Here Come The Whale Sharks!

You can even dive in and swim with the big guys

BY CAPTAIN NEMO

Although it’s one of the most popular activities in Cabo, swimming with the whale sharks is still a relatively new activity here in Los Cabos. It’s exploded in popularity within the past five years, to the point that whale shark tours are now one of the main reasons people visit La Paz. The area is unique in that the whale sharks are only about 15 or so minutes off the bay; tourists don’t have to trek to a remote location to see them.

But while the tourism is great for Los Cabos, it’s not so great for the animals. According to Semanart (Mexico’s Department of Environment and Natural Resources), 56% of the whale sharks in the bay have some kind of injury from boats. In an effort to give the sharks a chance to rest, Semanart, shortened the whale shark season from 11 months (July to May) to seven months (October to May) in order to give the whales some private time when they’re not being harassed by eager tourists.

Semanart also decided to postpone the start of whale shark season, originally scheduled to open October 1, because, according to its researchers, only six whale sharks have been spotted in the bay.

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6th Los Cabos Film Festival November 8-12

Under new direction, it promises to feature more English films and American stars

BY ELLA VATOR

The Los Cabos Film Festival was started by a pair of savvy movie industry professionals from Colorado. It got off to bit of a rocky start as the Cross twins, Scott and Shawn, learned how difficult it is to do business in a small, unsophisticated Mexican town like Los Cabos, but they managed to make it happen.

But before the second year rolled around, the brothers had been removed by the founders, local Mexicans lead by our biggest developer, Eduardo Sanchez Navarro and his movie loving son, Eddie Jr. The festival took a different direction as inexperienced and untested Mexicans were hired to direct it.

The movies shifted to primarily Mexican films in Spanish, no more big American film stars showed up, and the movies were never screened in the announced venues at the announced time.

It was chaotic for the next five years, although there were certainly excellent Mexican films screened. We think. They were almost all in Spanish, at venues that were unannounced or misannounced.

Now that direc-CONTINUED ON PAGE 11
Halloween! One of the better holidays, made great by such traditions as getting gifts rather than giving them.

I have never been one for costume dress-ups, and am still not, but you can’t just show up on someone’s front porch and holler out trick or treat! and expect the best stuff to fall into your sack.

So, each year, hoping for the best results, my brother and I would go as hobos by pulling out old clothes from what we called the rag barrel. In our family, there was no such tradition as giving the rag barrel. In our family, there was no such tradition as giving old clothes to the poor, we were the poor and this was the end of old clothes to the poor, we were the poor and this was the end of

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Back home we would spread our loot on the kitchen table where we would sort, count, and trade. Course my trading was already done, ha ha!

...I would take the best candy bars out of his sacks and put that candy in my only sack. In such a way, even though I got only one sack full of candy, and he got four or five sacks, I got the best. Ha! I’m not an amateur either! He never figured this trade out because in his greedy haste, he didn’t even look at what he was getting. He would just snap his sack closed, always holler out a thank you, and scamper off to the next house.

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...I still like Halloween, and here in Cabo I enjoy giving out candy to the local kids who come downtown to snag as much candy from the Gringos as they can. They don’t trick or treat, they Halloween! I can never get a kid to sing out trick or treat. They just come back to me with a cheery Halloween! and shake their sack at me again.

...Many Mexicans do not like their kids to celebrate Halloween because they fear their own traditions are dying, especially the Day of the Dead, celebrated the next day. I can understand this concern and would probably feel the same way if I were Mexican. But I just can’t turn the little buggers down when they zoom up to me on the street and holler out Halloween! and shake their sack at me. I give generously of treats I have prepared for them.

What comes around, goes around, no?
Que Pasa in Cabo?

BY DAVID FLORES

New fundraiser coming

The first annual Decompression Fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, November 19 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm.

As Rick Antillon, the event organizer, puts it (and I agree), tickets are available at Mail Boxes in Cabo, behind Hospiten (formerly Amerimed). For San Jose residents, contact Rick Antillon via his Facebook page, www.facebook.com/rickantillon.

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“Every November, we locals seem to take a huge sigh of relief, decompressing as we collectively get through another hurricane season successfully, and stronger than the year before.”

Rick is the leader of the Heart for Cabo organization, which has devoted the last three years (since Hurricane Odile) to building starter homes for those who lost everything. His group, with the help of the victims, their families and donations from Mexicans and Gringos, build bathrooms, small homes, kitchens, and whatever else is needed.

Heart for Cabo also gets donations of food, medical supplies, construction materials and clothing. Proceeds from the new event will be donated to the needy. Event costs are being covered by its principal sponsor, Eric White of the Pueblo Bonito group.

The event is a four-hour boat party with unlimited food and drinks, stand-up paddling, floating islands and music by Matthew 1626, Rik Sotero and Less Santana. Tickets are going for a suggested minimum donation of $75 USD. Tickets are limited, so get’em early. Yeah, I could drink and eat that much.

Mexico sinks American battleship!

Mexico is scheduled to sink the ship formerly known as the USS Hurst, a U.S. Navy destroyer escort built during World War II. It was donated by the U.S. government to Mexico in 1973.

Ironically, Mexico renamed her “Commodore Manuel Azueta,” in honor of a Mexican sailor who fought against the U.S. during the American invasion of the port of Veracruz, in the Gulf of Mexico, in 1914. Yes, Azueta died in the battle.

The ship served Mexico for 42 years and is being sunk to create a new reef near the port of Veracruz.

Local resort sold

The Architectural Digest award-winning Mar Adentro resort in San Jose was sold last week for the sum of $215 million. It was designed by famous Mexican architect Miguel-Angel Aragonés, who also built the infamous “White House” of President Peña Nieto’s wife. (She was heavily criticized for spending so much money on her home).

The buyer was Fernando Chico-Pardo, CEO of the Asur group, which operates nine international airports in Mexico, including those in Cancun and Cozumel. But not ours.

Let’s hope this new guy knows how to run a hotel and restaurants, as the resort is stunning. Stunning! Looks like crap from the outside, but once you’re inside, you will be stunned by the architecture. But the architect had no clue how to run the place once it was built and the food sucked. We will give the new owners a month or so and then take another run at the food and let you know. Because if it’s even just decent, it’s worth the trip, especially to go to the restaurant they call the Bird’s Nest during CONTINUED ON PAGE 12
Q&A With: Wayne and Tricia Bisbee

BY JIM KEARNS

Wayne Bisbee and Tricia Bisbee are the children of Bob Bisbee, who founded the Bisbees Black & Blue Marlin Tournament in 1982. The tournament has now been a family affair for more than 37 years. This year’s tournament recently finished, with more than 130 entries and a total purse of $3.5 million USD. Bob is retired and lives locally and in California, Wayne now runs the Bisbee, and Tricia runs the East Cape Bisbee.

Q. When did you and your sister take over the Black & Blue Tournament?
A. In 1990, when our father, Bob, retired.

Q. The Black & Blue is the world’s richest tournament. What is the single biggest check written to one entry?
A. $3.9 million to the Bad Company crew.

Q. What was the biggest marlin caught in the last 37 years?
A. 993 pounds, caught in 1992 by Picante.

Q. What is the biggest marlin each of you have caught?
A. Wayne: 595 pounds in Panama.

Tricia: 375 pounds in Kona.

Q. What are your favorite restaurants in Cabo?
A. Wayne: Baja Cantina
Tricia: Nick-San.

Q. How much time do the two of you spend in Cabo each year?
A. We spend at least two months a year here.

Q. What is the one thing that will benefit Cabo the most?
A. Wayne: Expanding the Cabo San Lucas Airport and adding flights from the USA.
Tricia: More services and recreational facilities for children.

Q. Both of you are big on supporting charities, and you each have your own special charity. Tell us about them.

A. Wayne: I am the founder and president of the Bisbee Fish and Wildlife Conservation Fund. Our main project right now is saving the rhinos. I have a 1200-acre ranch where myself and a good friend of mine (who is a Navy Seal) arm and train rangers to hunt down poachers and protect the rhinos. This training camp is certified by the African government. I also raise rhinos

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Yes, they’re those Bisbees, whose multi million dollar tournament just ended.
Are You A Wannabe Writer?
Annual workshop could help you get to the next level

BY SAMUEL CLEMENS

Do you want to be a writer? Maybe you have a brilliant idea for the next “great American novel” that you just need to get down on paper, or you’re stuck on the manuscript you’ve been slaving away on for years. Whether it’s guidance, inspiration or some constructive criticism you need, the 2018 Todos Santos Writers Workshop can provide it.

And no, you don’t have to be an esteemed, published writer to attend. The workshop is open to everyone.

“What we say is, we are looking for writers at all levels,” says Rex Weiner, one of the workshop’s founders and faculty members. “Many writers come to us with works in progress or something that they want to begin writing.” You can also bring a piece that they want to begin writing. “Rex makes it clear that this is not a workshop for light-hearted hobbyists. It is an intensive week, with three hours of workshops every morning. And although writers have their afternoons free, everyone usually spends the time working on their respective pieces.”

Jenny Armit, owner of the Hotelito in Todos Santos, attended the first Todos Santos Writers Workshop as a complete novice. “I’d never really written about anything other than in a professional setting. And I hadn’t written in a long time,” she says. She learned so much from the first workshop that she attended again the next year (Rex says about half the participants each year are return participants). It was during that second workshop that she was encouraged to go for her master’s degree in fine arts, which she did.

“Now I write all the time,” she says. “I love it. It’s almost a daily ritual for me.”

Going into the writers workshop as a writing newbie was terrifying, Jenny says, but the faculty members were so supportive that she quickly felt comfortable sharing her work for critique.

“They push you, but they’re really encouraging. They see what’s good there and they help you bring it out,” she says.

Jenny plans to attend the writers workshop again this year. She says the faculty, the sense of community among the writers and the amount of knowledge and inspiration you get from the workshop are what makes it so valuable to writers.

“If you ever had a dream that you have a voice and you want to write about something, this is the best environment to find out,” she says. “For me, stuff came out of me that amazed me.”

Now in its fifth year, a few changes have been made to this year’s writers workshop. They’ve expanded the faculty and the number of workshops. They’ve also gone from a five-day session to a full seven days, running from Sunday, January 27 to Monday, February 3 of next year.

Also new this year is the addition of a poetry workshop, which will be lead by Christopher Merrill. He’s the director of the University of Iowa international writing program, an award-winning poet and author of six collections of poetry and five fiction books.

The writers workshop will also have two fiction workshops, a memoir workshop and a non-fiction workshop.

If you aren’t able to attend the full week, there are a couple of workshop events that are open to the public. This first is a faculty reading, where members of the workshop’s faculty read selections of their work. It will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 29.

The second event is a writers round table, featuring Christopher Merrill and Ellen Waterston, a poet and nature writer who has operated her own writing workshop (The Writing Ranch) in Todos Santos for 10 years.

“With these two talking about the craft and their own approaches to nature writing, we believe we’ll have a very, very lively session,” Rex says. Moderating will be Joanne McCulloch, one of the founders of the writers workshop.

The title of the roundtable is “Inner and Outer Landscapes: Writing Personally about Nature.” The round table will be at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 1. Both events will take place in the courtyard of Casa Dracula, and the cost is a donation to the Palapa Society of Todos Santos.

To learn more about the Todos Santos Writers Workshop, visit www.todossantoswritersworkshop.com. The workshop is limited to 20 to 25 writers, and there are just a few spots left, so sign up now. The cost is $1,200 USD, and advance registration requires a 50% payment no later than November 30.
Ironman Los Cabos Coming Soon

If you’re not competing, best to stay home that day and avoid the traffic.

BY IMA JOCK

The fifth annual Ironman Los Cabos is coming up soon, with an expected 1,400 athletes from Mexico and other countries competing. The competition takes place on November 12, although many of the athletes will arrive before then, spending some time getting to know the route. And a couple of official practices, packet pickup and bike check take place in the days right before the Ironman.

The event begins at 6:00 a.m. that Sunday with a 2.4 mile swim at Palmilla Beach. Then comes the 112-mile bike ride and then a zippy finish of a quick 26.2-mile run, going from Palmilla towards San Jose, ending at Las Palmas Park behind the La Comer store.

As with every Ironman, you can expect a lot of road closures and backed up traffic. Some roads will be closed for 12 or more hours, as the official cut off to complete the race is 12:30 a.m. Monday morning. Here is the official list of road closures and times but this is just an estimate.

FROM 6:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
Main access to Palmilla Beach
FROM 5:30 TO 9:30 AM
Centenario Road, both ways
FROM 5:30 AM (Sunday) TO 1:00 AM (Monday)
Antonio Mijares Boulevard, both ways
San Jose Avenue, but only one side of the road will be closed (towards the fourlane)
Los Cabos Avenue, both ways, going towards Fonatur
Los Cabos Port, starting at the bridge and finishing at the third roundabout.
Centenario Road, both ways, starting at the bridge and finishing at the well
According to Municipal Director of Tourism, Karina Corral Raygosa, this year’s race route is a new one, designed to improve traffic flow on the fourlane. We sure hope it works. In previous years, drive time to the airport doubled because of the road closures and hundreds of people missed their planes, while arriving tourists couldn’t get out of the airport because taxis couldn’t get to the airport to pick them up. Then, those tourists who did make it to San Jose had to drag their luggage down the street the last half mile or so, as the entire Hotel Row was blocked to traffic. No thought at all was given to traffic mitigation. This year at least there is some thought given to it.

The good news is that this will be the last year for Ironman-related traffic jams and headaches. According to an announcement made back in August on the Ironman Los Cabos Facebook page, the event won’t be coming back. There was no word as to why the event is leaving, and organizers are ignoring our requests for information. Well, in all fairness, they hate us for publishing pictures of the traffic jams and the tourists walking their suitcases down the road. Yup, blame the media, we’re used to it. We can take it.

But whale shark season has officially started now, and we highly recommend you book a tour to go swimming with them. It’s an amazing experience to be able to get so close to these gentle giants (they’re filter feeders, so they hunt for plankton not other animals. They don’t even have teeth).

Just about every big tour company in Cabo offers a whale shark expedition; Cabo Adventures, Cabo Expeditions, Island Cat. Prices range from $150 to $250.

Mark your calendars for November 12, the day of the Ironman Los Cabos. The fourlane will be partially closed, so it’s a good day to stay home.
Tis The Season
No, not Christmas, high season! And along with it come the seasonal events.

BY SONNY DAY

Although, by most accounts, there really wasn’t any low season in Los Cabos this year, many events were still put on hold for the sweltering summer months. Now, with the start of fall and Cabo’s official high season, things are getting up and running again. Here’s a rundown of some of your seasonal favorites that are coming back this month.

Mexico Tuesday Music is Open now. Every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

This is a newer weekly event in San Jose, having just started earlier this year. The streets are filled with music, starting with the mariachi band that parades through downtown (about a five block route). You can also enjoy the sounds of the mariachi band that parades through downtown (about a five block route). You can also enjoy the sounds of the mariachi band that parades through downtown (about a five block route). You can also enjoy the sounds of the mariachi band that parades through downtown (about a five block route).

The Gallery District is also kicking off the season with a Day of the Dead celebration. Several galleries are setting up a Day of the Dead altar, but there will also be a contest for students and anyone who stumbles in.

For more information, visit the bookstore/ thrift shop in a converted house near the church, not the part that is downtown where the tianguis, (local handicrafts), is usually set up, because that is torn up for construction.

Art Walk in San Jose Opening Thursday, Nov. 2. Every Thursday from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. This is one of the main weekly events during high season, drawing throngs of tourists to the Gallery District in downtown San Jose. You can visit the art galleries, which stay open late. Sip free wine while you take in their newest exhibitions. They close down the streets for it and there is often live music.

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For more information, visit their website at www.artcabo.com.

Organic/artisans market in Todos Santos Opening Wednesday, Nov. 1. Every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Head over to La Esquina restaurant and you’ll find this market, featuring organic eggs, honey, locally made jewelry, beauty products, traditional baskets and more. You can also enjoy the sounds of Antonio Castillo Vargas playing classic Mexican guitar solos.

For more information, find them on Facebook at facebook.com/laesquinuats.

Shoppes at Palmilla farmers market Opening Friday, Nov. 3. Every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This market offers some of the best fresh food you can find, including locally grown fruits and vegetables, freshly baked artisan breads and pastries, fish so fresh they’re still toweling off, free-range/grass-fed meats and eggs, dairy products, jams and jellies, and prepared food, with organic, vegan and/or gluten free options available.

You can also find fresh-cut flowers and arts and crafts. It’s also a good chance to browse the Palmilla shops and galleries. Check out the booth with the home made chile, it’s really really good, and it’s hard to find chile in this country, it’s not a Mexican food. For more information, call 624-144-6999 or visit their website.

San Jose organic market Opening Nov. 4. Every Saturday, all day. This is the grandaddy of our armers markets. In addition to a vast array of organic produce, you can find handicrafts, books, critters to adopt, food to eat, live music and more, more, more!

Organizers tell us that this year will be some exciting new changes to the market, including a potential new location (the market has been just outside of downtown San Jose), Check their Facebook page for new updates, facebook.com/Sanjomo.

Liga Mac bookstore and thrift shop Opening in November. Every Tuesday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In addition to new and used books, you can find Liga Mac cookbooks, calendars and note cards, T-shirts, and seasonal items. The thrift store has donated clothing and household items, all in good condition (and feel free to drop off items you don’t want to be sold at the thrift store). Remember, all the money you spend goes towards supporting Liga Mac, which helps needy families in Los Cabos, so go with a full wallet.

You can find the bookstore/thrift shop in a converted house near the church, not the part that is downtown where the tianguis, (local handicrafts), is usually set up, because that is torn up for construction.

If you're looking for more events (seasonal or otherwise), be sure to check out our events and performing arts calendars – they're in every issue! There's plenty to keep you from getting bored.
Smart Tech Shows Value In Resorts Like Ours
And smart tech is getting smarter and easier all the time

BY ERIC SHINN

Most of us are familiar with the concept of a “smart home.” And now that we know how it is possible to run an entire household off our cell phones, technology has taken us to a whole new level.

A company called Smart Spaces, a cutting-edge technology company, has expanded from Mexico City, where they got their start, decades ago, to Los Cabos.

Stepping into their showroom just outside of San Lucas, is like stepping into the future – except all that we see is available now.

Technology company, has expanded from Mexico City, where they got their start, decades ago, to the room with gestures of a tiny gadget on the index finger.

We watched as our host Giancarlos Munoz used a little gadget hooked onto his index finger to control everything in the room, including three huge TV screens that can show three different shows, or they can spread one picture across all three giant screens. Or, he can stop waving his finger around and control everything with gestures on a 60-inch Luce screen that you can use as your kitchen counter if you want to. And by controlling everything, we mean right down to the hue of the light bulbs, which sets different moods. Of course, the sound coming out of the screens, by way of speakers that seem everywhere but are seen nowhere, is bone chilling.

They also can work such wizardry as to monitor things like your water tank and gas levels in the house, and detect leaks and alert you to your back room is what keeps everything they’ve sold humming along.

All systems in the home, right down to the electric curtains and numerous kitchen gadgets, are now hooked into one controller, which is none other than the simple little cell phone. Giancarlos tells us his job is to integrate all this technology into that one controller, and that he sells experiences, not technology. He knows most of us don’t want to deal with the nitty gritty details of how this happens, so please, just make it seamless and easy for us. The company does “easy” well.

We got a peek into the back room where the systems are designed and saw that an awful lot of planning and execution goes into it.

The company spends most of its time on commercial applications of smart technology, which is even more impressive. Four to six people sit in front of two giant screens each, generating as many as 160 pages of detailed plans for a large condo or residential property. This includes control of outdoor lighting and irrigation, control of common rooms, and even the control of individual living quarters. Everything in a commercial property is designed to save on labor, to optimize use of utilities, and to present a more impressive and convenient experience for the customer.

Currently, they are finding a lot of success selling systems to many of the new buildings under construction on the four-lane. These commercial projects cannot afford to neglect smart technology and Smart Spaces seems to be the leader right here and right now.

To see an amazing array of technology, all of it working seamlessly, check out their showroom across from Costco, in the strip center that houses Cabo Fitness. You can’t miss their large electronic moving sign, and yes, they build, install, and program those, too.
Jose Lima knows mold and mildew when he sees it. And he wants you to know a few things about it. The first is that mold spores are everywhere. Mold spores in general aren’t a problem, but they can become a problem very quickly given the right ambient conditions (heat and moisture).

The other thing he wants you to know is that if mold has infiltrated your home, it’s going to take more than the old home remedy of hitting it with bleach to get rid of it.

Jose is the owner of Prozone, a company that specializes in mold inspection and removal. He started Prozone after Hurricane Odile hit in 2014. He had been working as a photographer and small farmer, but the storm wiped out his farm and greenhouse. Even though insurance covered the damage, he had no business left, as the restaurants and hotels that had been his clients were focused on rebuilding.

Jose was evaluating his options, wondering how he could benefit from the construction that was occurring everywhere after Odile, when he remembered a previous job he’d had that had shown him how badly mold could affect people. Jose realized the same thing could happen here, so he went online to do some research and learned that he could certify himself as a mold inspector and to operate the ozone machines he uses now to kill mold.

Ozone is a gas that’s created when oxygen molecules are split into single atoms. These atoms combine with nearby oxygen to form a three-oxygen molecule. Ozone is good for killing mold and mildew because, at high levels, it deteriorates the mold’s cell structure and breaks down its ability to reproduce. According to Jose, ozone is 3,200 times more effective than bleach at killing mold. And because it’s a gas, it can kill the spores in the air that you can’t see.

Jose’s company uses machines (which look like something out of a sci-fi movie), to pump ozone through the homes they treat. As the ozone fills the house, every interior surface - including floors, ceilings, closets and furniture - gets sanitized. While ozone isn’t able to go through solid walls, it goes where normal air can go, even down into cracks and crevices. In houses that have central air conditioning systems, Jose will put the ozone into the air ducts, so it goes throughout the system.

“That’s when ozone is fantastic,” he says. “It’s one of the very few things that you can put inside the system that won’t damage the equipment.”

The ozone machines take about 12 hours to kill the mold. No people or pets can be in the house at the time. Jose’s clients usually leave the house for the night while the machines work, but you can also choose to have them start early in the morning, so they’ll be finished by the evening.

So, how can you tell if your house has a mold or mildew problem? Obviously, the easiest way is to see it. The other way is to smell it. And then there are the physical symptoms: if you’re continuously suffering from headaches or migraines, nausea, sneezing, teary eyes or asthma attacks, you might have a mold infestation in your home. And if you feel better once you’re outside of your house, when you’re at school or at work, that’s a big red flag.

Jose also recommends that anyone looking to buy a house in Los Cabos have a mold inspection done. “I think it’s a cultural gap,” he says. “Home surveyors in Mexico don’t look for mold. They look for leaks, at more of the architectural soundness of the building.”

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Every piece of a Day of the Dead altar has meaning

BY ALE BORBOLLA

Every November, on Day of the Dead, Mexican families wait for their deceased loved ones to pop back up so they can welcome and entertain them with the dishes and drinks they enjoyed in life. The Mexican tradition says that the deceased made a long journey every year to visit the living, and are welcomed with festivities, food and some elements before they go back to their resting place.

The altar de muertos (altar of the dead) is the main attraction of this event, as its purpose is to help the souls find their way home. These are often huge, multi-tiered affairs.

The Day of the Dead altars for children are set up on the eve of October 31st with hoary and browse

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The altars have many components, a mixture of pre-Hispanic and Catholic traditions that combine to celebrate death. These include:
- Different levels. Either two, three or seven levels. In some areas, altars are made with two levels that symbolize heaven and earth; in others they are made with three levels for heaven, purgatory and earth; and there are places where altars with seven levels are placed, each of these levels represents the steps a soul has to make to get to heaven.
- Candles: Candles show the souls their way to the altar and back to the dead world; they symbolize the light, hope and faith.
- Arches: These represent the passage between the underworld and the living world, usually decorated with flowers, sometimes fruit.
- Scents: Copal was considered a sacred essence in pre Hispanic culture, so it’s a must in altars. Other scents come from cempasuchil flowers and herb infusions like laurel, thyme and rosemary.
- Food: This must be to the spirit's liking, since they can only enjoy it once a year. Typically, tamales and mole are present, as well as sugar skulls, chocolate and amaranth candy, which also represents that death must be sweet.
- Personal objects: On the earth levels of the altar, the deceased's personal objects are usually placed, especially if these were often used or very special to that person. There is also a picture of him or her front and center.
- Religious symbols: These must be on the top levels, and include crosses, saint figurines, virgins and angels.
- Ash cross: This is for when the spirit arrives, where he or she can throw pending guilt.
- Salt: This is to purify the soul, in case the person never got baptized.
- Also, some kind of dish filled with water and a towel must be placed so the deceased can wash up for the party, and some chairs and a petate (Mexican bedroll) must be placed nearby for the soul to rest a little bit.

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The stated goal of this Film Festival is to link the film programs of Mexico, Latin America, U.S. and Canada, by supporting the talent of their filmmakers. Historically, the festival seeks to promote the cultural and tourist activities in southern Baja California, but with all the events and most of the films in Spanish, that’s usually left undone.

Film festivals are all about bringing together film sellers, film companies, producers, and film, TV, and streaming platform buyers in one place. It is at these film festivals held around the world that deals are made that...
the day. It's a pile of twigs woven together that makes a wonderful pattern inside.

Cabo marina gets a facelift API, the holding company that manages the Cabo marina, has begun work on remodeling the two-mile long concrete boardwalk, they're saying is going to cost half a million bucks. What, they're going to tear up the marina just as high season is starting? Whose bright idea was that? Don't all rush to answer that, we don't expect it. Actually, someone will pipe up, because these people don't care what the public or the merchants think or need. The largest part of the fix up will be the ground surfaces, which will now have a uniform look once finished. The estimated completion date is December 15. Ha ha ha ha ha! We should start a pool on the completion date. I’ll toss five buck on next summer.

Tourism agency awarded Fictura, the Los Cabos tourism fund, received the 2018 Ultimate Partner Award from ID Travel, a tour company, for exceeding expectations and creating innovative promotions for the area. Our tourism agency competed against well-known places like Bali, Virgin Islands, Fiji, Bora Bora, Dubai and the Mauritius Islands.

At the same events ceremony:

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(Calendar of Performing Arts)

CABO SAN LUCAS

CULTURAL PAVILION
November 8 to 12. 6th annual Los Cabos International Film Festival. Opening gala with international nominees’ movies will be there with international recognized personalities.

Every Thursday. 7:00 pm. Pavillón’s Movie Club. A different movie every Thursday. Sometimes in English, sometime other languages with Spanish subtitles. November is South American cinema month, and December is Orson Wells month. Free.

November 2. Thursday. 7:00 pm. City of God. (2002). Two boys growing up in a violent neighborhood of Rio de Janeiro take different paths: one becomes a photographer, the other a drug dealer. Portuguese with Spanish subtitles.

November 9. Thursday. 7:00 pm. Los Cabos International Film Festival Red Carpet.

November 16. Thursday. 7:00 pm. Machuca. (2004). After the bloody military coup of September 11, 1973 erupts, two boys observe the political coup in their native Chile drifting towards civil war. Spanish with English subtitles.

November 23. Thursday. 7:00 pm. Our Lady of the Assassins. (2000). The tempestuous love story between Fernando, a successful gay writer who was born in Colombia but has lived in Europe for the past 30 years, and the 16-year-old assassin Alexis, who murders all too easily. Spanish with English subtitles.

November 30. Thursday. 7:00 pm. The Secret in Their Eyes. (2009). Ray, a retired legal counselor, writes a novel hoping to find closure for one of his past unresolved homicide cases. Thirteen years later, he finally uncovers a new lead that he’s certain can solve the case. Spanish with English subtitles.

December 7. Thursday. 7:00 pm. The 3rd Man. (1949). Pulp novelist Holly Martins travels to shadowy, postwar Vienna, only to find himself investigating the mysterious death of an old friend, Harry Lime. English with Spanish subtitles.


VARIOUS LOCATIONS

SAN JOSE

KORAL CENTER/EL MERKADO Kilometer 24.5 on Highway 1

Every Wednesday. 5:00 to 10:00 pm. Art Fair. Art, paintings, books, live music. Spanish and English. Free.

LA DOLCE VILLA Behind the Mega supermarket in San Jose


Every Thursday. 7:30 pm. Vagabond Movie Club. Every week a different movie, sometimes in English, sometimes in different languages always with Spanish subtitles.

WIRIKUTA GARDENS At the East Cape Road round-about

Every Wednesday. 7:00 to 10:30 pm. Wirikuta, the story of the ancient Huichol tribe told through modern dance, acrobatics, music and audiovisual effects. Includes dinner buffet and open bar. In English and Spanish. For tickets: www.thewirikuta.com.

PLAZA EL PESCADOR

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

MAIN PLAZA
The PlazaArte Program will continue during renovations, next to the remodeling area.

Every Saturday. 6:00 to 10:00 pm. PlazaArte. Four hours of arts workshops, music, dance show and family fun. Spanish. Free.

Every Sunday. 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Danzon Afternoons. Traditional Mexican romantic dance. Everyone is invited to dance. Spanish. Free.

EL ZACATA At the Soccer Field
December 2. Saturday. 8:00 pm. Los Cabos International Film Festival free movies. Mexican actors and actresses will be present for a meet and greet and interviews with the local press. Spanish.

TODOS SANTOS

MANUEL MARQUEZ THEATER
November 9. Thursday. 6:00 pm. Panel Discussion with Elena Poniatowska. Special evening with internationally recognized writer and human rights fighter. Ms. Poniatowska will give a talk, read from some of her works, and answer questions from the audience. Limited Seating. Spanish and English. Organized by The Palapa Society. Free but reservation is required. More info and reservations: www.palapasociety.org/poniatowska

LOS ADOBES RESTAURANT
November 10. Friday. 6:00 pm. Noche con Elena. A night to celebrate our Ms. Poniatowska and recognize the many people who made the Palapa Learning Center dream a reality. This is not a fundraiser, price of ticket covers expenses. Limited Seating, $26 USD per person. Spanish and English. Organized by Palapa Society. More info and reservations: www.palapasociety.org/poniatowska


Community Reading Lounges

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

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

At HOLLYDANCE CAFÉ. Leona Vicario St. And 12 de Octubre St, 2º Floor, downtown Cabo. Every Tuesday from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Trocamundos Reading Club. Spanish mostly. More info and special activities on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/saladelecturatrocamundos/timeline

At KINESIS GYM. El Chemalbarro near the Convention Center. From Monday to Friday. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The Maroma Reading club. Books available. More info and special activities on Facebook: facebook.com/Sala-de-lectura-La-Mar%C3%B3n-Kinesis-Fabulanda-6910397975630803/timeline

At LA CIRCO. Libroteka Reading Club. From Monday to Friday. From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Books available and circus drama style reading on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. More info with Sara Flores on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/laCirco-57798703553733/timeline

Download the Palapa Society’s Facebook app and reservations: www.palapasociety.org/poniatowska.
Canadians Investing In Mexico
It’s a real advantage, if you do it right

BY BOB VAN PATTEN

As a real estate agent in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico for over a year and a real estate investor and business owner in Canada for over 14 years, I meet a lot of Canadians looking for investment property in Los Cabos. Their number one concern is always the exchange rate between the Canadian dollar and the US dollar. As you may have noticed, most property here in Los Cabos is priced in US dollars. We have a solution.

The investment opportunity in Los Cabos has improved significantly this year with current construction adding 3,800 hotel rooms to the 14,000 rooms already available. Hotel renters bring more traffic to the area which over time leads them to bring more traffic to the area.

We have contacts with Canadian institutions that can structure US dollar loans using Canadian assets or cash as collateral. The US dollars are then used to purchase your investment property. You then can take advantage of the appreciation in the value of your property as prices continue to increase and earn a return on your investment through rentals, all while enjoying the property for your personal use at any time of the year. And best yet, the rental income is in US dollars which you can exchange for Canadian dollars at a very positive return.

Additionally, we will show you how to get the US dollar loan at “zero interest” cost to you.

Because the Canadian dollar will again reach parity or at least a more positive exchange rate with the American dollar at some point in the future, you, the investor, decide when to pay off the US dollar loan using your Canadian dollars. You then take no loss on the exchange rate while at the same time you are earning a return on your investment in Los Cabos and having use of the property for your own personal enjoyment.

This is a win-win for Canadian investors because the appreciation earned on a Los Cabos property can be achieved now instead of waiting for parity with the US dollar and earn investment income as well.


If you recently drove from San Jose del Cabo or the Los Cabos airport to Cabo San Lucas and look at the development underway in the Cabo Corridor you would have to agree that this is the beginning of a major booming market and a great long term investment. It is comparable to the investment boom in Vancouver 10 to 15 years ago.

There are now direct flights from China to Los Cabos coming on the market. Does that ring a familiar bell?

One agent in our office is working with one Chinese investor with a 40 million US dollar budget to buy rental homes. He bought 5 so far in only a few months and is still buying million dollar homes!

For more details or any real estate needs, please email me Bob Van Patten, Real Estate Agent for Baja International Realty at: bob@bircabo.com. Or call 624-127-6012.

San Jose Del Cabo Featured Property
Peninsula Condos

Peninsula Condominiums is a gated community on the Mayan Palace Golf District of San Jose del Cabo. This development is one of the best kept secrets in all of Los Cabos, offering a large sparkling pool along with a fabulous palapa and a common area. There are mature landscaping, fruit trees, and ample green belt areas.

Peninsula is perfectly located, an easy walk to the beaches, shopping, clubs, restaurants (Plaza el Pescador) and downtown. This is your own very private sanctuary.

This spacious brand new 17 condo consist of a 2br/ 2bth unit that offers a modern kitchen w/breakfast bar and a dining area terrace as well, interior finish, granite and marble. Appliances are included.

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What Is An Ejido And Ejido Land?

Part 1 of a 2 part series

BY CHERYL MILLER

Ejido, pronounced (EH HEE Dough)... You hear about this, but what is this, exactly?

In Mexico, an Ejido is a once agricultural community that had communal land that was deeded to them after the Mexican Revolution of 1910. They typically were granted agricultural type land and they are sort of like the Indian Reservations in the United States. The Ejidos, were granted legal status in Article 27 of the 1917 Mexican Constitution. This status and the related Ejidatian laws have changed and evolved over the years. And too, much ejido land have evolved with some Ejidos and their holdings finding themselves now smack dab in the middle of urban areas now, such as is the case with the Cabo San Lucas Ejido.

The concept of the "ejido" in Mexico is pre-hispanic with actual evidence in Aztec cultural, known as calpulli, but, the fundamental concepts that created what an ejido is today stem from theories of democratic communism dating back prior to the Constitution of 1917.

If you remember your Mexican history, prior to this time, the majority of land was owned by wealthy, mainly Spanish land barons, the church or the Spanish crown, with the majority of the Mexican citizens existing very much like serfs/slaves on the land with no rights of ownership or possession. Even after Mexico’s Independence from Spain, little changed in this arena, which led to the Mexican Revolution. Remember too, that between 1913 and 1935, the Communist Party in Mexico had a real effect on the thinking of the time. You may recall how Diego Rivera painted a mural in the new Rockefeller Center in New York in 1933, depicting these communist theories and struggles, only to have the work stopped and the mural removed by the Rockefeller in 1934. But this political environment led to changing Mexico from a feudal system with land barons to a system they believed would redistribute the wealth among the poor. After the Revolution, the concept of land ownership, especially for farmers changed dramatically. One of these changes was the formation of the Ejidos and the granting of huge tracts of land to their collective membership from the federal government who had seized the land in the name of the people of Mexico from the land barons.

The concept was then and is now, that community members individually farm designated parcels and collectively, as an Ejido, maintain communal holdings for the benefit of the group. While Americans and Canadians understand the concept of democratic ownership, especially for farmers changed dramatically. One of these changes was the formation of the Ejidos and the granting of huge tracts of land to their collective membership from the federal government who had seized the land in the name of the people of Mexico from the land barons.

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Tax Legal Defense

BY DANIEL RUIZ

As of this year, the Mexican Tax Authority (SAT) has increased its audit of taxpayers, because the income previously gained from federal petroleum sales has decreased. You must make up the difference.

In this article we will explain, in simple words, legal defenses against the SAT determinations or any other Mexican government authority.

Once a taxpayer has been served a SAT determination (resolution), the taxpayer can submit an administrative appeal or a lawsuit against said determination. The difference between both legal defenses are explained in this article.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL

In accordance with the Federal Tax Code, a taxpayer can submit a lawsuit before the legal department of the same authority that issued the determination, which must be resolved within 3 months.

One of the benefits of submitting an administrative appeal is that during the timeframe between submitting the appeal and issuing the final determination, the taxpayer shall not warranty the tax debt.

Plus, new evidence can be submitted by the taxpayer that was not previously available during the tax audit done by the Tax Authority.

But, one of the negative aspects of an administrative appeal is that it will take longer if the determination is determined in favor of the negative aspects and if legal department of the tax authority is not fair-minded.

TAX LAWSUIT

On other hand, the taxpayer can submit a lawsuit directly before the tax authority against the tax determination or against the administrative appeal resolution. This tax defense that has the following positive and negatives aspects:

The Tax Court is more open-minded than the legal department of the Tax Authority.

During the tax lawsuit, the taxpayer shall warrant the tax debt during the process, in case that is not duly warranted the tax authority could seizure assets and banks account. But if the tax debt is for 5,000,000.00 pesos or more, the trial can be submitted by oral testimony, (All the trial in Mexico used to be in writing), during this type of trial, the tax debt does not need to be warranted.

If a taxpayer submits the lawsuit against the tax determination, it will save time, due to the fact that it saves any potential lost time that would occur in the administrative appeal process.

IMPORT PERMITS SUSPENDED – TAX BENEFITS TROUBLES

If during the process of the lawsuit or administrative appeal the tax debt is not duly warranted, the tax authority can suspend the import permit or its tax benefits, like the machinery imports benefits or VAT certification benefits, but the company can submit a tax lawsuit without any such suspension if the tax debt is duly warranted.

TAX LAWYER

It is important to hire a tax lawyer during the audit in order to review the mistakes of the authority that would help as legal arguments in the legal defense.

If you have any doubt or question, do not hesitate to contact us.

By Lic. Daniel Ruiz de la Peña Sandoval of Ruiz de la Peña y Asociados, S.C., Tijuana, BC, Office 664-684-0287, info@ruizdelapena.com

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capitalism and private holdings, it is important to understand that Ejido property is subject to a democratic communistic type society in which the community
When I Buy A Property In Los Cabos, Do I Own It?

It’s a matter of symantics

This is a good, very common question that we as Realtors here are still asked today. Some agents will respond yes, you own it and some agents will respond no, the bank owns it. Here is the definitive answer for you in easy to understand terms.

The first thing to define is; we have 2 zones here in Mexico, the “restricted” and “unrestricted” zones. The “restricted” zone is located within 100 km of any Mexican border, or 50km from any Mexican coastline, essentially all of Los Cabos and Baja. The “unrestricted” zone would be the opposite of this for example Guadalajara, Lake Chapala, Mexico City and so on. As a non Mexican citizen purchasing a property in what we call the “restricted” zone, the Mexican government requires a “fi-deicomiso” or for simpler words a “bank trust”. A non Mexican citizen purchasing a property in the “unrestricted” zone is not required to use the bank trust for ownership. In addition, Mexican citizens can use a bank trust and non Mexican citizens own property without a bank trust by using a Mexican corporation (although complicated and usually not the best decision).

What is the difference and why is the trust required in the “restricted” zone? This answer goes all the way back to 1917 when Mexico decided to make it harder for other countries to take advantage of their lands by generating a “restricted” zone. This zone meant that only Mexican nationals were allowed to invest in lands located within 100km of any Mexican border, or 50km from any Mexican coastline, as previously mentioned. However, as time passed and in order to allow foreign investment in these areas, in 1973 the government decided to start issuing the bank trust. These trusts are similar to one you may hold in the USA, except that the designated trustee must be an authorized Mexican financial institution such as Scotiabank or Bancomer, among others. Just like in the USA, this trust gives the buyer full ownership of the property they are purchasing, but instead of being the “owner”, they are stated as the first beneficiary. This allows the person to benefit from improving, remodeling, fixing, renting, or selling the property without restriction.

Most properties available for sale here already have a bank trust in place. It is important for your agent to advise you on the age of this trust and whether generating a new trust would be better than transferring the existing one. For example; some older trusts were issued for only 25-30 years and if the property you are buying is 15 years old, then it may be best to generate a new 50 year trust. A simple decision once the information is understood and obviously if the property is brand new you will generate a new trust with the bank of your choosing. There will be an initial fee to the financial institution for drawing up the agreement, which is usually around $1,000 USD, but it will depend on the property and institution. Annual fees must be paid to the bank trust.

BY TERRY GRAY CURTIS

SOLDS

- Villa Masso/Portofino 35 Pedregal/two story penthouse, two car garage, three bedrooms, three full baths. MLS 17-2013 $485,000, J. Ross/The Agency
- Lot 562 Cerritos, Very close to the beach, excellent views, MLS 17-1409, on the market 5 days, full price, 870 m2, $29,000 USD, C. Miller/Baja Realty and Investment
- Zalate 4, Club Campestre, $370,000USD, MLS #17-745, Tommy Bahama furnishing enhance the beautifully put together interior. C. Waker-C21 Paradise Properties/Prince-Engel & Völkers Snell RE.
- Villa Las Conchas #204, Punta Ballena $1,725,000USD, MLS #17-1898. Beautiful 4 bedroom 4, 1/2 bath hacienda style Villa located within the prestigious community of Punta Ballena, T. Snell-Engel & Völkers Snell RE / S. Vaanen- Esperanza Real Estate Company.
- Casa Agave #8, MLS# 16.2375, Beautiful 2 Level home in the Hills of Cabo, 3Bed/3B4, furnished $255,00 USD/Jeff Schmidt Los Cabos Agent and J. Ross/The Agency
- Hacienda de la Jolla, La Jolla Community MLS# 17-1251, 4Bed/4.5B, Outdoor seating area, private pool and Jacuzzi, Great Rental History/5865,00 USD. N. Fong / Los Cabos Agent Sales Team.
- Misiones 6202, Misiones Community MLS# 17-814, 2 BEDROOM BEACHFRONT CONDO! Remodeled, and fully furnished! $405,000USD/J. Schmidt / Los Cabos Agent and Greg / Cabo Linda
- Misiones del Cabo Condo 7504, Cabo Corridor, MLS #17-1350, Spectacular Sunsets from your private jacuzzi on your expansive deck overlooking El Arco. $330,000 US, W. Broshears/ Cabo Linda & S.Levinie/ Cabo4Sale
- Casa Tres Pares Pedregal, Cabo San Lucas, MLS #16-717, 3-Bdrm, 3-Bath Villa with old Mexican charm, $475,000 USD, J. Gladgo & P. Lash/ Century 21
- Hacienda Residence #2-303 El Medano, Cabo San Lucas, MLS #16-402, Conveniently located right on Medano Beach this turn-key 2 bedroom Condo has stunning ocean views. Wrap around extra-large terraces. $1,325,000 USD M. Ehrenberg & H. Higuera Canales / Los Cabos Sothebys International Realty
- Palmira Lot Bahia San Lucas, La Paz, MLS #17-1207, Awesome ocean and City views from this property! Perfectly located above the hills of Palmira and the beautiful City of La Paz, 600 square meters of land, $84,000USD/Granados, South Baja Realtors

1. Monday, November 6th to Saturday, November 11th all from 11am-3pm. Casa Delfines, La Jolla Sans Jose del Cabo. MLS 17-920. 3 bd Home w/Den Lg Out Door Living and Huge Pool. Connie call 480-393-0639
2. Wednesday, November 1st, 11am-2pm Thursday, and Wednesday, November 15th 3pm-5pm. Casa Anita in Rancho Paraiso Estate, MLS 16-1282, BIG PRICE REDUCTION from $2,399,000 to $1,699,000.A MUST SEE. Kristen 624 191 7634
3. Friday, November 3rd, 3pm-5pm. Cabo Pedregal Hotel, Pedregal, MLS 16-1334. A charming 45 room boutique-style hotel overlooking Pedregal Plaza. Fantastic Location. Kristen 624 191 7634
4. Saturday, November 11, 3pm - 5pm. Casa Luna Azul, Pedregal. MLS 17-1953. A beautiful custom home in Pedregal’s Valley of the Blue Moon. True indoor outdoor living. Kristen 624 191 7634

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disposition of a piece of land or to sell it. Another key part of the definition of an Ejido is that it is ran almost like a Mexican Corporation with equal shares for its members and assigns for votes, a Vigilante Committee and a Comisario who is elected to be the legal representative of the group.

Ejidos, their members and their land holdings must be registered with Mexico’s National Agrarian Registry (Registro Agrario Nacional). (A foreigner can never become an Ejido.) The Ejiditarian holdings are governed by REGLAMENTO de la Ley Agraria, which was developed after the Constitution of 1917 through Article 27. It is the administrative law and procedures which delineates the functioning of the law. It is quite lengthy and complicated.

In Mexico, all real estate is classified either as public, private or social property. According to most recent statistics published by the agrarian authorities, 52% of Mexican territory is comprised of social property, 40% of private property and 8% of public property.

Public Property is owned by the government…arroyos, rivers, lakes, lagoons, some parks, maritime zones in front of your beach, government land/areas, places legally transferred. Remember, that transfer of private land is further restricted by Article 27 of the constitution, inasmuch as foreigners cannot buy property in the restricted zone outright and must use bank trusts to obtain the rights of use and enjoyment.

Ejido Property is in the third category- Social Property, as is Agrarian communities (a different designation than Ejido regarding use and ownership of agricultural land for title agricultural communities, usually pre-dating the revolution). Ejido members enjoy use and enjoyment of the land and it cannot be sold unless it is privatized. But please note that no one can legally buy Ejido land if it is not privatized prior to the first sale.

Part 1 has been a discussion of what an Ejido is and how it was established. In Part 2, we will discuss the possibility and legality of purchasing Ejido land.

By Cheryl T. Miller, Broker, Baja Realty and Investment, serv-

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be paid to the institution holding the trust, usually around $550. It is important to remember that although the bank legally acts as the trustee and holds the title, your property is not an asset of the bank. You as the beneficiary have every legal right. The trusts are set up for 50-year periods nowadays, which are renewable, allowing the purchaser or their second beneficiaries to continue enjoying the rights of the property. So at the end of the day, you buy your property, you can live in it, sell it, rent it, heir it,
Crucial To-Do List Before Listing Your Home

You can cause it to sell faster, and for more money

BY CONNIE MEYERHOFF

Are you planning to sell your home? Then, you are probably looking for a life upgrade – a larger house, a more suitable location or you just simply need a change. Either way, you have to follow several steps in order to make sure this is really a decision that is going to improve your standard of living and not the opposite. Get yourself prepared because this may be more time-consuming and challenging than you have initially anticipated! People are going to walk around, criticize the house and do everything possible to get it at a lower price. Are you willing to take this as it is? This entire experience will be nerve-testing for you! Are you really prepared for what is due to come up next? Do you have a clear image of the process? There are several things you need to take into account before selling your home.

How to get your property sold in no time!

Getting to sell your home for top dollar and in due time has a lot more to do with the right preparation and the perfect timing. Don't get me wrong, price is vital, but in some cases the presentation can persuade a potential buyer to make even more sacrifices and get over the price! There is nothing better than for you to have a strategy before listing your property. So here are some tips that will help you!

1. GET EMOTIONALLY DETACHED. First of all, you need to make sure this is the best decision for you. After that, you need to let your emotions at the door, it should stand now as a business for you. The goal? Selling the property faster and profitable. This is what you need to keep in mind – the reasons to stay motivated. The more you try to be objective, the better your chances to sell faster.

2. TIMING IS KING. Now that you have thought about the issue well and you know what this transaction implies, you need to decide upon the right time to take action. You must get your house on the market only when it is ready to receive visitors. The faster you want to sell the home, the lower your price can get. Why? Because you’ll most likely need to make compromises and therefore accept offers below your initial selling price.

3. GET YOUR PAPERWORK ORGANIZED. This will relieve the stress level. Gather all paperwork in one single place, including property records, owner's manuals, building permits, warranties and other similar documents. Why? The future owner will probably need them and he/she may request them at a certain point! So get everything ready in advance in order not to panic in the latter part of the transaction.

4. GET A GOOD REALTOR. Even though you might think that you can save money by doing everything yourself, be realistic, this is not a viable and feasible solution. You need to work with a professional, who can save the hustle and bustle. He/she knows how to handle difficult situations. There are many Realtors out there, you need to find the one that is perfect for you. Make an appointment and discuss with that particular agent the terms and conditions of your collaboration. More than that, you must communicate efficiently! Your Realtor must inspire your trust, first of all!

5. REFRESH YOUR HOME. Get your home in top condition, de-clutter it, repaint it or make other improvements that can increase its selling price before you put it on the market. Cosmetic touches can actually boost its value. Make

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Old Guy Racing For A New Record

This tough cookie wants to be the first old racer to finish a Baja 1000 solo ride

BY JOY RIDER

Dennis Rogers is on a mission. His goal is to become the oldest racer to ride solo (or Ironman, as it’s called in race lingos) the entire Baja 1000. That means he’ll be racing the roughly 1150-mile course on his motorcycle alone. His goal has given him the nickname of “Viejo Loco Chingon” which loosely translates to “Crazy Old Badass.”

The Baja 1000 is an off-road race that starts in Ensenada, up in Baja California Norte. Each year, the course alternates between making a loop down through Baja and back up to Ensenada, or going point to point from Ensenada to La Paz, as it will this year. Drivers have a 50-hour time limit to complete the course. This year’s Baja 1000 kicks off on November 14.

Dennis, a construction worker who lives in California, has been racing since the late 60s. His racing experience includes on and off-road trips, driving motorcycles, buggies and trophy trucks. He’s also been a race coordinator, worked on various pit crews and as a pit captain for various racing teams. He raced the Baja 1000 as part of a team in 2006 and again for the 40th anniversary race in 2007.

Since the Baja 1000 added the 60-plus age bracket 10 years ago, nobody has ever soloed the division. Some have tried it, but none have ever finished. As Dennis got closer to 60, the more he thought it’d be cool to try to do it. “It’s just kind of a bucket list thing,” he says.

Dennis doesn’t know how many other racers in the 60-plus class will be trying to do the same thing this year, but he doesn’t think he’ll be the only one. He has a feeling there will be more competitors this year, just because it’s the 50th anniversary. Everyone wants to brag about competing in a milestone race, and what better race to set a first in?

But Dennis isn’t trying to be the oldest Baja 1000 Ironman for the notoriety and the glory. Another goal of his for the race is to raise awareness about kidney disease and kidney health. They are two different things, Dennis says, because not all malfunctioning kidneys are caused by kidney disease.

“I figured if I’m going to do this, yeah it’d be great to be the first solo driver, but I’m doing it for a great purpose,” he says.

For the majority of his life, since he was just 10 years old, Dennis, now 62, suffered from periodic intense pain in his lower right side. Sometimes the pain was so unbearable that it would leave him curled up in a ball on the floor. Dennis says he had about 40 to 50 episodes like that throughout his life, some leaving him in pain for up to two weeks. “I just learned to live with it,” he says.

He underwent numerous tests over the years, and doctors had ruled out kidney stones, kidney infection, muscle spasms and other ailments, but still didn’t have a definite cause for his pain.

Finally, Dennis had an ultrasound done, which revealed the cause of his problem: a birth defect in his kidneys. A subsequent CT showed that one of his ureter tubes, which connects the kidney and bladder, never formed correctly. As a result, the ureter tube periodically clogged, causing the kidney to fill

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October 31, Tuesday. 6:30 to 9:00 pm. 3rd Annual Day of the Dead altar competition. At Flora Farms, San Jose. Vote for the best altar. The winners will be awarded money for charity. No host bar and live music. All proceeds will benefit the Los Cabos Humane Society. Tickets are $100 USD. Contact Margarita at email: tropimargarita@prodigy.net.mx or Barbara at cabocoop@gmail.com.

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Standing Up To Violence

300 people showed up for peaceful protest against the escalating druggire on druggire mayhern

BY STEPHANIE MCGILASHAN

On a recent Saturday evening, roughly 300 frustrated citizens joined together for a peaceful protest against the escalating druggire mayhern here in Los Cabos. The protest began at the La Comer store in San Jose, continued along the transpeninsular highway to the sports center, then turned to make its way down to the final destination: City Hall.

Without any sort of political or religious affiliation, no sort of leader or protagonist, the people gathered as a concerned community hoping for a safer tomorrow. Mexicans, Americans and Canadians alike took part in this peaceful protest, all dressed in white, carrying candles, white balloons and posters. The majority of marchers were Mexican, but after speaking to several participants, it was clear that everyone shared the same motivation for participating: peace, tranquility and safety for everyone in Los Cabos.

“I am concerned for my family, my friends, and even the economy. Cabo thrives on tourism and right now people in the United States and Canada are well aware about what is going on,” said one protestor. “Many people fear bringing their families out to the places they previously enjoyed, felt safe, and could enjoy without having any sort of doubt. For these reasons, I think it is important to show our solidarity and concern for what is going on.”

Another protestor echoed that sentiment, saying “We are all part of this beautiful community, whether you live here all year or just a few weeks per year. We all want to be safe and feel comfortable in this place we call home, or our second home. I hope this march demonstrates our faith and desire to live in peace once again.”

After about an hour of walking, the protest had brought up many emotions among the participants. There were stories of the “good ole days,” laughter, frustration, and even some tears were shed, but above all else, there was hope.

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Cabo San Lucas

The dorado catches are increasing day by day. Many of the boats are catching limits, with lots of releases throughout the area, especially on the Pacific side of the peninsula. The Los Cabos Billfish Tournament was won by a Canadian angler with a 347-pound black marlin, captured about four miles in front of Cabo Falso. It was taken aboard the Reel Gold on the second day of the three-day tournament. Took 4 hours and 15 minutes on 30-pound tackle and they didn’t even see the fish for the first three hours after it was hooked up on a rigged caballito.

The boat was skippered by Captain Roberto Marquez, Jr., with Roberto Marquez, Sr. as the mate. Fishing on the final day, they released a smaller blue marlin and a dorado.

Cabo Climate: It has been very warm and sunny recently, with average daytime temps at 90 and nights at 77.6 degrees. Ratio averaged 58:8.

Sea Conditions: The Finger Bank to the Jaime Bank, the temperature was 85 to 86 degrees. Along the shoreline from Cristobal to Cabo Falso, and out about five miles, were all at 87 to 88 degrees. San Luis to Gorda Banks were at 87 to 89 degrees. 95 Fathom Spot, the 1150 Fathom Spot and the Outer Gorda Bank were all at 88 to 89 degrees.

Best Fishing Area: Falso was the hot spot for billfish; that’s where the winner of the billfish tournament was caught, and where a black marlin and two other smaller blues were released. Dorado were all over the area; a log found near the Jaime Bank produced numerous dorado, with most of the fish in the 15 to 20 pound range.

Best Bait/Lure: Bait was doing well for the dorado, along with a myriad of smaller artificials and tuna feathers. Rigged bait caught the biggest fish for the tournament.

Live Bait Supply: A good live bait supply was available during the tournament at the $3.00 per bait rate, paid direct to the bait vendors at time of receipt.

Puerto Los Cabos

There have been a number of up to 20 pound dorados caught, but recently we’ve seen fewer and fewer dorado. Only a handful of wahoo were reported. Warmer-than-usual water temperatures make the wahoo more sluggish. More activity is seen from these highly sought-after gamefish as currents cool down into the 80-degree range.

The most consistent action has been for yellowfin tuna. Bait has been more hit and miss with heavy pressure and long waits to obtain bait; just some of the factors that come into play this time of year. The best action was found near San Luis Banks, though other areas also produced. The yellowfin were striking on sar dinia and strips of squid.

Tuna ranged from 5 pound footballs up to 100 pound toads. Some days, there was a higher percentage of yellowfin in the 30 to 80 pound class, while other days saw more numbers of smaller fish with just a handful of larger fish weighed in.

There’s no inshore action, like sierra or roosterfish, to report; although there are some big jack crevalle hanging around the marina jetty area. Off the bottom, there were only sporadic catches of various pargo, cabrilla, bonito, pompano, amberjack and triggerfish.

East Cape

Blue marlin continue to dominate the billfish bite, with a lot of sailfish suddenly around. Stripers are spread and were taken north and way south.

The tuna turned temperamental. The bite slowed but, that being said, fish were boiling on the surface. They were plentiful as ever, but frustrating anglers.

Schools of dorado were also spread and were taken north and south points of Cerro Gordo Island. North and south points of San Lucas to Gorda, and the Outer Gorda Bank to the Jaime Bank, the temperature was 85 to 86 degrees. San Luces to Gorda Banks are spread and were taken north and south points of Gorda Island.

Fall

Bottom fishing yielded olive pompano, amberjack and triggerfish.

La Paz

Las Arenas has had almost two months of some of the best tuna fishing in three seasons. Running from 10 to 30 pounds have been caught not far off the beach, stretching from the lighthouse at Punta Arenas to the north down along Punta Perico, into Bahia de los Muertos and then south to Boca De Alamo, plus both north and south points of Cerralvo Island.

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Fish Killers Of The Week

Tom Powell, an angler from Charleston, S.C., earned the boat “Hooray” and his team top honors and $528,683 USD while fishing in the 2017 Bisbee Los Cabos Offshore Tournament. He landed the largest fish of his life, a 574-pound blue marlin, which took 3.5 hours to reel in. It also happened to be the longest time he had ever fought any fish.

There has been a great fall wahoo bite and they continue to be available to those targeting them. Rancho skippers advise you to rig right, put in some time and you will be rewarded.

The beach fishing gets better by the day. As the water clears, the fish are moving in. The Ranch has been hosting anglers from the Netherlands who only fish the beach and they have been having a ball. Jacks, roosters, ladyfish and pompano have been on the menu.

Bottom fishing yielded olive grouper, pompano, huachinango and barred pargo.

East Cape Climate: Fall weather has begun to play its part and it’s getting pleasantly cooler now.

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Cooking Like a Mexican
BY ALEJANDRA BORBOLLA

October 30th, 2017

Mexico City is one of those cities that is always running, always in a hurry. Quite like New York, I think. There are very few people who live close to their workplace or school, and those who do are considered extremely lucky. Ever since the 1940s, with the urbanization of the city, commutes have turned long and tiring, forcing people to get breakfast on the go. These people had to find a hearty, nutritious breakfast on their way to their early morning errands. This is when tortas, diners, street food stands and “fast food” (not American) places started to appear.

Being able to eat quickly was not the only thing that “chilangos” had to do, and it’s the perfect companion to their paychecks to stretch as far as possible. This is where our Mexico City - needed to think about the white bread that’s made in the blink of an eye, packed with energy-giving calories and carbs, costs a couple bucks, is easily eaten while walking AND it’s delicious. What more could you ask for?

Tortas de tamal, or guajolotas, are a type of bread that used to be made for the lower working class. And the fact that tortas de tamal are typically made with pork tamales and washed down with atole (a traditional hot corn-based beverage), we could almost say this is a full meal itself.

Now, let’s talk a little about each of the ingredients in tortas de tamal, starting with the tamales. These can be any type or flavor (except sweet) but green salsa and pork are preferred. Tamales are a type of soft, steamed bread made of maize, a yeast substitute and pork lard.

In the 18th century, tamales were described as a small cakes or dough patties stuffed with varying stews, meat and fish, surrounded by corn husks, but if they’re made around the coastal areas, corn husks are often substituted by banana leaves.

You can see how massive these guys are, compared to us mere mortals. You can feel how much you could ask for them. You can feel how much you could ask for them. Tortas de tamal may be Bolillo or Telera, which are types of crusty bread. Both are simple breads, made the same way: wheat dough, yeast, a little vegetable fat and some humidity during the baking time.

Now that we’ve broken down the torta de tamal components, to make one is fairly easy.

**Ingredients:**
- 1 pork and green salsa tamale (if you don’t know how to make these, it’s easiest to buy them from a local vendor)
- 1 piece of bread
- 1/2 cup corn dough for tortilla
- 1/2 cup warm milk or water
- 1/2 cinnamon stick
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1-2 pinches of brown sugar

**Preparation:**
Dissolve the dough in 1/2 cup warm milk or water. In a large pot, add the rest of the warm milk or water, the corn dough mixture, cinnamon, vanilla extract, and brown sugar. Stir constantly until dissolved. If it’s too runny, add a little more dough; it it’s too thick, add more liquid.

How do you make a tamale taste even better? Stick it inside a sandwich!

**Preparation:**
Cut the bread open on one side, making a little pocket. Smother sour cream on both sides. Stuff the tamale in the middle. And you’re done!

Pretty easy, right?

Now, for the real recipe, atole. As I mentioned earlier, atole is a traditional hot corn-based beverage of Mexican origin. Chocolaty atole is known as champurrado, and it’s the perfect companion for tortas de tamal.

**Ingredients:**
- 1/2 cup corn dough for tortillas
- 4 1/2 cups of warm milk or water
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract

**Preparation:**
Dissolve the dough in ½ cup warm milk or water. In a large pot, add the rest of the warm milk or water, the corn dough mixture, cinnamon, vanilla extract, and brown sugar. Stir constantly until dissolved. If it’s too runny, add a little more dough; it it’s too thick, add more liquid.

You can see how massive these guys are, compared to us mere mortals, person, but you get what you pay for. Instead of cruising along on a big boat with hard seats and no amenities (unless you brought a cooler full of food and beer with you). Whichever tour you choose, it’s important that you remember to ask.

- Mexican slang for residents of Mexico City - needed to think about there was also a need for their paychecks to stretch as far as possible. This is where our torta de tamal comes in: it’s nutritious, made in the blink of an eye, packed with energy-giving calories and carbs, costs a couple bucks, is easily eaten while walking AND it’s delicious. What more could you ask for?

- Tortas de tamal, or guajolotas, get their name from a low-quality type of bread that used to be made for the lower working class. And given the fact that tortas de tamal haven’t changed much from prehistoric times.

- Tamales should be cooked in corn husks, but if they’re made around the coastal areas, corn husks are often substituted by banana leaves.

- When talking about the outer layer of the torta, we have to talk about the white bread that’s made in Mexico. The bread used for the tortas de tamal may be Bolillo or Telera, which are types of crusty bread. Both are simple breads, made the same way: wheat dough, yeast, a little vegetable fat and some humidity during the baking time.
the building, but not mold. It’s a very, very specific field.”

And even if you don’t have any mold in your home, you can still use the ozone treatment as preventive maintenance.

Jose says it’s a common misconception that mold is a cleanliness issue; that’s not the case. He’s seen mold in low income properties and multi-million-dollar homes. He saw a $100,000 USD kitchen that had to be dismantled and rebuilt because of mold. The issue is moisture, and the mistake people make is in not tackling the mold fast enough or in the right way. That’s especially true in cases where there is water damage. Many people seal up the damaged rooms or areas instead of ventilating them, which causes the mold to grow faster.

Jose’s inspection services start at $200, depending on the size of the house. And it’s not just a visual inspection; he also uses an endoscope camera to go inside different areas and behind walls.

Ozone treatments start at $350, depending on the size of the home. And it’s not just a matter of cleaning the existing mold; it’s also about preventing it from growing. Jose says it’s possible to prevent mold growth by watching the movies, many of which are free, with others costing only a pittance.

So far only 18 films have been announced, but about half of those look like they are assessable to our readers. (English). Remember, this new guy was only appointed to film procurer a few months ago, so no doubt everyone is scrambling for more films right now.

Even if they had venues and movies announced, with times of screenings, we would be hesitant to share that information with you as you would only be disappointed when those films didn’t show up at the appointed times. We suggest you keep in touch with their website at www.cabosfilmfestival.com, and if you make a plan for an evening of film entertainment, have a backup.

Meanwhile, please stand by as our film festival reboots.

Dennis calls himself a “Pied Piper” of sorts when it comes to kidney disease and kidney health awareness. He’ll discuss it with anyone he meets, and isn’t shy about asking if they’ve had the simple blood test that can gauge their kidney health.

“People aren’t aware of it, he says, “and one out of seven people have some sort of kidney disease or malfunction, and it is the sixth cause of premature death.” It causes more premature deaths than breast cancer, Dennis says, although breast cancer gets a lot more attention and monetary support from the public.

After almost 50 years of failing to drain properly, his kidney also came close to bursting, which was when he’d experience the intense pain.

Dennis underwent surgery in 2013, and since then has done as much as he can to make people think about what kind of shape their kidneys are in. He’s taken on the role of a kidney disease advocate, and is working to raise awareness about kidney disease and kidney health. He’s actively promoting the National Kidney Foundation. You can make a donation at www.gofundme.com/ViejoLocoChingon.

To read more about this tough cookie and his Baja 1000 adventure, you can visit his blog at www.viejolocochingon.com.

Dennis is trying to raise $40,000 USD to cover his race-related expenses and to support the National Kidney Foundation. You can make a donation at www.gofundme.com/ViejoLocoChingon.

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Add in the occasional 50 to 100 pound toad tuna and three to 10 fish per day and they’re causing some sore arms and backs, and big smiles.

In addition to the tuna, there’s an occasional wahoo, some big rooster fish, dorado, pargo, cabrilla, jack crevalle, plus several species of bonito. Plus, we hooked a few billfish that were prowling through the tuna schools.

The La Paz fleet has had excellent dorado fishing north of the city. Lots of small links, but there’s been an occasional 20 pound fish in the box with lots of smaller fish getting released you hit the right spot, it can be off-the-chart dorado fishing, as fast as you can get bait into the water.

In addition to the dorado, we had some rare schools of tuna show up, plus some decent wahoo and rooster fish action as well.

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Remember, this is nature and it’s unpredictable. That means that some days your guide will hardly have to search before finding a shark for you to swim with, and other days you’ll search and search and be lucky to spot a few whale sharks. And if there are five other boats in the water that got to the shark before your boat did, you’ll have to wait until all of their passengers have jumped in and swam with the sharks before you get your turn (there’s a law that no more than six people, plus a guide, should be in the water with the whale sharks at once, to avoid stressing them out).

It’s also very important that you follow the rules when you’re in the water with the animals. First and foremost, don’t touch them! You could injure them, or cause an infection from the sunblock on your skin. You must swim along their sides and not in the way of the animal’s head. It’s also forbidden to take pictures with flash and to use propulsion engines to swim near the whale sharks.

Once you’re in the water, be prepared to swim fast. The sharks might be big, but they’re not slow. And you’ll want to keep up with them, because being able to swim so close to such a magnificent animal is an amazing experience, well worth following all the rules and paying the freight. And anyhow, if you’re booking on a big boat, that experience itself is half or more of the adventure and the fun.
on my ranch. I started out with a male and a female and now have five rhinos at the camp. I spend at least six weeks a year training the rangers.

Tricia: I support the Green’s Scholarship Foundation, which was started by Doris Green. Every year we take 12 Los Cabos high school students with good grades and give financial support to their families and we pay for their full college education. I also support the Los Cabos Children Foundation and give financial support to the children with leukemia and their families.

Q: How can people get more information about donating to your charities?
A. Go to BisbeeConservationFund.org

Q: Any plans for the future?
A. Wayne: In about six months, I’m going to start a billfish tagging service. Unlike the old tags which are a set of numbers that tell you when the billfish was caught, these tags will be outfitted with smart chips, which will collect data throughout their journey. When caught again, this information can be downloaded into a computer. It will allow people throughout the world to have access to this information. I hope to have these smart tags available around the world in the near future. GPS tags are now on the market, but they cannot be used on billfish. Unlike sharks, which swim near or on the surface, allowing the signal to transmit to a satellite, billfish swim too deep and rarely stay on the surface. In 2018, all fish caught and released in the Bisbee tournaments in Cabo will have these new smart tags.

Q: Any final words for our readers?
A. Fishing is about fun and family.

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A fishing charity that continues to add value and visibility to fishing is The Billfish Foundation (TBF). TBF’s mission is to conserve the billfish and to preserve our oceans for future generations. One of the things they do is run a fish tagging program that awards prizes to those who tag the most billfish. TBF is involved in other initiatives as well. TBF has a conservation director, Ed Williams, who works with fishery managers across the globe to develop and implement conservation plans for billfish.

Q. How can people get more knowledge about fishing?
A. Fishing is about fun and family.

The race will take place November 14 to 18, with teams from 30 different countries participating. But there might be a snag in the race route. Arturo Saldana, leader of the farmers from Mulege, which is just north of Loreto, said that eight of the ejidos (commonly owned land), in the area will snap closed the access to their properties. He says the racers racing through destroy their roads, run over their cattle and the land owners get zero compensation for their headaches.

Well, not quite. They’ve been getting compensation for many years, and every year it goes up. The problem is, it’s a community decision goes up. The problem is, it’s a community decision how much to charge, and there is always someone in the community willing to pay. It’s not a question of being greedy, but of making a living.

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Namaste Under The Moonlight

What the hell does that mean? Read this and find out. There will be a quiz

BY STEPHANIE MCGlashan

The full October moon rose on a warm, overcast evening, shining like the bright sun over the Sea of Cortez. On that evening, as there is every month on the night of the full moon, yogis of all levels crawl out, gathering at Hotel El Ganzo in San Jose to practice their poses under the moon.

The classes are organized by Hotel El Ganzo, which provides the space for the event, as well as the local music group Planetary Moods. Planetary Moods coordinates the free classes as well as provides music throughout the practice. Anyone can practice different varieties of yoga surrounded by yogis of all levels.

The October class was a celebration and gathering for the Jupiter moon. The instructor, Yeye, led a power yoga class with a focus on creative power, asana (yoga posture) and meditation. The yoga classes typically last about two hours, are family friendly and instructions are given in English and Spanish.

Whether or not you’re a dedicated yogi, it is an incredible experience. Doing yoga outdoors as the sun sets is not only beautiful, but also a gratifying and soothing experience for your body. The temperature slowly goes down, the lighting naturally dims, the torches glow and flicker in the wind, and the music carries you from pose to pose.

If you haven’t been to the El Ganzo beach club, you are in for a pleasant surprise. The class takes place on part of the man-made marina that reaches out to the tip of exit into the ocean. The rock walls surrounding the marina make for a soothing and gentle ocean breeze that you can listen to, along with the music.

All you need to attend one of the classes is a beach towel or yoga mat, an open mind, and readiness for a beautiful yoga practice and scenery. It’s also a good idea to bring a little sweater or blanket, as it tends to cool down and get a little damp towards the end of the class.

You can strike a yoga pose under the moonlight at the monthly full moon yoga classes at Hotel El Ganzo.

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

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My imaginary friend thinks you have some serious issues

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 Trip Advisor and has the experience you look for in a laser medical spa, with 10 years in Los Cabos area, 14,000 patients and over 70,000 procedures performed. Spa Cielo is your answer to skin and body rejuvenation.

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Ask a Mexican

This week we asked: Do you celebrate Day of the Dead or Halloween? Or both? How do you celebrate?

Gabriel Diaz, 46, driver
I don’t celebrate either really. I just like the food that my wife makes around Dia de Muertos. Back when my kids were younger, we would take them for their “calaveritas” (trick or treating) but even then, I felt like we were doing it the Mexican way. During that time, the costumes were not as fancy as they are today, and imported costumes were just too expensive so my wife had to make whatever costumes they chose.

Leonardo Diaz, 29, service provider
My whole family celebrates Dia de Muertos. We get together and make an altar for our grandparents. We make sure our altar is exactly how they should be, with all seven levels, the salt and spices, drawings on the ground and everything. The women of the house cook a feast, with my grandmother’s favorite dishes and following my grandmother’s recipes. We do let the kids ask for candy if they want to, but we make sure they understand that’s not our tradition and try to have candy as the house to stop the urge of them going out. We also don’t cook those recipes I mentioned other times of the year, which makes us crave them even more.

Diana Balderrama, 23 years old, nurse
I celebrate Halloween at work. All the nurses get dressed up as something not too scary for the kids and we go reverse trick or treating to their rooms and beds. At home we don’t celebrate much, as I have no kids yet and my nephews are too old and think they’re too cool. I don’t even decorate my house or anything and don’t put an altar because it’s a lot of work. I do enjoy Halloween parties though, and dress up a little bit.

Silvia Manriquez, 27 years old, dentist assistant
I hate Halloween. I definitely think it’s more of a marketing strategy than a tradition and find it quite horrible to celebrate a thing that’s not even ours. I love Dia de Muertos, the handicrafts, the traditions and the food. I love going to a special market where everything is about Dia de Muertos and the food is as good as on Independence Day. I don’t let my daughter ask about Halloween, but when her school asks her to dress up I have to let her so she won’t feel excluded, but she doesn’t love getting her face painted or anything.

Adriana Lopez Santo, 52, caregiver
My family celebrates Halloween pretty big because most of my uncles and brothers have lived in the U.S. They even make snacks that look gross and everything. I personally don’t think much of it but I like the snacks and drinks, I think they’re fun. As far as Dia de Muertos, we go to where our family is buried, have food and some beer and eat with them as if they were there. It’s also fun, but it’s a lot of hassle taking a tarp, food, beer, ice, kids, etc. Still, we only do it on Dia de Muertos which makes it not so bad. My kids are now young adults and they go out now, but when they were little, I used to take them trick or treating with their cousins.

Jose Luis Camarillo, 46 years old, driver
I come from a very small town where Dia de Muertos is a big deal, so I don’t like Halloween very much. In my town, we go to the local cemetery at midnight carrying candles and flowers and mariachi or guitars. We sing sad songs and drink tequila and cry over the graves until someone decides to sing a happier song and it slowly turns into a celebration of life rather than crying for death. I think it’s kind of beautiful, because everyone is allowed to cry and no one will look down on anyone, and we end up laughing and telling anecdotes about those who are no longer with us.

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munity who wants only to shake the American money tree.

To date, not all the Ejidos have come up with a price for the racers to go through their land. SCORE, the race organizers, are pretty tired of this, but they are negotiating as best they can.

No Uber in Cabo

Three new Uber-like apps - Taxify Californias, taxioscabsos.com and GranTaxi - have arrived in Baja. They are currently operating in La Paz, with intentions to move to Los Cabos.

Not surprisingly, our taxi drivers are like, having a heart attack over this. Several taxi company owners and drivers’ unions met with Los Cabos Mayor Arturo de la Rosa to get his support, which he gave. He used to be a taxi driver himself, and some say he still owns a
**No Sandbags, No Problem**

Home remedies for the next big one

**BY MUDDY WATERS**

Even though we had plenty of warning that tropical storm Lidia was going to hit, many Los Cabos residents were still surprised by the amount of water she brought with her. A lot of people had to deal with at least a little bit of flooding and water creeping in under the doors.

And, since not everyone has an emergency supply of sandbags on hand, they had to be resourceful. Here are a few ideas locals used to keep water out of the house. Hurricane season might be coming to an end, but you never know when these could come in handy.

- Stuff a pool noodle under the door
- Wad up plastic wrap and shove it under the door
- Duct tape a black trash bag on the outside and the inside of the door, and tape the bag to the floor on the outside so the water runs away from the door
- Roll up an outdoor carpet and put it in front of the door (this is what we did at the Gringo Gazette's locally famous worldwide headquarters)
- Fill up plastic garbage bags 1/3 of the way with water and stack them in front of the door
- Put expanding foam in all of the cracks and crevices and then cut it away when the water is gone
- Fill a pillowcase with sand or kitty litter for a makeshift sand bag
- Another season of storms will descend on us next year, who of us will be prepared?

**Calendar of Cuties**

On sale now, the 2018 Baja SAFE critter calendar! That’s right, you’ll get 12 months of adorable animals who have been rescued here in Los Cabos.

The cost of each calendar is a $30 USD donation, which will go towards Baja SAFE, which essentially acts as San Jose’s humane society. The local animal group not only rescues and rehabilitates strays, but also provides spaying and neutering, and gives education to local families on the importance of spaying and neutering.

Baja SAFE is in the process of doing some major fundraising so its can make some big changes to its shelter space, which will allow it to house more animals. Baja SAFE president Isabelle Tiberghien estimates they need about $150,000 for the project.

To order your calendar, you can email Baja Safe at et.safe@hotmail.com. If you’d just like to make a donation to the shelter improvement fund, you can email Baja Safe or send them money via Pay Pal to the same email address (be sure to specify what you want the money to go towards). If you are making a larger donation and want it to be tax deductible, you can donate through the International Community Foundation (ICF) by visiting www.donate.icfdrn.org/ and typing in Baja SAFE.

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