Dolores Takes Out Medano

Even though hurricane Dolores blew by us almost 300 miles out to sea, we still got some drizzles and a lot of pounding surf. We had a couple of days of 40 mph winds and swells of six to 12 feet. This was enough to cause the port captain to close the marina for several days, which means no boats went in or out, a bummer for the sportfishing industry. Also, our most popular beach, Medano, was mostly closed, as the sea surged up to the front doors of most of the bars and restaurants. If they had a front door, which they don't.

When Dolores pattered out further way off shore, the sea retreated, leaving us with a skinnier beach. But beaches are like living creatures that go through lots of changes. A storm from another direction can bring back our sand. Or not. In the past we have resorted to trucking sand in form other beaches.

Here’s A Somewhat Successful Way Of Dodging The Road Tax

Like everyone, Mexicans want a bargain wherever they can find it. And, cars bought here are no bargain. Cars bought in the United States are a bargain. So, they go up there, or send a relative up, or have relatives who live there, and can drive a U.S. plated car down to them. Cool. They’re good to go, no?

No. This makes the Mexican tax authorities very unhappy. And when the tax authorities are unhappy about your ride, you are not going to hang on to it for very long. This is why if the police catch a Mexican driving a U.S. car, they confiscate it. Sure it’s sometimes unhandy that you can’t send your Mexican employe on an errand in your car but CONTINUED ON PAGE 4
Cape Hotel opens. We think. It's hard to tell for sure. Cape, a Thompson Hotel, as they like to be called, is on the water next to Sunset de Mona Lisa right outside of Cabo, and in our opinion has taken the title Mona had as the best view in Los Cabos. It still looks unfinished from the highway because the outside concrete is a rather unattractive black. And, when we tried to get into the 161 room facility to look around and maybe have a drink into the 161 room facility to look around and maybe have a drink into the 161 room facility to look around and maybe have a drink, the sixth floor rooftop will quickly become everyone's favorite happy hour spot. The large open air space with two bars, many couches, high top tables, and a few fireplaces, all overlooking the Sea of Cortez and the arch, is nothing short of spectacular.

Watch whatcha doing! So far this year, traffic police in La Paz have issued fines to 1,685 drivers, including public bus drivers, for using their cell phones while driving. The fine can be up to $130 bucks. No! No! No! Do not pay the cop 20 bucks to “fix it” . That is not fixing anything. You would not give food to a cat you're trying to get off your porch would you? Same thing. You would not stick gum you're trying to get rid of on the bottom of your shoe, would you? Same thing.

The traffic police have been conducting seminars about the use of cell phones in vehicles to bus and taxi drivers as well as at high schools and universities. The classes include cautions on the dangers of texting, calling, and bad behavior like parking in handicap areas and driving without license plates. Driving with no placas seems to be the national past time. For any number of reasons, all them nefarious.

Reality TV hits Baja Sur. Sort of. “Destination Baja Sur” is a new TV series launching next January that will air on NBC Sports Pursuit Channel; World Fishing Network; Wild TV Africa, a new South African outdoor television network; and through Apple TV digital devices. The show could potentially reach 128 million households in the U.S., Canada, Caribbean, Central America and Africa. Operative word here being potentially. Someone would have to be interested in fishing to tune in.

Hosted and produced by fisherman and promoter Bill Boyle, of Solomon’s Landing restaurant would like everyone to know he’s behind this, he is fishing for more sponsors, and he is now the assistant producer to Bill Boyle. To become a sponsor contact Bill Boyle, executive producer: bill@anglersdigest.tv or look up www.anglersdigest.tv Phone: (661) 202-0080.

Fore! The Chileno Bay golf course officially opened again last week, hosting the 20th annual Association of Tourism Development officials, but fun to watch. The first few episodes were filmed on the peninsula north of here from Turtle Bay to Cabo San Lucas, and will continue to be filmed in coming weeks. Brian Solomon

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Billions of dollars for Mexican Business Council. At a recent investor’s conference, members of the Mexican Business Council committed to invest a total of $27.45 billion U.S. in new projects and business expansion.

Claudio Gonzalez, outgoing president of the Mexican Business Council, announced, “In the month of June, 43,295 new jobs were created. This is a much higher figure than in June of last year, which undoubtedly reflects the confidence and dynamism of our economy, and above all the conviction that the country’s economy is undergoing a recovery that will contribute to creating the conditions for greater prosperity for Mexicans.”

Gonzalez handed the baton of the presidency to Alejandro Ramírez, who is CEO of Cinépolis, the movie theater people.

Soft drink tax takes the fizz out of soda industry. The cost of all sodas and other sugary drinks in Mexico increased by about 1 peso per liter, effective last January, in the interest of so-called national health. Since then, consumption has gone down. And, according to the National Association of Producers of Soft Drinks, so have jobs in the Mexican soft drink industry, whine, whine. The organization’s honcho claims 1,700 jobs have been eliminated, due to a 2.5 percent drop in sales.

Mexico is one of only a few countries in the world that have managed to pass such a tax. France has done it, and Chile is...
the Mexican knows damn well he can’t be caught driving it. Everyone knows it, and now you do too. But it’s expensive to import a car. Just to screw those Baja plates on your car you have to jump through a lot of hoops and pay a lot of money. The rules change all the time, including the short list of what years are even eligible for importation. The car can’t be too old, or too new, and its going to cost you between $1000 to $2000, and more if you go through a more expensive fixer.

So there are quasi legal workarounds, used to be only one, but now there’s another. Onappafa is a so called non profit, benevolent but not cheap organization that fends off the government for you if you are driving an unregistered car. In lieu of local plates, you put a decal on your car that says Onappafa. This is an acronym for the organization that’s in the business of getting your car back if it’s been towed and in defending your “rights” to dodge the car registration taxes.

Anapromex is a new organization that just popped up, and does the same thing that Onappafa does but cheaper. Both of these use an interesting marketing ploy that leans heavily on “poor you, all you want is a reasonably priced car to get to work to put food on the table for your family, and the bad greedy government doesn’t deserve the tax they’re trying to impose on your ride.” Then they pull out the national sovereignty card, saying national sovereignty resides with you the people. As the Anapromex literature says, “All public power emanates from the people and is instituted for the benefit of the people. The people have at all times the inalienable right to alter or modify their form of government.” We’re not talking about modifying the tax code by the ballot box. No, that’s too complicated, just don’t pay the tax and seek the protection of Anapromex.

Anapromex claims Article 14 of the constitution says, “No one shall be deprived of life, liberty or property, possessions, or rights without a trial before previously established courts in which due process is observed and according to laws enacted before the fact.”

In other words, the government can’t take your car away without due process, and if you pay Anapromex or Onappafa, these organizations are there to represent you when and if you ever get your day in court. The police and the taxing authorities know that if you have either of those names on your car, they will be up against a formidable array of attorneys who stall the
Hey, Need A Tanning Coach?

You do, if you don’t want to go home either pasty white or lobster red. The proper tan is important, you need to do it right.

BY MARSHA MELLOW

Among the more important things you didn’t know you need is your own personal tanning coach. If you think having one of those is not important, just think back to before fitness coaches or jumping up or down.

A tanning coach saves you from picking up the sun block every couple of hours and slathering more of the stuff on. And, wait a minute, you’re here to turn the right amount of lotion to tan, not burn.

First, they read the tanner’s skin tone, then they mix up just the right formula of tan/ don’t tan chemicals, and then they log you in to their tanning schedule. At just the appropriate moment, they rush over to your chaise lounge and spray you down again with a lotion from the tank on their back. You could say the tank looks like a scuba tank with fun painting on it, or you could be less kind and say it looks, in conjunction with the spray wand connected to it, or you could be less kind and say it looks, in conjunction with the spray wand connected to it, like what you would see a pest control guy using. But that’s what makes it fun.

The young guys and gals in charge of keeping you safe are trained to make it fun while they optimize your sun time. While they spray you down, then roll you over and spray your other side, (why don’t they just put you on a spit?) they make a big hoopla out of it, and suddenly, you’re the envy of the chaise lounge.

A tanning coach sprays down a tourist who’s showing the love for her skin.

Vallarta and the two owners have washed up on our shores in an attempt to expand their tanning empire. Marty Flores and Hernan Gonzalez are making the rounds, calling on resorts, trying to franchise their business. So far they’ve met with lots of, “we’ll think about it, despite their well documented success. That’s the way these large resorts operate, all the more so if they’re Mexican run, as nobody wants to go on record as trying something new.

The science behind this business model, (eyes, Marty tells us, there is a science behind it, this isn’t just an excuse to lotion up the pretty Gringos). The science behind it includes a carefully formulated concoction of just things you didn’t know you need.

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**Why is it that our children can’t read a Bible in school, but they can in prison?**

BY MARSHA MELLOW

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The Place to be... in Los Cabos

Located in the heart of Cabo San Lucas, right on the marina, you can find the unique and spectacular PUERTO PARAISO shopping mall, more beautiful and larger than most malls in the U.S. and Canada. With liberal use of marble everywhere, even in the stairwells and restrooms, you will feel like you’re special at this mall. Because shopping should be an unforgettable experience, Puerto Paraíso delivers just that; a unique experience and you’re sure to find everything you need, and you can enjoy a leisurely lunch or dinner. You will find excitement at the Casino Caliente, fishing excursions, 10 movie theaters with VIP movie rooms, the Harley Davidson store with motorcycle rentals.

At our special concierge area, you will be offered many activities like the camel safari, whale watching, swim with the dolphins, and more fun activities you can find at Cabo Adventures. You will be attended like a VIP with our promotions and discount coupons in many of the mall stores. Or you can visit a special area of luxurious boutiques where you can obtain swimwear, shoes, sportswear, and the best brands like Nautica, Hugo Boss, Nike, Kenneth Cole, and Tommy Bahama. You can’t miss the most exclusive jewelers and the beautiful Mexican handicrafts.

And if you come for business, we have banks, ATM machines, and a money exchange. This all makes the mall on the marina the perfect place to relax and sip a cup of coffee or enjoy a glass of wine at full service, luxurious restaurants like Ruths Chris steak house, Baja Brewing Co., Johnny Rockets, Senior Sweets and more. Now you can live this extraordinary adventure in your mall.
The drug kingpin was on the lam for 13 years after his last prison escape, amassing more money, a billion dollars according to Forbes magazine. This time it took his pals less than two years to burrow a tunnel from a house they built for nearly a mile from the prison. They thoughtfully provided a motorcycle to speed his journey through the tunnel, which was almost six feet high, lighted, and ventilated with PVC pipes.

The newspapers went nuts, blaming the Pena Nieto administration for not extraditing El Chapo to the U.S. when officials there requested him, and for not bringing corruption under control. Nearly four dozen prison officials and guards were initially arrested, and about a dozen have now lost their jobs. The rest have been freed.

Everyone has lost more respect for their government, if that’s even possible, but at the same time, many people, even those disgusted with the government, are giving El Chapo a grudging admiration that’s turned him into a folk hero.

T-shirts with the image of the powerful Sinaloa drug cartel chief are available for sale in the streets and on U.S. websites also cashing in. For those who want a drug lord on their heads, the Los Angeles based website Kartel Kollection sells a hat with the face of the guy who is wanted in the United States for the murder of a U.S. undercover agent in 1985.
Book Report

BY JEANNINE PEREZ


I recently wrote a review of another of Gene Kira’s books for Gringo Gazette; King of the Moon. I wondered if a book of fishing maps and tips could possibly have that same magic about magic!

Change is inevitable, and conditions were different between the first and second editions, and the authors do see further changes coming, and they quote Churchill as seeing, “the end of the beginning.”

The fishing paradise described by them then, as the best in the world, is still fantastic, “5 to 20 fish per hour of more than 50 species,” is the way they describe it. However, the untouched paradise written about by Steinbeck, Cannnon, and enjoyed by movie stars like Desi Arnez and John Wayne, who flew into what is now Cabo, is no more and not even then.

There has been progress and many changes in the years since these books have been written. Some changes, however, are not influenced by humans but is just inevitable.

This book is dedicated by Neil and Gene to salt water anglers everywhere. The authors have ample experience, catching and releasing over 30,000 Baja game fish in their many journeys to Baja. There are 22 chapters, after an introduction giving hints to anglers on how best to use the book. This chapter is written in an easy and reader friendly format, which is also the style of the rest of the book.

This book gives much information that is timeless, al-though there are those inevitable changes since the publishing of this manual. Basic information, the 57 fishing maps, tips on each camp, beach launching, the fish identification, and camping lists have changed little.

The first six chapters focus on Baja primitive camping, survival on Mexico Highway 1, survival in the boonies, expert fishing techniques, and gold, silver & bronze, an honest grading of Baja’s fishing waters.

The next 11 chapters describe CONTINUED ON PAGE 25
Just In Time

The city is just now getting around to finishing up replacing the street lights blown away by hurricane Odile nine months ago. The genius of their timing is that they’re working on the finishing touches just in time for the next hurricane season which is bearing down on us.

anticipated course. Tom Fazio designed the 18 hole, par 72 golf course at a cost of $23 million, which is about what it’s going to cost to keep it fluffy and green. The course suffered damage by hurricane Odile last year, postponing its opening, and it’s been just sitting there for several years while the tangled ownership of the adjacent resort got sorted out. But now it is in perfect shape. As in, perfect. It’s a beautiful carpet of velvet green. See you at the 19th hole.

Couple on the lamb. Brittany Nunn and her husband Peter Barr were captured in Cabo San Lucas last week, ending a seven month search for two Colorado children. Nunn had lost custody of her biological daughters, 4 and 6, to their fathers, but she took a powder when the exchange was supposed to happen last December. She fled with her new husband and the kids to here. The search came to an end after authorities tracked the ip address of the kid nappers’ Spotify music account to Cabo San Lucas. Wow, that’s pretty smart for cops.

Nunn and Barr were arrested in Cabo and flown back to Denver to face felony charges and the girls have been reunited with their father. With help from a private investigator, the FBI, and the U.S. State Department, a plan was developed over several months to bring the children home. So, what have we learned here, folks? If you’re on the lamb, get a VPN, they’re free and they hide your ip address. And you can get American Netflix and Hulu. Just in time for the next hurricane. The city’s department of public works is currently installing
invest in cabo
get in on the action

Fritz Belgian Fries has successfully developed a winning formula with their first location in Cabo San Lucas and is now ready to open a 2nd location in San Jose del Cabo. It will also serve as the pilot to open and operate several locations across Mexico; next one, most probably Playa del Carmen.

They plan to open at the Mega shopping mall in November 2015, just in time for the high season and are presently running a Crowdfunding campaign to make it happen! They’ve put together great perks for you, where for the most part, you get more than the value of your contribution.

For example, the $10 contribution is a $15 value and for the $100 dollar contribution, you get $125 dollars in gift certificates which can be redeemed at any of their locations. They can also be donated to a local charity of your choice.

Crowdfunding is the practice of funding a project or venture by raising monetary contributions from a large number of people, typically via the internet. In 2013, the Crowdfunding industry grew typically via the internet. In 2013, the Crowdfunding industry grew 25 year contracts. Historic private oil contracts will total $1.3 billion per block, with 80 percent coming in the first five years of the 25 year contracts.

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So, you might want to go to the South Dakota license plate route and make sure your employee never goes near your keys.

**Hey, Need a Tanning CoACH... continued from page 5**

tan with theirs. No, your tan will be a standout at home. Your tan will be celebrated as the grandest, most perfect tan ever, and you will know that you took the safe route to Tan Town, not exposing yourself to any of the bad rays, and the docs will not be carving cancer out of your golden brown skin in your old age. No, Sun Warrior, you will have the perfect tan, perfectly acquired. All this for about 20 Gringo bucks, for the entire day, a steal.

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4. Coconut Oil Mist. Hydrates the skin and assist in getting that deep bronze tan.
5. Sunblock and mini massage. We apply an SPF equal to your skin type. Here’s where you get pampered, we also provide a mini massage to help you relieve even more stress. We also provide continued on page 23.
Calendar of Events

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

Every Wednesday, 8 a.m. Free movies from independent studios for teenagers and adults at the City Theater in San Jose.

Every Wednesday 9am-12pm. Farmers market at La Esquina in Todos Santos. Live guitar music and good, local, organic stuff to buy. hola@laesquinas.com, www.laesquinas.com, 612 145 0851.

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

First Thursday. Yo Reciolo sets up tents to receive plastic, aluminum, cardboard, computers, printers, cell phones, green, clear glass but NO Batteries, please. In San Jose, Plaza Dorada at the roundabout near the Pemex. 8 am to 2 pm. info@yoreciolo.org.mx

Every Thursday, 8:00 a.m.

Every Thursday at 7:30 “Cine Club en el Pabellon Cultural”, a free movie, generally in English, at the Cultural Pavilion ground floor level. Program usually involves movies you can’t find in theaters in Los Cabos.

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

Every Thursday at 7:30 pm. Movie night. Free. At the Cultural Pavilion in the Cabo San Lucas marina.

Every Thursday, 7:30 pm. English worship and bilingual message. Turn at Office Depot and stay straight almost to the crest of the hill. Tezozomoc at Zapotecas on the left side of the street.

Every Thursday. From 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Organic market. Historic downtown activities program. Postal Park, Constitucion and Madero streets. La Paz. Spanish. Free.

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Every Sunday. 7 - 11 am. Bicycle, walk, skate or drag your pet around downtown Cabo. The Ensembl in the Galeria at Hotel Casa Tota at 7:00 pm. Ticket price $15usd or 200 pesos. Closing night includes a Wine & Nibble Mingle with the actors. More info closer to play dates. facebook.com/LasEstrellasDeTodosSantos for details.

March 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19 - Baja Shakespeare’s 16th Season at Buena Vista Beach Resort in Spa Buena Vista’s Convention Center. All shows at 7:00 pm except March 13, a matinee at 1:30pm. Tickets $20usd or 300 pesos. For show details go to www.facebook.com/pages/Baja-Shakespeare/220397878011557. More info closer to show dates.

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Ready for Big Blue? No. Xerox is not coming. The inaugural international freediving competition called Big Blue will take place November 1 through 9 this year in Baja California Sur. (That’s our state, Bunkie). Event organizer and Mexican national record holder Estrella Navarro will provide athletes from around the world an opportunity to test their freediving limits in the warm, deep waters off of Isla Espíritu Santo island which is three miles off the coast of La Paz.

Big Blue will feature five days of competition, one day of swimming with whale sharks, and a conference to promote ocean conservation.

This sport is all about divers going down as deep as they can, (and returning), with no scuba gear. The ability to hold one’s breath is a plus. Back in the 1990’s, freediving champion Francisco “Pipin” Ferreras dove several times in Cabo Bay, establishing a new world record. In 2000, Pipin logged a record freedive reaching a depth of 531 ft. In 1996, he met French-born Mexican Audrey Mestre who was also a freediver. They married in 1999, and quickly the two became a regular record breaking couple in the sport of freediving, dividing men and women’s records between them. In an example of a breath too far, Mestre died in 2002 attempting to dive to 545 feet.

For additional information on The Big Blue competition, look up: http://www.bigblue.com.mx

Stand-up paddle extravaganza. Slater Trout, one of the world’s top stand up paddle board racers, and an avid surfer and swimmer, will lead a five day all inclusive wellness retreat at Costa Baja in La Paz October 15-19. Trout is the 2014 U.S. SUP Tour Racing champion, and this year took first place while breaking records in the men’s SUP division for South Africa’s Dusi Marathon.

Five days and four nights of clinics and workshops start at CONTINUED ON PAGE 23
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BY CHERYL MILLER

Here in Baja California Sur, in Los Cabos and La Paz, the inclusion of furniture in your residential real estate purchase is fairly common.

This is not the usual practice in most of Mexico, any more than it is in your home city in the United States or Canada. If you were to buy a home in Guadalajara or Veracruz or Monterrey, your real estate would probably come exactly as you would expect in California, Winnipeg, Nebraska or Calgary - vacant except for anything affixed to the walls and ceilings.

In fact, AMPL, NAR and MLS BCS practices actually state that anything that is not specifically excluded the listing agreement that is affixed to walls and ceilings, are considered part of the property and cannot be removed without the permission of the Buyer after an offer is accepted by both parties. Regarding such affixed items, the law is the same in Mexico, but it is very common in most parts of Mexico to receive a home, stripped. But, here in the tourist market, you must specifically exclude items in your sales listing and offer documents, otherwise they are assumed part of the real estate.

The reason is simple, to avoid the stripping of the real estate after an offer is accepted by the Buyer. Imagine buying a condo for $200,000 USD receiving the keys on the day of signing, and in the last hours after your final walk through and the signatures, having the Seller come in and take all of the light fixtures, air conditioning units, the towel and curtain rods, the door knobs and cabinets! What a surprise you would have when you walk in the door to your new home! It would be devastating. This is not permitted by law, but can become an issue in non-tourist zones. In fact, it is quite common in non-tourist areas.

In Los Cabos and parts of La Paz, Cancun, Playa del Carmen-Tulum, Puerto Vallarta, Zipolite, Manzanillo Chapala and San Miguel de Allende, essentially wherever a tourist real estate market exists in Mexico, it is a common practice to include the furniture, mainly for the reason that most foreign sellers do not want to be bothered with the packing and expense of shipping their Mexican furnishings back to the United States or Canada.

For most sellers, it is for their convenience more than anything that precipitates in the "gift" of the furnishings to the Buyer. However, let me be clear, it is the Seller’s prerogative to offer the property furnished, unfurnished or partially furnished, as well as, to make up their own inventory list, including or excluding whatever they choose. A Seller is not obligated to sell a property with its contents. If the Buyer really wants an item(s), it is customary and required that he or she make an offer including that item on their offer to purchase or to make an offer for the item separately as a private sale of goods, not real estate. And it is the Seller’s right to accept, reject or counter any offer regarding items not included in the sale of the property.

In fact, particularly in the high end market, some Sellers offer the furnishings separately, as a furniture package, for a specific dollar amount. This generally occurs at the higher price point real estate where expensive furniture, antiques and real art pieces are at stake. And this brings us to a crucial point, if the furniture is included in the sales price, the recorded value of the sale is as though it is the real estate only. The “deed” or fideicomiso does not mention or record any value for the furnishings, it is purely real estate. If you want a separate bill of sale for the furnishings, you may ask for it, but be aware that it may affect the sales price recorded in your deed, having the furnishing costs deducted from the...
Buying or Selling
REAL ESTATE in Baja California Sur?
We've got you covered.

When buying or selling real estate in Baja California Sur, look for the MLS symbol & enlist an MLS agent. Buying real estate in a foreign country is unlike any experience you may have had in your home country or state in Mexico. There are simply different laws, procedures and safe guards here in Baja California Sur.

Did you know that over 300 real estate professionals have organized in Baja California Sur to insure your success in dealing with Mexican real estate? We started in 1991. We now call ourselves MLS BCS, and we operate a Multiple Listing Service statewide in Baja California Sur with over 3000 available properties. We cover Los Cabos, Los Barriles, Todos Santos, La Paz and Loreto. Any affiliate Broker or Agent can help you locate available inventory anywhere in the state, and can quickly connect you with the properties and agents in the area of interest.

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In order to assure a safe and secure investment in Baja California Sur please be sure to work exclusively with an MLS agent. If for any reason you are not fully satisfied with their service you may inform the MLS at admin@mlsbcs.com.mx.

Why Build?

I come from a family of entrepreneurs and for several decades it was a pleasure and also the best schooling experience to work side by side with my father. Not only was he an example but I learned a great deal about sales, building and land development, which is why I feel compelled to share with you some of the advantages of buying land and building a home.

Whenever you buy an existing home you are conscious of the spaces and it is pretty easy to see yourself living and entertaining in it. You might even consider doing some modifications to what is already there, and the best part? You get to live in it right after the closing, piece of cake! But buying a lot and building is a completely different story but with an equally happy ending.

You get to choose the location and size of your lot. Ocean view, second row, corner lot, double-access lot, deep-sloped view, second row, corner lot, etc.

Once you’ve chosen the right one, whether on your own or with the help of an architect you can render your future property based on your needs and likes: where the entrance will be, how tall you’d like your ceilings, how much to leave as a garage + storage room, etc.

You get to choose the materials, finishes and quality of each single element that will constitute your home: white marble, wood floors, iron railings, tempered windows, concrete kitchen, etc. Each of these elements play an important factor when looking for a more contemporary design with a minimalist approach, or a more classic yet functional home.

Buying is also budget friendly! From day one you can determine how much you can spend. If you have a limited budget you can choose to build by stages and leave preparations for future updates or additions. I strongly recommend to always leave a margin as a reference in case there is an extra expense and you can finish on time and how you had planned it.

There are several construction firms in the area that are well established and have experience building in Baja California Sur. They can help you plan, manage and guide you throughout the construction process and will take care of all the paperwork, permits and needed documents to finish your property.

My last piece of advice would be, whether buying an existing home or building to your needs, it is important that your personal signature is visible, this is what ultimately turns a house, any house, into a home! Feel free to let me know how you feel and any other questions you could have. Send me an email to leticia@pedregal.com.

To search all of the listings available in the MLS, visit: www.mlsinbajasur.com

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property price recorded. If you do a bill of lading, the law states you must pay the 16% IVA as well and allows you to pass the property to then next buyer as a commodity.

For expensive furniture, furniture packages and art pieces, this is a MUST DO for both the Buyer and the Seller. Getting a separate bill of sale for those items protects both parties and establishes the rightful ownership of the pieces for the purposes of insuring the contents of your home, specific pieces of art and in case of theft.

So, if the furnishing offered to you in the “real estate” transaction are really a “gift”, try not to get too emotional about the exclusion of any one piece. If continued on page 18
Love the East Cape?

Great Properties await you.

Exploring the East Cape—One of the adventures that can be taken, is to take the road from the airport to Cabo Pulmo and north. You will be traveling through ranch land and then coming down to the coast and traveling north. There are many homes built on the coast or in small ex-pat communities along the way, and miles of unspoiled beaches. On a real estate tour, you will see the few special homes and properties that are for sale (property search www.mlisinbajasur.com East Cape South) or as a day away from town you can visit the many pristine beaches and special locations along the way.

To start the tour turn right (traveling to the airport) at the last stop light before the airport and follow the pavement through the mango orchards. The pavement ends at the large arroyo (dry river bed) and proceed across the arroyo and enter the small village of Santa Catarina with paved streets. On your left is the community school, then turn left at the “T” intersection and follow the main road, which turns to dirt after the village and travel until you reach an intersection 10 km. from Highway 1. Turn left at the intersection at the highway sign for Palo Escopeta and Castillo de Arena.

Travel 10 kilometers to the village of Palo Escopeta, a small ranching community and the area school. The school services children through secondary school and the students’ board at the school from Monday through Friday. It has approximately 60 students.

From Palo Escopeta it is 15.5 km. to the coast at Vinorama and the Punta Perfecto surf break. Turning north (left) there are a few beachfront and hillside homes and the Vida Soul boutique hotel (www.vidasoul.com) and restaurant. The hotel hosts great musicians and open mike nights, usually on Saturdays.

Traveling north 3 km is the Costa de Oro subdivision with MLS listed lots and new homes under construction. At km 3.5 is the exceptional Bed and Breakfast, Villa del Faro overlooking the Sea of Cortez (www.villadelfaro.net) and then a very nice white sand swimming beach. At Km. 6.5 is a small residential subdivision called Pindoco and then at Km 8.5 is the large Boca del Salado arroyo with good beach access.

Traveling another ½ km there

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Featured Property

Chileno Bay

Discover Chileno Bay, an exclusive seaside sanctuary of authentically inspired residences along Cabo’s most celebrated stretch of coastline. A collection of brand new single family homes and oceanfront home sites have recently been released and are selling out rapidly.

Chileno Bay residents have access to the most comprehensive set of amenities including a private Tom Fazio golf course, an on-site VieVage by Auberge luxury resort, sprawling beach club on a secluded swimmable beach, dedicated full service fitness complex, and activities park with tennis, basketball, and kid’s waterpark.

Designed to protect the environment and build a smarter community, Chileno Bay produces its own fresh water through its on-site desalination plant, incorporates solar technology in the new homes and amenities, and encourages an active lifestyle with miles of walking and biking paths. Prices begin at $3 Million.

For more information contact Andy Lemke, Snell Real Estate, Office 624-173 Mexican Cell 624-122-568

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is the Boca del Salado subdivision which features waterfront and view homes. A few waterfront and view home sites and homes are currently available and listed at www.mlsinbaja.com.

From Km 10.5 to Km 11 is the largest residential community in the area, Castillo de Arena. Between Castillo de Arena West and South there is good beach access to an exceptional beach and dramatic sand dune. There are a few homes and lots available at www.mlsinbaja.com. Traveling north to Km 19 is the beautiful Las Frailles bay, which is one of the few reliable anchorages on the East Cape. There is a fish camp and in season you can buy fish fresh off the boat.

Further along to Km 23 is the best beach in Baja. Called Arebolitos, it is within Cabo Pulmo Maritime Park and is great for snorkeling and beach fun. There are washrooms and a small taco stand and wheelchair access to the beach. There is a nominal charge but well worth the cost as there is secure parking.

At Km 26 there is the resort community of Cabo Pulmo. The village has 5 restaurants, various dive shops and beach toy rentals along with panga boat tours to the reefs, isolated beaches and a sea lion colony. There are rental Bungalows and it is a great escape from city life.

The pavement starts at Km 37, or 11 Km. north of Cabo Pulmo and along the way there is the subdivision of Las Barzas, a development along Cabo’s most celebrated stretch of coastline. A few driving tips. If you have a full size vehicle lower your tire pressure to 20 pounds and try to drive at 35 MPH or faster, you will find it smooths out the ride and you have better control of your car.

To Search available East Cape Real Estate on this tour go to http://mlsbcs.mx Area: East Cape South, Community: Punta Arena/Cabo Pulmo

The East Cape is worth a visit and there are many special properties awaiting you there!

By Paul Clarke, Broker of East Cape Homes. Contact him, Eastcapehomes.com Office Phone - (624) 147-0111, pc@eastcapehomes.com

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the Seller has excluded pieces of personal importance to him, or asks you to exclude an item they forgot in their original listing, try to understand, that inclusion of furniture is not the norm in Mexico. But, after an agreement has been reached, and I highly suggest an itemized inventory list be signed by both buyer and seller within 5 business days of acceptance of an offer, I caution both Buyer and Seller to honor this agreement! It is VERY important to do a very detailed inventory list. I also suggest a photo-inventory list so as to avoid “changes” and substitutions. I have seen tempers run high and nearly cause the demise of a transaction over simple things, as small and insignificant as an ashtray! Honor your agreements! Don’t try to “sneak” an item out. Don’t try to strong arm the seller over pillow cases or a chair. Once there is agreement, honor it. In the end, the transaction and your new home will feel so much “homey” when you open the door for the first time on the day of your closing!

By Cheryl Miller, Broker, Baja Realty and Investment, 624-122-2690, www.forsaleinbaja.com, info@forsaleinbaja.com

SOLDS
1) Las Olas Condo A402, Costa Azul, 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, MLS# 13-1435, $195,000 USD, A. Reilly/Dream Homes of Cabo.
2) Las Terrazas SC18, Santa Carmela MLS# 13-1435, $740,000 USD, P. Kessler/Southbay’s K. Arellano/Cabo Linda
3) Casa de Leon F13, Punta Arena, Cabo Corridor, MLS# 14-487, $195,000 USD, R. Zietzke & L. Miller/Cabo Linda & Mayo Young/Cabo4Sale
4) Maranata Condo 23, El Tezal, Cabo Corridor, MLS# 15-207, $262,500 USD, G. Maltman/Cabo Linda & C. Devine/Baja International Realty

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2 OCEAN FRONT LOTS IN CABO BELLO. Financing and trades available. These 2 lots together are almost 1/4 acre together.

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RARE OPPORTUNITY

PROPERTY NO. 1

2.6 acre beach lot close to La Ribera with water views of the East Cape. Fenced, gated, with ocean access. The only lot in the subdivision with water views of the East Cape.

Price: $650,000 USD

MLS: 14-2157

LOCATION

The East Cape is the subdivision of Las Barzas, downtown and more. Ocean view.

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Beach Lot

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CHILOE"
Just a few days following the most recent disturbance by Hurricane Dolores which caused windy and unsettled conditions in both the Sea of Cortez and the Pacific, the fishing now seems to be ramping back up to where it had been; for a few days the fish seemed to have gone down, but they did not leave the area. Gary Graham, gary@garycgraham.com

**Cabo San Lucas**

There was a good number of striped marlin along with a few blue marlin, as well as a growing number of sailfish as the sea temps climbed higher. Inshore there were enough small yellowfin tuna and small dorado to satisfy many and closer to shore, the roosters along with the jack crevalle kept the light tackle and flyrodders occupied until Dolores crashed the party late in the week, forcing the Port Captain to close the harbor on several different days.

Dolores moved on, and as the seas calmed, the conditions began to return to pre-storm levels. In another few days, fishing should resume to the outstanding action that was enjoyed prior to the disturbance.

**San Jose**

The long distant pass by Hurricane Dolores left the unsettled conditions in this area also, but and conditions will take some time to recover.

Rooftop fish scattered also as the surf grew larger. The most productive areas were near Vinorama, where schools of trophy-sized roosterfish were found. Only a handful of dogtooth snappers were reported being seen; most of these were seen very briefly as they engulfed slow-trolled bait and they immediately headed for the nearest rock outcropping in order to cut the leader.

There continues to be chances for red snapper (huachinango) while working yo-yo jigs during the early morning action off of San Luis Bank, with some of these fish nearing 15 pounds, though this action was showing signs of slowing down in the rapidly warming waters.

Billfish action has been scattered. As August nears, there has been no particular hot spots, though the warmer currents have been bringing in some sailfish. With all of the smaller-sized yellowfin tuna now present — a favored food source for big gamefish — expect more black and blue marlin to arrive on the local fishing grounds.

**East Cape**

By most accounts the fishing seemed to improve as Hurricane Dolores veered off to the west and then north up the west coast of Baja. While the fishing had been great for billfish and roosterfish, the unsettled weather after the storm passed definitely slowed down the action — the sea temps plummeted and the seas were tossed by the wind. Much to the disappointment of the 86 teams entered in the recent Dorado Shootout tournament held in Los Bariles, the sea temps dropped from 87 to 73 degrees inshore and remained a pea-soup green until almost 22 miles offshore.

This resulted in Team Bite Me capturing first place with a 12.9 pound dorado; they won a 2015 4x4 Toyota Tacoma plus $24,000 in jackpot money. Team Bor rachos & Amigos took the $500 and $1,000 jackpots for $40,000, and Team Eat Me Lures, on board the Julkate, took the Suzuki 140hp engine with a 37 pound wahoo.

The good blue marlin bite continued after the storm, although...
Exciting New Development In San Jose

And we thought it was just a hospital. Bet you did too

BY BILL DING

On the fourlane, almost to San Jose, next door to the Pemex, in an area called Cerro Colorado, is a conglomeration of buildings that’s been under construction for a mighty long time. Mighty long. Like years. So long have they been working on this, that it started to look like a building going down, not up, as the outside looked pretty dilapidated and deteriorated. We were all told by the principles that it was a hospital which was to be owned and operated by ABC Hospitals out of Mexico City. ABC is like the Johns Hopkins of Mexico, so everyone was excited about finally getting a well equipped sophisticated hospital for Los Cabos. But ABC, it turns out, is good at running hospitals, less good at building them. They chose a construction company that was unable to deliver the quality they wanted, and that left them behind schedule and frustrated. They fired the company and the building sat there unfinished while ABC considered their options.

The option they chose was to get out of Los Cabos altogether. Enter the current health care company, out of Queretaro, which is 60 miles north of Mexico City. They have also been in the health care industry for many years, running hospitals over on the mainland. The development was turned over to Koral, which has gone crazy with the property, conceiving and building an entire village snug up against the hospital.

There was always going to be the hotel, (a Hampton Inn), for medical tourism, and some doctors’ offices, but now there is also a full on wellness center with a spa, a gym, and lots of opportunities for classes as well as physical therapy. There is also a child care area, a business office for short or long term rental, and various specialty clinics that the hospital doesn’t address, such as dental and optometry.

And at the fun end of the spectrum there will be about 30 high end retail shops, something San Jose doesn’t have yet, and a large two story indoor food market. The market will feature prepared foods for on-site consumption, as well as fresh local produce for your home cooking.

The hospital, with the pretty strange name of H+, (pronounced just as it looks, the letter H and then the word plus), is open now, and is complete with the only blood bank in Cabo and a well equipped full scale lab.

The hotel is slated to open this month, and it looks like they will make it, as all the furniture is in place in the rooms and people are running around.

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Comes On People!

Here is the mayor of Los Cabos, who, it could be argued, does not deserve any respect, but this is extremely disrespectful. No less than three people at the head table, (one of them is partially obscured by his/honour), are ignoring his remarks and fiddling with their phones.

The Frogs have also helped us treat heart attacks better. Our president and the president of France, Francois Gérard Georges Nicolas Hollande, (just Nick to his friends), agreed to achieve greater integration between the two nations. Translation: better pals.

The main products Mexico exports to Greece include: octopus (13%); chickpea (12.9%); malt beer (12.9%); extracts, essences and concentrates of coffee (12.6%); and tequila (7.5%). Well, when they run out of tequila, maybe they will wake up, because they have crappy credit and we're not going to extend any to them. It's cash on the barrel head or nada.

We all know Bachoco. We've seen their packages of chicken in all the grocery stores. They're a big operation with a lotta, lotta, lotta chickens. Now they've acquired more. Although they mostly sell dead chickens, the national leader in the production and processing of chicken in Mexico announced this week the company is going to acquire the breeding bird assets of...
Here’s A Fun Read

It’s funnier if it’s not you getting yourself blown up while stealing gasoline

BY LAUREL N. HARDY

We’re lucky here in the Baja, as we don’t run out of gasoline unless there’s a storm on the Sea of Cortez. Then the barges bringing the fuel over from the mainland can’t hook up with the pipes that extend out into the sea at the gas dock just north of La Paz. You can the trucks make it down the highway to Cabo or is that road blocked by storm or fiery crash or some other kind of mayhem? Then, after the fuel has arrived, our only worry is that the electricity stays on at the Pemex station so the gasoline can be delivered out of the ground and into your car. Sound a bit dicey? Not even.

What’s really dicey for the people over on the mainland is the way they need to depend on underground pipes to deliver their fuel to their Pemex station. Lately these pipes have proven vulnerable to hackers. People are hacking into the big oil pipelines that are 18 inches to several feet in diameter and buried three and four feet below the surface. Flowing through these arteries is fresh, wholesome, ready to sell gasoline that powers our cars. This liquid gold has proven to be irresistible to criminal gangs, many of whom were transporting drugs until they caught on to the easy money stealing and selling gas. Weak penalties for stealing oil and gasoline have exacerbated the problem. In the first eight months of this year, 7.5 million barrels went missing, a rate of about 30,000 52 gallon barrels a day, enough to fill a fleet of more than 100 tanker trucks. Each day.

“It’s not considered a serious crime and as a consequence, the penalties are truly reduced,” Omar Fayad, head of the Senate Commission on Public Security, said in a speech last fall in which he called for prison terms of 25 to 35 years for those involved in major energy theft. His bill is still pending. Fayad said he

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On Your Next Vacation to Los Cabos, Why Not Consider a Knee Replacement

Save up to 70%, and recuperate at one of the top vacation destinations in Mexico

BY DR. DICK

Knee replacement surgery is the most common joint replacement procedure, and the success rates are very high. So why Los Cabos?

In Los Cabos, the surgeons often use minimal invasive surgery to perform the knee replacement procedure without making a large incision. This requires a much smaller incision than used for traditional knee surgeries, with less tissue damage and may result in less pain and a shorter recovery time. Surgery involves replacing the diseased knee joints with a synthetic implant, to repair the damaged surfaces that are causing discomfort.

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Tanning coach gives a group lesson on the do's and don'ts of tan vs. burn and which products they use on you to attain that golden brown that speaks of expensive vacation abroad, not of a carelessly burned skin.

Everyone needs a tanning coach...some tips and instructions to help you get the most out of our treatments and better enjoy your day in the sun.

But, that's only if Marty can find somebody in this town who will buy a franchise for their patented system. If there are any forward thinking resort owners out there who can get off the pot and make a decision, and who want to keep their precious guests safe, call the guys at 322 306 0267. They have a website, www.sunbustersmx.com.

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$2,000 but that includes your meals and an open bar. So, who’s going to have time for those silly workshops if there’s an open bar in the next room?

Well, it’s about damn time.
The star crossed Boleo mine in Santa Rosalia half way up the Baja has finally produced some copper. They just shipped the first 2,000 tons of copper since the troubled mine finally began production last January, after years of strife.

El Boleo is a copper-cobalt-zinc-manganese deposit. First exploited in 1885, the mine produced rich ore within a decade. By 1900 Santa Rosalia had become a world class copper producer, but deposits eventually petered out. The mine closed in 1954 and the smelter shut down in 1985. Now, the mine is being re worked with new technology. A Canadian firm took a shot at it, finally bailing out, and now the majority owner is a consortium of Korean companies led by Korea Resources. They finally got the thing started again last January. They hope to cash in for the next 23 years, taking 2,000 metric tons of cobalt, 25,000 tons of zinc sulfate, and 50,000 tons of copper. Copper, like gold, has recently shot up in value.

Santa Rosalia is a cool town, all built with wood, like no other town in all of Baja. The wood was brought down here when the mine was first worked, more than 100 years ago. It was used as ballast in the empty ships that returned full of copper. How that town has stood all these years is a miracle, as one careless match and poof! The whole town will go up in smoke.

There is a very cool wooden hotel that was built in the late 1800s by a Frenchie. It’s still in service and is fun to stay in, note the fire escapes before retiring. It’s on the tippy top of the only hill, you can’t miss it. Up too, is a famous bakery, the best in Baja.

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Jot this down. Peace art festival is the 9th International Art and Culture for Peace (Festival por La Paz) September 17 to 21 in La Paz. The festival commemorates the United Nation’s International Peace Day. There is more info on Facebook: paxforlapaz.

Las Estrellas de Todos Santos Theater Company presents “Slice of Life,” an evening of one act plays featuring their new ensemble on December 3 & 4 at the Hotel Casa Tota at 7:00 pm. Ticket price $15 USD or 200 pesos. Go to www.facebook.com/LasEstrellasDeTodosSantos for details. Oh yeah, like anyone’s going to remember some play five months from now.

Baja Shakespeare. Some Shakespeare play opens its 16th season at the Buena Vista Beach Resort’s Convention Center on the...continued on page 34

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setting last minute finishes, and plumping pillows.

The doctors’ offices are finished and looking for tenants, and those have an interesting twist. They are being rented with full staff in place. The office girls work for the hospital so the doctors don’t have to run a business office in addition to running their practice. And, they can rent an office by the day, week, or month. Or partial day week or month.

The retail shops and the market are still under construction and still looking for tenants with no firm opening date although of course everyone thinks it would be just great to be ready for the next high season.

It looks like every facet of this project will be worth the long wait.

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fishing areas, north to south along the Sea of Cortez, and back up the Pacific coast, writing about the geology (the long, narrow trench in the Sea of Cortez, that is 4000 to 10,000 feet deep), villages, roads, access, and accommodations, (may or may not have changed, yours to guess), with maps and black and white photos. The language here is as friendly as any fisherman to another. The last four chapters are equally valid: a rogue’s gallery, with descriptions and detailed drawings of fish, papers, and permits to get. A chapter of Spanish for fishing conversations is helpful, and would be useful to anyone visiting the Baja. (The Spanish is Mexican Spanish and not strictly correct textbook Spanish). The last chapter (22) is for fun, like hey, Irought you brought the toilet paper. This comes with extensive lists of items needed, in case they are not available locally.

As a complete fishing and camping novice, I found this book to be an easy read, chock full of useful information, and magical in the clear descriptions of the Baja we all love. I felt a sense of loss that I did not experience the Baja of those early years, and the strong hope that we appreciate and protect the wealth of nature that is Baja.

Baja Catch, by Neil Kelly, and Gene Kira is out of print, and available at Amazon.com for prices ranging according to condition and edition. Prices range from $37 to hundreds of dollars.

**Ask a Mexican**

Jamie Rodriguez, more commonly known as Bronco, is a big cowboy hat wearing, boot stomping larger than life candidate for governor of a state known for big narco problems. (Nuevo Leon). He’s a bombastic figure who rose from very poor roots to become an internationally known singer in the group Bronco. Hence the nickname Bronco, which he ran on.

But most significantly, he ran as an independent, with no affiliation or allegiance to any party. When he won, officials from every party immediately came together to pass a law against anyone ever gaining office again with out party ties/loyalties/allegiances. Possibly due to his shooting from the lip and sometimes pretty wild rhetoric, it is obvious from these comments below that the people don’t know that he’s has been a college educated party worker in the PRI all his adult life. His election especially pisses off that party, because now that he was elected as an independent, the party has lost control over him.

That none of those int he comments below even mentions that is a pretty good indicator of the level of knowledge of the Mexican electorate.

Jorge Ruiz Salgado, 42 years old, Cook.

I think he is absolutely great, although he is famous he is not a Televisa (TV) puppet. He is a hard working man who comes from a small town and grew up with the troubles that all of the rest of us do. I do hope more of us come forward and do something for our country; at least he tries, not like the rest of us who only complain. Bronco promised there would be no more corruption, let’s hope it’s the truth and he doesn’t fall under any of the rules that don’t threaten him with his life, because in that case I think everyone would put their life before anything, I wouldn’t blame him, but this has to stop. What is wrong with Mexicans is, we all talk the talk and none of us walk the walk. We brag that we are bally up and when it comes to the real deal we start thinking all the angles and change our minds. I would choose someone who I know from a long time ago, that if he or she talks about making changes I will know enough of them to know they will stick to their word.

Luz Maria Gonzalez, 38 years old, hairdresser.

I think it is ridiculous! What will he know about politics? He is just one of those guys who takes advantage of his fame to get somewhere else because his career is obviously over, he probably panicked and realized he would end up poor. I hope more people try to be independent like him, but smart and strong enough felt the pain of being a low class Mexican so when he gets to the top he will not forget who put him there. I don’t think he will do it because being totally honest we would never allow a woman to get to the top, and yes, I realize I said we.

David Carrillo Mireles, 26, writer.

Bronco is a really funny guy and his speech was great but I am not sure he is totally aware of the situation we are living, especially in Nuevo Leon where the narco control even the red lights. Mexico does not have time to joke, and I think this is another one, making a big scene in the papers so the poor people have something to talk about and someone to look up to. He comes from a city that is so nice, full of buildings and cool things, I am not exactly sure where he comes from but he has money; he wants more, and he doesn’t want to be a has-been. I will vote for independent candidates even knowing that my vote will go to waste, just to sleep at night knowing that I am not contributing to the garbage (party controlled)

who does what in office. My father told me the presidents are already picked out from three terms before.

Eugene Silver, 22, minor football player

Who is this Bronco person? I know there is some kind of band or singer, is he the same person? I didn’t hear something but I don’t go into politics. All of my friends got involved in elections and all they got was a great thank you card and free meals at whatever event they were going to. I don’t believe in any political party, not since I started growing up and seeing the real problems adults talked about. Any other party that popped up and had a good plan would be great, especially now that Peña Nieto is giving so much to talk about; if someone was smart and enough had enough courage to stand up to the system I’d promise my vote.

Our country is done with clowns, artists and puppets; we need good lawyers, who have gone to school and understand politics to step forward and help us understand how to be a civilized nation. We need the less fortunate people to step outside their mindset, most of them live with the idea that they are going to die the same, and they have lost all aspirations and hope. And we need the more fortunate to make conscience as to why they have so much money and power, most of the time it’s because someone has helped them, teachers, parents, friends, whoever. Maybe someday we will change and become a first world nation.

Caro Vázquez, 23 years old, housekeeper

I think Bronco is so cool and fabulous for doing this, he had the pants to talk about how the public money is being spent, being that in Nuevo Leon things are hot between government and narco. The only thing I wonder is, which side is he on? Is he getting support from the cartels? Because I think it was something like the cartels needed a better face to put on for the show and for the rest of the people to leave them alone. That is not new in Mexico: except before the government and the dealers had agreements and no innocent people got killed; until the United States started complaining about the drugs, being them the first consumers and the providers for the guns. However, if he is on the side of the government and he is a puppet from Televisa, (TV network widely seen as corrupt), like the guy in Chiapas, this

Ximena Chavez Aguilar, 19, make-up artist.

I don’t have an opinion on Bronco in specific, I don’t know and he probably does whatever he wants, but I don’t think he is enough of a politician to move forward with this. We have enough famous people to go around and if this keeps on going the next president will be a Broadway show and we will lose focus on what matters, like education, health care, public transit, felonies, etc. we don’t need another pretty face, we need someone who cares and knows the country enough to make decisions. I don’t see as many famous people going into politics in other countries, like U.S.A. or Canada, and they have a better system than we do, we are almost a third world country, and Mexico has so much to offer in natural resources and culture; we are so rich in so many ways. But we don’t take things seriously as we should, and most of us don’t realize the power is within us.

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I’m a flamingo in a flock of pigeons

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proximity to the U.S., more than 30 international trade agreements, and cheap labor, (cheaper than Chinese labor now), the Mexican auto industry is on a roll. In 2013 exports from this sector represented 1.7 times more than the exports of crude oil. Which is a travesty, as Mexico has huge oil reserves that they can’t seem to get out of the ground due to corruption and ineptition. (It’s a word if we say it is).

Mainly Mexico gets to make lots of cars because we have the lowest labor costs among the 18 countries that are workable for this industry. Wages for workers in production lines averages about four bucks an hour while in Taiwan they get $7.50; Poland, $7.80 Hungary, $9, Brazil, $11.40 and Czech Republic $11.5. And forget Germany, where the auto industry produces a lotta, lotta, lotta cars, 1 million laying hens. So, now Bahn in Georgia. That includes chickens at Morris Hatchery, a U.S. company.

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There has been talk of patrolling the lines and installing new technology that detects taps by pressure changes within the pipes. Another strategy is to send gasoline that is not fully refined and complete the refining process at distribution centers. That move will make it risky to buy stolen fuel. While the company didn’t specify what steps in the refining process will be left unfinished, it said fuels moved through its pipelines will not be usable in vehicles and industrial plants.

“Customers should make sure that the fuel they buy has been delivered from Pemex terminals, and not buy gasoline or diesel from anyone other than gas stations or authorized dealers, given that it could damage motors,” the company warned.

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

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

Todos Santos offers a charming, authentic environment, with the traditional central plaza, dozens of art galleries, and small hotels. Some of the streets are torn up right now for utility upgrades, but the jewelry stores, galleries, cafes and restaurants are all still open and inviting. Visit the Hotel California (no connection to the Eagles song, despite their best efforts to promote that with T-shirts), browse shops full of handcrafted treasures, and enjoy some great Mexican cooking. What you won’t find are buildings taller than three floors, chain stores, or fast food joints.

Speaking of food, Todos Santos has a full range of temptations. Try Alma & Manny’s or fast food joints. Or seek out the Chill & Grill on the avenue, to discontinue its neighboring beach, San Pedro, are both world-class surf spots. There are a couple of ways to get to the beach, either the old dirt road at km 65, or the new dirt road at km 67. Either way, it’s a bump, but what the hell, you’re in a rental car.

Cerritos is perfect for swimming and enjoying the sand and sun for a day, or a week. Take a surfing lesson or rent a boogie board. Kick back with your favorite refreshment and watch the surfers. There’s a beach club there with tables and beach umbrellas out on the sand, so you don’t even have to pack a lunch if you don’t want to.

El Pescadero is a small town on the way to Todos Santos. It has a rich history of agriculture, ranching and fishing. The lush poblanos chili fields are everywhere, as well as strawberry, tomato and basil fields. The town is between the ocean to the west and the Sierra Laguna mountain range to the east. A modern four-lane highway runs right through it connecting Cabo San Lucas to Todos Santos, then goes north to La Paz.

There are less than an hour’s drive to get to the beach, either the old dirt road at km 65, or the new dirt road at km 67. Either way, it’s a bump, but what the hell, you’re in a rental car.

Shop at one of the many taco stands along the highway, or buy veggies or fruit along the road. In the afternoon when the fishermen come in with the day’s catch you can buy fresh fish off the boat at Punta Lobos. For a small proposition (tip) they’ll filet it for you, too.

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

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

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

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

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We're all pretty sick of our taxi industry here in Cabo. The drivers are rude, they don't even try to speak English, and the bandit rates they charge are protected by the taxi cartel owners who are in cahoots with politicians they pay off.

It often costs more for our tourists to taxi from their hotel on the corridor to the restaurants in town than to buy a nice dinner once they get downtown.

Until we get better government, there will be no end to this tourism killer, but maybe we don't have it as bad as the people who use taxis in Mexico City. People are so fed up with the taxis there that they're risking confrontation with angry taxistas to use Uber, the smart phone driven car service that has quickly spread all over the world.

But the taxi drivers are fighting back, picketing and setting cars on fire to protest what they say is unfair competition. Licensed cabbies are demanding authorities arrest Uber drivers and seize their cars.

One woman who uses Uber instead of taxis explained her choice this way:

"When I take a taxi, the drivers rarely have change, so I have to go into a store to buy water to get change to pay them. But when I take Uber, the driver gives me free water and they always have change."

Another man who uses Uber instead of taxis explains, "I'm just tired of being abused by the taxi drivers who use fowl language, never know where they're going, and frankly, many of them smell bad."

Makes you appreciate our taxistas a little more? Don't think that way; we don't have Uber here because our taxi drivers would drive them out of town before noon of the first day they try it.

But, I don't think our cranky drivers smell that bad, do you?
Enfrijoladas – a Mexican delight and an easy to make tortilla, bean and cheese casserole. Warm and delicious, beans make a great side dish. Plus, the house smells wonderful while you’re cooking them. Beans are high in fiber, protein, and low in sugar. Eating beans regularly may decrease the risk of diabetes, heart disease, colorectal cancer, help with weight control, and they help you poop. Included, of course, is 15 grams of protein.

Before washing black beans, spread them out on a light colored surface to check for, and remove, small stones, debris or damaged beans. Then place the beans in a strainer, rinsing them thoroughly under cool running water. To shorten their cooking time and make them easier to digest, black beans should be presoaked.

There are two basic methods for presoaking. Start by placing beans in a saucepan and add two to three cups of water per cup of beans. The first method is to boil the beans for two minutes, take the pan off the heat, cover and allow to stand for two hours. The alternative method is to simply soak the beans in water for eight hours or overnight, placing the pan in the refrigerator so the beans will not ferment. Before cooking the beans, regardless of method, drain the soaking liquid and rinse the beans with clean water.

There are two ways to cook black beans: on the stovetop or use a pressure cooker. For the stovetop method, add three cups of fresh water or broth for each cup of beans. The liquid should be about one to two inches above the top of the beans. Bring the beans to a boil and then reduce to a simmer, partially covering the pot. If any foam develops, you can skim it off during the simmering process. Black beans generally take about one and one-half hours to become tender using this method. They can also be cooked in a pressure cooker where they take about one-half hour. Do not add any seasonings that are salty or acidic until after the beans have been cooked since adding them earlier will make the beans tough and greatly increase the cooking time.

Ingredients for 20 enfrijoladas:

- 1/2 of a small white onion
- 2 cups of boiled beans
- 15 grams of protein
- Juice of 1 lime
- Oil

If you are short on time, you can always use canned beans in your recipes. Rinse them after opening the can to remove unnecessary salts or additives. This recipe is for Enfrijoladas Mexicanas, a traditional tortilla, bean and cheese casserole dish. I am sure you will love it.

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What If The Smart Lights Are Smarter Than The Traffic Engineers?

Public Security, Municipal Preventive Police, and Transit, through its traffic engineering division, is installing what they’re calling intelligent traffic lights. This could be pretty scary technology in the hands of technicians less intellectually endowed than the blinking lights.

The smart lights will have smart cameras that can detect the presence of cars and can change accordingly.

Transit authorities have been given the task to program the following streets and avenues: Transpeninsular and Technological Transpeninsular Leeward Street, in San Jose. In Cabo San Lucas at Avenida Constituents and Hidalgo, as well as Father Nicholas Tamaral and the Highway to Todos Santos. We’re telling you where they are so you don’t get spooked by such smart lights.

The city is requesting that you give special attention when going through these intersections, just in case, and inviting motorists to yield when appropriate, as well as respecting the speed limits. After all, you never know about this new fangled artificial intelligence stuff, straight outta Dick Tracy, is going to bite us in the butt.

and legacy costs of way generous pensions negotiated by way strong unions. Nevertheless, this cost has to be figured into the cost of labor to make a car today.

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Mulege. Various Naval units of surface, air and ground services and maritime patrol will monitor the beaches, and provide emergency rescue services. The program also establishes three aid stations to assist domestic and foreign vacationers. If you need help, the Navy has made these phone numbers available: (615)111-5059; (615)152-3352. The lines are open every day, all year.

Not that there has been any insecurity in Mulege. The boys are just trying to keep busy, with very few Naval battles going on.

Helpful sailors. The Navy is implementing what they’re calling the Lifesaver Summer 2015 program through August 23 to provide additional security for tourists in Mulege.

Some doubt the measure will stop the gangs. “If you can just add an aspirin at the end of the process, the narcos can do that,” one analyst noted. “When the process of finishing the gasoline is transferred to the terminals, obviously the people who are doing this (stealing fuel), will stop the gangs. “If you can just add an aspirin at the end of the process, the narcos can do that,” one analyst noted. “When the process of finishing the gasoline is transferred to the terminals, obviously the people who are doing this (stealing fuel), will stop the gangs.

meet the demand of gas stations. Agussalientes newspaper columnnist Octavio Díaz García de León said his state and Zacatecas have been paralyzed by the shortages. The situation, he wrote, “is proof that organized crime continues to operate with impunity a lucrative business in which corrupt functionaries of Pemex and other authorities are accomplices.” He also questions the point of energy reform if the state is incapable of guaranteeing the security of its own oil company. And what, asks the writer, are foreign investors expected to do? Will they be permitted to hire mercenaries to protect their interests as they do in Iraq? And does Mexico want to be lumped into the same category as that failed state?

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Some good action on marlin, blues, blacks, and sailfish. Or big rooster fish. The rest of the catch was triggerfish and bonito and an occasional dorado.

The La Paz area was a better option for dorado. Truthfully, there are still an awful lot of smaller dorado under 10 pounds. But crazy good action mostly! Some days catch and release as fast as you can go. A few days some of the boats were back before lunch with limits of dorado and having released another limit or two. Great, light tackle stuff. Also, some of the larger dorado started to mix in with some 15 to 30 pound bulls getting hooked. Additionally, a few striped marlin and sails hooked every day as well as blue and hammerhead sharks plus a blue marlin as well. To give some variety, pargo, triggers, cabrilla and rooster fish were all inshore.

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What To Do If You’re Stopped By The Police

The Police are poised to step up their efforts to shake down foreigners now that our federal gendarmes sent to protect us from them are being recalled.

People! Do not feed these thieves, you only make it worse for yourself and for everyone else. If nobody gives them money, they will stop asking.

If you are stopped, and you have actually made a boo boo, ask for a ticket and go down to the police station later on or the next day, or even the next week, and pay it. They will take your driver’s license to insure that you show up, and that’s OK. They do not want your license, and there is noting they will do with it. You will get it back.

If you have not broken any law, just keep asking for a ticket. “Dar may un teeket por favor”.

What should you do if they threaten you or get nasty, write down their name, or if they are not wearing their name badge, (mandatory, but still it’s common for them to stick it in their pocket), then haul out your phone and take their picture. That’s like holding a mirror up to a vampire, and they will jump in their car and scurry away like cockroaches when you turn on the light. They will let you go with some face saving mumble like, “just a warning this time”.

It’s extremely rare for them to write a ticket, and for sure they will not cite you when you haven’t done anything wrong. And, if you have broken a law, the ticket is ridiculously small. Man up and go down and pay it, don’t take the cowardly/lazy way out and throw money at the officer.

OK, once more now, altogether, “dar may un teeket”

This police extortion would stop in a week if everyone would grow a back bone and stand up to them. If it doesn’t stop, then it’s your own fault.

Looking For Love

Bell
Grey is the new black! If you think you can find a more stylish and sweet naturefeline think again. Plus, I look good in any decor. Here I am in my ultra serious mode, because I seriously want to go home with a nice person.

Oh, the chow here is fine, but some of these roomates haven’t had the genteel upbringing I have been privledged with and I would like to distance myself from them.

There are even some alley cats and some strays here! Please return me to my genteel and privileged life, I’m good at that.

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