They’re Harpooning Marlin!
Slaughtering Up To 200 A Day

BY CARRIE DUNCAN

People! Precious readers! You must do your part in saving these forlorn fish by refusing to eat at or even to patronize restaurants that serve marlin. Those scofflaw restaurants are all over town, look on the menu. There is a federal law that certain fish are not to be taken by anyone but sport fishermen. This law is on the books to protect the tourist industry, and the no-take law extends 50 miles out from all Mexican shores. Right now the marlin are running, churning the waters with their numbers, from Magdalena Bay south to Los Cabos. This creates a huge opportunity for our local panga fishermen to harpoon as many of the big guys as they want, and right now the fishermen off of Punto Lobos want. Punto Lobos is about 40 minutes north of us, and 10 minutes south of Todos Santos. There are two fishing co-ops that work from pangas, which they pull up on the beach over night. Pangas are big fiberglass row boats with the 115 hp outboards hanging off the back. These fishermen sell their daily catch to local restaurants and markets, and they do very well season in and season out. But this time of the year some of them take the lazy way out and make a killing, so to speak, by harpooning the marlin as they chase food very near the surface. Yes, they actually use harpoons, like the old timey whalers who harpooned those big guys almost to extinction in the last century. Maybe that was... CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

Big Changes For Liga Mac 21 Year Old Charity Changes Focus

BY JOSEPH GARCIA

Liga MAC was founded 21 years ago, at a time when the people of San Jose lacked the social services that are now provided by the government and other agencies. Back then, the Liga MAC Volunteers played a role that no one else would step up for, helping hundreds of families to cover their basic needs, not only with food, but also with medical aid, social services, and later on, with support to educate the children. Thanks to its reputable name as a trustworthy organization, Liga MAC has grown to the point where it has granted more than 5,000 scholarships between 2004 and 2017 and has offered support... CONTINUED ON PAGE 12
A pop up neighborhood.  The Tourism Board, along with Fonatur, the federal agency that developed Los Cabos, have gone into cahoots. Cahoots in a good way. They have made available a plot of land for 9,000 homes for families who make their living in the tourist sector.

Now it will be possible for mortgage companies and the government housing agency to help these people get decent housing.

This will be a sustainable project that has common areas, parks, schools, and markets. The project that has common areas, housing.

to help these people get decent government housing agency the tourist sector.

We Have Plenty Of Water! Toughen up everyone, our new mayor lady says we have plenty of water even though some barri- os only get anything out of their taps about one day a week. This is why she cancelled the contract for a second desalinization plant. We don’t need any more water, she says. Also, she announced that our city water agency is, as an “intangible cultural heritage (ICH)”, which is a prac- tice, representation, expression, knowledge, or skill, as well as the instruments, objects, artifacts, and cultural spaces that are con- sidered by UNESCO to be part of a place’s cultural heritage.

The lady chefs will present over 192 traditional dishes and beverages at the Delmar interna- tional school located here in El Tezal. The fest includes Mexican folk music and 200 exhibitors selling Mexican traditional prod- ucts, workshops, conferences and shows and is aiming to ob- tain the Guinness record for the largest Mexican food tasting.

Tax rejected. In an unprec- edent ed move, the state congress turned down Los Cabos Mayor’s proposition to increase by 3% our property taxes. Although Mayor Armida Castro labeled the increase as an “adjustment” due to inflation, lawmaker Jose Perpuli stated that it would affect the pockets of the most vulner- able residents of Los Cabos, which is already one of the most expensive municipalities of the country. Also one of the most lucrative to work in, but that didn’t come up. Property taxes are ludicrously low.

La Paz Can’t Catch A Break. Two weeks ago the La Paz City Hall suffered a black out when, allegedly with no warning, the electric utility, (CFE), cut the power off. Mayor Munoz rolled in a generator borrowed from the water utility, and ran city hall with that until he could straighten things out. He flew to Mexico City to make a pay- ment plan.

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Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras have signed into a Central American development plan in Mexico City that’s aimed at keeping the migrants happy in their own country. It was all done while the presidents of the countries are here to watch the new Mexican president sworn in.

Then they're going to take the document to the United Nations, hoping to get some dinero to buy these people happiness in their own place. Good thing President Trump didn’t show up for AMLO’s big party, or we would be expected to kick in.

Whoops, we are.

Estimates to determine how much funding would be needed to develop Central America are about US $20 billion and Mexican officials already asked for a meeting with United States Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, “to discuss the border and migration”. Word is the Central American developers went to the meeting carrying empty sacks they hoped would be filled.

The Mexican president-elect proposed that Mexico, the United States and each Central American nation contribute resources according to the size of its economy and that 75% of the funds be allocated to finance projects that create jobs and combat poverty, while the other 25% would go to border control and security. What? What about the local elected officials in those countries who will be given the bags of money? What percentage will they get? Yes, we all have a pretty good idea.

**Good for Loreto**

A Tijuana-Loreto air route will finally get opened by theVolaris. It is supposed to be started March 5 of next year. It will let people in the US use the bridge called the Cross Border Xpress(CBX) from San Diego to Tijuana and board the Airbus 320 bound for Loreto. The flights will start on Tuesdays and Saturdays with departures from Tijuana to Loreto at 9:15.

The Ministry of Tourism in Baja California Sur, Humberto Araiza, said this route will be a watershed for the development of Loreto, and representatives of Villa Group Loreto said they are already working on a marketing plan targeting San Diego people.

Villa del Palmar is the only resort of much size in Loreto, which has been the problem in getting flights. Usually resorts or the hotel ass. needs to step up and guarantee the airlines the route will be profitable.

**Less plastic for sea critters.**

In collaboration with the environmental organization Parley for the Oceans, Corona brewer Grupo Modelo will replace the plastic six pack rings that bind their cans together with a product made from vegetable waste left by food and beverage processing.

“The pilot program shows Grupo Modelos commitment to the environment, with sustainability and with responsible consumption,” said the company in a statement, and to be read with much chest thumping.

The beer brewer intends to eliminate the use of plastic in 7 years. 7 years! What’s wrong with tomorrow? You stop buying plastic and you start buying this, well, whatever it is instead.

**Jobs for migrants.**

The National Employment Service (SNE), working in conjunction with local Tijuana companies, has set up a job fair near the Tijuana sports complex where thousands...
House Sitting Gigs
A good, cheap way to live, but hard to find

BY RON TELLESSEN

So you’ve visited the southern Baja and think it would be a keen place to live. It’s too soon to get at your retirement money but Todos Santos is beckoning right now. Might there be a way to live down here on the cheap? What about those people who get a free ride by house sitting or caretaking a property? Why not do that? Yes, that’s the question, why can’t I do that?

Such has been the dream of those throngs bedazzled by the sun, sand, and blue waters of this corner of the world. Might there be a way to live down here on the cheap? What about those people who get a free ride by house sitting or caretaking a property? Why not do that?

We have been in the same house for over three years and have never had to move out for the homeowner for even one day, but situations that are anything like this really require beating the bushes or knowing somebody like this really require beating the bushes or knowing somebody else. That’s a family arrangement and not likely. But situations that are anything like this really require beating the bushes or knowing somebody else.

Now it could be that your Uncle Ted already owns a property down here and could use you for it isn’t necessarily going to be all roses. You may hardly be please vacate the property for three weeks so they can stay in.

It’s beneficial to have a special resume written that emphasizes your skills as a home caretaker. Can you speak Spanish well enough to deal with propane deliveries, the gardener, or a repairmen? Are you willing and able to do waterning and landscape work yourself? Can you maintain a home solar system including a standby electric generator? Do you understand swimming pool water chemistry and can you change out the pool filter? Not every property will require solar and pool service skills but learning them in advance puts you in a good stead to take on any assignment.

And without doubt all homeowners are going to want to know what attests to your dependability and honesty. How will you convince them? Just saying you’re a responsible person doesn’t cut it, and no one is going to turn over their cherished Baja house to you without having their concerns allayed. They will likely interview a number of applicants so you’ve got to stand out. For every homeowner looking for a house sitter there are probably ten individuals looking for a house to sit.

If you find a house to care for it isn’t necessarily going to look for the place when he’s elsewhere. That doesn’t count. That’s a family arrangement and most hopeful house sitters don’t have an Uncle Ted. But can you, beginning with no experience as a house sitter, find someone who needs your services to care for their Baja home when they aren’t using it? Some have done it, so let’s discuss a few things that can increase your odds.

Knowing someone already living down here can help greatly. They become your eyes and ears attuned for any signal that someone needs a house sitter. Meanwhile you are still back in the USA or Canada gainfully employed and not burning through resources down here waiting for something to turn up. I say waiting, because house sitting arrangements normally take some time to find.

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Your Passport Can Be Blocked
Declared dead, non functioning

BY ORLANDO GOTAY

I’ve written before about passport nonrenewal and seriously delinquent tax debt. When the provisions took effect in 2015 the IRS, Treasury and State Departments "set up shop" for this. The tax court, one of the places where one can petition for review (the other being regular federal court), created new procedures for passport cases.

To review, "seriously delinquent debt" is tax debt owed to the IRS—tax, penalties and interest debt is tax debt owed to the IRS, Treasury and State Department. When the IRS notifies the taxpayer and there's seriously delinquent debt, the IRS notifies the taxpayer and the State Department. Once State receives notice it will not renew a passport (except perhaps in life or death situations) and may even revoke one.

As of August 31, 2018, a total of 272,656 taxpayers have been certified as seriously delinquent. That’s an astonishing number. So far 17,000 have been taken off the list, but that’s still quite a few, plus new additions. This is happening, folks. A new cottage industry now stands.

Passport renewal may be unpleasant to stateside dwellers, but could be an unmitigated disaster to a resident of a foreign country. Imagine going for passport renewal just prior to renewing a passport nonrenewal just prior to renewing a Residente Temporal permit and learning you won’t be getting one. In one fell swoop, you have no passport, and you may also become illegal, or "lose time" in the Mexican residency clock. Yes, nonrenewals can have serious collateral consequences.

The surprise may arrive the day the consulate tells you it won’t renew. Why learn then and not earlier? Does the IRS have your correct address? Some may think that the ostrich approach helps and will not update address information with the IRS. If the IRS will send a passport notice where you won’t get it, it does you no good, and the passport still does not get renewed. Make sure the IRS has a current address for you. If you file returns yearly, address updates are automatic. If for other reasons you don’t file, a form is available for address updates.

Running the clock on IRS collections is not viable for expats. The moment you reside outside the U.S., the collections statute of limitations stops. Debt will not disappear by itself.

Installation plans, offers in compromise—and paying outright—are some of the ways to get off the list. Congress wants you to address the debt, and passport nonrenewal is but the latest stick.

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two centuries ago. This current harpooning habit is even worse, because the marlin are so small they can’t even fight back to take out the occasionally careless fisherman.

The harpooners immediately cut off the tail and head, tossing this overboard, so it’s hard to tell what kind of fish it is. Then they put the body in a wooden box so the marlin is even harder to detect.

This entire state, which won’t disclose how many fishing licenses they sell each year at an average cost of $17 a day, will not disclose how much they took in, they will only disclose their expenses in very broad terms. We asked the commission of transparency (instituto estatal de acceso a la informacion), for a better explanation but this is all they came up with:

They say they spent 15,800,000 US dollars in 2017. Of that $373,000 was spent on administration, $612,000 on promotion of fishing, and $640,000 on inspection and vigilance. That is, the enforcement of the rules.

Despite admitting they spent $640,000 in 2017, they cannot seem to field more than three inspectors total, for the

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JOYA. The kitty cat is part of a gang and wants now to have his own home and get all the Love she needs.

Very sweet, a little shy as he was persecuted for few months so she will need some time on her own first.

VAIL. 4 years old female mix Beagle Terrier who was almost killed by her owner because she stole some food on his table.

He beat her up with a machete very bad and let her down on the floor.

She lost one eye from the fight but we did a reconstruction so it does not show.

Vail can only see from her left eye which does not bother her at all.

Please consider helping her she needs lots of Love and she is not scared after what happened to her which is very surprising.
Happy Ending Makes Int’l Dive Bar List
And is proud of it

BY DICK FITZWELL

Even the promoter, Gene Ingram was quick to call us to brag his bar Happy Ending, made the list of the diviest dive bars in the world. He swears he didn’t solicit this status, that the British magazine popped up out of nowhere, but given his status as a local business that made good by working social media, it’s hard to tell.

Gene started the bar about 15 years ago, before TripAdvisor, Twitter, Snap Chat, and all the dozens of ways to market a business became big business. Gene would take pictures of people in his bar, immediately go into his office in the back room and post those pictures on Facebook. Then he would tell the people right then that they were on Facebook, and call and text their friends to look at them. And that’s how Happy Ending got its start. Because in those days Facebook was all you young people, his clientele became young people.

Gene is in his 70s now, and the bar has morphed into a restaurant. Back in the day it was beer pong and beer. Now it’s become a full service bar and restaurant and T shirt shop. With a name like Happy Ending, it’s pretty easy to sell those shirts. Also changed is the average age of his customer, becoming older with time, just like real people.

Gene had a short, um, shall we say controversial, career on the vice squad in West Los Angeles. When he lost that job he worked for nearly 30 years as enforcer of dirty tricks for Scientology, dealing with people who wanted to leave the cult. He says he’s retired now, but who knows? It’s his job to lie to the press and it’s our job to pretend we believe him.

The bar is kind of divey, with dollar bills and some bras hanging from the ceiling. He claims there’s $15,000 hanging there, it would be a shame to see the place go up in smoke again. Happy Ending mysteriously lost its roof in a big fire the night of a court ruling with one of the neighbors. Not to worry, they cleaned up the mess and carried on, never replacing the roof that was over much of the place.

The bar is on the main drag of Cabo San Lucas, across the street from Plaza El Ghosto, that incomplete eyesore. It’s close to the high end discos at the turn, so they get a lot of young people who tank up on the $2 beer, and then go to Pink Kitty or Squid Roe and stand around, then come back to Happy Ending for another cheap beer, and then migrate back to the pricey bars.

The food is very good, we recommend the super burrito that’s 8 inches long and 8 inches around for $8. There are cheeseburgers for $5, and a two buck hot dog. There are also $2 tacos and a huge 5 inch tall and 10 inch wide grilled chicken salad for $8. You won’t go away hungry and it’s good, too. Gene started out just selling a few tacos at the street to passersby, but soon the food took off and he built a kitchen.

Like we said, this is a dive bar, so it’s not fancy, but it does have its followers. He’s “sold” every bar stool for $500 which gets you a plaque with your name on it nailed to the back of the stool. If the stool owner comes in and you’re sitting on that stool, you’ve gotta move on.

The only negatives are there is no parking and the bouncers get pretty aggressive. They’ve been in more beefs than they should, the latest dust-up over two homosexuals they took a dislike to. But hey, it’s a dive. You know what you’re getting into going in: good cheap food, good cheap drinks, and a rather dicey atmosphere. Just like old time Cabo.
Goodbye Pemex

We would like to say we’ll miss you, but we won’t

BY ALF A ROMERO

If you’re road tripping through Mexico later this year, you might see a few familiar American names, among others, on the gas station signs. The decades-old fuel monopoly that government controlled Pemex had over Mexico is coming to an end.

This is part of the federal government’s energy reforms, which have opened the gas station market that was previously only available to Pemex. The

tions during the next decade. Both companies plan on focusing on the markets in central Mexico.

7-Eleven announced that it will spend $21 million to open 30 more gas stations in Mexico this year. These will be operated under the company’s Petro-7 brand. 7-Eleven currently owns 215 gas stations operating under the Pemex brand, although many of these stations are in the process of being converted

to Pemex stations.

Valero will be spending $200 million to build three gas storage and distribution facilities for its new stations. And that’s just the first phase; the company has already announced its plans for a second stage of expansion in the northern and southeastern markets. And although the company intends to directly compete with Pemex in the gas station game, it will also offer Pemex the use of the Valero name (for a price, of course).

Mexican firm FullGas is also tossing its hat into the gas station ring; the company announced that it plans to bring the Texaco brand to Mexico later this year. FullGas currently has 50 stations operating under the Pemex name.

Even Costco is getting in the mix. It opened its first gas station in central Mexico in May, selling to both Costco members and the general public. The company invested $3.1 million in the station, which is the first of several that are planned.

Thanks to the now-open fuel market, Mexico’s Energy Secretary said more than $16 billion is expected to be invested in new pipelines and gas stations in Mexico over the next few years. The Energy Regulatory Commission expects the number of gas stations in Mexico to double, from 11,431 to more than 23,000.

Mexico is also eliminating price controls on gas next year, meaning that fuel prices are now set by the market rather than the government. This, along with the increased gas station competition, should lower fuel prices. Well, there’s something to get excited about.

Let bygones be bygones seems to be the feeling, since these companies and more were tossed out of the country when Mexico privatized the oil industry back in the 1930’s, keeping the entire investment these companies had made in Mexico.

Goodbye PEMEX, we won’t miss you!
What To Do About Changing Your Money

First of all, don’t use dollars down here

BY CAM RENAUD & EVA KORPELA

So you’re all packed and ready to go on your trip to Mexico and you have one last thing to do and that’s get some spending money; what now? North American travellers to Mexico have a number of choices as both US dollars (USD) and Mexican Pesos (MXP) are widely accepted: Canadian dollars (CAD) not so much. For less experienced travellers it’s typically a last minute decision, sometimes not until they actually arrive at their destination. For experienced travellers it is more likely an early decision and one they will benefit from. The three main categories of people who each face progressively bigger decisions with respect to costs and potential savings are vacationers, seasonal renters and foreign homeowners. With a bit of knowledge everyone can make their hard earned cash go a little farther.

For the typical all inclusive vacationer, the package price was likely set in USD. Your currency choice for spending on arrival is getting 14-16 MXP. The long term trend in both cases is to the upside, meaning a weakening peso, hence more pesos to each dollar. The USD/CAD exchange rate on the other hand is trending to a weaker CAD so buying USD is getting more expensive. The Canadian dollar is still regarded as a “petro currency” so it will be affected by the global price of oil and fluctuate accordingly. In other words lower oil prices can further weaken the Canadian dollar relative to the US dollar, but not necessarily fewer pesos for a Canadian dollar.

The easiest way to see currency relationships yourself is to Google the specific exchange rate. I like to use www.investing.com. Go to the Forex tab, click on the currency pair you want to convert, and you will get the current exchange rate, charts and related news stories. Look at the monthly, weekly and daily charts for trends. Smart buyers accumulate the currency they will need by making multiple purchases over time and “average in” unless of course you see a spike in the chart that creates a short term opportunity in your favour to get what you need. Timing and patience can really pay off when you have the time and inclination to monitor it regularly.

The terminology is also important to understand. Spot rate is the rate you see right now online. While this is the currency market quote, you won’t get spot when you transact. Commercial money changers, (banks or large money changers, (banks or large retailers or restaurants who accept credit cards in Mexico will often build up a 2-3% spread. But you need to be diligent, like anywhere else. Don’t let the card out of your sight and watch your statement closely for fraudulent transactions once you get home. Cash is safer.

spread whether you are buying or selling currencies which will be about 3% to 5% of the transaction. The closer you can transact to the spot rate, the lower the spread. This is where you pay attention to how many pesos you should get from a bank, a larger retailer, or your friendly local merchant. Local merchants have smart phones too and watch the exchange rate diligently and will gladly relieve you of your USD’s exchange rate diligently and will gladly relieve you of your USD’s.

Alternatively, shopping at retailers or restaurants who accept credit cards in Mexico will often get you the best rate as major charge card companies will only build a 2-3% spread. But you need to be diligent, like anywhere else. Don’t let the card out of your sight and watch your statement closely for fraudulent transactions once you get home. Cash is safer.

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Aqua World, Open Or Not? Legal or not?

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

Aqua World Cabo, that inflatable water park at the northeastern corner across the street from Cascadas Resort and kitty corner from the soccer field at the entrance to Cabo, celebrated their grand opening in grand style on Saturday, November 17, only to be closed down by city officials within hours. Their open-again-closed-again revolving door status is still in constant week to week uncertainty, and nobody is giving the straight story on it.

City officials of course don’t talk, they never do. Numerous visits to the park with the many blow up feathers garnered no information on their status and phone calls to the Aqua World offices went unanswered. Obviously the problem is permits, but which permits? Comes to mind water permits. Aqua World officials initially filled their tanks with water from tanker trucks and felt confident they would be able to get city water flowing through their pipes “eventually”. Of course using scarce city water for a Gringo owned business as frivolous as this would be a very bad move politically. Many people in the barrios only get water once or twice a week now, and tourist kids are swimming in it just a few miles away? Not a good look.

But these owners are foreigners, so who knows what mistakes of judgement and optimism they made? Obviously it was a big one. Nevertheless, employees continue working on the site, busy cleaning and keeping their made in China blow up water features in good shape.

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Aqua World costs $35, a tad pricey for locals. Renting a Cabana for a day costs nearly $100, and no outside food or drink is allowed, so the total price for the day will be at least double that. It can seat up to six people and has two lounge chairs and a small table.

The place looks like a hoot, with water slides, obstacle courses, a pool deck around the main pool, shark slide, wrecking ball and more. They even have pony rides, just to add a little stink.

Speaking of stink there does not appear to be a filter on any of these water features. Oh dear.

There is another water park, a more permeant one with features of built in concrete, not blow up canvas, but is way cheaper. It’s CONTINUED ON PAGE 24

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Book Report

By Jeannine Perez

Mexico. A Hiker's Guide to Mexico's Natural History, by Jim Conrad. Second edition, 220 pages, $16.95. (1998) The author of this book refers to himself as "...an old hippie..." (with an aversion to drugs), who claims that his many "escapes into Mexico...forests...deserts...roots...moundants..." have "enriched his life." I would heartily recommend the book for all day hikers, travelers, and also for those of us who are simply curious, and want to know more about our world, and particularly Baja. Foremost, it is a book quite useful for those who are adventurous and want a good and dependable resource for hikes and sights in Mexico. 20 one-day-hikes are included and described. Most of these hikes are between one and 12 miles long. On Page 7, the author explains that the book is meant to be a guide to "...understanding what is to be seen..." and not in cataloging "...numerous trails..." He gives readers 21 "samples" of day hikes, which he believes can then help the reader learn to find and explore whatever type and difficulty level of hikes best suits him, and he also helps travelers to better plan their vacations and destinations when traveling in Mexico. Logistics first...this book contains 8 chapters, with 220 pages, an Appendix A, Scientific names, an Appendix B, a key to thorn-forest bean-family trees names, an Appendix B, a key to thorn-forest bean-family trees names, an Appendix B, a guide to "...understanding what is to be seen..." and not in cataloging "...numerous trails..." He gives readers 21 "samples" of day hikes, which he believes can then help the reader learn to find and explore whatever type and difficulty level of hikes best suits him, and he also helps travelers to better plan their vacations and destinations when traveling in Mexico.

Spa Cielo a Laser Medical Spa

These days everybody wants to look beautiful. As 78 million “baby boomers” approach retirement, age is beginning to show. But with the fast pace of today’s aging society, people now want that fresh look without spending weeks of painful recovery. A rejuvenation vacation is the solution. Spa Cielo Laser, Wellness and Weight Loss Center named “2009 Best Medical Spa”, is located in San Jose del Cabo, and has built their business over the past 10 years here in Los Cabos to meet those vacationer desires.

"People want to look better, but they don’t want to give up any time from their daily lives or vacation" said Cathy Dammann, Medical Aesthetics Practitioner and Owner of Spa Cielo Laser, Wellness and Weight Loss Center. "The public is demanding transformation with little or no downtime" states Dammann. Spa Cielo, which specializes in the latest light and laser treatments, offers a variety of treatments from LED and Photo-facials, to TITAN™ Skin Tightening and Lumenis Acapulse™ Fractional CO2 Laser. With the recent addition of the award winning HydraFacial™, Voted Best Non-Laser, Non-Surgical Skin Rejuvenation 2012, Spa Cielo now has something for everyone, whether it is one day before the wedding or someone who wants to go home looking five years younger.

The HydraFacial™ is the first step in skin rejuvenation for someone in their 30’s or 40’s who doesn’t really need laser or for someone who is looking to maintain their skin in their 50’s and 60’s. HydraFacial™ were even featured in InStyle magazine in 2009 as the “hottest celebrity pre-bridal facial”. All the notoriety is with good reason. The HydraFacial is the only system to vacuum extract, wet- microderm and vortex infusion serums, following computerized customized treatment plan based on the individual’s skin type and needs. "It is truly amazing!” testaments Cathy. On the other end of the spectrum, Spa Cielo offers fraction- al CO2 laser treatments, named #1 in Anti-aging Skin Rejuvenation vacation by WebMD, which offers a superior solution for rejuvenating and resurfacing the skin. The fractional laser can be used effectively to treat fine lines, wrinkles, acne, stretch marks, acne and burn scars, skin pigmentation, discoloration, sun-damage, precancerous as well as benign lesions and uneven skin texture. This is the only laser treatment at Spa Cielo that requires any downtime, typically less than 5 days. All of the other laser treatments at Spa Cielo, including TITAN™, e non-surgical facelift, recipient of the Aesthetic Medicine Award for “Best Customer Experience and Satisfaction”, can be performed the day before a media or public relations event. LifeStyle Lift Now Available at Spa Cielo. Spa Cielo offers a complimentary VISIA™ computerized complexion analysis which allows a customized treatment program for efficient rejuvenation in shortest amount of time. Make your time here a rejuvenation vacation. Call 624-105-2209 to schedule your complimentary VISIA™.

Spa Cielo’s 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 the 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.
to thousands of families. All that work and dedication has positioned Liga MAC at the highest levels of respect, recognition and compassion within the San Jose del Cabo communities we serve.

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San Jose has changed a lot in 21 years because of the economic activity generated by the tourist industry. The population increased, the social services provided by the various government agencies also grew. Liga MAC has been paying attention to these changes. We realized that it was time for us to change as well. Our scope of services was too broad. We operated three different programs: basic needs, medical aid and student scholarships. This was so broad, our goals began reducing our impact on the community as we were spread too thin and duplicating services the government was already providing.

The current Liga MAC Board of Directors wanted to continue to support the vision of past Boards in the strong belief that the hope and future for the community was in educating the next generation, the children of the needy and underprivileged families. For these reasons, the Liga MAC BOD decided to focus all its efforts on the education of the young deserving students that were at risk of not finishing middle or high school because of financial or other constraints.

We will narrow our efforts to offer consistent financial, social and health related support to the students selected for our scholarship programs and their immediate families, as they transition through middle and high school and on to college or a trade to become educated, contributing and responsible members in their communities.

We have a new slogan: Changing lives through education.

We are now focused on measurable quality instead of quantity. By using our experienced methodology, we can more carefully and purposefully select our grantees, making sure that they commit to not only maintaining minimum grades, but also by a focused regimen of study. We supervise them closely, monitoring their progress, while also providing them with seminars, tutoring, counseling and a host of workshops that complement their education and prepare them for life’s challenges.

As needed, Liga MAC provides our students with additional support to continuously increase the percentage of our scholarship students that finish high school and move on to university studies or to learn a trade. We will continue to improve our success rate by analyzing and measuring results, improving the quality of our programs, partnering with the schools, universities, the medical community and other educators who offer their services.

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Owning In Los Cabos: How It’s Done

BY CAROL BILLUPS

Foreigners are forbidden direct ownership in the ‘restricted zone’ which consists of any land within 50 kilometers of the ocean or 100 kilometers of the international borders. Obviously Los Cabos is within the restricted zone. However, the constitution provides for foreign ownership in the restricted zone as long as the foreigner holds the property in a special trust with a Mexican bank called a Fideicomiso (pronounced fee-DAY-koh-me-so). This trust is very similar to a land trust in the US or a living trust but with one critical difference: ‘This trust is set up by permission of Congress to grant the foreigner all the rights, privileges and benefits of a Mexican citizen as pertain to owning the piece of property in question. But in return the foreigner pledges not to ask their native country to interfere with Mexico’s internal affairs. Your home cannot be confiscated (unless you’re using it as a crack house, but they’d do that to a Mexican). You cannot be singled out for any special treatment: you are Mexican under the law. But you absolutely cannot ask your home country to intervene if you have a problem or complaint about something going on in Mexico. And while you own the trust you cannot sue anyone in another country for matters relating to the property in Mexico.

Now two very important points about the Fideicomiso:

The constitution assures that you will be equal in the eyes of the law. Equal, not above. Many Americans and Canadians take the attitude of ‘what can they do to me? They can do anything they’d do to a Mexican. I mentioned using your property for drug trafficking but more likely the foreigner is breaking the law by evading taxes. If you are renting out your place you need to pay taxes on your income. Historically SAT (our version of the IRS or CRA) has looked the other way but as usual a few bad apples have spoiled it for everyone. Some folks are making vacation rental a commercial enterprise and reaping millions. SAT has already been calling on homeowner’s associations and I believe it’s only a matter of time before they take action.

Several years ago Congress briefly considered amending the constitution to allow direct foreign ownership in the restricted zone; the bill did not pass the Senate. While the amendment was still a possibility most real estate attorneys were recommending that, even if it passed, the best course of action was to continue using the trust system. The trust has the benefit of passing to your heirs without the need for probate. Without it the homeowner would need a Mexican will which would have to go through probate or worse, have a foreign will validated in Mexican court. Both options are costly and take forever. For estate planning purposes the Fideicomiso is the better choice.

When you decide to sell your property here in Los Cabos the
Found My Dream Home!

Now what?

BY DARREN DEEDS

Make an official offer. While Mexican law recognizes verbal agreements, both the offer and acceptance should be made in writing, ensuring no confusion on terms and conditions. Your offer should be sent in the form of an “Offer to Purchase” contract, detailing the main terms of the sale, including price, payment plans, the details for the final purchase contract.

Under Mexican law, both parties are bound by the terms of the promissory agreement—if all the terms and conditions are met to execute the purchase contract, neither party can back out of the sale.

Once the promissory agreement has been signed, the seller of Foreign Affairs.

During this time, your lawyer should also be verifying the legal status of the property, including review of title, confirming that the seller has the right to transfer the title, and reviewing the terms and conditions of the purchase contract. He’ll also need to request documentation from the seller, such as the certificate of no encumbrances, a certificate of no tax liability, and a property appraisal.

The documentation required from the buyer is minimal—all you need is a copy of your passport and driver’s license, a recent utility bill showing your name and home address, and corporation documentation (if applicable). These are presented to a notary and are filed at the public registry. If everything is in order, the notary and your attorney will work with the bank to have the trust documents drafted and finalized.

At this point, both parties should be able to execute the purchase/sales agreement (compraventa), start the closing process, and transfer title of the property to the fideicomiso.

By this time, the bank trust office should have received the trust permit from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and your attorney will be able to start the drafts for the closing deed.

Your lawyer, a notary, and a bank trust officer will then review the final draft of the deed.

Once everything has been verified as correct and all the closing paperwork is ready, you’ll be notified of a closing date and the final closing costs due. At closing, the final deeds will be signed, final payments settled, and the property title officially transferred to your bank trust.
Should You Own Your Vacation Home In A Corporation?

BY ORLANDO GOTAY

There is the potential to inflict serious, perhaps even catastrophic damage, by mishandled ownership in foreign corporations (FC).

Actually, FCs can be perfectly ok. U.S. persons must understand that merely owning enough FC shares can trigger special IRS reporting requirements, even if no income is created. Worth noting: FCs are separate entities and are not your left pocket.

Contributing cash or property in excess of certain amounts triggers a reporting requirement. As mentioned, owning more than a certain percentage of FC stock triggers another. Being an officer or director…you guessed it. Another requirement. Every one of these requirements carries a very meaningful penalty for not complying.

In my time in Mexico, I have learned that some persons organize FCs to hold title to real estate—typically one’s home—perhaps trying to save on annual fideicomiso fees.

Are you renting from your own corporation? Probably not. But you are getting something of value from that FC, the use and enjoyment of the residence. That has value. Fair Market Value. If you did not pay rent, that value can be considered annual income to you and must be included in your federal return. It’s like an imputed dividend. You say huh? I say you did it to yourself.

If the property in the FC is actually being rented, it may become more complicated if the FC qualifies as a Passive Foreign Investment Company. PFICs are really bad. The Congress doesn’t want you to have them because of the potential to park unreported income. Special reporting requirements and tax regime—beyond “regular” FC ones—can apply.

Shares in a FC that holds real property may be a “Specified Foreign Financial Asset” and thus reportable in yet another IRS form. You, the flesh and bones person, may also be responsible for a Foreign Bank Account Report if you have control over a foreign financial account in the name of the FC.

Do you see a pattern here? The American taxman becomes very, very excited when its subjects organize foreign entities, as it does not have as much visibility on them as it does with domestic counterparts.

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Is All This Building Good Or Bad?
We’re going through a growth spurt that is unsettling to some

BY MIKE LITORIS

In case somehow it slipped your notice, Cabo San Lucas, San Jose del Cabo, and all the land in between have become overrun with development. In addition to all those cranes in the air and all the high rise hotels going up, and the high end residences, infill is occurring. That’s when some contractor sees an empty lot in an otherwise developed area, and hops on it, filling it with something.

With growth comes change and yes change is inevitable, but often scary and painful. After all, we visit here or we moved here because of the way it was; Homespun Mexican. The new buildings look just like Southern California, what’s up with that? Well, turns out these newbies coming in want it that way. The

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Chileno Bay Expands
More. Again. Almost done

Chileno Bay Resort & Residences is expanding even further its current real estate offerings, breaking ground this month on its final phase of development. 14 contemporary ocean view units will debut in 2020, including brand new villa options with larger layouts and enhanced home design features. What does enhanced features mean? These homes will drive themselves with no safety driver? Call us when it can do that and I will believe there are enhanced design features.

The development has more than $165 million in sales since launch. Phase two has nearly sold out, fast-tracking phase three construction. With these final 14 units, there will be expansive new floorplans, including bi-level villas and one five-bedroom penthouse residence, all with an upgraded contemporary design package and state-of-the-art technology. (Safety driver?) Villas range from four-to-five-bedrooms with pricing starting at $2,500,000. Four-bedroom units span 3,435 square feet with an additional 1,200 square feet of covered outdoor living space. The five-bedroom penthouse residence sits at 5,554 square feet and features two ocean-facing master suites, a 1,000-square-foot private rooftop pool, 2,600 square feet of covered terrace space, and a wine cellar.

The new homes will feature an open concept with floor-to-ceiling windows and doors that open to spacious private terraces and balconies with Jacuzzis. Ground-floor villas will also offer a private pool and sun deck.

“We are excited to be embarking on the final phase of development

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Cabo San Lucas Houses/Condos
1. Casa Donovan 2bd 2bth, every upgrade, rooftop living. $99,500
2. Tesoro Condo 56 2bd 2bth over 2,000 sq ft, large terrace $150,000
3. Casa Angela Great starter home on 17,000 sq ft commercial lot $135,000
4. Casa del Sol One of a kind penthouse unit. 3 bd, Lots of amenities $249,500
5. Casa Andre 4 bd house in gated community, El Tezal, Cabo Corridor $329,000
6. Casa Monique Ex lg duplex w/pool, private compound, Cabo Corridor $675,000
7. Casa Miraflores Pedregal Steal - Home w/pool, views and extra lot inc. $689,000
8. Casa Shrader Million dollar views, lrg 4 bed home, Cresta del Mar $1,000,000

Commercial/Business
1. GG Edificio Over 9,000 sq ft of commercial/office/restaurant space includes parking lot and separate private managers residence. Turn Key. Open tomorrow, possible owner financing. $1,200,000
2. Landmark restaurant/bar - a bit of Cabo history. Turnkey operation includes property and additional land. $1,600,000
3. RV Park - 22 spaces, main house, pool, secure, money maker in sought after Pescadero/ Cerritos area. Turnkey operation. $1,350,000
4. Cabo Kennels - perfect live work opportunity. Fully operational business and private residence. $299,000
5. Donnie’s place 1,700 sq ft commercial building, seller financing CSL $59,500

Pacific Side
1. Casa Keene 3/4 acre beachfront, 3 bd private estate. San Cristobal Developer lot $3,999,999
2. Rancho Tracy 4,000 sq ft private, walled estate on 2,500 m2 lot- unobstructed ocean views. $549,000
3. Pescadero Paradise - 3 bd 3 bt lg home or duplex, immaculate, fully upgraded/furnished 1,500 sq mt lot $299,000
4. Hacienda del Sol - 3bd 5bt, over 3,500 sq ft- private, gated community. Ocean views, steps to secluded beach. $429,000
5. Casa Here and Now 3 bd, 2 bth, Pescadero Heights, Views of forever, mountains/ocean. $149,000.
6. Cerritos/Pescadero homesites - lots starting at 50,000 USD up to 2,000+ m2
7. Elias Calles homesites - lots starting at $39,000 for 10,000 m2- amazing ocean views.

East Cape
1. Sunset Villas Condos - Los Barriles Studio and 1 bd condos, one block to beach, walking distance to everything starting at $89,000
2. Casa Sierra y Mar - La Ventana - brand new construction. 3 bd, 3 bth, Large sunset deck, views of everything. $285,000
3. Beachfront - Buenavista - 1,841 m2 located on the pristine Buenavista beach, close to town $450,000.
4. Lighthouse Point lots - from $39,500 third row to $180,000 beachfront. Clubhouse and pool.

Developer parcels
1. El Tule - Love it Ranch - 12 hectares, CFE, water, blue water views $499,000
2. Cerritos - Beachfront, 50 meters of beachfront, over 5,900 m2, all enviro permits complete. $795,000 USD
3. Cerritos - Rancho del Mar - 12 hectares, level parcel nestled in the foothills, 5 mins to beach, 5 mins to mountains, 3 minutes to highway. Legal well. Easy access. $1,200,000
4. Elias Calles - Ponchos 29 hectares, adjacent to waterfalls, easy access, 5 minutes off the highway. Incredible views. $580,000
5. Just now released - pre construction prices!
6. Cerritos Surf Residences- Cerritos Beach brand new 2 bd, 2 bth condos, full amenities, simply elegant interiors. Starting at $239,000. Hurry, going fast!

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Fear Of Flying
OK, actually this is about fear of buying

BY LETICIA DIAZ RIVERA

More than once we have heard that a friend, a neighbor, a relative or the woman next door bought a vacation home or a residential lot to build on and to continue investing in their future. Does this make you wonder: How much did they invest? Where is the property? How did they do it? But most importantly, how can I invest in real estate too?

There can be several answers to your questions, but all of those agree with the fact that being a property owner gives you security and confidence. If you are planning to invest in real estate, you have to consider a property that will make the difference and will give you certainty that you’re making the right decision. When you are well advised, buying a property is easy and simple and becomes a process you can share with your family. Real Estate agents in the Los Cabos area have experience and market knowledge to help you find the perfect property to suit your needs. The process is easy once you enlist a real estate specialist to advise you. Considering that our trusting agents are members of AMPI (Real Estate Mexican Association), they will be able to help you with:

First things first: what do you need? A pet friendly apartment? A home big enough to welcome visiting family and friends? Or a land to plan, develop and build your home? Once your needs are well defined you will be surprised of the many great options you can find.

Define your budget. With this information, your real estate agent can give you some options with the characteristics you are looking for and you will have the opportunity to view them and decide which one is right for you.

Once you have toured and viewed your options, your real estate agent will be in charge of the rest: present an offer to the seller with terms and conditions that could include credits and contingencies to accommodate your needs. Your agent will be following the process throughout, and keep you informed on a regular basis about any advances or documents that could be needed.

As soon as you have an accepted offer, your agent will work all the details out with the closing agent to coordinate the transfer of funds and closing of the sale.

The final step is, it is time to go to the notary and sign the title of your property! Don’t forget your camera to capture this moment.

The residential options inventory, (whether from a developer or private parties), and easy financing options allow this easy process to be a great experience.

It’s time to stop worrying about when, why and how to do it and just do it! There are many trustworthy people here to help.

Contact Leticia Diaz Rivera – Coldwell Banker Riveras Broker, leticia@pedregal.com

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Agent Profile
Beatriz Calderon

Beatriz Calderon was born in Mexico City, moved to Cabo San Lucas in 1995, and worked as an assistant at Cabo del Sol, where she learned how to sell real estate to foreign investors. Then she became a broker’s assistant and eventually became an agent. A few years later she was working at the most acclaimed resort in Mexico, Las Ventanas al Paraíso, a Rosewood Resort, where she was top producing agent representing sellers and buyers alike. Eventually, she branched off on her own before joining Sotheby’s International Realty. She is passionate about what she does and specializes in luxury properties. She loves to make her clients happy, understands their needs, and remains committed to them with crystal-clear communications and rigorous follow-up. Beatriz is patient, reliable, accessible and kind.

This high level of service continues to result in an ongoing stream of repeat and referral business. Her clients can expect a full-service experience, professionalism, honesty and integrity. Beatriz is fluent in English and Spanish, loves outdoor activities, good food and travelling internationally.

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Thursday December 6, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm,

Friday, December 7 – from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Casa Vista de Golf, Country Club CSL. MLS# 18-928. Fully Furnished plantation style home. CSL 4bd/ 3.5ba. Price: $799,000. Many Rosas ph. (686) 134-0870, Los Cabos Agent

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way and thereby insure that your investment is a safe one.

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IS ALL THIS BUILDING GOOD...

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developers aren’t stupid, they know what sells and rents and they’re counting on new people who want the new-look Los Cabos. They aren’t marketing to the old timers who want the old-look Los Cabos.

So you made peace with all the new big box stores that stormed onto our shores, you were even OK with the widening of the road to La Paz, and you got through that monster house built next to you, but all this new high rise development on the corridor is just a bridge too far and you can’t deal with it. The shopping malls, the mega resorts, the constant energy, the end of the kick back lifestyle is not for you.

That’s why you should have bought way back when Los Cabos was the way you liked it. If you did, now is the time to cash in, take your enormous profits and move further out. Mexico is a big country with 5,400 miles of shoreline. Even Baja, if you would prefer to stay here, has 2,000 miles of beaches.

We suggest Los Bariles, a great little town just an hour and a half north of Cabo San Lucas. Too close? Move to Loreto, a great little town of about 15,000 people and a thriving foreign community of foreigners. It even has two golf courses and an international airport. Yes, Loreto it is. Give it a look, it’s six hour drive north, smack dab on the Sea of Cortez.

And don’t forget to list your current home in Los Cabos with a Multiple Listing Service approved Realtor.

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So What’s It Like To Run A City With No Electricity?

There is life after CFE cuts you off

BY JORGE A. RUIZ-ESPARZA

Just about a month has passed since the Federal Electricity Commission (CFE in Spanish) cut off the electricity at City Hall in the state capital of La Paz. Snap! 10:00 in the morning, it was lights out. They borrowed a generator from the water department to run the entire city.

Since then they got the lights back on, the situation is all hush hush, and yet the debt is far from gone. The new administration, run by the Morena party that swept the elections, is desperately working on a solution and mutual agreement.

La Paz’s new city mayor, Rubén Muñoz, has inherited a debt of $900,000 U.S. Muñoz has pointed out the incongruity in holding him and his administrative responsible for such a large amount of money; a debt that has been steadily building up from the last two administrations when the Pan party had control of the municipality under Esthela Ponce, and then Monroy Sánchez, then Armando Martínez.

“You receive a debt like this, and just three weeks into our administration, it’s a bit absurd that they cut our electricity,” he whined on the day of the big snip. To make things worse, additional fees and penalties have been added on to that debt with the start of the month in which Muñoz took oath. That makes for a whopping one and a half million dollar debt that Muñoz won’t be able to escape from.

The unexpected power outage served as a major heads-up, filled with unease and overall worry, especially after a maintenance worker was trapped inside the building’s main elevator right when the power was cut off. Hey, how about a heads up, here!

The city used the borrowed generator for the remainder of the day and the day after, with fuel being the only expenditure and its presence becoming a sight to behold behind the building.

While the city was still on generator, Mayor Muñoz hastily flew to Mexico City to pow wow with the federal power utility in order to restore the power and establish a payment plan with CFE. A payment agreement was made, the lights turned back on, and without releasing official numbers nor any other detailed information, the immediate crisis seems to be over.

City Hall’s general secretary Alejandro Mota, insists that with the income the city currently receives, it is nearly impossible to ever pay it off. That money is still owed and the task of paying it off and the plans concerning possible tax raises on public street lighting, something that would affect everyone. The possibility of installing parking meters in the city center also caused commotion among the general public.

This would, after all, help wrestle the city’s debt, though due to the public’s negative reaction, Muñoz’s cabinet recently backed down on the lighting tax and parking meters. They reassured the public by stating that both projects were put on ice, but what about the debt? As long as CFE hasn’t received the colossal amount of money it demands, Muñoz and his cabinet will still be placed under constant pressure.

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Christmas is a celebration of food, drinks and merriment. It is the time when Mexican families gather to celebrate and reconnect with each other. No matter how far you may be from your family, Christmas is the right time to get together with your loved ones. Celebrating Christmas brings the enjoyment of having a huge variety of seasonal foods, dishes and sweets. Though the traditional food items differ around the world, the Christmas dinner always brings the same excitement all over the world. The highlight of the evening is surely the unending line of courses.

Christmas Eve is called Nochepuena in Spanish. This is the night of the last posada. Many people attend midnight mass and then have a dinner together with their families. Christmas Day is generally a quiet day. Gifts are not traditionally exchanged on Christmas, but this is changing, and Santa Claus is becoming increasingly more prominent in Mexican Christmas celebrations.

Unless you hang out in central Mexico or live in an area where good Mexican food is plentiful, you’ll be forgiven if you’ve never heard of mixiote. Unlike carnitas, chicharrones, tacos al pastor, or other dishes associated with Mexican street fare, mixiote has not become an international poster child of Mexican cooking. Heck, you can grow up here and still not know what it is. (I spent a good chunk of my childhood in the western Mexican state of Jalisco, and must confess that I had never heard of mixiote until a few years ago.) And, even in a place like Mexico City, a food-crazy megalopolis of over twenty million inhabitants that is part mixiote’s home turf, it can be difficult to find.

So, what is the stuff? The Nuahuatl-derived term “mixiote” refers both to the parchment-like film or membrane obtained from maguey leaves and to the dish prepared by wrapping meat in this parchment and cooking it by pit roasting or steaming. Common varieties include mutton or rabbit. However, the dish can be prepared with any variety of ingredients, including beef, pork, chicken or fish.

The maguey plant has an important role in Mexico’s history as well as its cuisine. Also known as the century plant, the maguey dates back to pre-Columbian Mexico and thrives in dry rocky or sandy soil. This plant of many uses was worshipped by the Aztecs and cultivated by Spaniards, who then introduced it to the Philippines (where its popularity continued to spread across the globe). Though resembling a cactus, complete with thorny edges, the maguey is actually a member of the agave family – a cousin to the Tequila blue agave. Each plant will produce up to 50 leaves about 4’ wide and up to 5 feet in length.

Once highly sought after for its fiber, maguey was used to make carpets, hammocks and fishnets until the 1970’s when synthetics and other natural fibers took its place. Its strong fibrous threads were also used for piteado (a technique to embroider on leather), often woven into expensive saddles by Spanish artisans. The leaves were also mashed into a paper for Aztec “codices,” pictorial books written to pass down their history. The ground, cooked pulp of the maguey leaves were blended with salt and applied to open wounds as a compress in Aztec culture;
Meanwhile the Mayor has asked citizens to pay for their own street lighting in their neighborhoods and to pay for parking downtown, but the citizens have nixed those plans, saying they will refuse to pay.

If the citizens sound pissed, remember that they believe the city got in this mess by city officials stealing their tax money that should have paid for these services.

Parking fees and taxes. The president of the state congress of commercial and tourist matters, Chucky Van Wormer, proposed a proposition to charge for street parking in downtown La Paz, our state’s capital, using parking meters and also to charge Uber drivers 42 pesos (a tad over $2 bucks) per day to become legal. This tax may be paid monthly, or every quarter, semester or year ahead.

Parking meters would cost 8.50 pesos (about 50 cents US) an hour between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm, excepting Sundays and official holidays if the proposition is approved. Residents could also buy parking tickets by the month or the year, for about $125 per month or $1,250 for the year.

Instagram surprise. We bet you didn’t know this. The first photos posted on Instagram by its co-creator Kevin Systrom were of a street dog and a taco stand in Todos Santos.

It was back in 2010, and was uploaded by Systrom himself, who was visiting the quaint little town of Todos Santos.

The image is still in Systrom’s personal Instagram page and is labeled “test.” The photo includes the foot of Systrom’s girlfriend at the time. He also posted the photo of the “Chilakos” taco stand.

Bloomingdale’s does Cabo. Well, at heiress Hayley Bloomingdale was here. Hayley, who is heiress to the department store and Moda Operandi’s communications director, married lighting designer Alexander “Dada” Stileman in California, and, while the couple’s honeymoon reportedly isn’t until Christmas, the newlyweds treated themselves to a post-wedding trip to the Las Ventanas al Paraíso resort in Cabo San Lucas.

Chrissy Teigen in Cabo. The Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue alumna was seen on her big day modeling a high-waisted split skirt as she strolled through a garden with her infant in her arms. Her hubby, John Legend, is an American singer, songwriter, record producer and actor and is one of 15 people (and the first black man) to have won an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony awards. Legend is also here, along with their children Luna, two, and Miles, six months.

Legend and Chrissy, who turned 33, were seen at the airport, getting their rented Cadillac SUV.

Today show host marries in Cabo. Karl Stefanovic will tie the know with fiancé Jasmine Yarbrough, a famous 34-year-old model, who is also a shoe designer. The lovebirds will tie the knot in a picturesque chapel at the One&Only Palmilla Resort, where they will also be staying. The wedding will be a three-day affair, with the newlyweds sparing no expense.

They have booked two villas, one which costs approximately $11,600 per night, and another priced at around $15,000 per night. Apparently the shoe biz pays well.

In addition to company representatives, who have set up stalls to interview migrants who are interested in the positions on offer, immigration authorities including the Mexican Refugee Commission are attending the fair to help migrants regularize their immigration status and ensure they can access social security benefits.

Between 7,000 and 10,000 jobs are on offer at the migrant job fair including positions in factories and other sectors such as hospitality. Tijuana is almost always suffering from too many job vacancies, but the economy is so hot there now that the job opportunities are huge. But so far only a few hundred have taken jobs, most preferring to lay on the floor of the sports complex and wait for the chow line to open and eventually gain entry to the United States.
the house. And, oh yes, please pick them up at the airport. So it is essential to think about these scenarios ahead of time and work with the homeowner in advance for an acceptable solution. You may have to turn down some house sitting situations because you can't meet the home owner’s demands. Most homeowners are reasonable and want the arrangement to work, but occasionally you will find one that thinks that because you are staying on their property, you are their property. Of course, some homeowners too, have their own stories about the house sitter that would take advantage of them at every turn. I found my first Baja care taking situation at an online forum while still in the U.S. That is uncommon. I just happened to have the experience and skill set that was required for that particular property. That assignment led to another and then another. A good reference from your first house sitting assignment will go a long way towards obtaining the second. My wife and I are in our fourth assignment in eight years and will be looking for another house soon, since the present house we are sitting has sold. We sometimes find a beach property and often a luxurious house, but we have learned that the disposition of the home owner is more important than the house you are going to live in.

So, yes, it’s possible to live in the Southern Baja rent free, but it can be a job in itself to find the right situation.

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The Navy can't effectively patrol because their distinctive boats can be seen 15 miles away, so the fishermen toss their illegal catch overboard and pretend they're seeking legitimate fish. The good guys' only success this year has been when the inspector went out on a fishing boat, located a harpoon boat, and then blocked that boat until the Navy boat could rush in. The sailors boarded the panga and found horrendous slaughter of marlin. Much of the marlin was tossed overboard in the chase but the Navy was able to pull some of the carcasses out of the water before they sank.

Most of our sport fishermen now catch and release, so they don't put pressure on the species. Mortality is almost entirely due to this illegal harpooning, and those killers are not doing this in any desperate attempt to feed their families, because they can make a good living legitimately. And not all the fishermen at Punto Lobos even do this, but enough to create serious pressure on the species.

So, what happened to the one and only boat to be caught? The boat was impounded and is sitting in the marina waiting for the case to make its way through the courts. Did the harpooners go to jail? Of course not, this is Mexico, the land of impunity.

You can help. You can refuse to patronize a restaurant that has marlin on the menu. The law can't do much against restaurants because even though the fish are bought at the back door, at a bargain price, the restaurants are crafty enough to have a receipt on hand that says they bought it from an import company and it was brought in from a country that allows marlin to be commercially traded. Or they claim it's tuna. Some of them even sell tuna they claim is marlin, like the new LA Centro on the marina front in front of the mall. They actually flaunt it as marlin, which shows just how trendy marlin is.

This is an area, maybe the only one, where you the foreigners can exert some influence. You can't vote, you dare not join any kind of protest, but you can refuse to eat at one of these restaurants, and most importantly, you can tell the restaurant why. As you walk past a restaurant, look at their menu they usually have posted outside, and speak up. Tell them you won’t eat there because you bought it from an import company and it was brought in from a country that allows marlin to be commercially traded. Or they claim it's tuna. Some of them even sell tuna they claim is marlin, like the new LA Centro on the marina front in front of the mall. They actually flaunt it as marlin, which shows just how trendy marlin is.

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For many years it was best to buy the local currency when you got to the country and avoid double handling commissions that’s three levels of fees! 

Who ever said my banker was my friend.

For snowbirds spending thousands in Mexico it’s better to get the bulk of the currency correctly from your source currency to your intended spending currency. I have seen Canadians go there, top up your needs while you are here. Pre-purchasing also locks in the rates and avoids any nasty surprises halfway through the season.

You also want to transact directly from your source currency to your intended spending currency. I have seen Canadians go to the bank and get USD because they are coming to Mexico. They bring their USD down here and convert it to MXN and end up paying 10% or much more in total exchange rate spreads depending on when they use their USD here.

At a minimum, that’s an extra and avoidable $50 per $1000, ouch! 

So doing a little homework and being a savvy traveller can save you hundreds of hard earned dollars. Wouldn’t you feel better giving a Mexican a big tip instead of having the bankers slide the money out from under you unaware?

Cam Renaud and his wife Eva Korpela are Canadian snowbirds and are both retired Chartered Financial Analysts and retired Chartered Professional Accountants. Cam writes and Eva edits. They have been coming to Mexico for 14 years.

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called Wild Wet Fun and is in the small rural community of Caduño, which is nestled between San José and Santiago. This Wild Wet Fun features a limited number of water slides and floaties, along with a replica pirate ship and expansive pool areas. And while food and drinks could not be brought inside the facilities, the park did offer affordably priced hamburgers, hot dogs, pizzas and chicken tenders. The Wild Wet Fun park is open seasonally; generally only on weekends. Admission to the City of Caduño’s Wild Wet Fun park was a considerably lower 10 bucks.

If you go, be mindful you will be surrounded by a chingo of screaming kids.

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Skateboard Park In Pescadero
A labor of love for the local kids

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

The Pescadero Skate Park and School is located off Calle Ravel Street, which is the first road that every visitor encounters as they make their way along Highway 19 north towards Todos Santos into the small but growing fishing community of Pescadero. Pescadero in English means fishman.

The Pescadero Skate Park was reopened in March, 2017, and is available for use, lessons and fun, from 9:00 AM until 8:00 PM every day. The vertical bowl is its greatest attraction and not really suited for beginners. Created by Airspeed, this hidden gem is rough in spots and faster than snot. "There is enough here for every skill level," said the bilingual Arce, pointing to a flat concrete beginners area about 32 feet away from the bowl. "We provide pads, helmets, and even boards, but most kids bring their own."

Pescadero is the quiet and humble city between Cerritos and Todos Santos. After making that first right off the highway, the dusty road to the Pescadero Skate Park and School, is the third one on the left. There are little red colored directional wooden signs posted on Calle Ravel Street corners with arrows to guide anyone there.

"This place was abandoned at one time," said Jose Arce. "but now, we have built and added a new restroom facility with showers. We need and would like anyone to help with donations of shoes and skater clothing for kids."

The current sponsor of the Pescadero Skate Park and camp site include La Katrina Surf Shop in Todos Santos. "We would like to hold a Baja Skateboarding Championships someday, and then a competitive national level event inviting everyone in Mexico," added Jose Arce. "The Pescadero Scool is a place where children have the opportunity to learn and develop new techniques on a skateboard in a healthy and fun environment.'

"The bowl at Pescadero rivals any skate park in Mexico. The Pescadero Skate Park and School, held its inaugural grand opening in 2002. The cost of its construction, estimated at $40,000 USD, was donated by former NFL football player and surfing enthusiast, Justin Armstrong; who is good friends with skate park manager Jose Arce and his brother, whose family owns the 1/2 acre private property.

The 45-year-old Justin Ar- mour played wide receiver for the Buffalo Bills (1995–1996), Philadelphia Eagles (1996), San Francisco 49ers (1997), Denver Broncos (1998), and Baltimore Ravens (1999). He is also the former head coach of the Mani- totou Springs High School football team in Manitou Springs, Colo- rado. Justin was a Consensus All-American with the Manitou Springs Mustangs. During high school, he helped the Mustangs to a AA state track and field championship and the AAA state championship.

The skate park in La Paz was constructed and open to the public on June 18, 2013. The La Paz Skate Association Facebook page has 5,096 followers. The Pescadero Skate Scool, is spelled without the 'h' because as 24-year-old, Pescadero-born and raised skate instruc-

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The Finger Banks are still producing marlin in the double digits, including a personal, record-breaking 60-stripped marlin and released on November 27 by 32-foot Bill Collector owner Mark Chiavetta aboard. (He also caught and released two silky sharks landed a few.)

However, the marlin aren’t just at the Finger Banks. There are strong marlin numbers closer to Cabo, from the Old Lighthouse to the Las Margaritas area. Double-digit dorado have also been common with the boats in the area respecting the catch limits and releasing. Tuna are still around as well, although anglers have been targeting the other species.

Cabo Climate: The good news is the forecast is for mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies with wind in the gentle 7 to 8 mph range. Humidity is expected to run in the hourly 7-8 degree view.

Sea Conditions: Seas have been calm in the mornings with some swells in the afternoons. Sea temps are running from 77- to 80-degree view in the private residential community of La Jolla de los Cabos, San Jose del Cabo.

Weather: Winds are expected to be in the 5-10 mph range.

Bait Supply: The good news is the forecast is for mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies with wind in the gentle 7 to 8 mph range.

Best Fishing Areas: Good counts of marlin are showing up around Cabo Falso, the Light- house and out to the San Jamie and Golden Gate Banks. Sailfish and striped marlin counts are good from the Lighthouse north along Migrino and quality dorado have moved north on the Pacific side along Migrino as well. The yellowfin tuna are being found 15 to 25 miles out from the Herradura west to the San Jamie Bank. The Finger Bank has been producing double-digit striped marlin counts with a few boats reporting over 20 fish per day.

Best Bait & Lures: Feathers and cedar plugs have been the favorite for the tuna and 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 multiple striker counts.

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

Puerto Los Cabos: Though north winds have prevailed making for rougher conditions, ocean temperatures have been in the 77- to 79-degree range throughout most of the region. Caballito, ballyhoo and slabs of squid are the main bait available. Local fleets were fishing the grounds from Red Hill to Gordo Banks, Iman, San Luis and as far north as Vinorama. On these grounds the main species being found are yellowfin tuna, dorado or wahoo. Not much going on off the bottom besides triggerfish and a few early morn- ning snapper and cabrilla.

Every day we hear of one or two larger-sized tuna being hooked, most taken off the Gordo Banks -- one yellowfin around 220 pounds, another 145-pounder and several other big fish lost. Slow-trolling large bait or drift fishing strips of squid produced hook ups. Tuna, mostly in the 10 to 70 pound class, were found from Iman to Vinorama, but they were few and far between.

Dorado action was very good, especially off Red Hill area, but then it became more spread out. Trolling ballyhoo or caballito seemed the best bet for finding these schooling 20-pound dorado. Although there are a lot of wahoo in the area but getting them to bite has been difficult. Many are striking while anglers are drifting with squid for tuna. They have not been striking trolled lures, but best chances seem to be on slow- trolled bait, such as caballito or chihuil.

With spear fishing season open, the divers are out in force. There are far more spear fisher- men congregating on the same grounds with the rod and reel anglers which makes the fish much more spooky and elusive. Inshore areas are fragile and cannot sustain such pressure.

Along the shoreline there have been mostly smaller roost- erfish and jack crevalle, but we have heard of an occasional larger rooster caught and released. Amount to a handful of stripers being seen around the Iman and the Gordo Banks.

Cape: Here we are in December and it looks like summer will never end. Water temperature is still almost 80 degrees and there are as many calm days as windy. The game fish are still providing loads of action.

Striped marlin, sailfish, dorado and yellowfin tuna are on the prowl. Typically, this is not the season and conditions limit the ability for anglers to get off shore without rattling their teeth out. Striped marlin and dorado reside here year ’round, but it’s late for sailfish and tuna. I have never seen tuna in December; considering the bite started in March and has not stopped, this has been quite a streak!

La Paz: Wahoo showed up close to shore again in and near Bahía de los Muertos just south of La Paz. Manny Garrison caught two wahoo (see photo) and two others got off. Also caught some schoolie dorado as well. It’s better fishing than we have had in a while. As is usually the case, weather has a lot to do with the fishing. With mostly sunny conditions limit the ability for anglers to get off shore without rattling their teeth out. Striped marlin and dorado reside here year ’round, but it’s late for sailfish and tuna. I have never seen tuna in December; considering the bite started in March and has not stopped, this has been quite a streak!

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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: marinadelmar@gmail.com, facebook.com/laestquina.

Wednesday. 5:00 to 10:00 pm. Art Day. Art, paintings, books, live music. At El Mercado, in the Koral Center in Cerro Colorado.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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

Friday. 11:00 a.m. Al-Anon Family Group. Next to Calendario del Corazón de Deyollado and Margarita Maza de Juarez in San Jose. Call 624-165-3333 for more information.

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.

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

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.

Saturday. 6:00 pm. Sunday 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.

Sunday. 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Live music and paella. At El Mirador Restaurant in Todos Santos. Traditional Mediterranean dishes, stunning ocean views and now featuring jazz pianist Bill Levine. Take Camino al Mirador from Los Cabos-Todos Santos Highway. Information: Facebook @GuaycuraHotel E-mail reserva- tion@guaycuraph.com Ph +52 (612) 175 0800.

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 clubactusbike@gmail.com for information.

December 11. Tuesday. The Padriño Children’s Foundation’s Fiesta fundraiser. Celebrity guest chef, panoramic view, and entertainment. Seating limited. Supports the healthcare of children. Tickets available late October. For early reservations (recommended), info@padrinof.org, padrinof.org/en/, 6121780040, Todos Santos

Dec. 15. Saturday. Cinema Under the Stars. At El Faro Beach Club & Spa in Todos Santos. “A Walk in the Clouds” at 8 pm. pm@guaycura.com+52 (612) 1750800.

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. Organized by the Cabo San Lucas Ciclovía. 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, ultra-tramontanobaja@gmail.com. Call cell 624-125-5674 or look up CiclovíaCabo on Facebook.

Starting in January. Every Tuesday 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Los Cabos Writers Group resumes. Marina Sol club house. Cabo San Lucas. writers, poets, or dreamers. Call Adriana 624 108 2095

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 and artists, both local, national and international, including American singer, songwriter Joan Osborne, former member of The Dead. Mexican band La Santa Cecilia and Todos Santos singers Divier Guive and Jenelle Aubade. For more info go to www.tropicofcancerconcertseries.mx

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Seeing working artists, meet the artists, maybe get some real deals.

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June 1 - 4. The Proombres Mexico (Let’s taste Mexico) national congress of Gastronomy and culture. A food fest with recipes of the 32 states of Mexico, featuring 32 traditional female chefs who will prepare the most iconic meal of their state. The ladies chefs will present more than 192 traditional dishes and beverages at the Delmar international school located here in El Tezal. Folk music and 200 exhibitors selling Mexican traditional products, workshops, conferences and shows.

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At HOLLYDANCE CAFE. Leona Vicario St. And 12 de Octubre St, 2nd Floor, downtown Cabo.
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At KINESIS GYM. El Chamillo barrrio near the Convention Center.
From Monday to Friday. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. La Maroma Reading club. Books available. More info and special activities on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Sala-de-lectura-La-Mar%C3%A1n-Kinesis-Fabuladanza-691039779638083/timeline

At LA CIRCO. Libroteka Reading Club.
From Monday to Friday. From 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Books available and circus drama style reading on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. More info with Sara Flores on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LaCirco.57789703555373/timeline

November and December. Every Saturday. Late Night 1:30 am. Bear-Gun Band. The show must go on! 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. English and Spanish. Free.

Wednesday to Monday. From 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Ruta de Plata Museum at El Triunfo. Discover the rich mining history and settlement of the Cape Region. Enjoy exciting, interactive exhibits. Explore the complex, the gift shop, places to wine and dine, and the historic village. Spanish and English. 100 pesos entrance fee. Info: museoartudeplata.com, Ayuntamiento St. (Progreso and León St), El Triunfo. Closed on Tuesday.

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

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

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

Every Thursday. 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Movie Club. Every month a different theme. 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 Saturday. 5:00 PM. Youth Symphony Orchestra of the School of Music of the State’s 17th Anniversary. Playing Merie, Elgar, Caccini, Brown, Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Strauss, Offenbach and Tchaikovsky. Moreros St corner Marcelo Rubio St. La Paz. Tickets at the School of Music, 100 pesos cooperation. 612 222 86. December 7. Friday. From 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Annual Holiday Art Show and Party 3rd Edition. New art from Thursday Artists and cookies! at Mangos Gallery, Todos Santos. More info. http://www.facebook.com/blue.moon.587

January 7-11. Heaven On Earth 2019. Sculpting the Human Figure in Clay. At The Todos Artes Studion. Learn from Donna Billick and Benito Ortega how to master portraiture, bodies and hand in 3D and relief. Special ‘Saints Alive’ public art installation using ceramic figures and mosaics. www.donnabillickart.com, (530)219-5918

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February 18 to 26. Different hours all over the place. 2nd Chamber Music Festival, 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, musicademicarama-loscabosfest@gmail.com, Cabo San Lucas.
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BY JORGE RUIZ-ESPARZA

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This week we asked: What do you think about the fact that so many Mexicans have Americanized Christmas?

1. Daniel Espinoza, 24, waiter.
I think it’s natural. Christmas was never really Mexican anyway, the tradition was about the Virgin Guadalupe and I am not sure exactly what happened, but there was nothing about baby Jesus or anything. And the three wise men was more what we did for presents, not Santa Claus. The food is very Mexican, the romeritos and even the pavo (turkey) but we cook it a different way. The posadas are really Mexican and very beautiful, but there are very few people who still do them the traditional way, now posadas are just to get drunk in December.

2. Jaime Rodriguez, 36, contractor.
I don’t think we have Americanized Christmas, I think we have adopted European traditions. For example, Americans do not know the three wise men and do not have many holiday images other than the red and white Santa Clause and reindeer. In Europe, they carry some types of parties that are more similar to our posadas and believe in the three wise men. I do believe globalization and the internet also take a part on this, but we still hold our own traditions.

3. Diana Marquez, 32, office manager.
I think everything is Americanized, not only Christmas. From dia de Muertos and Halloween, to birthday parties and baby showers. I’m not saying its wrong, but we idolize a culture and think of it as better than our own, and we get lost in the process. My favorite part about Christmas is the food, and I don’t like turkey. I am in it for the tamales, romeritos, pozole and pork leg, and the getting together with my family. The kids now believe in Santa and all that stuff and it’s cute to watch them have that illusion, but I am not sure if I will want my kids to believe in that.

My favorite time of the year is Christmas, for many reasons but what I like the most is putting out the tree and having a special night with my family eating buñuelos and drinking hot chocolate. Of course, I love decorating my house and if I must be honest, I’d say that I also have Americanized ornaments and there are a couple of snowman, reindeer and Santa in my house. Even though it doesn’t snow here and Santa never brought me gifts as a kid. I don’t think there should be a problem with adopting other traditions, as long as we don’t lose our own.

5. Dalia Ramos, 55, teacher.
I hate how American Christmas is here now. People don’t even know what posadas are for or why we celebrate them, and kids are always talking about the fat guy in a beard. We as Mexicans should not even celebrate Christmas like we do, its not about food and presents, its about celebrating baby Jesus’ birth. In my grandmother’s house we used to do this thing where everyone has to rock the baby Jesus in a fine silk scarf and sing a special song, and the kids were the ones who did it. It used to be an honor, and now we don’t even do it because no one bothered to carry on that tradition, and the kids think of it as boring and embarrassing.

I think Christmas is a party that should be multicultural anyway. The Aztec sure as hell didn’t celebrate it, but our Spanish side did, in a similar way. The best thing about being Mexican is that...
Stop Buying Bottled Water
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BY CRYSTAL SHORES

Don’t drink the water in Mexico! How many times have you heard that? It’s the reason every Los Cabos resident and tourist goes through multiple plastic bottles of water every day. If you’re sick of spending money on bottled water, and/or hate the amount of waste it generates, there’s an alternative for you: distilled water.

The distilled water camp says their method is better than filtered water and water that has been through reverse osmosis, which is the method most bottlers use. These fuss budgets say many microscopic contaminants make it through common water filters and end up in the water you drink. And we know where that goes!

Also, when water filtering systems become clogged and neglected they can turn into breeding grounds for bacteria. If this happens, filtered water can actually become more icky than the water that flows into your house.

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

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

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

Locally, you can buy a counter top distiller that puts out four gallons a day, and costs less than $250 or you can buy an easy to install under the sink distiller that puts out 20 gallons a day and will cost you about $2,000. The under the counter gadget is fully automatic, meaning it turns itself on and off and cleans itself. You pour water out of an additional faucet at your sink. You can also hook it up to your refrigerator so you have nice tasting ice cubes.

You just have to tap into the water supply line, install an auto drain line and plug it in. It’s 21” x 13” x 15” and draws 1000 watts, runs on standard household 120 volts and requires 8.5 amps. So do it.

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the sap has antibiotic properties which was also used to kill both staphylococcus aureaus and E. coli bacteria.

The real key here is the maguey, which varies from region to region. Recipes are often a matter of family tradition. But a basic ingredient list might look something like this: aromatic chilies (like guajillo and pasilla), and herbs and spices such as thyme, marjoram, and bay leaf.

Despite the origin of its name, you are unlikely to find mixiote prepared with actual, well, mixiote. A presidential decree in the eighties outlawed most commercial use of the parchment because removing the maguey’s protective membrane can kill the plant. Most people prepare the dish using regular baking parchment.

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What’s The Deal On Morelos St?

There is a Morelos St in darn near every town in Mexico: Here’s why

BY ALEJANDRA BORBOLA

José María Morelos (1765-1815) was a Mexican parish priest who joined the forces seeking to liberate Mexico from Spanish rule. He became the greatest of the insurgent military commanders, and as a statesman he advocated far-reaching political and social reforms.

The struggle for independence began with the celebrated revolt initiated by Miguel Hidalgo, the parish priest of Dolores, on Sept. 16, 1810, now one of Mexico’s great national holidays. Although the effort achieved some initial successes, Hidalgo failed to clarify the aims of the revolt or to provide effective leadership. With his capture, trial, and execution in 1811, the movement was suppressed. By that time, however, another figure had emerged to assume leadership—José María Morelos, yes, the guy with all the streets named after him.

Morelos was born in Valladolid (now Morelia, the capital of the state of Michoacán) in 1765. A mestizo (of mixed Spanish and Indian blood), he was thus a member of the lower classes in the Spanish colonial social system. His parents were respectable though poor, and young Morelos went to work at an early age as a mule driver in southern Mexico.

In 1790 Morelos, with money he had saved and the barest rudiments of an education, enrolled at San Nicolás College in Valladolid to begin training for a career in the church. Hidalgo was rector of the college during Morelos’s two years of residence there. In 1797 he was ordained a priest and two years after that was assigned to the parish of Carácuaro, in the heart of the tierra caliente, where he remained until 1810.

Carácuaro, with its nearly 2,000 Indian parishioners, was one of the most remote and poverty-stricken curacies in all Mexico, and the work of the priest was extremely demand-
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**INGREDIENTS**

6 8 inch square pieces of parchment paper

String to tie them up in a bundle

6 pieces of protein (this is one per person, so 400 grams is a good portion should ideally be lamb, but can be chicken, beef, fish and even shrimp.)

1 cup fresh lime juice

4 garlic cloves

1/4 teaspoon dried marjoram

6 ancho chiles

6 guajillo chiles

3 1/2 cups water

1 medium onion

1 medium tomatoes

12 avocado leaves

DIRECTIONS

Salt and pepper the protein pieces and prick them in several places with a fork. Puree the orange juice, achiote paste, garlic and spices and pour this mixture from the blender into a large bowl. Place the protein in this marinade and put them aside while you make the sauce.

Put the chiles, in a saucepan with the 3 1/2 cups water and bring them to a boil. When they have reached the boiling point, turn down the heat and let them simmer, covered, for about twenty minutes. Puree them in a blender with the onion, tomato and salt to taste. Strain back into saucepan and simmer the sauce for about 10 minutes. Into each mixture or parchment square, put one avocado leaf, a piece of marinated protein, and a few spoonfuls of sauce. Tie each package with twine or string.

Put water into a large pot with a rack (or, if you have one, a tamale steamer) and place the mixiotes on the rack. Cover tightly and steam 1 1/2 - 2 hours. Check one package after the first 1 1/2 hours. To serve, place each mixiote in a soup or stew bowl. Each person unties and unwraps his own mixiote, letting the liquid flow into the bowl with the protein. Serve with sliced avocado and tortillas. The word mixiotes refers to one of the most delectable dishes within the wide spectrum of Mexican cooking, as well as the wrapping used to contain these steamed individual meat stews.

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I’ve said in the past, they usually don’t fish or only fish a day so … there just aren’t that many folks fishing this time of year.

Out of Bahía Muertos, a good snap of 20 to 50 pound wahoo showed up just off the rocks with some nice fish hitting the box, but others getting lost.

There have been small bands of schoolie-dorado as well. Nothing spectacular, but great fun action with fishing running 8- to 12-pounds with the occasional 20-pounder. A bit unusual given the cooler water temps.

Other days, there was decent action on bonito, big jack crevalle, pargo and cabrilla. A sure indicator of cooler conditions was the appearance of good bites of Sierra and their gallant defense of Cuautla, where he withstood a siege for 2 1/2 months.

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During these last three years Morelos displayed the kind of leadership and ability for which he became famous in Mexican history. He raised and trained armies, instilled discipline and morale, planned campaigns, selected his commanders, and brought under his control a vast area south of Mexico City. His most brilliant achievements were the conquest of the province of Oaxaca and his gallant defense of Cuautla where he withstood a siege for 2 1/2 months.

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Whereas Morelos was working at the conquest of southern Mexico, he was also coming up with a revolutionary political and social program and making plans for an insurgent government. In September 1813 Morelos—the “Servant of the Nation,” as he liked to call himself—called the Congress of Chilpancingo, composed of representatives of the provinces under his control, to consider a program which he outlined in a document entitled “Sentiments of the Nation.”

In it, Morelos called for the independence of Mexico and for the abolition of all class distinctions, such as the distinction of Indian, mulatto, and mestizo, in favor of the designation “American” for all native-born persons. Sovereignty, he declared, was vested in the people and should be exercised by a representative congress. He also recommended sending the people to be educated in republican institutions, a strong executive authority, respect for property, voluntary church contributions, and the abolition of slavery, torture, and the tribute.

The cornerstone of a Mexican nation had been laid at Chilpancingo, but the completion of the structure would require military victories during 1814. Such, however, was not to be; Morelos’s congress, other than deciding the form of the government, did little.

A succession of military disasters beginning at Valladolid late in 1813 brought a decline in Morelos’s prestige and power, and the congress became an inept, body relentlessly pursued by the Viceroy’s forces. In an attempt to salvage something from a dying cause, the congress completed a constitution at Apatzingán in October 1814 which featured a weak executive and a powerful legislature. Morelos voiced his disapproval of the document but conceded that it was the best that could be under the circumstances. His authority by this time was reduced to protecting the new insurgent congress, which had been installed in accordance with the constitution; and when, in November 1815, Morelos attempted to escort that body to a location near the east coast of Mexico, he was captured and brought to Mexico City in chains.

Morelos stood trial before three separate tribunals. A joint civil-ecclesiastical tribunal sentenced him to be defrocked from the priesthood for heresy; the Inquisition, in a contemptuous and hasty act, and a civil court sentenced him to be executed for treason. On Dec. 22, 1815, at the village of San Cristóbal Ecatépec, a short distance from Mexico City, the sentence was carried out.

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