The Need For Plastics Ban Is Getting Serious

Maybe we need to pay attention, this is more than just straws

BY JORGE RUIZ-ESPARZA

The Baja California Sur Ecological Balance and Environment Protection act, was last modified last August with the hopes of restricting the use of disposable plastics such as straws and plastic wrap. Minor modifications and tweaks are being worked on in order to finally enforce the act throughout the state.

The president of the Legislative and Regulations Commission, Virginia del Pilar Villavicencio, become a key figure in working out the details of this ambitious project. As she explained, the deadline for any additional modifications to the bill has been set for April 18th.

She also emphasized that they’ve been collaborating with several civilian sectors for months now. “This very important because it will impact small businesses. The regulation includes the complete ban of all single-use (disposable) materials: plastics that include straws, bags used for carrying food and containers, all of which will of
And another good job recognized. The Palapa society of Todos Santos raised a record $11,000 this year with their annual open studio tour. This is enough for 4.5 scholarships for local kids.

Fish on the cheap. On Saturday July 20, the Van Wormer resorts in Los Barriles on the East Cape will hold its 15th Annual East Cape Dorado Shoot at the Cabo San Lucas airport. You never see these homes, Bunky, but care a little, this is where your waiters and housekeepers live and right now they only get water out of their taps a couple of times a week.

Almost no unemployment. The latest report from Mexico’s institute of geography and statistics (Inegi) revealed that our Southern Baja state had very low unemployment during the month of January. Only 3 percent, 0.5 lower than the same month last year.

From another perspective, our state registered an annual job growth of 5.5 percent, which is the third highest of the country and above the national 3.4 percent average. It represents an increase of 10,000 new jobs in one year.

The report also revealed that the number of informal workers (peddlers, taco stand attendants, Avon salespeople and assorted people who work under the table), has decreased from 39.3 to 35.8 percent, the third lowest in Mexico. This is significant since it’s a way better life to be paying taxes. Really. Mexico has lots of freebies for taxpayers, like child care, credits towards their choice of housing, medical care, and a pretty generous pension when they reach 60.

Now are you still feeling Out. Participants may walk out with over $200K in cash and prizes, including a brand-new Volkswagen pick up truck. For more information look up: www.vanwormeresorts.com. OK, so it’s not a million bucks like the Bisbee, but it’s an easy buy in and it’s for fun and bragging rights. And who’s going to turn down 200 grand? Triathlon in La Paz. The ITU Pan American Cup La Paz will take place this Saturday March 23 with 1,500 national and foreign athletes participating. There will be three categories, Junior, Sprint and Olympic. It will be swam, ran and bike your brains out along the Malecon and up the hill towards Pichilingue north of town. It is estimated to leave behind $1.2 million in revenue, plus the media coverage that will make our capitol city more famous. Be ready and look sharp for the cameras!

More water to us. During his recent visit, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador (known as AMLO), gave the green light to build a second desal plant for Cabo San Lucas, which will cost a tad over $51 million and will be operating 27 months from now. Allegedly. Don’t say we said it would be up and running in just over two years.

The plant is expected to produce over 52 gallons of potable water per second and will benefit mostly the crowded barrios of Cabo, located on the road to the Cabo San Lucas airport. You never see these homes, Bunky, but care a little, this is where your waiters and housekeepers live and right now they only get water out of their taps a couple of times a week.

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A Shocker From AMLO
President Lopez Obrador, (AMLO), announced on his visit to La Paz he is definitively killing the proposed gold mine in the Sierras up behind us beach dwellers in Southern Baja. The fight is over, his is the final word.

Although every ecological group has been fighting it for years, it was thought that since a close adviser to the President bought it from the Canadians who gave up on ever getting permits, that they would get them. The main concern by those opposed was the need for large amounts of scarce water.

The Salinas group that bought it gambled 13 million dollars on their political connections securing the permits. Seems that’s not going to happen on President AMLO’s watch. Things are different now.

We can all take credit for this as he said with his announcement: “We have to take care of the environment because people are living off tourism!”

Blame It On The Pope
Good Catholics must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Lent is the 40 days leading up to the Thursday before Easter, April 18. Don’t mess this up, Easter is on April 21, April 18 is Maundy Thursday. The time of the last supper, it means, oh never mind, didn’t you learn anything in Sunday school?

Moving on. There are so many obedient Catholic tourists visiting us from the mainland to go to the beaches, and do other pious stuff, that the local fish mongers have already jacked up the price of fish just for them. And for us. For instance, red snapper went from just over $2 a lb. to nearly $3 a lb.

So, hang in there, as soon as the holiday is over, so will the Big Fish Rip Off be over.

How Embarrassing Is This?
The President of the Republic, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, came to visit us, mainly to take his bows for money he’s planning on mailing to us.

About 3500 people showed up to see him, but first our governor, Carlos Mendoza, was to give a speech.

He was kept from speaking by 20 solid minutes of booing, finally giving up and sinking off. The Big Boo was from The Workers and Employees Committee of Mexico, consisting of mainly bus drivers, truck drivers, and taxi drivers.

The President then took the stage and the hostilities ended. Well, they should, the President announced he was sending us the money for a new desal plant. 

But the story gets even better: Turns out many of the 3500 boooers were bused in from cities as far away as Loreto. They were paid about $15 US and given a sandwich and a cold drink, paid for by the Morena party, the President’s party. It’s called plumping the crowd.

Better still: The boooed Governor is a member of an opposing party.

Better, better: The fact that our mayor is from the President’s party didn’t hurt our chances at the free handout. No! Not the sandwich and the cold drink, the desal plant! Pay attention!

Down, Incoming!
The city of La Paz believes 200 homes and condos are rented by the single night by individual owners. But even that amount seems a bridge too far for them and they’re getting chintzy with those people. There are three government officials with nothing to do but cruise the internet for rentals advertised there, and then slap commercial water rates onto them instead of letting them pay residential rates. Commercial rate is about three times the residential rate.

Or they could invest that time and money into detecting and fixing the estimated 30% of the water lost to leaks and illegal taps.

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The money will be invested in drainage, paving, urban equipment, parks, tap water, and home improvement. Well, he didn’t precisely leave the check, but he did say it’s in the mail.

Does That Even Happen?
The Advisory Council of the Area of Protection of Flora and Fauna (APFF), would like to announce that they have located more than 500 tires in the waters of our bay, 8 cars, numerous PVC pipes and assorted refrigerators and stoves.

Most of this bric-a-brac was washed down from arroyos dur-

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Border emergency. You want to talk about a border emergency? Grab your passport and take a quick trip with me around the world. Look at the tensions between Israel and Syria. India and Pakistan. Iraq and Iran. Colombia and Venezuela. South Korea and North Korea. Now, closer to home, look at this relationship: United States-Mexico.

Thank goodness for good neighbors. Can we have one of those?

Ground breaking took place Monday near Cancún for a US $312 million mall that will offer major brands. The Grand Outlet Riviera Maya will employ its “malltertainment” concept as nearly half the square footage will be allocated to entertainment attractions. The malltertainment concept consists of offering an all-round experience to the consumer. They even get an ice rink.

Construction started this week and is expected to take 18 months. There will also be a 7,500-seat auditorium, water features, an amusement park, a go-kart track described as the largest in the world and a hot air balloon ride. And three hotels. And our stumble bums who built our mall which is now more than 20 years old and hasn’t had a facelift, has taken more than two years just to build 58 condos on top of it, and they’re still not finished. Sigh.

Vanishing dolphins. Only 22 vaquita type of porpoises remain in the Gulf of California, a biology professor said yesterday, warning that the species could become extinct within months. The only place they can be found is the upper Sea of Cortez.

How do they know this? It’s a big sea, how can they be sure they’ve count them all? Because 22 vaquitas were heard over a network of acoustic monitors. Ha! Maybe some vaquita were there and had nothing to say.

Vaquita huggers want more vigilance by the Navy but after angry fishermen who are accidentally catching the little dolphins in their nets attacked a ship, Navy vessels have been too scardy cat to stop the illegal fishing.

Who doesn’t like Oxxo? Some residents of Oaxaca claim Oxxo is a threat to Mexico’s heritage. A movement calling itself anti-Oxxo, (less than imaginative but descriptive), erected blockades on several streets to prevent the mega-chain from constructing a new store in front of an elementary school. The group hopes to get all the locations in the city closed down. Members demand that the city government review every location’s construction permits and prohibit the franchise from opening more stores.

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At least five Oxxos are already located in the city center, which has been designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. It is a very cute town.

Electricity is terrorism now? For the second time this year the Federal Electricity Commission (CFE) cut electricity service to the Acapulco water and sewer system, a move described by the water utility as “terrorism.” 600,000 residents were without water, no word on the sewer system, shudder.

The utility had been making daily payments, trying to catch up on the $3.5 million they owe. The day before the “terrorism against the water/sewer system, they cut off the lights.

Walmart uprising. More than 8,500 Walmart employees

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Each municipality will need to do this all the while promoting natural resource conservation and environmental awareness among its citizens.

To put things into perspective as to how necessary this act is not only statewide, but nationwide, the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMAMAT in Spanish) calculated that each day an estimated 20 million plastic bags are used in Mexico City alone. Of course this may be the most populated city in North America, yet no city is immune to the contamination that plastic waste inevitably brings. The Education and Training for Sustainable Development Center here in Mexico reminds us that plastic bags take up to 150 years to completely break down and degrade, while other organizations such as Greenpeace claim the very same bags could last up to 400 years. Yikes. How do they know that? Have they watched a bag go over 400 years? We take a wild guess here and say no.

The Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainability director in the town of Loreto, (population about 20,000), Luis Espino, pipes up that his municipality will focus on informing his public about this plastic thing to comply with the state norms, you bet, he’s on it. Maybe we could make him poster boy for our state.

Seriously, this is a big step and the transition will be difficult. Costco has it handled, Walmart will have to independently notify their citizens. This means that if a municipality fails to alert all businesses and restaurants, the blame goes directly to the top authority, meaning the buck stops with them. Euthanasia was not allowed for the bum who robbed your house? There are jobs for those who want them.

In related news. The opening of the Hard Rock and Nobu hotels this year will require an additional 1,500 employees, who will also need proper housing. Many of these positions will be filled with out-of-town employees we’re going to have to bring in. Housing is tight, schools are on double shift, and traffic is horrendous. Construction is also growing, with an annual increase of 66.9 percent. Just because you see all that growth on the corridor coming to an end, don’t think there isn’t construction going on. Just drive up behind Costco and Home Depot and you will see homes, condos, and even a strip center shooting up.

Baby cruise ship. The U.K.-based Cruise and Maritime Voyages announces last month the opening of a new route up and down our Southern Baja state, with ports of call at La Paz, Los Cabos, San Rosa and Loreto. The ship, carrying 550 precious passengers, will begin operations in December this year. The cruise ship has operated the Rocky Point, Guaymas, Topolobampo and Mazatlan route in the past.

Doggie census. Los Cabos health director has announced they will count each stray dog in order to come up with a plan to control their population. Sure, makes sense to us: a dog with a number won’t become a parent.

The census, he said, will indicate the need to create kennels, and how much is needed to spay and neuter them and find them homes. Euthanasia was not included in his speech, but this is Mexico, what do you think?

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Local Youth Win Trip To Abu Dhabi

Well, sort of

BY CHRISTINE COURTRIGHT

Sometimes it seems that the latest innovations and new technology comes out of Ivy League school students, but, here in the developing economy of Mexico, the University of La Paz is producing some pretty brilliant and technologically minded students, and for much less tuition.

The pride of Los Barriles High School, Angel Martinez, and his science team members developed a powerful electric boat motor. Angel, now in his third year at University of La Paz in the software engineering program, has a new team that’s winning awards.

Angel and his teammates, Alan Escobar and Olivia Lopez, both from La Paz, won a competition against 500 competitors, held on the mainland, that won a prize to ExpoSciences International to be held in Abu Dhabi. Only seven teams from all over the world were invited.

Angel’s project, called Rescue Dasc, is a system of first response aid to provide basic assistance in case of accident or natural disaster. Not to give away the secret sauce, but a drone carries a box holding medication and a basic first aid kit. To get the drone with the Band Aids and such, you request it by a mobile app which simultaneously sends your location to a website, also developed by Angel and his team, and then the needed supplies are dispatched by the drone directly to the accident. From the pre-registration on the app, they can see if the user needs special medicine or has other special requirements. Other than “hurry.”

The ExpoSciences International in Abu Dhabi is next September and the team estimates they will need about $7500 USD for all three members, for their visit of about a week.

Here it comes, you know it is. Angel doesn’t have the money, nor do his folks or his teammates. The Los Bariles people are coming to the rescue since he’s from there. Well, actually, you are coming to the rescue, right? Angel is the son of local artist Jose ‘Barchi’

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Paper Or Plastic?

These bags have their own set of issues. While they are biodegradable and pose less of a danger to wildlife, they still require a large amount of resources to produce. Trees must be chopped down to produce these bags, and their production uses a large amount of water and energy, and that releases pollution into the air.

Plastic bags aren’t as easily recyclable as other common items like cardboard boxes and plastic or glass bottles. Plastic bags, are almost never accepted in curbside recycling programs because recyclables are often taken to a facility to be sorted by a machine, and harder, more rigid items are much easier to sort. Plastic bags are just too soft for this type of mass recycling.

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Local Resort Cleans Up
No, not financially this time, but by bending over and picking up trash

BY GABRIEL ARCELEO

Anyone that has spent time in Cabo or San Jose knows we have a trash issue. The problem exists primarily on public land, like beaches and trails throughout both cities and on the corridor. Over the years there have been sporadic efforts by resorts and local organizations to clean up beaches like Santa Maria and Chillano Bay and other areas the tourists see, but most of the hiking trails and out of the way places still remain terribly littered with trash.

As with most days, I start my morning with a hike. On this day I chose to hike Camino al Cerro de las Antenas. Literally, the road on the hill to the towers. The trail head is behind Santa Carmela market if you are looking for a good hike, I recommend it. It’s not a trail exactly, but a really bad road, as its used to service the towers. There are unbelievable views from the top.

This road always has its fair share of trash drifting around it, but on this day I stumbled upon a bus load of Auberge resort employees that had just cleaned up the entire mountain road. I don’t know why, but I was shocked to see the amount of trash they had collected.

A team of 34 employees had gathered in the early morning to start combing the mountainside and by 8 am, the time I arrived, they had collected a truck load of trash. I soon discovered Auberge Resorts had developed a social outreach program named Planet Auberge. Once a month they clean a different location.

A representative of Auberge Resorts, Malley Cruz stated, “Planet Auberge teaches us to take care of our planet, our community, and about health and safety standards.” Auberge Resorts is improving the community’s public image while at the same time developing social patterns in its employees. These men and women, and by their extension their children, are learning what it means to have a clean Cabo. This is true leadership and social responsibility by an organization that is looking to enrich their community.

This is standard operating procedure in MBA programs around the world and referred to as organizational social responsibility, but is rare in this part of Mexico, in spite of the fact that the vast amount of money the resorts bring in each year arrives on public roads, uses public beaches, hiking trails, and community services. Some resort taxes go back into maintaining these public locations but clearly does not cover the extent of work needed. The job of keeping Cabo clean rests largely on the backs of the resorts bringing in the lion’s share of tourist revenue. Hopefully programs such as Auberge Planet will be replicated by other resorts as this is good for Cabo, good for business, and good for humanity.

Every company could be doing something that enriches our environment. For example, Home Depot could keep the lot our environment. For example, Home Depot could keep the lot

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Auberge Resort’s employees get up crack of dawn to clear hiking trails of litter

Auberge Resort’s employees get up crack of dawn to clear hiking trails of litter like Planet Auberge has shown to maintain a clean Baja because government isn’t going to do it. We will need every business to send out at least a few employees to bend over and pick up the trash around them.
President Says No To Local Gold Mine
Sees the industry as being unfriendly to tourism

BY JACKIE RODRIGUEZ

“Water is more valuable than gold because life is more valuable than money, and golf mining is water intensive.”

These words are from the President of Mexico, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, (AMLO), as he announced he was saying no to giving the permit for the Los Cardones open pit gold mining project and yes to a $30 million investment in a desalination plant for the hills of the Sierra la Laguna in Los Cabos. The mining company, owned by a Canadian company, thought they could trade their political clout for permits and get the profit from this project. That move drew an immediate reaction from the administration. That move drew bad luck that AMLO was elected. His new programs are designed to reverse the inequalities of the country and will focus on basic services like water, light, paved streets, public transport, quality public spaces, and legal help to fix land inequities suffered by poor Mexican families. The promised new desalination plant is scheduled to be inaugurated in 27 months, which might be a bit ambitious, and everyone’s hoping the money will actually be there to get it built. But part of AMLO’s promise has been for all his federal projects to be administered by his people, not the locals, as has been the procedure in the past. This, in hopes there will be less hanky panky with the money. Our mayor, Armida Castro, must be seething.

The project started in 2016 with controversial permits which were issued by a former La Paz administrator. That move drew an immediate reaction from the representative for the civil association of environment and society in Mexico, Trasvnia Taylors, who said the environmental damage the project could bring down on us, was substantial. “In this area there are toxic minerals contained in the earth which with the mining activity could release and jeopardize 10,000 local farmers’ jobs and the population’s general health due to pollution of the air and water,” he said.

Ouch! For sure it was not easy to leave that money in the ground. The property was originally owned by a Canadian company that threw in the towel on getting permits to start digging, so they sold to a well connected Mexican company for $13 million. No doubt the Mexican buyers thought they could trade their political clout for permits but they didn’t plan on AMLO getting elected and putting the kybosh on that.

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Pedal Your Way Through Todos Santos

On a bicycle built for 14

BY MARLA KING

With seating for 14 and 20 pedals, the multi-rider bike contraption looks a bit gimmicky. But thanks to thoughtful planning and great staffing, the LocoMotion bike tour through Todos Santos is a surprisingly authentic and fun experience.

Custom-built in the US, the bike has seats for up to 10 people who sit around in an elongated circle, very similar to a dining room table. They sit on a bicycle seat and pedal the contraption around town. There are four seats with no pedals for those who just want to kick back and relax. It’s equipped with nearly every conceivable convenience – storage for your purse, stereo system, and even misters for extra hot days. No, not quite an authentic and fun experience.Todos Santos is a surprisingly authentically enjoyable and instructional, even though we’ve been in Todos Santos for several winters.

The tour made six stops high-lighting Mexican culture and cuisine. We learned how butterflies are used to make dyes for traditional Mexican textiles and how beetles are used to color traditional dishes.

But perhaps the most interesting part of the tour was learning about the hyperbaric chamber. Cathy Dammann, a medical aesthetics practitioner and hyperbaric chamber operator, explained the benefits of hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

A hyperbaric chamber is a cocoon-like apparatus that you crawl into and get cozy for an hour or two. Under pressure, it cranks up the oxygen concentration in the chamber, and pushes that concentrated oxygen throughout your body. This concentrated oxygen, (100% oxygen), goes into any organs that need a little extra help.

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

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

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Markets Are Different Here
No, we’re not talking about Soriana’s, this is the real Mexican market scene. In the real Mexico.

By Alejandra Borbolla

Mexican markets have a culture of their own, and I wish every foreigner who steps foot in this country could experience one. Some markets are organized in sections, and walking through the meat, fish and poultry isles might not be the most pleasant experience on your olfactory nerves, but that unpleasantness is balanced by the fruit, vegetable and flower sections.

Traditional markets in towns on the mainland offer a completely different experience than those on the mainland. These markets are large, they are covered, but not always something you want. For me, Mexican market culture consists of getting to the market as early as possible, getting all my items off my list -by the way, I rather buy my meat from the farmers rather than supermarkets, it’s so much better- and having breakfast or lunch at one of the food joints. Most markets have everything in them, and I really do mean everything: meat, fish, poultry, cooking utensils, toys… just like markets in the Mayan culture, they are simply everything.

The short answer: Plenty

Spa Cielo has for all of its 12 years in San Jose, been forward thinking in cutting edge preservation of youth and good looks. But now owner/manager Cathy Dammann is branching into the use of recent developments in DNA technology to guide us into being as healthy and feeling as good as she has made us look.

She can guide you into how to run your DNA, and the doctor who heads her program, Dr. Joseph Dib, reviews your entire DNA report with you, interpreting it for you so you know what you’ve got cooking in your genes.

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

You owe it to yourself to run your DNA now. Your future self, and your loved ones, will thank you.

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in 10 states are seeking a 20% pay increase and a fat bonus. The mainly female cashier's and other low-ranking employees earn on average between US $7 to $7.50 per day (minimum wage is about $5 a day). They are not enrolled in medical insurance or retirement, their union claims. This is illegal.

In addition, they charge that Walmart doesn't respect the right to an eight-hour work day, doesn't pay overtime in accordance with the law, discriminates against pregnant women, and has dismissed workers unfairly. Workers at 121 Walmart stores as well as 56 Sam's Club outlets and an unspecified number of Bodega Aurrera stores are prepared to walk off the job and in some states they are supported by governors who have acknowledged the "abuse" to which Walmart employees are subjected. Uh, well, why didn't they stop it then?

"AMLO strikes again. Almost 90% of government vehicles put up for auction by the new president who doesn't think the public should support them, were sold but the total funds raised fell well short of President López Obrador's $5 million target. 218 cars, SUVs, motorcycles and other vehicles were up for grabs. A businessman made the two priciest purchases, picking up two armored vehicles previously used by former president Enrique Peña Nieto. The new owner said both vehicles as well as an additional five he bought will be available for rent or loan to the president and visiting dignitaries."

There goes the neighborhood. Los Cabos will welcome 65,000 European tourists this year, mostly from the U.K., along with tourists from other parts of Europe. That would be an increase from the current 12,000 European visitors per year.

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You know those pretty trash cans in downtown Cabo? Turns out they don't clean themselves. So one would think the city management would send someone out, right? Ja ja. How long did you say you've been in Mexico, Bunky?

The private downtown Merchants Ass. Pays for it from dues voluntarily paid by most downtown merchants. The non profit called Amigos de Cabo San Lucas work tirelessly to keep our city looking spiffy, holding the city workers accountable. But they pick their battles, and when they know they can't move the city to action, they move themselves to action, doing the job themselves.

Currently, they're meeting over spring break plans, pushing the city to provide extra protection downtown and on walking routes to hotels favored by the youngsters, that are four and five blocks from the bars. They also encourage businesses to fix the sidewalks in front of their business, again, in lieu of the city doing anything about it.

Spend 50% Less In Los Cabos

Que pasa in cabo?... continued from page 5

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The facilitator? A new direct flight from London that will begin landing at the San Jose international airport November 4, as we had announced earlier. The new flight was confirmed and officially announced at the International Tourism Fair (Fitur), held last week in Spain. Usually Brits go to Florida or Cancun, but it looks like they're being more creative now. Never met a Limey who didn't complain about his weather at home, which is good for us.

Footsteps only. But only on Sundays. Beginning last Sunday, the beautiful boulevard that runs the length of La Paz bay will be closed to vehicle traffic every Sunday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm., for the enjoyment of pedestrians who can wander around. The city government has organized several sports and athletic activities, including yoga and martial arts classes, open to all and free of charge.

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If you would like to help, donations can be made at PayDennis in Los Barriles or the GoFundMe nations can be made at PayDennis Martinez, 12 continued from page 6.

If you would like to help, do-a donation….no amount is too small to help get them there. A down payment deadline for the Abu Dhabi contest is coming up March 29, so funds are needed now if they are going to have the confidence to commit. And then of course Angel and his team-mates will be back passing the sombrero for the plane tickets. Hey, it would be the trip of a lifetime for these youngsters. Pony up.

They’re calling these 10 seats with pedals and a captain to steer the contraption a bicycle, but that might be a bit of a stretch. It has pedals, though, so what else should we call it? We’re going with bicycle. weaving, savoring wine from Baja Norte’s Valle de Guadelupe region, and made corn tortillas on the only wood-burning tortilla oven left in the state. A mojito-making lesson and visit to an ice cream shop ended the tour, where I enjoyed corn-flavored ice cream for the first time (unexpectedly delicious!). Visitors are then given some free time before catching their van back to Cabo.

Food and drink are included in the tour price; LocoMotion says they pay the businesses for these stops, contributing to the local economy. There is the option to buy extra drinks during the lunch stop for those who want more buzz, followed invariably less pedaling. Remember that battery, it comes in handy.

There were two other couples on our tour, both from the US and staying in Cabo, and none had been to Todos Santos before. One couple from California had the tour recommended to them by a colleague who had been on it before, and the others found it on TripAdvisor. Despite all my positive raving, Tovar admits it took a while for the company to gain acceptance from locals who were against more tourists and traffic in the town. However, many have come around to recognize the benefits that responsible tourism can bring. As in more money spent, of course. After all, money is the reason the government has declared Todos Santos a magical town; the designation draws tourists who want to see the magic. (There are no card tricks, just a quaint looking town with lots of galleries and trinket shops).

One of our guides quipped, “We’ve gone from getting the

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Our up and coming events are: April 6 El Javi and Jordy at long last. On tour in the United States for several years, Javi plays an incredible flamenco style guitar accompanied by Jordy on drums. This is acoustic and quiet and good for dinner conversation.

April 20, the 420 party starring Brian Flynn and Mike Kelly. He got to play many big shows with performers like Edgar Winter, Lynyard Skynard, Blood, Sweat and Tears, and many more. There may be other acts on this day.

May 4 Saturday Night Tim Lang and Ashbolt Stewart.

May 5 Cinco de Mayo Sand Castle Celebration all day fun for the family, music swimming, pinatas, food and the competition starts at 12:00 PM.

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MARKETS ARE DIFFERENT... continued from page 10

In the 1950s, old wooden market structures were torn down and replaced by modern buildings, a precursor to our Sorianas, and there was even refrigeration, a huge step for markets.

The closest you can come to experiencing a traditional Mexican market is in San Jose, between the fourlane and downtown. You need to really look for it, as it appears from the outside to be smaller than it is. It’s between the street with all the inverted speed bumps, and the next street north. There are doors on each street.

The brand new Chedraui, (pronounced ched wowie), at the traffic circle in San Jose gives a nod to the old traditional market, with its food booths and stools arrayed around the food stand. It’s all modern, bright, air conditioned, and sweet smelling, but does have the traditional booths selling prepared foods, just like in the good old days. It’s all sanitized now, but sit there, squint, hold your nose and you can pretend yourself to a traditional market on mainland Mexico without air conditioning or refrigeration, or screen doors.

What about single use plastic bottles?

Petroleum-based plastics decompose the same way organic material does. This kind of decomposition requires sunlight, not bacteria. When UV rays strike plastic, they break faster.

Mexico is the third largest consumer of plastic single use bottles, right after China and the US.

Mexico consumes enough water bottles each year to wrap around the Earth 170 times.

But there is an argument that banning bottled water removes a healthy choice and leads to increased consumption of unhealthy sugary drinks.

Road Re-Opens

Tropical Storm Lidia caused a land slide into the fourlane that goes to Todos Santos way back a year and a half ago. It just reopened last week. Seems like a tardy repair until you here what they had to do.

They pushed the dirt back up the hill and then stabilized that hill slide with 4 berms, each 30 feet high and each with a shelf of about 15 feet. The total height of the slope is now 150 feet with anchors going down about 24 feet. Then they finished it all off with a gabion wall of 125 feet long. A gabion wall is those basket of rocks you often see along a road.
A Limited Liability Company

Use it to acquire property for rental in Mexico

Yes. If the company is constituted in Canada or the United States and the shareholders or partners are acquiring one to five properties in the restricted zone, these can be acquired and held through the bank trust, the fideicomiso. In this case, the partners or shareholders need not be Mexican residents. Payment of taxes, both gross income and transfer costs, is done through the Mexican corporation or individual.

If the company is constituted in Canada or the United States and intends to develop or rent apartments and condominiums on a larger scale, it will be necessary to register the company with the Mexican National Foreign Investment Registry and to have it declared as a foreign company doing business in Mexico.

This is a rather complicated process and will require translation of the company documents and formalization of same before a Mexican notary public, with registration in the National Foreign Investment Registry, the local Public Registry of Property and then, the administrator and possibly all shareholders will be required to obtain the appropriate immigration documents with permission to receive income from a foreign company operating in Mexico.

Since the company is a foreign entity, it will still be necessary to place title for any property located within the restricted zone, in a Mexican bank trust. This will cause standard fees of approximately $3,500 USD for the permit and initial bank fees, plus a transfer fee. Annual fees to the bank for the trust are $350 to $500. (Recently the federal legislature tried to do away with this fideicomiso, but the bank lobby swung into action and killed that.)

The company must obtain a Federal Taxpayer Identification number and will be required to file a declaration each month with provisional payments on anticipated income. An annual declaration will also be required.

Estimated costs to register the company in Mexico:

- Translation, Notary Fees, Registration Fees $5,000 USD
- Monthly tax declarations and reporting $300 to $500 USD
- Plus annual trust fees, which we have already discussed.

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Rosy Holmos

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Dual Agency And The Real Estate Agent

Can it be possible?

In real estate the party that represents a buyer and or a seller in the purchase or sale of a property is called an agent. In Mexico as in other countries of the world, the agent has a duty to treat his principal in an ethical and professional manner. The Mercantile Code, Articles 273 to 308 outline the obligations involved in representing the interests of the client. Both law and custom make it very difficult for the conscientious agent to represent BOTH buyer and seller since the buyer wants to buy the property for the lowest price possible and the seller is looking for the greatest amount of money he can get for his property. With this in mind, how can the conscientious agent honestly represent both parties? Almost anyone will agree; there is a conflict of interest when anyone tries to fairly represent both sides of a transaction.

No matter how much the agent needs or wants the money that will come from a FULL commission, it is better to call in a colleague to represent one side or the other. That way both share in the commission, both principals are honestly and fairly served and the agent will have clients who will recommend his or her services to other friends and acquaintances.

It ends up being win-win for everyone!

To reinforce the relationship with buyer or seller clients it is important to understand and discuss this with the client:

- And what are the obligations and responsibilities? Simply put, the seller’s agent has the obligation to counsel his seller as to fair and reasonable selling price, as to the importance of disclosure of defects in the property, as well as to offer the property to the widest audience possible. The purpose of this, of course, is to obtain the highest price possible for the property.
- The buyer’s agent should assist the client in locating the best property possible which will meet buyer’s requirements. Once located, the property should be inspected as to suitability for the purpose intended and the most attractive price and terms possible negotiated for the acquisition of the property.
- In all cases, the agent must treat all parties with honesty and fairness.
- Forms confirming agency relationships are available by contacting the author at the address below.

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Real Estate Market Report

Last year was fantastic for the real estate market in Los Cabos with $360 million dollars of sales volume and 928 units sold. This number refers to houses, condominiums, lots, and other property types like fractionalas, commercial, and multi-units. The average list price to sales price was 89 percent, that is to say, an 11 percent average negotiation room.

About the individual property types, starting with condos: We had $160 million dollars in sales volume and 284 total condos sold with an average sales price of $409,000. The average days on the market was 352 days. The average list price to sales price was 92 percent.

The sales volume for houses was $161 million dollars, and the number of units sold was 340 with an average sales price of $474,000 per house. The average days on the market was 359 days.

The average list price to sales price was 90 percent.

Lots had a sales volume of 74 million dollars in 2018; 284 units sold, an average sales price of $263,000 per lot, and an average days on market of 528 days. The average list price to sales price was 82 percent.

For more information, you can download the reports here: http://mls.loscabosagent.com.

Also, I am available to provide a more detailed report about any specific community in Los Cabos. Already 2019 is looking to exceed 2018 numbers. It is a booming real estate market in Cabo!

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Even drip tape can be put to good use

BY ALEJANDRA BORBOLLA

Drip tape is used as a cheap solution for watering crops. It’s a skinny, .008 inch thick tube made from class 3 PVC. They are plastic tubes that are placed in crops to water the plants without watering weeds, and saving lots of money and lots of work in the fields. A 10,000 foot roll sells for less than 200 dollars, and can not be reused. Once the drip tape has served its purpose in one crop rotation, it has to be removed before the fields are prepared for the next crop. Every year in Cabo alone, seven million feet of drip tape makes the inevitable journey to landfills. And, drip tape takes about 100 years to disintegrate. We know a guy who timed it.

But, a company named Eco Palapa and shade found a handy dandy way to re purpose used drip tape, turning it into sheets of material that can be used to build palapas, fences, and furniture at this point and they are still looking for more uses.

The only other solution that has been found is to burn drip tape, which releases toxic fumes, contaminating the air and atmosphere.

The man behind the project is Vaughn Ermoyan, a retired marine living at La Ribera. His team consists entirely of senoras, and he has taught the ladies how to weld and use machinery they would have most likely only seen to their husbands use, bringing home some good income. They have all learned together, as more projects pop into the creative mind of Uncle Von. That’s what the senoras call him.

Baled drip tape could go either way; landfills or recycle.

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The numbers are impressive. In the past year, one Baja organization has:

Had 2500 attendees at workshops and events
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Tought over 700 hours of English classes

Then why do so few people seem to know what happens at the Centro's mandate in the community, including youth engagement and English classes, environment protection around water and waste management, and sustainable development.

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Every Monday through 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 Cauhtemoc 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: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. At La Esquina in Todos Santos. Organic eggs, honey, as well as handicrafts such as furniture made with regional woods, leather goods and clay pottery all made by ranch hands.

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 TVs of all kinds), cellphones and accessories, edible vegetable oil, ink cartridges and toners of HP, Samsung and Xerox only. In San Jose at Centenario corner with Ildefonso Green. In Cabo San Lucas at the parking lot of the baseball stadium. Email info@yoreciclo.org.mx for more information.

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

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

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Every Friday: 6:00 pm. Trivia Night. Todos Santos Brewing. Fresh, organic produce, coffee, fish, seafood, eggs, whole lambs, (Little Bo Peep!) pigs, (Porky! Is that you?) & handicrafts.

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

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

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

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

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

Every Sunday: 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. Álvaro Obregón street (between Militar & Rangel). Facebook @ TodosSantosBrewing for more information, 612-145-2023 or email info@todosantosbrewing.mx

March 18th, 2019

Missing Person/Dog

Wayne Long and his dog Ike were last seen in Loreto on January 17th, before he probably headed into the back country in his white pop up camper on his Toyota truck.

If you have seen him please contact: Park Kitchings 541 815 5299 or on Facebook ParkKitchings
Every Tuesday 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Garden of the Arts. More than forty local artists show and sell their works, including paintings, sculptures, photography and engravings. Open area. Spanish with some English. Mijares Main Explore in downtown San Jose. More info on Facebook: Jardin del Arte Los Cabos.

Every Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. Documentary Movie Club. A different documentary every week. In the original language with Spanish subtitles. Free. Alfredo Green Cultural House Downtown San Jose.

Every Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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, paintings, books, live music. Spanish and English. El Merkado at Koral Center, next to the H+ Hospital. Kilometer 24.5 on the fourlane to San Jose.

Every Wednesday, Thursday 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. Plaza el Pescador across from Cabo Azul resort in the hotel zone. San Jose.

Every Saturday, 6:00 p.m. Hermannita de Ysabela Reading lounge. At Cultural Pavilion’s Cinema lobby. Cabo San Lucas downtown next to the marina.


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

Monday and Wednesday 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Short Film Script Workshop. For 13 to 18 years old. Spanish. 300 pesos/month. Hierro St. corner with Adele St. Downtown neighbor, La Paz. Tel: 612 128 1612.


Every Thursday 5:00 p.m. Art Walk, at the Art Galleries district in Downtown San Jose. Art, paintings, 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, Polynesian dance, folk dance, singing, painting, literature, theater, guitar, and more. facebook.com/casadelacultura/call 624 146 9836 in office hours. Alvaro Obregon St. Downtown San Jose.

Wednesday to Monday. From 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ruta de Plata Museum at El Triunfo. Discover the rich mining history and settlement of the Cape Region. Enjoying, interesting, interactive ex-hibits, Explore the complex, the gift shop, places to wine and dine, and the historic village. Spanish and English. 100 pesos entrance fee. Info: museorutadeplata.com, Ayuntamiento St. (Progreso and Guadalupe). Downtown San Lucas.

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Every Thursday, 8:00 p.m. Vagabond Movie Club. The original movie club is back at the Cultural Pavilion, the gray building at the marina. Downtown San Lucas.

Every other Friday. 8:30 p.m. Vagabond Movie Club. Various movies in their original languages with Spanish subtitles. Short films and art videos before the movie. Free. Playa Migrino St. up from Miguel A. Herrera St. Turn right 2 blocks before the gas station (Pueblo Bono nito Sunset area). San Lucas.


March 24, Sunday. 11 am to 6:00 pm. El Triunfo Artisan. Local arts and crafts, food and artistic activities, crafts contest, piano concert and more. Triunfo. 124 0100.

March 28, Thursday. 6:00 p.m. Classic guitar recital. Sala de Conciertos, La Paz. Morelos, corner of Marcelo Rubio Sts. Free. 612122 22 86.

March 29, Friday. 5:00 p.m. Son de Mariachi, Ritmo de Tango. Argentinian and Mexican folk dance with traditional gaucho and mariachi live music, passion and joy at the same time. More than 30 artists on stage. With Lleo, pianist. Teatro de la Ciudad, La Paz. Navarro St. between Altamirano and 18 de Octubre.

Compiled by Karina Uruquizo. If you would like to see your event listed here, email her at ninaurquizo@hotmail.com

To get your event listed here, email the details to davida@gringogazette.com There is no charge.

And, if any event we list here does not go off as advertised, please don’t shoot the messenger, this is Mexico, and every event is, well, fluid.

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Community Reading Lounges

At AMELIA WILKES PLAZA Main plaza downtown CSL.

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

At PLAZA COTA.

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

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

Every Tuesday from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Trobatumundos Reading Club. Spanish mostly. More info and special activities on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/saladeculturatrotamundos/time line.

At KINESIS GYM. El Chamillo 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: facebook.com/ Sala-de-lec-tura-La-Ma-ro-Mar%28salas-Kinesis-Fabuladanza-691039797610803/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.57789703552373/timeline.

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Ask a Mexican

The University of Hidalgo is accused of laundering $156 million through its bank accounts. They deny this.

This week we asked:
Do you think a university would do such a thing?

Jonatan Ruiz, 21, student.
Yucatan.

Of course, they would launder money. If institutions like food banks and hospitals do, what would stop a university to do so? I think it's an idiotic state of mind to believe universities are perfect, because they are in charge of education but they are some of the worst organizations out there. There's a reason why so many student groups are against the administration.

Natalia Ruiz, 22, student. México City.

That is not the only university to launder money, not after Enrique Pena Nieto was president. My school has been accused since 2012 and nothing happens. We have gone on strike, we have walked out of classes and tried to get the university to answer some questions but they never do. Us as students only fear violence from them, because of what happened to the 43 picketing students, and the Tlatelolco killings. I know it's not the same, but it is just what happened when the authorities were attacked.

Diana Juarez, 19, student.
Pachuca.

I don't think universities need to launder money, because they get government resources. And if they did, we would have better classrooms or libraries, which we don't. I am not defending anyone, but who would be responsible? The deans or the state if it were a public school? We need to know how to take this information properly as sometimes the people just get angry and chaos starts to rise, and many times there's nothing we as citizens can do, let alone university students.

Horacio Valdés, 20, student.
San Luis Potosí.

Of course, they do, but that is one of the smallest offenses they do, as universities. The worst thing is, they hire teachers because they are in stupid unions, who are rapists and the academies usually know about this but they won't fire them. And the girls are victimized to the point where they're too scared to come forward, so thy just stick it out until they graduate and forget the whole thing.

Jaime García, 21, student.

I can not say I'm surprised but I didn't know either. I know universities do a lot of bad things, but we don't punish them because we think they do a certain good in our society by educating people. I think it also depends if the school is public or private.

Suseth Lisboa, 22, student.
Guanajuato.

I don't think universities are the only institutions that launder money, and for that matter there's far many more institutions that do worse. Of course, the will deny it, it's not like someone is going to come out and say “yes, I launder money I'm sorry” what do people think? Why don’t people care about more important things, like how many universities are losing their statuses for lack of resources? Or how many of them are losing students because of violence? That is far more important.

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Cabo San Lucas

The striped marlin have continued to spread out along the Pacific side with good action concentrated from just a few miles off the Lighthouse out to the Golden Gate and San Jamie Bank. The seasonal migration has begun to turn the corner following schools of bait up into the Sea of Cortez. Stripers are now reported off Palmilla and Punta Gorda and as far east as the Gordo Banks. The fleets are reporting solid counts averaging one to two fish per day, with a few still reporting multiple fish for their anglers. The dorado counts have been a bit spotty, but the wahoo counts have been up. Yellowfin tuna counts were also down a bit, perhaps because of fewer boats targeting the tuna as they were almost 30 to 35 miles out. The wahoo have been spotted from west of the Lighthouse.

Nothing To See Here Folks

MARY (DOG)

Unless you’re interested in becoming the proud owner of the sweetest dog on earth, there’s nothing to see here. Mary is a small to medium sized pooch who sustained an injury on one side but received successful treatment by our veterinary team and she snapped back.

She can’t wait to please whomever she is with, (OK, so, whoever feeds her), laying down on her front paws gazing up at you for instructions.

Mary is still a bit confused about being “on the inside,” but the chow’s good so she’s going for it. Mary loves to be talked to and walked, so come check her out; we know Mary will make some dog loving person like you a fabulous furever friend.

And yeah, we know Mary is a stupid name for a dog, but after so many years doing this and so many dogs, we run out of good names. Your choice, Mary doesn’t much care for that temporary name, either, and you have the power to make her permanent.

KITTY (CAT)

Unless you like sweet, petite, and well-mannered felines like me. And BTW, Kitty isn’t really my name - I still just have the collar my human surrendered me in. Look, I’m not sure why my human left me here, maybe they didn’t want to deal with my eye infection, but I’m doing my best to fit in. I even use my best (and totally un-catlike) manners at all times, not even flipping when the vets treat my infection with something that stings my eye, because I really luv humans.

Would you be mine, please and thank you. Oh, and my eye is looking great now, won’t be going down that road again.

Los Cabos Humane Society

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. Every little bit helps. LCHS is a private organization funded solely by donations. Help us spay and neuter www.loscaboshumanesociety.com

Los Cabos Rotary Club

Meetings at the Sports Bar at Sheraton Grand Hacienda del Mar
Every Tuesday at 8:00 am

Los Cabos Climate: Late February into early March has been a bit greener water has pushed down. The striped marlin have continued to spread out along the east off Palmilla. Inshore fishing has improved with nice catches of schools of skipjack, along with the sierra and jacks showing from Solmar to El Arco. Roosterfish have had a good showing in the surf from Solmar around the point to the Lighthouse and in the Palmilla area. Yellowtail are also showing up in the most recent counts.

Cabo Climate: Late February into early March has been a bit warmer than average with a mix of mostly sunny-to-partly cloudy skies. The outlook is for a pleasant March with average daytime temps in the mid- to upper-70s and evenings in the low- to mid-60s. The two-week forecast is for mostly sunny-to-partly cloudy skies with zero chance of rain through late March. Winds are expected to pick up a bit into the 9- to 15-mph range through late March, mostly out of the W and W/SW. Humidity is expected to run in the mid-60s.

Sea Conditions: Seas have been relatively calm in the mornings throughout the area with some swells and chop showing up in the afternoons as breezes increase. The forecast is for more of the same with winds in the 9- to 15-mph range from the W and W/SW. Pacific side sea temps seem to have stabilized. Temps are running from 71 to 74 degrees on the Pacific side and in the 69- to 73-degree range on the inside around the corner to the Sea of Cortez as some cooler, greener water has pushed down.

Best Fishing Areas: The marlin hot spots have remained primarily to the west and north, but decent action was again reported on the inside this past week. The Sea of Cortez as some cooler, greener water has pushed down.

Fish Killer Of The Week

From Paso Robles, Joe Zermati hooked into this nice yellowtail while slow-trolling a sardina in shallow water as he was fishing the lee side of Cerralvo Island, upright and close to shore to minimize the winds. Photo, Jonathan Roldan’s Tailhunter International

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one-finger salute to the five-finger wave." That's a minor miracle, as the contraption of more than a dozen people pedaling down the street is quite an obstruction.

When I reflected on the day, I realized the bike is a great way to see Todos Santos. Sure, you could walk between all the locations, but first you'd have to know about them and you'd have to dodge cars and passersby. You could do a vehicle excursion, but then you wouldn't be in the open air and you'd be going too fast to appreciate all the fascinating details, nooks, and galleries.

It's anybody's guess when the permits will be in place for tours to begin in Cabo San Lucas - that's still on the government's desk. But the plan is to offer three types of tours there: a cultural tour similar to the Todos offering, one focusing specifically on cooking Mexican food, and an evening party tour that will take riders between Cabo's famous watering holes.

For more information or to book your outing, visit lomotionbaja.com.

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**16th Todos Santos Film Festival. March 21 to 24**

All movies are in Spanish with English subtitles. Tickets: 50 pesos ($2.5 USD) general. Opening Night 100 pesos (around $5 USD). All movies VIP pass 400 pesos ($20.50 USD). For sale at El Tucolote bookstore Todos Santos. Arts and craft, live music, food stands. All profits to benefit the Todos Santos Leonardo Perel Film School. More info at Todossantoscinefest.com

**March 21. Thursday, 2:00 pm. Averno. (Hell) Film from Bolivia. Manuel Márquez de Leon Theater.**


**March 21. Thursday, 6:00 pm. El pilot Mongol. (The Mongolian Pilot). Premiere. Manuel Marques de Leon Theater.**

**March 21. Thursday, 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Arts and Crafts fair & expo. Local products and original art for sale. Main Plaza.**

**March 21. Thursday. 7:30 pm. Maestros Milongueros. (Milonga Music Masters). Main Plaza.**

**March 22. Friday. 3:00 pm. Erase Una Vez (Once Upon A Time). New Documentary Film. Meet the director. Manuel Marques de Leon Theater.**

**March 22. Friday. 5:15 pm. Asfixia. (Suffocation). Manuel Marques de Leon Theater.**

**March 22. Friday. 7:30 pm. La Habitation. (The Room). Film from Mexico. Manuel Marques de Leon Theater.**

**March 23. Saturday. 11:00 am. Todos Santos y Su Gente. (Todos Santos and its People) Cineminuto workshop. By the Todos Santos Leonardo Perel Film School. Spanish with some help in English. Free. the Cultural Center.**

**March 23. Saturday. 11:00 am. Animation workshop for kids. By Leonardo Perel Film School. Spanish and English. Free. Colorado University.**

**March 23. Saturday. 3:00 pm. La Era de la Desconexion. (The Age of Being Out of Touch). Made in Baja. Mark Spark. Manuel Marques de Leon Theater.**

**March 23. Saturday. 5:15 pm. Yo soy Tita de Buenos Aires. (I am Tita from Buenos Aires). Film from Argentina. Manuel Marques de Leon Theater.**

**March 23. Saturday. 7:30 pm. Los Adiós (The Good byes). Spanish with English subtitles. Manuel Marques de Leon Theater. Todos Santos.**

**March 23. Saturday. 7:00 pm. La Ahorcadita. (The little hanged girl). Film made in Todos Santos. Cemetery Night. At Panteon 19 (the graveyard).**

**March 23. Saturday. 7:30 pm. Noche Tanguera (Tango Night). Tango short films. 750 pesos. Guaycura Mirador.**

**March 24. Sunday. 1:00 pm. Jovenes en Video (YouthVideo). Short Films Marathon. Manuel Marques de Leon Theater.**

**March 24. Sunday. 3:00 pm. Hasta Los Dientes. (Up to the Teeth). Manuel Marques de Leon Theater.**

**March 24. Sunday. 5:00 pm. Y de Pronto El Amor aparece. (And Suddenly). Manuel Marques de Leon Theater.**


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Love a Mexican

APACHE
Male 4 years old mix chow-chow found in an arroyo by the airport.
He looks old right now but after one month in Baja SAFE care Apache will again look like the puppy he is. For now he is very gentle and still scared, but he will forget his ever being scared, we see it all the time. Apache will be ready to go in 4 weeks.

SIOUX
Female mix terrier still shy and needs a lovely home. Sell, Sioux doesn't know from lovely, she just wants some kibble and love. She is very skinny now and will be ready in about one month, at the same time her friend Apache will be good to go. They were found few days apart in the Barrio. Hey, here's an idea! Why don't you go for a twofer and take both?
Gorda. No reports off the Finger Bank recently; however, private sports fishers traveling down are reporting good numbers of billfish there for those willing to make the 50-mile run. Wahoo were being reported from west of the Lighthouse around the inside of Panchorilla.

Favorite Bait: Trolled black/green or green/silver mackerel-looking lures, along with live mackerel or live caballito have been the favorite for mackerel. Trolled feathers and cedar plugs were the ticket for the yellowfin. Hoochies were by far the preferred and most productive lures for the sierra. Poppers near the surf were the most successful bait for jack crevalle and roosterfish.

Bait Supply: Live bait is available at $3.00 per bait upon exit from the harbor. Mackerel, when available, are popular with the captains.

Puerto Los Cabos

In recent days there have been sardina found schooling near the Marina jetty, and some nice sierra, jack crevalle, and even roosterfish have been found along the beach stretches. Other bait options were caballito, chihuahua, ballyhoo and slabs of squid.

Most local charters have been working the grounds from the Gordo Banks to the Iman Bank, with some scouting as far north as Vinorama. The most common species have been the Eastern Pacific bonito and red snapper (mostly smaller fish, but all good eating), striking on yo-yo jigs and various bait. Some red crabs were starting to be seen at times. Occasional amberjack or leopard grouper were highlighting the bottom action with no yellowtail reported.

The yellowfin tuna have become very scarce recently. Those fish that were weighed in were in the 30- to 70-pound class range. Dorado have also become very scattered after the inshore water changed to an off-colored green; there were a few 15-pound dorado.

The striped marlin have also been very scattered, though every day we have seen a few landed. Bait schools are more spread out, so the marlin seem not to be congregating on any hot spot.

East Cape

Cooler temperatures and even rain have been the story at East Cape, and while the north winds persist, there are hints of an early spring. There have only been a few boats out fishing. There have been some schooling yellowtail spotted breathing, and the sierra and jack continue to make the beach scene interesting for small boaters.
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