The new Mar Adentro in San Jose features vast areas of lagoons. That pile of twigs is not a beaver dam and it’s not a bird’s nest turned upside down. It’s a restaurant and bar. Story inside.

Shrimp Season Is Closed!

Does this mean there will be no more shrimp in your shrimp cocktail? No, not at all. Most people think the shrimp we eat here in Cabo come from Sinoloa across the Sea of Cortez, but most does not.

The owner of Maro’s Shrimp House in downtown Cabo is our go-to guy for all things shrimp, and he told us most boats are parked in Sinoloa, and it’s also off limits for shrimping, but that doesn’t mean they stop shrimping. Like stop signs in Mexico, shrimping bans are only a suggestion. When the season is closed in Mexican waters, the boats simply move out of Mexican waters. If they even bother doing that. Off season the boats travel farther out to other areas of the Pacific where there hasn’t been much shrimping going on while the pickings were good near shore. A boat could be gone for three or four months, a long time to be confined in such small quarters with your hard working and probably pretty stinky crew buddies. No wonder the shrimp cost so

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All Inclusive Resorts Accused of Harming Local Economy

The money stays in the resort until the profits are taken by out of town and out of country owners

Merchants in downtown Cabo and San Jose are concerned with the trend to all inclusive resorts. That’s the system of paying up front for a resort vacation, including all the drinks and all the food. Vacationers like it because it contains the cost of their trip: They know the total amount of money they are going to spend. Resorts like it because they make money on the food and drink. As far as the local merchants liking it? Not so much. Everyone has a conflicting perspective, depending on how they earn their paycheck.

Local all-inclusive hoteliers claim the all-inclusive holiday packages are a direct response to U.S. and Canadian tour operators’ demands and pressure, saying it’s not their fault that local entrepreneurs such as restaurant, bar and shop owners are hurting. Half empty restaurants and bars are blamed on the all inclusive tourism product. And so who takes it in the shorts again? All the local people who are just trying to carve out a living. And who profits again? The richy rich investors who do make it all happen by building the infrastructure.

The resorts, (which are usu-

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This season has seen record lines of people trying to get through customs at the airport
From The Publisher

BY CARRIE DUNCAN

Gosh, even our precious readers are calling my little chats with you, my "rant"s. That's what we call them around the office, and now that somewhat hurtful and wholly inaccurate description of my literary gems has slipped out onto the streets.

Well, maybe they are rants, but I only get into the mood to write to you when I'm mad as hell and not inclined to take it anymore. Thus, the slide into rantedom. When other subjects pop into my pretty little head, I just shrug them off and go to the beach or the golf course.

I hope you liked the article, anything ends up. So it's anybody's guess where that, because he is a nice man it will be nice, you can count on rantdom. When other subjects run into my head, I just shrug them off and go to the beach or the golf course.

I'm glad you're back and I'm happy to tell you that I'm mad as hell and not inclined to take it anymore. Thus, the slide into rantdom. When other subjects pop into my pretty little head, I just shrug them off and go to the beach or the golf course.

A dog who was running for mayor of Los Cabos was talking to an owl who owned and operated a small grocery store in the barrio. The dog was telling the owl that tourism was important to him, to the owl, and to his family, so he should vote for a candidate who was tour-ist friendly. The owl shot back that he didn't give a hoot about tourists, they never came into his store, and besides he hardly ever saw one up in his barrio in the hills. "To hell with the foreigners," said Mr. Owl.

"But they do matter to you," argued Mr. Dog. "They spend money here".

"Not in my store," sniffed Mr. Owl with the shake of his feathers and a steady blink of both eyes. Just then a pigeon hopped in, wearing the crisp white uniform of a housekeeper at Palmilla. She was arm in arm with a blue jay who also hopped in, wearing the crisp white uniform of a housekeeper at Palmilla. She and a steady blink of both eyes.

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The real estate industry plans to lobby for a renewed discussion in Congress over the elimination of the bank trust foreigners must use to purchase property. The president of the Real Estate Confederation of Latin America said removing the requirement for foreigners to buy real estate with a trust, called a fideicomiso, would detonate sales and have an impact on the entire sector.

Antonio Hánna estimated it would drive up demand by 30% in the five years following the change.

A big change for Mexicans by birth or naturalization, or Mexican companies, can directly own real estate within 50 kilometers of the ocean or 100 kilometers of international borders. Foreigners who wish to hold land within those areas, known as the restricted zone, must do so with a bank trust. The buyer, who must pay an annual fee to the bank, has the right to use the property but the bank holds the title.

Don’t hold your breath, though, as the banks have heavy duty lobbyists and they are not going to give up the income from the fideicomiso without a heroic fight.

**Mexican auto dealers hopeful.** The import of used vehicles from the United States is getting tougher. The federal tax administration, called SAT, has decreed that vehicles to be imported must have ownership or registration papers that must first indicate the vehicle has been exported from its country of origin. So, go back to the States and get that paperwork. Exercising greater control over vehicles imports this year has been credited with causing a 16% reduction in those imports between January and August. But in August alone, used vehicle imports plummeted 38%, from 63,764 to 39,826.

An important factor in the decline, says Guillermo Rosales, director of the Mexican Association of Automotive Distributors, has been the replacement of many of the crooked customs officials and a restriction on the hours during which imports can be processed. So they can be watched. In 2013, some 654,000 used cars were imported into Mexico. Here We Go Again. The real estate industry plans to lobby once again for Congress to eliminate the bank trust foreigners must use to purchase property.

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By Dr. Dick

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Local teacher turns 109. Well, she’s dead. The life of elementary school teacher Amelia Wilkes, who was born on February 26 109 years ago, was celebrated last week in downtown Cabo, at the park that bears her name on Hidalgo Street, just a couple of blocks up from the Tesoro hotel.

The official speaker at the event was another teacher, Faus-tina Wilkes, who said, “We owe this great woman we honor today many of the public services that we enjoy today, such as electricity and water, the land for the first elementary school, transformed currently into the natural history museum on this same site and park.” Yada yada yada. There was a plaque unveiled honoring Amelia Wilkes, which was placed on the walls of the museum. That’s the park with the whale skeleton in the front yard. The event was followed by the launching of a “get to know your museum” campaign by the city government. It’s open every day, swing by, it’s by donation.

Parks under repair. Since January of this year, the city government has spiffed up and refurbished 30 public parks that had been neglected by the previous administration. “The goal is to clean up all 120 public parks in Los Cabos, which are recreational areas for our families,” said the director of public services oh so proudly. In their spare time, his office is picking up trash, repairing street lights, and paving dirt roads.

Local beach in tug-o-war. El Tule beach, located halfway between Cabo San Lucas and San Jose, has been the subject of a tug-o-war between a local entrepreneur who wants to erect a movable restaurant/bar there, and the city – supported by many butinski citizens – which refuses to provide a business permit for the bar to operate. However the watering hole has been opened. It is made of wood and can be dismantled and hauled away in a jiffy if there’s a hurricane. It sits on a dry riverbed, or arroyo, one of the largest and most dangerous such arroyos in Los Cabos, which is why the city opposes it.

The owner, Carlos Hudson, has a permit from Conagua, Mexico’s federal water commission, which has jurisdiction over arroyos, lakes and beaches. They gave him a permit to build, not to run his business. Hooooooo.....why would you let a guy build if you don’t intend to let him open?

The city’s urban planning agency (yes, Virginia, we actu-ally have one of those), revealed last week that in addition to Hudson’s bar, his office has six more permit requests pending to erect some kind of temporary structure, palapas or just large canopies, in that area, to be open during Easter week and spring break. Hordes of Mexicans will be camping in the arroyo and El Tule beach. Everybody will be whooshed out to sea if it rains.

Let’s all fix downtown Cabo! A project to embellish downtown Cabo San Lucas has been presented by Carlos Tinoco, president of the Amigos de Cabo San Lucas Ass., which has around 200 downtown businesses as members. This plan concerns the urban image of Los Cabos.

The project includes a homogenization of the facades along Cabo’s main streets and Lazaro Cardenas and Marina boulevard, which are the most popular with our precious tourists. The Amigos association has been successful at obtaining federal and state funds to repair downtown sidewalks and placing utilities underground. Some telephone poles are still up along.

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pay for little commercial return.
Belgian entrepreneur and former athlete Gerard Blitz pioneered the concept of all inclusive holidays using army surplus tents in Majorca in the 1950s. Then the French owned Club Med resorts, where food was included and you paid for your drinks in plastic beads worn around your neck, expanded on that. Thus was born the cheap all inclusive holiday that has become the habit of millions of holiday makers.
The first part of February saw our airport experiencing record levels of traffic. The operators of the airport reported receiving more than 3.5 million passengers last year, up up up more than 12.5% over 2014, but the merchants are whining that this new prosperity is not reflected in their sales. Some blame this on the all inclusive business model.
Sylvia Warnes, her husband, have more than 100 hotels across 19 countries. Rui is part of the TUI Group, which is one of the world’s largest multinational travel and tourism companies with headquarters in Hanover Germany. They gross about $19 billion annually.
The Warnes family paid $6,800 to a California based travel agent who paid a Spanish based hotel group which in turn sent their portion of the profits to a holding company in Germany.
Sylvia Warnes stated, “just getting to the airport in San Francisco and then simply switching off for the week with precious few decisions to be made was an attractive quality to the vacation and we would buy an all inclusive again”
Another barrier to going into town are the measures taken by the concierges and hotel staff of even the non all inclusive resorts. CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

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Phoenicia, "said Cathy Dammann, an aesthetician, "and I have been named the "Successful Women of the Baja" by Baja Traveler Magazine and in 2009, we've received nearly US $100 billion to U.S. firm Owens-Illinois container business for $2.15 billion. In 2014, AT&T made a significant acquisition of wireless companies by AT&T, and the sale by Mexican glass producer Vitro SAB of its glass container business for $2.15 billion to U.S. firm Owens-Illinois Inc. The United States accounted for 53.1% of last year’s investment, Spain 9.6%, Japan 4.7%, Germany 4.3% and Canada 3.8%. Another 74 miscellaneous countries contributed the remaining 24.76%.

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Spa Cielo Laser Center Earns 2015 tripadvisor® Certificate of Excellence Award

Multiple award winning Medical Laser and Weight Loss Center, Spa Cielo, located in San Jose del Cabo, today announced that it has received a TripAdvis- or® Certificate of Excellence award. The accolade is given only to establishments that consistently achieve outstanding reviews on TripAdvisor, and is extended to qualifying businesses worldwide. Only the top-performing 10 percent of businesses listed on TripAdvisor receive this prestigious award.

To qualify for a Certificate of Excellence, businesses must maintain an overall rating of four or higher, out of a possible five, as reviewed by travelers on TripAdvisor, and must have been listed on TripAdvisor for at least 12 months. Additional criteria include the volume of reviews received within the last 12 months. Spa Cielo carries a five star rating.

"We are pleased to receive a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence," said Cathy Dammann, Medical Aesthetics Practitioner and founder of Spa Cielo Laser Center. "Our team strives to make a positive difference in the lives of our clients and the community in which we live. Spa Cielo was founded on the principles of professionalism, safety and most importantly, client satisfaction. We ever-so-carefully unite patient concerns with the most advanced, proven, non-invasive cosmetic technology to achieve the patient’s personal goals. ‘We are committed to enhancing the personal well-being, confidence and self-esteem of our patients in a safe, professional, ethical environment.’ This accolade has helped over 14,000 clients ‘Turn Back the Clock’ with customized programs for overall health, including diet and nutritional, and skin and body rejuvenation. Whether battling the bulge and cellulite, or acne, rosacea, hyperpigmentation, spider veins, sun damage, unwanted hair, scars, nail fungus or tattoos, or just loose flaccid skin that comes with age, their center will help you overcome your challenges. Their newest cutting edge technologies include HydroFa- cial, Total FX® CO2, VelaShape2®, Genesis, Titan® and LifeStyle® Lifts. They provide free of charge the VI- SIA® Computerized Skin Scan and printed report for you to take home. You can call and schedule an appointment at 624-105-2209 or visit their website at www.spa-cielo.com. ‘TripAdvisor is delighted to celebrate the success of busi- nesses around the globe, from Sydney to Chicago, Sao Paulo to Rome, which are consistently offering TripAdvisor travelers a great customer experience,’ said Alison Cupus, Vice President of Marketing for TripAdvisor for Business. ‘The Certificate of Excellence award provides top performing establishments around the world the recognition they deserve, based on feedback from those who matter most – their customers.’

Cathy Dammann is a Medical Aesthetics Practitioner and has certifications in Aesthetics, and Light and Laser Therapies. She is a member of the International Association for Physicians in Aesthetic Medicine and the recent recipient of the 2012 ‘Successful Women of the Baja’ by Baja Traveler Magazine. She has made numerous appearances on talk shows including Oprah. Spa Cielo’s physicians and staff are trained and certified in United States and Mexico and are bilingual. Spa Cielo Laser and Wellness Center holds a five star rating and received the ‘2013 Award of Excellence’ from TripAdvisor 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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Join A Club, Eat A Veggie

It’s more fun and it’s healthier when you belong to a veggie club

BY TOM A. TOE

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. When you become a CSA member, you’re purchasing a share in your local farmer’s co-op. You pay up front, at the beginning of the growing season, and each week you get a box containing a variety of vegetables, and that box is your share of the business for that week. Benefits include a steady supply of fresh local produce, the opportunity to try new vegetables and recipes, and the chance to bond with your food cycle.

We have one of these in Todos Santos, run by Leon and Caroline Benzel and their partner with help from farm hand Claudia. Caroline has just a few acres under cultivation, and she runs around doing a little bit of everything, including planting, tending, harvesting, and delivering the boxes. And that’s in between running after her three toddlers, two of whom are twins, and one who is a newborn.

She admits she has a full plate, so to speak, but she loves it, even though she does not have a farming background. That’s her husband Carlos’ expertise he was born and raised on a neighboring farm in Todos Santos.

Once you buy into her co-op you will receive a box of organic vegetables every week with a variety of seasonal produce. Some weeks will be more bountiful than others and contents will vary depending on the season, but they always try to pack basic produce staples in each box, such as tomato, lettuce, and onion. One box one week might contain lettuce, peas, arugula, basil, and cherry tomatoes. Another week you might get green beans, watermelon, papaya, mint, sweet peppers, summer squash, and sweet potatoes. Throughout the entire growing season you can expect to receive 35 different vegetables and about 64 varieties. You’ll receive lots of your favorites as well as some rare vegetables you aren’t likely to see in stores, such as bright lights Swiss chard. To help you make the most of your box and in case you don’t know what to do with some of the more exotic fare, Caroline tucks in some recipes and storage tips relevant to the contents.

There are two memberships: family and basic, and their harvesting season is from December 18 through June 3. Members will receive 24 weekly veggie boxes during that time. A family Membership feeds two to four people and costs about $430 for the season, which is $18 a week. Nope, not cheap, but you’ve seen the tacky condition of the vegetables you get at the local stores, it’s pitiful. You get an early bird discount down to $250 if you pay in full by August 31. Huge discount, so pony up. Anyway, those twins need food and diapers.

An example of the family box includes 4-5 heads lettuce, 2 bunches Swiss chard, 2 bunches basil, 2 bunches carrots, 8 tomatoes, 3 heads cauliflower, green beans, and 5-6 onions. And that’s every week! Share with your neighbors.

Or buy the basic membership which feeds 1-2 people for $235 for the entire season, less than 10 bucks a week. And your early bird discount off that is a $150. Contents of the basic box is 2-3 heads lettuce, 1 bunch Swiss chard, 1 bunch basil, 1 bunch carrots, 4 tomatoes, 1-2 heads cauliflower, green beans, and 2-3 onions.

She plants to plan for an
New Property In San Jose Is A Stunner
Wow....just wow.

BY CHUCK WAGON

Inside the mammoth new building that is a hotel and full ownership homes called Mar Adentro, are four new restaurants/bars that are all open to the public. This very high end property is anxious to receive the locals, even keeping their prices reasonable for us.

From the outside, the eight story high blank white wall is a bit of an eyesore that blocks the view of the ocean for those driving down San Jose’s Hotel Row. It’s even more of an unwelcome addition to those who live in the condos across the street from the ocean front property. A lot of locals are grumbling about it.

But once they walk in, they will have to say it is breathtaking. There is nothing else like this property in all of Los Cabos. The words Mar Adentro, while they may be hard for English speakers to remember, mean “in the sea” which describes this property well. In place of the usual concrete around the usual pool, the entire front yard of the resort is the sea. That is, you are surrounded by a two foot deep lagoon of water pumped up from the ocean, desalinized in their own desal plant and filtered before being re-salted and entering into the sea pools. You walk around the property on narrow strips of concrete with no guard rails, enhancing the feeling of walking on the sea.

Behind you is the six story 205 room hotel with electric glide-down white screens covering every room. The screens make the building look like something other than hotel rooms, more like, well, maybe just a blank cloth wall that gently sways to and fro. Guests are inclined to keep their screens down because they are one-way, allowing them to see out. This way they can sit on their terrace in their undies, or lounge in the Jacuzzis on their terrace wearing even less.

The interior of the rooms are all white. White furniture, white kitchens, white bathrooms, white floors, white ceilings, white dishes, white towels, well, white everything. All that white is startling and elegant. However, all this whiteness doesn’t come cheap, as the hotel rooms go for about $500 U.S. per night. For that, we might be inclined to stay up all night. After all, who wants to blow through 500 bucks in their sleep?

On either side of the hotel part, in the front row with direct oceanview, are the 30 full ownership condos in two six story towers. One in each building is large with 5 bedrooms and almost 4000 square feet with another 2000 square feet of outdoor living space. On the top of each tower is a spectacular rooftop with views out to sea and behind, to the mountains. The roof is where most buyers will spend their time as it is totally private, only for the residents of that tower, with BBQ grills, a large dining table, changing rooms, chaise lounges and an infinity swimming pool. Prices at Mar Adentro start at about $800,000 and go up to $3.3 million.

OK, so let’s get to the part we peasants can enjoy: the four restaurants and one bar, all open to locals.

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East Cape Art Show

140 artist/vendors, live music, and food booths

BY ART FARTSIE

The 23rd annual East Cape art festival will once again be held at the Hotel Palmas de Cortez in Los Barriles. Oh come on, it’s a nice hour and a half drive up the paved twolane from San Jose. Piece o cake.

It goes from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday, March 20 and is the labor of the Asociación de Artes of the East Cape which is the Gringo run association of assorted artsie fartsie types raising and administering money to support local children’s artsie fartsie activities. This will be a collection of local artists who display and sell their original hand made art.

You can browse through the approximately 140 vendors hawking oil, acrylic, water color paintings, pottery, wood and glass stuff. There will be creations of fabric, flowers, silver, gold and precious stones.

There will be food booths setup, including the old stand by of the Palmas carne asada taco stand, Sausage Girls out of La Paz, and Seth’s Panaderia, among others. Of course there is a bar, how else are they going to get the husbands there?

There will be a stage for live music by The Bluz Explosion from LaPaz, and you are expected to get up and dance. Or not. Best of all, this is free.

Profits from the Festival de Artes go to support the community activities of the association, which include arts and education supplies for East Cape schools, sponsorship and participation in the Los Barriles summer vacation program, local artist studio tours, and the Saturday arts and crafts classes for the local children.

The hotel dominates the town, you can’t miss it, just drive out the fourlane past the airport and don’t fall off the road until you see Los Barriles on your right. www.festivaldeartes23@gmail.com. 624-124-8054

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April 16 Out All Day Anniversary Event, Mezcladora Blues Band, Stamina Reggae and Rock and Julieta Rock n Roll. Rooms are going fast for this event. STARTS AT 3PM

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Score Cancels Baja 500 Off Road Race

Can't get rights to tip toe through the cactus. What's up with that?

BY BARNEY OLDFIELD

Everyone's heard of the Baja 1000. It's an off-road race that's been taking place on the Baja Peninsula since 1967. In that 50 years the technology of vehicles has come a long way, and so has the peninsula, although it sure looks the same. Except for that one skinny ribbon of pavement running the length of it that was built in the early 70's.

is a loop run, starting and ending in the town of La Paz. Roger Norman bought the rights to SCORE just four years ago from Sal Fish who had it for decades. Sal saw the handwriting on the wall, as each year it became more difficult to negotiate rights to run the race over private property. Negotiations with dozens of land owners became mired down in fees that bordered on extortion, and worse than that, contracts were dishonored by the land owners at various times of planning and running the race.

Last week Norman, without elaborating, said he had just heard from the Governor that the state of Baja Sur would not honor their contract. Norman would only say, "We have been informed that the BCS government is not able to honor the commitments they originally made for the event. We have been left with no choice but to cancel the race and we will proceed with a four-race SCORE World Desert Championship for 2016."

These are the races left for this year: 48th SCORE Baja 500, June 1-5, Ensenada. 20th SCORE Desert Challenge, presented by Rosarito Beach, September 14-18, Rosarito Beach, 49th SCORE Baja 1000, November 16-20, remote parts of the course since it may indicate hidden traps or obstacle changes.

Many of the booby traps are not created to intentionally injure the contestants but are created by the local spectators as jumps or obstacles for spectator entertainment and exciting moments to be caught on videotape. The haphazardly-designed jumps created by the spectators, being emptied, much to everyone's surprise. Well, it surprises us and we're pretty near everyone. The GG donated 200 bucks for one trash can. Now the boss is pouty about the plaque that was promised. Turns out they slapped on our garbage can a little bitty sticker with our name printed on it. Not what she had in mind.

The repair of sidewalks continues along Lazaro Cardenas Street, with new handicap ramps.

Hell of a pot hole. Here's a racer who fell into a pretty big hole. Nobody was injured and her team got the car back on the track in five hours.

Ensenada. This appears to be the beginning of the end of an era, a tradition, here in Baja. The racers will miss it, and maybe even some of the locals will miss it, or at least they will miss our money. And maybe even the greedy land owners and government might figure out they miss it. Maybe not the excitement, but the money the race brought in.

Here's a fun story on a pretty large faction of locals who will miss it:

Each year spectators sabotage or booby-trapping the course by digging holes, blocking river flow, or burying and hiding obstacles. Racers are warned to beware of large crowds of spectators in the world famous Bud Light SCORE Baja 1000 is the final round of a five-race series that zips around Baja each year. The lead-up events are the SCORE Desert Challenge, the Bud Light SCORE San Felipe 250, and the Bud Light SCORE Baja 500. The 49th Bud Light SCORE Baja 1000, from November 16 to 20, will actually cover only 800 miles, and not go the length of the Baja anymore. It's a loop, both starting and ending in Ensenada.

SCORE is cancelling the Baja Sur 500 off road race that was originally scheduled to be held next month in La Paz. That one
Starting last February 10, which was Ashes Wednesday, through March 20, Lent is to be observed in Mexico by most Catholic groups. And, it is now a tradition in Mexico either if you are observant or not. In Spanish it the word for lent “Cuaresma”.

For many people this period is the perfect time for them to consider the importance of charity and it should comprise fasting, penance, almsgiving and prayer. Mexicans, I have to say are much more orientated to prayer than they are oriented to charity. But we are very family care orientated. We take care of our parents and relatives when they come to be old. We bring them to our homes to live with us and with our children sometimes even if it is necessary or not. For us, sending them to an old folks home is almost always out of the question. If they don’t live with us, then we support them with anything they need.

Lent is a solemn observance in the liturgical year of many Christian denominations, lasting for a period of approximately six weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. Lent is taken to run from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) morning or to Easter Eve. In the Catholic church, Lent lasts until Holy Thursday, while other denominations run it until Easter Eve.

The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, penance, almsgiving and self-denial. Its institutional purpose is heightened in the annual commemoration of Holy Week which is very traditional in Mexico.

This event, along with its pious customs, is observed by Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Anglicans. For Mexicans this time brought the tradition of eating no meat on Fridays, and so popularized recipes of veggie dishes, seafood, and fish.

But there is one dish that is mandatory during this time of Cuaresma. It is the Capirotada. Pronounced: kä-p–rô-tä-thä, formally known as “Capirrotada de vigilia”, is a traditional Mexican dish similar to a bread pudding.

There are various preparations of the dish, but it is generally composed of toasted bolillo, (which is like the French baguette) and soaked in a mulled syrup made of the following: whole cane sugar, which is known as piloncillo; clove and cinnamon sticks. Some of the typical ingredients include nuts, seeds, and dried, (and sometimes fresh), fruits, among these are: apples, dates, raisins, apricots, peanuts, pecans, almonds, pine nuts, and walnuts. In addition, aged cheese is added, which might explain why some people’s recipes call for milk. Many capirotada recipes do not include any meat. Other recipes include meat as a layer. The ingredients are largely the same as those used during the 1640s to make breads and cake. These ingredients and recipes have been recorded by the Holy Office of the Inquisition and saved to this day in the archives.

The basic ingredients carry a rich symbolism to the Passion of the Christ, and the dish is viewed by many Mexican and Mexican-American families as a reminder of the suffering of Christ on Good Friday. The bread is for the Body of Christ, the syrup is his blood, the raisins are the nails of the cross, and the whole cinnamon sticks are the wood of the cross. The melted cheese stands for the Holy Shroud.

During my research I discovered that there are as usual in Mexican food, at least ten different:
The XIX Todos Santos Art Festival is March 5-12 this year. Hey, even the Superbowl has given up on those 5,000 year old numbers. So let's call it the 19th Art Festival. We think. Could be wrong, we don't speak Roman, but we're sure about the date.

This is a week-long celebration of Mexican culture that features live music, dance and theatre performances, painting and drawing exhibitions, lectures on local environmental and social issues, piano and poetry recitals and lots more. Artisans from different parts of Mexico also sell their crafts next to the church. You bet. Eager to learn about that stuff, we are.

Saturday, March 5, is the kick off day for the festivities. Starting at 10:00 a.m. the Hotel Guaycura and the Hotel California will show artwork using natural dyes and handcrafted copper and silver items for sale. The parade of the fishermen of Todos Santos starts at 4:00 at the Los Pinos park and in the Plaza Publica (public square) different school bands will perform.

Stay at the public square for a Taste of Fair followed by the inaugural ceremony by Armando Martinez Vega, mayor of La Paz. (Todos Santos is administered by La Paz, it is not actually a separate city.)

End the evening watching Becmu, a folk dance group. That would be the girls in the fancy petticoats and the boys in the charro suits. ArtEscena will perform a play.

On Sunday regional artists will sell their wares next to the church. Later that evening, in the public square there will be more swishy petticoat dancers and music by Sache. Highlights the rest of the week include yet more swishy petticoats, theatre performances, lectures, and concerts. The rock and roll group Nextones perform on Tuesday night in the public square and Pericu from northern Mexico will perform on Wednesday night in the town's grand old theater, Manuel Márquez de León. Worth the trip just to see the historic building.

The final night, Saturday March 12, at 8:00 p.m tenor Enrique Astorga accompanied by the California Brass Orchestra will perform in the public square. To see the complete schedule go to: http://culturabcs.gob.mx/evento/2016/02/xix-festival-de-arte-de-todos-santos/2234.

These workers are often told by hotel management to discourage the tourists from going into town, in order to build up business for the on site restaurants. They tell the visitor that it is dangerous to leave the property, or that at the very least they will be ripped off by the businesses in town or by the police. Which brings us to the another problem: The police. They seem to be somewhat calmer now that we have a new administration, but there are still scattered reports of extortion of tourists and expats by the police.

Foreigners often say, "but they have to care about us, we are their only income." True, but you will never get your average Mexican to understand that, much less care.

And how are they going to get

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Cerritos, Pescadero & Todos Santos: A good way to spend a day

For those ready to escape the non-stop excitement of Cabo, consider a more relaxing pace, less than an hour’s drive north of downtown Cabo San Lucas. You’ll find an artist’s colony, an authentic Mexican town, laid back residential areas, and the best swimming and surfing beach on the south Pacific side of the peninsula.

Todos Santos offers a charming, authentic environment, with the traditional central plaza, dozens of art galleries, and small hotels. Some of the streets are torn up right now for utility upgrades, but the jewelry stores, galleries, cafes and restaurants are all still open and inviting. Visit the Hotel California (no connection to the Eagles song, despite their best efforts to promote that with T-shirts), browse shops full of handcrafted treasures, and enjoy some great Mexican cooking.

What you won’t find are buildings taller than three floors, chain stores, or fast food joints. Speaking of food, Todos Santos has a full range of temptations. Try Alma & Manny’s or the Todos Santos Inn for breakfast, Bob Marin or Hotel Casa Tota for lunch; Los Adobes, or the Santa Fe for dinner. South of town, near the Pemex, is Dama’s Diner, which has 13 TVs and 13 channel feeds for sports. The gourmet French restaurant Chez Laura is a bit difficult to find, but wow, it is amazing. You step off a dusty dirt road into another world. For fabulous chili relleños try Miguel’s across from the Pemex. Next to the Pemex is the very sophisticated La Casita.

Want off beat? Go to the mask museum, called Faces of Mexico. Tucked on a side road in Todos Santos, the proprietor provides an enthusiastic tour of authentic masks from the various eras of Mexican history.

The cultural museum on Juarez Ave. also has interesting historic displays. Todos Santos is home to the annual musical festival every January, an artist’s open studio tour in February, and the ever-popular GastroVino in April.

Many visitors extend their Cabo vacation and get to know the real Mexico by staying a few days in either Todos Santos or the nearby beach areas. Cerritos Beach is part of El Pescadero, but where the town of Pescadero is old Mexico, Cerritos has that vibrant beach vibe. Cerritos and its neighboring beach, San Pedrito, are both world-class surf spots. There are a couple of ways to get to the beach, either the old dirt road at km 65, or the new dirt road at km 67. Either way, it’s a bumpy, but what the hell, you’re in a rental car. Cerritos is perfect for swimming and enjoying the sand and sun for a day, or a week. Take a surfing lesson or rent a boogie board. Kick back with your favorite refreshment and watch the surfers. There’s a beach club there with tables and beach umbrellas out on the sand, so you don’t even have to pack a lunch if you don’t want to.

El Pescadero is a small town on the way to Todos Santos. It has a rich history of agriculture, ranching and fishing. The lush poblano chili fields are everywhere, as well as strawberry, tomato and basil chili fields. The lush poblano chili fields are everywhere, as well as strawberry, tomato and basil fields.

The town is between the ocean to the west and the Sierra Laguna mountain range to the east. A modern four-lane highway runs right through it connecting Cabo San Lucas to Todos Santos, then goes north to LaPaz. Stop at one of the many taco stands along the highway, or buy veggies or fruit along the road. In the afternoon when the fishermen come in with the day’s catch you can buy fresh fish off the boat at Punta Lobos. For a small propina (tip) they’ll filet it for you, too.

Turn off the dirt road just before the Pemex in Pescadero, left toward the ocean, to discover Hierbabuena, a huge vegetable garden with an open-air restaurant smack in the middle of it. They serve fresh organics from the garden, and a nice selection of wines. Stop by the little bakery on the road in and buy a pan dulce, a Mexican version of a doughnut. Duck into some of the little local shops, but be aware, there is no English spoken here.

Off the main street in Pescadero is a tiny backyard restaurant called La Pasidita that has, I kid you not, the best burgers on the planet. Drive around the baseball stadium, and turn at the first dirt road on the left past the keepin’ policeman, (speed bump.) La Pasidita is a locals place, though, and is only open after 6 p.m. Maybe 7 p.m., sometimes a little later.

For a truly unique experience book a room at the Arriba de la Roca, (which means “top of the rock”) a high-end boutique hotel that specializes in personalized service and is perched on top of a cliff. For adults only (it’s on a cliff, after all). You’ll experience 360 degree views not matched anywhere else in Baja.

Visitors interested in hiking, horseback riding, surfing, charter fishing on a traditional panga, Mexican fishing boat, adventure tours, or just experiencing Mexican village life, should head to Pescadero, Cerritos and Todos Santos. They are less than an hour’s drive north along the Pacific.

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One sector that did not see a net increase was mining, where foreign investment declined $29.2 million. The biggest decline was seen in gold mining, which plunged from $1.89 billion in 2014 to a disinvestment of $144.9 million. Disinvestment? Yup, someone asked for and got their investment dinero back. Low prices were blamed for that, which affected copper, lead and zinc mining. Silver mines saw $53 million in FDI but that was down 33% from the previous year.

As of last December, 267 mining companies were operating in Mexico with foreign capital and they had a portfolio of 927 projects.

More gas stations. Changes in fuel import regulations have been announced. Restrictions on the import of gasoline and diesel will be lifted in April rather than next January as planned.

Right now only Pemex is permitted to import fuel. “This has been described as “a decisive action that will trigger strong private investment and allow for intense competition in the fuel sector when prices are freed up completely in 2018.”

Firms other than Pemex have been allowed to open gas stations since the beginning of the year, but they can only buy their products from the state oil company, so that’s not going to help.

Oh no! The president of an anti-abortion organization has been arrested for embezzlement that goes back 10 years. And nobody noticed. Jorge Serrano Limón, head of Provida, has been detained for sneaking US $1.37 million in federal funding from desperate women.

An investigation by the Federal Auditor’s Office (ASF) discovered various irregularities and serious problems in the use of federal resources allocated to Provida to provide equipment for women’s help centers. The ASF probe followed the discovery by health officials that purchases of material and equipment to furnish nine women’s centers had not been completed, and that phony facturas, or tax invoices, had been issued indicating they had.

Instead, the money went to

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There's the bar La Roca, (The Rock). All white. Open 11 to 11, serving Mexican munchies along with any drink that makes you happy. It's designed to force people to interact with each other, by molding the furniture into circles. It's a very ingenious creation of conversation pits. The bar menu includes such goodies as duck soup, chocolate clams, and grilled octopus skewers.

Then there is Origin, the evening restaurant that's open 6 to 11 pm serving dinner. The most interesting item on this menu is the roasted duck enchiladas with mole and baked sweet potatoes, for less than $20. Or amaranth crusted yellowfin tuna with roast ed poblano chili sauce, jicama and bell pepper salad for hardly more. There is also the grilled local octopus, cilantro mojo, caramelized onions & charred serrano chili aioli for about the same. This restaurant overlooks all of the pools, and the marvelous lights that are projected on the white curtains and walls that keep changing colors. It's almost like you're passing through several environments every few minutes, because the different colors cast such a different mood.

The restaurant Nube, (Cloud), is not open yet but that's going to be a stunner, we know, because we got a sneak peak. It's called cloud because it's on the top floor overlooking the entire property and on a clear day, possibly parts of China. Well, almost.

We saved the best for last. The Nest. El Nido in Spanish. This is a day time bar and restaurant out on the Big Puddle. The Mar that's Adentro. The sea that's inside. It's made of woven sticks, and does look like a bird's nest. Looking at El Nido out there in the middle of the water, it looks for all the world like a big pile of sticks that a bird, or a beaver would leave behind. But the best part of this arrangement of sticks is the way the dappled sunlight filters through, landing in a speckled pattern on everything. The sunlight barely lands on the tables and chairs, your food, and yes, yourself and your dining partners. It is an other worldly environment, and very, very special.

You may eat breakfast and lunch inside this pile of twigs. Breakfast features traditional Mexican and American dishes, and you can order anything you want, like you're home telling your mom what to put in front of you this morning. It all comes from an open kitchen that is also sprinkled with sunshine. It's hard to spend more than about $12 on breakfast, unless you order the eggs Benedictine, with poached eggs, English muffin, smoked salmon, Canadian bacon & chipotle hollandaise sauce. But even that is only $17.

Lunch in the pile of twigs ranges from burgers and Gringo sandwiches for less than $15 to more traditional Mexican fare
Time for Todos Santos Film Festival

The week long event has many venues and many tie ins with restaurants and music

BY CATHY WATKINS

Now in its 13th year, the Todos Santos Festival De Cine is March 16-22. It has become a much anticipated annual event with directors and filmmakers from across Mexico and Latin America screening their films in the town's historic Marquez de Leon theater. It’s a fun evening for some events. For tickets and to see all the details of the Todos Santos Film Festival go to: http://www.todossantoscine.org.

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interesting variety of produce for delicious recipes and meal potential so you never get bored. (Have you ever met a boring veggie? Because we haven’t). Caroline explains that she aims to provide you with 2-3 heads of lettuce as your basic, so you better make peace with salads. Then you’ve got your cooking greens. You should expect 1 type of cooking green each box. This is generally Swiss chard or kale. Sometimes bunched, sometimes bagged but always, she swears, delicious. If you like chard and kale. And have you ever met a chard you didn’t like? Then you’ve got your brassicas. These are your cool weather loving crops: (broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower), and as such, they tend to fill the boxes in the winter and spring. Expect 1-2 heads when in season. Then you’ve got your root crops. That would be 1 bunch of root crops like beets, carrots, and turnips and/or 2-3 onions.

Then you’ve got your fruiting crops. These are often the ones that people rave about. These include tomatoes, eggplant, corn, melons, green beans, peas, and cherry tomatoes. When in season you’ll get about a pound of one or more of these, often times more.

Then you’ve got your herbs. After all, no box of veggies would be complete without a herb to complement all the delicious vegetables. Basil, sage, rosemary, cilantro and dill are just a you will find each week in your box.

Caroline has been at this for a few years, so no worries on the paying upfront. (There’s those to followed with dinner at local restaurants. Most of the films are presented with English subtitles and often feature discussions with their creators following the screenings.

Here are just a few highlights that might interest you.

A Night of “Salsa & Mojitos” at Casa Tota featuring the film, “Between Mexico and Cuba, Everything is Nice and Delicious.” Enjoy Cuban rhythms with a Salsa Cubana demonstration accompanied by a Cuban mojito. March 15

The Little Prince In Baja. The La Paz & Todos Santos film school presents a multimedia event of animation, film, and theater followed by dinner at Hotel California accompanied by the music of song writer Divier and his band. This is a Fundraiser MUV company of digital multimedia technology. March 18

A Night For Sushi Lovers. After the multi-award winning film “East Side Sushi” shown in the Marquez de Leon Theater enjoy sushi by Chef Sergio at restaurant La Casita. March 20

Closing night with a movie followed by music and dance, and it’s all under the stars at the Luna Azul Theater. The movie “The Resurrection of Victor Jara” is about the famed Chilean singer and founder of the American New Song. The band “Mala Rumbo” (Bad Rumba) features flute, guitars, and percussion and is a fusion of rumba, flamenco, rock, jazz, and Mexican music, with a Tribute to Victor Jara. March 21

If you’re fan of Latin American cinema, don’t miss this week long festival. Seating is limited

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Centro Mujeres Helps The Most Vulnerable

It means Women’s Center, but they also attend to migrants and youth

BY ALEJANDRA BORBOLLA

Centro Mujeres is a community organization that promotes positive social change in Baja California Sur. That’s our state, Bunky. Centro Mujeres means Women’s Center in English. Their mission is to advocate for the human rights of the region’s most vulnerable populations, concentrating on women, youth, and seasonal migrant workers. Yes, we have migrant workers in Baja, they come from southern, more poor states, of Mexico to pick our crops in the agricultural area of Constitution. That’s that dusty, boring Fresno type town you zoomed through just north of La Paz on your way to the beach in Cabo.

Centro Mujeres’ objective is to enhance women’s ability to control their own bodies and lives, and insure respect for all people’s human rights, and the development of a truly democratic society.

They work to achieve these goals by:

Policy: Making health and human rights part of the discussion at the local, national and international levels of government.

The Public: Raising awareness about social injustice and the need for gender equality. (You’re reading this, aren’t you? Then we’re doing our part to raise public awareness.)

The Community: Reaching out to women, youth and migrant workers to improve their quality of life.

Centro Mujeres’ framework for change is influenced by the Vienna Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, the Cairo and Beijing Agreements, and within the framework of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Centro Mujeres remains one of the only organizations of its kind in our state and is regarded by the community as a trustworthy and effective advocate for the sexual, reproductive and basic human rights of women and adolescents.

The Women’s Center was founded in La Paz way back in 1991 by three health professionals. In its first two years Centro Mujeres focused on counseling in family planning, AIDS education and reproductive rights education. But, as the region has grown, the organization has expanded to meet the acute needs of the most vulnerable citizens of La Paz, diversifying their programs.

Centro Mujeres continuously works with local policymakers to train and sensitize government workers to human rights abuses in the state.

As a result of their continuous efforts and programs, the public school system no longer expels pregnant teens, the state congress changed the law to take domestic violence and sexual harassment seriously, and marginalized migrant workers are learning to defend their human rights.

Promesa is a community leadership program about women’s reproductive health and human rights, using women from the most marginalized communities as orientadoras. (Orienters.) These women are trained to go back home to their communities and help others understand their rights.

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President Enrique Peña Nieto has announced he will cut most of the graduate level scholarship money that's been available for nearly 40 years through federal program. The money is not generous, and does not pay for tuition nor books. It goes for maintenance of the student, and ranges from about $550 U.S. a month for masters candidates, up to about $720 a month for Ph.D candidates.

1. Salvador Camacho, 36 years old, banker.
I am aware of the whole thing, not just the news, but the economists have our own "news" and it's not as bad as it seems. Sure it's a ton of "news" and it's not as bad as it seems. I wish he really had a strategic move to promote the development of new technologies. Only a small part of it is used, anyway, they make it so hard for kids to be able to reach the scholarships and then all that money goes to "lost funds" and the few people who know about it take it for things that have nothing to do with what the money was supposed to be used for.

2. Guadalupe Hinostrosa Cervantes, 54 years old, communication specialist.
I think it's a real shame he's making cuts on education, no matter what kind of education it is, from the smallest change, everything is getting worse, this, I think was special for the technology oriented careers, but still, it is one step back from the goal of many of us, which is to make us smarter and make our country stand out again. Now the question is where is this money going? Is he cutting the budget in any other areas? I think he should cut the legislators' salaries, instead of the future of the kids in our country.

3. Diana Balderrama, 23 years old, nurse.
The government agency in charge of this has been so loud about it, but it's nothing special, budget cuts are always made, specially in healthcare and such. Now the newspapers don't write about it, but once you're in this industry you hear about everything. What are we expecting? This is what happens in a country full of people who first think and do for themselves instead of the people surrounding them. Plus, scholarships are really hard to get, and most of them are even harder to maintain.

4. Luis Fernando Gonzalez, 24 years old, engineer.
(The President) is not doing this by himself, there is a whole plan he has been following for a couple of years now, this budget cut is nothing compared to what's coming and it's not necessarily bad. All it means is that any other career will have fewer opportunities to be explored, since Mexico will be focusing on technology from now on. And it's pretty good, we have some really smart kids developing new things which they need scholarships for. Now, the postgraduates can start working and pay for their own education, I'm sure. It's the younger generations that need that extra push.

5. Jessica Carreño, 22 year old, student.
I hope he's doing it for a good reason, I know we all think he's not fit to be a president and maybe even a little stupid, I don't think that is exactly true, but he is a puppet of some kind. I wish he really invested in our youth instead of making these kind of cuts and made cuts on what really needs to be controlled, like when they paint all the bridges and public buildings in the cities with the new presidents and governors faces. Or when they spend thousands of pesos on grass for public spaces and then it ends up dying because no one ever waters it.

6. Luz María Zermeño, 35 years old, administrator.
I'm not surprised at all, this is something that happens every year in different areas, it's just different now because he's been making so many stupid decisions. Conacyt, (the federal agency), only talks about that cut, but there have been many more...
The ongoing efforts concerning our new, improved, very spiffy urban image, public services, police, tourism and tax agencies is an heroic effort and should get an atta boy, so here goes guys: Atta boy. Looks great, good job.

Just how guided are these missiles? That scary looking ship in our bay last week was the USS Lassen, an Arleigh Burke class destroyer here on a little R&R, we’re hoping. Because we’re hoping they aren’t here to fire their missiles at us.

The ship most recently has been patrolling in the South China Sea where the damn Chinamen have been dredging up new islands in order to extend their control over the oil rich area. The new pop-up islands have been called the great sand of China.

40 American sailors passed out ice cream and 21 wheel chairs to needy children with severe disabilities, through the family oriented charity DIF.

New sleeping policeman for Cabo. That would be a tope. You know, a speed bump. Geeze, do we have to draw you a picture? This will be the mother of all speed bumps, and will be thrown down in front of Squid Roe. That’s a very dangerous intersection because of all the drunks lurching across the street on their bar run. Bar stagger might be a better description, as they can’t even run. Many of the bar patrons are so drunk they don’t look both ways before crossing the street. A real, vertical, policeman is often deployed there late at night, along with those big orange barrels, but what are they going to do, throw their body in front of a car when some drunk launches themselves across the street? Not likely.

So. The city, in an effort to protect our precious drunken tourists, is going to build a raised cross walk with yellow zebra stripes on it, like extends across the street in front of Plaza Pescador in San Jose. So, until this sleeping policeman is deployed, please take extra caution along that stretch of road.

She’s baaaaack! She’s one of only four blondie whales ever seen, and she’s right here in our Ojo de Liebre lagoon up the peninsula from Cabo.

The albino whale was first seen in 2008 and then seen again the following year. Then for seven years she lay low, with nobody seeing her. Now, this year, she turned up with a baby in tow, and with a new baby calf, as well. The kids are all normal looking, dark, with no pigment abnormalities. Guess her unusual appearance didn’t hurt her in the dating market.

Footballer turns up here. The NFL’s end of season tropical party is usually considered to be the Pro Bowl in Honolulu. Not for Minnesota Vikings tight end Kyle Rudolph. On February 13, he married his wife Jordan Nine at a ceremony on the beach in Cabo San Lucas.

Cleveland Browns go wild. Johnny Manziel reportedly spent a weekend in Cabo along with four friends and at least 15 women they picked up at local bars. The guys flew to Cabo on a private jet and stayed at a $2,500 a night rented home for...
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ent types of this dish depending on the region and several cooking methods as well.

6 or 8 eggs separated
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups vegetable oil
32 slices of French toast bread cut in one inch slices
For the syrup
10 cups of water
6 cones of piloncillo or 4 cups of brown sugar.

4 cinnamon sticks
10 cloves
1 tablespoon anise seeds wrapped in gauze
Rum to taste
For garnishing
1 cup raisins
1 cup lightly toasted peanuts in the oven
1 cup almonds, blanched and lightly toasted in the oven
1 1/2 cup cheese, grated

Preparation
To prepare the bread, whisk the egg whites with a pinch of salt until peaks form. Then add the egg yolks and stir gently. Heat oil in a pan. Dip the bread slices into town? Another problem for downtown businesses is the high cost of taxi's here. The round trip taxi ride into town from the hotel to restaurant can often cost more than the dinner and drinks. This is because the several taxi cartels are owned by powerful families with influence in the state legislature. Each election cycle we get our hopes up that the new administration will stand up to these thugs, but it never seems to happen.

Rental cars is the solution? Not a good solution, because the major rental companies, the ones with the American names that the Americans have faith in, are owned by just a few companies, members of an extended family, and they are in cahoots with the prices. They also extort money from their renters by claiming it is necessary to buy insurance that easily doubles the expense of renting the car. Then there's the old, “where are your floor doilies?” trick. They claim you rented the car with those silly plastic mats, which are now missing. Of course they were never there, but who notices that when you're renting a car? And, rental cars have unique pink tinted plates that scream out, “I'm a foreigner and I'm bending over for you now, so please come take advantage of me.”

Then there's the timeshare hustlers who pester us as we walk down the street, and the beach vendors who pester us as we walk down the beach.

The short story here, (yeah, it's too late for that), is it takes a village to please the visitors, that all the Mexicans have to work together to make this a hospitable environment, and that's not going to happen any time soon, because

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Fish Killers of the Week

Ted Dake, from Las Vegas, recently retired to Cabo and managed to catch this monster alone on his Key West 24-foot, center-console. He said he had to bring it in because none of his buddies would have believed him if he had released it.

Fish Report

BY GARY GRAHAM

Warmer sea temps persist, apparently part of the Eastern Pacific El Niño that's been in the news — obviously having a phenomenal impact on the quality of sportfishing all along the Pacific Coast from Alaska to the tip. However, the slightest dip in local fishing and guess what also receives the blame? Good luck, Gary Graham, gary@garycgra-

Cabo Climate: Air temps varied from 64 at night to 82 daytime highs and an average of 51.6% humidity level. It has been mostly sunny, warm and for Cabo San Lucas.

San Jose
Bottom fishing took center stage for the sport fishing fleet recently as the pelagic red crabs arrived in the area. A handful of nice amberjack to over 50-pounds were caught along with quite a few leopard grouper — a few over 20-pounds. Many variety of snappers, the huachinango (true Pacific red snapper), yellow snapper, barred pargo and scads of triggerfish... also one black sea bass weighing 45-pounds, a very rare catch for our area; this sea bass ate a red snapper being reeled in.

Very few dorado or wahoo, just an occasional fish or two were being found. Inshore water where these fish had been holding had cooled off.

Striped marlin became very scattered, just a few fish found. The schools of mackerel and sardineta also became more scattered. Most anglers were using either strips of squid, caballito, ballyhoo, or some mackerel and sardineta.

Little inshore action, mainly smaller-sized roosterfish and a few stray sierra. Not much inshore bait activity to attract numbers of gamefish. Still no signs of any sardina in the area. Yellowfin tuna were limited to a few fish in the vicinity of Iman Bank or La Fortuna; these were hitting on striped squid. With the ongoing sea lion problem, anglers were fortunate to land one or two of the inshore tuna in the 15- to 25-pound class.

This has been an odd year, with water temperatures being warmer than normal, seemingly altering all of the normal migrations, even the whales are scarcer this season. This whole winter, we have had a bonus of finding yellowfin tuna.

Lately a few of the yellowfin in the 100- to 150-pound class were seen offshore of San Jose del Cabo, associated with rapidly moving schools of porpoise, and though only a few fish were landed; this could be the start of something more consistent.

East Cape
After weeks of up and down North Wind, recently there were a few calm days and warmer temperatures buoying the spirits of local anglers. Suffering from cabin fever, a few headed out and were rewarded with yellowtail action out in front of La Ribera.

A few boats ventured farther out and spotted a striped marlin or two for no bites. Aside from that, it has been pretty barren and most returned to fish the reefs and high spots inshore where they caught a mixed-bag of cabrilla, reef fish and snapper or two.

As it turned out, the calm weather was short lived and the North Wind howled once again. Several fishermen exploring the beaches found a few roosterfish early in the mornings before the wind hit the beach. Another group of locals fishing near the jetties at La Ribera did score a few sierra and jacks early mornings as well.

La Paz
For one of the first times all winter, the winds backed down providing a break with minimal interference for once. Being off-season, there still weren't many fishermen, but those who made it on the water were treated to some unusually great species of fishing. Normally winter fishing consists of inshore species for pargo, cabrilla, jacks, bonito, sierra and other rock and reef fish. Not bad fishing and some of these species can grow to hog-size, but generally there are few of the much sought-after glamour species that get all the headlines.

Recently, variety was the name of the game. And it wasn't like they were far offshore. In...
The Marina Sol Homeowners Association (MSHOA) is looking for proposals from parties interested in taking over food/beverage services at Marina Sol Condominiums in Cabo San Lucas.

The facility consists of a Palapa Restaurant Bar located poolside. We are seeking to sign a Three years contract for an operation from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM seven days a week.

Proposals must be received at the address below or by email at board@marinasolhoa.com no later than 5:00 PM on February 24, 2016.

All proposals must include:
1) Proposed monthly rental rates in US dollars.
2) List of all owners/principals/companies who have a 10% or greater ownership interest and have powers to make decisions on behalf of company.
3) Resume for all owner(s)/principal(s) and previous business experience.
4) References.

Contact: Ivonne Hyswick, email: generalmanager@marinasolhoa.com or phone 624-143-2154.

We are located at Acuario street between Ave. del Pescador and Paseo de la Marina, behind City Club.
ties as advocates, with particular attention given to prevention and detection of HIV/AIDS and violence against women. They believe violence prevention is a core part of creating long-term positive change in Baja California Sur. Centro Mujeres works to create a violence-free culture with teachers and school counselors, parents and directly with young children. The Women’s Center has two programs focused on the youth population:

Hablemos Claro (Plain Talk) aims to increase parent-child communication so families can better address sensitive topics that can trigger high risk and negative social behaviors in young adolescents, such as alcohol and drug abuse, teenage pregnancy and dropping out of school. The program targets families with children aged 10 to 13 years old attending primary and secondary schools.

In its first year, Hablemos Claro trained 31 teachers and school counselors in 32 elementary and junior high schools in the county of La Paz. During the second year the program focused on training elementary school based social workers. Over 40 social workers have been trained, and they live in all parts of the state. These trained facilitators are implementing Hablemos Claro workshops throughout Baja California Sur, even the very vulnerable rural areas. In addition to implementing workshops, Little Ones is Centro Mujeres’ sexual abuse prevention project with children ages 4 to 6. The program teaches essential skills to children and parents in order to help save them from dangerous situations. Little Ones supports teachers and parents to facilitate... CONTINUED ON PAGE 43
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The word got out when two of the women, Alison Ireland and Kara Vaninetti, shared details of the trip on their Facebook pages. Ireland has since deleted the content. Both Canadians were seen at the house and shared Instagram photos of it.

The new Browns’ coach Hue Jackson spoke with the media, saying he was not impressed either. “I want to make sure we all understand that that behavior will not be tolerated as we move forward,” Jackson said. Manziel is still under investigation for allegedly assualting his then-girlfriend, Colleen Crowley on January 30. His NFL agent has dropped him.

Todos Santos film festival

The 13th annual Festival de Cine de Todos Santos-La Paz will hold its opening night with the film ‘The Little Prince on Wednesday, March 16 at 5:00 pm at the Manuel Marquez de Leon theater in Todos Santos. The festival will take place from March 15 to 21 on venues in Todos Santos and La Paz, as well as at several special events, including dinner and “meet the artists” gatherings. Proceeds from the sales go to the Leon-ardo Peral film school in Todos Santos. Tickets are now available at El Tecolote Bookstore, Todos Santos. To see the film festival’s complete program to go www.todosSantoscine.org

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C’mon, you know you should get it done, and while we lied about it being painless, this is not so bad

BY BILL LONEY

We all need to know more than how to order another round of beers. (Un otra rhonda, por favor). Well, we don’t have to know, but it sure would make our time down here more enjoyable. You wouldn’t have to read this paper, for starters, because you could read a real paper, in Spanish. That would broaden your horizons.

But it is a drag, going back into a classroom and memorizing stuff. Oofa. Brings back memories best left unremembered.

But there is a school that’s reasonably painless and even a little bit fun. It’s called Spanish in Cabo, with HQ in San Jose and a satellite campus in San Lucas. It’s a busy place, with many American and Canadian students, all past their prime learning years, but still giving this language a go. They’re learning sometimes through classroom settings 1.5 hours at a time, but more often the students are going on field trips and learning boots on the ground, in the trenches, at the grocery store, Spanish. They shuffle down the aisles of Mega together reading labels and translating word for word such essentials as pb and jelly, and bread. (Yeah, those are easy ones, but like we mentioned, you’ve past your peak leaning years so we’re starting you out real slow.) You also get to go around to places such as the Saturday organic market, and the Thursday night art gallery walk.

Eduardo Satorno and his wife run the school, they have five Spanish teachers, one Frenchie, and a German. But 95% of their classes are for Spanish.

The school is run out of a two story house behind the Hangman, and they live next door. The kitchen of the house is used for group cooking classes taught in Spanish.

The Satornos are professional, accredited teachers, although the school itself can’t get accreditation.

The class sizes are a maximum of eight students divided into six levels. The modular course of those six levels is a task-based approach using a book containing pages of exercises, a grammar summary, additional readings, and an audio CD. They test you first to see your level of proficiency, and assign you accordingly.

The immersion program, if you’re really got to get this language handled and like yesterday, is 25 hours a week for three weeks for $200. Less rigorous, for four weeks for $920. Less rigorous.

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They do get groups and individuals coming to Mexico to study, and they take groups from here, or those arriving groups to such places as the mainland of Mexico, like Mexico City and Copper Canyon for more field training. Beats sitting in a classroom.

This school even has outcall.

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Every Monday, 8:30 am
Pickleball in San Jose. Contact rondumbarton@gmail.com

Every Tuesday at 8 a.m.
Rotary Club at the Sheraton Hacienda del Mar resort. In the Chapel. RSVP: 172-0009 y 172-0010

Every Wednesday, 7:30 to 8:30 pm.
Bike ride in San Jose. Free if you bring your own bike, or rent from Sportia bike store. Form up at Plaza del Pescador in San Jose, across from the Royal Solaris hotel at 7:15 pm. (624) 130-7159. info@sportia.mx

First Thursday.
Yo Reciclo sets up tents to receive clear glass bottles, metals, plastics (except Styrofoam), thick cardboard, computer equipment (except monitors), small home appliances (except TV’s of all kinds), cellphones and accessories, edible vegetable oil, ink cartridges and toners of HP, Samsung and Xerox only. In San Jose at Constitucion and Madero streets. La Paz. Free. www.facebook.com/TodosMerlo4u@earthlink.net, merlo4u@earthlink.net. Contact Carol Santos. It moves around, so check where it is this week.

Every Friday Palmilla Farmers Market Every Friday 9 am to 1 pm in the parking lot of the Palmilla strip center.

Every Friday Todos Santos Farmers Market. Music and fun stuff. James Black, merlo4u@earthlink.net, www.facebook.com/TodosSantos-Farmers-Market-937899742952014/?ref=hl, (612) 134-8728, Todos Santos. It moves around, so check where it is this week.

Every Friday night from 5:00 - 9:00 pm at the Amelia Wilkes Plaza in downtown Cabo. The Artisan Market. Nothing made in China here.

Every Friday 11:00 a.m.
Al-Anon Family Group. Next at Calvary Chapel Corner of Degollado and Margarita Maza de Juarez in San Jose. Info: Cell 624-127-1892

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

Raspado (Vegetarian restaurant). On the road to the Hacienda beach resort (behind the Puerto Paraiso mall), across from the Marina Fiesta hotel.

Every Thursday from 6pm to 9pm. Art Walk. Historic downtown, San Jose. Visit galleries, many serve wine, they close down the street.

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

Every Friday and Saturday at 9am. Art Walk. Historic downtown San Jose, off of Centenarion St.

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

March 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18 & 19 – Baja Shakespeare presents its 16th Season. The Lost Barrels of Pleasure Island. All shows at 7:00pm except Sunday matinee on the 13th at 1:30pm. In Convention Center at Hotel Buenavista Beach Resort in Spa, offering special room rates and pre-show dinners, call directly: 624-142-0099 or info@hotelbuenavista.com. Ticket price is $20USD or 350 pesos, purchase at Homes & Land of Baja and Galeria Los Angeles or Will Call, nanatemben@ymail.com, 624-141-0314. More details at: www.facebook.com/BajaShakespeare/

Friday, March 11th. Hilton. Liga Mac Retro Fest -Music from the 60’s, 70’s, and 80’s. Replaces their traditional annual juizs festival. Dancing and raising money. Tickets and info retrofest@ligamac.org or 624.227.1852

March 12, Saturday, 3:00 pm. La Paz “Under the Moonlight” triathlon. Starts and ends at the malecon (concrete boardwalk) at the band stand. Information: http://www.axedeporte.com then go to the menu on top and click on Triathlon, and the La Paz event is on the right hand side. Sign up before March 11 as participation is limited to 1,000 athletes. Might be a good idea to make a couple practice jogs around the neighborhood first.

March 15-20. San Jose annual fiestas. Some of the streets in the historic downtown of San Jose will be closed to vehicle traffic to hold some of the partying, with food and beer stands set up along 3 blocks, while live bands will perform at night at the baseball stadium.

March 19th, Saturday, 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Art, wine, chocolates. A reception for Cerritos art. The new Cerritos Beach Inn, Km. 68, south of the big condos. Look for the balloons. Artisan chocolates by Sandy Telgren, Seaside chocolates, and fine wine from La Fuente Winery and The Distillery of Todos Santos. Carol 612-119-4633

March 20, Sunday, 23rd Arts Festival at Los Barriles, East Cape. Art works from around.

April 3, Sunday. The Los Cabos Humane Society presents the 11th annual Paws ‘N Claws Open Golf Tournament and Dinner at Palmilla followed by dinner at Don Sanchez Restaurant in San Jose. Tickets: Margarita Partridge 624-129-7399 or email: tropimargarita@prodigy.net.mx. Info contact Linda Aven: 173-6349. www.loscaboshumanesociety.com


October 29, Saturday. Tuna Shoot Out fishing tournament. At Palmas de Cortez resort, Los Barriles, East Cape. Approximately $35,000 prize based on 100 teams. Raffle prizes of tackle, lures and return trips to Van Wormer Resorts. $300 entry fee. Information: www.eastcapeshootout.com

Southern Baja, arts and crafts exhibits and sale, food and booze and live music. More information as they figure it out.

From March 7th, 2016
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What Is A Corredor Publico?
Federal Public Notary for Commercial Matters

BY ROMINA RUIZ

You might have heard the words “CORREDOR PUBLICO”, and may not know what this means, or what he/she does. Sometimes they are even called “Federal Notary Public” or just plain “notary public”, however a Corredor Público is not the same as a Notary Public as you may know them in the United States. (Notario publico for its term in Spanish).

Although the term does not have a literal translation to English, it can be said that a Corredor Público is almost like a Notario, the difference being that a Corredor Público is oriented exclusively to commercial and mercantile issues and transactions. Although a Corredor Público is not allowed by Law to issue titles or Deeds for real estate transactions, (exception made to the assignment of beneficial trust rights, recognition of alternate beneficiaries, and appointment/revoking of alternate beneficiaries in case of death), he/she can provide and give an official public witness in any commercial or business transactions; can also act as a mediator and arbiter for disputes; has expertise and knowledge in mercantile, finance, banking, corporate, and all business fields, can issue appraisals for assets, brands, businesses, merchandise, equipment, land, houses, factories etc. The Corredor Público is a figure trained and certified as required by the Mexican Legislation and supervised by the Ministry of Economy.

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The Corredor Público under Mexican Legislation is a fully accredited lawyer that has the full support and credentials from the Mexican Federal Government.

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**Fractional Ownership**

**BY ESPERANZA REAL ESTATE**

What does it really mean? Literally translated, fractional is defined as ‘comprising a part or parts of a unit and ownership is defined by ‘legal right of possession’.

A common misconception is that fractional ownership is the same as timeshare, which is a concept by which multiple parties bought the right of use for the same unit or villa within a resort property setting. Los Cabos has only a few fractional ownership properties and a large number of timeshare properties. In Mexico the difference between timeshare and fractional ownership is right-of-use for a certain time period, versus ownership via a deed, or via a fideicomiso (vehicle of legally deeds ownership in Mexico). There are many wonderful timeshare resorts in Cabo, and many vacationers are offered an opportunity whereby they must sign and pay the same day to get that great deal, and as a result receive a contract/receipt for a right-to-use property at a given resort. The right-to-use setting is for a set period of time, which will someday expire with no equity and no ownership to resell.

On the other hand, if deeded ownership with the potential of earning equity is a prerequisite to your investing in a vacation villa, the distinction of buying timeshare versus fractional ownership is critical. True fractional ownership is a real estate purchase that can carry title insurance and typically take 60 days to close and at the end of the escrowed process you will have a fideicomiso to someday resell in a transfer of rights to another buyer or opt to pass on to your chosen beneficiaries.

The fractional ownership concept makes a lot of sense for many people because it provides all the benefits of owning a beachfront vacation home of the highest quality, with zero hassles. Actually, the headaches of second-home ownership are replaced with services and amenities provided by these fine resorts.

For example, Esperanza owners may enjoy deeded fractions in two, four, six or eight week increments. These weeks may also be used by their family, friends and perhaps valued employees, or donated for charitable purposes.

Owners may release their weeks back to the resort to rent, and like many fractional residence properties, owners also may enjoy trading their weeks to other resorts within a specific similar collection of properties.

As an example, for as little as $100,000 Esperanza owners may trade with similar, like-minded clubs in their portfolio such as, Italy, various resorts in Colorado, Napa Valley, Hawaii, Florida, Oregon and more. They may also enjoy Esperanza’s amenities at no extra charge: such activities include: yoga; SUP yoga; pilates; spin; TRX; and Zumba classes. Tennis and mountain bikes are also free for the asking. Owners may enjoy a complimentary cooking class with the Esperanza executive chef. And, at the end of the week, you can simply leave your personal things behind in your Esperanza storage, which will be waiting for you upon your next visit.

Other fractional properties in Los Cabos include Villas de la Estancia, Esperanza and the Westin. Ask your MLS BCS ales agent to show you these options.

In practicality, and as is the case with Esperanza Resort, it is created for those looking for an intimate and exclusive resort experience with an inspiring beachfront location at a fraction of the price of a multi million dollar beachfront home. Again, timeshare has its advantages for a large percentage of the population, and happy vacationers at such resorts are abundant. However, if deeded ownership and real equity is a must, ask your agent or salesperson to continue on page 36.

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Focus on La Paz

BY VICTOR GRANADOS V.

Perhaps without the glamour that the beautiful area of Los Cabos offers, La Paz still has the charm of a small town by the sea, located just 90 minutes northeast of Los Cabos. This beautifully kept secret located in the Sea of Cortez, the City of La Paz is more than a beautiful bay, beaches and the warm sunsets. La Paz is more than a beautiful kept secret located on the hills offering tremendous views of the beautiful bay of La Paz and the city lights by night.

Despite “low season”, even in summer our real estate community is still busy touring in the La Paz area the great opportunities available in our local market. Sales are happening. Foreign buyers can find a wide selection of properties from single family homes or building lots to high end condominiums and homes. We have something for everyone.

With the inclusion of the local real estate offices in the MLS BCS system, La Paz is now one of the most searched areas on the MLS, and more options all budgets are available for those who want to be part of this beautiful.

La Paz has something for you… take a chance and while you are in Cabo. Drive north and take a chance and while you are in La Paz to retire, both Mexicans and Foreigners.

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And Just Why Can’t You List Your Property In Summer?

No reason

BY HEATHER BORQUEZ

It’s tempting to list your property when you see so many visitors and snowbirds flocking to the warm climate and gorgeous views of La Paz every winter. However, my advice to home sellers is to list your property during the summer months. We have our reasons, and will share them with you. 1. First of all, your agent isn’t as busy showing buyers around and making offers on existing listings 2. That means they have more time to really look at your property, make suggestions, recommend repairs/decluttering and staging that needs to be done. La Paz buyers are becoming more and more sophisticated and even demanding. In order to sell your property in this market, you need to really show it off. Decluttering, repairs of broken tiles, repainting and deep cleaning of house and furniture all needs to be done and that takes time.

3. Paperwork can be time consuming and if you list during the summer, you have time to get all the paperwork together, instead of rushing around, trying to list and show the house all at the same time. Paperwork includes (at a minimum): - a copy of your fideicomiso or escritura - photocopies of ID for each legal owner - evidence of HOA fees paid and up to date - evidence of property taxes (predial) paid and up to date - copies of utility bills and evidence that they are up to date - the name and contact information of your lawyer here in the Baja if you have one - a copy of your power of attorney, if you have one here in the Baja - a signed MLS listing form giving authority to a Realtor here to show your property, not commission and sales price.

4. Once the repairs, decluttering, and cleaning is done, staging is the next step. In order for your home to attract the best buyers and get top dollar, staging your home is important. I don’t mean redoing the furniture, but I do mean, setting out a few pots of flowers, perhaps setting the table with a charming dish set and a bottle of wine and wine glasses, changing the bed coverings, adding some decorative vases, changing a piece of furniture or two, or redoing the cushions on the outdoor furniture. I have a couple of experts in staging who I would recommend, should you wish to list your property with Diamante Associates.

5. And lastly, remember the phrase “a picture tells a thousand words”. I use a professional photographer for my photos, and I believe it is more than worth the cost of approximately USD $100 for my clients, but they have the photos for their memories and their beautiful, clean, repaired, decluttered and continued.
Take your Real Estate Investment on the Path to Energy Independence  

BY CHRISTOPHER B. MIHM

Solar and Real Estate have a symbiotic relationship. It’s simple, we install solar on new and existing homes. Well there was that sailboat thing…the first Sailboat in Cabo, configured to operate 100% on solar. By and large, solar is installed on residential and commercial real estate.

The sheer economics drive the multitude of homeowners to purchase solar. The payback in Cabo is a rapid 3-4 years simply because electric rates are 3 times more than most people pay in the states.

While the economics is convincing, I am lovingly dedicated to my work in solar because of the environmental impact driven by cutting edge technology that subsides our dependence on fossil fuels.

Many people invest in real estate and are unsure how give back to the community. Choosing solar as a modular addition to your new or existing home is a direct eco-benefit to the tip of the Baja. Where we use dirty diesel to produce dirty electricity in thermoelectric power plants.

Solar energy in Los Cabo has grown immensely over the last 4 years, made feasible by CFE and HOA acceptance. The first net meter, which allows solar energy to be sold back to the grid, was installed in 2009 by Innovacion Solar, the longest local standing solar company, based in Cabo San Lucas.

Cabo is a unique location for a Solar Company because multi-million dollar real estate is built off grid, where in fact there are no services—No Energy, No Water…No Problem.

Energy storage via batteries is imperative for an OFF GRID home solar system. The panels themselves must produce sufficient energy to power the entire house as well as generate adequate energy to charge the batteries so the home has energy at night and in the event of a cloudy day. For many OFF GRID homes the solar system is installed during construction phases so that the building team has on call energy required to complete the home.

OFF GRID homes are primarily energy autonomous and marginally rely on non-renewable resources like natural gas. Many OFF GRID homes employ solar water heaters, solar pool heaters and pool pumps in addition to an OFF GRID solar system.

THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS  

In fact, many homeowners who have access to electrical services want to reduce their dependence on the local utility by adding maintenance-free home battery backup, or a hybrid solar system. The term hybrid refers to dual-use of the grid as well as the solar battery backup. Hybrid technology is a powerful trend, breeding its way into the global solar market.

Spearheading this movement in the US, is Elon Musk. CEO of Tesla. Musk is a revolutionary man. Perhaps you have seen the presentation where Musk demonstrates the size of area needed to operate the entire US solely on solar panels. (see photo)

While we are also reminded that most of these solar panels CONTINUED ON PAGE 37
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March 10. Thursday 7:00 pm. Brother by Mascaras independent theater group. Directed by Richard Gil. As part of the Baja Shakespeare Festival. Adults only. Spanish. Free.

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March 20, Sunday. 23rd Arts Festival at Los Barriles, East Cape. Art works from Southern Baja State University’s (UABCS) 40th anniversary. By Mascaras Independent theatrical group. Spanish. Free.


March 8. Tuesday. 7:00 pm. Rock concert at Plaza Los Pinos. As part of Todos Santos Art Festival. Spanish. Free.


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Tips to improve your Urological Health.

The term urologic diseases involve congenital or acquired dysfunctions of the urinary system. These diseases can affect men, women and children of all ages to very specific parts of the body. In females, they involve the urinary tract and in males, it affects the urinary tract or the reproductive organs.

The new Urology Department in BlueNetHospitals led by Dr. Juan Carlos Morales is trained in the full range of diagnostic techniques, surgical and noninvasive procedures to treat urologic conditions.

The following are some of the diseases identified as common by the American Urological Association Foundation (AUAF):

**Benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH)**
An enlarged prostate. It is an increase in the size of the prostate gland. BPH is very common in older men. It is not directly connected to prostate cancer. The symptoms of BPH are caused by the pressure that a larger prostate can place on the urethra.

Men with BPH may experience a frequent urge to urinate. They may also have a weak stream of urine when they do go and a feeling that the bladder is not empty after urination. Your doctor may choose to just monitor this condition or prescribe medications such as alpha-blockers for treatment. Severe cases can be treated with surgery.

**Urinary incontinence**
A loss of bladder control. It results in the unwanted leakage of urine. This condition can be inconvenient and embarrassing, but it is far from uncommon. According to the AUAF, more than 15 million people in the United States have incontinence.

In some cases, lifestyle changes such as controlling fluid intake can be enough to address the problem. If these approaches prove ineffective, your doctor may suggest surgery to correct the underlying cause.

**Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs)**
The result of pathogenic bacteria or viruses that invade the urinary tract and cause infection. They are much more common in women. A burning sensation during urination is one of the symptoms of a UTI. Others include a frequent urge to urinate and the feeling that the bladder is not completely empty after urinating. Antibiotics can usually clear up most UTIs within five to seven days.

**Kidney and Ureteral Stones**
Stones develop in the kidneys when there are crystals in the urine and small particles surround and collect on these crystals. Ureteral stones are ones that move from the kidney into the ureter (the tubes that carry urine from the kidneys to the bladder).

These stones can block urine flow and cause a considerable amount of pain. Many people end up expelling small stones from the body without medical help, but larger stones may result in blockage, which is problematic. Medical or surgical procedures may be needed in some instances, to remove large stones.

You are the best guardian for your own urological health. Schedule regular checkups with your doctor and make sure to always report any concerning symptoms you develop. Dr. Juan Carlos Morales, BlueNetHospitals.

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to the Mexican making $800 or $900 a month, they will gladly take an ill gotten $50 or $100 today and not worry about not having anyone next week to take from. Their attitude is they got today and not worry about not getting $900 a month, they will gladly take an ill gotten $50 or $100.

But, crazily enough, there were some nice wahoo in the 20- to 40-pound class. Most of these were taken with trolled dark Rapalas or frozen mackerel — there’s not much in the way of live bait right now. . . plus some toad yellowtail in the 25- to 30-pound category were taken and more were lost. Several marlin were also lost in the shallows. Even more surprisingly, a few football yellowfin tuna showed up in the counts — nothing huge, but fun 10 to 15 pounders were just off the beach.

Normally these species, except the yellowtail, don’t arrive until mid-to-late-springtime. So, these were really nice bonus fish. The other thing it that most of the anglers fishing this time of year aren’t hardcore. Many are first-timers (never fished before or never visited before) or are one-timers in town on vacation and just toss in a day of fishing. You can imagine the grins when someone from say… Wyoming or Canada or Europe. . . used to catching trout suddenly latches onto a speedy, 30-pound wahoo racing up to 70 mph or gets slammed by a fat yellowtail intent on jamming back into the rocks — fish that would give even veteran anglers a run for their money! As long as the winds stay down, anything is possible!

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Let’s Go To The Hidden Hot Springs
Skinny dipping!

BY MELISSA HEISLER

The town of Santiago’s claim to fame is its hot springs. Santiago is a tiny town north of San Jose about 45 minutes. The springs are definitely off the beaten path, but finding the hot springs is half the fun of the adventure.

Getting to Santiago is the easy part. Follow the four lane, Hwy 1, North from San Jose. It will turn into a two lane about 50 feet past the international airport. Along the way you will pass the tiny hamlets of Las Casitas, Caduazo, and Miraflores before arriving in Santiago. The drive takes about an hour and a half from downtown San Jose, if you are alert. Some have government signage although much of the roads are graded dirt. A few are less groomed and can be a bit treacherous and difficult to follow. The hacias include El Chorro, San Jorge/Santa Rita, Sol de Mayo, and San Dionisio.

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Five different hacias, or roads, to mountain springs can all be found within driving range of the Santiago square, if you are alert. Some have government signage although much of the roads are graded dirt. A few are less groomed and can be a bit treacherous and difficult to follow. The hacias include El Chorro, San Jorge/Santa Rita, Sol de Mayo, and San Dionisio.

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The water runs about 70 degrees Fahrenheit, which is not that hot unless you’re from Canada and have polar bear blood running through you, in which case, why are you talking Fahrenheit, and not Celsius? This pool is full of fish and occasional water snake. Don’t worry, the snake is more interested of the fish may mistake your leg for goose bumped flesh. Pick your way across the rocks to get over the dam to access the top pool, which runs about 80 degrees and has a rocked-off hot tub area near the actual spring which runs about 100 degrees. This area is also full of fish, but no pesky Canadians, as they can’t take the heat. (No cards and letters, folks, we’re only kidding, we love our Canucks). Some of the fish may mistake your leg for potential lunch, but no worries, they don’t have teeth.

The amount of rain in the mountains will make the depths of these pools differ, but the hot tub is always full due to the constant spring. If you are a hiker, you can follow the river upspring to find the local waterfall.

If you had taken a right before the zoo, you would be headed toward San Jorge, a much more beautiful spring with three defined pools of varying temperature surrounded by foliage. But the trek to find the spring is a one-lane dirt pass up the mountain. The path is unmarked so if it is best to hire a

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conversations with children around sensitive issues.

The entire program lives hand to mouth by donations and grants, and have earned tax deductible status from both countries. They claim a very low administrative costs, with 95% of their budget implementing their various projects. Their co-founders, the administrative staff, and the board of directors hold an impressive array of advanced degrees in public health and administration.

To learn more and to get involved, go to Centro Mujeres' website: www.centromujeres.org.

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Art festival. The 2016 East Cape Annual Festival de Artes will take place on Sunday March 20 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Palmas del Cortez hotel in Los Barriles, on the East Cape, about an hour north of San Jose.

This popular event is known as the premier showcase for local artists who display and sell their original art. Funds from the Festival de Artes go to support the community activities of the local arts association which include: arts and education supplies for 14 East Cape schools, sponsorship and participation in the Los Barriles summer vacation program, local artist studio tours, and the ever popular Saturday arts & crafts held at the DIF charity head quarters for the local children.

The food court will feature the Palmas Carne Asada Taco Stand, German Sausage Ladies from La Paz, and Seth’s bakery, among others. And, of course, a full bar.

The Bluz Explosion band from LaPaz will be exploding again this year. There will be shade to sit under, so eat, drink, shop, and enjoy. For more information contact: festivaldearte - es23@gmail.com

Triathlon announced for La Paz. At least 1,200 athletes and 5,000 loopy locos will show up in La Paz for the triathlon that will take place on Saturday, March 12 in our state capital city.

We are expecting athletes from Japan, Chile, Peru, Canada, China, the U.S. and of course, Mexico.

The afternoon competition will start and end at the band stand on the La Paz malecon (concrete boardwalk), at 3:00 pm., ending during the famous city sunset time. Grab a stool at your favorite bar and watch the athletes huff and puff up and down the street.

Are you interested in working at the Consular Agency in Los Cabos?

The U.S. Consulate General Tijuana is seeking a U.S. citizen applicant for the position of Consular Agent in the Consular Agency in Cabo San Lucas.

For more information about this job opportunity visit: http://tijuana.usconsulate.gov/consulagent.html

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of ordering a pnutbutter and jelly torta by time you leave the country. Try something in between: A schedule that won’t fry your brain but will still demonstrate some progress. Spanish in Cabo has a pretty good website at www.spanishincabo.com. Their phone number is 624 146 9975. So call. So go. It’s not going to seep into your brain by osmosis.

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local guide to take you. The cost for this more exclusive spring is 100 pesos and the site includes ample parking, camping, latrines and changing areas.

Too fraidy cat to manage this of cancer, and if you’re lucky, you will look great on your Facebook with the globe showing the Tropic with the globe showing the Tropic of Cancer, and if you’re lucky, you can visit some of the vendors if their stores are open. Usually not. This collection of small retail shops was built by the city to give their trinket sales people an outlet, but there just isn’t enough business to make it feasible for them. Still, pop a shot of yourself standing at the exact spot that is half way between the north pole and the equator. It will look great on your Facebook page.
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