bo Peep!!) pigs, (Porky? Is that you?) & handicrafts.

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

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

**Every Saturday.** 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Children’s library open. Story tellers at 10:30 and 12:30. Looking for gently used books. theranchkids@yahoo.com, Todos Santos. Spanish.

**Every Sunday.** 6:00 pm. Sun-Day Sessions Live Music. Todos Santos Brewing. Enjoy the beautiful star filled Baja sky, live acoustic music, fabulous handmade craft beers and delicious food. Alvaro Obregón street (between Militar & Rangel). Facebook @TodosSantosBrewing for more information, 612-145-2023 or email info@todos santosbrewing.mx

**Every Sunday.** 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Live music and paella. At El Mirador Restaurant in Todos Santos. Traditional Mexican dishes, stunning ocean views and now featuring jazz pianist Bill Levine. Take Camino al Mirador from Los Cabos-Todos Santos Highway. Information: Facebook @GuaycuraHoteL Email reservation@guaycura.com Ph +52 (612) 175 8080

**Every Sunday.** 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 information.

**November 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 1st, 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.loscaboshumanesociety.com

**December 1, Annual Dress Up and “Bookie” Down.** Music, dancing, dinner, raffle of art work, upscale jewelry, handbags. The funds raised will be used to purchase bookshelves for the Todos Santos Palapa Society’s library, where you will find books in English and Spanish, DVD rentals. info@palapasociety.org

**December 2, 2018, Sunday.** Holiday Art Show at Colina del Sol in Los Barriles, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Artists selling, drinks pouring, food sizzling and friends waiting to visit. Make it a day and have breakfast, shop, have a drink, shop again, have a drink, eat lunch, have a drink, and visit your friends and take your leave by shopping on your way out. Details at www.eastcapearts.com

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**Dec. 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. Tough terrain, toughies only or you’re going to die out there. gorgeous view of the mountains. Maximum finish time of 12 hours. Apparently after that they send the dogs out for you. 500 pesos per person. ultramaratonloscabos@gmail.com, Call cell 624-125-5674 or look up CiclaviaCabo 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 aiding the local fire department. Tickets now available from $20 to $80 varying with rate of exchange. So far, nearly 40 bands with artists, both local, national and international, including American singer, songwriter Joan Osborne, former member of The Dead. Mexican bands La Santa Cecilia and Todos Santos singers Divier Guixe and Jenelle Aubade. For more information and the complete line up look: 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

See working art studios, meet the artists, maybe get some real deals.

**February 13, 2019.** Artist Studio Tour of Los Barriles area. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Ticket sales end at 12 noon. Wander through the studios of over 15 artists, with multiple artists at each location.

**March 17, 2019. Festival de Artes at Palmas de Cortez Resort in Los Barriles.** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Arts selling, traditional music and dancing, lots of food and drink and the biggest St. Patrick’s Day in the Baja Sur, all starting at 10am!! This is one of the best arts and crafts festival in the Baja Sur. Details and information at www.eastcapearts.com

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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.

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Mijares Main Plaza in downtown San Jose. More info on Facebook: Jardín 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. 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. 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 Thursday, starting in October. 8:30 pm. Vagabond Movie Club. Various movies in their original languages with Spanish subtitles. Short films and art videos before the movie. Free. Rana Vegan. Playa Migrito St. up from Miguel A. Herrera St. Turn right 2 blocks before the gas station (Pueblo Bonito Sunset area). San Lucas.

Every Thursday. 7:30 pm. Cultural Pavilion’s Movie Club. The original movie club moves to The Cerrito del Timbre Cultural House. Behind Aramidsoro’s marketplace. Downtown San Lucas.

Every other Thursday starting in October. 8:30 pm. Vagabond Movie Club. Various movies in their original languages with Spanish subtitles. Short films and art videos before the movie. Free. At El Merkado, upstairs. Tourist corridor at Cerro Colorado, San Lucas.

Every Friday. 7:30 pm. Rock Bands Encounter. Different rock groups playing together, sometimes a real battle of the bands. Spanish with some help in English. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel.

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

Every Saturday. 8:00 pm. Community Movie Club at Casa de las Artes. Great films, with some help in English. At Casa de las Artes, Las Lomas, Cabo San Lucas. More info: 624-156-8522. Casa Roots. Corner of Mayas and Cuatlahuac in the 4th of March neighborhood, Cabo San Lucas. (Only for adventerous people.)

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 esoro hotel. The building with a ship’s ow coming out of it.


December 1. Saturday. 7:00 pm. Tim Lang Trio at Hotel Vidasol. Live music by Tim Lang and his trio. Vidasol hotel is at Vinorama, East Cape Cabo Pulmo area. No cover. Rooms available. More info and reservations with Joan Hafenecker joan@vidasol.com, 624-154-6966, http://www.vidasol.com


December 2. Sunday. From 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Holiday Art Show at Colina del Sol in Los Barriles. Make it a day and have breakfast, have a drink, shop again, have a drink, eat lunch, have a drink, and visit with friends and leave shopping on your way out. Details at www.eastcapearts.com

December 6. Thursday. 7:00 pm. Inspired Speeches Night. Hosted by Toastmaster. Los Cabos Toastmaster Club. 100 pesos to benefit Athletes with Cerebral Palsy B.C.S. Association. More info: www.toastmaster.org 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.


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 about Jazz Fest LaPaz and Jazz Fest Todos Santos.

December 20. Thursday. From 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Annual Holiday Art Show and Party 3rd Edition. New art from the Thursday Artists and cookies! at Mangos Gallery, Todos Santos. More info with Susan Doyle timsudoyle@hotmail.com, 145 0821. English.


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February 13. Wednesday. From 1-00 am to 4:00 pm. Artist Studio Tour of Los Barriles area. Tickets sales end at 12 noon. Wander through the studios of over 15 artists, with multiple artists at each location. A great day to CONTINUE ON PAGE 23
Annual Holiday Art Show

Actually, it’s more than art, there will be handicrafts and food and drink

BY ART MAJOR

Just a few minutes north of beautiful downtown Los Barriles, you will find the gated community of Colina del Sol. There, on the club house grounds, is the annual Asociación de Artes Holiday Art Show for this year. This show provides a showcase for local artists to present their creations to the public and just in time for holiday shopping. The event offers art work from local artists like Stephen King (the artist, not the writer), and Jose Barchi, silver jewelry from Elizabeth Perkins, and Victoria’s sunny dresses. There will be hand crafted aprons, pillowcases, ceramic chickens, and wooden bowls from Todos Santos craftspeople, handmade cards, collectible handmade dolls, and more. While shopping, you will be tantalized by the delicious odors wafting over from the nearby food vendors. They will be featuring burgers and pizza from Gourmet Pizza of San Antonio who will also be selling is sweet breads, jams, salsas and delicious strudel, (and you can order a whole strudel for your Christmas party.) You will also be teased by the aroma of the Sausage Ladies- and yes, there will be take homes; Carmen will be there with her smoothies and treats. (Did we just say the sausage ladies have an aroma?) Now, you may be a bit parched, and Asociación de Artes will solve that with their beverage bar. There will be plenty of places to hang out and visit with your friends near

Last year’s holiday art show was a smash success, as always

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What’s The Deal On Leona Vicario Street?
This street, which runs through the entire town, ends at the mall

BY ALEJANDRA BORBOLLA

Leona Vicario is a street named for a heroine of the Mexican independence war who married Andrés Quintana Roo. There’s a state, (think Cancun), named after that guy, while Leona only got a street and a small town. She supported with all her means the independence from Spain cause, exposing herself to great dangers and misery.

Leona was the daughter of a Spanish merchant, and was a creole born in Spain in 1789. (A creole is a native-born person of mixed European and African ancestry who speaks a French or Spanish dialect.)

Leona became an orphan at a very young age, and was put into her uncle’s care, a very important lawyer, Agustín Pomposo. Thanks to her family’s position and an inheritance from her parents, Vicario acquired a lot of education, and became interested in science, arts, painting, singing and literature. Science and literature were still considered for men, so we are safe to say she was a rebel. Her uncle had published several papers demonstrating his preference for the Spanish monarchy in Mexico, and the Mexican’s interest in independence from Spain was really testing his limits, as he thought the separation of “the new Spain” (Mexico), was very dangerous.

Leona Vicario was a virtuous and educated woman, but with a wild, rebellious and free spirit, as described by her biographers. She would not detour though any lesson that would stop her development (I’m guessing she refused the “lady lessons” that were customary back then, and referred to her readings and books as her friends. There was an intern at her uncle’s office, who she fell in love with while they worked together, when she was full of enthusiasm in favor of a protest against the Spanish. Starting in 1810 she passed along messages for the rebels who were plotting independence: She gave refuge for the rebels who were plotting against the Spanish. Starting in 1810 she passed along messages for the rebels who were plotting independence: She gave refuge for the rebels who were plotting against the Spanish. Starting in 1810 she passed along messages for the rebels who were plotting independence: She gave refuge for the rebels who were plotting against the Spanish. Starting in 1810 she passed along messages for the rebels who were plotting against the Spanish.

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Leona was an avid rebel supporter, and by the end of 1812 she had convinced some Spanish arms makers to turn over to the dark side. Or, if you prefer, the rebel side. Under her spell, the men were instructed to build rifles “as perfect as the ones in London”. After a while the authorities caught on to her, and spied on her mail, which gave away her betrayal and she was followed and watched closely after that. At this point she was brought to the royal security and order board, where they decided to put a stop to this nonsense. She had a very long trial where bits and pieces of information kept surfacing, exposing her as gullier and gullier. One of her worst charges was trying to turn over to the rebel side. Imagine her uncle, who was a proud monarch supporter and who had taken her in when she had nobody. He was outraged. And even more so, when she was ordered to be locked up in a detention house for women which later became known as one of the most feared prisons in the country. As she endured the interrogation, she held up courageously, more than many of the rebels of the period. She stayed in there until her beloved Andres Quintana Roo and a crew of armed men sprung her out. He kept her safe and hidden for a couple of days, until he forced her to leave the capital, disguised as one of several men who were carrying pulque, (an alcoholic punch). Leona and other women wore black clothes and had their faces and arms painted black to avoid detection. The containers the pulque was supposed to be carried in, were actually filled with black ink, so they would have supplies to start a rebel newspaper. She arrived at a camp near the middle of the country, a couple of days later. She kept working along with Quintana Roo, always for the rebels, until she reached Oaxaca and found more of her rebel friends.

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Pemex’s disarray is evidenced by Mexico’s gargantuian oil production decline over the past two decades. Oil production fell from 3.9 million bpd in 2004 to 2.5 million bpd in 2016, and slipped even further in 2017, dropping as low as 1.9 million bpd. Oil production fell from 3.9 million bpd in 2004 to 2.5 million bpd in 2016, and slipped even further in 2017, dropping as low as 1.9 million bpd. Oil output has fallen during most months in the first half of 2018, standing at just under 2.1 million bpd in June.

The company is in dire need of partnerships with international energy companies that know what the hell they’re doing. Such joint ventures would allow it to extract more oil from its existing fields, and to discover new fields. But two years ago there was a new strategy put in place that has proven its worth, as Pemex recently saw a 4.3 billion pesos of net profit for the third quarter of 2018, compared with a 101.8 billion pesos loss in the same period last year. Don’t get excited though, as AMLO has vowed to change things again, diverting oil investment funds to his many social programs.

More on airport. Around 5,500 people marched in Mexico City to protest the decision to cancel the new airport under construction there. One third, $5 billion into it, protesters argued the public consultation that led to the cancellation decision was unconstitutional and warned that president-elect López Obrador would hold more illegitimate referendums on other issues if they let him get away with this one.

“What’s going to happen is that he’s going to want to have “consultations”, little mini votes, scattered around the country, mostly in areas that voted for him, for everything and they will be unconstitutional,” said protester Josefina Ruiz. The demonstrators also contended that cancelling the new airport would cost thousands of jobs and halt Mexico City’s economic development.

López Obrador has long criticized the project, charging that it is corrupt, too expensive and not needed. Says the man who is selling the presidential jet and vowing to fly commercial. He is going to regret both of these decisions as he discovers the Mexico City airport is truly a nightmare of last century technology, design, and use of space.

Baja is pissed. Not the state of Baja Sur, where we are, but Baja. That state covers the northward half of the peninsula. Tijuana and their capitol Mexicali. State authorities are requesting $4 million from the federal government to pay for shelter, food, health care and humanitarian assistance for the Central American caravan members who are newly arrived in Tijuana. If all 7,000 to 9,000 of the trekkers make it, and wait there for President Trump to leave office one way or another so they can get in, they’re over whelming the wallets and hearts of the locals just south of the border. While migrants have stayed in other Mexican cities for short periods, they could be in Tijuana for weeks or even months. Even the Catholic archdiocese has sounded an alarm, saying the area can’t stand the assault. Some migrants are likely to be transferred to the state capital of Mexicali, located about 120 miles east of Tijuana, where shelters have capacity for 500 caravan members. 500 out of at least 7,000. There are going to be some long chow lines and bathroom lines.

Noooo…. Not another “public consultation”. President-elect López Obrador announced he will hold a public consultation later this month on his proposal to build a railway on the Yucatán peninsula, although work on the project has been scheduled to continue.

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Fights are common, especially at night when they men (mostly, but there are also some women) want to go out and buy alcohol, which Mexican police has been trying to contain. Local shops and minimarkets that are close to the camps either limit entry or close down for the night, afraid to get robbed.

One reason these people are moving north so quickly is local towns are paying hiring buses to get them to the next town, and then that town hires buses to take them from there.

The immigrants are also conscious that they are not very welcome in the country, so that has made them be a little more reserved and probably defensive. Some of the leaders are the ones on the lookout, like hawks, for any “help” disguised as bad news, but sometimes they don’t even trust each other.

The leaders are chosen irregularly, but the choice is collective. It depends on who looks more alert, wise, responsible and brave. Most of the leaders were some kind of leader back in their country, either teachers, community politicians or something similar. Most of them also rotate the position, because they know they can easily slip if they’re tired enough.

Not all of the caravan is planning on going to the U.S., but most are not worried about how they are going to get over the border, they just know they will get in to the U.S., no matter what. Each one of them seems to think they are the exception, either in a fervent belief in help from their God, or help from the wad of cash they’re carrying, or their own cunning. If they get a fair chance, and the luck to go through the border or find someone who is sympathetic enough to help them, fine. If not, they are willing to pay 1200 USD to get legal papers and work in Mexico. None of them think going back is an option. Most of the caravan fell in love with Queretaro, a state near Mexico City, but some of them are quite afraid of Tabasco and Veracruz, where they experienced crossfire.

The children are starting to realize this trip is not a vacation, and do not behave like regular kids would. They don’t scream, they don’t cry, they don’t just want to think they are the exception, to think they are the exception, to think they are the exception, to think they are the exception.

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Fast & Cheap Ways To Add Value To Your House

Get it sold for maximum $$$

BY MARSHA MELLOW

Whether you just bought a house or you’ve lived there for a while, the fastest way to increase your home’s value is by making a rational plan, not an emotional one. You will fare better if upgrades are made intentionally and not on impulse. Home improvement projects cost about 20 to 25 cents on the dollar. The other 75 to 80 cents spent go directly back into the home through increased value.

Start slowly. It’s a marathon, not a sprint. If your home is new, get to know it. If you have already been there a while, get started. List the things you want to change and the updates you would like to make. Don’t worry about organization, just write it all down. Take a guess on how long you may want to live in the house. If you’re planning on selling, talk to your professional Realtor and let them help with a rational selling plan.

Take the list and categorize by how much it may cost, including your time and money. Be realistic. It’s OK to list an outdoor pool with a waterfall, but keep your financial picture in mind. Once you have a categorized list, take a look and prioritize what is a real “must have” and what is more of a dream. See if you can come away with a reasonable balance.

Once you have made a plan, do research or talk to a Realtor to see what sort of return those improvements may bring. Some improvements will add considerably more value to your home than others. Make a list of all the things you dream about doing, break your list down into categories based on cost and write down how much time each project may take. What this does is help you get results. If you only have a day or a weekend, choose a project that fits within your timeframe, comfort level and financial commitment.

If you set out to paint a living room wall on Saturday and you know what it will cost in time and money, it gets done. By the end of the day, you have a stylish upgrade that will add value to your home. By strategizing, you will see your dreams take shape as you transform each room before moving on to the next. Don’t tackle the whole house at once, that’s a sure way to get intimidated and poop out on the project entirely.

Are you torn between improving your home’s decor, versus making upgrades you know will increase your home’s resale value? Many homeowners are surprised to hear that doing a little bit of both will actually pay off.

Start by making two lists — upgrades for your home value and upgrades just for you. Upgrades for your home may consist of replacing old faucets, permanent lighting and doors. Upgrades for you are furniture, artwork and window treatments. Gone is the dartboard approach to picking projects and wondering if what you are doing is really making a difference. With this plan, you will see real progress.

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Want a fresh perspective on the value of your home? Walk across the street, turn around and ask yourself, “Does my home look and prioritize what is a real ‘must have’ and what is more of a dream. See if you can come away with a reasonable balance.”

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Put Your Video On Instagram

Yes, you can show your house in 15 seconds and less

BY ANITA SAIL

The fastest-growing social media platform is Instagram. Yes, faster than Facebook, which is stagnating. Used the right way, you can create a more engaged following and have video that you can re-purpose throughout your marketing strategy. As in take a snippet from your Facebook page and broadcast it on Instagram.

You can create short videos on Instagram that showcase new listings, dole out advice to home sellers and buyers, or that give would-be clients some insight into the type of services and customer service you provide. Buyers, follow a couple of forward thinking Realtors. Instagram is a personal social media platform. While you can, and should, show business-related photos once in a while, it’s more an opportunity to connect on a more personal level with followers – and potential clients.

Videos, as with photos, on Instagram is a brand vehicle for your real estate business and for you as a real estate agent. Anyone can post a photo on Instagram, but a thoughtful video gives your followers a peek, which is more exciting content-wise and breaks up the stream of photo-only posts that flood their feed. It makes you stand out.

Instagram allows for up to 15 seconds of video at a time. That may seem like a blip in time, but if you think about how much can take place in a quarter of a minute, you’d be surprise what you can capture and convey.

So what can you possibly capture? Normally, when you make a real estate video, you are giving a tour of an entire property. With the time limit you have on Instagram, you create one cool feature of a house, like a fountain with furry friends at a bird feeder to demonstrate nature right in the backyard or a quick pan of one of the coolest rooms in the house? The possibilities are endless.

Don’t feel, too, that you have to fill the entire 15 seconds. If you can capture something in just four or five seconds, then you’ve got an Instagram-worthy video.

If you aren’t a frequent user of Instagram, then you might not realize that you can share photos and videos you post there to Facebook and Twitter simultaneously. It’s a great way to re-purpose your content on different social media platforms. And remember, video rules no matter which platform you are using.

Your phone should save videos you create in Instagram in its own Instagram folder. You can use these videos in other areas of your marketing strategy as well. Post them on your website on a featured property page, write a blog post if you want to highlight the feature to your readers, or include it in a newsletter. Videos add dimension and excitement no matter where you include it, so place them wherever you can.

Creating and posting videos on Instagram should actually provide some relief to all of you real estate agents who are too nervous (for now!) to get in front of the camera yourself. It’s a great way to get started with video marketing.

Once you start posting, get creative with your Instagram posts, create a series of videos for one property that entices your followers to view other posts on your feed or make a game of your videos. Interspersed with photos that tell the story of who you are and your business, you’ll make more meaningful connections that will have you standing out among the crowd.

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225 new homes, all just like this, for a total of $842,000 US, are being delivered to needy families. The objective of the program is to provide care to vulnerable families, who are a priority because they live in overcrowded conditions. The homes are free to the families. State officials announced people who are interested in this and other programs should go personally to the offices of the Institute, in downtown Cabo San Lucas. Not you, Bunky, no foreigners are eligible for these goodies.

The cost is $3,742 per cracker box, but, at least the families won’t be so crowded now.

Should You Hire A Drone?

Maybe. Here’s why

BY ANITA SAIL

These days you see beauty shots of homes for sale, taken from the air. And why not? It’s cheap to send a little toy sized drone up over your home with orders to pop a shot. Drones are essentially changing the real estate market by providing advantages to both buyers and sellers. Potential buyers can identify properties that are at the top of their list by selecting assets via virtual tours and aerial photos, saving them both time and money.

Before the invention of drones, aerial photography had to be filmed using a helicopter or airplane. The problem with using an aircraft to film a property from the sky, was that it was extremely expensive. Since the cost was so high, aerial photography was usually reserved for high-end properties that had a large marketing budget. Also, an aircraft has to shoot from a high altitude and the photos were a hit or miss. Drones are capable of flying at a lower altitude than aircraft to really capture and highlight all angles of a property.

For anyone looking to market their property with a competitive edge, drone photography is now one of your best options. It has been statistically proven to increase foot traffic to a property, ultimately increasing competition between potential buyers. Be sure to check if your real estate agent includes drone photography with their listing to make sure your home keeps up with the competition. You may want to write that right into your contract, as before you sign that listing is when you can still make demands.

Drones videos and aerial photography that once costs thousands if not tens of thousands can now be filmed for a mere fraction of the cost it once was. In Los Cabos the cost is about $300 to $500 and since there is no cost to flying the battery operated contraption, that is a pretty outrageous price. They only cost $500 to buy any...
Sell Or Fix Up?

Weigh all the costs on both routes

BY BILL DING

Should I stay or should I go? It’s a question staring many homeowners in the face. Here is how to tell if there is more value for you in fixing up, or moving on.

First, estimate your costs to buy a new home. Add up the Realtor and home selling costs, including packing, moving and the new loan financing. Don’t forget to factor in hidden items.

And be aware the buyer may ask you to replace the carpet before you sell. Or, what if you have to replace appliances? Make your best effort to include everything it will cost in time and money to sell your home and buy a new place. Be aware that it adds up quickly. Then, estimate what you may get for your house and how much cash you will be left with to put down on a new home.

If you like your neighbors and your neighborhood, consider remodeling to make yourself happy with staying put. You can get exactly the home you want and you won’t risk any seller’s remorse. Estimate the cost of making the most crucial renovations needed for you to stay. Decide what you would like to do and go price shopping at your home improvement store. Call contractors and get estimates. This is especially important if you need to add extra square footage.

Look at what it would cost to move, then what it would cost to remodel. Then add in the emotional, non-tangible factors such as friends, schools and neighbors. When all is said and done, you may find you get more equity by staying in your home and remodeling.

Should I stay or should I go? It’s a question staring many homeowners in the face. Here is how to tell if there is more value for you in fixing up, or moving on.

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more. A smart Realtor will buy his or her own, since the software is so good anymore that they nearly fly themselves. The work is in editing, though. That does get tricky. We would suggest you use the services of a company like www.videdit.com which will take your raw footage and make it pretty for about $80 for the length of video appropriate to show a property. There you go, you’ve saved more than enough to buy your own drone on your first shoot.

Here are some specific benefits of drone photography:

- Makes your property stand out from the competition. Drone photography distinguishes one property from another, as well as shows a buyer that a seller is motivated and willing to go the extra mile to present their property to them.

- Highlights more property features. Including the surrounding neighborhood. Drone photography can show off the grounds around the home, including the landscaping, backyard, condition of roof, and features such as a deck and pool. It also gives a potential buyer a better understanding of the entire grounds. And, with a wide shot, you can show how close to the ocean you are.

- Gives the buyer a 360 degree view of the space providing a unique chance to display a tour of the exterior of the property, giving the audience the feel that they are personally attending the tour. Potential buyers are more likely to purchase a property when they can visualize the space for their own needs.

- Create visually compelling photos and images. From your marketing package, to online advertising, drone photography can create a more interesting photo for an audience. Potential buyers will be more inclined to pursue a property with aerial photography, than the typical one that displays the property’s front, back, and interior.

- A drone video can show you how close a home is to parks, schools, public transportation and much more. Something that was previously done by looking at grainy satellite photos, which were normally out of date. Drone videos can now show you detailed images of an entire neighborhood.

- So, go for it! Get the competitive edge in landing that listing, and at the same time show your listing so well, it cuts down on showing time. They will already have a good idea that they’re interested.

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Pirates Were Among First Europeans In Baja

And it seemed life was not so jolly for them

BY EDGAR GONZALEZ

Los Cabos is known to be a favorite vacation spot for the rich and famous, but what most don’t know is that this trend has been going on since the 16th century. In those years some very famous pirates roamed the coastal waters of Baja California, and used this peninsula as a retreat in their quest to get rich by raiding the Spanish galleons that came here from South East Asia to take on fresh water. In the late 16th century America and the Pacific ocean was controlled by the Spanish empire and the Baja California peninsula was right in the middle of the Manila trade route. This commercial route extended from Luzon in the Philippines to Acapulco in the southwestern pacific coast of Mexico. The galleons that traveled this route used the major English pirate to challenge the Spanish armada, a formidable fleet of that time. He would pilage and plunder from aboard his vessel the Golden Hind, some said under orders of the British crown.

On March of 1579 the Golden Hind captured the richest ship of all, Nuestra Señora de la Concepción, carrying priceless cargo and pesos in silver and gold. This ship famous Cabo San Lucas arch as a navigation point of reference and would stop at San Jose’s estuary to get fresh drinking water for the long journey.

Constant traffic of galleons filled with gold, silver and all kinds of riches came to be quite an attractive feast for the pirates of that era. The pirates were mostly British.

This trade route was a long journey for the sailors, three months to get there and once the galleons were loaded with their precious cargo they took seven long months to fight the winds to get back home.

One of the better known pirates preying on this trade route was Sir Francis Drake, also known as the Prince of Buccaneers. Drake would be the first explorer and privateer known as The Navigator. Cavendish was a fervent admirer of Drake, and emulating his hero, he also attacked the Spanish fleet, again, maybe as a service to England: On November 14 of 1587 a galleon called Santa Ana in the charge of captain Tomas de Alzola was on its way to the Cabo San Lucas bay when the crew saw a couple of ships between them and their destiny. Unknown to the Santa Ana’s captain was that the two ships Desire and Content were under Cavendish command and had waited patiently for them to arrive. At first the Spaniards thought the ships were Spanish too and were joyful to encounter a friend in their long journey. But this joy soon turned to alarm when they saw the white, blue and red color of the flag, identifying the ship as part of the British fleet. After a long pursuit, part of Desires’s crew boarded the Spanish Galleon but their initial attack was repelled. Not discouraged by this, Cavendish charged again, and after a fierce battle of six hours the Santa Ana surrendered and the surviving crew was left ashore while the pirates took what could of the enormous booty the ship had in its cargo hold.

After loading their ships with the booty, Cavendish burned and sunk the Spanish ship. The marooned Spanish sailors spent 36 days in Cabo San Lucas while they salvaged the remains of their ship and sailed for Acapulco. They must have been a pathetic sight limping into port.

Another pirate that attacked the ships in the Manila trade route surrounding Los Cabos was Woodes Rogers who is best known for rescuing Alexander Selkirk who had been marooned on an island and whose adventures are said to have inspired Daniel Defoe’s Robinson Crusoe. Is it us, or does it seem to be a tough life for these guys?

The story says Rogers and Stephen Corteley landed in Puerto Seguro or safe harbor which was the name Los Cabos was known as at the time. They are said to have stayed for months in the area coexisting and cohabitating with the native Pericue Indians while they waited for the Spanish Galleons to arrive. After a few months the crew grew impatient and mutiny was a very close possibility. But like in the movies, on the verge of disaster, a ship ripe for the pickings appeared on the horizon.

According to the historic document, History of Cabo San Lucas- Municipality of Los Cabos, On December 21 of 1709 Woodes entered the Cabo San Lucas bay aboard his two ships Duke and Duchess and the next day attacked the “Nuestra Señora de la Encarnación y Desengaño,” a well-armed Galleon loaded with all kinds of riches that was on its way to deliver them to the Spanish Crown. The attack was CONTINUED ON PAGE 25.
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long since taken over from them. Probably the most successful has been Eduardo Sanchez Navarro who bought up several large tracts of land, divided it into smaller pieces, and sold those chunks to even smaller developers who built hotels and enclaves of residences. The secondary tier of developers, those who bought from Fonatur, are the ones who created the gated communities we see today.

The same year the Baja road was opened was the year the marina was dredged to permit a ferryboat from Puerto Vallarta. A lot more dredging had to be done for the actual marina’s size to be achieved, and they stopped short, not making it a deep water port for the cruise ships to come in. We lose a lot of tourists who stay on the big ships rather than hassle the tenders ferrying them in. Now it’s too late, there are too many financial interests owning the land along the coast who don’t want a 15 story hotel to pull up in front of them.

In the beginning, besides avid fishermen only surfers and a few snowbirds came to Los Cabos through this highway. But in 1984 the first international airport in the area was built by Fonatur, (who no longer owns it.) And not long after, a great number of world class hotel chains became involved in the development of the fishing town in the middle of the desert.

Fonatur even built our first golf course, which we old timers still call the Fonatur course. It’s only nine so-so holes, designed by Joe Finger, a name of sorts in his day, and it is now owned by the Mayan Palace time share. All the other 14 local courses are far superior, and are a full 18. But still, in its day, this pioneer golf course was quite adequate.

Fonatur has had to reinvent itself now that their job of starting new tourist areas is done. They still take care of much of the original infrastructure like the original sewage treatment plants. You see the name Fonatur stamped on some sidewalks they recently remodeled, and they care for the main drag in downtown Cabo because that’s part of the marina they originally owned.

About 10 years ago Fonatur tried to sell off bits and pieces of left over land they still owned, but the auction was so poorly organized, nobody could participate, although there were plenty of people interested. Around that time the city of San Jose sued Fonatur for back taxes on land they owned.

Fonatur has had a checkered history, not always doing the best job, and this paper has called them the gang that can’t shoot straight, but the fact is, without Fonatur we may not be here. Certainly not in our current state, anyway. ☺

With Gratitude

In this season of thankfulness, we just wanted to take a moment to offer sincere gratitude to the staff, volunteers, corporate donors, event supporters, media supporters, and board of directors who keep the Los Cabos Humane Society operating.

The Humane Society and its supporters have made dramatic improvements in the lives of both the animals and the people in our community from its humble beginnings in the 1990’s when stray dogs were at epidemic proportions. It was a dangerous situation for both dogs and people. Today we maintain a highly organized, well grounded facility, relying entirely on donations from individuals, corporations and the small proceeds from our signature events, (including the 13th annual Dressed to the K9’s event coming up on December 1, and please attend if you can!)

The Humane society has conducted many thousands of spay & neuter clinics, educational sessions, and provided low cost veterinary services for the entire community. The LCHS successfully lobbied for the legislation of animal abuse laws which have now begun to be enforced.

Without all these efforts, the streets would look much different today.

Our thanks would not be complete without a huge shout out to the Gringo Gazette and other publications that graciously provide press space to get our message out.

The critters you see here are a five month old litter of four pups who required significant LCHS veterinary effort but are now ready to be adopted. We’re also showing you some handsome samples of the couple dozen kittens currently available. We’re not going to run out of felines soon, we have them from young to old.

Don’t have room for even one more animal? We work closely with volunteers and airlines to send good, healthy animals to new homes up north, so if you can’t adopt, maybe one of your friends back home could help. Talk to us. Or how about surprising a friend on Christmas day with a couple of cats and dogs? They will surely appreciate a surprise like that. ☺

Los Cabos Humane Society
Every Monday and Wednesday the Los Cabos Humane Society performs free spay and neuter’s. Plus regular mobile clinics in the community which are also free. But this does cost money. So if you believe in the concept of spay and neuter, you can help by giving a donation. Every little bit helps. LCHS is a private organization funded solely by donations. Help us spay and neuter

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Tacos Al Pastor

Tacos Al Pastor are widely popular throughout Mexico as well as other countries, such as the United States. This dish typically consists of shaved spit-roasted pork, pineapple, onion, and cilantro all on top of a cooked corn tortilla. Of course there are slightly different variations of tacos al pastor in the different regions, however the preparation and cooking style of the pork remain relatively the same throughout Mexico. Tacos al pastor is prepared by first marinating pork slices in a marinade that usually contains fruit juices, chilies, and spices such as oregano, achioté, cumin, and more. After the pork is thoroughly marinated, it is then placed on a vertical spit called a ‘trompo’ (A Trompo is a top which is spun by winding a length of string around the body, and launching it so that it lands spinning on its point. If the string is attached to a stick the rotation can be maintained by whipping the side of the body.) As the pork spins on the trompo, the pork fat heats up and drips down to create a crispy exterior. On top of the trompo, it is common to see either a pineapple or onion that is sliced off and placed into the taco as the waiter serves each taco. You have certainly seen the vertical hunk of pork twirling around at the front of the restaurant, it’s a focal point.

Along with the pineapple and/or onion, cilantro is a common ingredient that is packed into the taco al pastor. Depending on the region, chef, and family recipe, the tacos’ toppings vary.

The origins of tacos al pastor are linked to Lebanese immigrants who migrated to Mexico during the 1930s. These immigrants migrated from the Ottoman Empire due to a multitude of different reasons such as draft dodging, escaping violence, and searching for better economic opportunities.

The use of the trompo was inspired by the method used to prepare Shawarma, which is spit-roasted lamb on pita bread. Shawarma was a very popular dish in the Ottoman Empire and its popularity spread throughout the empire. The vertical spit was invented in the Ottoman Empire during the 14th century and was quickly accepted as the only way to prepare Shawarma*. During the 1930s, some of the Lebanese immigrants opened their own restaurants in which they served the popular Middle Eastern dish.

There was also a variation of shawarma that popped up called tacos arabe which was lamb on a flour tortilla. Later, during the 1960’s in Puebla, the Mexican-born children of these immigrants opened their own restaurants and put a Mexican twist onto the popular Lebanese dish. Lamb was switched out for pork, which was then marinated in a variety of spices and chilies that are popular in Mexican cuisine. The pita bread and/or flour tortilla were then switched out for corn tortillas. At one point, pineapple began to be included to the taco al pastor recipe. The origins of the inclusion of pineapple remain a food mystery to this day. It was also during the 1960’s when tacos al pastor found its way into Mexico City and gained immense popularity. Since then, tacos...
Dogs or no dogs? Following a series of incidents where La Paz residents were bitten by dogs on the Malecon, the city approved a law that bans dogs from walking the Malecon with their owners, whether they have a leash on or not. That is, because in one incident, a dog on a leash bit a passerby. It gets worse: the dog owner just walked away quickly to avoid his responsibilities.

Starting last week, a fine of $1,600 pesos (some $80 bucks at the current rate of exchange) will be slapped on anyone walking their dog on the Malecon. How the authorities plan to make sure the dog owner will pay is unknown.

But it gets worse: even though the new rule and fine was highly publicized, we still see scary looking dogs strutting the Malecon. And worse: dog owners are organizing a protest, along the Malecon of course, to oppose the new regulation and consequent fine. And some people think Mexicans don’t protest? We see here they know how to when it’s something so important to the Republic. Robbing the public with corruption? “No, sorry, my sense of outrage has gone to the dogs”.

To ease the controversy, the city government announced there will be five parks around the city where dog owners will be able to walk their pets, providing they are on a leash and their poop will be scooped up. That’s another major problem: Most Mexicans won’t pick up poop.

The dog friendly parks will be Revolucion park in downtown and another in the Pueblo Nuevo barrio, the Francisco King, Villas del Encanto and Camino Real parks. All dogs must carry proof of vaccination to get into the parks.

Boat for Rent, $1.2.

Steven Spielberg brought his $183-million dollar yacht into La Paz this week and he would like our readers to know he’s renting it for $1.2 million a week. And if you’re thinking of bringing 100 friends with you to bring that cost down to $13,000, know that it only sleeps 12. Someone is going to have to couch surf.

But if renting is not your thing, he’s selling it in order to buy a yacht without such cramped quarters. He’s turning in the 282-footer in for a bigger boat costing $250 million.

New theater season. In Todos Santos. A new season is coming up at Teatro Luna Azul and it should be very exciting. First up is a new series of improvisation classes that will start on Friday November 23rd. These classes are designed for anyone who is open to being an actor or learning how to be an actor. You can be a total newbie or a seasoned actor, and still you can get so much out of an Improv class. Including lots of laughter.

Taught by New York trained actor William Landon, classes will be held every Friday from 3pm to 4:30pm at Teatro Luna Azul in Todos Santos. Once a week starting November 23rd to December 14/2018, four ses-

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see a variety of mediums, styles and materials. Funds raised to support kids’ programs on East Cape. Details and where to buy tickets at www.eastcapearts.com

**February 18 to 26** . Different hours all over the place. 2nd Chamber Music Festivals, 32 didactic concerts for public and private school students and 9 gala concerts for all audiences in various places. More info and registrations for musicians with Alfonso Winston, musicadecabos@gmail.com. Cabo San Lucas.

**March 17, 2019. Sunday.**

**From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

Festival de Artes at Palmas de Cortez Resort in Los Barriles. Artists selling, traditional music and dancing, lots of food and drink and the biggest St. Patrick’s Party in the Baja Sur, all starting at 10am is one of the longest running art festivals in the Baja Sur! Details and information at www.eastcapearts.com

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friends. She kept moving for three more years, along with her now husband, and they kept rejecting letters that promised their crimes would be forgiven if they gave themselves up, until she was caught in a cave in 1817, right after giving birth to her daughter. Wow. From rich lady to living in a cave.

This is when Quintana Roo wrote a letter to the vice king pleading for his wife’s liberty, which was granted with the promise that he give himself up! Wow. That’s love. Or maybe he just didn’t want to change diapers. The family was reunited and retired in 1820 to Toluca, just north of Mexico City. Sort of retired. She found more stuff to protest.

Once the independence was won, Leona Vicario and her family went back to Mexico City, where they had lost everything. But, oh happy day! Congress decided to give her compensation for losing all of her riches in pursuit of the cause that won, and she got plenty of gold, pulque, livestock and three houses around the city. In 1827, she had a town named after her, and she was hailed as the “brave woman of the independence”. She and Quintana Roo popped a second daughter and kept writing for a newspaper that rattled the new government’s cage. Wow, you know how some women are never satisfied?

In 1831 some secret policemen broke into her house to intimidate her, which only made her write pissed off public letters to the current president, telling her story, which started a media war with three local newspapers, all shedding light on their own opinion regarding Leona Vicario. Her signed letter showed great patriotism and beautiful concepts of love, where she also spoke openly about women’s passions, not carnal, but that they could also have the great love for the country.

Leona Vicario passed away at the age of 53, surrounded by her daughters and husband. Right up to her death, she was a woman who kept sharing her opinion and writing, frequently attending literature and political events that she also helped organize, as an important part of high society. She also gets credit as the first woman journalist in the country.

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Start in December. His idea of a public proposal is an unofficial, non-binding vote with ballots passed out in neighborhoods that voted for him. His first such consultation resulted in a $14 billion project being shut down one third of the way through on the vote of less than 4,000 ballots. There will also be 13 other proposals on this ballot.

However, he also announced a ribbon cutting ceremony for the project two weeks before the vote. “It’s not going to be like the airport consultation in which I acted with impartiality. In the case of these projects . . . I’m going to defend them, regardless of what the people decide. I’m in favor of the 10 programs because they are commitments I made in the campaign but . . . as our adversaries are very harsh [and] so there is no doubt, we’re having a consultation.”

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Modern day pirate ship takes out tourists

pirate adventures in Los Cabos, there are more. Safe sails and keep an eye out for those pesky British privateers.

COOKING LIKE A MEXICAN...
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al pastor have become a long-lasting part of Mexican cuisine and a go-to street food choice. To begin, thin slices of pork are marinated for three or four hours in spices and chiles like guajillo, achioti or adobo; they’re then stacked onto a long trompo, or spit. Trompo is a traditional Mexican toy, from where the name comes from, it’s the same shape. As the meat cooks, the outside layer gets crispy from exposure to the heat. The taquero, or taco maker, shaves off the outer layers, catching it into the tortillas and might top the pork with sliced onion, cilantro and salsa, or leave that part up to you. The vertical skewer is a key part of the equation, facilitating fat and juices to drip down onto the stack of meat, basting it as it crisps. As they shave off and serve the outside crispy part, the next layer of meat gets crispy for the next customer.

Ingredients
For the Al Pastor Meat/Mariñade
2-3.廖in cut into thin slices
4 Chile, de-seeded, and
1 Dezeed garlic
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Power payments to increase.

Ruben Muñoz, the recently elected Mayor of La Paz, has submitted his budget for next year. The bad news is that he’s passing the sombrero to help pay for public electricity. Yes, those streets lamps that we have everywhere. We need to turn them on. The specifics of how we’re going to pitch in is not defined yet, but he doesn’t see the city government paying for the whole enchilada.

Just a few weeks ago City Hall got their electricity cut off for owing huge back bills. Instead of paying up, Mayor Munoz brought in a large generator and parked it outside in the parking lot. A big orange extension cord snaking into the building completed the fiasco.

More on taxes. The La Paz mayor has submitted a proposal to the state congress to apply a special tax to Uber drivers, and to those who are driving Onappafa and Anapromex vehicles. The latter are vehicles that were purchased in the U.S. and not legally imported. The existence of these vehicles, dubbed “chocolate cars” by Mexicans was approved many years ago by former President Carlos Salinas who allowed Mexicans who had migrated to the U.S. to bring back American work type vehicles that would be left to be used by their poor families in ranches and rural areas.

However, the specs for what
This issue, in addition to the usual report on what’s happening in the local fishing scene, we are bringing you a retrospective of the fishing tournament season that just wrapped up.

Cabo San Lucas

The striped marlin fishing continues to improve with offshore fishing becoming more and more productive; solid catches of sailfish, blue marlin, and even a few black marlin showing up in the reports. The fleets have reported consistent blue marlin activity along with some sailfish and more and more striped marlin as the Pacific waters begin cooling.

The yellowfin have been a bit spotty after several commercial seiners showed up recently, mostly showing 20- to 25-miles out with the sierra starting to show as well.

Great weather greeted the anglers for the 20th annual WON Los Cabos Tuna Jackpot Tournament which finished up Saturday. There were big fish on the banks, but more of them were targeted on the porpoise to the outside. The fish, weather and anglers, all combined for what many insist was the best event in the tournament’s history.

There have been bigger fish -- well over 300 pounds -- in other years, but the jump of the number of teams from 147 last year to 163 this year and the leap of the prize money from $639,000 to $481,600 in one year to aimed to six, further established it as the biggest tournament in Mexico, and the richest and largest ‘team tuna’ tournament in the world.

Weather was calm with no storms both fishing days -- Thursday and Friday -- and the 800-person awards dinner under the stars on the Cruise Ship Pier Saturday capped four days of tournament, fishing and celebrating Cabo San Lucas as the Sportfishing Capital of the world. And as good luck would have it, it rained the next night.

Cabo Climate: The tournament started with very pleasant weather and mostly sunny-to-partly cloudy skies with average daytime temps in the mid-80s and evenings in the mid-70s. The outlook is for more of the same with daytime temps in the low to mid-80s and evenings in the low-70s. The good news is there is no rain forecast through the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Winds are expected in the gentle 7- to 9 mph range through Thanksgiving week. Humidity is expected to run in the mid-60s toward the end of November.

Sea Conditions: Seas have been relatively calm in the mornings throughout the area with some swells showing up in the afternoons. Forecast is for more of the same with winds in the 7- to 9-mph range out of the WSW and WWN. Sea temps are running from 79- to 81-degrees (Pacific) to 80- to 83-degrees around the inside corner to the Gordas.

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 are showing up around Cabo Falso and the Lighthouse out to the San Jamie Bank. Sailfish and striped marlin counts are good in the Migrino area and the quality of dorado seem to have moved north along Migrino as well.

The yellowfin are being found in the Herradura west to the San Jamie with most averaging in the 25- to 30-pound range. The dorado fishing picked up again with mostly mid-size fish showing. Most of the blue marlin are running in the 200- to 300-pound range.

More blacks have been showing up around the corner to the East than in the Cabo area. Wahoo were spotty, but numbers improved closer to the new moon – downriggers with Rapalas produced the most action.

Inshore fishing has continued to produce nice catches of smaller dorado and schools of skipjack the world.

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Ask a Mexican

This week we asked: If you could migrate to the US legally, would you? Why or why not?

Daniel Ramos, 28, builder.
Yes, I would. I did a few years ago, but it wasn’t exactly legal. I got married, and I was just about to get my papers when my wife went crazy and called the authorities on me. I would also consider going to another country like Canada, wherever the good money is. I think we all want to seek a better way of life, and maybe even make sure our kids have one. Things in our country have been getting worse very fast, we are going to end up like the caravan soon.

Martha Rosas, 42, secretary.
I don’t think I would. All of my family is here, and I have a pretty good life. I’m not saying that I don’t have needs, it’s just that they are not as bad as other people. Thankfully, I grew up to be a very hard-working person, and I have made a good team with my husband who provides for us. I can’t think of living somewhere where I don’t speak the language, or can not find the food I love, or even visit my friends. I understand some people go to the US looking for a better life, but I also believe anyone can make it here, if they work hard enough.

Cristina Lugo, 31, architect.
I am not sure if I would like to live in the United States, but definitely another country. I think as much as I love Mexico, there is not enough opportunities to grow here. The country has gone out of the hands of the government, and right now I don’t think there is a return point, we are not conscious of the richness of our country, and we are being catered to think exactly what we are told to. Mexicans can’t even set up their own businesses now, or it has become extremely hard.

Enrique Sol, 28, unemployed.
I have been trying to emigrate from here, many times but I have not had any luck. Mexico is not a country to live in anymore, not like this. The minimum wage is not enough to buy enough food or even have a decent living. Back when my parents were young, they bought a house each, so my mom had one and my dad did too. Eventually, my dad sold his house to build more rooms on my mom’s house. Right now, the people my age can not even buy an apartment. To buy a car, you pretty much must buy if for three times the car’s worth and sign a contract for a super long time.

Uriel Gomez, 33, waiter.
Of course, I would, and not only legally, I would go up there and marry a nice girl. It’s a country that has amazing opportunities, good jobs, good healthcare, good food, and amazing views. Mexico has never had great economy and now with the Narcs doing their thing, who would want to stay? Unless things got way better here, which I doubt, and we got a bunch of pretty girls like the ones in USA, I would gladly stay.

Jaime Lopez, 41, entrepreneur.
I would, and maybe try living six months there and six months here as a break. It is very hard in Mexico to maintain a good life, have a nice car, a nice house and dress nicely. And when you achieve that, you get robbed, kidnapped or murdered. I believe in hard work, but I am very conscious of the reality of our country, and we are sinking very, very fast.

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For the Roasted Tomatillo Chipotle Sauce
Tomatillos
1/4
2 Cloves of garlic
1-2 on level of spiciness you want
3 Tablespoons Pineapple juice
Salt and Pepper to taste

For the Tacos
Corn Tortillas
Chopped cilantro
Chopped Onions
Limes
Salt
Grilled pineapple
Tacos al pastor meat
Instructions
For the Al Pastor Meat/Marinade
Blend all of the ingredients together until completely combined.
Strain the liquid over a bowl to end up with a smooth marinade.
Add one layer of meat in a large bowl or baking dish and cover with the marinade, and then repeat in layers until all of the meat and marinade have been used.
Cover with aluminum foil and refrigerate for at least 4 hours (overnight is best)
Remove from the refrigerator and grill the meat until cooked through.
Remove from grill and cut into thin slices to serve on the tacos.
For the Roasted Tomatillo Chipotle Salsa
Roast the tomatillo, onion, and garlic in the oven on baking sheet at 450 degrees for 8-10 minutes, remove from oven.
Blend with the rest of the ingredients except the salt and pepper until well combined.
Put in a bowl and season with salt and pepper to taste.

**FISH REPORT**

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kind of vehicles could be brought in was never clear, and you can now see BMWs, Hummers and even the occasional Ferrari driving around with no proper license plates who also did not pay the proper taxes and are not paying state registration fees. But they do have that onapappa or Anapromex “plate” on the car, so they have some protection. Don’t bring in a Hummer with US plates and let your Mexican wife take it past the end of your driveway. Because you will surely lose it. The car, not the wife. ❕

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small-sized skipjack. Fleets have been fishing in all directions; no hot spot. Heavy boat pressure, along with windy conditions made for tough fishing, though it did not keep charters from launching, nor did it limit what options were available.

Wahoo are now in peak season, though they are finicky, striking best on chihuil, ballyhoo and caballito baitfish. They are also striking lures, Rapalas and skirted lead heads. Though with heavy boat pressure over the past month, these fish are hit or miss; fortunate to land one, but other anglers have had as many as four or five. Sizes range from juvenile 6-pound fish, up to trophy-sized 65-pound specimens. Dorado were more scattered than they have been; very few of these fish have been seen in recent days -- same for billfish. Still an occasional sailfish or smaller-sized striped marlin, although there was one blue marlin taken of around 220-pounds.

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Bottom action was even more limited due to swift currents and winds. More triggerfish than anything else, a few various snapper, pargo, bonito and cabrilla species. One 60-pound class roosterfish was caught and released while trolling near Punta Gorda, trying to escape the wind some; nice-sized rooster considering we are out of season for them now.

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He added, “This is that time before the holidays when folks aren’t travelling much. Families are doing other things. Also, the weather and waters are changing. It’s wonderfully sunny, but cooler and also getting more and more breezy. So, it can be a tad rougher which makes it harder to get live bait. Either the bait guys aren’t going out very much since not many folks are fishing or because of the weather, the live bait is scattered. Bolland said that despite all that, they still got some action.

“Good bites of bonito keep things interesting,” he said. “But in between, we’re getting a few yellowfin tuna up to about 25 pounds. There’s some nice dorado not far offshore. Inshore, pargo and cabrilla are becoming more predominant, especially as it gets tougher to get too far from shore because of weather conditions. Also, surprisingly, some nice 30- to 50- pound roosterfish are still around.

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