Outgoing Administration Votes For Mine Zoning

The outgoing La Paz administration quietly and very sneakily, hours before leaving office, approved the much opposed open pit mine just north of town in the Sierra La Laguna mountain range. On Sept. 21 while the La Paz city hall was under siege by picketing union workers who hadn’t been paid, the city council members met at La Posada hotel and approved the mine.

For the first few days the lawmakers and the interim mayor interviewed by the press denied everything.

Then someone leaked more accurate information and the protests began outside city hall. Next, someone leaked the document itself and protesters chased the lawmakers, who narrowly escaped from the crowd. They could have been lynched.

Protestors poured in from Todos Santos, Cabo San Lucas, and San Jose. They even briefly disrupted flights out of the San Jose airport in an attempt to get international attention.

But because the protestors managed to close off city hall with their pickets, the sneaky city council people couldn't get in to register the documents they signed, and the deal was not completed.

It appears that the people have won this round.

There will be more legal battles of course, the mine interests won't go away, but after Sunday's administration change over, they will be more legal battles of course, the mine interests won't go away, but after Sunday's administration change over, they

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Gran Fondo Races Through Cabo

No, Cabo is not hosting a cheesy dipping sauce fondue party

A Gran Fondo is type of bike race that originated in Italy back in the 1970's. It is a very long race, often up to 124 miles, where riders are timed and the riders have the right of way at local intersections.

On October 18 Cabo is hosting its first ever Gran Fondo. There is one course but with two different distance races: a 100 mile Gran Fondo from Cabo del Sol to Todos Santos round trip, and a 65 mile Medio Fondo which goes half way to Todos Santos, chickens out, and turns back to Cabo del Sol. Both routes go directly through Cabo, so good luck with your driving plans for that day.

While we are excited to have

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Jot this down, in ink. The 23rd Arts Festival at Los Barriles on the East Cape will pop off on Sunday, March 20, 2016. (See why you need to write it down? It’s like next year.) As usual, the festival will feature art works from around Southern Baja, arts and crafts exhibits and sale, food and booze, and live music. More information as the date gets nearer. And as the organiz-

ers figure it out.

Can you stand more excitement? The 8th. Annual Ritmos, Colores y Sabores (Rhythms, Colors and Flavors in Ingles), of Los Cabos will take place this year in Cabo San Lucas, on the malecón (concrete boardwalk), just outside the dilapidated and falling down cultural pavilion. The date is this Saturday, October 10, starting at 6:00 pm.

The event will also mark the return of the Cultural Circuit, which takes place at the same place every Saturday, featuring food and boozing tasting, art exhibits, arts and crafts, live music, dance and much more.

This year’s event proceeds will benefit the San Miguel Grannies’ Club, otherwise known as Club de Abuelos. It’s a senior center. Tickets are only $20 for adults and $10 for the grandkids and can be acquired at the Don Sanchez Restaurant in San Jose and a bunch of other places.

We’re broke! Worse than broke, we’re in debt. Former Mayor Tony Agundez left the city coffers empty and owing about $60 million U.S. Back in the early 2000’s, former Mayor Ulises Ceseña left the city government with a surplus of over $10 million.

But his successors, Luis Armando Díaz, Rene Núñez, and now Tony Agundez ended each of their terms with public debts of $25 million to the current $60 million, even though they reigned during the best economic times of Los Cabos.

Millions were either mis-

spent, like the purchase of bottled water at four times the Cost- co regular price. Then there is the two suspicious break ins and robberies at city hall. Let’s not forget last February when our idiot treasury official claimed someone phoned him up and demanded 50 grand. He sent it, saying he thought it was legit somebody or other. Oh let’s not forget the two times Agundez’s family members were caught depositing two checks from the water department for a total of nearly $70,000 into his personal account. And on and on and on.

Expenses have been ques-

tioned, and some are still under investigation, but with congress changing every four years, there is no real follow up and what’s missing will remain missing. The problem is there is no ongoing district attorney’s office or FBI to continue the investigation until
My birthday is coming up and just to juice the gift train I thought I would show you one of my baby pictures. Yeah, I came from a shelter background, you got a problem with that? It was a convenience, and I made the best of it.

I worked it, baby. I shined up every day and sparkled. Every time someone walked down my aisle I showed my best self and it paid off big time, because I snagged a richy rich Gringa, (aren’t all Gringos rich? Yes, I’m pretty sure about that.) I wasn’t interested in a home I had to share with a dog, or even with another cat, as I need a lot of love and attention. That’s just the way it is: I have needs.

So anyhow, as I said, my birthday is coming up next week and gifts are always appropriate. Pretty much anything will do, as my favorite part will no doubt be the box it came in anyway. And don’t forget the ribbon: Ribbons are like frosting on the cake. Hold the cake, but a can of Fancy Feast would not be turned away.

And if you’re thinking didn’t just have a birthday, well, re-member I’m a cat! How do you think we get nine lives if we don’t have nine birthdays? Duh!

Lastly, I hope you appreciate my column this week, as I had to cut back on my naps a little to get it done on time. Can you believe I get four cents a word for this gig? Yup, good thing I was looking mighty fine the day my new mom walked into the shelter. Lucky day for both of us.

Pesos from heaven. That’s what it seems like these days for folks with family members sending dollars from the U.S. With the peso so low—as of right now the dollar is trading at around 17 pesos—Mexican immigrants in the U.S. are shipping bigger chunks of their salaries back home to stretch the purchasing power of their hard earned dollars. The peso has lost around 20% of its value versus the dollar over the past 12 months, dragged down by lower oil prices and a weak economy, with the peso now buying about 3,400 pesos.

“Historically, when you have depreciation, remittances pick up,” said Jesus Canas, an economist. We ever-so-carefully unite patient concerns with the most advanced, proven, non-invasive cosmetic technology to achieve the patient’s personal goals. We are committed to enhancing the personal well-being, confidence and self-esteem of our patients in a safe, professional, ethical environment.” This accolade is evidence that our hard work is translating into positive reviews on TripAdvisor. This award compliments the previous awards received by Cathy Dammann and her Laser Center. In 2012 Cathy was named among the “Successful Women of the Baja” by Baja Traveler magazine and in 2009, Spa Cielo earned the title of “Best Medical Spa” by the Mexican Association of Medical Tourism, this is truly a testament to the wonderful team work carried out each and every day by her amazing team.

It is our goal to provide a true “Rejuvenation Vacation” and have our patients go home looking younger,” States Cathy. Spa Cielo has been serving the Los Cabos area for the past 10 years and has helped over 14,000 clients “Turn Back the Clock” with customized programs for overall health, including diet and nutritional, and skin and body rejuvenation. Whether battling the bulge and cellulite, or acne, rosacea, hyperpigmentation, spider veins, sun damage, unwanted hair, scars, nail fungus or tattoos, or just loose flaccid skin that comes with age, their center will help you overcome your challenges. Their newest cutting edge technologies include HydraFacials®, Total FX®, CO2, VelaShape2®, Genesis, Titan® and Lifestyle Lifts®. They provide free of charge the VISIA® Computerized Skin Scan and printed report for you to take home. You can call and schedule an appointment at 624-105-2209 or visit their website at www.spa-cielo.com.

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Cathy Dammann is a Medical Aesthetics Practitioner and has certifications in Aesthetics, and Light and Laser Therapies. She is a member of the International Association for Physicians in Aesthetic Medicine and the recent recipient of the 2012 “Successful Women of the Baja” by Baja Traveler Magazine. She has made numerous appearances on talk shows including Oprah. Spa Cielo’s physicians and staff are trained and certified in United States and Mexico and are bilingual. Spa Cielo Laser and Wellness Center holds a five star rating and received the “2013 Award of Excellence” from TripAdvisor and has the experience you look for in a laser medical spa, with 10 years in Los Cabos area, 14,000 patients and over 70,000 procedures performed, Spa Cielo is your answer to skin and body rejuvenation.
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will now need to “persuade” a whole new set of bureaucrats. But they can afford it, there is a lot of money to be made in mining. Let’s just hope we elected a less persuadable team this time.

The entire state congress is calling for a trial for those who signed for the mine. People are hoping the state congressmen will punish the city councilmen but those people are all in hiding. They might even be in San Diego by now. If they’re smart.

Yes, this was a close call. The mine already had the federal permits, and all they needed to start digging was this zoning law changed.

This is far from over, as the Canadian mining company is not going to give up and go away. We can only hope that the incoming administration has even a tiny bit more integrity than our outgoing crew.

GRAN FONDO RACES…
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a new race and visitors in Cabo, you may want to hunker down at home and watch football. Avoid the main road from Cabo del Sol to Todos Santos on October 18th between 6:00am and 4:00pm and don’t even think about going out to Todos Santos or Cerritos Beach.

They have arranged for traffic control for all mayor intersections along with partial road closures.

The roads going through Cabo San Lucas will be only partially closed as the cyclists go through.

There will not be any all day closures. It will be a crap shoot if the road you need is blocked when you need it.

This is preliminary, as they are holding meetings after we go to press to fine tune the logistics with local Cabo authorities and staff.

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I do not get drunk. I get awesome.

Calling all food snobs.

There’s going to be a cook in weekend in November. The Rancho Pescadero resort will hold its annual Culinary Weekend featuring Chef Renee Erickson on November 12, 13 & 14. This year, Erickson, according to The Washington Post, is the “chef-owner of four of Seattle’s most extraordinary restaurants, The Walrus and the Carpenter, The Whale Wins, Barnacle and Boat Street Café.” For information, contact Rancho Pescadero by phone 612-135-5849. Seating is limited. Well, everyone always says that. There’s always room for one more, have you noticed?

Let the season begin. This October 13 to 17, the Cabo’s legendary billfish season kicks off with the Los Cabos Billfish Tournament. Participating teams will hit the water Wednesday, October 14th in hopes of earning some of the estimated $750,000 in cash and prizes by releasing the most billfish or catching the largest marlin, tuna, wahoo and dorado during the tournament’s three days of fishing. For more information look up: www.loscabostournaments.com/

Art Auction. The second year of the Rural Interaction project will culminate with an art auction to raise funds for the continuance of the project. All works of art will be auctioned at The Shoppes at Palmilla strip center in San Jose and may be previewed online. A rotating selection of the pieces will be displayed at various locations where bids may be placed, including: Flora Farms, from October 4 to 11, at the itinerant Rural Interaction’s gallery, currently located in front of La Lupita Restaurant in the San Jose Gallery District and a rotating selection at The Palmilla Strip Center throughout the months of October and November.

Rural Interaction features a group of artists’ collective art based on their experiences of life in the rural areas of Southern Baja. We’re not talking the suburbs here, this is Out There. Hard to get there out there. The proceeds of their work go to the preservation and promotion of the cultural of life in the rural community of San Dionisio, and to preserve the land through the promotion of responsible ecocultural tourist activities. Why is it always people who wouldn’t be caught dead living out there, trying to raise money to keep others out there? Just wondering.

San Dionisio is north of San Jose on the road to the East Cape, up the mountains from the town of Santiago, and is home to several varieties of mangos, and other fruit trees, including chilies too. The community struggles to survive as many of its younger inhabitants move to the larger cities of San Jose and Cabo San Lucas.

The town sits in an area with several water streams where people can swim, camp out and enjoy natural Baja scenery.

More locations for the art exhibit will be announced on the organization’s website, Facebook and various print media. The entire collection may be previewed online. For more information or to place your bid contact: www.ruralinteraction.com 624-110-7389 or info@ruralinteraction.com.

Todos Santos’ trees are gone. The construction guys who are...
Performing Arts Centers In Disrepair

Two of them have been allowed to deteriorate to the point of being condemned as unsafe

BY DAVID FLORES

Two of Los Cabos’ most important performing art venues are closed, one due to total negligence and one due to negligence, shoddy construction, and some hurricane damage tossed into the mix.

San José’s main theater, named after the man who cranked the projector at San José’s first movie theater for many years, was abandoned almost two years ago by the department of culture, because the politically appointed director, could not or would not produce any events. Now, two years of standing empty, coupled with rain leaks, have destroyed it to the point of being unusable without a substantial amount of money is invested. With the city $60 million in debt, we all know that that’s not likely.

Then we have the cultural pavilion in Cabo San Lucas, that massive, ugly, (massively ugly?) building sitting on the marina adjacent to this rag’s world wide corporate headquarters. Built by local contractor Luis Cano, owner of Gravi construction company, the pavilion inside is actually a very well designed and well equipped venue which artists love to use. But it was poorly built by Cano who cut corners, possibly because it was a government program and nobody was holding him to any standards. It is now falling down.

Following the damage it sustained from hurricane Odile in September of last year, the former state tourism secretary said it would be restored with funds from the state and federal government, but the check never arrived.

Arts lovers, including local architect Jacinto Avalos and his wife Cecilia, leaders of the Building Baja’s Future scholarship program, donated materials and labor. A group of artists called Movimiento Arte y Cultura, organized several artistic events to raise funds and were able to pay for repairs of the elevators and the cargo lift. With some funds left, they began the repair of the lights of the main theater.

Although for some time the pavilion continued holding some events and commercial comedy shows, no funding showed up from the city, state or federal government. Then the rain came back.

Early last month, Cabo welcomed two consecutive weekends of heavy rains. Water seeped through the tile that covers the entire pavilion roof, with water raining down on the main theater’s seats, sheet rock ceilings, carpeting, and well, pretty much everything.

The artists’ community, local media, and social media called out for help.

The city said its coffers were empty and they were leaving office at the end of September anyway. The state was also in the process of changing administration and the federal government, well, that can be tapped, but the process is lengthy.

As a temporary measure, the Los Cabos civil protection unit – the equivalent of FEMA in the United States, but efficient – shut down the building as it’s dangerous. Mayor elect Arturo de la Rosa has promised to help, but he just took office last Monday, so we will have to wait and see if we get any help from his office.

In the meantime, the outgoing city government signed a loan agreement with LivingStone corporation, which will use a designated area of the pavilion to set up an art gallery for profit. The agreement states that LivingStone will begin repairs in the area that they will use, but that isn’t one of the theaters, they are in the basement.

While both these buildings have been virtually abandoned, the city government has restored another building, the Casa de la Cultura (House of Culture) in downtown Cabo San Lucas. That is the building that sits up on the hill behind the Gigging Marlin, which is used mostly as an arts, dance, and music workshop.

What To Do If You’re Stopped By The Police

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

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

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

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

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

This police extortion would stop in a week if everyone would grow a back bone and stand up to them. If it doesn’t stop, then it’s your own fault.
What Are My Rights As A Foreigner While I’m in México?

BY RAUL LEON

Being a foreigner in any country, can cause a certain degree of restless when ever a legal problem is faced, a conflict with national citizens or any friction with authorities and/or legal processes, so this article is aimed to provide the basic information a foreigner should know about his rights while being in México and what to expect in legal terms of his condition as a foreigner.

It is established on the Migration Law (to be hereafter called, the “Law”), article 2 that, the migration policy of Mexican State is to secure “… “Full respect for human rights of migrants, domestic and foreign, whatever their origin, nationality, gender, ethnicity, age and immigration status, with special attention to vulnerable groups such as children, women, indigenous, teenagers and people seniors, as well as victims of crime. In any case an irregular situation pre-configures itself committing an offense or the commission of unlawful by a migrant by the fact of being in no condition is documented prejudice.” Specifically I underline the last part, because it is very important to have in mind that, irregularities on migratory status give only place to be corrected and does not constitute any felony under criminal law, it only obligates to regularize the migratory status and correct it, but by itself does not allows any authority to deport the foreigner unless he refuses to legalize his migratory status.

Moreover, same article in the Constitution, requires, as an obligation of Mexican State to guarantee “Equal treatment between nationals and foreigners, as indicated by the Political Constitution of the Mexican United States, especially in regard to the full observance of individual rights, both nationals and foreigners.” So, by law and by Mexican Constitution, all human rights of foreigners are guaranteed and protected, and authorities must ensure equal treatment of foreigners and nationals.

And for those that have an interest in the Mexican nation, either a business, an investment or family in the country, it is established that the State must also guarantee the “Recognition of acquired rights of immigrants, while foreigners with roots or family, work or business in México ties have generated a series of rights and commitments from their everyday living in the country, even though they may have incurred irregular immigration status for administrative issues and provided that the alien has complied with applicable laws.” This paragraph must include real estate investments and partial residence.

Free transit all over the country is guaranteed (article 7 of Law) equal to any national, access to education services, public medical services (free in case of urgency), and all other public services, independent of the migratory status, which must be granted and guaranteed (article 8th of Law).

Civil actions cannot be denied by any authority even if there are irregularities in the migratory condition of the foreigner, so recognition of children, marriages, granting of wills, etc, are also a right of foreigners (Art. 9th of Law).

Article 11 of Law establishes that: “In any case, regardless of their immigration status, migrants are entitled to the administration and enforcement of justice, always respecting the right to due process and to file complaints on human rights in accordance with the provisions the Constitution and other applicable laws.” So access to public justice, equal conditions to the nationals rights, is also a foreigner’s right.

One right of a foreigner that is not very well known by Mexican authorities, but it is clearly established on Law (article 14th) is that: “When migrants, regardless of their immigration status, does not speak or understand Spanish, a translator or interpreter who has knowledge of their language, must be provided to facilitate communication.” And if there is a legal judicial process against a foreigner, for criminal charges, with an adverse legal resolution, judicial authorities are obliged to inform you of treaties and international agreements signed by the Mexican State for transfer of prisoners, as well as any other that may benefit him (article 14th of the Law).

Main obligations of foreigners while in México are contained in article 16th of the Law, which establishes that: “Migrants must comply with the following obligations:

In the case of foreigners with regular migration status, protect and guard the documents establishing identity and status.

Show documentation proving their identity or their regular immigration status when they are required by the immigration authorities.

Provide information and personal data they are requested by the competent authorities within the scope of their powers, the foregoing is without prejudice to the provisions of the Federal Law of Transparency and Access to Public Government Information and other applicable provisions in the matter and other obligations under the Constitution, this Act, its Regulations and other applicable provisions.”

The above means that foreigners have to keep at all times their migratory documents, but those CAN ONLY BE REQUESTED BY IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES, not by ANY other authority or particular, despite the above, we know that banks, even though they don’t have the right to do so, require such immigration documents to open accounts.

Of course, all foreigners are also obligated to comply with all domestic applicable laws the same as any national is required to do so.

It is of the most importance to have in mind that, according to article 17th, “Only immigration authorities may retain documentation proving identity or immigration status of migrants, when there are elements to presume that they are continued on page 10

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When Is the Best Time to Install Solar Panels on your Real Estate in Cabo?

BY CHRIS MIHM

Dinosaurs, humans, insects, plants, my puppies, and pretty much everything else would never have existed without the Sun and our specific proximity to this G-Class Star. Did you know the Milky Way galaxy is speckled with 40 Billion stars that are very similar to our Sun? Kepler satellite, powered using solar panels, actually observes these Sun-like stars to discover potentially habitable planets.

There are hundreds of billions of planets in the Milky Way Galaxy (and over 100 Billion OTHER galaxies besides the Milky Way). So, how do we determine if any of those planets have liquid and life like Earth?

The Kepler search for Earth 2.0 starts in our Milky Way galaxy, and employs an Earth Similarity Index which characterizes suitability for vegetation, rockiness, and atmospheric density. A planet must also be a certain distance from its star, orbiting in The Habitable Distance, or Goldilocks Zone.

Considering goldilocks and the three bears can live there, so can other life. In July 2015 scientist announced the discovery of the most similar Earth-planet, so far. It may have volcanoes, oceans, and a 385 day year. The planet is 1,400 light years away. Using conventional fuel and spacecrafts 1 light year requires 20,000 years to travel. However, breakthroughs in interstellar travel condense the travel of 1 light year to only 4.3 years. In 100 years or so, we may even be able to commute back and forth from these Earth-like planets across the entire galaxy or even Universe(s), if that’s your cup of tea.

OK. So let’s get back to our solar system, our Sun, Earth, and our Cabo. Did you know the Sun is directly responsible for weather, waves, tides, earthquakes, sunburn, and of course electricity?

In fact, the Sun is so massive we can hypothetically fit 1.3 million Earths inside of it, and the Sun can convert 4 million tons of matter into energy in one single second. That’s important because the population is growing and solar energy is an inevitable reality.

Case in point, the world population surpasses 7.3 billion, and today alone around 280,000 people will be born. That’s equal to Cabo’s population…in one day.

Despite exponential population growth, the Sun’s got our back. During winter, solar energy is ready to Install Solar. Why? You likely just raked up compounding CFE bills due to your AC consumption and you pay double what you could and should pay for each unit of energy you consume. On October 15th the proverbial light switch is flipped, and Cabo cools off overnight. Imagine you already have solar panels and October rolls around. Less AC use translates to WAY less energy use (KWh/day). So during winter, solar panels on your roof begin to generate a credit of solar energy that you see add up on the bottom right column of your CFE bill. Like an old cell phone plan, this credit rolls over on each bill, and offsets your high summer AC bills. This cycle repeats each year. With as few as 4-8 solar panels, a typical solar client who paid $70,000 Pesos/year will now pay around $12,000 Pesos/year with solar panels by leaving the expensive DAS rate bracket.

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WHEN: October, November & February, April, May
WHY: Solar Pool Heating makes a ton of sense for business minded owners who vacation rent their home. Solar Pool Heating reduces 88%-100% of propane costs, and vacation rentals always have to heat their pool. October is best to install pool heating because pools inherently cool off in November. Payback on solar pool heating is 1-2 years.

Likewise, reduce your CFE bills by 70%-90% with On Grid Solar, depending on the size of the home and subsequent energy consumption. Many vacation rentals are empty during the summer months and this is a perfect time to generate a solar credit on your CFE bill so that when the home is occupied renters are actually consuming banked solar energy.

The solar installation only requires 1-3 days and the sooner you install solar, the sooner you protect your investment from energy from reckless renters and reduce the cost of operating your home in Cabo.
Why Invest in Los Cabos?

**BY STEVE YIP**

The time is “NOW”, more than ever before, for investing in Los Cabos!

Since frequenting the area for many years and now living here for the last three, I have noticed many changes that amount to a very positive outlook for the future of investing and living here in sunny beautiful Los Cabos. With the addition of many large retailers carrying food and products from around the world bringing choice and variety, more and more, we see convenience becoming the norm. There are many more corner stores and gas stations, as well as, a bevy of great restaurants, bars and all kinds of fantastic food vendors! These are just a few of the things that have changed over the last few years, but there are many that have not changed, the great weather, white sandy beaches and crystal clear water from the Sea of Cortez to the majestic Pacific Ocean. The local people, whether it be the “native to this area” people or the “not originally from this area” people, have always been generally very helpful, friendly and accommodating.

When investing in Los Cabos, keep in mind there are a few differences that may surprise you and delight you at the same time.

**Prices**

Real estate has always been an extremely great value here but after the financial crisis of 2008 prices had hit the lowest in many years and have stayed low until now, thus creating a great environment for those wishing to invest. Even after a storm, the likes of which no one has seen here in the past happening almost a year ago, the prices have remained stable and many new improvements have occurred to the infrastructure of the area. If investing here, you can look forward to getting much more for your money than you might expect including more useable space, inside and out, lush green gardening year round as many properties come with large patio area and swimming pools!

**Taxes**

Property taxes here in Mexico, known as the “predial”, are much more affordable than what we have grown accustomed to paying in the USA or Canada. They are calculated based on a percentage of an assessed value of a property at the time of sale and that assessed value is commonly much less than the actual market value. That being said, the average taxable percentage of the assessed value of residential property in Mexico is 0.01% or 1% of the assessed value. Buying a house or condo at a market value of $100,000 you may find your yearly property tax could very likely be under $100 per year! When considering investing your life savings into a second or vacation home here, you might also want to consider making it your primary residence or retirement home and liquidate any current property elsewhere that may be costing you thousands of dollars a year to hold based on taxes alone.

**Maintenance**

Whether it is your home, your car, or yourself, the cost of fixing or renovating things is much lower here in Baja California Sur. The hourly labour rate and wages are lower here and will allow you the opportunity to get much more done for much less. Things like carpentry, plumbing, electrical, as well as, landscaping will all be offered at a fraction of what you may be used to paying. Being a mechanic myself in the past, I also know from experience that having car problems will be much less painful at about half the cost. As for yourself, the cost of food, alcohol and tobacco products are also much less especially if you shop and eat like a local. So is the health care.

**Lifestyle**

You may find yourself less dependent on material things to make you happy although Los Cabos has nearly anything and everything to cater to any lifestyle no matter how extravagant, having so many inexpensive things to do in the amazing climate here on any given day will save you money enrich your life at the same time. Aside from the many fitness clubs and yoga studios there is also many other activities like biking, swimming, snorkeling, running, hiking and biking that require only you and your time to enjoy a very healthy lifestyle like many others have chosen to do here. If you are the type that likes to relax by a pool or at the beach with a cold beverage and a book this is also a perfect place to do just that. I have grown to love this place and all it has to offer, the food, the fishing, the weather, the sun and the sand. I invite anyone considering life here to do the same, what are you waiting for? Come find your reason for being here and welcome to happiness that will cost you much less than you expected...

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After her first visit to Los Cabos; Paulette found the perfect alternative to cold Alberta, Canada winters – totally falling in love with Los Cabos, the culture, warm people, fabulous food and perfect weather was not something to be forgotten...

Los Cabos is now home to Paulette, her husband Terry and her dog, a Malti-poo, Juma. She spends 6 months a year in Los Cabos working with RE/MAX Cabo San Lucas and 6 months working with RE/MAX in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

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apocryphal (false), in which case it shall immediately so inform the competent authorities for the resolved as in might proceed:” So no authority, by any means, can take away immigration documents unless there is evidence that they are false. Retention of any immigration documents, by any particular or authority, other than immigration represents a felony under criminal law and there are specific provision law for sanctions applicable to authorities that do so.

Now there are 2 questions that always arise: In which cases can access Mexico be denied? And in which cases can a foreigner be deported? Let’s tackle such question:

Of course if the foreigner does not present the original of their immigration documents to access Mexico, access would be denied, but if such documents are legal and in force, then according to article 38º of Law, The Foreign Affairs Ministry, for public interest reasons and while the foreigner cannot produce such documents, may suspend or prohibit the admission of foreigners by issuing general administrative provisions, which is then published in the Official Journal of the Federation. As it can be seen, it is not just an administrative resolution, it is something can only be done by foreign ministry (and not even by judicial authorities) and it has to be published on the Official Journal, and to do so, is not something easy.

The second question is not so easy to answer and it has many paths, but let’s just say that, for the purposes of this informative article, the causes for deportation may be resumed as follows (article 114 of Law):

1) If foreigner has entered into the country without proper documentation or through an unauthorized place for the international movement of people; It is important to considered the contents of Thomas Gertner, as this is the one that is commonly claimed by authorities, whenever a foreigner displays activities beyond what is authorized for him in his immigration document. This represents entering into the country without the proper documents to do such activities.

2) Having been deported, entering into the country without obtaining the readmission agreement, even if you have obtained a condition of stay;

3) If foreigner is considered as a Mexican to the immigration authorities without being;

a) If foreigner is subject to criminal prosecution or conviction for felony under national criminal matters or the provisions of international agreements and conventions to which Mexico is part, or to those foreigners that have a history in Mexico or abroad that could compromise national security or public safety;

b) If foreigner provides false information or holds uses false, altered or legitimate immigration documentation, obtained fraudulently and

If foreigner has failed to comply with an order to leave national territory issued by immigration.

In all these cases, immigration shall determine the period during which the deported alien shall not return over the country, as set out in the Immigration Regulations. During this period, the deported alien may be readmitted only by express agreement of immigration.

In the event that, the offender’s history in Mexico or abroad, could compromise national sovereignty, national security or public safety, deportation is final and permanent.

Have in mind that not complying with the authorized activities on the visa (immigration document), as it was established in Point 1 above, may generate the authorities right for immediate or automatic deportation.

As all know, there are several types of Visas, and each one allows or prohibits the activities to be performed in Mexico by the foreigner, some of them referring to economic activities and, whenever a violation to what is authorized on an immigration document happens, immigration authorities have to start a legal procedure, that usually ends up just with a fine and the request of correction of the immigration status of the foreigner, but of course, under certain circumstances may end up with deportation.

Keep in mind that only immigration authorities can judge this violations and deport, as it is our experience that it does not usually happen to first offenders. It is important to stress that according to article 114 of the Law, the Procurator is the only authority that can sign the expulsion of a foreigner and it has in compliance with what is established on article 33 of Mexican Constitution.

Political participation or intervention by foreigners in any way or form has historically been considered a very delicate issue and the participation of foreigners in any political act is forbidden and the prohibition is always contained in all visas other than those granted to diplomats.

In the permits granted for participation of foreigners in Mexican election, there are share holders, so as in the permits for holding rights for residential purposes over real estate in restricted zone and in the agreements foreigners must sign to own fee-simple property of land outside of restricted zone, there is always contained what is domestically called “the Calvo Clause”, also called the Long Arm Statute, establishes that all foreigners must consider themselves as Mexicans within Mexico and submit to Mexican authorities to solve their disputes, avoiding claiming the protection of a foreign country (their country of origin), with the penalty of losing their assets for the benefit of Mexican Nation.

A foreigner that has an irregular immigration situation can request to correct it under legal, and one may be applied as sanction (whenever applicable), but not immediate deportation.

We hope the concepts above shown are found helpful and clarify most of the common doubts, and that may arise, consulting an expert on immigration or even the Mexican immigration authorities is the right path.

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Tuna Time!
No, not the sandwich, We’re visiting the tournament that catches the tuna fish

BY CHARLIE TUNA

Although scientists have told us the waters of the eastern Pacific Ocean are heating up, building towards a strong El Niño event that could rival the intensity of the record 1997 Nino that wreaked weather related havoc across the globe, it’s been pretty mild in Los Cabos this year.

So far we’ve been hit by assorted tropical depressions, a tropical storm, and a hurricane that got away but left lots of rain up and down the Baja and Southern California coasts. The fishing has been good. Now, that’s a priority. Especially now that the big fishing tournaments are bearing down on us. They start in Los Cabos and the East Cape.

An exciting and popular tournament that’s coming up this October 24 is the 3rd Annual Van Wormer Resort Tuna Shoot Out. The format will be a tad different this year, as it’s the biggest yellowfin tuna that will win. The largest tuna caught on October 24 will win approximately $35,000 (based on 100 teams entering). This is a one day tournament, so anyone can win. There will be more than $100,000 in cash and prizes up for grabs and entry fee is only $500 per team. There are terrific prizes for the top three teams that catch the largest tuna, and optional cash jackpots of $300, $500 and $1,000 and a new $2,000 jackpot with an 85% return.

There are great raffle prizes of tackle, lures, rods, tackle boxes, gift certificates and return trips to Van Wormer Resorts. And, as ever, there will be lots of swag from sponsors. The awards dinner will be held at Hotel Palmas De Cortez on the East Cape on Saturday, October 24th at 7:00 pm.

New this year: There will be three starting locations, with one each in La Paz, East Cape, and Puerto Los Cabos. Start time is at 7:00 am at each location, with the weigh in at Palmas De Cortez in the East Cape between 1:00 and 6:00 pm. Security will be on duty from Friday night the 23rd starting at 7:00 pm until Saturday morning at 6:00 am for all boats anchored in front of Hotel Palmas De Cortez. (Obviously, there have been some boats gone missing from there. Not really missing, we all know they putt putt over to the mainland, it’s not that far.)

VHF radio repeater will be used to give constant weight updates to all participating boats. Agencia Arjona or Baja Mark in La Paz and Puerto Los Cabos will serve as event information locations, as well as the marina office and store at Puerto Los Cabos. For information or to sign up, look up: vanwormerresorts.com.

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for now, the weakening of the peso has not fueled any major price hikes for goods, meaning that remittance recipients will be able to make the most of their extra cash. In August, inflation in Mexico fell to 2.6%, an historic low.

The money coming from abroad can make a big difference in Mexico—last year, remittances reached some $23.7 billion, surpassing the $22.6 billion in foreign direct investment the country received during the same period.

This gripes my furry butt. Eight Mexican tourists were tragically killed by mistake in an Egyptian air raid as they were picnicking in the desert. Ok, boos happen and this was one mother of a boo boo.

But when Claudia Ruiz Massieu, secretary of foreign relations for Mexico, flew over to Egypt quicker than Nancy Grace could arrive at a juicy murder scene with her TV cameras, and demanded reparations, explanations, and apologies all around, all the while directing the international TV cameras, that was a little too much hypocrisy for me.

Just imagine how the Mexican government would have handled the accidental killing of eight Americans here. You bet they would have tried their damndest to hush it up, even trotting out their old whine about reporting the incident being a vast conspiracy against tourism in Mexico.

Egypt is going through some tough times right now. Their vital tourist industry is practically dead, and they don't need a grand standing Mexican bureaucrat to pound the last nail in that coffin. How about a little empathy, tourist country to tourist country, Claudia?

What are we, chopped liver again? The tourist destination of Puerto Vallarta is the most expensive city in Mexico for buying a house, says the online real estate portal Lamudi. Oaxaca was next, followed by Acapulco, Cancun and Mexico City. And where are we mentioned? Nowhere. And what's this about Oaxaca? That's a very nice pueblo, but it's hardly top tier real estate wise. In fact, it's quite poor.

With an average price per square foot of $118, Puerto Vallarta is a distant second to us. In the case of Puerto Vallarta, 47% of listings are priced in dollars, while the national average is 8.7%.

And Acapulco? Despite a murder rate of 107 per 100,000 inhabitants, Acapulco is the third most expensive city for buying a house, followed by Cancun in fourth place. Prices per square foot in those cities were about $100 U.S. per square foot. Again, way behind the average Gringo home in Cabo. Maybe that's the hitch: This survey is counting all the homes, not just the foreign owned homes. Or is it that the writers on this Internet blog don't get out much? They certainly don't get over to our little corner of the country.

We are loved. According to Hotel-Online, the hotel industry in Cabo is operating at nearly 100%, attributing the quick recovery from the hurricane to effective coordination between government agencies. Well, we did get a lot of help from the feds.

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We Have A New Mayor
Let’s All Hope For The best

BY DAVID FLORES

Arturo De la Rosa was born in Ciudad Constitucion, a small agricultural town north of La Paz, on May 4, 1971 (age: 44). He graduated in law from the state’s Autonomous University (UABCS) in La Paz. De la Rosa and his five brothers were part of former Governor Nabiso Agundez’ team, until De la Rosa broke with Agundez and the leftist PRD party in 2011, prior to Agundez going to prison. De la Rosa then moved to the right leaning PAN party.

He served as the Governor’s secretary general, as a city councilman in Los Cabos, and as a city government delegate in Cabo San Lucas. De la Rosa also served in the state congress as president of the Grand Commission and as a lawmaker in the Mexican national congress. He was accused of misuse of funds to the tune of nearly half a million dollars while serving as a lawmaker in the Mexican national congress. He was accused of misuse of funds to the tune of nearly half a million dollars while serving as a lawmaker in the Mexican national congress.

De la Rosa ran for the Los Cabos mayoral position in 2011 but lost to Tony Agundez, the outgoing mayor. Luck with this, you will almost need a ph.d in bird stuff. The Hummingbird Partnership is looking for people to help pilot a new Citizen Science Hummingbird project. Go out and look for hummingbirds feeding on plants - not feeders. Feeders don’t count. Write down the hummingbird species and the plant species and count the amount of flowers the plant has. Then go online and fill out the far from easy form. Copy and paste this address into your internet browser.

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New Dog Park In Cabo

Gosh, we thought the entire country was a dog park

BY BRIDGET BURKE

Cabo K9 Corral has opened Cabo’s first official dog park that is now open to the public free of charge on Sundays from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. The Cabo K9 Corral Dog Park is a fun, safe, place to play with your dog and meet other Cabo dog owners. And other Cabo dogs. Lots of them. This dog park will not be con-fused with the barrios that have no leash laws, making them all look like dog parks.

Bring your latte or green juice and spend a nice afternoon en-joying the poohs patio lounge or send your dog on a sprint through the agility course or just lounge in the shade in the company of your four-legged best friend. Be sure to check the gate for the posted park rules so you and your dog play well with others. Be advised that there are no public bathrooms.

Except for the dogs. But then the entire country is their bathroom.

The dog park is on the grounds of the Cabo K9 Corral, a new five star resort for dogs. (Who knew Michelin give out stars for dog parks?) Whether you need to get rid of your dog for a day or over-night, or a week or even a month they can take your dog off your hands. Each of their eight private 20 square foot cells, (pardon, rooms), has natural sunlight, air conditioning, filtered water, room service, tile flooring, 24 hour care and security. Room service? What do the dogs do, ring a bell if they want a split of campaign sent in?)

The spacious resort features over 20,000 square feet (that’s almost a football field, Bunky), of outdoor space for recreation. They provide an impressive daily activity schedule to ensure that your dog is active and healthy during their stay. No, do not ex-continues on page 21
Easy Peasy 5K Run For Charity

If you can’t scoot along for 3 miles, you need to check yourself into an old folks home

BY BRIDGET BURKE

It’s time to put down your margarita, grab your sunscreen and jog over to Cabo del Sol to participate in the Los Cabos Charity 5K Run. OK, well, we’ll let you drive over, because you will need to save yourself for the run. The city of Cabo San Lucas, along with some money people, (sponsors), is hosting this charity 5K run as part of the first Los Cabos Gran Fondo bicycle race. That race is going to be a pain in the ass for more than just the folks sitting on those little bitty bicycle seats, because it goes for 100 miles on our streets. But right now we’re talking about the Los Cabos Charity 5K also to be held on October 18. This will be confined to inside the Cabo del Sol development and will be the headache of the richy rich people living there. Do we care about their traffic difficulties? Naw.

The course goes along the sea starting at crack O’dawn. (That occurs at 7:15am in case you’ve never been up at that hour).

The start and finish lines are when you pass the Sheraton Hacienda across the divided street from the entrance to the clubhouse of the golf course. Golf there on that day not recommended.

This is a family, friends, and get to know your neighbors event promoting sports and health for all ages. In other words, not to be taken seriously. There are awards and trophies for the top three places in each category for adults as well as for the kiddies ages 8 to 14 years old.

Registration is open until October 16, and then you’re out of luck. Or you’re lucky, depending on your level of enthusiasm for this nonsense.

The “donation” is 5275 pesos. If you don’t feel like “donating”, stay in bed, because it’s a mandatory voluntary donation.

The Los Cabos Charity 5K Run will benefit various Cabo charities, including the Los Cabos Children’s Foundation. If you would like to make sure they get your whopping big involuntary donation of 275 pesos, sign up for this thing through them at admin@loscaboschildren.org.

You can also visit the Tricabo website at www.tricabo.com. The money they’re tearing out of you includes a shirt, a commemorative medal, a race number, and hydration. (We think they mean a cup of water).

This is the kicker: You have to wear a bib tag chip. That’s an electronic tracker built into your number. Remember back in 1980 during the Boston marathon when a gal named Rosie Ruiz took the subway for part of the race? No kidding. She ran off the course, jumped on the

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60 of the hotel association’s 66 properties are back in operation, with the other six due to open in the coming months. It hasn’t hurt us that Los Cabos also has new airline capacity and with more coming. New services are set to begin from Orange County, California; Houston, Texas; New York City; and Toronto.

As far as investors are concerned, hurricanes are not a serious threat to tourism’s viability. During the next three years our accommodation capacity will increase by 4,000 rooms as hotels such as Auberge, Montage, JW Marriott, Encanto, AM Resorts, Starwood and others open new properties.

There’s always Google translate. For the last 10 years the federal government has launched two formal initiatives for teaching English to students from kindergarten, elementary and junior high school; however, a recent study showed that 97% of stu...continued on page 21

This book, first published in 1984, was given to me 12 years ago, and re-reading it today, I find it even more of a classic, addressing the paradox of close neighbors (Mexico and United States) who do not seem to understand each other at all! Reading it, I can not see that relations between our two countries are any better than when the book was first published.

The forward in this latest printing sums up the book’s premise in a sentence, “...No-where in the world do two countries ...as different as Mexico and the United States live side by side.”

Whenever you cross the border to Mexico, you first realize that there is a great disparity in wealth; There is just so much poverty, but of course, our differences do go so very much further than this.

“We are separated by language, opinions, race, culture, and by a history; theirs going back into pre-history with cultures and events that have influenced them so greatly, even today, while our history as a nation, is still raw and new. The United States is barely 200 years old (We seem to ignore and do not count the millennia of history of our first residents as part or their rich history). Mexico, on the other hand, has a colorful, often violent history going back thousands of years, and those past events still have a huge impact on Mexicans’ lives today. The Mexican people remember history, and are greatly affected by their past. It still influences their day to day lives and their philosophy.

In 18 chapters, an “afterword,” (only in the 2000 printing), bibliography, and index, we quickly cover centuries of important history. The author begins with his statements of how far apart Mexico and the United States are. He points out that in his premise mostly with brief history, differences in all of these points were not a history I learned of in college. He shows how each succeeding powerful civilization in Mexico has influenced present day life and Mexican philosophy.

The legends behind the flag, and very important legend of Quetzalcoatl, the plumed serpent, and the predictions that became changers of historical events is fascinating.

I found the Mexican philosophy of “ni modo,” which means tough luck, or no way to be more understandable by the author’s statement that “...disasters...are not major disappointments, because they...are (all) unavoidable.” This fatalism and acceptance of violence and defeat, are difficult for Americans to fully understand. Samuel Ramos wrote (the Profile of the Mexican and his Culture, 1930), “...Until now, Mexicans have only known how to story briefly, and according to the author, it was each different

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The good news is more rain in the foothills from the recent squall is not uncommon this time of year — the bad news is that between the runoffs and strong currents, the inshore water is somewhat off-color close to shore. However, the bonus is that all the flotsam that goes out to sea provides cover for the bait fish and attracts the bigger fish. So watch out for the floating debris; there may be a dorado lurking under it with your name.

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Cabo San Lucas

The bite on blue marlin has dropped off a bit during this reporting period but the bite for striped marlin and sailfish has continued on at a brisk pace. It has been a partly cloudy early season with intermittent sunshine and easy sunburn conditions.

Sea temps stable on both sides of the peninsula are holding fast at 86 to 87 degrees from the sides of the peninsula are holding fast at 86 to 87 degrees from the sun and varied from calm to 14 mph.

The blue marlin were taken ranging up to 250 pounds. It has not been uncommon to get a good many football-size along with a decent number of 40- to 50-pound fish.

The dorado bite has been hit or miss with the frigate birds being an important part of finding them. Watch for those high flyers while trolling around. The wahoo bite has slowed while inshore fishing has remained decent, even with high seas and fairly strong winds.

Air temps are remaining stable at 75 nights to 94 daytime highs and a 73% humidity level. It has been a partly cloudy early season with intermittent sunshine and easy sunburn conditions. Surface breezes flowing from the westerly direction and varied from calm to 14 mph.

The billfish have been scattered as well, with a chance of finding some bottom structure species, in addition to tuna, dorado and wahoo.

The best place to expect a shot at the larger grade of yellowfin tuna has been off of the Gordo Banks; although we have not heard of any monsters recently, many tuna in the 50- to 70-pound class and a few up to 150-pounds were reported.

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La Paz

It has been a mixed bag of fishing and difficult to pinpoint why some fisher folks have done well one day and poorly the next or why Las Arenas would be better than La Paz one day ... then the next day La Paz would be better than Las Arenas. It was really the luck of the draw; and same with the weather.

Recent weather was quite tropical with lots of humidity and always the chance of rain and wind interrupting the inshore grounds off of Cabo San Lucas is producing

The dorado and wahoo bites slowed recently with the cranky weather though a few fish are still being caught each day. Some wahoo were weighing up to 40 pounds for the handful of anglers who were fortunate to land them. Most of the dorado being found now are small juvenile-sized fish.

The inshore grounds off of Fiesta Americana Resort near Cabo San Lucas is producing

Cabo San Lucas

The bite on blue marlin has dropped off a bit during this reporting period but the bite for striped marlin and sailfish has continued on at a brisk pace. It has been a partly cloudy early season with intermittent sunshine and easy sunburn conditions. Surface breezes flowing from the westerly direction and varied from calm to 14 mph.

The blue marlin were taken ranging up to 250 pounds. It has not been uncommon to get a good many football-size along with a decent number of 40- to 50-pound fish.

The dorado bite has been hit or miss with the frigate birds being an important part of finding them. Watch for those high flyers while trolling around. The wahoo bite has slowed while inshore fishing has remained decent, even with high seas and fairly strong winds.

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East Cape

Seems like the billfish, tuna, dorado, wahoo and roosterfish are in the area and are being caught daily. No huge numbers — just a enough to lure visiting anglers to head offshore in search of the big gamefish. And more importantly, they are being rewarded with some exciting moments in the pursuit of fish larger than they are.
Every Tuesday at 8 am. Rotary Club at the Sheraton Hacienda del Mar resort. In the Chapel. RSVP: 172-0009 y 172-0010

Every Wednesday, 8 pm. 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. holas@laesquinats.com, www.laesquinats.com. 612-135-0851.

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

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

Every Thursday, 8:00 am. Rotary Club breakfast. At the Plaza Grande Resort, Restaurant Brigantine, Cabo San Lucas.

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

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

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

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

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

First Friday of every month. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Miriós Services is taking all clean plastic for recycling. Corner of Rangel and Verduzco Sts. just behind the old Pemex station downtown.

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


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 Foods 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

November 7th. The big farmers market in San Jose opens for the season. This is the daddy of them all. It will be open every Saturday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for the rest of the season. Volunteers needed. info@sanjomo.com

October 9 to 11. Green Fest. Mexico’s first bicycle-powered festival. The electrical energy produced by participants will power music, concerts, and activities. Information: www.loscabosgreenfest.com

October 13 to 17. Los Cabos Billfish tournament. About $750,000 in cash and prizes by releasing the most billfish or catching the largest marlin, tuna, wahoo and dorado. More information www.loscabosbostournaments.com/

October 16-18. 1st Los Cabos Gran Fondo bicycle race. 65 and 100 miles routes, from Cabo San Lucas to Todos Santos and back. Information: http://www.volpigranfondoseries.com/#!los-cabos-mexico/cqoz Or Facebook: loscabosgranfondo

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


October 20, Saturday. 3rd Annual Van Wormer Resort Tuna Shoot Out. At Palmas de Cortes hotel in Los Barriles, East Cape. The largest tuna caught will win approximately $35,000 (based on 100 teams entering). Info: vanwormerreports.com

November 11-15 Los Cabos International Film Festival. Various locations and extremely various times. ana@loscabosfilmfestival.com


November 27 – 29. Todos Santos International Guitar Festival. At El Faro Beach Club. A community funded, musician-supported festival that puts on a world class show. All profits go to the local...
take in the sun, sleep in the shade or lounge on the pooch patio. The resort also has a private dog park, including the salsa stations, and caught up to the dogs later on, very near the finish line.

She was caught at this caper and ever since then racers are monitored more closely. These electronic gadgets must be worn by the runners and silently check in with race officials at various parts of the race.

In the department of character counts, Rosie was later convicted of embezzling money from her employer, then after that was convicted of being involved in a cocaine deal. She still insists she’s a speedy runner and swears that yes indeedy, she did run the entire 26 miles. Maybe she was so fast cause she was hyped up on coke.

OK, so get off your bar stool, strap on your sneakers and come out to support our local Cabo charities. And don’t try to take a short cut on a golf cart, because they’re pissing for your chip.

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What’s a Health Check-Up Can Do For You And in Mexico it’s a bargain By Dr. Dick

Medical research has come a long way, and people are now living longer than ever before. The average life expectancy for an American is almost 80 years, and with simple lifestyle changes many people can live to 95 years and beyond!

Simple lifestyle factors such as a healthy weight, regulating blood pressure and cholesterol levels, a balanced diet and staying active can easily add an extra decade or more to your life span. And these extra years can be celebrated with the energy, strength and passion for life you enjoyed in your youth.

Preventive medicine is a branch of medicine dealing with the prevention of disease and the maintenance of good health practices. Every year millions of people die from preventable diseases, many diseases which can be avoided if detected early. One of the best methods for prevention of disease is to get a health check-up, even if you are healthy. With a health check-up we can detect many disease before they start, and find problems early, when chances for treatment and cure are better.

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Now is a good time to get your health check-up. Until October 31st all check-ups are at reduced prices, starting at $350 pesos. Contact us about a check-up package that’s right for you.

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The Cabo K9 Corral rate for dogs is $10 USD. That’s for care from sunrise to 5:00pm, which is check-out time. The rate for overnight lodging is $20, check-out at noon.

And your dog needs to bring its own food! Geeze, then what’s the deal on the room service? Where does the swanky stuff come into all this? Just asking. Your dog will also need a certificate of good health from the vet. Suggested additional items on the road to Todos Santos. No drop bys, no pitching dogs over the fence, the Calgary Dog Whis-perer would like you to be civil about this and make an appointment.

Call him at 624 136 2971 or email kevin@cabok9corr al.com. Their web site is cabok9corral.com.

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The world, past and present, is a wonderful and rapidly shrinking place.

Distant Neighbors can be found on Amazon.com, and I have one copy at El Caballo Blanco book store in Loreto, Jeanine1220@yahoo.com.

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Hogar del Niño. 30+ Guitarists from all genres and from all corners of the globe come together for a 3 days of camaraderie and musical collaboration. Information: info@tsig.com, http://www.tsig.com

January 14th, 15th, 16th, 21st, 22nd and the Finale on the 23rd. Todos Santos Music Festival.


February 28, Sunday, 2014 History at Heart Tour of Todos Santos. An opportunity to view a piece of Todos Santos history. These magnificent homes will be open for only one day to tell the story of a past era rich in cultural and social graces. These homes will draw you back to a time of pride and prosperity in a humble mission town and give you insight into the lifestyle people enjoyed in the past century. Supports the Palapa Society and its many charitable causes. Paul Bumann, paul@boomenterprises.com, Ph. 612-178-0062.

Dec. 3rd, 4th, 5th – Las Estrelas de Todos Santos Ensemble presents Slice of Life, a variety of theatrical readings, in the Galeria las de Todos Santos’ Ensemble Theater of Todos Santos.

Rather than build a fourth community to generate income that would cover your mortgage. The 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 off in 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 purchase a home that will cover your mortgage.

If you need more information about these great projects in Portus’ new developments (www.portusmexico.com or book your private real estate tour today by calling 624 104 3775.)

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So Is Any Real Estate Selling Around Here?

BY BILL DING

The Portus Group began the highly successful Ventanas Residential project in Cabo San Lucas nine years ago. It consists of three master-planned communities in a family homes and condominums, Phase I and II – already delivered – and Phase III, each centered around a very upscale clubhouse.

A key reason for the success of Portus Group is their philosophy of building entire communities rather than just houses. According to Jose Acosta, “When we deliver the key to your house, it is not the end, but the beginning of our relationship with you, as we are here to help the homeowners preserve the beauty, tranquility, and property values of their new investment.”

The experience of community begins upon purchase of the property when the new homeowners are assigned a personal customer service agent who will answer to them with progress reports. There is even a home store on the property, where you can buy everything you need for the new home, right down to the silverware and pillow cases.

When your home is completed, the Portus staff welcomes you with a key ceremony and a tour of the amenities Ventanas offers.

Then, as a homeowner, the true Ventanas experience begins: you will enjoy concierge service, special discounts for all services and activities on site, as well as discounts at restaurants and popular tourist destinations in Cabo. If you love sport fishing and other water sports, the Portus boat is available for your use. Use it and walk away from it, which is the best way to enjoy boating.

Ticket price $15usd or 200 pesos. Closing night includes a Whitney Houston tribute concert on the beach. Hotel Buena Vista Beach Resort.

Information: lordofthewindbaja.com

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

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So if you’re looking at homes here, you can’t go wrong with Ventanas. Better hustle over there before the real estate market comes roaring back up. Now is the time to buy.

If you need more information about these great projects in Portus’ new developments (www.portusmexico.com or book your private real estate tour today by calling 624 104 3775.) More info closer to show dates.

March 20, Sunday, 23rd Arts Festival at Los Barriles, East Cape. Art works from around Southern Baja will be featured and crafts exhibits and sale, food and booze and live music. More information as they figure it out.
Natasia Rutowski is spearheading a push to get trees planted on the streets of downtown Todos Santos. When the streets were torn up a few months ago to put all the utilities underground, they yanked out the beautiful old trees. And, they are not replanting as they are finishing the job.

So the good citizens of Todos Santos have started a program to buy and plant trees. They're calling it the "Adopt A Tree" program. Not to worry, you don't need to invite a tree into your home, nor do you have to buy fertilizer or worry about watering it, nor buying orthodontia for it, they just need you to pony up some money. And you are not required to find a tree and even plant it. The planting will be a coordinated effort by Vida y Prosperidad Todos Santos, using the money raised through the donations of individual people. The trees will create shade, cool downtown, and reduce soil erosion during flash floods. The committee is still working on the final mix of trees to be planted, but it will be an assortment of monkey pod trees, some palms, and lluvia de oro trees.

As you can see from the previous paragraph, the committee is seeking donations to fund the planting of trees in downtown Todos Santos. The money raised will be used to purchase and plant various types of trees, including monkey pod, palms, and lluvia de oro trees. The goal is to create shade, cool downtown, and reduce soil erosion during flash floods.

To contribute, you can donate through the International Community Foundation (ICF), a very safe, secure, respected charity site specializing in funneling money to Baja. To donate online, go to www.icfdn.org and follow the instructions. A screen will pop up asking if your gift is in honor or in memory of someone special. If you click "yes," it will ask for the "Honoree Name," which can be the name of the person you want to honor.

Alternatively, you can donate directly by calling the International Community Foundation at (624) 143 1947. They have been working with various organizations on the island, and you can contribute directly to their efforts. If you prefer to do this, please contact them directly to arrange a donation.

Contact Information:
International Community Foundation
Tel: (624) 143 1947
www.icfdn.org
info@icfdn.org

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Adopt A Tree program in downtown Todos Santos, please feel free to contact Natasia Rutowski or the committee directly. They are working hard to make this project a success and would love to hear from you.

Thank you for your support and for helping to create a more beautiful and sustainable downtown in Todos Santos.
We Hate To Whine, But...  
Why is our water delivery service worse than it was 500 years ago?

BY GUNGA DIN

Our potable water service here sucks. Yeah, yeah, we’ve heard how challenging it is to keep a thirsty growing population living in our desert environment hydrated, but we’re not completely buying that. Because we know that it rains a lot up in the mountains behind town, and we know we could use that water if only we could figure out a way to reliably get it down here.

But we don’t reliably get it down here. We need catch basins up in the mountains, right now we have no way to catch it, only natural streams that bring it down, and some small primitive concrete lined trenches. We mostly depend on well water, which is brought to surface by small electric motors in small spots all around town. You will see tanker trucks lined up at these wells, taking on water to sell to people door to door and business to business. People pay buy water off the trucks when the city doesn’t deliver for several days and the tanks they have on the roof of their home dries up.

The water department here in Los Cabos is known to be one of the most corrupt agencies in southern Baja. Just about two months ago it was discovered that in one week Mayor Agundez’ sister and then his brother cashed checks from the water depart-

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Much of the 30 mile long aqueduct is underground. Its construction was initiated by the Franciscan friar Francisco de Tembleque who arrived in the Americas from Spain in 1542. The plan was to carry water from what is now Zempoala, Hidalgo, to Otumba in the state of Mexico, while allowing all the small villages along the way to tap into the rushing water.

Some 400 laborers from 40 villages worked on the project all those years, and it was financed through the sale of textiles by women of the villages. And, of course, on completion each village was allowed to tap into the water.

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Lookit What Baja Safe Did, Wow!

This is what a real bad case of mange looks like. Elliott got mange as a puppy like lots of dogs do, and not treated, it got worse. When Baja Safe picked him up from his neighborhood and brought him in for repairs, it was very serious and highly contagious.

Parasitic mites cause mange in mammals; they embed themselves either in skin or hair follicles, depending upon the type of mite. The animal with mange suffers with itching so of course they scratch it, making it worse for them. Elliott stayed with a loving foster home while undergoing treatment which took several months of baths and pills and antibiotics. Often mange only takes a few weeks to cure but Elliott had a stubborn case of it and Dr. Bravo, a vet in San Jose, had to stay with it.

When he was all prettied up, it turns out he was a really nice dog. So Isabelle Tiberghien, honcha at Baja Safe, drove the creature up to San Diego and negotiated a wonderful home for him. His name is now Elliott Ellis and his friends at the dog park don't know about his rather spotty past.

Says Isabelle, "Everybody wanted Elliott when he was cured but nobody would take him or even touch him when I rescued this little sick puppy. Baja Safe Humane Society in San Jose helps dogs and cats, giving a second chance to abandoned animals."

Baja Safe is a non-profit association that is run by dedicated volunteers. One way they raise money is by selling their calendar of cute Baja critters for a $30 donation. This year’s calendar comes out in October. You can get your copy, and help a dog like Elliott. See the contact info below.

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President Enrique Peña Nieto gave a speech at the United Nations’ 70th General Assembly last week, pledging to train soldiers to participate in United Nations peacekeeping missions around the globe. He was criticized at home out of fears that it goes against the country’s age-old policy of no intervention and looks dangerously close to the way the COIN was applied in the past.

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Egg House Inspired By Yurts

Is it an egg, a concrete yurt, or has Luke moved his hut from Tatooine to Pescadero?

The unique and stunning architecture of the Sand Dome Homes are enclosed in a private compound hovering on the edge of a cliff with breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean directly below.

Betty Marvin, wife of late actor Lee Marvin and author of “Tales of a Hollywood Housewife” was the vision behind these intriguing architectural forms. She was inspired after a trip here, she says. “I was on the beach in Baja, remembering the sand castles I used to build as a child. When I got home I opened a copy of Dwell Magazine and there was an article on solar sand castles, built by Nader Khalili of Cal Earth. Khalili became my mentor and dear friend as I learned the process of building eco-domes.”

Betty Marvin spent many winters living in her sand castles by the sea. Earlier this year she sold this unusual property to two people who plan to live in the solar powered Sand Domes. May the Force be with them!

FISH REPORT...

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boat goes crazy and next boat struggles to get one fish.

I’m not a big believer in the full moon thing and how it adversely affects fishing unless a number of other factors are involved. However, as the time went on, and it got closer to the “super full moon” (larger and closer than normal) combined with an eclipse, water levels were much higher and lower than normal, plus currents and tides were higher and lower than normal — could have been the reason for the hot/cold fishing.

With the help of Gary Bulla, a frequent visitor to Las Arenas, Gray Tagging began their Baja inshore tagging program recently with the hopes of retrieving data that will provide insight into the management of the fishery over time.

Cabo San Lucas

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East Cape Tackle Cindy Kirkwood, www.eastcapetackle.com
La Paz
Cerritos, Pescadero & Todos Santos: A good way to spend a day

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

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

Speaking of food, Todos Santos has a full range of temptations. Try Alma & Manny’s or the Todos Santos Inn for breakfast; Bob Marlin has that vibrant beach vibe. Cerri- tos has a bit difficult to find, but wow is it amazing. You step off a dusty dirt road into another world.

For fabulous chili rellenos try Miguel’s across from the Pemex. Next to the Pemex is the very sophisticated La Casita.

Want off beat? Go to the mask museum, called Faces of Mexico of Todos Santos, the proprietor provides an enthusiastic tour of authentic masks from the various eras of Mexican history. The cultural museum on Juarez Ave. also has interesting historic displays. Todos Santos is home to the annual Music Festival every January, an artist’s open studio tour in February, and the ever-popular GastroVino in April.

Many visitors extend their Cabo vacation and get to know the “real” Mexico by staying a few days in either Todos Santos or the nearby beach areas. Cerritos Beach is part of El Pescadero, but where the town of Pescadero is old Mexico, Cerritos has that vibrant beach vibe. Cerritos and its neighboring beach, San Pedrito, are both world-class surf spots. There are a couple of ways to get to the beach, either the old dirt road at km 65, or the new dirt road at km 67. Either way, it’s a bump, but what the hell, you’re in a rental car.

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

El Pescadero is a small town on the way to Todos Santos. It has a rich history of agriculture, ranching, and fishing. The lush poblano chili fields are everywhere, as well as strawberry, tomato and basil fields. The town is between the ocean to the west and the Sierra Laguna mountain range to the east. A modern four-lane highway runs right through it connecting Cabo San Lucas to Todos Santos, then goes north to LaPaz. Stop at one of the many taco stands along the highway, or buy veggies or fruit along the road. In the afternoon when the fishermen come in with the day’s catch you can buy fresh fish off the boat at Punta Lobos. For a small propina (tip) they’ll file it for you, too.

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

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

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

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route. If you have a check, make it out to Vida y Prosperidad Todos Santos, A.C. and walk it down to the Que Rico deli on Colegio Militar Street, or the Amerimex office on Calle Juarez, or to La Esquina Cafe.

The street and sidewalk project is moving along, albeit at glacial speed. Natsia is hopeful they can start planting in the next few weeks, so shake a leg with the money, they need it now.

A couple of young Mexicans have developed a a game on an app that thumps on Donald Trump every time he says something disparaging about Mexicans.

The player can throw (electronic), bowling balls, old shoes, beer bottles, cactus, a cat, and assorted bric a brac at the presidential candidate every time he opens his mouth.

The name of the game is “Trumpealo” which is funny because it is also a Mexican expression that is similar to a punch or a hit.

Me dió una trumpada en la cara. He punched me in the face.

PLANT FOR THE PLANET...

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United States’ meddles in other countries’ internal affairs.

Peña Nieto told the General Assembly that Mexico will for the first time have a training center to produce combat ready Mexican international peacekeepers.

He said that plan had been designed by Mexico’s armed forces in coordination with the United Nations, and that by 2018 the training camp will be up and ready.

The president also announced that toward the end of this year, the Mexican army would participate in a U.N. mission in Western Sahara’s referendum, in Haiti’s U.N. stabilization mission and in Lebanon.
Unfortunately Mexico is now first place in the world in obesity. I believe this is because we have adopted customs of other countries and have given a great welcome to the concept of fast food, and we are now consuming a lot of hamburgers, pizzas, soft drinks and all kinds of foods that are beyond our culture.

Before the Spanish arrived to México and South America, there was no suffering from famine as in Europe, because here we used our own native culture, and we planted corn and beans. Indigenous cultures of ancient Mexico developed a vast knowledge based on observation of the life cycles of their environment and the possible link between some cosmic phenomena and sought interpretation of this.

The struggle for survival, over time, allowed us to optimize plant resources, as well as animals and minerals that nature gave us in abundance.

The prehispanic diet was based exclusively on products of hunting, fishing and gathering plants and fruits. Over time, the selective consumption helped to change the natural conditions of various plant species. It was a slow and gradual process of many thousands of years, which coexisted with the collection of plants and primitive forms of rudimentary agriculture. In Mexico, the development of agriculture was not, as in other world regions, a reduction in the nutritional health of its population by greater reliance on a dominant food source. Perhaps because there remained the habit of using a variety of alternative supplies such as fish, fruits and wild vegetables, flowers, roots, worms and even insects.

On the other hand, in Mexico there were domesticated vegetables such as amaranth, chile, beans and pumpkin and squash. Actually, the combination of corn, beans and squash, as an essential part of the diet, has been fundamental to the healthy development of indigenous peoples. Nutritionists agree that eating corn beans and squash together is even better for us than if eaten separately. Its nutrients are highly complementary.

Also, tomatoes, which can be eaten both raw and cooked, and with the variety of chilies with varying degrees of spiciness can also be eaten fresh and dried or crushed, raw or cooked. These contributed to the development of all kinds of seasoned wild birds, game meats and fish. The archaeological evidence and other scientific studies give evidence that each of the pre-Hispanic civilizations that flourished in Mexico expressed their own culinary cultural characteristics. Given the variety of soils and climates in which they developed, it is certain that their eating habits were adapted to the natural resources of each region. However, the zone of influence of some of these civilizations, such as the Olmec, Teotihuacan, Zapotec, Maya and Mexica (Aztec) covered in some cases very broad territories. This distribution resulted in a need for extensive trade and the need to supply food to populated areas, resulting in “flea markets”. The central market of Tenochtitlan, the “flea market” of Tlatelolco, was huge and impressed the Spanish with their internal organization and the extraordinary variety of products offered.

So, the way to deal with, and eradicate the problem of obesity, what all we Mexicans should do, is go back to our basic principles.

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So Can Mexico Compete With China?

They can now. The days of the Chinamen snatching Mexico’s industries are over.

BY TOM KATZ

An entire generation of Americans has come of age laboring under the assumption that the U.S. can’t compete in the manufacturing arena with low-cost competitors such as China and Brazil. That may have been true a decade ago, but it’s no longer true today.

The two countries making the greatest strides in manufacturing competitiveness were Mexico and the U.S. The key reasons were stable wage growth, (some would call it no wage growth), sustained productivity gains, steady exchange rates, and the big energy advantage the U.S. has captured since the shale-gas boom began.

When the most important economic factors are considered—total labor costs, energy expenses, productivity growth, and currency exchange rates —Brazil is one of the highest-cost manufacturing nations in the world, Mexico is cheaper than China, China is virtually even with the U.S., (as are most of the traditionally “low-cost” countries of eastern Europe), and the low-cost leader in western Europe is none other than the country that launched the Industrial Revolution: the United Kingdom.

So throw away the old playbook. Welcome to the new era.

As Chinese labor costs rise, American productivity improves, and U.S. energy expenses fall. The difference in manufacturing costs between China and the U.S. has narrowed to such a degree that it’s almost negligible. For every dollar required to manufacture in the U.S., it now costs 96¢ to manufacture in China, and that’s before considering the cost of transportation to the U.S. and other factors. For many companies, that’s hardly worth it when product quality, intellectual property rights, and long-distance supply chain issues are added to the equation.

For the record, the countries with the highest manufacturing costs of the 25 nations we studied were Australia, Switzerland, Brazil, France, Italy, Belgium, and Germany — all of which have costs 20 percent to 30 percent higher than the U.S.

Previous cheaper havens, including Brazil, China, the Czech Republic, Poland, and Russia, experienced a significant increase in relative manufacturing costs since 2004 because of some combination of sharp wage increases, lagging productivity growth, unfavorable currency swings, and dramatic increases in energy costs.

Several countries that were relatively expensive a decade ago, most in western Europe, have become more expensive compared with America. Manufacturing costs in Belgium and Sweden rose 7 percentage points from 2004-2014 relative to the U.S., and in France and Italy they rose 10 percentage points. Largely because of productivity gains, the U.K. held its own.

Many companies continue to make manufacturing investment decisions based on conditions from a decade or more ago. They still see North America as high cost and Latin America, eastern Europe, and Asia, especially China, as low cost. The new data show there’s a competitive marketplace of manufacturing opportunities today, with high-cost and low-cost countries virtually equal.

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Here in Mexico, 42 car makers have official representation in the country with nearly 400 different models, making Mexico one of the most varied automotive markets in the world.

The automotive sector accounts for 17.6% of Mexico’s manufacturing sector, and Mexico is the third largest automobile manufacturing nation in the Western Hemisphere, after the United States and Brazil, producing 3.1 million vehicles in 2013, and many more than that by now.

The industry produces technologically complex components and engages in research and development, so much so, that Mexico has a serious shortage of engineers, and that is holding back further growth back.

The “Big Three” (General Motors, Ford and Chrysler) have been operating in Mexico since the 1930s, while Volkswagen and Nissan built their plants in

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Calendar of Performing Arts

**TODOS SANTOS**
Dec. 3rd, 4th, 5th – Las Estrellas de Todos Santos presents Slice of Life, featuring their new Ensemble in the Galería 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 corners of the globe come together for 3 days of camaraderie and musical collaboration. www.tsigf.com. Email: info@tsigf.com

**CABO SAN LUCAS**
October 28 until December 12. Painting exhibition by the artist Lobouché. Opening from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Yandi Monardo Art Gallery and Tendencia Avenue featuring different artists who live in or are inspired by Baja. New artist exhibit every 45 days. Inside the Luxury Avenue mall at the marina. Spanish and English. Free

**ESTEBAN’S Karaoke Bar**
October 30, Friday. 10:00 pm. The impostors. Musical comedy show by Mascaras Theater Company to commemorate Halloween. The villains of horror movies meet to make you laugh through songs and parody sketches. On the main drag Cabo San Lucas, next to the Fairfield Inn Marriott hotel. Spanish. Tickets $150 pesos one national drink included. Info and reservations 624 168 5077.

**YANDI MONARDO ART GALLERY**
November 17 and 18. Tuesday and Wednesday. 7:00 pm. Photography exhibition by Mariano Lemus. Yandi Monardo Art Gallery and Tendencia Avenue featuring different artists who live in or are inspired by Baja. New artist exhibit every 45 days. Inside the Luxury Avenue mall at the marina. Spanish and English. Free

**CULTURAL PAVILION** This venue is closed for repairs now, so check back when the dates get closer.

November 12. Saturday. 7:00 pm. The Cinderella Ballet by Dancenstudio students. Choreography by Claudia Bandin. Tickets $180 pesos. Spanish.


December 17. Thursday. 7:00 pm. Once upon a time. Dance performance by lujurie dance directed by Rocio Lopez. Info and tickets 624 168 9316. Spanish.

**SAN LUCAS PLAZA (WALMART PLAZA)**
October 16. 8:00 pm. El Faro Beach club

Nevada. The villains of horror movies meet to make you laugh through songs and parody sketches. On Blvd. Mauricio 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 Bellario 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 JOSÉ**

**ART DISTRICT SYRIACUS Bar**

**ART DISTRICT**
November 6. Friday. 10:00 pm. The impostors. Musical comedy show by Mascaras Theater Company to commemorate Halloween. The villains of horror movies meet to make you laugh through songs and parody sketches. On Mijares Blvd. Historic downtown San José. Spanish. Ticket $150 pesos one national drink included. Info and reservations 624 168 5077.

**CIRCOTEKA** Angela Ceseña St. between the fourlane and Barlovento St.

December 7. Thursday. 7:00 pm. Libroteca at the Circoteka. 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 Yasabela’s little sister. More info about reading lounges Email: todossomoselotro@gmail.com. Circoteka is located at Angela Ceseña St. between Furlane Street and Barlovento St., San José, Spanish. Free

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MEXICAN COOKING...

as we eat. As we have a wide variety of enchiladas and tacos, we have lots of variety in how to prepare beans. The bean is part of the Mexican diet for centuries, they have become a very dynamic category in the export sector of our country, because this cultivation represents an important alternative production for thousands of farmers in the coasts, mountains and forests. Beans are of great importance in the basic family diet for its high content of protein, carbohydrates and minerals. Its seeds contain protein (22% - 28%), vitamins, minerals and soluble fiber (pectin), which helps prevent heart disease, obesity and aids the digestive tract. (They make you poop). That is why major medical institutions worldwide are promoting beans and making them commercially attractive. The wide adaptability of some varieties means they’re available year round.

Here is a very fun way to eat beans. You can have them as a side dish or as a soup. Drunken Beans

Ingredients:

1 lb of beans (Red, yellow or brown beans. Well any kind just not black).
2 Ib Pork tenderloin
3 serrano chiles
1/2 white onion
2 garlic cloves
2 tablespoons of lard
2 springs of coriander
1 beer (bottle or can)
Salt to taste

This Week’s Question is:
Do you have your own house? Rentied, loaned, given? If it’s yours, how did you buy it?

Juan Daniel Lopez
Romo 17 years old, Cook
I can’t have any kind of government help yet, but my parents did and had a piece of land which was given to them by their patron, (boss), about 30 years ago, next to his land so they could

Ask a Mexican

Guzmán 25 years old, restaurant manager.
I am renting a house downtown, 2 bedrooms and one bathroom, these days I’ve tried to get a loan for a house, counting with my INFONAVIT but my score seems to be too low for the bank. INFONAVIT is not much help either, help, a long time ago when their money was proportional to what they earned and then since they’ve only had to pay utilities, (water, electricity, cable, internet, etc.) but nowadays getting enough points in INFONAVIT or FOVISSTE is almost impossible. There’s a new program in which

Carlos Tapia Sanchez
24 years old waiter.
I live in a house that rather wait and find a good house to invest on.

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24 years old waiter.
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When this cultural change happened, it came in a rush.

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It’s free because the tourney is run by the tourism board and sponsored by various tourist related businesses in Los Cabos. They hope to pep up some traditionally slow fishing time for the local guys who need the work. Charterd boats can have multiple registered anglers on board, making it an even better deal. This won’t cost you more than you would pay for a day of fishing and you might win big.

Species that count are: blue marlin, black marlin, striped marlin, sailfish, spearfish, tuna, wahoo and dorado. Striped marlin, sailfish and spearfish are release only. Weighed blue and black marlin must meet a min umin weight of 300 pounds to be eligible for the goodie.

There are designated weigh-in locations including Hotel Buena Vista Beach Resort in East Cape, Puerto Los Cabos Palapas in San Jose, and Marina Fundadores weigh-in at Cabo San Lucas

Anglers who email a photo or video of their released billfish during tournament hours and under tournament rules to CharterBoatClassic@bonniercorp.com by 1:00 pm November 24th will receive an emailed release certificate and be eligible to win prizes through random drawings.

Here is a list of all the participating charter companies and their contact info. Don’t even try sneaking in some bandit boat, because that would be rude.

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