The 50th anniversary of the Baja 1000, approximately 1,134.4 miles, more or less, starts in Ensenada on November 14 and ends in La Paz. The party frenzy in La Paz will start around November 15.

Cleanup At Country Club Going Better Than Expected
Best of all, the golf course is open again

BY REBECCA MCCALLIE

After Tropical Storm Lidia blew through here in late August, parts of the Cabo San Lucas Country Club were buried under several feet of sand and dirt. The Los Cabos Golf Resort (which sits on the country club property) and several homes were flooded, the main drive into the property was pretty much filled in with sand, and five holes on the golf course were badly damaged. And, oh yes, the guard house at the entrance was apparently washed off to China. Gone. They erected a white Costco tent for about a month or more.

But now, two months after the storm, things at the country club are going better than anyone expected. Both the resort part and the golf course part are open for partial business again, and have recovered from much of Lidia’s damage.

There are two owners out
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List Of All The New Real Estate Projects
The resorts just keep coming, with 14 developments currently in the works

BY KT MORGAN

Tourism in Los Cabos has increased steadily over the last couple of years, and resort developers and investors don’t think that will stop any time soon. There are currently 14 major projects underway in Los Cabos, most of them falling in the luxury category.

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The Hard Rock Hotel Los Cabos is just one of many, many new resort projects that are underway right now in Los Cabos. This will be on the property of Diamante, on the Pacific side
November 13th, 2017

Ready to get your groove on? Earth, Wind and Fire will be the main performers at the 12th Annual Sabor a Cabo (Flavor of Cabo). The event, which features food, wine, tequila, mescal and music, is happening at the Quivira golf course starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9. It is presented by the restaurant association.

Nearly 3,000 people are expected to attend and more than 40 restaurants and 25 vineyards are expected to attend and more than 40 restaurants and 25 vineyards are expected to attend and more than 40 restaurants and 25 vineyards are expected to attend and more than 40 restaurants and 25 vineyards are expected to attend and more than 40 restaurants and 25 vineyards are expected to attend and more than 40 restaurants and 25 vineyards are expected to attend and more than 40 restaurants and 25 vineyards are expected to attend and more than 40 restaurants and 25 vineyards are expected to attend and more than 40 restaurants and 25 vineyards are expected to attend and more than 40 restaurants and 25 vineyards are expected to attend and more than 40 restaurants and 25 vineyards.

The race will take place just off Medano Beach, in front of the Hacienda and Breathless resorts. You can sit on the beach and watch the sailboats race. There will also be a free, open to the public Race Village located in front of Breathless.

The race begins on Thursday, November 30, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Additional races will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, ending with the official awards ceremony on the main stage in the Race Village. Be there or be square.

This could be useful The local architects’ association is recommending a new alternate road that would let drivers access the fourlane from various neighborhoods. Currently, drivers coming from the Cabo barrios must enter the fourlane at one single point, at the intersection of Constituyentes Avenue (known as “the hump”), and the main drag, Lazaro Cardenas.

Building a new road to San Jose, maybe two miles up, would help drivers access the barrios located along the fourlane more easily and without traffic jams. The current fourlane would then become a tourist avenue, with stoplights and lower speeds. The idea for this came about when the SCT (Mexico’s department of communications and transportation) recently began repaving the fourlane, creating a bottleneck at several points along the fourlane. Well, how about if they quit repaving it every couple of years, then wouldn’t it be ok? Yeah, we don’t think that is the worst of our traffic woes.

Another option would be to build two-lane roads that could connect from the new toll road to San Jose to the fourlane at different points. This is somewhat close to what the major developers are wanting to do by moving the fourlane two miles up towards the mountains. Yes, they really are doing that.

Race agrees to pony up Score International, the company that runs the Baja 1000 race, met with ejido land owners of Mulege, in the northern part of our Southern Baja state, and convinced them to let the racers tear through their properties.

Score is promising to repair all the rural roads, pick up trash left behind from the race and fix any damages done to properties or cattle. Score obtained a bond to take care of the expenses, to the tune of $2 million USD.

As soon as the race starts, the bond appraiser will follow along for the entire 1,134.4 miles of the race route to evaluate damages and pony up any money owed.

Isn’t it time to move? The federal and city governments are looking for more land to relocate the more than 7,000 families that currently live in high risk areas, such as arroyos (dry river beds) that flood during hurricane season. A lot of families living in the arroyos lost most or all of their possessions during Tropical Storm Lidia, and many dozens lost their lives when the water swept through. They were squatting illegally, out of desperation for a place to live. Just the number of construction

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Music In The Mango Grove

You will need to sit on hay bales, but there’s wine and beer available

BY BEN MERCADO

It’s easy to find live music in Cabo. Walk along the marina or down the main drag on any given day and you’ll hear at least a few cover bands playing. But if you want to listen to original music, you’ll have to go a bit farther. As in, over to Flora Farms in San Jose. Every month, the farm hosts Songwriters Sessions, which feature local musicians who write and perform their own music. Previous performers include: The Shamans, a psychedelic band from San Jose; composer and singer Daniel D’Lizanka, who recently won $15,000 USD in a national songwriting contest; and members of the local band Common Sense.

The Songwriters Sessions are performed at the tiny chapel in Flora Farms’ mango grove. (Fun fact for all you celebrity gossip fans out there: This is the same little chapel where Maroon 5 singer Adam Levine married model Behati Prinsloo back in 2014.) The setup at the mango grove is both rustic and elegant, with hay bales used as seating and a large canopy of white lights hanging overhead.

The next Songwriters Session is coming up later this month – there’s no date set yet, but check their Facebook page for updates, facebook.com/flora.farm.cabo. The sessions run from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are $25 USD and include a glass of wine or a beer. Pizza from the Flora Farms restaurant will be available for purchase. You can email nick@flora-farms.com to reserve your spot on a hay bale, or you can purchase tickets at the Flora Farms restaurant. Go to the website to look at a map.

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Calling All Chili Freaks
Did you know chili is not a Mexican thing?
Chili is from Texas

BY BUD WEISER

How do you like your chili? Super meaty and extra spicy? Mostly beans, or no beans? Cincinnati style, served with spaghetti? (Come on, at that point it's just meat sauce).

No matter how you like it, you're sure to find your favorite at the second annual chili cook off in Cabo. It's coming up on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Blue Thai restaurant in Plaza Bonita (not far from the back door of Starbucks).

The cook off will feature 20 different recipes, made by 20 local amateur cooks who are delusional that they know how to make the ultimate chili and who want the bragging rights of presenting the winning recipe.

The event is a fundraiser for two local non-profits: El Lugar del Cambio (The Place of Change), which is a rehabilitation center that helps recovering drug and alcohol addicts by providing full-time, live-in care; and Heart4Cabo, which provides food, water, clothing, new homes and more to needy families in Los Cabos.

Last year's inaugural cook off benefited the Cabo Senior Center, which is run by Rob Zolezzi, who is also one of the cook off organizers. “I already have the senior center running pretty smoothly,” he says, “so we're helping other organizations this year.”

That help will amount to several thousand dollars, based on figures from last year's event.

“Last year, we did really, really well,” Rob says. “We only charged $12 USD and still made like two grand for our charity, which bought a month's worth of groceries.”

This year, the price of admission has gone up to $20 per wristband. Really, Rob? Like 80% or something? (Keep those cards and letters to yourselves, folks, we're expert writers, not mathematicians).

That dinero gets you samples of all 20 chilies, (take tasting notes because you'll be voting for your favorite), drink specials, live music and a chance at raffle prizes. There are only 200 wristbands available for this year’s cook off, and you’ll want to order yours early. Last year, they sold out several days before the event.

To get your wristbands, you can email Rob at robzolezzi@gmail.com. You can also contact him if you're interested in sponsoring the event (remember, this is all about the charities), or have items to donate as raffle and door prizes.)

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On the tourist corridor
The Luxury Collection Solaz
From the Starwood Group comes this new hotel, spa and tennis academy, right in the middle of Los Cabos. The modern design is a combination of stacked blocks and natural elements. With grass roofs, tunnels and lots of greenerly, this is looking to be a very different resort for the Los Cabos market. Opening March 2018.

Solaz Residence Club
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Many are offering traditional Thanksgiving meals

BY CHUCK WAGON

Now that Halloween is over, it’s time to think about Thanksgiving. For those of you who haven’t spent turkey day in Cabo, don’t worry – you don’t need to give thanks over a platter of tacos, turkey will be plentiful.

If you’re staying at a resort, almost all of them serve some type of Thanksgiving dinner, but be careful. For instance the Hilton is advertising a menu we Gringos wouldn’t even recognize as traditional, it’s so far out there in culinary uppity land. Even the turkey has some weird description.

But many restaurants in Los Cabos offer real Thanksgiving dinners. The Roadhouse - which is out on the fourlane as you’re coming into Cabo, not far from Costco - is probably the most popular places to go for a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings. Call them now to see if they have any reservations available because they do fill up fast and you will need a package, just with half a turkey instead of a whole one. That serves up to six people. Individual meals for less than $20 all the cooking, all you need to do is heat and serve. (Break out Grandma’s vintage casserole dishes to fool people into thinking you spent hours slaving away in the kitchen.)

For roughly $150 USD, you’ll get a whole turkey (bone in or to go orders need to be reserved by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 19th so George can start rattling those pots and pans. You can contact him at 624-105-2566 to place your order or make a Thanksgiving reservation.

If you want to do the cooking yourself, Santa Carmela is advertising retail sizes of local turkey, but of course, their prices are always over the moon, so don’t expect anything different on a holiday. And California Ranch Market will have organic turkeys, fresh cranberries, (used to be hard to find down here), and potatoes, and they will deliver groceries. Visit their website, www.californiaranchmarket.com, to place your order. And you can’t forget about dessert! Flora Farms in San Jose is offering homemade pies to take home. Along with the Thanksgiving staples of pumpkin pie and sweet potatoes, they’ll also have apple-double crust, brown butter pecan, French silk and coconut custard. Pies are $35 to $40 each. Yikes! You can also find traditional holiday pies at the local grocery stores. For sure Costco will have them.

If you’re up in Todos Santos or Pescadero Oasis, formerly Dana’s Diner is serving up the good stuff. Owner Cyndi Williams, who used to own Tio’s Deli, cooked 65 turkey dinners last year, her first at the Oasis, and expects way more guests this year.

Then there is the old Standby, Solomons’ Landing, which has been around for 22 years. Brian Solomon is a native Californian and a trained chef and expects way more guests this year.

If you’re looking for a traditional dinner, but with gourmet touches, like his specialty crocodile mole, go to Tijuana Sol y Luna. He is open all year round and the food is amazing. The prices are a little higher than you’re used to, but they are well worth it.

Cooking at home this year? Measure your oven before going turkey shopping, as many Mexican ovens are smaller than what you’re used to. RSVP to Cyndi at cyndibrage@gmail.com. Geeze, Cyndi, who uses AOL anymore? That is just so Flintstone. Catch up.

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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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Mexican Revolution celebrates November 20th

By ALEJANDRA SARACHAGA

Mexican Revolution Day is celebrated on November 20th, and marks the start date of what became the 10 year Mexican Revolution.

But what really started the revolution was a repressive era in Mexico's history known as "El Porfiriato." It was a period in the late 19th century dominated by General Porfirio Diaz, who became president of Mexico in 1876 and ruled almost continuously (with the exception of 1880 to 1884), until his forced resignation in 1911.

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The Legend Of Casa Dracula
Buried treasure, vampires and... a giant chicken?

BY ANDREW STACK

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And there is other folklore surrounding the house. "The legends talk about a giant chicken, "un pollo grande," Rex says. "They also talk about the "enanitos" which are elves scurrying around."

Hmm... elves and a giant chicken don't sound so scary to us. Better to stick with the vampire stories.

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Work was also delayed by several changes made to the original project plan. These included using local flora, having more natural shade from trees, leaving an open space for civic events, and having an open air theater. Oh, and adding a very shallow, eight inch water fountain (more like a water mirror). All this at a cost of an additional $1.7 million.

Where are they going to get enough water? The Chileno Bay corporation has begun the construction of an Olympic size pool in the Congregos barrio, west of Cabo near the Diamante development, at a cost of $2.1 million.

The pool is a “donation” from Chileno Bay to the city. It is actually a requirement for any developer to contribute to the community with a park or some kind of family-oriented facility. The cost of the “donation” is based on the value of the developer’s investment in a resort or residential area. Yes, in the Real World these would be called developers fees and would be paid in cash, spent by elected officials. Here, some doofas decide to build a pool in the desert.

Currently, workers are in the process of clearing the land and digging and compacting the soil. The pool will include a diving pool, children’s pool, seating, and an area for judges and photographers. It’s expected to be finished in February of next year.

Maintenance of the pool will be a joint venture between the city and the Chileno Bay developers. Good luck with that. And with telling the folks in the barrio that this was not a gift from their officials, nor is it their tax dollars at work. It is more like their tax dollars stolen.

Ambulances under control? Officials from the city government, transportation division and police department ambulances too. It’s fight the Red Cross and the fire department ambulances too. It’s almost to the point of having a 24 hour race to scoop up an injured person before the others.

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Currently, private ambulances are deployed at strategic points around Los Cabos, engines idling, hoping for the worst. They’re in the Cabo marina, near the cruise ship dock, and even at Migriño arroyo where most ATV activities take place.

Ambulances from each of the five Gringo oriented hospitals listen to scanners and take calls from people expecting compensation, and zoom out, hoping to scoop up an injured person with funds. They often end up literally fighting over the person, almost to the point of having a tug-o-war with their bodies. They fight the Red Cross and the fire department ambulances too. It’s embarrassing.

St. Luke’s alone has no less than 10 ambulances on the prowl.

Que Pasa in Cabo?...

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workers you have been brought over from the mainland and are currently working on the new developments, numbers 26,000. Then there are the families. Next will come the people to staff those hotels and residences.

The National Institute of Sustainable Soil is trying to acquire 2,500 acres from the San Jose ejido (communal) land owners, and nearly 2,000 acres more in Cabo. But the ejidos are asking for big bucks, as they know they’ve got us all over a barrel. It looks like there’s a lot of land out there, but it’s all owned by someone. The negotiations continue, and hopefully they will reach an agreement before next year’s hurricane season.

Plaza remodel hits snag The remodeling of the downtown San Jose plaza, in front of City Hall, will be finished by the end of this year, promises Jose Escaler, secretary of the state’s urban planning agency (Yes, Virginia, we do have one of those).

The work was delayed because
The Los Cabos Golf Resort at the Country Club looks as good as new after being damaged by Tropical Storm Lidia.

The timeshare part is open and receiving guests. However, they are warning people there is no internet at this time, and they’re pretty mum on when that’s going to be fixed. As always, there are day passes available for locals who want to enjoy a day around the pool. We got a tour, and the pool and grounds look as

anyway, and the new systems are much more modern and efficient.

The lower pool was filled with mud, but has been cleaned and refilled. The only area left to be worked on is the event area where parties, weddings, and events are held. This area will be fixed by the time you read this.

The restaurant is also open. And the road in to the Country Club property will be finished in two parts.

Raul tells us timeshare sales will resume this month. The original developers of the resort, the Reisdorf family, are now doing their own marketing. They will be offering both golf and non-golf packages to the public, including accelerated use for older customers. (In case you’re 60 years old and don’t think you’re going to live to be 90). The memberships they will be offering now are more flexible and applicable to the times. Hopefully, that means the annual maintenance fees will be a little more reasonable.

People are walking away from their timeshares because of those fees. (The timeshare people say they will ruin your credit in the States if you do that, but we know two parties who walked, and their credit was not impacted).

Overall, “we’re coming back better than ever,” says Raul, who by the way, is a scratch golfer. (Scratch is good).

As often happens, there is a lot of finger pointing as to who should have done what and when. According to Alfonso Terrazas, the manager of the country club part, (think golf and nice homes along the course), the government has had clearance since 2012 to build a channel that would serve as a path for the arroyos in case of a storm. But in-
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The Spirit Of Joy
Los Cabos Children’s Foundation supports multiple cancer organizations in Baja

BY PHIL GOODE

Since it was established 15 years ago, the Los Cabos Children’s Foundation has invested $15 million USD in local programs that help improve children’s quality of life, with a focus on health. But unlike most other non-profits, which raise money for their own programs, the LCCF uses the donations it gets to support and strengthen other community programs.

Until 2012, Dr. Eduardo Altamirano moved from Sinaloa to BCS to begin treating children with cancer in La Paz. In 2013, the Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Unit (UHOP, when abbreviated in Spanish) at Salvatierra Hospital began treating children with cancer in Baja.

In 2014, thanks in part to the continual training and education of the UHOP team, the unit was given accreditation from Seguro Popular, Mexico’s government healthcare system, which allows them to have access to federal funds and ensures that children get the treatment they need. LCCF continues to support UHOP with training for staff members. For more information on UHOP, visit www.hgejms.gob.mx.

Sudcalifornia Contra el Cáncer Infantil (SudCCaI) SudCCAIs name translates to Baja California Against Childhood Cancer. It was started in 2012 by Dr. Altamirano and its current president, Lorena Romero Murillo, whose daughter had been previously diagnosed with cancer.

SudCCaI supports children and teens who receive treatment from UHOP by providing funds for transportation and travel expenses, medicines and diagnostic studies, among other things. It also helps support UHOP with supplies and equipment. LCCF supports SudCCaI with funds for the acquisition of any additional medication and supplies needed for UHOP. For more information, visit sudccai.org.

The Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Unit of the Salvatierra Hospital in La Paz, Baja California Against Childhood Cancer, Casa Valentina Shelter, and the BCS Cancer Registry.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in children between 5 and 14 years in BCS. Between 2005 and 2009, Baja was the state with the highest incidence of cancer in children and teens. 90 percent of these cases are curable if detected early, and 75 percent of children survive at least five years after starting treatment.

Since the beginning, LCCF has provided support to initiatives related to this disease, including:

The Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Unit at Salvatierra Hospital when LCCF began in 2003, 60 children with cancer in BCS had to go to mainland Mexico, and even outside of the country, to receive treatment. BCS was the only state in Mexico that didn’t have an adequate cancer treatment center, and there was no pediatric oncology specialist.

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logy Unit (UHOP, when abbreviated in Spanish) at Salvatierra Hospital in La Paz was started, providing children with medical treatment while allowing them to remain close to their homes and families. Having a cancer treatment center in Baja also resulted in more timely cancer diagnoses, saving the lives of several local children.

In 2016, the BCS Cancer Registry was created to give a clearer picture of the number of cases of cancer within the state, across all health institutions and age groups. It also highlights the communities that have a higher cancer rate. All of this information helps create statistics that can give researchers more knowledge about the conditions that encourage the cancer to grow, continuing on page 26.
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Calendar of Performing Arts

CABO SAN LUCAS

CULTURAL PAVILION
Every Thursday. 7:00 pm. Pavilion’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 Welles month. Free.

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 driftin 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 2. Saturday. 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm. The Nutcracker. Performed by Petipa Ballet Studio with 100 dancers on stage. Tickets $8 USD at Studio del Angel (at Walmart plaza). More info with Patricia, cell: 143-3606.


December 14. Thursday. 7:00 pm. Citizen Kane. (1941). Following the death of a publishing tycoon, news reporters of an old friend, Harry Lime. English with Spanish subtitles.

December 21. Thursday. 7:00 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.

December 28. Thursday. 7:00 pm. More info with Sara Flores on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/sal de-lecutratrotamundos/line.

SAN JOSE

KORAL CENTER/EL MERCADO Kilometer 24.5 on Highway 1
Every Wednesday. 5:00 to 10:00 pm. Art Day. Art, painting, 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 roundabout
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.

PLAZA MIJARES Main plaza downtown
The PlazArte Program will continue during renovations, next to the remodeled area.

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

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

November 25. Saturday, 4th annual Pah La Calle Urban Arts Festival. Every year the Pah La Calle festival takes over the streets with different urban shows, including theater, music, contemporary dance, clown, history tellers, flamenco dance and more. Spanish with some help in English. All audiences. Free.

Community Reading Lounges

At AMELIA WILKES PLAZA Main plaza downtown CSL, Every Saturday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Herman Ita de Yasbela Reading club has a different book to read and comment. Saturday starting April 19.Spanish mostly. Book donations are welcome. More info and special activities with Nixania email: todossomoselotro@gmail.com Free.

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

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

At KINESIS GYM. El Chamizal barrio near the Convention Center.
From Monday to Friday. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. La Maroma Reading club. Books available. More info and special activities on Facebook:
facebook.com/Sala-de-lec tur-La-Ma%C3%Bta-Kinesis-Fabulandza-691039797630803/line.

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-577897035533733/timeline.
Crucial Things You Need To Do Before Listing Your Home

Zip that house right outta your life

BY CONNIE MYERHOFF

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.

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

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The Purchase Of Ejido Land, Is It Legal?
Part 2 of a 2 part, but vital series

BY CHERYL MILLER

In Part 1 of this series, we discussed "What is an Ejido", how they were established and the property that they hold. In this second part, we will delve into the possibility of purchasing Ejido land.

As was discussed in Part 1, Ejido property holdings are considered "Social Property" (comprising about 52% of the land in Mexico) where Ejido members enjoy use and enjoyment of the land designated to the Ejido group. We discussed how Ejido land cannot be sold unless it is privatized.

So, let’s examine this a little deeper.

Ejido land is further broken down into three categories:

1) Property that is held by the community and cannot ever be privatized – it is called “Uso Comun” or “common use” land. Many Ejido members hold Certificados for Use. This is very common in rural agricultural zones, where individual farmers are given the right to use a piece of the larger Uso Comun land to farm or as ranch range land. If they do not exercise their right to use, technically, the Ejido can recind their Right to Use Certificate and assign the Ejido can rescind their Right to the land. If they do not exercise their right to use, technically, the Ejido can recind their Right to Use Certificate and assign titles are issued. But they can be transferred to another Ejido member as parcela. VERY IMPORTANT. This process of receiving a title (titulo), if even possible, can take years. My advice? Do not even consider a parcela as a purchase unless you have many lawyers, time and money to burn and do not care about risk. If just one Ejido member chooses to not agree with its conversion to titled property, then entire exercise will have been in vain. This is a huge risk, as technically, it is NOT the PROPERTY of the individual parcela certificate holder, so any agreement with him alone is not legally valid. Large corporations have done this in the past for resorts and developments, but for an individual, a retirement certificate (parcels) are governed by agrarian or ejido law, owned or controlled by the entire Ejido membership until it is converted to private property titles through the "Dominio Pleno" procedure (quite complicated and lengthy) and it requires that all members holding a parcela certificates in that tract to agree to convert them to titled land. Certificados Parcelarios are NOT sellable to non-Ejido parties until private titles are issued. But they can be transferred to another Ejido member as a parcela.

2) "Parcelas" which have "certificados parcelarios" (parcel plot, or vacation home… it is not economically viable. These parcels CAN BE privatized, as long as a Derecho al Tanto has been also issued prior to the first private sale to a person or entity outside of the Ejido.

It is very important to have a Title Search performed on Ejido land, or have an Agrarian attorney check the status of the individual parcel, the Ejido and any evidence of disputes between the Ejido and other Ejidos or other private parties. If the Ejido itself has not been properly acknowledged and registered in the Agrario National or has not been done through the PROCEDERE or "Process of Certification of Ejido Rights" procedure, there may be conflicts between other Ejidos regarding Ejido boundar or individual privately held parcels. PROCEDERE is a government procedure which upon the approval of the ejido, certifies the agrarian rights to land within the ejido. This is not an obligatory procedure and will only begin when the majority of the ejido agrees to enter into the procedure and the ejido does not have any legal conflicts that prohibit it from entering into the program, so it is not always performed.

There is also the Dominio Pleno processes which should be investigated by your consultant. A good Title Search agent or Agrarian attorney will be able to ascertain if the Dominio Pleno has not been done, or if any conflicts exist at the time of your purchase and advise you as to the legality of the ejido itself and the status of their procedures.

Derecho Al Tanto: For the first outside purchase of TITLED Ejido parcels, you cannot legally purchase the property until it has gone through the Derecho Al Tanto or "First Right of Refusal" process. Any sale that has not undergone this process BEFORE the sale, can be invalidated. It will technically be considered still Ejido land and can, if legally challenged by the Ejido, the title holder or his heirs, be returned to the original Ejido title holder, his heirs or the Ejido itself. There are legal defenses you can submit that can be put forth based on the amount time of possession, but this takes a lot of time and money to defend and you may not win.

The Derecho Al Tanto Process requires an application to the Ejido, and two appraisals: a tax and a market appraisal. This application is required to be posted for 30 days at the Ejido office, and then in a specified
Hot Spot Cabo San Lucas Has Got Some New Hot Hotels In 2017

BY LEEROY JARVIS

At the southern tip of Mexico’s Baja California Peninsula sits the emergent and striking city of Cabo San Lucas. This budding resort city continues on its sizzling rise as top name resorts stake their claim in what will be the most sought-after vacation destination in Mexico. The area of Cabo is destined to become one of the most popular luxury destinations in the world and we wait in anticipation as the hottest hotels in Mexico are erected in the up and coming city.

The city has not always been glitz and glam for tourists with their eyes set on a lavish and comfortable stay in Mexico. What used to be a messy Spring Break destination for wild college students has now become a new and improved luxurious destination for those seeking an extravagant stay for their travels. We explain what changed in the area and how new hotels are making the most of the new city.

Resorts in Cabo San Lucas:

- The Resort at Pedregal
- One & Only Palmilla
- Esperanza
- Las Ventanas al Paraiso, a Rosewood Resort

Other famous spots like Me Cabo and Blue Marlin Ibiza have undergone major renovations to position themselves as the most desired and sought out beach clubs in Mexico. From combining units to form luxurious presidential suites to dropping DJ booths in their extravagant lobbies, these hot spots have been spending large to build up worthwhile stays that will have their guests coming back for more.

Resorts in Cabo San Lucas: The New Players in Town

Although there is a vast amount of great hotels to choose from in Cabo San Lucas, that did not stop hotel brands from trying to cut a piece of the cake in the attractive tourism hot spot of Cabo San Lucas. The competition is high but the demand is even higher, and many established brands have made their way to the city to grow their hotel chains in Mexico.

For instance, in 2018, Four Seasons is expected to open up its first beachfront property in Los Cabos in the private Costa Palmas community. The massive hotel will occupy 145 rooms of happy guests wanting to make the most of an 18-hole golf course, private yacht marina, and yacht club the hotel will install. Another hotel chain rumored to make a surprise appearance in the area is Aman Resort from Singapore. Other Hotels and developments that are already transforming the San Lucas coastline include:

- Chileno Bay
- The Cape: A Thompson Hotel
- The Ritz-Carlton and adjacent Ritz-Carlton Reserve
- Auberge’s Chileno Bay

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Violence In Cabo
Should I be concerned?

BY NICK FONG

With all this said, would you think that Cabo San Lucas has a crime problem? Well it’s true in an argumentative way. Is there a city attracting so much international attention that doesn’t deal with related crime issues? I really can’t think of any right now. According to the online publication – Stratfor Worldview, Mexico’s Drug Cartels over the last century have been battling for territorial power and distribution channels. However, the struggle for the top position within these organizations seem to fall apart periodically. The splintering effect produces smaller crime cells which create more obstacles for the Mexican government. The violence seems to increase immediately when these newly formed smaller organizations battle for territorial dominance.

Does eliminating the larger organizations mean that trafficking has been reduced or contained to less familiar regions? The answer is “no” and on the contrary, it seems that the larger crime cells are splitting up to fight for their share of the market. This has been stepped up and federal law enforcement has reduced the cartels presence in many of Mexico’s popular destinations.

I am somewhat curious, but have to ask. What does the future world think about Europe’s recent terrorist attacks or America’s random mass murders in public and private sectors? When sitting around the table planning your next trip or thinking about relocating or looking at investment opportunities, would you consider places like Chicago, Los Angeles, Detroit or even Atlanta, where crime is increasing every year? If America doesn’t look real appealing at this point, how about Europe? Places like Barcelona, London, and even ‘Gay Paree’ have CONTINUED ON PAGE 19
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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 it ready for open house events, professionally taken photos and virtual tours. It needs to have curb appeal; in other words – it needs to look spectacular! Let natural light in, focus on neutral paint colors and get some fresh, clean smell, make it look homely & cozy. More than that, you can always ask for a professional’s opinion to make everything literally sparkle. There is a common saying – working with professionals cannot result in anything but good & real benefits!

6. GET YOUR HOME INPECTED. You need to get off on the right foot – set the right price, market the house efficiently and use effective tools to promote it. You need an objective point of view. Evaluate your property and then fix its problems, cosmetic or functional upgrades too. What would you change if you were to buy it again? What are those problems that disturbed you while living here? If you have answers to these questions you know the starting point for what needs to be done before you attempt to sell the property.

7. GET IT INTO MOVE IN CONDITION. It must be clutter-free, nicely presented. Since the Number of houses that are on the market is high, you need to have a ‘wow factor’ to impress! This will help your property stand apart! It’s easy to understand why some come to the conclusion that sellers who don’t get involved in the process and expect things just to happen are throwing money down the drain. As a result, if you don’t know the basic rules on how to sell your home faster, it will only push you to an obvious result – not selling at all. De-clutter the house before every single visit! You never know who will be the one that will buy it in the end!

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A few years back, the Ejido law changed, and the law now allows the Ejido to charge a percentage of the first sales price in order to approve a Derecho Al Tanto. The law is non-specific regarding the percentage they can charge and every Ejido establishes its own fee. To date, the highest fee I have heard about is as high as 10% of the sales price. It behooves the buyer and the agent to address who pays these fees in the offer to purchase, although, most Ejido sellers will not pay for this process or the Ejido fee. But, it doesn’t hurt to write an offer asking for cooperation.

Since 1992, there is growing support for a re-haul to the Ejido system, due some of its glaring omissions as well as to challenge the law itself including the remaining Ejido land holdings. With the younger generations of Ejidos now leaving the farming communities and moving to urban centers, the corruption of some commissioners also within Banco Nacional de Crédito Rural (Banrural), the lack of increased expected productivity of the individual Ejidiatarian farms, neoliberal economic restructuring and NAFTA, reforms have been made and political Ejidiatarian support has significantly weakened. This trend actually precipitated the Chiapas conflict in 1994. A complete and widespread reform or revocation of this law would probably cause widespread unrest. Reforms, if they occur, will be a long and arduous process, so do not look for a major reform soon.

So, can you buy Ejido land? Yes, a specific type of Ejido land you can purchase, as long as you follow all of the legal steps prior to the sale. Be sure and have a Title Search and/or Agrarian lawyer on your team when considering purchasing Ejido property.

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Anti-Money Laundering Law

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The anti-money laundering law in Mexico is Mexico’s compliance with the United Nations Mandate, a global attempt to fight against money laundering, the hiding of the proceeds from crime and the financing of terrorism. It was first established in 1997 in response to the mandate given to UNODC through the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988.

In Mexico, the anti-money laundering law was published on October, 2012, and it established several regulations regarding filing information for some transactions and submitting notifications on transactions considered dangerous acts, as well as the fines and criminal punishment for not reporting these transactions. It was first enforced in late 2013, but it now governs all transactions deemed vulnerable to money laundering.

The law establishes that, depending on the amount, the individual or corporation which performs any of the following transactions shall have to file or submit a notice to the government:

I.- Gambling acts.
II.- Issue and sale of credit and debit cards or any other money management operations.
III.- Issue of travel checks.
IV.- Regular offer of loan services.
V.- Provision of construction services.
VI.- Sale of precious metals.
VII.- Regular or professional provision of auction services.
VIII.- Sale and distribution of new or used cars, boats or airplanes.
IX.- Regular or professional provision of money transfer (move) services.
X.- Provision of professional independent services like broker operations, funding administration, bank account management, capital stock corporations advise and other Notary Public acts.
XI.- Provision of customs services.
XII.- Donations to nonprofit organizations.
XIII.- Provision of customs services.
XIV.- Leasing real estate.

The above law also restricts the cash payment of the following activities and amounts:

I.- Sale of real estate for 35,000 dollars or more ($519,000 pesos).
II.- Sale of vehicle, boats, and airplanes for 14,000 dollars or more.
III.- Gambling operations for 14,000 dollars or more.
IV.- Armor plate services for 14,000 dollars or more.
V.- Sale of stocks for 14,000 dollars or more.
VI.- Lease of vehicles, boats, airplanes and armor plating for 14,000 dollars or more.

The Notary Public is required to identify the payment, request information and send the notice to the government. This is the reason why some real estate and other operations have been delayed.

The fines established by law range from 16,000 to 45,000 dollars, in addition to criminal punishment from 2 to 10 years of prison.

In addition to the Notario, the Escrow Company and the Real Estate Companies (both listing and selling sides) must report the same transaction.

When you purchase or sell a property in Mexico, it is a requirement to submit your personal information to these sources so that they can submit the required report. Should you refuse, the sale can be cancelled.

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had their issues. Let’s face it, you can’t run away from crime. You can’t hide it or mask a problem that could at any time disrupt a pleasurable adventure or getaway.

Collateral damage from warring cartels has been very limited in Mexico’s public sector. Its crime wave has also been minimal in comparison to other popular destinations outside Mexico’s borders. However, there are obvious precautions that need to be taken when traveling or living abroad. If you are out and about in public, the following suggestions will point out a few simple things to be aware of.

They are:

- No matter where you are, always be aware of your surroundings. This cannot be stressed CONTINUED ON PAGE 20
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enough.
Try to always visit places like restaurants, bars or nightclubs with a partner. The more the better.
Do not get real loud, over boisterous and/or arrogant when in a public place. Don’t bring attention to yourself. Always know where the nearest exits or escape routes are. If you happen to stay out late, try to arrange transportation ahead time or before you leave. By all means do not walk home alone after hours.
Do not get totally intoxicated especially when visiting an unfamiliar environment.
The above suggestions are basic rules of safety to follow. They not only apply to tourist, but expats and locals as well. When traveling anywhere in the world, you need to keep your wits about you and practice common sense. The odds of anything happening are very unlikely, but again, always be aware of your surroundings.
The most notable and convincing relief for tourism comes from Stratfor’s Worldview Author and Tactical Analysis Scott Steward. Steward’s article titled, There’s No Need to Panic Over The Mexico Travel Warning provides reasonable facts that there really isn’t anything to worry about when visiting Mexico. His analogy outlines Mexico’s troubled areas can be avoided very easily. Places like Cabo San Lucas are secure from any possible outbreaks of violence and provide a comfortable setting for its visiting guests.

Don’t let the media scare you from traveling to Mexico and especially Cabo San Lucas. Mexico officials will assure that every possible measure has been taken to secure a harmonious experience for its visitors, expats and local residents. In comparison to most all the other vacation destinations worldwide, statistically, Mexico is one of the safest places to visit and enjoy your time away. Life was meant to be explored. Breaking out of daily routines can keep our lives interesting.

Enjoy Cabo San Lucas and all it has to offer!

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and access to education were concentrated among a handful of elite, landholding families who were overwhelmingly of European and mixed descent. Known as “Azacochos,” they controlled vast portions of the country by virtue of their huge estates. Most people in Mexico were landless peasants laboring on these estates, or industrial workers toiling for little more than slave wages.

A number of Mexicans began to organize in opposition to Díaz’s policies. In late 1910, revolutionary movements broke out in response to Francisco Madero’s “Plan de San Luis Potosí,” a political document that asked the Mexican people to rise up in arms on Sunday, November 20, 1910, at 6:00 pm and revolt against Díaz and overthrow his government.

Madero’s promises of land reform in Mexico inspired many peasants throughout Mexico. Spontaneous rebellions, in which ordinary farm laborers, miners and other working-class Mexicans, along with much of the country’s population of Indigenous natives, fought Díaz’s forces, with some success.

After all this, Madero became president even though he was an inexperienced politician who had never held office before. He was elected president in October 1911, following the exile of Porfirio Díaz in May 1911.

Madero fervently held his position that Mexico needed real democracy, which included regime change by valid election, a free press, and the right of laborers to organize and strike.

One of the leading figures in the Mexican Revolution was Emiliano Zapata, who is now considered one of the national heroes of Mexico. Towns, streets and housing developments named “Emiliano Zapata” are common across the country.

Opposed to the Díaz regime because of the loss of peasant lands to large haciendas, Zapata initially supported Madero, whose plan promised the return of such lands. When Madero did not carry through on his promise, Zapata rebelled against him. Zapata was killed in 1919, by General Jesus Gonzalez and his aide, Coronel Jesus Guajardo, in an elaborate ambush.

Many peasants and Indigenous Mexicans admired Zapata as a practical revolutionary, whose populist battle cry, “Tierra y Libertad” (Land and Liberty), was spelled out in a plan for land reform. He fought for the political and economic emancipation of the peasants in southern and central Mexico.

And now you know, so you can shout out, Viva Mexico! like a local.
Every Thursday. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. At La Esquina in Todos Santos. Organic eggs, honey, locally made jewelry and beauty products, traditional baskets and more! Info: marimardelmar@gmail.com, facebook.com/faesquinitas.

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

Every Wednesday. 5:00 to 7:00 pm. "Vino Con Elena," a weekly book club featuring the works of author Elena Poniatowska. At Los Abodeos restaurant in Todos Santos.

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

Every Saturday. 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Organic Market at Pedregal. Fresh, organic produce, coffee, fish, seafood, eggs, whole lambs, (Little Bo Peep!) pigs, (Porky? Is that you?) handicrafts, plus breakfast and lunch at Penny Lane’s Café.

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December 9, Saturday. Sa- bor a Cabo (A Taste of Cabo). Los Cabos’ largest gastronomy festival. At Quivira, inside the Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach development. Information: www.saboracabo.com

December 9, Saturday. 22nd Annual Amigos de los Animales Tianguis. Todos Santos. Now ac- cepting donations of household goods, gently used clothing, working appliances, tools and sporting goods. Please, no books. Drop off at Kitty Heaven or call Angelique at 612-143-0250 to make arrangements. Info: bajakiti- ties@yahoo.com

December 14, Thursday. 5:00 pm. The Padrino Children’s Foun- dation fundraiser. At the home of Barry Fleming and Sheila Jagenstiel. Todos Santos. Padrino provides medical care for disadvantaged children in Todos Santos, and the surrounding rural areas. Includes dinner, drinks, silent auction and special promotions. At El Colibrí. Info: www.sanjomo.com. Runs through April.
And that nice Mexican you flag down for help in an emergency? Check the back of his cell phone. Chances are there’s a sticker on it with the phone number for one of the local hospitals. He will be round to the hospital the following day for his reward.

To combat this, officials have suggested a four-point plan. The first step is to register every operating ambulance with the state’s transportation agency, as they currently operate under federal permits. The second step is to study the locations where the ambulances will be legitimately located. Thirdly, find a way to regulate their prices. And last but not least, require the private

ambulances agreed to participate, free of charge, in case of major needs or tragedies when the city requires it. Ha! The cost of the ambulance ride is not the issue, it’s the fact that the hospital has gained a person in need of care and they can shake the last nickel off their credit card for that care.

Both the US and Canadian consulates have complained to state and city government about the ambulance mess, and it looks like finally someone wants to get those ambulances under control. Until they also get a kick back.

Guarantee, this problem will not be brought under control any more than the issue of the hospitals holding people hostage for money has ever been brought under control. There is just too much money at stake, and too much corruption.

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 stead of building a channel, they spent the money on the bridge that serves the new highway to the airport (which runs behind and uphill from the country club) with the bridge foundation supports half in and half out of the arroyo. This is good planning unless a storm hits. With Lidia, it turned out to be a ‘perfect storm’ of events that caused devastation beyond anyone’s planning or imagination when chunks of that bridge whooshed downhill, into the wall the country club built. Then more whoosh with more debris.

Another problem was squat tlers in one of the two arroyos. The head squatter, who sold land

in the federally owned arroyo to people desperate for a home, bulldozed a wall of sand up into a bank to make his buyers feel safe living below grade in an arroyo, and that pushed more water into the one remaining arroyo. Instead of flowing in two directions into two arroyos, the water from the storm was forced into one direction.

Most of the homes in that squat tler camp perished, along with many dozens of people. The city is denying more than a half dozen people died there, possibly because they are to blame, along with federal officials, for allowing the homes to be built there. They do try to evacuate people before the storm, but because the city won’t protect the homes from looters, they are reluctant to leave.

According to Terrazas, most of the wall actually held, but it was over topped. The bridge supports that were for some reason built half in the arroyo collected debris (dirt, mud, trees, trash) that built up on the north side of the bridge, to the point that it became a dam. As the debris mounted, so did the pressure. Then the bridge broke, the wall over topped, and all hell broke loose. Alfonso says they are still finding pieces of the bridge on country club property.

There are plenty of lawsuits flying around, with blame being placed on multiple parties.

Don Shirer, a country club homeowner since 1992, estimates that during Lidia, the water level in his home reached at least four feet high. He lost everything. Don’s biggest fear is that he

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Cabo San Lucas

Yellowfin and tuna dominated the sportfishing scene recently. The Bisbee Black & Blue tournament produced fish as large as a 569-pound blue marlin, which was caught by Frank D’anna, and a 338-pound yellowfin tuna taken in the WON Tuna Jackpot.

The striped marlin have arrived at the Finger Bank, producing the kind of fishing that has made Los Cabos the “go-to” place to catch and release multiple fish in a single day.

Add in the on-going dorado and wahoo bite offshore, along with roosterfish inshore, and you have a recipe for success.

Cabo Climate: Daytime temps have averaged 83.1 degree, and nights are averaging 72 degrees. The humidity ratio is averaging 65%.

Sea Conditions: Tropical surface breezes are flowing mostly from the westerly directions at 9.14 mph. Water temps from the Finger Bank to the Golden Gate Bank, southerly to the Jaime Bank on farther south across the 1000 Fathom Curve, are all 82 to 84 degrees. Cabo San Lucas and out to the Herradura, across to the 95 Fathom Spot and north easterly to the Cabrillo Sea Mount and on up to Los Frailes, are all at 84 to 85 degrees.

Best Fishing Area: Cabo Falso, (aka “El Faro”), Jaime Bank, Pozo Kota, Migrino and Herradura, were the better producers for the various boats.

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Puerto Los Cabos

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Perico and then Castillo, not far off the Punta Arenas Lighthouse, and for anglers who like bottom fish.

The wahoo bite has shown improvement. The best spot was near Iman Bank and, though hard to come by, slow-trolling with chihuil was the best technique. The wahoo also hit on Rapalas at times, though not like on the live bait. Wahoo up to 45-pounds were brought in. Some boats landed as many as four, though as the pressure increased, the wahoo action tapered off. The water temperature is just starting to drop and as it drops a few more degrees, conditions will be ideal for peak activity for these prized gamefish.

East Cape

Sea Conditions: The water shows no sign of cooling yet. Water temperatures in the low 80s.

There seems to be no end in sight to the amazing East Cape fishing season. Cooler weather and warm oceans make for ideal angling. The blue marlin, stripers and sails remain on offer for those who troll in the waters off La Ribera, while the yellowfin tuna continue to bite aggressively on the plentiful sardina. Better fish, mostly up to 40 pounds, were found south of Los Frailes. Other fish were schooling around Pescadero.

The warm water is holding the dorado much later than usual. Boats had a wahoo bite open up while cruising the drop-off right in front of Rancho Leonero. Good-sized fish were striking Rapalas on the reef in front.

Surprisingly, there are still supplies of sardina available. Anglers are also using slabs of squid, cabalito, ballyhoo and chiluah as well. Ocean water temperatures are now in the 81 to 85 degree range.

The most common species have been the yellowfin tuna, with sizes from small football to 90-plus pounds, including fish over 300 pounds. Local panga skipper Chame Pino landed a 322 pound yellowfin off of Gordo Banks while drift-fishing with chunk skipjack as bait.

Iman Bank has held the most numbers of schooling tuna, though smaller sizes. San Luis has produced tuna from 70 to 90 pounds, while the Gordo Banks have proved to be the best bet of hooking into a cow! These big fish are not numerous now, as we are into the full moon phase, which can often cause the fish to be even more sporadic and finicky.

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Fish Report

BY CARY GRAHAM

November 13th, 2017

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Fish Killers Of The Week

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Cooking with flowers has been a part of Mexican cuisine before fancy chefs took it to high end restaurants. Today, I bring you a traditional chicken dish, along with one of many Mexican legends revolving around Cempasúchil (what you Gringos call marigolds).

This beautiful legend tells the love story of an young Aztec couple, Xóchitl (the woman) and Huitzilin (the man). Their love began when they were both kids and continued to blossom as time went by. Every afternoon, they would hike up the mountain and offer flowers to the god of the sun, Tonatiuh, who smiled upon their offering. They swore to love each other forever, even beyond death.

Young Huitzilin was one of the best warriors in the village, and when war came he was sent to fight. Soon, bad news came: Huitzilin was hurt and had died. Xóchitl’s heart broke with grief. She decided to hike up the mountain one last time, and beg the god Tonatiuh to join her with her lover forever. The sun, touched by her pain, shone a ray upon her and turned her into a beautiful flower, with colors as intense as the sun itself.

Soon after, a hummingbird stood on the center of the flower. It was Huitzilin, who had turned into a hummingbird! At that very instant, the flower opened with 20 petals, with an intense and very mysterious scent. It is said that the lovers will be forever together, as long as there are Cempasúchil flowers and hummingbirds.

Cempasúchil is mostly known for being the most present ornament in altars, tombs and Dia de los Muertos offerings because it only blooms after the rainy season. It is mainly harvested in the states of Chiapas, Mexico City, Morelos, Puebla, San Luis Potosí, Sinaloa, Tlaxcala, Oaxaca and Veracruz.

According to tradition, these flowers are used to guide the spirits from the cemetery to the altar where the offering is placed and then back to their graves. Cempasúchil petals are completely edible, and have been used since prehistoric times. This dish is chicken with Cempasúchil petals.

For the chicken:
-1 whole chicken, in pieces
-6 Cempasúchil buds, washed and dried (only use the petals)
-1 cup of milk
-1 cup of cream (sour cream can be used too)
-3.5 oz. of almonds
-Butter (the amount is up to you)
-Salt and pepper

Procedure:
Boil the chicken until cooked, and set aside. In a blender, puree the milk, cream, almonds and the petals of five flowers until smooth. In a saucepan, melt the butter (I recommend no more than two spoonfuls) and cook the sauce. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Cook for 5 minutes.

On a plate, serve with a portion of white rice, sprinkle the rest of the petals and sesame seeds on top!

For the rice:
-2 ½ cups chicken broth or water
-2 tablespoons vegetable oil or olive oil
-1 small white onion, chopped
-2 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped

Procedure:
In small saucepan or microwave oven, heat broth or water until steaming. Stir in about ¾ teaspoon salt if using salted broth or water, or 1 ½ teaspoons if using unsalted.

Cover and keep warm.

In a medium (3-quart) saucepan with a tight-fitting lid, heat the oil over medium heat. When hot, add the uncooked rice and onion and stir regularly until the rice has turned from translucent to milky-white, about four to five minutes. Add garlic and stir for a few seconds, until fragrant. Do not let the rice brown.

Add the warm liquid and stir thoroughly, scraping down any grains that are clinging to the side of the pan. Cover and cook over the lowest heat for 15 minutes - temperature should be low enough that only the slightest hint of steam escapes lid. Remove the pan from the heat and let stand covered for five minutes.

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'Tis The Season For Giving
Here is a guide to some worthy local charities

BY WARREN BUFFETT

The International Community Foundation (ICF) is a non-profit organization that works to inspire international charitable giving by U.S. donors, with a special focus on those with an interest in the Baja Peninsula.

The ICF has been providing the Baja California Sur Giving Guide (which you’ll find inserted in this issue) to the BCS region since 2014. Through the publication of the annual Giving Guide, it explains nearly 30 charities that have been vetted, and exactly who they help. The charities span the Baja, from La Paz to Todos Santos, Los Cabos to the East Cape.

These charities include everything from the more well-known Los Cabos Humane Society, Solmar Foundation and Liga MAC organizations, to smaller charities like Los Niños del Capitán, a preschool, kindergarten and after school center for needy children in San José, and Raiz de Fondo, a La Paz organization that builds community gardens in order to teach people about nutrition and sustainability. The organizations listed in the guide focus on the environment, health, education, animals and community development; you can take your pick of causes and support the one (or ones) you feel most passionate about.

The Giving Guide helps provide widespread awareness of the nonprofit work going on throughout BCS. So no more excuses about not knowing which charities to give to, this guide pretty much spells it out for you.

For more information on the ICF, visit www.icfdn.org.

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its treatment, and possible prevention.

LCCF started providing financial support for this project.

Along with these four local cancer organizations, LCCF also supports Fundación Mark (featured in a previous issue), an organization out of the mainland that constructs play areas within the pediatric oncology units of public hospitals. Fundación Mark is currently raising money to build a play area in the UHOP in La Paz.

For more information on the LCCF and its Spirit of Joy program, visit loscaboschildren.org/programs/spirit-of-joy.

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and the other home owners who live on the golf course will be abandoned, that the damaged part of the property will not be rebuilt, and that his home will no longer have value. Then, instead of living on a beautiful piece of property surrounded by lush vegetation in the middle of one of the prettiest golf courses in Cabo, he’s afraid that from now on he’ll be overlooking a landscape that looks like something out of Mad Max.

Alfonso insists that this is not the case. The front nine holes of the golf course survived the storm without a scratch, and are now open. Members can play 16,17 or 18 holes of golf. Two holes on the back nine that were thought to have been lost have survived. Hole #10 is 75 percent restored and will be refinished shortly, and hole #11 is 90 percent there and also will be patched up soon. Hole #15, which is where Don lives, will be moved up to the top of the golf course, and in front of his house, a beautiful nine-hole, executive par 3 course will be built.

More than 1,300 dump truck loads of dirt have been relocated from the lower end of the property and the highway to the back and sides of the property. Alfonso says they’re also taking steps to raise the level of the ground to protect themselves against any future storm. The country club is considering making substantial changes to some holes on the course those that are not currently open, and officials are meeting with various golf course designers.

He added that the country club is not selling memberships at this time, but will possibly start again in January, when plans for the golf course have firmer up more. However, they will make ‘deals’ with their regulars that will tide them over until all is back to normal. That needs to be done on an individual basis, so those people need to go into the club house and negotiate in person.

Meanwhile, their ever popular drinking and driving is open. Every night but Sunday they shine the lights on the range and toss tables and chairs out. We all have drinks, maybe also dinner, and drive some balls. It’s fun even for non golfers who think they might want to whack a ball around and see if they like golf. They have clubs to borrow and you buy a sack of balls. It’s a hoot.

**FISH REPORT...**

In La Paz, the winds also hit making it really rough to head north of the city, but when the winds stopped for a few days, the bite took off.

The area just east of Bonanza Beach, near the south end of Espiritu Santo Island, held not only good numbers of dorado but several schools of 20 to 25 pound yellowfin tuna and wahoo as well. The fish are loving both live and dead sardina and it wasn’t uncommon to get easy limits of dorado, plus release a dozen more and catch a handful of nice yellowfin as well. Chunked and slow-trolled bonito also worked well. Schools of foaming tuna like this haven’t been seen in years.

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El Triunfo: Tiny Village With Big Rewards

We don’t know what’s better, the views or the paella

BY STEPHANIE MCGLASHAN

El Triunfo is a small, tucked away village that was previously famous for mining, first founded back in the 18th century. At one point in history, this was the largest town in Baja California Sur, with more than 10,000 people calling it home. The town currently has around 500 plucky souls left. The closing of the mines caused everyone to flee the town and search for jobs elsewhere.

Tourism is now bringing this town back to life, but it hasn’t taken away from the charm and uniqueness of it. If there is any time of year to go, it is now. Just like many areas here in Cabo, the town gets very quiet in the summer months, but as the heat begins to dissipate, the town comes back to life. The main restaurants reopen, locals are in the streets selling homemade crafts, artisanal cheese (don’t go home without some), and the beautiful magenta colored cactus fruit - pitahayas.

The town is characterized by colonial buildings, chic cafes, and beautiful bike trails. As you drive into the town, there is a warm welcome by the locals along the side of the road, selling a variety of local goods and buckets of the delicious regional cactus fruit.

Visit El Triunfo and enjoy the views now, before all this lush greenery dries up.

something to fall in love with before you even get there is the drive. The fastest and most scenic route is along the old highway to La Paz, from San Jose, cruising along the East Cape. Driving to El Triunfo, you almost forget we live in the desert. It is an hour and a half scenic adventure filled with beautiful ocean panoramas and lush, green cacti, trees, and vegetation. It is jaw dropping to see grass around here that isn’t on a golf course!

The weekends are a bustling time in town, but Sundays are special with paella. Found at the Bar El Minero, this table sized pan of paella will take your breath, and your hunger, away. The smell of the restaurant as you enter is enough to get your mouth watering. And the in-house, handmade sausages are an excellent way to get your taste buds going before the paella.

After reading the menu, it’s hard to believe all that goes into the paella until you see it on your plate. It’s a fiesta of saffron coloured rice, seafood, meats and crisp vegetables.

The restaurant itself is like a walk through time. It’s in a 120-year-old building that was previously part of the out buildings of the mine. They have old wooden picture frames filled with old mining plans and historical information about the town.

Before you dive into that big pan of paella, work up an appetite and make your way through the old mining grounds and up to the CONTINUED ON PAGE 31
This week we asked: What do you think the government could do to keep increasing tourism? Do you think Mexico needs more tourists?

Mexico is now ranked as the 8th most popular tourist destination in the world, with 35 million tourists visiting last year.

Hernan Torres, 29, cashier
Support infrastructure and the people who work in tourism because they are the ones who are in direct contact with people. And at the end of the day, a happy worker gives better overall service. Also, I think the government should start an initiative to raise the Mexican tourist numbers, so Mexicans travel around Mexico. I do think Mexico needs more tourists, but we should strive to make tourism more about culture and less about pretty beaches.

Raul Zepeda, 19, student
Mexico should invest in local tourism more than foreigner, because now everything is aimed at foreigners. Ads are in English and more commercials are televised Internationally rather than in our own country. Locals go to small towns, but the big vacation spots are more for English speaking tourists. Plus, the authorities there prioritize foreigners over locals. There are so many hidden spots in Mexico that we don’t know about, but foreigners do, and our own people don’t take advantage of them.

Angela Lopere, 24, tattoo
artist
Security, and only security. The international news always shows how many people have been killed and tourists are being scared away from certain states that have amazing tourist potential.

Fernando Arellano, 32, artist
I think the government could invest in the infrastructure like roads, traffic lights, city cleanliness, etc. So that more cities become tourist attractions.

Iveth Salas, 27, administrator
I think the secret is to make the country safer and help small cities have better quality life without overbuilding or changing their small-town charm. Mexico has a million of hidden spots where tourists could spend a lot of money, but these towns are not well known or are not promoted like Cabo, Puerto Vallarta and those main cities. Of course, our country needs more tourism, it means money, but it should be better distributed than it is right now.

Josue Reina, 19, unemployed
I don’t think Mexico needs more tourists, because not all of them are respectful of our land and culture. Most of the tourism in peak seasons, like spring break, is just kids who get stupidly drunk and act as if they were better than Mexicans, treating those in service poorly. I used to work in a hotel in Puerto Vallarta, and after a lady was too drunk and yelled at me for not giving her more alcohol because the bar was closed, my manager yelled at me too. It’s not worth it, they don’t even tip well.

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EL TRIUNFO: TINY VILLAGE...

lookout point. It’s not a very strenuous hike, and is worth the trek for the view. As mentioned before, the scenery is shockingly green and you get a view of the entire mining site with the smokestacks and old tools below. If you do want something a little more challenging, bring or rent a bicycle and enjoy one of the several bike paths that cross through the mountains, connecting small villages.

Another reason November is a good time to visit El Triunfo: El Minero is hosting the second annual Gastronomy Festival on Sunday, November 19 starting at 2:00 p.m. This is a food and wine festival and tequila. There will be more than 12 chefs cooking up a storm. There will also be folklore dance performances and a live mariachi band. There is also a pretty cool piano museum. We’re telling you, this is a unique town.

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