Phil Orr's boat anchored in Santa Maria Bay was hit by this very bolt of lightening that Bill Stein snapped from his home in Pedregal. The lightening fried everything in the boat. Except for Phil, who was able to limp back to Cabo.

**Protestors Gather Signatures In The Park**

By Alejandra Borbolla

Ever since the proposal to move a chunk of the four-lane on the tourist corridor inland was announced to the public, there have been protesters against it. They feel voiceless at city hall so they have taken to social media, petitions, and picket protests. On a recent Sunday a protest was planned in order to get the attendees to sign the petition.

The route of the new piece of road, or "tramo carretero" as it's called in Spanish, consists of about five miles starting from the Westin Regina to the monument of solidarity at El Tule bridge, with a five level overpass to smooth traffic on the highway. The old road will be what's called an A4 type highway, which means it will have four lanes both ways, just like it is now, and there will be normal traffic, only with stoplights to reduce speed and accidents. There will be bus stops, and a bicycle/walking promenade. They will pay the estimated $30 million the project will cost. They also say that all new resorts will block the ocean view anyway, and that the new road will have terrific blue water ocean views.

But the opposition does not believe there will still be free and easy access to the beaches by the.

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**Bra Burners Against Turtle Huggers**

By Moe Lestor

But very often thieves are able to get past the patrols. There are, after all, thousands of kilometers of beaches. The police know where to look for them, and routine inspections of buses have been known to turn up sacks of turtle eggs in the cargo bays, which is what happened last week when state police arrested a 43 year old woman whose checked baggage contained some 2,000 turtle eggs she was transporting to market.

In another effort at stopping this poaching, a conservation group hired a sexy model, took off most of her clothes, and filmed her saying her man doesn't need to eat turtle eggs, and she doesn't feel it's a sexy thing to do. But women's rights groups protested the use of scantily clad ladies, saying it objectified women and they didn't care how good a cause this is, there is no excuse to use women in that way.

The turtle huggers have fought back against the bra burners, say-

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Don't Move The Fourlane!
p.s. And no to gold mining, too!
Protesters take to the streets.

If you’re driving the Baja, be warned that the road has been blocked intermittently by civil servants from Comondu, (think Ciudad Constitution), who are protesting, claiming the city government owes them salaries for up to 12 months. Protesters have closed the road for two hours and then open it for 30 minutes, for eight consecutive days, just outside of Constitucion (think downtown area). Things are looking bright now that utilities have gone underground, with only a few lone electricity or telephone poles that need to be removed. Through pressure from the group of business owners, a number of street lights were installed behind the previously dark and spooky Plaza Nautica commercial complex.

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Rescuers save fishermen The boat Isla de Pájaros IV (Birds’ Island), shrimpier suffered damage to its hull when cruising two miles southwest of Palmilla.

Women are angels and when someone breaks our wings, we continue to fly, but on a broomstick. We’re flexible like that.

Representatives attempted to speak with Governor Marcos Covarrubias, but he only said, “City government of each of the five counties of our state are responsible for their own finances, not the state government.” Don’t expect help from lame duck governor Covarrubias, we say.

Clean and tidy. Nearly 200 business owners in downtown Cabo calling themselves Amigos de Cabo San Lucas, recently bought a dozen spiffy new trash cans to help with upkeep in the downtown area. Things are looking bright now that utilities have gone underground, with only a few lone electricity or telephone poles that need to be removed. Through pressure from the group of business owners, a number of street lights were installed behind the previously dark and spooky Plaza Nautica commercial complex.

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High tech for drug smugglers.

Two young Mexican guys plead guilty to charges of drug trafficking from Mexico into the United States using drones. They were caught on border patrol surveillance cameras flying in 28 lbs of heroin. This is the first seizure involving the use of drones by Mexican drug traffickers, although drones have been used for some time by drug cartels.

A drone carrying six pounds of crystal meth crashed just south of the border last January, landing in a parking lot. It was never claimed, surprise, surprise.

Druggies have used tunnels, Cessnas, jet skis, pangas, and now drones. “The use of drones to bring drugs along the Mexico-US border is an emerging threat,” admitted Ronnie Martinez of Homeland Security. The Drug Enforcement Administration reported increased use of drones because they transport with speed and efficiency and reduce the chances of being caught. However, drones are limited in the amount of drugs they can carry. So what? If you find a safe spot, you can hire someone to send it back and forth all day and all night.

Meanwhile, President Obama has asked for drones of his own, requesting funding for 16 drones for surveillance of the Mexican border at a cost of $39 million. Boy, those are costly drones, the ones the druggies are using cost about $1500.

Ban on hunting trophies.

Three American airlines, Delta, American and United Airlines, announced they will no longer transport big-game trophies following the widely publicized killing of Cecil the lion in the Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe, and now Aeromexico has jumped on the bandwagon. Aeromexico reported it would prohibit transport of hunting trophies in its 600 daily flights to 80 cities, even if the trophies are acquired legally. This is just a courtesy notice to our precious tourists, to send those souvenirs that are in the form of furry heads home on a bus.

Cargill puts up dough.

Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto announced the business plan for Cargill calls for the investment of millions of dollars in its Mexican operations between 2015 and 2018. Cargill is a multinational corporation based in Minnesota that provides agricultural, financial, and industrial products and services to the world. Cargill has been in the country for 50 years.

The president said Mexico offers foreign companies like Cargill stable conditions for business, and that foreign investments generate more jobs. He bragged that according to the latest data from the Mexican Social Security Institute, 44,691 formal jobs were created in July, 19.3 percent more than in July last year, when just more than 37,000 jobs were created. He said that formal employment in Mexico is growing at an annual rate of 4.4 percent, more than double the growth of the Mexican economy.

And the rich get richer. Carlos Slim’s Mexican conglomerate Grupo Carso will bid on the construction of a natural gas pipelines in northern Mexico. In the second half of 2015 the Comisión de Electridad (CFE) will open bids for the construction of 100,000 MW of power in northern Mexico.

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ing, "Why can Pepsi-Cola use a woman in short shorts and a little top, sweating in the desert, but we can’t use a woman for a good cause? If we use a picture of a turtle, who’s going to look?"

Well, what do you think, precious readers, did you look at the bimbo or the turtle?

Turtle eggs taken back from thieves who stole them are displayed for the public, while mama turtle goes nuts, above left. Meanwhile, this chick, below right, is part of a campaign against turtle egg poaching. The woman is saying her man doesn’t need to eat raw turtle eggs to take care of her and if he were a real man, he wouldn’t either. Of course he wouldn’t need turtle eggs if he had a woman like this, but what about the guy who needs to get it up for a woman he’s been married to for 20 years and who is showing the results of eating too many tortillas?

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local Mexicans. Assurances have been given that they will be welcome, but past experience at such developments as Palmilla and Cabo del Sol has caused the locals to be suspicious, as they have lost access to those beaches. We used to have access to 24 beaches, but currently, we can only access eight of them freely. They also say there will be no access to side road businesses, and no U-turns, but there are no side businesses there now so that seems like a pointless point.

The new road is planned to be three times wider than currently, and will have pullouts and lookouts with panoramic views. All of this, plus the fact that it may be conveniently linked to the new San José-Cabo CSL highway is why the SCT (Ministry of Communications and Transport) has approved the project.

Blanca Pedrín, a San Jose business woman, a conservation and peoples’ rights advocate and constant irritant to government officials, has organized the opposition to the road move. She enlisted influential friends like Armando D Anna, and several civic organizations to take action in a peaceful protest at the Amelia Wilkes plaza in Cabo San Lucas, with the goal of gathering about 8,000 signatures. Oh! And since there were a few hundred community activists present, how about protesting the gold mining proposed for the mountains north of here at the same time? That issue was bandied about, also. It was a busy Sunday.

The organizers are frustrated by difficulties they say they face when they try to interact with city government. They say when they present the signed petitions to the town council they are suddenly told they need to be signed in blue ink, not black; the petitions must have the IFE number series, and the zeros must not be wider than capital Os, the date must be in DD/MM/YYYY format, but in some other places in full format. However, since the petitions are not legally binding, but just to show the opinion of the citizens, that doesn’t matter.

At press time the protestors were waiting for news after a council meeting, which was scheduled to take place in the days following the Sunday protest. Because there has been no announcement of what transpired behind this closed door meeting, the protestors are fearing the worst, and the rumors are flying that the lame duck mayor has approved it. And what does he have to lose? He is hated in Cabo, his administration has been a stupendous failure, he has looted millions of dollars from the treasury, and he no doubt would like to take home some more of the same.

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Jeff Stuart Dies
A Cabo pioneer who turned into a legend

BY JOHN ROSWELL

Jeffrey Wayne Stuart passed away on June 24, 2015. He will be remembered as an energetic man with a deep well of great stories. A memorial was held in his home on June 29. He was 68.

Dolphin Jeff, as the old timers knew him, was an avid fisherman, having participated in the Bisbee many times.

After traveling the world from India to Switzerland, Jeff packed up his successful leather business in LA in 1981 to fish. Jeff came to Cabo in 1981 to fish. Jeff created most of those funny T-shirts that you see there. He had the foresight to invest in that parcel and as his wife Blanca remembers, was out there taking his measurements and building the stores and bars that we all go to today.

If there was music, there was Jeff. A huge music fan, he had a rich history in the record industry working with David Geffen at EMI. He didn’t brag about it, but he could have. I always enjoyed pulling a story out of some random comment he’d make. Like when he booked The Doors at a venue or he lived with the lead singer of Three Dog Night. Yes, he knew Janis Joplin, what about it? He didn’t get star struck certainly. But music was a big part of his world. And he appreciated the many fine musicians that came to and through Cabo. Two of them, Diego Ramirez and Howie Clifton played at Jeff’s memorial.

Born in Long Island New York in 1947, he had a comfortable upbringing with loving parents and an older brother. He set out young on his west coast journey, but he never lost that east-coast edge. Always active, always involved in something, his brain wouldn’t rest. He was such a unique man that his Mexican divorce lawyer set him up with his own sister-in-law; Blanca Colinas from Mexico City. She moved from Jataparo to Cabo to marry that crazy New Yorker. They were a remarkable pair for almost 25 years.

Daline Jones and her husband Ron Weber remembered, “If you ever wanted a truly honest (brutally honest sometimes), opinion, you could always count on Jeff Stuart to tell you straight! He didn’t BS with anyone and told you exactly what he thought. It made me admire him even when he...”

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Editor,

One evening after leaving the bars in Cabo San Lucas, my friend was grabbed by the city police and accused of having drugs in his possession. The police put him in their truck and told me if I provided $500 there would be “no problem.” I told them I didn’t have that much money and they drove away with my friend.

Later I found out they drove him far out into the desert and told him there would be big problems for him if he didn’t give them money. They proceeded to drive him to various ATMs until he paid roughly $300 US and then dropped him off far from the hotel area.

In the meantime, I went to the downtown police/fire station to look for my friend. I was told he was at the other police station. I took a cab to that police station way outside of town, and asked where my friend was. I was ignored so I finally started yelling his name, and was then arrested. I was placed in jail for about an hour, and was then released. However, the police took all the money I had placed in the plastic bag with all my other belongings, (roughly $80).

This all happened Wednesday, July 8th. We later went to the tourist police and explained what happened and gave statements. Supposedly they are going to investigate.

I had had pleasant experiences in other parts of Mexico (Baja Norte, Cancun, Tulum) and will never return to Cabo San Lucas.

Regards,
Sean Harold
via email

The next day, we had the car for three days, we rented another car from National for about $1200, with no timeshare presentation required.

But Dollar charged us $480 U.S. for that car for three days! They charged the balance of $1300. They named a resort in the form of the best trauma center in Mexico and their phony insurance business. We go to Cabo every March for the whole month, so have had many car rental experiences. But not as bad as the Dollar dealer at the airport. There, they added so much to our $117 rental deal that we booked online (for three weeks), that it became $1,900! And that was mostly insurance!

When we complained about the price, they offered to take $600 off if we attend a timeshare presentation. Now they’re in the timeshare business! So we agreed and they changed the contract to $1,300. They named a resort in “San Jose” that we never heard of, but it turned out to be the Mayan resort. Been there, done that, and we were as upset as the people at the resort, who knew we’d been there before and hadn’t bought. Bad deal.

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Modern, sophisticated medical centers are not built overnight. Nor can they just be plunked down in a shopping center building that’s been repurposed into a hospital. A first world trauma hospital must be engineered by experienced architects who specialize in creating a medical center from the ground up, and who have done this before. A medical center is one of the most complicated facilities there is, if done right. H+, that hospital out on the four lane Transpeninsular Hwy. Km 24.5, has been done right and is now open for wellness.

This is a hospital that is staffed and built to handle any level of trauma or illness, from state of the art diagnostic equipment, to neonatal, all the way through to geriatric care, but today we’re going to talk about trauma. Our hospital is creating more need for highly skilled trauma care than illness, new babies, or any other health concerns. Before there was anything else in Los Cabos. The trauma team is ably assisted by all the other specialties such as surgical pathology, specialists in chronic diseases and acute respiratory situations. Heart disease? They have somebody for that. Quick response lab work? You bet. They have a full laboratory, always fully staffed.

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Mexico Says No To The Donald

Donald Trump’s cherished wall continues to enjoy prominence in U.S. news reports, but this week the government of Mexico fired back, saying hell no, Mexico would not pay for Trump’s proposed wall as he has suggested. He said Trump’s remarks reflect “enormous ignorance” of Mexico and irresponsibility. He also said the Mexican government is not taking Trump’s statements seriously. Those statements have included the charge that Mexico is intentionally sending rapists and other criminals to the U.S. (Does that mean sending them is an accident, or that it’s not happening?)

Mexico will pay 100% of the cost of the wall, Trump said, and if it doesn’t, “we’ll charge ‘em a little tariff. It’ll be paid. But we need the wall.”

Although a Mexican media outlet claimed the NFL had signed on to play one regular season game here per year for five years starting in 2017, the NFL won’t confirm it, saying, “It is premature to comment specifically as to when this will happen, let alone how many, if any, games might be played.” Talk about sidestepping an answer, the guy should have been a politician. He could give American politicians speaking tips. But, at least we know they are willing to explore the possibility. NFL executives visited several Mexican stadiums this year, and are considering what needs to be done to bring games to Mexico. Although government authorities of Mexico City have expressed interest in having NFL games no later than 2017, the year 2018 looks like a real possibility, according to Arturo Olivé, director of NFL in Mexico. The National Football League is open to having Mexico host games in the future.

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between $100 million and $900 million for the pipeline projects. The billionaire will participate in the second and third bidding round for exploration and extraction of hydrocarbons with other companies.

Already a gazillionaire off our phone system, Carlos Slim has now established a company to take advantage of developing energy opportunities. He have enough capital and expertise, after being a supplier for several years of Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex). His subsidiaries have been in the business of oil rig construction, including at least 12 structures for Pemex.

NFL in Mexico? The National Football League is open to having Mexico host games in the future.
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resort. The event is aimed at locals in the hospitality industry, like managers and employees of hotels, restaurants, retail delis, country clubs, and caterers. Attendees will taste products imported by US Foods including caviar, beef, truffles, cheese and breads and wine, all accompanied by live music in the afternoon. For information contact 624-146-2221.

Hot Stuff. It might be time to spice up your life with those chili peppers grown just up the road from Cabo in El Pescadero. Turns out, chili peppers may do more than just flavor your favorite Mexican dishes, they could actually extend your life. According to a study done in China and recently published in the British Medical Journal, spicy foods may help you live longer.

The study done by the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences revealed that fresh and dried chili were the most commonly used spices, and those who ate spicy foods nearly every day had a 14 percent lower risk of death, compared to people who ate spicy foods less than once per week. Anyhow, couldn’t hurt you, and right now Pescarero has a chingo of cili peppers they need to move.

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said things I didn’t like or agree with. Jeff always told the truth - no sugarcoating.

He was funny too. As mentioned by other friends, he had great stories. But sometimes just his off-hand comments would make you laugh out loud, long after the party was over!

Jeff loved Cabo and Cabo loved Jeff. He and his wonderful wife, Blanca, were our very first friends here in Cabo. We met them our first visit to Cabo, became closer after moving here, and celebrated 10 years of friendship and Jeff’s birthday at a dinner together in May. He was, and will always be, one of the reasons we call Cabo our home. Echoes of this sentiment were told by many dear friends, with much laughter, despite the sadness.

He was an ambassador of sorts, just his off-hand comments instantaneously imitating Jeff’s outra-

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Patricia Charos.

I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People move out of the way much faster now.

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Patricia Charos.
Editor:
One of my co-workers, a subscriber to your publication, forwarded me a comment from today’s edition so I wanted to follow up with you.

It sounds like one of your writers had a less than pleasant experience on a recent flight. I’m sorry if that disrupted your inflight experience. I can’t say our crew didn’t follow instructions – sometimes the pilots will ask that they prepare the cabin for landing early due to turbulence, weather or for some other reason – but I do know we want to hear our customer’s feedback. I want to invite you to take our post-trip customer survey, which will include your feedback to supervisors and the employees who worked the flight. You can take the survey online at http://survey.alaskaairlines.com/#/survey1. You’ll need your confirmation code from your flight.

We do value that you selected Alaska and hope you’ll give us another try in the future.
Warm regards,
Bobbie Egan
Media Relations Director for Alaska Airlines & Horizon Air

For our readers who missed it, here is the item that the Alaska rep objected to:

Hop On The Bus, Gus Bus service in Mexico can be, and often is, nicer than the airline you flew down on, with way nicer stewardesses than the witches on Alaska who snarl, “Tray tables up,” about 600 miles out so they can sit in the back of the plane and read People magazine. So… it’s good news to hear that Greyhound bus services will be operating in Mexico soon.

Read about it in the current issue. #GringoGazette #NoBadNews Get a copy of our paper on your usual spot to read more news about Baja Sur or subscribe to our online edition.

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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 p.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.

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Marina Cabo San Lucas, next to the Dolphin Center, Medano Beach at the Office restaurant
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Form up at Plaza del Pescador in San Jose, across from the Royal Solaris hotel at 7:15 pm. (624) 130-7159. info@sportia.mx

First Thursday. Yo Reciclo sets up tents to receive plastic, electronic waste. 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, 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, Constitution and Madero streets. La Paz. Spanish. Free.

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 in San Jose.

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

October 9, Friday. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. US Cabos 3rd annual Food Expo. At the Hilton Los Cabos resort. An event for hospitality, restaurants, retail delis, country clubs and caterers. A taste of some of the best products imported by US Foods. For information contact U.S. Foods at phone 624-146-2221

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Every October 16 – 18. Bisbee’s Los Cabos Offshore. Information: bisbees.com

Every October 20 – 24. Bisbee’s Black & Blue fishing tournery. Information: bisbees.com

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So Is Being A World Heritage Site A Big Deal?
Yes, and we have some of those

BY JUDY SWALLOWS

Everybody has heard the term “Cultural Heritage of Humanity”. There are cities, monuments, historical places and even food all around the world that has bragging rights to this status.

Nowadays there are 1007 Heritage sites in the world. Such sites as Deutsche Welle, the Temple of Kukulcan in Mexico, The Great Wall of China, the Victoria Falls in Zambia, and the old town of Quedlinburg in Germany are all nice places, but what gives them heritage site of humanity status?

The World Heritage Committee of UNESCO meets in Bonn every summer to choose which cities and landscapes should be newly elected and what other sites and landscapes should earn protected status. Here’s how it goes down: First, each country nominates places they feel are worthy of being elected. In Germany, this is done by the states, and this year three sites were proposed, including the Warehouses City of Hamburg and the Naumburg Cathedral, Saxony-Anhalt.

In addition, there are 34 more proposals for the World Heritage list worldwide. For example, the Mexican Aqueduct of Father Tembleque, and the Forth Bridge in Scotland.

In 2015, Singapore and Jamaica first nominated sites to UNESCO: Singapore, with its Botanical Garden and Jamaica, with the Blue and John Crow Mountains.

After the proposals are submitted, an independent guild examines them. The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS, by its acronym in English) reviews all application folders containing maps and relevant data, and gives recommendations based on that information. Also, the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) checks natural landscapes.

But the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO can ignore these recommendations. During last year’s conference in Doha, the committee’s decisions were CONTINUED ON PAGE 16.
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Zamboni For The Beach

The city is deploying one traveling crew of four men to work from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm to clean our beaches. Another crew takes over from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

They are cleaning beaches ranging from Migríño to Buena Vista, as well as the main beaches that have trained lifeguards such as at Palmilla, El Chileno Santa Maria, El Medano and beaches on the tourist corridor in San Jose. From 40 to 50 bags of garbage are picked up every day. That’s about 1,000 tons of ickies. There are currently more than 100 trash cans on the beaches, but apparently many of us have bad throwing arms.

City officials worked very hard to earn the blue flag the federal government gives out for beaches that are kept spiffy, but we lost them due to slipping conditions. Officials are trying to get those blue flags waving over our beaches again.

Painting Floors, Not Walls

Does anybody in this picture even see the crap that’s painted on the walls? Or do they think maybe that graffiti looks pretty? Or maybe they need green circles on the floor more than they need to cover the ugly walls and they blew the paint budget on the green circles. It’s one of those mysteries of Mexico.

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Mexico.

Youth unemployment. Mexican youth are facing huge challenges in the present and will in the future. Like just about everywhere, Mexican youth unemployment spiked after the 2008 worldwide economic crisis. But things have not improved significantly for young Mexicans. Only 15 percent earn $350 per month. More than a fifth of Mexicans between 15 and 29 years do not study or work. They are derisively called ni ni’s, as they do nothing and are content to live off their parents. The unemployment rate for older adolescents and young people age 20-24 is more than eight percent. Even among university graduates, about 40 percent do not get a job and more than a million of these professionals are off the books with no taxes or monitoring, although they do work.

Peso still depreciating. This is the third consecutive month with annual inflation below three percent. The National Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 0.15 percent in July compared to June and provided an annual inflation rate of 2.74 percent, a minimum historical record.

According to Reuters, the Deputy Governor of the Bank of Mexico Manuel Sanchez said a severe depreciation of the Mexican peso presents a significant risk to inflation. If the weakness of the peso continues, companies might be forced to raise prices of their goods and services. This general increase in prices, in turn, puts pressure on the central bank to raise interest rates as the main objective of monetary policy is to stabilize inflation.

So far in 2015, the peso has depreciated around 9 percent against the dollar.

Pemex sells pipelines. The state-owned Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) announced the sale of 50 percent of its Chihuahua pipelines to IEnova, a U.S. based energy infrastructure firm for $1.3 billion dollars. When the deal is completed, IEnova will be sole owner of the company. Gasoductos de Chihuahua’s assets include three natural gas pipelines, including a link to new gas supplies in the United States.

Due to changes in energy laws, allowing private investment, Pemex can now partner with private companies. Dramatically lower oil prices have forced tight budget cuts for the Mexican government, as the government depends on the national oil company to support it.

In recent years, Pemex’s support has been minimal due to lack of investment and lack of new technology to get the deeper oil out of the ground.

Light up a candle. Electricity rates should be going down real soon, because energy policies are changing. The Mexican government has made changes to the country’s constitution allowing foreign companies to invest in its previously state-controlled oil and gas reserves, and its electricity market, also. The electricity part didn’t get the same attention but...
Ms. Egan:
Gosh, what a nice letter, thank you for taking the time and effort.
We were not referring to any one flight, but all of them. The cabin crew just isn’t as nice as they used to be. None of them are, not even the international crew, and they used to be the elite.

But then, we heard a stewardess, (what ever happened to that word? Why is it gone and where did it go? Seems like a nice word to us, and it certainly isn’t meant as a put down), say she was sick of the job, (she was long past her prime, which used to be the retirement age), because now, “Even the bus people are flying.” So maybe it goes both ways. Maybe the stewardesses are unresponsive to our needs, because the people are rude.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write, now we can write to Alaska now that we have an address.

Editor

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criticized as being influenced by politics. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Germany, Maria Böhmer, wants to fight that image, “A World Heritage Site has to be exceptional and of universal value for all mankind and not just for one country,” she said. The beauty, the importance, and uniqueness of the site are the most influential criteria.
The application process takes at least 18 months and is very complex. As a result, in the cultural heritage of humanity Europeans, Americans and Asians are better represented than others because not everywhere has the staff with the necessary expertise. The result is that 48 percent of all sites declared Cultural Heritage are in Europe or in North America. In contrast, only nine percent are in Africa. “The committee wants to mitigate this imbalance helping African countries, for example in the development of the application,” says Katja Römer, spokesman for the German UNESCO Commission.
The final decision on admission is made by experts from 21 countries at the annual conference. There they examine if the proposed sites correspond to at least one out of ten criteria. And these criteria are very different, so that the list of Cultural Heritage Sites is as varied as the world itself.

Mexico is about to get another seven natural protected areas in the north and northwest regions of the country, which will bring the number of such areas to 184, the commission responsible said this week.

These new spots are the Marismas Nacionales biosphere and Monte Mojino, both in Sinaloa, the Sierra de Tamaulipas biosphere reserve, the Playa Boca de Apiza in Colima, the Islas del Pacífico here in Baja, the Semi-arid Desert reserve of Zacatecas, and Sierras la Giganta y Guadalupe in Baja California Sur.

Alejandro del Mazo Maza, head of the National Protected Areas Commission, told a press conference that the publication of the official decree would take...
FAQ About Trust For foreigners

With residential purposes. (RZT), Part 2

BY RAÚL LEÓN

4. - What is the SRE permit? (Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores)

As we’ve seen, it’s a permit granted by the Foreign Affairs Ministry prior to the constitution of the Trust in the Restricted Zone, and such a permit authorizes the trustee to create a trust to hold the property and ownership of a property, on behalf of one or more specifically designated foreigners, for a period of 50 years renewable. There is one major condition to the granting of the permit: The foreigner, in all affairs referred to the real estate property, shall consider themselves as Mexican nationals and obligate themselves not to invoke the protection of his foreign country government in case of any controversy. Should the Foreigner fail to abide by this condition, they will lose the property in favor of Mexican Nation. (This makes sense, you cannot sue a person in the United States in Mexico for property in the United States!)

This event has never happened in the history of the Restricted Zone Trust, but, the reason it exists is historically because of the French invasion in 1838 and the North American invasion and loss of Texas in 1884.

Additionally to the permit, once the trust is executed, it has to be registered in the Foreign Investment Registry and in the Public Property and Commerce Registry.

It’s important to notice that the Foreign Affairs Ministry grants a permit in behalf of any Foreigner EXCEPT in the case of any citizen of the countries that figure in the Non-Cooperating Countries list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) because of international trades subscribed by Mexico.

5.- Which are the costs involved?

The costs of a closing are the same as in a direct purchase with nationals except for the following concepts:

SRE Permit Fee. The permit fee to obtain the permit is variable depending on the company or person hired for the obtaining of the permit.

Foreign Investment Registry Fee is fixed, but the processing cost that its variable depending on the company or person hired to obtain the inscription.

Constitution of the Restricted Zone Trust: This is a very variable cost and changes from place to place, trustee to trustee, but regularly it is a fixed fee that has no relation with the cost of the property and is more or less standard in every location.

Annual administration fee: This is also a very variable cost and changes from place to place, trustee to trustee, but regularly it is a fixed fee that has no relation with the cost of the property and is more or less standard in every location.

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The Mexican Corporation - The Vehicle For Business Dealings In Mexico

“XYZ Company, S.A. de C.V.” – What does all THAT mean?

The Sociedad Anonima de Capital Variable, translated literally is an anonymous society of variable capital. This is equivalent to the U.S. corporation in which there are stockholders. In Mexico it is governed by the Mercantile Law. More and more, foreigners are forming Mexican corporations which end with the initials, “S.A. de C.V.”, to do business and to achieve their financial goals in Mexico. The SA de CV is similar to the “Inc.” of the United States and Canada.

Another version of a corporate entity is the Limited Liability Company which has become more common in recent years. The Mexican counterpart is the SRLde CV, the Limited Responsibility company with variable capital.

While there are differences between the S.A. de C.V. and the S.R.L. de C.V. for our purposes here, both are included under the term “corporation” in this article.

As of December 1993, the corporation formed in Mexico is considered as “Mexican” even though all shareholders may be foreign persons.

When should a corporation be formed? It will make sense if the shareholders wish to perform services or sell goods for profit, build a hotel, or if they wish to develop a property for resale in lots or condominiums. The corporate entity permits the principals to obtain working papers and to obtain working papers for other foreigners who provide services not easily obtained in the local job market. Care must be taken, however, to set up the financial reporting system, to obtain invoices for all pre-operating expenses and to have an accountant who is knowledgeable to make the required filings in SAT or Hacienda, Mexico’s version of Uncle Sam or Revenue Canada.

The minimum capital investment in a Mexican corporation is $50,000.00 Mexican pesos. Evidence of this capital contribution must be in cash or in assets which equal the total amount of the start up capital. It is important to make the declaration of all assets which are to be included from the start up of the corporation. Do not select the minimum amount just because it is the minimum. If you do it may later be difficult to establish the true amount of initial capital invested. Once the initial capital is established, additional investment may be made by making a declaration before a Notary Public, without requesting permission to do so from the government. This is the Variable Capital portion of the equation. It is important to include in the corporate charter a statement of purpose (objeto social) that is very general. It should mention all activities that may be of interest to the shareholders; better to have an ample charter, permitting many business activities, rather than to have it limited to one activity. It is also a good idea to include export and import of all types of merchandise and technology in the charter. This makes bringing equipment and or supplies in from another country simpler.

A minimum of two shareholders is required to form a corporation. These shareholders will be required to sign the corporate charter before a Mexican Notary Public. If they come into Mexico as tourists to sign the documents they should obtain a Business Visa at their local Mexican Consulate prior to coming so they may perform a business activity (signing the document) in a legal manner. Once the corporation has been formed it is necessary to obtain a federal tax registration number for the corporation and the administrator or board of directors must obtain the proper visas to work in the activities of the corporation.

If the corporation includes or is composed of foreign stockholders it will include a clause in which the foreigners promise to be considered as Mexicans in the eyes of the law and not to invoke the aid of their government in the event of a dispute.

Administration of matters of the corporation may be either through a sole administrator (administrador unico) or through a board of directors. A Comisario must be appointed. This is the person responsible for the accounts and tax payments and should be a Mexican accountant. The comisario does not need to be a shareholder. The duties of the administrators, whether sole administrator or board of directors need to be clearly defined. Will they be able to enter into lawsuits? Obligate the corporation for loans? Hire and fire personnel? Generally it is wise to provide a list of five names, in order of preference, for the corporation for submission for the permit for incorporation. The first name which has not been used previously by another company will be designated. Upon confirmation of the name, the corporate documents must be prepared and recorded before a Notary Public within ninety days or the authorized name will become invalid and the process must be begun again. Together with the name request, permission to incorporate, where foreigners involved, must be obtained from SECOFI, the Secretary of Industry and Commerce.

Upon completion of the corporate document, it must be recorded in the local registry of Business and Commerce, the National Foreign Investment Registry and the business enrolled in the local Chamber of Commerce or Industry Chamber. Monthly declarations must be filed with tax authorities. Additionally, the corporate accountant must file an annual statement with the National Foreign Investment Registry regarding the business activity for the

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The Anti-Money Laundering Law that changed and has been in effect since September 2013, has literally no effect on you. The law states that anyone involved in the types of transactions cited in the law, of which, real estate is listed, MUST report all transactions to the government by the 17th of each month with the transactions that occurred in the period between the 18 of the past month and the 17th of the present month. The fines are enormous beginning at over $4 million pesos. So, don't be annoyed by this redundancy, it is necessary; and none of the required reporting parties are willing to pay this fine for you. Failure to complete this forms for any of these parties, can cause the demise of the transaction.

Why the repetition? I have been told, that due to past “Illegal” reporting of values in escrituras by many Notarios throughout the country, the Federal Procuraduría (Federal Attorney General’s Office) decided that redundancy was a way to ensure that the correct information was being reported.

For Mexico, compliance with the Ley de Lavado de Dinero al- terno (Money Laundering Law) is one of them. Hacienda and the US IRS have been working for many years under a treaty. They share information regarding income made in Mexico, income made from real estate, bank accounts, rentals and other sources. So, both countries are sharing info and working to identify money laundering, tax evasion and criminal activities. 58 countries have lined up and agreed to Money Laundering Laws. Mexico is one of them.

If you are American, please be advised that Mexico's IRS, the Hacienda and the US IRS have been working for many years under a treaty. They share information regarding income made in Mexico, income made from real estate, bank accounts, rentals and other sources. So, both countries are sharing info and working to identify money laundering, tax evasion and criminal activities. 58 countries have lined up and agreed to Money Laundering Laws. Mexico is one of them.

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This isn’t your typical solar article, designed to reiterate the commonplace, ubiquitous theme that solar saves you money and YES - it’s great for the environment. Everyone already knows that. Don’t they?

I respect the sun, however we are all so busy it’s easy to forget about the sun and the vital role it plays in everything we do.

Each second, it fuses approx. 600 million tons of hydrogen to helium, converting about 4 million tons of matter to energy. How do we harness that energy for our busy lives?

The primary solar technologies we employ in Cabo are photovoltaic (PV) systems and solar water heating for pools and household use.

The typical picture people get when solar is mentioned is a PV system. These technologies include solar pool pumps, on grid solar systems without batteries that reduce your CFE bills, off-grid solar systems for areas like the East Cape, and cutting edge solar hybrid systems with on and off grid capabilities.

PV systems gather electron flow from the sun producing direct current (DC). This flow is called electricity and then an inverter converts direct current (DC) into alternate current (AC) that is usable by your household appliances. Similarly, solar water heaters, or collectors, are black polypropylene mats, filled with water which capture solar radiation and with a forced recirculation water gets heated. Think a water hose that has been sitting in the sun. The sun-heated water is pumped into your pool, heating the pool, and alleviating you from purchasing propane.

In fact the above solar collectors are perceived as quite ancient and a more modern and efficient solar water heating option uses top of the line heat pumps attached to a photovoltaic system that will produce the electricity that the heat pump consumes.

The history of solar helps us understand how we currently harness the sun's energy. The first solar energy invention was a solar collector, and as humans become more technologically adept, scientists developed the fundamental variables, integral to PV systems. 1767. Horace-Benedict de Sauvusre created the first solar collector; an insulated box covered with three layers of glass to absorb heat, reaching 230 degrees Fahrenheit. 1873. The Pluto Conductivity of Selenium was discovered. Today, a solvent (CIS) based solar cell is one of three mainstream thin-film PV technologies.

1883. First solar panel was built. It was 1% efficient. Today's typical market panels including the ones we use in Cabo, are 16%-21% efficient. 1888. First solar cell patent was given in the US. 1905. Then there was Einstein, notwithstanding the theory of relativity, he also had a hand in the solar energy revolution. 1918. Method to grow single crystals of metal, yes crystals can be grown, decades later to produce single-crystal silicon, or Monocrystalline silicon, which is the base material for silicon chips used in virtually all electronic equipment today, and 36% of all solar panels.

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Fish Report

BY GARY GRAHAM

As we begin the annual Baja Sur tournament marathon which peaks in October and continues into November, one aspect that should be noted is most of the tournaments set minimum weights for different species of fish, encouraging the release of the fish that don’t meet the minimum requirements. This results in lower catch tallies for the different events.

As an example, the 2015 Bisbee East Cape Offshore Tournament, held recently, recorded 62 billfish caught by the 61 boats fishing the ECO; they included 40 blue marlin, 13 stripers, five sailfish and four black marlin. Ten yellowfin tuna were also brought to the scales. Ignoring the fact that minimum qualifying weights are set intentionally high — dorado, 30 pounds; yellowfin tuna, 40 pounds; and billfish, 300–pounds, the uninformed might jump to the conclusion that fishing was poor. However, the report below seems to contradict that conclusion.

Cabo San Lucas

If you are in Cabo to fish, you’ve come to the right place. Conditions couldn’t be better — clean blue water in the high eighties — more calm than rough most days. Add in lots of bonito and a few yellowtail were also landed.

San Jose

Sardina are becoming scarcer with surf conditions now increasing and coinciding with early morning low tides. Many anglers are searching out other bait options; local super markets have been selling slabs of giant squid.

The tuna bite on the Iman Bank has continued, with the action best later in the morning; most of the yellowfin caught from these grounds ranged in the 6- to 50-pounds class. The spot where a handful of very large yellowfin tuna have been lurking is on the Gordo Banks, with three tuna weighing 300 pounds or more landed.

Billfish have been scattered — trolling skipjack, bolito and small yellowfin tuna around the Gordo Banks has been one of the best techniques for having a chance at sailfish, striped, blue and black marlin or the cow-sized tuna, although this type of fishing requires a lot of patience.

Other winners included:

- Angler Randy Wickward with Capitain Ardilla Ciega, a 389-pound black, aboard the North Star (Gonzalo Castillo, 57.6-pound yellowfin) and Team Tres Amigos (Erick Esteves, 156-pound yellowfin). Both fish were caught on squid.
- The two other tuna daily jackpots, which paid out $34,850 each, were split between Team Tres Amigos (Erick Esteves, 57.6-pound yellowfin) and Team North Star (Gonzalo Castillo, 156-pound yellowfin). Both fish were caught on squid.
- Angler Randy Wickward landed the second-heaviest and only other qualifying marlin, a 389-pound black, aboard the pangas Ardilla Ciega with Captain Ardilla Ciega with Captain

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Restaurant In San Jose Calls Itself An Island

Who says they’re not making any more real estate?

BY BILL FOLDES

If you have a special fascination for dolphins, boats, and outdoor restaurants with sea views, then you will enjoy visiting the recently rebuilt Dolphin Discovery’s restaurant they’re calling La Isla. That would be The Island in English. It is not an island, but a floating dock off a short pier in Puerto Los Cabos marina. That’s the newish marina up in San Jose. Hurricane Odile destroyed the original new La Isla last September and the new and improved La Isla features an expanded open-air observation area for people to watch the dolphins swimming, a restaurant and bar seating 60 people, and a lovely view of the surrounding area including the Puerto Los Cabos emblematic cross up on the hill. The developers of the marina originally planned on building a grand restaurant up on top of that hill, and it has been graded for it, but so far nada. You will also get a nice view of the closed hotel across the marina called The Silly Goose, (That sounds better in Spanish), which is making painfully slow recovery from hurricane Odile. We did get hopeful when they finally tossed all the mattresses out the windows, but it seems to be a long way from re-opening.

The company Dolphin Discovery invested $130,000 on the new La Isla to ensure a comfortable, relaxing experience for viewing and dining on the water near the dolphins. La Isla is open to Dolphin Discovery visitors as well as to the public free of charge.

La Isla is a restaurant built on a floating dock at the end of a pier that pens in dolphins. You can see the people swimming with the dolphins at the right of this photo. It’s kind of cool to sit in the restaurant sipping cocktails while watching the critters frolic.
New 3 Room School House For Todos Santos

Well, with only 8 students, 3 rooms is enough for now

BY BRIDGET BURKE

The Sierra School is a new, unique private middle and high school with a public purpose in Todos Santos. Founder Molly Lou Freeman, a multi-lingual international teacher, was on a teaching sabbatical in Todos Santos in 2014 and heard the local Mexican and international community express their need for a high school that would bridge the multi-cultural populations in Todos Santos. Freeman is an American who has taught in France for many years.

Currently, local and foreign high school students need to leave their families in Todos Santos and go to La Paz or move to mainland Mexico or leave Mexico altogether. At worst, students study very limited correspondence courses that are not legally recognized in Mexico. At least three primary schools in Todos Santos are seeking a local, international high school alternative for their students.

As Ms. Freeman surveyed the local school options, she saw that in the Todos Santos area there was no bilingual school with an International Baccalaureate (IB) model and a strong college prep focus. Just as importantly, she did not find schools with a strong community scholarship mission. Motivated by the community and driven by a vision for an English-oriented school, Freeman and her French born husband Fabrice Serriere decided to start a new private school. And so the Sierra School of Todos Santos was born.

Initially, they have established a French non-profit organization called Les Ponts de la Sierra to manage fundraising between Europe, the U.S. and Mexico in order to support their new school. Their start-up status, as a French "association de loi 1901" is the equivalent of a US 501c3 nonprofit and comparable to a Mexican AC. They are in the process of becoming a Mexican corporation and Mexican non-profit/civil association, and expect to obtain this status by their first day of school on September 21.

They are actively working toward Mexican accreditation in their first year, and are supported in these efforts by Priscilla Romero Mendoza of the SEP. (The Mexican education system). They hope to offer a highly-enriched model of the SEP curriculum. SEP accreditation is their first step toward International Baccalaureate accreditation, which is part of their five to six year strategic plan. They intend to be an accredited IB school by the time their first class of 6th grade/secundaria students graduate in six years.

The revenue generated will pay for the cost of learning materials and books, bringing the materials to Mexico, school maintenance and building improvements, school utilities (electric, gas, water), non-profit taxes in France and Mexico, accounting and legal fees in Mexico, accreditation expenses, teacher salaries, and teachers’ professional development. Funding will be an ongoing initiative as the school is a grassroots crowd funded organization.

For their first year, they have raised over 25,000 dollars in donations, fully funding at least three full tuition scholarships. Their goal is to offer a fully funded scholarship to at least half of the students. Individual contributors are the main source of their initial funding. So far more than 100 people from around the world have donated to the school, most donating directly through the school’s website. They have received additional funding from the Foundation for Community Betterment in the United States, which is also supportive of the new school. One anonymous donor has pledged to fund three student’s entire education, which will take $100,000 over six years. That’s assuming a cost of $5500 per year per student.

For their first term beginning on September 21, the Sierra School received 10 applications from students. All 10 applicants were admitted and eight will enroll. One student was too old for the starting class of 11 to 13 year olds and the other student will probably join the school in its second year. Applicants are asked to return in two weeks for interviews.

The Sierra School is a new, unique private middle and high school with a public purpose in Todos Santos. Founder Molly Lou Freeman, a multi-lingual international teacher, was on a teaching sabbatical in Todos Santos in 2014 and heard the use of this 3 room school house was donated to the new school.

Spanish bilingual, college prep high school, she and her French born husband Fabrice Serriere decided to start a new private school. And so the Sierra School of Todos Santos was born.

Initially, they have established a French non-profit organization called Les Ponts de la Sierra to manage fundraising between Europe, the U.S. and Mexico in order to support their new school. Their start-up status, as a French “association de loi 1901” is the equivalent of a US 501c3 nonprofit and comparable to a Mexican AC. They are in the process of becoming a Mexican corporation and Mexican non-profit/civil association, and expect to obtain this status by their first day of school on September 21.

They are actively working toward Mexican accreditation in their first year, and are supported in these efforts by Priscilla Romero Mendoza of the SEP. (The Mexican education system). They hope to offer a highly-enriched model of the SEP curriculum. SEP accreditation is their first step toward International Baccalaureate accreditation, which is part of their five to six year strategic plan. They intend to be an accredited IB school by the time their first class of 6th grade/secundaria students graduate in six years.

The revenue generated will pay for the cost of learning materials and books, bringing the materials to Mexico, school maintenance and building improvements, school utilities (electric, gas, water), non-profit taxes in France and Mexico, accounting and legal fees in Mexico, accreditation expenses, teacher salaries, and teachers’ professional development. Funding will be an ongoing initiative as the school is a grassroots crowd funded organization.

For their first year, they have raised over 25,000 dollars in donations, fully funding at least three full tuition scholarships. Their goal is to offer a fully funded scholarship to at least half of the students. Individual contributors are the main source of their initial funding. So far more than 100 people from around the world have donated to the school, most donating directly through the school’s website. They hope to receive additional funding from the Foundation for Community Betterment in the United States, which is also supportive of the new school. One anonymous donor has pledged to fund three student’s entire education, which will take $100,000 over six years. That’s assuming a cost of $5500 per year per student.

Funding is also an essential element for attracting and retaining good teachers. The Sierra school’s teachers are or will be IB trained, educated, certified teachers from universities in Mexico, the U.S. and Europe. The school is committed to supporting the teachers and helping them develop professionally with required IB training. Their salaries are competitive with local schools in Todos Santos. Well, that’s not saying much as teachers make very little. Ms. Freeman will work free until the school generates enough revenues to pay for all teacher salaries.

For their first term beginning on September 21, the Sierra School received 10 applications from students. All 10 applicants were admitted and eight will enroll. One student was too old for the starting class of 11 to 13 year olds and the other student will probably join the school in its second year. Applicants are asked to return in two weeks for interviews.
Watch That U.S. Address On Your Taxes

It could trigger a love note from your state

BY ORLANDO GOTAY

When people fill out tax returns, most are concerned with the figures in the tax return. Few give any consideration to another subtle, and important piece of information: the address. This could be especially important for those who make their home outside the United States.

To be sure, one may have a stateside address, for the obvious convenience. But that convenience may turn out to be an inconvenience.

The federal IRS and the states have “information sharing agreements.” (Translation: The feds can and will rat you out to the state). The information reported on a federal return gets shared with the state whose address is listed on the federal return.

You may live in Mexico full time but have that convenient stateside address, even just a P.O. Box. I urge you to think before using it, because whatever state you list, will also run a matching program, and you could get a love letter from that state. California is notorious for this.

I have always believed that the best plan with taxing agencies is giving them the least information required. So, if you have an address in Mexico, using it will prevent a state from seeing your return pop up on their radar.

Of course, you may still have a filing obligation with a state, depending on the source and amount of income you have, but that’s another matter altogether. In fact, sometimes, it may even be more convenient for you to actually choose the stateside address. It all depends. Run the numbers, or ask someone way smarter in these things what they think you should do.

I write about this in the middle of the year, when the last thing on people’s minds is taxes. But that’s precisely why it is convenient to work on this now. Your tax return preparer may not be swamped with work now—perhaps even bored—and knowing this now may be useful. Besides, he or she may not look kindly if this question comes up late during the 2016 filing season.

Plan ahead and choose your address carefully. If you are concerned about using your physical address in Mexico, consider renting a Mexico P.O. Box, they’re ridiculously cheap. And remember, it’s all in the address.

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In La Paz, if you're not catching a limit or near limit or double limit of dorado recently, there's something wrong. Many days pangas are coming back early with tired anglers. In all honesty, the fish are much smaller than they have been in previous years, but there's still good action. Even after limits, guys are sometimes catching another 5 to 10 or more fish and releasing them just for fun or going after other species like billfish or inshore pargo, cabrilla or roosterfish. There's marlin and sailfish for those who want to give them a try and the majority of bites are right around the areas where the small dorado are hanging out since the billfish will eat the small dorado. There are also some big schools of huge 20-pound jack crevalle that are tearing up the anglers as well as some big bonito.

This Week's Question is: What do you think about the proposal by several developers to move a portion of the fourlane inland?

Ariadna Quiñones
Estevéz, 25 years old, stu-
dent. I think we should all unite against the inves-
tors who are trying to make Cabo San Lucas their private playground. There is real people who live here, with jobs and families and obligations, and we have every right to access freely the beaches in the place we live in and work for. A little while ago we were granted one of those blue flags for the cleanest beach, and less than a year later we are contaminating one of the biggest ecosystems in Mexico and have lost the blue flag. I think that if we allow this to go through, Cabo will lose identity and everything will go in a downhill spiral, we have enough privatized beaches already, if we lose access their words. They say it will never be private, but it will take the regular access away, and make it so much harder for us to go visit the beach. Even if it's not worth walking a mile in the sun to get a little bit of fun and still be surrounded by foreigner rich people who look down on us like we're scum and we're going to make rich some people who were not even born here (most of us weren't, but at least we love the place we live in)

Claudia Gámez
González, 36 years old, assistant. I am against it with all my heart. That will be the end of little Los Cabos as we know it, and our small and beautiful town will start to grow at an amazing rate, it already had started growing, but if the new road is approved we will lose all that chunk of land where people run on, or have their little piece of land and house it for some one else’s own profit and good. Those rich people don’t think about the real people who live here and how it will affect our lives, they just look to make their pockets fatter and their account balances longer. I strongly believe we should all read the Mexican Constitution and get to know our rights so we can talk with reason and knowing what we deserve, that way if we unite they can't do anything against us.

Alejandro Magaña
Leonero, 52 years old, pharma-
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This new road is just a waste of money to make some rich person'slife easier and all of us the local working class's life harder; not because they want to but I am sure they are not capable of think-
ing about anyone else but themselves.
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charge. The restaurant serves breakfast and lunch from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm every day. Their new menu offers a nice selection of Mexican and American snacks, salads, sandwiches and entrees. For the best dolphin viewing, go during the scheduled dolphin swim sessions at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:30pm. You can see them jump; the water is too murky to see much when they are below the surface. The dolphins are not in tanks, they swim around in an enclosed area in the marina. And quit sniveling about the poor little dolphins, as they were not snatched out of the wild. They are born and raised in captivity, at other Dolphin Discovery properties in Mexico and flown to various exhibit areas in tourist destinations all over Mexico. They get first class seating too, which is better than almost all of you enjoy coming to cabo. It’s not a bad gig for them, they get three squares a day and are safe from predators. All this in return for a couple of jumps a couple of times a day. Dolphin Discovery is the largest bedoom ocean view condoniminos in Cabo del Mar Village start at $149,000 U.S., and single family homes start at about $450,000 U.S. There are numerous upgrade packages available at reasonable prices, and all homes will come with a one-year warranty.

In more exciting news, Portus Group has just announced its newest venture: Soleado Beach & Spa Resort. This elegant condo-hotel will be located on the popular walk and swim beach. Better Azul in San José. Only 24 units will be offered: prices start at approximately $454,000 U.S. (unheard of for beachfront homes). All of the residences will be delivered furnished, and owners are encouraged to participate in a hotel rental program.

Portus Group is very happy to announce they are the first developer in Los Cabos offering a new way of living, changing all their properties into SmartLiving, (sustainable communities). That means they are becoming green communities. Green areas are irrigated with treated gray water, and solar panels will be built into the new pre-construction homes.

Portus Group also has a direct financing program in Soleado Beach & Spa Resort, requiring only $10,000 initial deposit, then 50% when the property is ready. The balance of the mortgage is paid over 10 years at 7.5% interest. For those who are not full time residents and would like to rent out their property, this plan, together with the Rental Program, offers the opportunity to generate income that will cover your mortgage.

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So Is Any Real Estate Selling Around Here?
A little. Here’s one development that is selling and even offering sustainable homes

BY BILL DING
A weekly newsletter keeps you updated on the many classes and activities available to you. What better way to meet your new neighbors than at a wine tasting or cooking class, or at the weekly farmer’s market or movie in the park? If you are interested in using your home as an investment property, you can enter it in the rental program, either as a long term rental, or on a daily basis. The hotel program offers all the services your guests would find in a luxury hotel - concierge, transportation, room service and laundry. A property management service team will oversee all the details and paperwork for you. There are a few homes and 3 & 2BR ocean view condos still available in Phase III which will be delivered fully equipped and ready to move in. The Club at Phase III is the heart of the community and is equipped to bring you all the elements of a luxurious new lifestyle. Some of the world class amenities include a fitness center, yoga studio, wellness spa, two swimming pools (one is adults only), kids’ club, Deli & Market, private dining room, business center, library, and a sky pool and sky bar on the third level.

Rather than build a fourth phase of Ventanas, Portus introduced something a little different with the Cabo del Mar Ocean and Ecopark Village. Having noted that Los Cabos lacked a nature park, the new project offers single family homes and condos within a series of natural parks. The parks will each have a theme and be accessible from the homes, with no street crossing required. This pedestrian and family-friendly Cabo del Mar Village will offer a clubhouse with all the amenities of Portus’ projects, but it will include more outdoor amenities like cycle paths, gardens, and an amphitheater. Three swim with dolphins company in the world, with 16 facilities across the Americas. They opened their first dolphin exhibit over 20 years ago on Isla Mujeres in Quintana Roo, Mexico. (Think Cancun).

The newly rebuilt La Isla provides a unique dolphin viewing and dining experience that may become one of your favorite locations in San Jose. You can kiss the nearby Container restaurant good-by, who wants to eat in a shipping container when they can eat on a fake island?

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Calendar of Performing-Arts

TODOS SANTOS
CASA TOTA GALLERY
Dec. 3rd, 4th, 5th – Las Estrellas de Todos Santos presents Slice of Life, featuring their new Ensemble in the Galeria at Hotel Casa Tota at 7:00 pm. $15 USD or 200 pesos. Closing night includes a Wine & Nibble Mingle with the actors. Facebook.com/LasEstrellasDeTodosSantos for details.
El Faro Beach club
November 27, 28 and 29. Todos Santos International Guitar Festival. A community-funded, musician-supported festival that produces a world class show with a tiny budget with all profits going to the local children’s charity. 30+ guitarists from all genres and from all comers of the globe come together for 3 days of camaraderie and musical collaboration. www.tsigf.com. Email: info@tsigf.com

CABO SAN LUCAS
SAN LUCAS PLAZA (WALMART PLAZA)
October 16. 8:00 pm. The Night of the Dance (La noche de la danza). Flamenco dance and Spanish music by Primo dancer Gamaliel Burgos and different guests artists every time. Spanish and some help in English. Free.
November 13. Friday. 8:00 pm. The Night of the Dance (La noche de la danza). Flamenco dance and Spanish music by Primo dancer Gamaliel Burgos and different guests artists every time. Spanish and some help in English. Free.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
Open Monday to Sunday. From 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Voluntary donations are welcome.

CABO SAN LUCAS
CULTURAL PAVILION
August 27, Thursday. 7:30 pm. Don’t Think. The Chemical Brothers. (2012) Audiovisual-documentary-live show. In 2011, at the iconic Fuji Rock Festival in Japan, The Chemical Brothers played a headline set in front of 50,000 fans which was captured on 21 cameras. Directed by Adam Smith, one of the show’s visual creators, we are taken on a magical realist psychodelic journey where we feel the show rather than merely watch it. English with Spanish subtitles. Free.

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MARINA FRONT
Every Saturday. From 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Cultural circuit: Art exhibition by local artists, workshops, paint, sculpture, photography, food tasting, theater, live music and dance. Spanish. Free. Various parts of the malecon. Except not Saturday April 4 because it’s Good Saturday or something like that.

CASA CARACOL UNA RANA
Every Saturday. 7:00pm to 12:30pm. Cultural tianguis (market). Live music, poetry, painting, books, arts & crafts, sculpture, movies, vegetarian food. Hidalgo and Revolucion Sts, downtown Cabo. Cell. 624 117 1663. Free.

YANDI MONARDO ART GALLERY
July 22 until September. Opening Wednesday. From 7pm to 9 pm. Art exhibition by the muralist Leonardo Diaz. Paint and other arts expressions created by the local artist. Yandi Monardo Art Gallery featuring different artists who live in or are inspired by Baja. New artist exhibit every 45 days. YM Art Gallery is inside the Luxury Avenue mall at the marina. Spanish and English. Free.

LA PAZ
ALIANZ FRANCESA
Every Tuesday. 6:00 pm. French films movie club. Different French film each week. Alianza Francesa cultural center at 525 Gomez Farias St. between Republica St and Guerrero St. Estetito town, La Paz. For info and program: www.facebook.com/alianzafrancesalapaz. Spanish, French, English and other languages. Free.
Every Friday. 8:00 pm. International films movie club. Various films. Alianza Francesa cultural center at 525 Gomez Farias St. between Republica St and Guerrero St. La Paz. For info and program: www.facebook.com/alianzafrancesalapaz. Spanish, French, English and other languages. Free.
CENTRO CULTURAL LA PAZ
From Monday to Friday. 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. On permanent display. Man, nature and culture (Hombre, Naturaleza y Cultura). Photography collective exhibition. A permanent photography show that highlights the special characteristics that make up the cultural identity of Baja California Sur. A video showcasing BCS complements the photographs. In the Codex Peninsula of the Centro Cultural La Paz, located on 16 de Septiembre at the corner of Belisario Dominguez. Text is in English and Spanish. Free.
CENTRO DE ARTES Y CULTURAS POPULARES
From April 20 to indeterminate date. Monday to Friday. 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Oaxaca pottery exhibition. A collection of Oaxacan decorative black pottery (barro negro) which comes from a village that specializes in crafting the unusual, and beautiful pieces. Posted information in English and Spanish. This cultural center is on Madero St. between 5 de Mayo and Independencia, across the street from Velasco garden. Free.

SAN JOSE
CIRCOTEKA Angela Cesena St. between the fourlane and Barlovento St.
Every Thursday. 7:00 pm. Libroteca at the Cricoteka. Reading club for kids. Actors disguised read and act a short story for the kids. Libroteca is part of a Reading lounges organized by The Ysebel's little sister. More info about reading lounges Email: todossomoselotro@gmail.com. Cricoteka is located at Angela Cesena St. between Furlane Street and Barlovento St., San Jose. Spanish. Free.

BUENA VISTA
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 $20 or 300 pesos.facebook.com/pages1/Baja-Shakespeare/203957978013557
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is very important to us, because we're tired of paying these sky high electricity charges.

The reforms are part of an effort to reverse years of declining productivity growth in Mexico. GDP growth has declined from 6.4 percent in the period from 1950 to 1980 to 2.4 percent between 1980 and 2010, according to a Columbia University report prepared for Goldman Sachs on the energy reforms. By opening its energy markets, the government hopes it can draw investors who will help develop its remaining oil reserves, but the biggest impact so far has come from changes to the country's electricity policies.

Peak rates for industrial consumers were sometimes 120 to 130 percent higher than what their counterparts were paying in the United States and the average Mexicans were paying 47 percent more than Americans. So, no, you are not imagining that these rates are high. Light up a candle.

So what has our president done for us lately? President Pena Nieto has been flying all over the world trying to expand everyone's trade with Mexico. In this point in time Mexico is the most prolific signer of free trade agreements in the world, according to a report by the United States-Mexico Chamber of Commerce. The numerous countries Mexico has signed agreements with are home to 850 million people and 60 percent of global GDP. But what do you most commonly hear about the President? Whining that it's all his fault El Gringo has not come to visit. So what do you most commonly hear about the President? Whining that it's all his fault El Gringo has not come to visit.

More on juice. An additional 2.4 million people were connected to Mexico's electricity grid in the year ending March 31, the Federal Electricity Commission (CFE) has reported. The new connections mean that 98.44% of the population now has access to electrical power, up from 98.27% in early 2014. The electrification process has consisted of 3,517 projects in both rural and marginalized urban areas, in which the CFE installed 8,599 transformers, 48,794 poles and 1,221 kilometers of wire.

What's up? Carlos Slim, the richest man in Mexico, with a reported fortune of nearly $70 billion. Slim's wealth is so immense that it equals 6.3% of Mexico's gross domestic product, a percentage greater than the combined income of the poorest 20% of Mexicans — nearly 25 million people — who account for just about 4% of the country's GDP, according to a report from El Daily Post.

Tourism is booming. International tourism-generated revenue in the first six months of this year increased 9.9% compared to the same period in 2014, said the Bank of Mexico, amounting to US $8.2 billion. The number of foreign tourists increased by 7.6% to 15.7 million, surpassing levels registered before the 2008 economic crisis. But, the average tourist spent only 2.2% more this year, a figure that came in at $522.

The hotel industry has had a good year so far, said Carlos Joaquín González, Undersecretary of Tourism and Development. Last year, Mexico welcomed a record 29.1 million visitors, an increase of 20.5% over 2013. "There's a sharp increase in the foreign market caused by the devaluation of the peso, but we're also seeing a strengthening of the domestic market," he said.

Interjet and Volaris increased their market share by 1% each, in contrast with Grupo Aeroméxico and VivaAerobus, which lost 1.8 and 0.5%, respectively.

The nature tourism sector, which takes in ecological and adventure tourism, experienced remarkable growth in the first half of the year, soaring 15%. The increase can be partially explained by strong promotion campaigns.

Since 2012, the Tourism Secretariat has invested about US $85 million, to boost the competitiveness of nature tourism resorts, said Carlos Joaquín González, Undersecretary of Tourism Innovation and Development.

In contrast, President Obama has nominated Roberta Jacobson, a top State Department official for Latin America. She played a key role in restoring diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Cuba. Serving during the Bush and Obama administrations, she handled the relationship between the U.S. and Mexico, starting as a desk officer at the State Department and rising to the top post overseeing the Western Hemisphere. If confirmed by the Senate, Jacobson, 53, will be the first female U.S. ambassador to Mexico, 65, has a personal history with the Mexican president, having served as a trusted advisor and pollster between 2005 and 2008. Although his decision has been questioned by some, President Neito appointed a man he can trust to represent Mexico in Washington, D.C.

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The federal chamber of Deputies has approved legislation that will make 066 the official, nation-wide emergency number for civil protection and emergency police response. Now the National Center for Crime Prevention and Citizen Participation has the responsibility to dispatch the police to the site of your emergency. It was thought for a while that 911 would be a good number, following the U.S. lead, but national pride took hold, and the fact that 066 has been promoted in most parts of the country, so you are to use that one.

Good luck with that. First, you’re going to have to do this in Spanish, and second, the people at 066 don’t have a great track record of sending the cops out in a hurry.

In Tampico, a woman stepped outside her home to make a phone call, (bad cell reception?) When a bad guy grabbed her, punched her in the stomach and threatened rape. (Like that’s going to put her in the mood?) Upon hearing her cries, two neighbors pursued the assailant, who took off on foot, while one called 066. The operator calmly asked a series of questions for five minutes, and a full hour later, state police meandered by.

When asked why they took so long, police said the emergency responser had only just passed along the call, and they recommended calling the police station instead. "You called 066? They always call us too late. What you need to do is call us directly, at the moment that you need us. We will come instantly and leave the questions for after." Which would be miracle here in Los Cabos, given our stumbblemfoot Keystone Kops.

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Stingrays have been plentiful this year, so watch where you’re walking. Shuffle your feet to scare them off if you’re wading in the ocean, don’t step down on one, that pisses them off and they will sting. And that will be painful, in the extreme.

But, although they are alarming and quite painful, stingray wounds are rarely fatal, unless you’re stung in a vital place. (I don’t know about you, but we’re thinking all our places are vital to us.) Other reasons for dying from a sting ray is if you’ve bled too much, (try not to bleed), allergic reaction, (try not to be allergic), or secondary infection. (Keep it clean).

Stingrays have a flat body with one or two barbed stingers located midway on the tail. They are extremely hard to see against the sand when water is washing over them, so it is understandable if you get stung. These guys normally live in coastal tropical and subtropical marine waters, (like ours), and sometimes seem to lurk there just waiting to be stepped on so they can get pissed about it.

Here’s what to do about a sting and a rundown on just how much trouble you’re in.

You will experience: Pain, swelling, bleeding, weakness, headache, muscle cramps, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, dizziness/light-headedness, heart palpitations, difficulty breathing, and sometimes fainting. Altogether, no day at the beach.

First, you want to prioritize the severity of your symptoms. Medically speaking, certain symptoms are more serious than others. Determine if you are developing an allergic reaction, suffering from excess blood loss, or experiencing venom intoxication. If you have any of these symptoms you should scoot right to a doctor. Of course, how do we know what constitutes “excess” bleeding? We’re kind of partial to retaining all our blood, and any loss is excess to us.

Allergic reaction is a bad sign and includes swelling of tongue, lips, head, neck, or other body parts; difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, or wheezing; red and/or itchy rash; fainting or loss of consciousness.

Venom intoxication is also a bad sign and includes headache, dizziness, light-headedness, palpitations, muscle cramps, and seizures.

Now for some practical advice, we figure we’ve scared you enough.

Irrigate the wound with sea water, removing all debris and foreign stuff from the wound. Use tweezers from first-aid kit if necessary. (You didn’t bring a first aid kit? What were you thinking?) Once the area is thoroughly irrigated and all foreign bodies are removed, even if you have to pick those foreign bodies out with your fingers, come out of the water and dry the area off with a clean towel, taking care not to injure yourself further. You do still have a somewhat clean towel, don’t you? Well, use it.
Chiles en Nogada

This dish is especially significant because of its ties to Mexican history, specifically Mexico's independence from Spain, celebrated in September. Created in Puebla, this dish displays the three colors of the Mexican flag, using chile for the green, a walnut cream sauce for the white, and pomegranate for the red. It is believed the nuns of Santa Monica prepared this creation for the new emperor Agustín de Iturbide. The result was a blend of ingredients for an explosion of flavor on the palate.

The chile seeds and veins must be removed. After that they are stuffed with finely chopped pork meat cooked with various fruits, vegetables and spices such as peach, apple, banana, raisins, tomato, onion, garlic, cinnamon, oregano, almonds, thyme, and cloves. The nogada, or walnut cream, has about 120 pieces per 12 chilies, and once prepared it is served with pomegranate seeds on top.

Chiles en Nogada is traditionally served this time of year, when the pomegranates are ripe and festivities begin to celebrate Mexican independence. Try cooking it yourself to surprise your friends and family.

INGREDIENTS:

For 12 poblano chiles regular size:

Filling:
1 lb. ground beef
1 lb. ground pork loin
2 cloves garlic finely chopped

2 yellow apples, 2 pears, 2 apples and 2 peaches (all diced and peeled)
1 tablespoon raisins
1 tablespoon chopped pecan
1 tablespoon pink pine nuts
1 diced citron (candy made from the heart of the sweet barrel cacti. Acitrón in Spanish)
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon grated nutmeg
Salt and pepper

To cook:
4 tablespoons wheat flour
8 eggs

PROCEDURE:

Peel the chiles and remove the seeds. (If you bought them frozen, they come already peeled; just remove the seeds from the inside by opening the chile very carefully by the side).

Heat the lard in a skillet, fry the garlic and onion until they look translucent, pour all the meat, and start adding the diced fruit. Go in hardness order, the citron first, the pear, the apples and the peach, raisins, nuts and pine nuts. Mix everything well and remove from fire. Season with pepper and nutmeg.

Fill the chiles with this mixture by the cut you did to remove the seeds and close it with a toothpick. Spread the flour on the chilies so the egg will stick (I use a strainer for this). Beat the whites until stiff add the yolks and then dip the chiles. Put them in a pan with oil very hot. You have to turn them often to brown evenly. Once they are a golden color, put them on a paper...
Where Did All These Good English Speakers Come From?

The United States, of course. Most of them have been deported

BY ALE BORBOLLA

There are a lot of mostly young Mexicans, mostly males, who speak perfect English herein Cabo. Their English is a dead giveaway that they grew up in the United States. Typically, they were snuck into the U.S. at a very young age, and were caught for various infractions, and then given a choice of jail or deportation and chose the trip "home". Others were caught for more serious infractions and so they went to jail and then were deported back to Mexico. Every year Obama has been president, officials have very quietly deported about 400,000 people, most of them Mexicans. Where do all these people go? Many gravitate to an area that most feels like home, and that would be a place with a lot of Americans, like Cabo San Lucas. Most are shy about their condition, often saying something like they got caught, "working the fields". Here is a more likely story, like they got caught, "working the fields". Here is a more likely story, involving drugs and crime, with no cover up lies and no apologies, either.

Pedro was a kid who always was around the drug dealing business, not too close, but enough to know it was good easy money and he knew the right people; he started because it called his attention, for the glitz and glamour that we all see on T.V. At first he was the guy who took the money back and forth, making daily trips between Tijuana and San Diego, taking the cash from the small vendors to the big fishes making sure it was all there, but not getting his hands dirty with the actual product. It was all fine for about a year, until he got bored and decided to go other truck full of methamphetamine and cocaine, hauling his regular load, and was tailgating the first car, which was from the same company. Statistically, it is not normal for any car to get searched, and when he saw the one before him get the red light, he felt he was in like Flynn. However, immediately after he saw his colleague get questioned, he got the red light too, and that's when he knew he had been ratted out.

He was detained right there in the border line, and his shoes, shirt and belongings were taken away, leaving him only with his pants. He was put in a room air conditioned down past uncomfortable, and was questioned every hour and was required to play the piano. (Give his finger prints.) He kept his mouth shut because he knew that if they got nothing in the following 72 hours the case wouldn't hold and he would have a chance at being set free. He soon wised up, and for six years he stood the border twice a day, sometimes three times, making $2,200 per trip. But he got caught.

He was travelling behind an

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Fabrice see that Todos Santos is quickly changing and growing and hope that The Sierra School will be central in defining the educational future for local youths. They hope the school will meet the needs of local and foreign youths who deserve to dream their futures in Todos Santos, Mexico.

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a somewhat clean T-shirt.

Do not remove any penetrating debris if it's in your neck, chest, or abdomen. Now we're talking a higher level of triage, and now would be a good time for that doctor run.

Control your bleeding. Bleeding is common after a sting. As always, the best way to stop bleeding is by applying direct pressure at the source or slightly above the source with one finger for a few minutes. The longer the pressure is held, the more likely the bleeding will subside.

Try using hydrogen peroxide in conjunction with holding pressure to help stop bleeding if you cannot control it with direct pressure alone. You came to the beach without your bottle of hydrogen peroxide? Don't you think at all? The hydrogen peroxide is going to sting even more, deal with it.

Soak the wound in hot water. You can combine this step with the previous step of applying direct pressure to control bleeding. Soaking the wound in hot water helps alleviate the pain by denaturing the venom protein complex. A good temperature is 45°C (113 °F), but be certain not to cause any burns. You have enough problems without burns.

Leave the wound soaking for 30 to 90 minutes, or until the pain has subsided.

Monitor the wound for signs of infection. Proper wound care includes keeping the area clean by applying soap and rinsing with water as well as keeping the wound dry at all times. Keep the wound uncovered and apply antibiotic ointment daily.

Over the next several days, if the area becomes red, tender, itchy, sore, or begins to swell or develop a cloudy discharge, direct yourself to a doctor because you may need antibiotics and/or drainage of an abscess.

One last thing: Don't pee on the wound. That's an old wives' tale, it's for good doctoring. Come to think of it, have you ever seen a good doctor take a whiz on any wound? No, we haven't, so why would you do that with a ray attack? Because your grandpa told you to? He was screwing with you. Or he was just a stupid old grandpa.

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towel to absorb the excess oil.

To prepare the walnut sauce, liquefy all the ingredients. Taste it often, it doesn't have to be too sweet, too thick or too light. It has to have a creamy consistence.

To serve, pour some walnut cream on a plate, then put the stuffed chile, then cover with more walnut cream, spread the pomegranate seeds on top, and sprinkle some parsley leaves.

Serve hot, and expect compliments for your cooking. Viva Mexico!

**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 ensure that you show up, and that’s OK. They do not want your license, and there is nothing they can 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.”

Be polite but be firm. 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 backbone and stand up to them. If it doesn’t stop, then it’s your own fault.

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Pedro is not ashamed to say he is deported, and he usually doesn’t tell the whole story to anyone, but he doesn’t lie about his status either. He feels that being ashamed is for insecure people.

After all, he says, he did learn a skill, (What, how to drive a car?) and made enough money to not regret it. If he wanted to go back to United States, he says he would simply go to Canada and walk over. Apparently Pedro didn’t get the memo that Canada has gone into cahoots with U.S. immigration officials and if the U.S. doesn’t want someone, Canada doesn’t either, so he can’t fly into Canada.

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