It's Carnival Time!
Maybe for the last time

BY JORGE RUIZ-ESPARZA

La Paz is pretty famous for their carnival festivities. This year's carnival committee, backed by municipal authorities, has now officially released the new logo and theme, confirming the dates. The theme will be “Grandes Navegantes” or Great Navigators, which is paying respect to all sailors, and certainly boosting the city's sailing image marked by the vast array of sailboats in the bay of La Paz and the city's five marinas.

The committee is headed by Rubén Muñoz, mayor of the city. Muñoz has also confirmed that this year’s carnival will need to be self-supporting, in light of the city's massive debts passed down from the last administration. And the administration before that. The committee has announced this year's carnival will cost $600,000 to $700,000 USD. Much of that cost is the entertainment provided. It's hard to charge the attendees, since it's an open venue that anybody can stroll into. The director of the Municipal Institute of Culture, Rolando Placier, was present during the unveiling of this year’s logo and made use of the occasion to announce that local groups and artists will kick-start the carnival, following artists from other parts of the country.

Martínez has also announced that this year will very likely be the last year the carnival will be held on the Malecon. The recent remodeling of the seafront walk reduced the size of the street, making it difficult to fit in all the carney rides, food stands, and

Fuel Theft Brings Much Of The Country To A Standstill

Long lines form at stations while amateurs tap pipelines

BY BILL LONEY

Over on the mainland, where gasoline is delivered through underground pipes, there are gas shortages at the pump because the pipelines are being tapped and siphoned illegally. By the time the gas gets to its destination, it's down to a trickle.

Thieves have taken so much fuel that the President of the Republic has closed the pipelines and tanker trucks guarded by federal police and soldiers are

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Police in some mainland cities don't have enough fuel to run their vehicles, so they're being creative by using bikes, horses, and even walking their beat.
Crack Down On Cell Phones. Around here we breathe through stop signs, we speed on the fourlane where they don’t even bother posting speed limits, and when there’s a lane closure, the rush to be the last to merge is not a pretty sight. Many cars even drive up the dirt shoulder in their rush to pass more timid drivers. But don’t be caught using your phone, because the police have announced a crackdown. Don’t scoff, you scofflaws, this could get as serious as the crackdown on parking in handicap spaces. That got really serious, with fines as high as $400 US. They are not announcing the fines for phone use, but they’re plotting something big.

Cabo Riviera Shut Down. In a provisional way. Cabo Riviera is the ambitious Gringo enclave that’s been through several developers over the last dozen years it’s been under construction. Canals have been dredged in an effort to create boat moorings right in front of the homesites that are for sale. It’s an ambitious project. But it’s been inflected with inept and underfunded management from the beginning. Now the desert hugging Defense, Water and Wildlife Baja California Sur has managed to close it down amid charges of water hugging. They’re pointing out that locals are now only getting water to their taps about half the time and it’s all the fault of this new development. The charge is providing opaque environmental processes, the spokesman of the association, Felipe Padilla, said they are bringing to trial the officials that have authorized the project without the corresponding necessary studies.

If you’re confused, where this is, it’s the development that has gone through many changes of leadership and direction and has now changed their name to Costa Palmas. Whatever they’re calling themselves, they’re now shut down in a provisional way. Until some money changes hands, no doubt.

Feds pitch us $5 Victor Castro, representative of the federal government in our Southern Baja state, announced that over $1 million will be sent to us from the feds, for use in programs such as high school scholarships for teens from low income families, pensions for the elderly, and infrastructure patch up. The amount is twice what we got from the feds last year.

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The area to be remodeled starts at Salvatierra street, where Las Gaviotas hotel is, and goes all the way towards Pichilingue to the end of the Malecon. The works include a remodeling of El Molinito park that will include a fountain, shady areas and the rehab of the open-air gym. Perfect, just in time to disrupt the Carnival next month.

More investment means more growth.

The Los Cabos International airport closed last year with a record of 5.2 million tourists, 70% of which were international pilgrims. GAP, the group that manages our precious airport, has invested nearly $70 million in improvements in the last five years and will add nearly $14 million more this year in the modernization and expansion of the international terminal. (Terminal 2).

This winter GAP will welcome the first direct flight from London and is financially supporting the promotion of our tourist destination in South America and cities on Mexico’s mainland.

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Ecological Patrol Attacked By Fishermen
Navy under orders not to fire back

BY ANNA SASSIN

The crew of one of 12 vessels operated by Sea Shepherd fell under attack by poachers inside the Vaquita Refuge in the northern part of the Sea of Cortez. Sea Shepherd is an international conservation society dedicated to saving marine wildlife. Their mission is to end the destruction of habitat and slaughter of wildlife in the world’s oceans.

Dozens of angry fishermen in pangas raced alongside the Sea Shepherd ship Farley Mowat, hurling objects and attempting to foul the ship’s propellers with their illegal nets.

Sea Shepherd for months has been patrolling, removing the gillnets set by fishermen catching totoaba. Totoaba bladders are sold on the black market in China for up to $10,000 per bladder.

Nets used to catch totoaba are a threat to critically endangered vaquita porpoises, and Mexico has banned gillnet fishing but poachers in front of the moving Sea Shepherd vessel in an attempt to foul the ship’s propellers. Five angry poachers boarded the Farley Mowat and looted multiple objects from the vessel’s deck while it was temporarily immobilized.”

Sea Shepherd crew used fire hoses to keep poachers from entering the ship, while calls for assistance were made. Navy sailors stationed on the ship were under orders not to fire on the fishermen.

The fishermen began to disperse as a Navy helicopter arrived overhead. As the Farley Mowat got underway after its propellers were cleared of netting, the vessel was met by a Navy ship and the situation was brought under control. It was not clear if any arrests were made or if anyone was injured. Stated Sea Shepherd founder Paul Watson: “Sea Shepherd will not be deterred by violence. Our mission is to prevent the extinction of the vaquita porpoise and we will continue to seize the nets of poachers in the Vaquita Refuge. Sea Shepherd salutes the quick responsiveness of the Mexican Navy in defusing a dangerous situation.”

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But the fuel shortage in places on the mainland is a crisis. It’s been going on a couple of weeks, so delivery of critical goods have not been made and store shelves are becoming empty. People are not getting basic needs like food and diapers, and are suffering the collapse of public transportation. Mobile police protection is impacted as police can’t get fuel for their vehicles and many officers are turning to patrolling on foot, horse, and bicycle.

And from the other side, we have a no apology narrative of how and why the fuel thieves have grown this activity into a career. First, the how.

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Shooting. Despite campaigns and laws against shooting up New Year’s revelers continue the tradition of firing guns at the stroke of midnight. And if you don’t have a gun, police in Sinaloa will lend you one, which proved fatal for a seven-year-old girl in Oaxaca after she was struck by a stray New Year’s bullet. The little girl and her family were seated outdoors and preparing to enjoy a New Year’s Eve dinner when she appeared to faint.

At about the same time that Vivian was hit, two local police officers loaned an automatic rifle to a New Year’s reveler so he could join the fun and fire shots into the air. The two are under investigation after a video of the incident surfaced. After the video appeared they were relieved of their weapons and put under investigation. Don’t expect more than a slap on the wrist.

General Motors has retaken the title of No. 1 auto maker in Mexico after an eight-year hiatus inflicted by Nissan.

The United States manufacturer made more than 801,000 light vehicles in Mexico to the end of November last year, a 9% increase. It was also the top auto exporter from Mexico, with over 775,000 of its new vehicles shipped out of the country. Japanese auto maker Nissan, which was Mexico’s largest between 2011 and 2017, made 717,100 vehicles in the first 11 months of 2018, a 9% decline on the previous year.

GM on a roll. The numbers are a reflection of GM’s renewed manufacturing focus in Mexico and the difficulties faced by Nissan due to a contraction of the Mexican auto market. By increasing its production capacity in Mexico in the past two years, GM thumbed its nose at President Donald Trump. To add to Trump’s consternation, GM announced it plans to manufacture new models in Mexico including the Chevrolet Equinox SUV, the GMC Terrain and the Chevrolet Blazer.

The new trade agreement last year between Mexico, the United States and Canada will bring changes to the North American auto sector and push up manufacturing costs in Mexico but GM and other U.S. manufacturers are well prepared. Among the changes agreed to in the new pact, known as USMCA, are an increase to regional content levels to 75% from 62.5% in order for a car to be given tariff-free status and a requirement for 40% of content to come from high-wage areas where workers earn at least US $16 per hour.

The trade agreement, which will may or may not pass congress, will replace the 25-year-old NAFTA at the start of 2020. Or not. That $16 wage is about as likely to happen as Mexico paying for the wall, but by the if Trump is still president, he won’t be paying attention to the art in this deal.

Gas grief. The same night President López Obrador reported the pipeline that runs from Tuxpan to Azcapotzalco was fixed, it was breached again. “It was working and at 11 o’clock at night it was broken again and it is being repaired again, I am informed that in an hour the supply will be re-established. As I have said, let’s see who gets tired of this bullshit first”, OK, so he didn’t say bullshit. If you want a word for word quote, you can learn Spanish and listen to him yourself, he gives press conference every morning at 7 am, which is carried live on Youtube.

This week, pipeline was vandalized for three consecutive days. Security will be reinforced along the main pipelines of Pemex and President AMLO announced CONTINUED ON PAGE 12
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Mag Bay And The Secret Submarines

Intriguing stories of American meddling

BY EDGAR GONZALEZ

Isla Magdalena, (isla means island), is a strip of land 30 miles long that protects Magdalena Bay from the Pacific Ocean’s harsh currents, allowing perfect conditions for a very rich ecosystem that has made this a fisherman’s dream. It actually is one of the most productive fishing regions in Mexico, but is so far from an international airport, it isn’t exploited very much.

This island has an interesting history that has nothing to do with fishing or whales, and more to do with international intrigue, war ships and submarines.

It all goes back to 1910 when two administrative grants that were given to the United States in Magdalena Bay expired. These were annual permits for shooting practice and the administration of a coal refueling station for the American Navy. Just a few days after this treaty was due to expire, two Japanese warships arrived at Manzanillo, a sea port on the Pacific side, south of Puerto Vallarta. The warm welcome the Mexicans gave these ships was taken as an offense by the Americans and a barrage of rumors about a secret treaty between Japan and Mexico spread. Speculation had it that Mexico would make a treaty to allow the Japs to establish a base in Magdalena Bay and take some railroad permits too, in exchange for military aid.

The geographic importance of the bay from an American dominance point of view was a big deal, since this treaty would endanger the Panama route and would welcome an enemy country’s military base very close to home. Also the formidable characteristics of the bay, like having a depth of 60 to 130 feet, allows big ships to enter and roam close to the coastline. Magdalena and Margarita Islands gives it natural protection, making it easy to defend.

The bad news rumors did not stop there. There was also a story about Japan sending 50,000 of their own to colonize Baja California so that in case of war they could easily invade the United States through the border. Eventually cooler heads prevailed and through diplomacy the waters calmed down. But a few years later another Japanese commercial courting to Mexico gave the American government more chills, and a new excuse to restart, this time without permits, target practices and sea trials in Magdalena Bay, lasting all through the 1930s.

There is another story about an American war submarine lying in the bottom of Magdalena Bay. A document found in the historical archive of Baja California, in the war section number 503 volume 751, mentions that an American ship ran aground on Isla Margarita and outlines the failed attempts at rescuing it.

This document says that in March 17 of 1920 in a place called “Cortes” about 15 miles south of Punta Redonda, on the outer side of the island, a US submarine got stuck, the number of it is not mentioned...

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Topes Could Be Smarter Than You

The worst part of driving in Mexico is slowly going high tech, bringing traffic control into the 21st century.

An "intelligent" speed bump is being installed for a trial run over the mainland. Used to be the tope was just a lump of concrete on the roadway that either slows you down or destroys your vehicle's suspension if you don't spot it in time. Otherwise known as a sleeping policeman, topes are getting new respect.

The new, dynamic tope is equipped with a system that allows it to detect the speed of an oncoming vehicle. Those travelling under the 25 mph will pass freely without having to slow for a speed bump, but motorists exceeding the limit will be forced to slow down when the speed bump rises from the surface of the road.

The tope can also be raised during opening and closing times at a nearby schools, and pedestrians will be able to control it with the press of a button to allow them to cross the road in safely.

This is called a speed bump, a tope, and even a sleeping policeman, but this particular one is called smart, because it moves in response to need.

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concert stage. The parade will remain on the street fronting the Malecon, even though the rest of the festivities will hit the road.

The VIP zones for the concerts and musical expositions will now be eliminated, giving early birds a chance to grab a front-row seat.

As always, there will be a coronation for the king and queen of the festivity, comedy acts, musical performances, dances, games and everything else you would expect for a carnival. At this moment the parade floats from last year have been brought out, and dusted off, and are being repainted for the big event. You can expect to see different thematic floats and costumes for the dolled-up entertainers to ride on. There will be an immense crowd of hearty partyers, drinkers, and general all around mayhem that some locals dread.

The festivities will begin on the 28th of February and will last up until March 5th, so go if you have a chance, with the upcoming changes there might not be another carnival like this one!
Quite Possibly Your Last Shot At Learning Spanish

If you can’t learn from this, we give up on you

BY MAX POWER

Today we have a fool proof way of learning a whole bunch of words. Cognates!

When you’re learning a new language, a cognate is an easy word to remember because it looks and means the same thing as a word you already know in English. For example, adventure in English means the same as aventura in Spanish. You can get close enough to that, can’t you?

Below you will find a table of common cognates in English and Spanish and how to pronounce them into a sentence and sound easy words so you can work with them into a sentence and sound close enough to that, can’t you?

Once: This is not something happening one time, for that thing entirely different.

Beware of fake cognates! A fake cognate is a Spanish word resembling one of these tricky words into break one syllable into two.

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Chest thumping. Ramon Ojeda, director of Oomsapas, the Los Cabos water utility, stated last week that due to continuous efforts to contain water leaks, fixing water pumps and wells, plus improving maintenance at the Cabo San Lucas desalination plant, the agency is now pumping 13% more water to businesses and residents. It’s still way below what’s needed, however.

It’s baaaack! Remember the old Hotel Marbella hotel on the fourlane between Cabo and San Jose? It’s at about km 17. In the summer of 2014 it took such a hit by hurricane Odile that we thought it would never rise back up again. But it’s still with us, has undergone extensive repairs, has undergone extensive repairs, and it’s lookin’ good.

Las Velas resorts group acquired it and remedied it and it now looks better than ever and with a new name, Mar del Cabo, It is Velas’ Group sixth property in Mexico, their second in Cabo, and the first on the European Plan, meaning, it’s not an all-inclusive resort.

It features 46 suites, 2 penthouses and a new restaurant named Encanto. Do we have to translate that, Bunky? The restaurant is following Baja’s food trend, using mostly Baja ingredients in a fusion with Mediterranean cuisine. Did I sound like a food snob? Yup, guilty.

More water to us! The state government is looking for federal funding to build another reservoir. Right now most of our rain rolls right into the ocean. Sure the new resorts are all required to build and use desalination, but all the employees hired by those hotels need water in their homes. The state is in talks with Conagua, Mexico’s federal water commission, to get tech and funding. Light up a candle, we’re growing so fast that we might end up dry soon.

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A Day On The East Cape
It gets easier as more of it gets paved

BY GEORGE JOBB

The weather has cooled down nicely and it was time to take the motorcycle for a spin along the East Cape. I headed over the bridge past the estuary and out of San Jose towards La Playa and the new marina. Make a left at the first roundabout at the foot of the bridge, and then continue on the paved road that runs for less than half a mile, then you have a choice of making

sunbathing on the beach. There’s usually quite a bit of domesticated free range wildlife. With the moist fall we’ve had, along with the late summer rains, there’s lots of vegetation so the goats, cows and horses are looking pretty healthy.

I came along a herd of goats, at least 40 of them, about halfway to shipwreck. I stopped the motorcycle and the herd split, with

You can make your way up the scenic coastline and then zoom down the paved road

a right to the marina or a left. The left will take you out to the East Cape. The road is nicely paved finally, and fairly scenic, running for about 25 minutes and then cutting back towards the ocean and then turning into a gravel, dirt and sandy beach road.

The scenery is always great and the road can be driven easily by even a two wheel drive. There’s quite a few river beds to stop at and you can spend a day fishing off the shore or just

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which took me up to Cabo Pulmo. I did a drive-through of the tiny town with a year round population of 28, and it was nice to see the divers loading up gear for a day of scuba diving.

Sadilly, there is a lot more barbed wire on the East Cape than there ever used to be, and you can chalk that up to the Mexican squatter laws. With all the development, and the paved roads, and electricity wires going up, the land has become more valuable. If you don’t have your property fenced off, you just might lose it to Squatters. There are a number of watch men hanging out in broken down old trailers who don’t even know who they’re working for: Squatters squatting and chalking up their time before it becomes theirs, or owners trying to keep squatters away. They’re given a cell phone and told to cal if anyone comes sniffing around.

Continuing on my way, with in about 15 minutes I was driving through La Rebiera, then back out onto the paved highway for the quick trip back to San Jose.

This trip is well worth the drive. Make sure you don’t tell the people you rent the car from that you went off the paved road and remember to take water. If someone has stopped, don’t hesitate to say hello and make sure they’re OK. Usually they are out for the same adventure.

Clear waters, breaking waves, and mostly undisturbred natural desert beauty. In 10 more minutes I was at the Hotel Vidasoul by Shipwreck. It’s very nice, but we liked it when it was nothing but a lean-to and called The Crossroads Country Club. People would see it on the map and drive out thinking it was, well, a country club. They had wifi way out there and the best shrimp sandwiches in Mexico. It’s often windy there and their dog would somehow know he had potato chips in danger of blowing off the table and he would stake out that table. He was a wise old dog. Nowadays it’s a modern restaurant and very nice modern hotel, often with live music. It’s a great weekend retreat.

It was still fairly early when I got there, maybe 9 a.m. when I pulled in the parking lot. They had just raked it and the sand was a little soft. My front wheel dug in and I just about dumped the bike, I ended up honking the horn but kept it upright. One of the waiters was watching while sweeping the front steps and he smiled and asked if I was okay. I had a coffee and an omelette, smiled and asked if I was okay. It looked like an old fashioned country club. They had wifi way out there and the best shrimp sandwiches in Mexico. It’s often windy there and their dog would somehow know he had potato chips in danger of blowing off the table and he would stake out that table. He was a wise old dog. Nowadays it’s a modern restaurant and very nice modern hotel, often with live music. It’s a great weekend retreat.

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about two-thirds of them to the left up along the hill beside the road. The other third just stared and bleated at me. This went on for a minute or two before I could get the camera out, and it looked like an old fashioned standoff. There were two or three adults keeping an eye on things and the rest were kids. They gave me time to take a few pictures and then headed away, bleating at me the whole time. The scenery is always great.

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"First you solder on a nipple... then you put on a carbon steel valve and a clamp..." he explained. Once the pipe has been pierced, the fuel shoots up into the air, Alberto said. "... we immediately have to connect a hose to start to fill the tanks." The pipeline picador, who has 10 years’ experience in Puebla, Veracruz and Tamaulipas, said he has never received any instructions or assistance from employees of the state oil company, PEMEX. "They have nothing to do with it, one just learns how to do it," he said, adding that the method he uses to tap pipelines is safer and faster than the method they used 15 years ago.

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in the document but it says that eight of its crew members died, two were declared missing in action, and nine survived. It is mentioned too that a destroyer ship tried to drag it into deeper waters but the maneuver failed and the ship sunk into the bay forever.

For many years this was considered a legend but the Mexican national anthropology and history institute finally investigated it and, with a team of experts, went out to snap the first pictures of the legendary sunken ship. This images were published in the magazine, “Mexico desconocido”. Unknown Mexico.

There is also information there about American Germany trying to buy Magdalena Bay just before WW1. Supposedly they were to propose to Mexico an alliance against the United States. Japan attack the United States, him to persuade him to help in recon-queering New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. There is no proof of this alliance ever being consummated, let alone carried out.

Then there is an interview with the famous Pancho Villa: He talks about how a captain of a Japanese warship came to see him to persuade him to help Japan attack the United States, at which Villa responded the Americans were our friends and in case of war and if Villa got the power he sought, Mexico would help the USA against any enemy.

And lastly we have the story of a Japanese secret submarine base in Mag Bay in world war 11. Max Arthur, author of, ‘Land Where Time Stands Still’, men-

What did you expect, to see a submarine? No! They’re right here, but you don’t see them. That’s the whole point of a submarine. Trust us, it’s there.

tions having seen a Japanese submarine in the bay in 1941 from a hill. Later in La Paz when he mentioned this, he was told by the locals that the submarines were hiding in the bay and were submerged during the day. Also around this time a Texas ranger named Rufus Van Zandt (1895-1981) said he and a pack of Yaqui Indians attacked one of these submarines at a secret refueling station, killed some of the crew, and scuttled the ship. It seems that Van Zandt was not really a hunter as he claimed to be, but an undercover operative of the American intelligence services lucking in the area to do his part for the ongoing war. There is evidence that the ship might not have sunk as previously thought, but survived and made it to another secret base in Chiapas in the southwestern Mexican Pacific coast.

So besides fishing and whale watching in Mag Bay, there are some 007 stories to entertain your friends on your four hour car trip north. Some may have various degrees of truth, but they’re all intriguing.

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Amazing Local

Overcomes Adversity

Body builder injured in horrible fall

BY BROOKE GODIN

Carmen Centeno is a Mexican bodybuilder living in San Jose. Her story is unique on so many levels of the human condition, one being her continued bravery as a professional bodybuilder in a male dominated Mexican field.

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In 1995 and almost 19 years of age she was dancing in a performance when the unthinkable happened, and as she puts it, "In one second my entire life changed." During a move she had practiced thousands of times and had perfected, she fell and hit the stage, not in any ordinary way, but in a way that would end her dancing career. She fell hard, and she broke her knee and her leg and some fingers, and more severely crushed her lumbar and damaged her neck. She became wheelchair bound and was told she may never walk again. The hard impact of the floor also left her with a brain injury which affects her vision and hearing to this day.

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Father did not approve of her husband. They said, "He is not a good man, he is a macho man. You do not have our support as long as you are still married to him." As she explained his behavior, "My father also was a macho man, and I now understand he was rude and hard with me because he was trying to protect me in that moment. I was his little princess." Alone in her small room with no money, no job and no support from her often abusive husband yug and pilates." So in her small square room, alone, she pulled herself up every day and made herself exercise.

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Mexico Inches Toward Legalization Of Drugs

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

After Canada passed their Cannabis Act, (Bill C-45) on June 2019, the consumption and use of marijuana became legal nationwide, both for medicinal reasons and recreational. In the good ol’ US of A, there are currently 10 states where the purchase and use of marijuana is legal, which are Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont Washing- ton and Washington, DC.

The situation in Mexico has also been changing when it comes to marijuana and other cannabis items, such as edibles and oils. On January 3, the government of Mexico announced that marijuana-based products will reach the Mexican market this year, with the first batch of marijuana laced gummy bears arriving on shelves by the end of this month. CBD, or cannabidiol, is one of at least 113 identified cannabinoids found in hemp plants, accounting for up to 40% of the plant’s once controversial extract. The company, CBD Life, will import the product from the United States and sell a pack for about $12.50, a price that is far cheaper than in the U.S., where it sells for $50.

CBD Life Chief Operating Officer and founder Janko Ruiz de Chávez recently explained that the CBD gummies, sold in fruit and berry flavors, will allow the Mexican public to get to know the benefits of CBD in a safe and chewy way. The product, he said, “is a pleasant way to know the ingredient, and it is oriented toward non fatal and small ailments like anxiety, stress, pain, depression, and imbalances of the nervous system.”

One of 10 Mexican firms approved by the Federal Commission for Protection Against Health Risks (COFEPRIS) to import cannabis-based products, CBD Life also intends to sell Mariguanol, a CBD-based ointment. The Mexico City-based firm currently has a portfolio of 21 products that it will sell in the San Pablo, Ahorro, Yza and Guadalajara drug stores Nutrisa, and online at Amazon México.

With time, the Marijuana-based gummies will eventually reach the Baja California market and find their way into Cabo San Lucas pharmacies. For hundreds of elderly folks in the Los Cabos-Todos Santos-Lap Paz area, who purchase and depend on underground homemade edibles like brownies, cookies and fudge, these new developments are welcome news. “I can’t smoke weed or even inhale from marijuana-oil vapes,” said Susan V., a former Los Angeles Community College District employee who requested her full name not be used, “and am solely dependent on edibles, to ease the nausea and headaches I suffer from.”

Since 2006, Mexico has been mired in a military-led battle against drug gangs, which have now splintered into smaller groups that fight for trafficking routes and territory to sell drugs. Homicides hit a record high in 2017, so it is hoped legalizing drugs will fix this. People are hopeful and still awaiting news from new Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (AMLO) who pledged during his campaign to seriously consider the legalization of all drugs in Mexico, as a means to end the cycle of war on drug violence. In October, 2018, Obrador said, “There should be a comprehensive approach to the terrible problem of insecurity and vio- lence.”

The president has held town-hall reviews on violence and discussed potential amnesty for non-violent drug traffickers and farmers. Members of his team have previously said Mexico would evaluate creating legal markets for marijuana as well as opium and it would appear the CBD gummies are a clear step in that direction.
Are We In A Seller’s Market? Could be

By Heather Borquez

In my opinion and in the opinion of many of my colleagues, La Paz is in the beginning of a mini boom, perhaps even a bit of a seller’s market. Tourism is up, numbers are up, inventory of properties is down and many more people are looking for properties. Homes are selling! I am not talking about the mega boom places such as Vancouver experienced, but rather a much stronger market than we have seen in La Paz for quite some time. It is clear La Paz has been discovered.

Recent articles in Forbes and Entrepreneur magazines have been touting the charms of La Paz so if we weren’t discovered before, we surely will be now. And all of that is good for business.

Forbes says to “forget about Tulum and Cancun and to come to Baja and in particular to La Paz, the little gem that sits on the Sea of Cortes side of the peninsula….because this is a place that has been drawing people who are in the know for years because La Paz is a place for travelers, not tourists”. Of course, we who are already in the know, have known that for years but it is still nice to hear it confirmed.

Entrepreneur magazine recently stated that La Paz, BCS was one of the best places in Latin America to start a business. Being a capital city and in a place where all kinds of services are needed, especially in the tourism industry, gives entrepreneurs a real chance at success. Overall economic growth in the State of BCS was 17% in 2017 and 18% in 2018, all of which bodes well for the state and its population. So how has this affected the real estate market?

It is a little hard to be finite with our numbers, as many sales take place outside of the MLS system and its data. But if we look just at MLS data we see the following positive trends in our market:

- Average house prices have climbed from $114,000 in 2017 to $149,000 in 2018.
- Absorption rate has changed from 30 months in 2017 (to absorb all the available inventory) to 23 months in 2018.
- Median sale price went from 134,000 USD in 2017 to 158,000 USD in 2018 (a 17.9% increase)
- Number of sales are up too, and inventory is down. In 2017 we had 131 sales, while in 2018 we have had 171.
- So while we aren’t in a boom market, we are certainly going strong, and if people want to list their properties, now would be a good time to do it.

Heather has been in the real estate business all her life as an investor and landlord. She qualified and was licensed as Realtor in Canada mostly in Africa and Latin America, from Canadian Lung Association as CEO in 2009 but didn’t practice at that time. She was with the UN, Plan International and Care Canada in 2009 but didn’t practice at that time. She was with the

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Tips For Staging Your Home
It can mean big bucks for you

BY ANITA HOM

Dress up your yard. First impressions count, and the first one your home gives comes from the exterior. Mow the lawn, clean up shrubbery, clean the walkway and driveway, plant in-season flowers, and pull up any unsightly weeds. Reduce personal items. Make it easier for buyers to imagine themselves making your house their home by removing personal photos and knick-knacks from shelves, walls, and counters. Instead replace them with clean, simple décor such as abstract paintings, nature images, vases, plants, and more.

Organize your storage areas. Storage is a huge selling point. Tidy up and clear out the accessible closets and cupboards in the home and make sure to point them out during an open house or showing. Appeal to the senses. Consider ways you can appeal to potential homebuyers’ other senses. During a viewing or open house, bake some fresh cookies or burn delicious smelling candles and play light, relaxing music in the background.

Consider turning to an expert. With knowledge of current trends and great eyes for design, professionally certified stagers can transform a home in a variety of ways and have a keen sense of what homebuyers want and expect in a home. Investing in hiring a pro can pay off in huge dividends.

Home Inspection Pitfalls

The most common problems identified on a home inspection checklist include:

- **Faulty Wiring:** without wire nuts, open junction boxes.
- **Faulty Plumbing:** water pressure, water stains on ceilings.
- **Poor Drainage:** areas in the yard, leaks in basement.
- **Bad Gutters:** gutters, basement dampness.
- **Foundation Flaws:** Small cracks, sticking doors and windows.
- **Poor Maintenance:** Chipped paint, worn shingles, cracked driveway.

All of these problems can be easily fixed with the right contractor, and shouldn’t be deal breakers. However, if any of the following problems are flagged in the report, you might want to have second or third thoughts:

- **The Roof Needs Replacing:** The average cost of a roof replacement is $7,000.
- **The House Is In a Flood Zone:** Use FEMA’s flood maps determine if the home is at risk.
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**Michael Aviani**

**Agent Profile**

Michael Aviani first came to Los Cabos in August of 1985 and then made more than 35 visits before selling his house in Capistrano Beach, California and moving to San Jose in October 1991. Since then he formed Los Cabos Real Estate in 1992, A Mexican corporation based in Los Cabos and his sister affiliate company Los Cabos Vacation Rentals, formed in 1998, which is based in California. Los Cabos Real Estate was one of the founding members of the Los Cabos MLS in 1993 and is also a member of AMPI Los Cabos. Mike became a Mexican citizen in October 2005 and holds dual citizenship with Mexico and the United States. Mike is bilingual and has been buying and selling Los Cabos real estate in Mexico since 1987. This real estate professional is now entering his 43rd decade of living in Los Cabos.

His fiancée Karla Barrera was born in La Paz, also has dual nationality with Mexico and the US, and specializes in international law. She runs the Vacation Rentals part of the business.

Both have completed the ABR (Accredited Buyers Representative) class through NAR, the National Association of Realtors, and both passed this as well as the CNE (Certified Negotiation Expert) class.


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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 Ig duplex w/pool, private compound, Cabo Corridor $675,000
7. Casa Miraflores Pedregal - Home with pool, views and extra lot inc. $689,000
8. Casa Shadrer - 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 Kenoels - 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 ig 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 10,000 m2- amazing ocean views.
7. Elías 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 - Buena Vista - 1,841 m2 located on the pristine Buena Vista 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 enviros 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. Elías Calles - Ponchos 29 hectares, adjacent to waterfalls, easy access, 5 minutes of off the highway. Incredible views $590,000
5. Just now released - pre construction prices!
6. Cerritos Surf Residences - Cerritos Beach brand new 2 bd, 2 bth condos, fully amenities, simply elegant interiors. Starting at $239,000. Hurry, going fast!

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Cabo San Lucas, Inside Tesoro Resort, Street Side

El Pescadero, KM 63, On The Road To Todos Santos

La Ventana, East Cape, Corredor Isla Cerralvo
Try Before You Buy

But you better have the bucks, and there will be a test

Source: Snell Real Estate

Potential buyers pay $6,900 per night to stay in residences they might purchase at a Rosewood hotel here in Los Cabos.

“Try before you buy” was once a persuasion tactic employed almost universally by down-market timeshare agents. Now, in a second-home market awash in inventory, developers are using it to induce buyers. Tina Necrason, vice president for residential homes at the hotel management company Montage International, has worked in timeshare, fractional ownership, “and every sort of second-home venture imaginable,” she says.

Necrason says that before the housing bubble burst, affluent families would buy mountaintop homes site-unseen because there wasn’t a lot out there. “But now wealthy people are starting to think of these resort properties as long-term investments for their families. Even the kids have a say,” she says. “They have lots of choices available around the world, and they can take their time in making a final decision.”

At the Montage Kapalua development in Maui, where homes go for $1 million to $20 million, Necrason’s team will arrange four-night stays that range from $500 to $2,000 per night and might include cultural heritage tours, haus, private dinners, and spa treatments. She estimates that more than half of those who come for a trial stay become buyers. “For this crowd, time is precious,” Necrason says. “We feel that if they can make this commitment of time, they are serious about buying.”

Because all these developments target high-net-worth individuals, sales teams often charge hefty fees to ensure prospects are legitimate. “If you don’t charge anything and you don’t vet, you get what we call ‘speeders’—since they speed right past the sales gallery,” says Greg Spencer, chief executive officer of Timbers Resorts, a developer and operator of residence clubs around the globe. His company launched a “guest visit” program in November at Timbers’ Kauai Island, where guests can stay for $1,200 a night.

Similarly, the Ventanas al Paraíso here in Los Cabos, implemented a “try before you buy” program for its villas a year ago. “We always say that seeing is believing,” says Frederic Vidal, the hotel’s managing director. “And with so many other beautiful private residences available for purchase around the world, having buyers stay can show them how we are different.”

Vidal doesn’t extend a special rate; guests pay at least $6,900 per night (but breakfast is included), typically staying for three nights. The bill, which can include spa treatments and dog-walking services, is deducted from the sale price. (Engel & Völkers Snell Real Estate handles the logistics.)

Seven homes, ranging in price from $2.7 million to more than $7 million, have sold through this “test-drive” program. “People who have stayed tell me that they’ve never seen this type of service for that price. It’s a good value and a good investment,” Vidal says. “The concept is basic, but it works.”

Bad Homeowner Habits To Break

Adding value to your house, if you can manage these

BY ANITA HOM

Damaging doors. Slamming your doors can have a huge impact in the long run as it can slowly pull your doors out of alignment and potentially create gaps and cracks near your exterior doors, letting air seep in and boosting your utility bill.

Harmful humidity. Showers lasting over 10 or 12 minutes at high water temperatures can increase chance of mildew and mold growing in your bathroom. Over time, this can cause the paint on your ceiling to bubble and peel from condensation.

Abusing appliances. Clean the lint tray in your dryer after every use, run the oven cleaning cycle at least once a month, and try to wipe down your stovetop and microwave regularly to avoid grease and residue build up.

Soiling surfaces. After eating a meal, applying makeup, or working and playing outdoors, try to wash your hands before touching walls, cabinets, and doors Plus, make it a house rule to remove shoes at the door to avoid tracking dirt onto carpets and rugs.

Punishing pipes. Regularly clean hair out of your sink and shower drains and avoid flushing cleaning wipes, paper towels, or feminine products down the toilet.

These are easy to do once you pick up the habit, and can pay off big time.
“They’re very close, well, we run.” Each pipeline tap, which Alberto can complete in just half an hour, yields enough fuel to fill two 30,000-liter tanker trucks. This expert driller, who works with different gangs of fuel thieves, charges 5,000 pesos (US $260) for each load they transport, Alberto said.

Fuel from San Martin Texmelucan, which is located about 40 kilometers northwest of Puebla city, sells for 10 pesos a liter. At legitimate stations here, we pay about 19 pesos per liter.

Three pesos goes to the owner of the land where the pipeline was perforated, three pesos goes to security expenses, and the remaining four pesos is profit for the thieves themselves. Part of the security cost is men roving on motorcycles to alert criminal gangs of the whereabouts of authorities. A large portion of the population of Texmelucan is involved in the illicit fuel trade in one way or another. If the owners of land where pipelines are located refuse to grant access to fuel thieves, they are routinely threatened. Some land owners who have declined to cooperate have seen their properties set alight while others have been killed. At other times authorities have arrived to arrest thieves as they’re sucking out the fuel, only to have to deal with women and children thrust out in front of the confrontation. Most of these are not forced, people in these towns are complicit in the fuel thievery.

Fuel theft is estimated to have cost Mexico $5 billion at today’s exchange rate during former president Enrique Pena Nieto’s six-year term. Our current president has drawn a red line with this illegal activity, willing to put his followers through some pain to stop it. But combating the crime is one of the biggest challenges faced by the new federal government. Gangs involved in fuel-theft often clash with authorities and each other, causing the homicide rate in some parts of the country, such as Guanajuato, to surge. People are dying over a liter of gas.

Countering the statement from the President that we have no shortage of fuel, that it’s only logistics, is the Wall Street Journal’s report that Mexico imported 45% less gasoline from the US in the first 10 days of January compared to last year. But the period in which they were cut back partially coincides with the fuel shortage the government has explained is the result of López Obrador’s decision to close several major petroleum pipelines as part of the strategy to combat fuel theft.

A report published by The Wall Street Journal cited data from Houston and New York-based ClipperData which shows that under the new government, seaborne gasoline imports from the United States’ Gulf Coast have averaged a 28% decline on the quantity of U.S. gasoline imported in December 2017 and January 2018 when former president Enrique Pena Nieto was in office, according to ClipperData.

However, our ports are stuffed with gasoline, and can take no more. The tanker trucks simply can not distribute it as fast as pushing it through underground pipes.

There are other factors that appear to be contributing to the prolonged fuel shortage. The Wall Street Journal claims the shortages have laid bare the inefficiencies of Mexico’s refineries. According to Penex figures, the nation’s six refineries operated at a daily capacity of 46.1% last year through November. Monserrat Ramiro, a commissioner on Mexico’s Energy Regulatory Commission, said the current crisis is the result of years of insufficient investment in logistics infrastructure such as storage tanks, pipelines and fuel terminals.

President López Obrador, who has pledged to “rescue” Mexico’s oil sector by upgrading existing refineries and building a new one on the Gulf Coast Tabasco, has said repeatedly that the current gasoline shortage is due to logistics rather than a lack of supply.

Monserrat Ramiro wrote on Twitter, “Mexico’s gasoline supply is paralyzed by closed fuel pipelines, but there are other factors: Pemex refining and downstream infrastructure are a mess. AMLO has stopped importing US light crude, (needed to be mixed with Mexico’s heavier crude)

Now that the pipelines are empty, the huachicoleros (fuel thieves), drill the pipelines not for milking, but to damage the pipes and prolong the shortage to force public opinion to pressure the government to stop fighting them. The criminals intend to take citizen hostages of the situation and to make them resigned to it.

But AMLO was elected on the platform of ending corruption and he is saying now it’s time to draw that red line, and suffer for a while in order to show

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Unleash your Inner Artist
You could be the next Grandma Moses

BY MARLA KING

On a bright Thursday morning in Todos Santos, eight newly-crafted watercolor seahorses are lined up on Tori Sepulveda’s patio. Each are different, with some some featuring bold strokes and colors while others are quietly abstract. Teacher and students stand in a group around the paintings, taking turns pointing out what they observe and enjoy in each other’s work. “One of the reasons I love coming to this class,” says Maura, who has been attending Sepulveda’s art instruction for as long as she can remember. “Is because Tori is so encouraging and positive.”The other students agree. “Tori brought out the artist in me I didn’t know was there,” says another. Tori Sepulveda discovered Todos Santos in the 1990s and became a permanent resident in 2005. Since moving to the town, with her husband, she has been encouraging budding artists every available Thursday morning at her studio, which is a lovely spot under the trees in their backyard. Students contribute $10 to cover the cost of supplies and Sepulveda provides the materials, inspiration and techniques.

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Salsas. It’s one of the first things everyone thinks of when talking about Mexican food. Not only are they a great way to complement any meal, they are also great for appetizers, and as dips and sides. In Mexican cuisine, there are so many different salsas there are recipe books devoted only to them, probably because there are hundreds of different chiles in our country. I personally believe there is no exact number of salsa recipes, especially if we take into account that every family probably has their own twist to a common salsa or even their own recipe.

The main ingredient is not always the chile but it is what makes the difference from one salsa to another. The Aztecs had a very dedicated chile culture, not only in their diet but also as a weapon. Yes, you read that right. They would burn chiles and use the smoke as pepper spray or smoke bombs as we know them today. Another use was disciplinary; mothers would hold a smoking chile under the child’s nose when they were having a temper tantrum. Some shamans would use it as medicine too, and chiles were also used as currency at some point.

Pre-Hispanic historians have also found a strong link between chiles, passion, love and sex. Fray Bernardino de Sahagun, a religious missionary who documented everything he saw, wrote in one of his diaries that Aztec men and women would do a very strict fast, excluding every type of chile from their diet, only to end in a ceremony for Tlazoltéotl. She was the goddess for carnal love, and whoever broke the fast was punished by her, harming his or her “private parts”. During the celebration, the fast was broken eating many chiles, starting from the mild ones, escalating to the spicier ones, until the hottest of the hottest were eaten and the people were sweating, crying in joy and red in the face.

Speaking of pre Hispanic cuisine, chicatanas are a special kind of ant that is typically found in Oaxaca. They’re bigger than the regular ants and come out during the rainy season. They are caught by hand, and have a big booty, also called culonas. Chicatanas are considered a delicacy and have a very particular taste. They were a main source of protein before beef, pork and chicken were domesticated and nowadays are regaining their popularity. Chicatanas are toasted and used in salsas, as the main ingredient in tacos and sopes, and ground and used as seasoning.

A whole encyclopedia could be written on chiles and salsas, and this edition I am keeping in mind the Superbowl coming up. Even a sad taco can be made great with the right salsa. The whole idea is for you guys to make some tortilla chips and these salsas and have a great time, but I’ll settle for store bought chips. NEVER STORE-BOUGHT SALSA, THOUGH. All of these take less than ten minutes!

Before we begin: all of the chile quantities can be modified, less chiles for a milder taste, more chiles if you’re feeling brave. Oh, and salsas are not usually seasoned with pepper, just salt unless stated otherwise.

Raw green salsa:

Ingredients:

10 oz of green tomatoes. Approximately 5 green tomatoes, peeled and washed.

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A Mexican meal is not ready until the salsas are on the table

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Can A New Federal Initiative Boost Employment?

This one’s for the youth

BY JORGE RUIZ-ESPARZA

Among the many promises the new president made in his campaign, some are starting to take shape. One of his campaign promises is moving to the front burner is the initiative to help young people who either struggle in school or are in need of financial help. President Lopez Obrador, (AMLO) proposes hands-on training while receiving pay.

Those between the ages of 18 and 29 will have the opportunity to work with diverse companies, workshops, institutions and organizations both in the private sector and government. Each participant will receive a monthly stipend of $177 USD, health insurance, and, if they make it to the end, a certificate that will certify their abilities. The entire project will go under the name of Youth Building the Future, and will cost nearly five million dollars.

230 national and international companies have so far officially stepped up to offer job training, among them Walmart, Clorox, Colgate-Palmolive, J.P. Morgan, Costco, Dell, Coca-Cola, Duracell, Kellogg’s, L’Oreal, Microsoft, Nestle, Sears and PepsiCo.

It has been estimated that around 2.3 million young people will benefit from this initiative, ridding them of their derisive nickname in Spanish “Nini” which would roughly translate to “Nor-nor” in English (Nor do they study, nor do they work), think of an unemployed young person living in his parents’ basement.

In order to efficiently provide the scholarships and financial aid, a rather new and unnoticed bank, called Bansefi will serve as the government’s means of depositing the financial aid, both for these students and unemployed youth as well as for retirees who have been promised that their pensions will be doubled.

Bansefi is one of a handful of banks owned by the government. Each individual will be able to withdraw their ‘paycheck’ from the bank and online transactions will be offered as an alternative choice. Bansefi has had pretty much no presence in the peninsula or the entire country for that matter. The only branch in our state is in the city of La Paz.

To handle these scholarships, the pensions, and all other financial aid for the youth and elderly, Bansefi will inevitably begin to receive special attention from the government and will most likely grow as the bank can manage government transactions with no third-party commissions needed.

During one of his stump speeches the president said this bank will now be transformed and become the Bank of Public Wellbeing and it will reach the most secluded communities, because if a monetary grant is given to a marginalized community in the mountains and people come down to collect the aid in Mazatlan, say, then all of that aid would be spent on the very trip. Well, gosh, we hope some of it goes into savings, at least for butter and eggs the next week.

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Cabo San Lucas

Fishermen have enjoyed very productive fishing since the New Year in Cabo San Lucas -- successful fishing, no matter what species was targeted, but with higher and more consistent numbers of marlin than any other species.

The crews are finding striped marlin close to Land’s End, and the fishing continues to be excellent overall on the Pacific side from the Finger Bank (which we thought was starting to slow) now picking back up as weather has warmed slightly again. Yellowfin tuna are still found in decent sizes, ranging from 30 to 100 pounds for those willing to travel about 30 miles out to find them. There are also scattered dorado catches and very nice catches of smaller game like groupers, roosterfish, red snapper, sierra mackerel, and skipjack.

The yellowfin are now showing in the 30- to 35-mile range to the south and southwest, the key is to find the pods of porpoise and there you will find the tuna with most averaging in the 15- to 30-pound range. The dorado fishing has softened a bit but there are still plenty of dorado flags flying!

Inshore fishing has continued to produce nice catches of smaller dorado and schools of skipjacks with the sierras showing in increasing numbers from Solmar to El Arco. Roosters are occasionally showing in the surf from Solmar around the point to the Lighthouse and in the Palmilla area.

Cabo Climate: The outlook for average daytime temps in the upper 70s and evenings in the low 60s. The forecast is for mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies with very little chance of rain through the end of January. Winds are expected in the gentle 6- to 9-mph range through the end of the month mostly out of the NW.

Sea Conditions: Seas have been relatively calm in the mornings throughout the area with some swells and chop showing up in the afternoons. Forecast is for more of the same with winds in the 6- to 8-mph range from the WNW. Sea temps are cooling, running from 70 to 74 (Pacific side) cooling into the 71- to 74-range on the inside around the Gordo Banks.

Best Fishing Areas: The hot spots have remained to the west and north. Good counts of striped marlin are showing up around Cabo Falso and the Lighthouse. Most of the fish are being found one to four miles out from shore. The yellowfin are being found 30- to 35-miles out to the SW of the San Jamie Bank near the 180 Spot. For those willing to make the longer 50-mile run, the Finger Bank has continued producing double-digit striped marlin counts with a few boats reporting over 20 fish per day.

Favorite Baits: Trolled blue/green smoke trail lures along with live mackerel were the favorite for the marlin. Soaking live bait around the Finger Bank produced successful multiple striper counts. Drifting live mackerel around the Lighthouse was also very productive. Everything seemed to work for the dorado from trolled lures to drifted bait. Hoochies were by far the preferred and most productive lures for the sierra. Trolled feathers and cedar plugs were the ticket for the yellowfin.

Bait Supply: Live bait is available at the $3.00 per bait upon exit from the harbor.

Don’t Eat Our Sport Fish! Marlin & dorado are species reserved exclusively for sport fishing & cannot be sold commercially. If you see them on a restaurant menu, please do not order them. It is against the law.

We know they taste good but these sport fish are the foundation of our community; all business & families are linked directly or indirectly to sport fishing and without a healthy fishery we will not have a healthy economy or environment.

However, if you catch a marlin or dorado & want to have it cooked for your own personal use at a local restaurant that’s fine, but it cannot be sold.
Monday to Saturday. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Ranch market in Todos Santos. Featuring homemade products from rural areas. Artisanal cheeses, organic chicken and eggs, liqueurs and virgin honey, as well as handicrafts such as furniture made with regional woods, leather goods and clay pottery all made by ranch hands. The Mercado (market). Todos Santos on Calle Morelos between Rangel and Cauhtémoc inside the San Diego Feed Store.

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

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

Every Wednesday. From 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Marina Sol. Los Cabos Writers Group resumes. Marina Sol clubhouse. Cabo San Lucas. Writers, poets or dreamers, all welcome. Call Adriana 624-108-2095

Every Wednesday. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. At La Esquina in Todos Santos. Organic eggs, honey, locally made jewelry and beauty products, traditional baskets and handmade jewelry and beauty products. At La Esquina in Todos Santos. Alvaro Obregón street. Alvaro Obregón street. Alvaro Obregón street.

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

Every Thursday. November 1st to June 30th. San Jose Art 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. At the main plaza of Todos Santos.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Every Saturday. 7:00 am to 12:30 pm. The Organic Market at Pedregal. Fresh, organic produce, fish, coffee, fish, seafood, eggs, whole lambs, (Little Bo Peep!) pigs, (Porky? Is that you?) & handicrafts.

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

Every Saturday. All day. This is Mexico, and every event is, well, fluid. That you can see a variety of mediums, styles and materials and get to know your artists and neighbors. Funds to support kids’ programs on East Cape.

Every Sunday. 7:00 to 11:00 am. San Jose Jazz weekend. At Plaza del Pescador. Information: www.sansojazzweekend.com

March 8th, 9th & 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th Baja Shakespeare season presents The Sea Princess & The Frijolé at Hotel Buena Vista Beach Resort’s Convention Center in Spa Buena Vista. It’s a wacky adaptation of The Princess & The Pea by Hans Christian Andersen. Nothing to do with Shakespeare. All shows at the Convention Center. At the Main Plaza of Todos Santos. At the Main Plaza of Todos Santos. At the Main Plaza of Todos Santos.

March 17, 2019. Festival de Artes at Palmas de Cortez Resort & Spa Los Barriles. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Artists selling, traditional music and dance, lots of food and drink and the biggest St. Patrick’s Day event in the Baja Sur, all starting at 10am!!! This is one of the longer running art festivals in the Baja Sur. Details and information at www.eastcapearts.com

Every Sunday. 7:00 to 11:00 am. Roxy’s Swine. Roxy’s Swine. Roxy’s Swine.

February 13, 2019. Artist Studio Tour of Los Barriles area. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Ticket sales end at 12 noon. Wander through the studios of over 15 artists, with multiple artists at each location. A great day to see a variety of mediums, styles and materials and get to know your artists and neighbors. Funds to support kids’ programs on East Cape.

February 15 & 16. 7:00-11:00 pm. Annual San Jose Jazz weekend. Free.

Every Sunday. 7:00 to 11:00 pm. Roxy’s Swine. Roxy’s Swine. Roxy’s Swine.

April 5, 2019. Festival of Artists at El Faro Beach Resort Los Barriles. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Artists selling, traditional music and dance, lots of food and drink and the biggest St. Patrick’s Day event in the Baja Sur, all starting at 10am!!! This is one of the longer running art festivals in the Baja Sur. Details and information at www.eastcapearts.com

June 1 – 4. The Proombres Baja (Let’s taste Mexico) national convention 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 lady 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.

To get your event listed here, email the details to david@gringozagette.com. There is no charge. And, if an event we list here does not go off as stated, please don’t shoot the messenger, this is Mexico, and every event is, well, fluid.
January 21th, 2019

Calendar of Performing Arts

Wednesday to Monday, From 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Puerta 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, place to wine and dine, and the historic village. Spanish and English. 100 pesos entrance fee. Info: museorutadeplata.com, Ayuntamiento St. (Progreso and Marquez de Leon St), El Triunfo. Closed on Tuesday.

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.


Mon and Wed 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Short Film Script Work Shop. For 13 to 18 years old. Spanish. 300 pesos/month. Hierrro St. corner with Cobre St., El Dorado neighbor. La Paz. Tel: 612 128 1612.


Every Thursday. 7:30 pm. Cultural Pavilion’s Movie Club. The original movie club is back at the Cultural Pavilion, the gray building at the marina. Downtown San Lucas.

Every Thursday 5:00 pm. Art Walk, at the Art Galleries district in Downtown San Jose. Art, drawings, photography, sculpture, live music and more form national and internationally recognized artists. San Jose.

Monday to Saturday. Different hours. Arts, crafts, and other cultural workshops at San Jose’s Cultural House. Ballet, Poly- nesian dance, folk dance, singing, painting, literature, theater, guitar, and more.facebook.com/casadecultura/call 624 146 9836 in office hours. Spanish. Alvaro Obregon St. Downtown San Jose.

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

Every Tuesday. 8:00 pm. Documentary Film Club. A different documentary every week. In the original language with Spanish subtitles. Free. Alfredo Green Cultural House Downtown San Lucas.

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

Every Wednesday. 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Los Cabos Writers Group. Marina Sol club house. Cabo. Writers, poets, or dreamers. Adriana 624 108 2095

Every Wednesday. 5:00 to 10:00 pm. Art Day. Art, painting, books, live music, Spanish and English. El Merkado at Koral Center, next to the Hospital. Kilometer 24.5 on the fourlane to San Jose.

Every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Art Fair. Food sampling and wine tasting at the restaurants and shops in the mall. Live music and local artists showcasing their work.

Every Thursday. 5:00 pm. Pescador across from Cabo Azul resort in the hotel zone. San Jose.

Every Tuesday. 5:00 pm. Vagabond Movie Club. Movies are shown in their original languages with Spanish subtitles. Short films and art videos before the movie. Free. Rana Vega. Playa Migrino St. up from Miguel A. Herrera St. Turn right 2 blocks before the gas station (Pueblo Bonito Sunset area). San Lucas.

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

Every Saturday. 6:00 pm. Hermadana de Isabela Reading Lounge. At Cultural Pavilion’s Cinema. Jobby. Cabo San Lucas downtown next to the marina.


Leona & 70. From 10 am to 4 pm. The 10th Annual Todos Santos Open Studio Tour. All proceeds benefit children’s art programs at The Palapa Society. See working artists, meet the artists, maybe get some real deals.

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February 13. Wednesday. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Artists’ Studio Tour. Los Barriles, East Cape. Here you get to visit the studios of some of the artists who reside in Los Barriles in the East Cape area. See the studies of 15 different artists - many of the homes will showcase the works of more than one artist, giving you the opportunity of seeing the work of up to 30 different artists. Tickets are only $5 US or 100 pesos. The Studio Tour is one of the major fundraisers of the Asociacion de Artes del Mar de Cortez, an official Mexican Non-Profit corporation that provides art and school supplies, Art programs, Saturday art and financial support to East Cape and Cursos de Verano for East Cape Children. For more information on the show, email: eastcapearts@gmail.com or look up: www.eastcapearts.com


February 15 & 16. 7th to 10th. 10:00 am to 11:00 pm. Annual San Jose Jazz weekend. At Plaza del Pescador. Information: www.sanjosiejazzweekend.com


January 25. Friday. 6:00 pm. “Ballenomorfas” sculpture art exhibition. Twelve sculptures made with cardboard and painted by the artist Arturo Caballero, Francisca Caamaño y Orsso Angelo Campillo. One of them with his art created a conscience about the whale conservation. Spanish. Free. 16 de Septiembre St. corner

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Community Reading Lounges

At AMELIA WILKES PLAZA Main plaza downtown CSL.

Every Saturday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Hermanita de Yasbele Reading club has a different book to read and comment. Saturdays starting April 9. Spanish mostly. Book donations are welcome. More info and special activities with Nixania email: todossomoselotro@gmail.com Free. At AMELIA WILKES.

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

At HOLLYDANCE CAFE. Leona Vicario St. And 12 de Octubre St, 2nd Floor, downtown Cabo.

Every Tuesday from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Trotamundos Reading Club. Spanish mostly. More info and special activities on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ salaledecturatrotamundos/timeline

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

From Monday to Friday. From 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. La Maroma Reading club. Books available. More info and special activities on facebook.com/Sala-de-lectura-La-Mar%C3%83%82%84Fabulandu-691039797630803/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-577897035553733/timeline

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Scott Parsons
Dead At 78

Scott Parsons died suddenly at his home on the last day of 2018. He was 78 years old. He had a history of heart trouble.

He was born in Salem, Massachusetts and had two siblings, Cynthia, now deceased, and Alan. He is also survived by his son, Alan Bennett, granddaughter Elizabeth Bennett, niece Kim Lefelis and her children Cynthia and JJ. He was never married.

As a young man, Scott enjoyed his family summer home in Marblehead Massachusetts, earning money for his first car by trapping and selling lobsters from his small row boat. He went to Massachusetts University for one year but quit to enlist in the Air Force where he was stationed in the Philippines and learned enough Tagalog to ask the basics, such as “Magakaroon ka ba ng sex sa akin?” (will you have sex with me?). He remembered this phrase to his last day but couldn’t remember how to say water.

He did not enjoy his Air Force experience but valued it more in later years as he used the VA medical facility in Houston.

During his 20s and in full hippie mode, he moved to San Francisco. Those were his partying years, he was fun and dynamic, with something going on every day and he earned his living throwing parties. He even had Jim Morrison play at one of his events early in his career. He loved those years and talked about them often.

He met his long time friend Bill Morgan, the founder of North Beach Leather, in San Francisco, working with him to help create the North Beach Leather brand. They opened stores in most major cities across the US and that is how he ended up in Houston, staying for about 20 years. But NBL became a more corporate business than he liked so he tried his hand at a home remodeling company named Continental 100 which was very successful, listed among the top 100 remodeling companies in the US.

After visiting Cabo just once, in 1996, he went back to Houston and packed up to move here. He filled his 1989 Dodge Dakota, (which he still had), drove down and became a permanent resident. He rented a home in Brisas del Pacifico, then bought the home in 1998 where he lived until he died.

He partnered again with Bill Morgan to open the North Beach Leather store in Cabo at the marina.

He spent so much time at Pancho’s bar and restaurant that he became familiar with Pancho’s owner Mary Bragg’s wedding business, which lead to His officiating weddings. He took pride in saying he was the only real Minister, meaning he was not ordained online, although many of us just rolled his eyes when he would say this.

Scott became a Mexican citizen in 2006, out of convenience more than anything else. He said that way he did not have to pay the bank anymore for his home fideicomiso or the immigration office for renewing his FM2 every year, plus he could work whatever job he wanted. This Massachusetts boy may have been the whitest Mexican ever. He never learned much Spanish, either.

Scott wrote everything down and could tell you, the peso, how much money he had spent every day, and that wasn’t much. He lived well, but very frugally.

Scott will be missed: His great story telling, his showmanship, his malaprops, and his terrible Spanish accent. He made us laugh.

A celebration of Scott’s life will be held at Solomon’s Landing on January 23 at 7 pm.

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⅛ of a white onion, roughly chopped.
2 serrano peppers, minced.
1 small clove of garlic.
⅜ cup of chopped fresh cilantro.
Salt to taste.
Instructions:
In a blender, place green tomatillos, onion, garlic, serrano chiles and pulse until a rough salsa forms. Do not add water unless the blender does not work properly, the tomatillos are liquidy enough. Season with salt.
You can add some avocado cubes for a lovely twist.

Seven chile salsa:
2 árbol chiles.
2 cascabel chiles.
2 dry chipotle chiles.
2 guajillo chiles.
2 morita chiles.
1 ancho chile.
1 pasilla chile.
½ red tomatillo, diced.
Devein the chiles and reserve.
Toast the chiles, tomatoes and garlic.
In a sauce pan, lightly fry the chiles and garlic moving regularly, being careful not to burn.
Add all the chilies and tomatoes and fry for three minutes.

Six tomatoes.
¼ cup of vegetable oil.
Salt to taste.
Instructions:
Toast the chiles, tomatoes and garlic.
Soak the chiles in warm water to soften.
Blend tomatoes, garlic, ants and chilies together.
In a sauce pan, lightly fry the onion, until soft.
Incorporate the blended mixture and fry for ten minutes over medium heat.
Season with salt.
For some amazing tortilla chips:
You can use day old tortillas, a kilo sold at a tortilleria or supermarket has about 40 tortillas and makes enough tortilla chips for about 5 people.
Cut them in 6, as you would slice a cake, making triangles.
Deep fry in enough oil making sure they’re not stuck together to begin with, until golden and crispy.
Drain in a bowl lined with paper towels and season with salt or some lemon pepper seasoning.
Give’em a good shake and serve!

Pico de gallo:
Ingredients:
3 medium tomatoes seeded and diced.
½ onion, diced.
5 serrano peppers, minced.
½ cup of cilantro, chopped.
Salt to taste.
Instructions:
Mix all the ingredients in a bowl, season with salt. A little olive oil can be added.

Habanero salsa:
Ingredients:
20 habanero peppers, toasted.
The juice from one sour orange or a regular orange and a splash of vinegar.
Salt to taste.
Instructions:
In a blender, pulse all the ingredients together slowly adding the liquid, but making sure the consistency is still a little rough.

Ant salsa:
8 oz of toasted chicatanas ants (can be substituted by crickets).
5 oz of arbol chile.
5 cloves of garlic.
½ onion, diced.
New Year’s Resolutions For Us All

So, you’re going to drop 20 pounds by Valentine’s Day, finally master Spanish and take up ballroom dancing. Really, that’s your plan for the new year?

But Us? We’re thinking this is the year for New Year’s resolutions people can actually keep. Here are a few we suggest, all on the theme of helping animals (of course, because we are animal helpers).

Volunteer. The Los Cabos Humane Society quite literally relies on the help of volunteers to help us save lives. Walking dogs, cuddling cats, running events to raise funds and awareness; you name it, and volunteers are essential to it.

Adopt. When someone like us asks you “how many animals do you have?” we are prone to respond to the answer with “Is that it?” Seriously, we respect that everyone has limits to how many pets he or she can accommodate but always hope they will make room in their home, heart, and budget for one more.

Donate. Most of our support comes as small gifts, and it’s the total of those many small donations which combined allows us to do all that we do. Many people bring us bulk pet food and supplies which are most helpful. If you can, a financial contribution of any size is always welcome. You can do this in person at the shelter, or online at www.loscabohumanesociety.com. Do note you can donate one time, create a monthly donation, direct your gift towards spay or, donate in the name of family or friends, and receive an official tax receipt for any of the above.

Speaking of spay and neuter, we now offer free spay and neuter service at the shelter on Mondays and Wednesdays. This program is in addition to the weekly free mobile clinics in the community.

Educate. Our education program about the humane treatment of animals is presented at all levels in local schools. We also preach at businesses and at the adoption center. At these, children and adults alike learn how to care for their pets properly and how to respect animals. Many also attended the “Protect Your Pets” conference held recently in Cabo. LCHS, Simparica and veterinarian Tomas Reyes invited the public to a free conference on the care and prevention of diseases transmitted by insects, (ticks, fleas, mosquitoes). This summer the ticks, were busy, and attendees appreciated the useful information.

This past year was also a milestone for LCHS, as we were able to initiate and see through the prosecution of the first case of animal abuse taken to court in Los Cabos. This ultimately successful effort required a considerable amount of effort by Board of Directors’ Superhero Armando Martinez and represented the ultimate education

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boats, or in some cases kayaks, searching for a few sierra for ceviche, with high-hopes of scoring a few rockfish around the rocky points and maybe, just maybe, a jack crevalle for a tough tussle.

La Paz
Not a whole lot happening to be honest. It has been a bit chilly and not a lot of folks on the water as we hit that lull after the holidays.

However, there were a few out on the water who found some fun inshore action, especially on lighter tackle. Efforts produced a wide range of species that included a few dorado and even some small roosterfish that were all released.

In fact, the bite was surprising for the incredible mixed bag of both warm- and cold-water species.

Warm water species included dorado and smaller roosterfish as well as bonito and jack crevalle. Cold water fish, more common to this type of year included our first yellowtail of the season plus cabrilla, snapper, pargo, and sierra. Live bait is a bit difficult, but the fish showed no hesitation biting jigs, lures and trolled Rapalas.

None of the fish were far off-shore…they were often within casting distance of the beach or rocks. Nothing big, but for many folks just down to find some sunshine and not really caring too much about what was biting, it was great action. Often you just never knew what was going to bite and at times the bite was full-speed. Anglers working light tackle had a hoot!

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Tracy Ehrenberg www.piscesportfishing.com
San Jose del Cabo
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East Cape
Jen Wren Sportfishing www. thejenwren.com
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**FLAMENCO NIGHT**
For the benefit of Liga MAC’s students and their families

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Every Monday and Wednesday the Los Cabos Humane Society performs free spay and neuters. Plus regular mobile clinics in the community which are also free. But this does cost money. So if you believe in the concept of spay and neuter, you can help by giving a donation.

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in the consequences of animal abuse.

Policy. In the past, the LCHS never turned down animals brought to the shelter, which led to severe overcrowding, and some animals, often severely injured or diseased, had to be euthanized. We have changed this policy, and now if our shelter is full, we take the name of the person bringing us the animal and put them on a waiting list to let their animal in. The rescuer is asked to foster until there’s space. The wait time usually is about one week, and with this new system, we have found that very many people have a change of heart and keep the critter. In this way we are providing a promising future for the strays and a way to encourage the community to become more involved in the welfare of animals. This policy is just one of the successful new initiatives at our no-kill animal center.

Be Kind. Be kind to your pets at home, those you see around you, and especially those in need.

The Beatles told us love is all you need, and we think animals knew this long before John Lennon and Paul McCartney told the rest of the world.

How Can People Do That?

Chamber Music Festivals, 32 didactic concerts for public and private school students and 9 gala concerts for all audiences in various places. More info and registrations for musicians with Alonso Winston, musicadecamaraloscabosfest@gmail.com. Cabo San Lucas.

March 8th, 9th & 10th & 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th. Baja Shakespeare’s 19th season presents The Sea Princess & The Frijole at Hotel Buena Vista Beach Resort’s Convention Center in Spa Buena Vista. It’s a wacky adaptation of The Princess & The Pea by Hans Christian Andersen. Nothing to do with Shakespeare, they need to rename that thing. All shows at 7:00 pm except March 10th, a matinee at 1:30 pm. Tickets $20 USD or 400 pesos. More info closer to performance dates. For show details go to www.facebook.com/pages/Baja-Shakespeare/220397878011557.

March 17, 2019. Sunday. From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Festival de Artes at Palmas de Cortez Resort in Los Barriles. Artists selling, traditional music and dancing, lots of food and drink and the biggest St. Patrick’s Party in the Baja Sur, all starting at 10am.is one of the longest running art festivals in the Baja Sur! Details and information at www.eastcapearts.com

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