So What Can The U.S. Consulate Do For You?

Not very damn much. Try not to need them

**BY LAURL N. HARDY**

Our Consular Agency in Los Cabos is an agent office not a full consulate, so it provides limited services as an extension of the Consulate in Tijuana. Currently, they have partial staffing at our local office during their daily office hours and can only provide support for emergency services and answer general questions not relating to document services. All of the employees are Mexican.

Document services including passports, Consular Reports of Birth Abroad, and notaries are by appointment only and are unable to provide any visa-related information or services, so don’t send any Mexicans there. With services for Americans so crappy, you know the services for Mexicans are even crappier.

For American citizens here the consulate provides emergency services support for hospitalization, arrest, and lost persons. No, they are not a get out of jail free card, but they will give you a list of lawyers to call, and notify your next of kin that you’re rotting in a Mexican stoney lonesome. It is not a comfy place to be, and you need to get out as soon as possible.

If you’re sick or bashed so bad you’re hospitalized, the Mexican staff can contact your next of kin, check that you are treated all right, and give billing guidance so you are not over charged. But good luck on this one, they are not going to take your side against the hospital that’s got your credit card and is running up a horrifying bill. Just get out of there as soon as you can.

If a person is reported lost, they will look into it on your behalf with different local authorities. Meaning, they will call around and see if you’re in the hospital or jail.

For after-hours emergencies, you can call the Duty Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Tijuana. From Mexico, dial 001 (619) 692-2154, from the U.S., call (619) 692-2154. Good luck with someone 1000 miles away helping you, they aren’t even very responsive to Americans close to them.

For their limited document services, you must make an appointment. Appointments are only available three days a month when a consular agent from the Tijuana office comes down. Holy cow, let’s face it, we are alone.

They’re saying they expect a manager to be appointed in October or November (of 2015), and then they will be able to provide document services on a daily basis.

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Welcome aboard. Actually, we townsies are not welcome aboard the cruise ships. They have guards to keep us off the tenders that take the hoi polloi back to the ship. However, a record season for cruise ships is expected, according to Hector Montaño, manager of API, the company that operates the Cabo San Lucas marina. More than 78 of these monsters will anchor in Cabo between this month and next May we will have visited at the same time. Montaño added that between this October and next May we will have hosted around 200 cruise ships. The cruise ships are important to get that ball rolling. Food fest in LaPaz. This Sat-

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Also, many people see our beautiful selves for the first time from these cruise ships and like us so much, they come back for their next vacation, staying a week or more. Then they buy a timeshare, so now they have to come back every year. The cruise ships are important to get that ball rolling. Food fest in LaPaz. This Sat-

urday, Oct. 24, La Paz holds its annual paella festival along the malecón from 8 p.m. till midnight, featuring live music. Ticket-
s are 400 pesos (about $24.00) at the entrance to the event. 

Paella is an ancient Spanish rice dish that originated in the city of Valencia. It is widely regarded as Spain’s national signature dish, as well as a regional Valencian dish so popular that the Valencians regard paella as one of their identifying symbols. Types of paella include Valencian paella, seafood paella, and mixed paella. But there are many others as well.

Valencian paella is believed to be the original recipe and consists of white rice, green beans, meat (chicken and rabbit), white beans, and seasoning such as saffron, which turns the rice into a chirpy yellow color, and rosemary. Another very common but seasonal ingredient is artichoke. Seafood paella replaces meat with seafood and omits beans and green vegetables. Mixed paella is a free-style combination of land animals, seafood, vegetables, and sometimes beans. And don’t forget the snailes. Paella’s got to have snailes.

San Jose organic market. The San Jose organic market opens again Saturday November 7, and every Saturday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm until they toss in the towel next spring. The market is located at Huerta Maria, on the road to Las Animas, directly across from the Jockey Club, and just minutes from the back door to downtown San Jose. If you are interested in being a vendor, fill out the application form on the market website: http://mercado.tmake.mx. If you were a vendor last year, you may log in to your existing account and fill out the application for this new season. The organizing committee is also looking for volunteers and is particularly interested in anyone who would like to provide workshops and entertainment. For more information, email info@sanjomo.com or look up www.sanjomo.com. Cell. 624 108 4235, Office 624 142 0948. This is the mother of all the local organic markets and gets a lot of foot traffic. There is a map to it on their website.

The scoop on Cabo beach access. In Mexico, all beaches are public, says the law. No coastal land can be privately owned within 60 feet inland of the mean high tide line.

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I could go as a lion! Yes, that's it, that's the winning ticket! I would be proud to go as a jungle cat, and here I am practicing my jungle strut in the back yard. This is way handsomer than a stupid taco.

Mom's got my girlfriend Fluffy dressed up as, what? Donald Trump in drag? What's that she's got on her head, a babushka for crying out loud? I'm not taking her to the party in that getup. Mom's got to do better than that. A jungle cat's costume could do a lot worse. Yes, that would be fine. I need one of those.

OK, here's your national news for the week. I hope you enjoy it cause I need this job. I've been informed that the furniture clean up is coming out of my paycheck.

Manhole cover alert. In rural areas of Mexico, thieves help themselves to petroleum products by tapping into the vast network of Pemex pipelines. But in Mexico City they go after manhole covers and drainage grates and sell them to scrap metal dealers.

City officials say the current administration has spent more than a million dollars, replacing the covers and grates in the city's water distribution system. Water system chief Miguel Carmona Suarez said there were 367 reports of missing grates in the first seven months of the year. Each one costs more than $500, including installation. They can also be costly in terms of the danger they pose to vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Minimum wage grief. While hamburger flippers in the States are whining for $15 an hour, minimum wage in Mexico is about $4.50 a day. Katie, bar the border. There are now two minimum wages in the country, depending on where one toils for so little, but soon there will only be one. The spread is about 6 pesos a day but that is seen as such a huge gap, that they're going to (about 30 cents a day), will be phasing it in slowly. It went up about 4/5% this year, which some saw as barely keeping pace with inflation. Nobody believes the "official" rate of inflation, which most feel is fictitious to justify not raising the minimum wage more. The minimum wage, widely regarded as stingy and, according to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, below the poverty line. Mexico is the only country in the region to have earned that distinction.

The problem is, Mexico is aggressively going after manufacturing jobs they can only get if their wages are low. Or, they could improve their education system and go after more technical jobs, which pay better. Or not.

Reboot. The Mexican communications satellite Morelos 3 was launched successfully from Cape Canaveral, only four months after another, disastrous launch by the Russians. When Russia screwed up the launch of the Boeing built satellite, and it blew up shortly after launch, the Mexicans vowed not to buy a cut rate launch again, and contracted with the Americans for this one.

The lifespan of the communications satellite is expected to be 15 years, a period in which it will serve as a critical communications tool during emergencies and natural disasters. "This satellite will provide the best satellite coverage to those Mexicans living in remote areas, where conventional means of communication haven't yet reached yet," said Communications Secretary Gerardo Ruiz. Mexsat is a $1 billion program.

The horse is gone. Time to close the barn door. 13 men, including three high-level cartel members, were extradited from Mexico to the United States to face charges on a number of crimes such as drug trafficking and murder, including the killing of a U.S. consulate employee. Following El Chapo's embarrassing jailbreak, the Mexican government admitted it had received an extradition request from the United States for him to be kept there. But nooooo....Mexico said they were perfectly capable of keeping the human mole in their prison, thank you very much. Ja, Guess not. So now Mexico has packed off 13 of their highest risk prisoners to face serious time in American prisons, which they will find to be no day at the beach. There will be no buying of favors there, as they do here.

Here comes the Pope. Next year is Mexico's turn to host the Pope, who is expected to visit us at a date to be determined, but will be in 2016. The Mexican President's office confirmed that contacts between the government and The Vatican have been initiated to prepare for a visit by Papa Pacho.

"He is definitely going to come; The date, which will be determined by the Vatican, still has not been determined," said presidential spokesman Eduardo Sanchez announced. The daily La Jornada confirmed that the Mexican Bishops Conference, known as the CEM, said that last week The Vatican informed it that the pope would come to Mexico in 2016. So far the only part of the trip that has been firm is the clean up, not so much fun. Scratch the shoe polish look. Turns out that stuff rubs off on the furniture, who knew? Next picture here, it's a selfie of my spooky look. I just covered my normally handsome stripes in black shoe polish on a trial run to see how I look. Turn out that stuff rubs off on the furniture, who knew? Next picture is the clean up, not so much fun. Scratch the shoe polish look.

My mom's idea is for me to go as taco cat in a nod to my heritage, she says. I says I think this costume nods a lack of appropriate dignity, and that's just for starters on my list of objections.

My next bright idea is a way better acknowledgment of my heritage, guess not. So now Mexico has their own Tiger King, yes. That would be fine. I need one of those.
Our Citizens Are Mad As Hell And Not Inclined To Take It Anymore

These La Paz city council members met away from government offices, in secret in a hotel, and voted for a variance in zoning laws which would allow gold mining in the Sierra de la Laguna mountains just north of here. They did this in the last days of their administration.

This set off a firestorm of protests, including circulating this wanted poster.

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They will also cut an access road from the coast to the mining site which is near the protected biosphere.

When the signing was dis-
closed, there was such an outcry from the people with picket signs and petitions flying around every which way, that every incoming elected official promised on a stack of their Bibles, and their mammas grave that they would not vote for the zoning change that would allow mining. They also made assurances that the last minute zoning change wasn’t official before those politicians left office.

Now some of the incoming officials, paying close attention to their constituents’ outrage, are suggesting filing criminal and administrative charges against their predecessors who voted to allow the mining operation onto the Baja peninsula.

It’s not really drinking alone if you have a dog
states that tourist developments must provide passage for local residents to access their beaches. Medina and other city councilmen and women drove and walked to each beach in Los Cabos and discovered the following: the Medano beach portion between Villa del Palmar and Ocho Cascadas resorts is closed off by a private individual, who claims he has rights to the beach from the federal government. There is a legal battle for this portion, as it is also an arroyo (dry river bed), and is not supposed to be sold or leased to anyone. There is currently access, even by car, but only after you pay about $1.20, and do not even think about asking for a receipt.

Other beaches with no access are in front of the hotels Casa del Mar, Melia Cabo Real, Marquis, El Dorado, Cabo Colorado, Rancho Cerro Colorado, Espiritu del Mar, El Ganzo, The Welk resort, Pueblo Bonito Sunset, Diamante, RIU, Hacienda Encantada and Santa Carmela. The properties that do allow access are the Pedregal, Solmar, Finisterra Misiones de Cabo, Punta Ballena, Hilton, Cabo del Sol (limited) and The Cape.

Beaches that are easily public are Palmilla, Acapulquito, Costa Azul and Las Palmas in San Jose, along with Chileno, Santa Maria, Las Viudas and Medano in Cabo San Lucas.

Our new mayor Arturo de la Rosa and his city council members have promised that they will enforce article 45b of the urban development law for the state, which states that no one who owns property near a natural access to the beach can prevent anyone from entering, or must leave an open passage of at least seven meters wide. Sure, but every past mayor has promised the same and nothing has been done. However, now that the locals are growing more restive, it is expected that some change will take place. Or not.

The outgoing mayor has looted the city, stripped it pretty much bare of anything of value, and the people are whining about beach access. Sigh.

More Agundez grief. Turns out former Mayor Tony Agundez gave more than 300 temporary workers permanent contracts just a few days before he left office last month. This in addition to a 1.2 million pesos (some $71 million USD) public debt he left us, the highest in the history of Los Cabos.

New Mayor Arturo de la Rosa and his staff have declared those contracts illegal as due protocol was not followed, and are currently revising the city payroll. The workers’ union has agreed to a compromise, and it is expected that 500 city workers will be laid off soon. Also, the new mayor of La Paz has begun laying off employees. The total could reach 1,000 city workers that will be gone. Many in both cities will have to be paid severance, which could amount to millions.

Why is your bar closed? Because in the waning days of Tony Agundez’s administration, the fiscal inspectors were taking cash payments for permits and stuffing it in their pockets. So some bars have signs reading clausurados on them while others are facing fines and interest charges.

Where’s the water? There isn’t much coming out of your tap if you live in the territory of the desal plant because it is not
Cash In On Your Foreign Earned Income Exclusion
And play catch Me If You Can

BY ORLANDO GOTAY

Most U.S. expats have heard that those who meet certain criteria may elect to exclude some or part of their foreign earned income from American federal income tax. This is the Foreign Earned Income Exclusion. Indexed for inflation, the maximum exclusion amount for 2015 is $100,800.

Spa Cielo a Laser Medical Spa

These days everybody wants to look beautiful. As 78 million “baby boomers” approach retirement, age is beginning to show. But with the fast pace of today’s aging society, people now want that fresh look without spending weeks of painful recovery. A rejuvenation vacation is the solution. Spa Cielo Laser, Wellness and Weight Loss Center named “2009 Best Medical Spa”, is located in San Jose del Cabo, and has built their business over the past 10 years here in Los Cabos to meet those vacationer desires. “People want to look better, but they don’t want to give up any time from their daily lives or vacation” said Cathy Dammann, Medical Aesthetics Practitioner and Owner of Spa Cielo Laser, Wellness and Weight Loss Center. “The public is demanding transformation with little pain or downtime” states Dammann. Spa Cielo, which specializes in the latest light and laser treatments, offers a variety of treatments from LED and Photo-facials, to TITAN® Skin Tightening and Lumenis AcuPulse® Fractional CO2 Laser. With the recent addition of the world winning HydraFacial®, Voted Best Non-Laser, Non-Surgical Skin Rejuvenation 2012, Spa Cielo now has something for everyone, whether it is aging Skin Rejuvenation” by WebMD, which offers a superior solution for rejuvenating and resurfacing the skin. The fractional laser can be used effectively to treat fine lines, wrinkles, acne, stretch marks, acne and burn scars, skin pigmentation, discoloration, sun damage, precancerous as well as benign lesions and uneven skin texture. This is the only laser treatment at Spa Cielo that requires any downtime, typically less than 5 days.

All of the other laser treatments at Spa Cielo, including TITAN® with its non-surgical facelift, recipient of the Aesthetic Medicine Award for “Best Customer Experience and Satisfaction”, can be performed the day before a media or public relations event. LifeStyle Lift Now Available at Spa Cielo. Spa Cielo offers a complimentary VISIA computerized complexion analysis, which allows a customized treatment program for efficient rejuvenation in shortest amount of time. Make your time here a rejuvenation vacation. Call 624-105-2209 to schedule your complimentary VISIA®.

Cathy Dammann is a Medical Aesthetics Practitioner and has certifications in Aesthetics, and Light and Laser Therapies. She is a member of the International Association for Physicians in Aesthetic Medicine and the recent recipient of the 2012 “Successful Women of the Baja” by Baja Traveler Magazine. She has made numerous appearances on talk shows including Oprah. Spa Cielo’s physicians and staff are trained and certified in United States and Mexico and are bilingual. Spa Cielo Laser and Wellness Center holds a five star rating and received the “2013 Award of Excellence” from Trip Advisor and has the experience you look for in a laser medical spa, with 10 years in Los Cabos area, 14,000 patients and over 70,000 procedures performed, Spa Cielo is your answer to skin and body rejuvenation.

Rated with five stars on

October 19th, 2015

With an original (but late) income tax return that is filed within one year after the due date of the return, or (drum roll), With a really late income tax return, (along with form 2555), if the taxpayer owes no federal income tax after taking the exclusion into account, the IRS does not catch you before you actually file it. The last option is of great importance to non-filers who have earned income above the exclusion amounts and have not yet heard from the IRS. The difference in tax (and penalties and interest) is huge. It is a meaningful incentive to become compliant. Late last month, a Mrs. McDonald lost in tax court on that very issue. She did not beat the IRS to the race. The IRS noticed she had not filed returns on time and it issued, “substitute for returns”. That’s IRS speak for saying “gotcha!”. To be valid, these late returns must specifically state at the top of the return, (I recommend writing it in bold, red letters), the “open sesame”. “Filed Pursuant to Section 1.911-7(a)(2)(1) (D)”! If you miss that, you blow it. Now you know, Beat the IRS to the race. It’s well worth it.

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The Legal Aspects Of Living In a Condominium

Or what to expect when you buy a condominium in Mexico!

BY THE SETTLEMENT COMPANY

The cottage on a tiny individual lot or the mansion built on a grand expanse of land. This type of home ownership has been the dream of many in the Western world where land has been plentiful and where the family lived in ONE home and did not have other properties for vacations, recreation and retirement.

Changing life styles have changed ownership patterns over the past fifty years. Two working parents, single parent families and the rising popularity of multiple family homes have created a great demand for ownership in condominium. In these cases the individual free-standing dwelling on a lot has been exchanged for shared walls, shared entryways, communal recreational facilities and shared maintenance.

When many live closely together rules and regulations become important. In Europe and the East coast of the United States, condominium ownership has been regulated for many years.

In the west the first laws were enacted in 1965, in Canada in 1975 and Mexico's first condominium laws were published in 1972, the same year as the bank trust (fideicomiso) law was enacted. In 1985 California's Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act became a model for the rest of the world. In the same year Mexico updated its condominium law and enacted the establishment and operation of common interest developments.

This step was highly important for Mexico City but also for vacationers in Acapulco, Cancun, Manzanillo, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan and Los Cabos. Because of built-in maintenance provisions it has become the preferred ownership for vacationers in Mexico who may spend only a few weeks a year at their homes and prefer to spend the time in fun rather than in maintenance duties.

In the common interest development, it may be either commonly owned property or common rights that may be enforced as restrictions against separated owned property. For example the pool, hallways, gardens and other public areas are commonly owned property in many projects. Owners of the individual condominium units acquire a proportional ownership interest in all the recreational facilities, as well as in the service areas, bearing walls and utility features at the project.

In other developments, the developers retained ownership of certain areas destined for recreational use by the condominium owners and common areas are limited to the sidewalks, utilities, ducts and other construction features of the properties.

An example of rights and restrictions against separately owned property would be the building or design codes which are built into the condominium regime which prohibit for sale signs in windows, or drapes and window coverings different from those of the other units.

The presence of either element; rights or commonly owned property, makes the project a common interest development.

In Mexico direct ownership of the common property is the general rule. This means that certain property in the complex is owned in common in undivided interests by the individual homeowners. As an example, 25 condominium units and a common swimming pool and tennis court, in direct ownership each condominium owner owns his private space and a percentage of the the common areas.

SWISS CHEESE: When the owner sells, leases, mortgages his own lot or condominium his or her percentage of the common area must be included. The common property cannot be severed from the individual lot or unit. It is rather like Swiss cheese. The owners own a separate interest in the holes and a undivided interest in common in the cheese itself.

The common interest in the building normally will include: the foundation, roof, exterior walls, bearing walls even if located within the unit, common hallways, chimneys, exterior doors, windows and all utilities and the pipes, ducts and wiring for same.

The individual owner's unit will generally include all interior fixtures, improvements and personal property which is located within the three dimensional block of airspace. This will include built-in cabinets, plumbing fixtures, lighting fixtures and interior doors.

THE CONDOMINIUM REGIME:

This is the legal document which must be completed before an individual title can be granted out of the development. It must be made before a Mexican Notary Public and registered in the Property Tax office and Public Registry of Property.

By law it will contain the Descriptive Memory of the project. This means the measurements and description of the land, of each and every private unit and a description of the common property for the entire project. It also must include the Condominium Rules and Regulations.

This part outlines the rights and obligations of the condominium owners, it defines the type of administration to be in place and contains the necessary rules and regulations to promote the well-being of the community.

Article 27 of the law provides for a annual meeting of homeowners. Homeowners are to be notified of the time and date of the meetings through registered mail ten days prior to the date of the meeting. This notification should also be published in a local newspaper and posted in a prominent place in the condominium project. If 90% of the homeowners are not present, subsequent meetings can be called for the same day and decisions can be made on important issues by those present which will affect every owner in the complex.

Articles 27 of the Law of the Condominium Regime also provides for voting in proportion to the percentage of common property held by each owner. Voting continued on page 8.
The role of a Home Owners Association in Real Estate

By Leticia Diaz Rivera

Let’s start with the basic questions. Do you know what a Homeowners Association (HOA) is and what duties they perform? Most importantly, do you know the role it plays in Real Estate?

As a definition, a HOA is a non-profit organization within a planned residential community that projects and protects the vision of the founders, stewarding the community by making and enforcing rules to ensure continued value and owner representation in key issues. It is recommended that HOA be appointed by a Homeowners Board that oversees and approves changes, budget and improvements among the community. Therefore, by investing on a real estate property with a HOA, you are ensuring that your property investment is supported by a HOA that manages the community.

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First and foremost, make sure the property you are interested in is in good standing with the HOA and that its current dues are paid. If that is not the case, it is important to engage with the HOA to understand the situation and make a plan to bring the property up to date. It is important to note that the HOA is responsible for the maintenance of common areas, security, payment of utility bills, the administration of the treasury, and the enforcement of the rules and regulations.

HOA dues are monthly or yearly and cover services and amenities that are part of the HOA services. They can be paid online or by mail. It is important to keep your HOA dues up to date as they can result in late fees, overdue fees, or even legal action.

Another important consideration is the HOA’s contingency plan. Is there a plan in place for an emergency or a natural event, such as a hurricane or flood? What is the HOA’s contact information? Is the HOA’s association director contacted by a competent and cooperative administrator?

I can relate to the importance of a HOA benefiting not only the property values, but how you feel at home. The HOA at Pedregal de Cabo San Lucas has always been responsive and attentive; just last year after hurricane Odile, Pedregal HOA, some residents and the Diaz Riveria family, collaborated to bring the community together and, through a nonprofit project founded by the latter, made sure that its security guards, gardeners and maintenance personnel were safe and secure in their homes so they could focus since day one on cleaning up the streets, removal of debris and helping each resident feel secure at home. Throughout all these years, it has been an important pillar of the success of the community as a whole.

Just remember, a homeowners association should be elected at an annual meeting and is composed of owners who oversee the work of the administrators. A surveillance committee consisting of one to three parties must be elected at an annual meeting and is composed of owners who oversee the work of the administrators. A reserve fund must be established with funds invested in securities and readily available for required long-term repairs. Maintenance fees must be paid for all common areas (swiss cheese) and failure to pay can result in loss of the property.

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legal action may be taken against homeowners who fail to make THREE payments of monthly maintenance fees. Repeated failure to pay fees can result in putting the unit up for auction. Even if the homeowner is not happy with the administration of the complex, monthly maintenance fees must be paid.

Absentee owners with property in a foreign country should spend a few minutes to review the financial reports for their complex on a regular basis. When staying in the unit, they should open their eyes and review the condition of the complex. Is it well maintained? Or is maintenance being deferred? This will affect the value of the complex, and the value of the unit. More and more, absentee owners are selecting professional management companies to perform all administration and maintenance services rather than

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History of Real Estate in Mexico

BY EVELYN PEPPER

Between the years 1517 and 1822 Spain held claim to the Mexican land. In 1822 Mexico declared independence from Spain but wealthy foreigners, the Church and the upper class Mexicans continued to lay claim to much of the land. Also during the 19th century, Mexico lost about 1/3 of their country to Texas. Mexico lost much of the land. Also during the 19th century, Mexico lost about 1/3 of their country to Texas. In 1845, and in 1848 the territory was purchased for $15,000,000.

In 1854, through the Gadsden Purchase, the U.S. acquired the rest of what is now Arizona and New Mexico. In 1917, the Mexican Revolution began and with it came the loss of over one million lives. From this came the Federal Constitution which imposed new laws and restrictions on foreign ownership (resulting in the "restricted zone") and ownership of lands by the Catholic Church.

With this constitution, Mexico began the process of subdividing large property holdings (50 million acres in all) belonging to the Federal Government into smaller parcels. This provided the Mexican farmers with a beneficiary interest in the land. Entitled under the Agrarian Law, these government parcels, known as "ejidos," are recorded in Mexico City. The ejidatarios (farmers) can live, farm, homestead and construct dwellings on the property but they do not own it. These farmers have the use and benefit of the land, but they do not have title to it and therefore can't sell, lease, subdivide joint venture, contribute, mortgage or encumber the property.

In 1992, realizing the value of the ejido land and the development potential that would be created by allowing the owners to sell or lease the property to non-Ejido members such as foreigners, the Agrarian Law was passed. In other words, ejido owners had the right to take the land that they didn't own, remove it from federal control, place it in the public land registry and convert it to private property thus allowing them monetary benefits. Today, thousands of acres are being removed on a daily basis from the Ejidos and are added to the public lands and being sold or leased.

(Editors Note: The Ejido Laws regulate the privatization of Ejido land. Be sure and hire an experienced closing agent or real estate attorney to oversee the privatization process.)

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having these services performed by the Homeowner Association or its Board of Directors. This makes sense especially when properties represent a second or third home for the owners who are busy and wish to spend their limited time at the unit enjoying it….not managing it!

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Maytee was born and spent her early years in Baja Sur’s capital city of La Paz. Later she moved to Guadalajara to pursue and receive her bachelor’s degree in Tourist Administration, which she put to great use as a translator and visitor liaison for the convention center. She moved back to Baja to manage a small hotel in Cabo before moving to Los Angeles, California to study English at Cypress College and also volunteered for the SP- CALA, remaining a friend for all creatures. Eventually returning to Cabo, Maytee began her real estate career at Interno, and later with Sotheby’s as a sales associate. Experienced in flipping she is a valuable asset to anyone wishing to update or upgrade a Cabo property.

She has special interest in and respect for ecologically sustainable living, and is now a volunteer for the SOS organization here that helps protect the natural state of our area, and the Sea of Cortez, Maytee’s special love.

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Cabo Then and Now

BY NICK FONG

Cabo San Lucas (in English, Cape Saint Luke) commonly known as Cabo is a city at the southern tip of the Baja California Peninsula, in the Mexican state of Baja California Sur. Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo constitute what is known as Los Cabos.

Today Cabo is a well-known resort destination, noteworthy for its beaches, scuba diving locations, the sea arch El Arco de Cabo San Lucas and aquatic presence. And let's not forget the many famous golf courses the area has to offer.

Quality hotels, vacation homes and timeshares along the corridor make Cabo the perfect retirement or vacation destination. Year round living in Cabo is perfect for those tired of the hustle bustle north of the border.

But all of this did not spring abruptly from a deserted rocky coast (although the transition seems expeditious to old timers of Cabo). So what was there before Cabo became famous?

Archaeological excavations have shown evidence of continuous human habitation in the area for at least ten thousand years. When the first Europeans arrived, they encountered the Pericú people, who survived on a subsistence diet based on hunting and the gathering of seeds, roots, shellfish, and other marine resources... Francisco de Ulloa, Cortez’ navigator first came to Cabo San Lucas in 1537.

A fishing village began growing in the area when in 1917, an American company built a floating platform to catch tuna, and ten years later founded Compañía de Productos Marinos S.A. The plant operated for several years...

The advancement of Cabo's tourism industry was prompted by the Mexican government's development of infrastructure to turn Cabo San Lucas into a major center for tourism in Mexico, beginning in 1974. Upon completion of the Trans peninsular Highway, also known as the Mexican Federal Highway I, touristic developments in Los Cabos commenced.

In 1973, realizing that many foreigners would enjoy owning a retirement or vacation home in Mexico, and would bring essential dollars to the country through such ownership, the Mexican bank trust, the Fideicomiso, was established and ratified for the purchase of real estate located in the restricted zone. For the first time since 1917, a non-Mexican could invest in a recreation or retirement home and feel confident that his or her investment was secure.

The real estate market in Cabo San Lucas comprises some very desirable property. Cabo San Lucas has remained vigorous while other areas of the world market have ebbed.

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San Jose Del Cabo

Historically rich, with discretion taken to preserve its natural Mexican flavor. The quieter of the two towns of San Jose del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas. Great restaurants with the town closing down pretty much after 10pm.

The Corridor

The majority of foreigners purchasing in the Corridor is the 20 miles between the two towns of Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo. It is popular for its easy access to shopping, beaches, either town, and the airport.

Cabo San Lucas

Exciting and tons of action. The famous Medano Beach and the Cabo San Lucas Marina enters from early morning to late at night with restaurants, activities/tours, and bars.

The East Cape

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Pacific Corridor

Where the Baja growth is heading. The new toll road from the airport this is quickly becoming, the area most are looking at for still affordable living options close to the beach.

Prices at the top end are now $1,300 to $1,400 a square foot—30% to 40% higher than during the down years of 2009 and 2010. These figures include prime land costs and top-end construction of “air-conditioned space” (excluding terraces and patios). During the peak years from 2004 to 2007, top-end prices were a bit more at about $1,400 to $1,500 a square foot.

Sales reported to multiple listing services were up 18% in 2014 compared with the year prior, despite the hurricane.

“Tropical Deserts” in the world-only 7 inches of rain a year, and no rainy season, virtually a sun guarantee, with relatively low humidity compared with other tropical areas due the absence of rain, and the influence of the cooler Pacific breezes. This and close proximity, more than anything else, has been the reason for Cabo’s popularity.

Featured Property: Los Cabos

Las Olas Condos

Surf’s Up! Welcome to Las Olas beachfront condominiums located on some of the best surf breaks in Los Cabos! Las Olas is located in Costa Azul, San Jose del Cabo, next to the infamous Zippers restaurant. This highly sought after gated and guarded development offers amenities including pool, 3 jacuzzis, gym, tennis courts and more. Las Olas is comprised of 46 units with a combination of 1, 2, 3 and 3 bedroom plus den units and a fabulous penthouse. Each unit at Las Olas has beautiful ocean views and just steps to the sandy beaches that Los Cabos has to offer. Close to San Jose’s finest restaurants, golf courses, fishing and more. Truly a surfer’s paradise with great rental opportunities! The real estate market in Cabo San Lucas comprises some very desirable property. Cabo San Lucas has remained vigorous while other areas of the world market have ebbed.

Agent Profile

Mayo Young

Originally from San Francisco, Mayo worked for years in Hospitality Management. Mayo with her Canadian husband have traveled extensively. Settling in Scottsdale, AZ in 2000, Mayo decided to switch careers and obtained her Arizona Real Estate license in 2003. In 2005, Mayo was invited to join the team at Realty Executives in Phoenix, where she graduated in Executive Training, and sold her first house the very next day, and over $2m in sales in the first year.

In 2013, Mayo and her husband were invited to come to Cabo. They fell in love with Cabo and planned to retire here. Mayo has now resumed her career as a Realtor with cabo4Sale, and is proud and excited to share Cabo with all her clients. “Come for a visit, and I will help you stay!” Mayo’s background in Hospitality assures that her main objective is customer service is foremost. Let Mayo show you why she loves Cabo, the Sea of Cortez, and all of what Los Cabos has to offer.

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SOLDS:
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So Are We Going To Go Trick or Treating?

You’re in Mexico! You feed your dead, you don’t feed yourself

BY MYRA MAINS

On the day of the dead, November 1, people go to cemeteries to be with the souls of their departed loved ones and there they build private altars containing the favorite foods and beverages, as well as photos and memorabilia, of the departed. The intent is to summon the souls of the dead, so the souls will hear the prayers and the comments of the living directed to them. Celebrations can take a humorous tone, as celebrants remember funny events and anecdotes about the departed.

The Mexican flower cempasuchitl (we would call them marigolds), is the traditional flower used to honor the dead. In modern Mexico the marigold is sometimes called Flor de Muerto (Flower of Dead). These flowers are thought to attract souls of the dead to the offerings.

Toys are brought for dead children (los angelitos, or “the little angels”), and bottles of tequila, mezcal or pulque or jars of atole for adults. Families will also offer trinkets or the deceased’s favorite candies on the grave. Ofrendas are also put in homes, usually with food such as candied pumpkin, pan de muerto, (“bread of the dead”), candy skulls made of sugar, and beverages such as atole. The ofrendas are left out in the homes as a welcoming gesture for the deceased. Some people believe the spirits of the dead eat the “spiritual essence” of the ofrendas food, so though the celebrators eat the food themselves after the festivities, they believe it lacks nutritional value. Pillows and blankets are left out so the deceased can rest after their long journey. In some parts of Mexico people spend all night beside the graves of their relatives. In many places people have picnics at the grave site, as well.

Some families build altars or small shrines in their homes which sometimes feature a Christian cross, statues or pictures of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pictures of deceased relatives and other persons, scores of candles, and an ofrenda. Traditionally, families spend some time around the altar, praying and telling anecdotes about the deceased. In some locations celebrants wear shells on their clothing, so when they dance, the noise will wake up the dead; some will also dress up as the deceased.

Public schools at all levels build altars with ofrendas, usually omitting the religious symbols. Government offices usually have at least a small altar, as this holiday is seen as important to the Mexican heritage.
It’s a toughie getting an American to apply for the job, because they have to live here and speak both languages, as well as be available for middle of the night calls. All this while they keep about four office hours a day. All for a salary—that’s barely above minimum wage. This is hardly a career move, and even the so-called professionals in TJ who work full time in that consulate are pretty scatterbrained. The Mexican guys in the local consulate office refused to be quoted at all and gave us the public relations office number at the consulate in TJ. We called them for three days with no answer. We sent an email and were told that we would hear back from someone in the coming week. We didn’t. Try not to need our consulate, that’s the best advise we can give.

It’s estimated that 80% of our police vehicles are broken down. Sad state of vehicles, offices. And when the new mayor gained entry to the city offices, many of those offices were found to be looted or with significant damage caused by hurricane Odile a year ago and never repaired. Such is the case in the tourism office, police headquarters, the city theater in San Jose, and the cultural pavilion in Cabo San Lucas, which was condemned as dangerous. Why didn’t the citizens object? Because they were fiddling around marching for beach access. Sigh.

Foodie weekend. Rancho Pescadero resort has announced two guest chef weekends, Nov. 12-15, and March 24-27. The weekends are full of activities like brunches, wine tastings, cooking classes and four course dinners on the beach, as well as the usual outdoor activities like mountain biking, fishing, surfing, horseback riding and hiking. Rancho Pescadero is a 29 suite ocean front hotel 45 minutes north of Cabo, on the road to Todos Santos. You may sign up for the weekend package for $250 per person and if that sounds high, remember that includes a very prestigious Rancho Pescadero apron. No word on getting one of those cool tall, puffy white chef hats, you might be out of luck there. www.ranchopescadero.com

Tourist development cancelled. Mexico’s Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) once again issued a resounding no to the massive Cabo Cortés coastal tourism project near Cabo Pulmo. Although the environmental permit for the controversial

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Sponsor A Marlin Tag
It’s U.S. tax deductible and it’s very cool

BY CHARLIE TUNA

There are seven IGFA Great Marlin Race satellite tags still available for sponsorship. This research initiative, hosted by the International Game Fish Association, Stanford University, and the Biscue’s Fish and Wildlife Conservation Fund, uses satellite tags to track marlin after they are released.

These harmless pop-up tags fall off the big guy after about six months and the tagged fish that travels the farthest distance from its deployment site, (Los Cabos), wins the race. But there is not prize money, you’re supposed to be happy with helping the fishes and getting your tax write off.

The takeaway here is the transmitted data from each tag enhances the data base on billfish distribution, population structure, and biology.

The cost is $5,000 to sponsor a tagged marlin. And, this year’s winner of the Biscue’s Eastern Pacific Division will earn another IGMR tag, plus a $5,000 base entry for next year’s Black & Blue tournament. You can order yours by emailing wayne@biscuees.com.

The project was revoked in 2012, the company behind it never gave up hope and never abandoned their legal challenge. As a result, last fall a tribunal court in Mexico City ordered SEMARNAT to revisit the decision by which the project’s permits were withdrawn. In effect this opened the door for the project to potentially move forward again.

SEMARNAT’s latest decision, however, closes this door once more – and this time it could be forever and ever, end of story, move on.

The local community feared the development posed a threat to the fragile coral reef nine miles down the beach and launched a campaign to stop it. Although Cabo Pulmo is a very small community, thousands in Los Cabos, La Paz and other areas of Southern Baja were mobilized to joined them. And why not? These people weren’t doing anything important, like holding their mayor accountable for looting their city. Yeah, we’re pissed off about that, can you tell?

Lecture series. The first in the six part Todos Santos Speaker Series, “Exploring the Spirit of Baja California” will be held by Graham Mackintosh, explorer and author, on Friday, Dec. 4, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Todos Santos Cultural Center in Todos Santos.

In 1983 Graham Mackintosh was a lecturer at West Kent College in England when he set out to walk around the entire coast line of Baja California. Emerging from the cactus-strewn wilderness two years and 3000 miles later, Graham returned to England to write the now classic, “Into a Desert Place,” which earned him the “Adventurous Traveler of the Year” award. Graham is an accomplished speaker with vast experience of 30 years exploring the Baja peninsula.

Donation of $100 pesos will go towards supporting the presenters’ missions. (Hmmm... don’t we all have missions? My mission is to spend the evening at Tanga Tanga, could I have 100 pesos for my mission, please? Why doesn’t he just say there’s a charge?) Seating is limited. Doors open at 5:00 and the presentation will start at 5:30 sharp, no Mexican time, here, this guy is a Brit, so show up on time. Advance tickets are available at El Tecolote bookstore in
What’s With All These Skeletons?

Hush, It’s A temporary thing, and all very symbolic

BY BOB APPLE

It’s the time of the year to pull your skeletons out of your closet. No, not your drunken brother in law, we mean your Katrina figurine. The Calavera Catrina, simply known as Catrina or sometimes spelled Katrina, was created in the early 1900’s by Mexican artist/printmaker, Jose Guadalupe Posada, satirizing pompous Mexicans who wished to adopt the traditions of aristocratic Europeans. The most familiar example of this is his flowered and feathered French couture hat. The skull icon was chosen to parody those of Indian descent who wore copious amounts of white make-up to make them look more European, as they were ashamed of their indigenous roots.

Originally titled Calavera Catrina (the Dapper Skeleton), Catrina does not only symbolize death, but the well-coifed figure portrays someone with money, illustrating that death, indeed is the great equalizer.

Folk artists ran with the subject, and created representations of Catrina from paper mache, wood, ceramics, metal, paper and even sugar. Whereas Posada created the original character, Mexican artist Diego Rivera is credited with bestowing this visage with the “Catrina” moniker, and adding an elegantly outfitted

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We can understand a volunteer fireman, all non paid amateurs in Los Cabos, forgetting to zip up his pants when he’s rushing to a bad car crash. Maybe even some will relax on buckling their galoshes. But forget to nail down your jaws of life? Well, it happened. The Forcible Entry Hydraulic Spreader, as it’s officially called, which weighs about 50 lbs and can exert a spreading force of 73,000 lbs, tumbled off the back of a fire truck as it sped down the road. When the guys reached the wreck, the $14,000 gadget was gone and nobody had even seen where it took its leave.

So the firemen contacted the media, offering a reward and explaining the gadget is no good for anything else, so you might as well take the reward and pony up the spreader. A Dominos Pizza worker named Arturo Rubio found it and did just that, so it is now back at the fire house, tightly nailed down on the back of a truck. Is it possible to get fired from a non paying job? Someone is about to find out.
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New Mayor Inaugurated
With a big party and lingering acrimony between the two major parties

BY BRIDGET BURKE

In a surprise twist, Tony Agúndez, the outgoing Los Cabos mayor, switched the date for the swearing in of incoming mayor Arturo de la Rosa. This switcharoo was blessed by the City Council in a meeting held over the weekend, just before Monday’s official transition. The reason provided was to avoid having two mayors in office at once.

In the new schedule, the outgoing mayor would present his final report at 6:00 pm in the big plaza in front of City Hall. The plan was for the new mayor to be officially sworn into office at 11:45 at night. So on Monday, a few hours before officially taking office, he gave his first speech at the Sheraton Hacienda Hotel in Cabo San Lucas. Special guests included leaders of the chambers of commerce and various business associations, and of course his campaign supporters. The event was well organized and managed, with the 1100 guests undergoing three security checks before entering the presentation hall. Two large television walls showed the Mayor’s campaign slogan “El Cambio Lo Hacemos Todos” (We Make the Change), and the official seal of the City of Los Cabos was decked out on the front of the podium.

At 8:30 pm, Arturo de la Rosa entered the room accompanied by Governor Carlos Mendoza. The governor’s appearance is always necessary, which is why the day of all the city mayors’ inauguration varies: the governor has to get around to each city and he can’t do it on one day. Obviously the audience was packed with his campaign supporters, because the new mayor got a three minute standing ovation as he made his way to the front of the room. After an introductory three minute video, the new Mayor began his speech, which was broadcast live on the Internet.

In his first message to the citizens of Los Cabos, he emphatically stated that this was going to be a “historic municipal administration” and reaffirmed his intention to work in close collaboration with the various sectors of the municipality as well as with Governor Mendoza. “We will work to attract more tourism, more investment, more investment...”

What is this most important holiday of dancing skeletons, elaborate sugar skulls, and graveyard vigils all about? Octavio Paz, a famous author, explains it well, "...to the inhabitant of New York, Paris, or London, death is a word never uttered because it burns the lips. The Mexican on the other hand, frequents it, mocks it, caresses it, sleeps with it, entertains it; it is one of his favorite playthings and his most enduring love.”

As for me, I have always greatly admired the Mexican ability to celebrate anything, even death! This culture accepts what is inevitable and takes a tragic and tear filled time, turning it around into make a special day when they can offer respect and celebrate the lives of those in their family who are gone.

Sugar skulls, trucks full of orange and gold marigolds, creating personal ofrendas (altars decorated with mementos and photos of the departed person honored), and fixing favorite foods for relatives (both living and those who've gone on), the special day of the dead bread, colorful paper picadores (the colored tissue paper banners hanging over streets and in some restaurants), it’s all good fun. When completed the sculptures are highlighted with crumbled and strained plaster in many colors, (this is done most often in Oaxaca, symbolizing without words how fragile and tenuous our lives are). There are also descriptions of comparsas, a kind of street carnival with mummers, dancing skeletons, and giant puppets. Although, to some, the subject of the art and food may seem a bit macabre, each example has meaning, most of it with respect and with roots in religion. This book explains the meanings and significance of everything from flower petals, to fragile tissue paper banners.

What a timely find this was! A medium sized coffee table book of interest on so very many levels. What questions do you have about day of the dead in Mexico? Thumb through the book first, stopping at anything that interests you. Do you want to read of the ancient origins spanning hundreds of years? I love history, so of course, those were the first pages I read.

The present celebrations and rituals have their beginnings in prehistory, and many come from Aztec religions, and are influenced by the Mayan culture centuries before. The Aztecs believed that “...life arises out of death.” Realizing that life was temporary, fragile, and that time moves all too quickly, they believed that heaven was awarded, not by how people lived, but how they died. They also thought there were 13 levels, or layers of heavens, and nine levels of an underworld.

Now enter Cortez, and Catholicism with many saints, and continued on page 25.
Here comes fall, the time for big money billfish and tuna tournaments. Once they begin mid month they are nearly back to back until Thanksgiving. Even if you don’t fish, the pageantry and excitement surrounding the weigh-in is entertaining.

The Bisbee tournaments use a scale on the malecon in front of the Puerto Paraiso Mall. LCO October 17-18 and B&B October 21-23. Los Cabos Tuna Jackpot, October 6-7, scale is on the Malecon in front of the Tesoro Los

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In addition the wahoo bite that won’t quit still continues to please the lucky ones that stumble across one plus the grilled steaks prepared at your favorite restaurant are fantastic.

San Jose

Since the passing of stormy temps begin cool.

The local tuna bite of the Pacific side “hot spots” from Pozo de Cota, down across the Golden Gate and on to the Jaime Bank and into the east to the Herradura area. Great news for the upcoming tournaments that target them beginning mid October and continue through November.

So far this year the dorado have been a disappointment with fish scattered over a large area and are smaller than normal. Hopefully the schools will arrive as the sea temps begin cool.

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

Every Wednesday, 8 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. holajalaesquinats.com, www.laesaquinats.com, 612 145 0851.

Every Wednesday, 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Bike ride in San Jose. Free. At the Cultural Pavilion in the Cabo San Lucas marina.

Every Thursday, 7:30 pm. English worship and bilingual massage. 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. Yoc 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 a.m. Rotary Club breakfast. At the Playa 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. 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 at Sportia bike store. Bring your own bike, or rent from Sportia bike store. Form up at 7:30 pm. Bike ride in San Jose. Free if you bring your own bike, or rent from Sportia bike store. Assemble at Sportia at 7:30 pm. 627-145-4454. Let's ride together and explore the city.

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 language. 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. Miro’s 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. theranchkids@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. clubcacutusbike@gmail.com


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October 13 to 17. Los Cabos Billfish tournament. About $750,000 in cash and prizes by re-leasing the most billfish or catching the largest marlin, tuna, wahoo and dorado. More information www.loscabostournaments.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 – 24. Bisbee’s Black & Blue fishing tourney. Information: bisbees.com

October 24, 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: vanwormerresorts.com

October 25, Sunday. Ironman run, bike and swimathon. Information: www.rungdl.com/ carrera/25

October 25 Turn your clocks back

October 29 Thursday. The kick-off of the Art Walk season will be celebrated in the streets. Gallery continuation on page 26
Cabo Comedy Festival

“Where the Land Ends and the Fun Begins”

BY ANITA LAF

After inaugurating the first Cabo Comedy Festival in 2013, Hurricane Odile crashed into Cabo in 2014 causing the event to be cancelled for that year. Fortunately, the event returned last week for a five day run. This year’s festival featured a variety of stand-up shows by comedy veterans and newcomers with more than 50 comedians from the U.S. and 20 more comics from Mexico.

Performances started on Thursday night in two locations: Desperados Cantina hosted the English language shows and La Divina had a special series of shows in Spanish hosted by Pinchi Peter and local Cabo comedian Minister Marco. Each night ended in boowy revelry at the after party at Baja Junkie.

Highlights of the festival included the Jack Rollins talent competition, Sirius/XM live recordings will run on their comedy channels in the next few months. The Giant of Comedy award was presented to well-known comedian Elayne Boosler on Saturday night who also congratulated Ben Morrison, the winner of the Jack Rollins Breakthrough Talent Competition. After the award ceremony, festival headliners performed, including comedy industry veteran Ahmed Ahmed, (formerly on the TV series Sullivan & Son). This was watched by Whitney Port, (reality TV star from The City and The Hills), and all of the ladies in her bachelorette party.

The Cabo Comedy Festival is the brainchild of John Zaring whose Zaring Group produces the event. With Wind Entertainment, and receives sponsorship from the Los Cabos Convention and Tourism board. As a special bonus to the local Cabo community, the festival organizers donated some of the proceeds of the event to DIF Los Cabos. DIF is a charity that supports children and families in need.

John Zaring has been promoting special events in Mexico and Los Cabos for almost a decade; he hopes to make the Cabo Comedy Festival an annual event that will open our high season at the beginning of October.

Many of the comedians, including Ahmed Ahmed, know John personally from his work in the entertainment industry. They are excited about the potential for this festival to become an annual industry event, remarking that it is a place where they can network with their peers, exchange knowledge in workshops, and mentor new talent. They are already marking their calendar for next year and so should you!

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Belgium French Fries, a Big Cabo Favorite

Have you tried the fries at Fritz Belgium Fries? The buzz around town is that they are delicious, they are awesome! Fritz is seeing several return and word of mouth customers as good news travels quickly, especially in a community like Los Cabos.

Fritz Belgian Fries are prepared with fresh cut potatoes and deep fried in zero trans-fat oil within a six-stage process making them simply wonderful. Golden crunchy on the outside and soft & chewy on the inside. Fries are served with a side of pickled red onions and a choice from ten dipping sauces which include Bacon garlic, Dijon mayonnaise and Lemon Parmesan to name a few. And of course, you will find ketchup and malt vinegar if you prefer the more traditional dip.

Stop by to try them sometime, they are located at the corner/entrance of Giggling Marlin downtown Cabo san Lucas and are open every day from 11am to Midnight. You will be delighted you did stop by, as their slogan goes “Try our Fries, You’re Gonna Love Them”!

P.S. They also serve Poutine, fries with gravy and cheese, absolutely yummy!
So Is Any Real Estate Selling Around Here?

A little. Here’s one development that is selling and even offering sustainable homes

BY BILL DING

The Portus Group began the highly successful Ventanas Residential project in Cabo San Lucas nine years ago. It consists of three master-planned communities of single family homes and condominiums, 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 some 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 all 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 locations 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.

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

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 and the prices go back up. Now is the time to buy.

If you need more information about these great projects in Los Cabos, visit www.portusmexico.com or book your private real estate tour today by calling 624 104 3775.
We Have Yet Another New Brewery
Suddenly we’re lousy with breweries

BY RUSTY PIPES

Los Cabos has welcomed a new craft brewery and bar to the San Jose neighborhood. The opening ceremony included a red ribbon cutting and a priest’s blessing, (only in Mexico!) of the cozy air-conditioned bar while guests applauded from the outdoor, wood-framed tasting terrace.

“The idea of opening my own artisanal brewery was not part of my original career plan,” says Ulises Losson, founder of Losson Brewery.

Ulises Losson standing next to his little bitty beer brewing vats. Are they cute, or what?

Ulises was educated in Mexico and Canada, and he enjoyed a successful career as an architect. But in 2012, his path shifted dramatically when he began to experiment with creating craft beers at home just for fun. As his interest and skill developed, he moved the brewing out of his house and into a custom built small brewery structure in his backyard. His passion for the process of creating an ancient drink, full of flavor, aroma and color, expanded with experimentation and he began to redesign classic recipes.

To grow his artisanal beer brewing knowledge, Ulises became a member of the American Homebrewers Association. Through them he participated in seminars and conferences that enabled him to expand his vision and believe that he could turn his hobby into a viable business.

In 2014, he developed a business plan and operations model. However, he encountered a number of potholes on his
So You Want To Become A Tour Guide?
Here’s how it’s done and what it takes

BY RICKEY STEVENS

Who knew there is a professional education program that certifies all tour guides in Mexico. Really!

Recently more than two dozen people received their hard earned official certification as a tour guide at an intimate, by invitation only, graduation ceremony held at Las Ventanas Hotel on the Los Cabos tourist corridor.

Given the increasingly competitive global market for destinations to attract tourists, the federal tourism agency, (SECTUR), believes that visitors who have a positive, professional experience in Mexico recommend Mexico to their family and friends and that they will return themselves. To this end, SECTUR is actively promoting the importance of tour guide certification to ensure that the tourist experience is pleasant, memorable, professional, and represents the country properly.

At the graduation ceremony students received their certification in one of four categories: General tour guide, specialized tour guide for a local area, adventure or nature. Most of the graduates received their general tour guide certificate. This program requires a person to command a comprehensive mastery of the tourist attractions of the entire country so they can work nationwide as well as being able to be a driver-guide in their own vehicle. Course topics for the general include archaeology, general history of art, pre-Columbian art, colonial art, modern and contemporary art, ethnography and folk art, tourist geography, history of Mexico, human relations, group leadership, tourism law, and cultural tourism.

This general tour guide certificate is a four month program that requires 510 hours of theoretical and field training. Students must receive an 80% or higher score on exams, pass an English exam (or take an English course, $220 USD), pass a first aid course, (20 hours, $60), and must have shown up 80% of the time.

The General Tour Guide program cost is $1300, but there is an 80% discount for low income students. To maintain their certification, students have to attend either one 40 hour recertification course each year or one 160 hour recertification course every four years that costs $600.

Hugo Rodrigo and Oscar Ortiz are two of the students who received their certification in the graduation ceremony. Hugo is a first time graduate while Oscar obtained his recertification of his original diploma from four years ago.

For Hugo, the program interested him after travelling in the U.S. and Mexico where he learned that a good tour guide could change one's experience and appreciation of a destination. It was challenging for him to get through the program as he worked during the day at Danny Boy Cabo and then had to attend classes from 4:00 pm to 9 pm, Monday to Friday. However, Hugo believes the time and exhaustion were worth it as he learned a lot and is excited to show visitors the real Mexico. He hopes to start his own business in eco-tours in a few years.

For Oscar, founder of Cabo Expeditions, getting CO

The crowd that attends our coronation is the same crowd that will attend your beheading. People like a show

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Fun On The Cheap

In the words of my obvious lookalike, Donald Trump, I will be the greatest housecat that God ever created.

We need volunteers
No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!

MURPHY
Young, small SWM (single white male) seeks bouncy fun and lots of affection. Rock your world with a Murphyspahoolooza!

candied pumpkin (dulce de calabaza), hot drinks, and even a fairly simple mole sauce.

The very last page has a long list of resources, giving addresses, web sites, and telephone numbers as well as suggestions of where and how to order or purchase quality ingredients for success. I think I will try the Mexican coffee, the bread, and perhaps the candied pumpkin. If that’s successful, next year I’ll be ready to take on the sugar skulls!

Day of the Dead, by Kitty Williams and Stevie Mack 128 pages, costs 19.95, and is available at El Caballo Blanco bookstore in Loreto. jeannine1220@yahoo.com. If you make successful sugar skulls, please tell me how you did it!

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wanted and be back on the beach by noon drinking beer in the hotel. Or... you could be the boat right next to it and get two dorado and a bonito all day. Or be the panga that hooked 2 billfish, but couldn’t find a single dorado. Or be the day that La Paz fish just weren’t biting and you find out you should have fished with our Las Arenas fleet instead! Luck of the draw. Luck of the weather.

Cabo San Lucas
They’re Burning The Bandera!

Children from more than 20 schools were brought to watch the burning of several Mexican flags in the public square. The goal was to instill in the school children some “patriotic fervor and to teach them they are fortunate to live in a free, autonomous and independent country such as Mexico.”

Martin Salinas Cesena, the government delegate in CSL, stressed this ceremony is important because it demonstrates “the highest honors towards the national symbol, the flag of Mexico, the most beautiful flag in the world.”

The flags to be incinerated is placed in a container where the patriotic act transpires, “where the ashes should be guarded or buried as a symbolic return to the womb of the fatherland; the national flag is a sacred object cremated and turned into dust, returning to its origins.

The flag was worn out or damaged, and that is the way flags must be disposed of.

Ida Victoria will be celebrating Mexico’s tradition of Dia de Los Muertos with a beautiful altar set in their gallery.

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 9:00am to 3:00pm for the rest of the season. Volunteers needed. info@sanjomo.com

November 11-15 Los Cabos International Film Festival. Various locations and extremely various times. ana@cabosfilmfestival.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 Hogar del Niño. Contact: Ana Esperon . 30+ Guitarists from all genres and from all corners of the globe come together for a 3 days of extraordinary and musical collaboration.

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 mumble like, “just a warning this time”.

It’s extremely rare for them to write a ticket, and for sure they will not cite you when you haven’t done anything wrong. And, if you have broken a law, the ticket is ridiculously small. Man is 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, alto-gether, “dar may un teeket!”

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

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

Todos Santos offers a charming, authentic environment, with the traditional central plaza, dozens of art galleries, and small hotels. Some of the streets are torn up right now for utility upgrades, but the jewelry stores, galleries, cafes and restaurants are all still open and inviting. Visit the Hotel California (no connection to the Eagles’ song, despite their best efforts to promote that with T-shirts), browse shops full of hand-crafted 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’s is a local’s hangout. Tucked on a side road in Todos Santos, the proprietor provides an enthusiastic tour of authentic masks from the various eras of Mexican history.

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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).
Lesson In Glamping

Glamping is the term used these days for camping with comforts. It's a contraction of the words glamor and camping. We've always called it Teddy Roosevelt camping because if you've ever seen photos of Teddy on his numerous forays into the woods, he's surrounded by large room size tents with wood floors, easy chairs and comfy cots. And a battalion of attendants.

Here you have a kind of rag tag attempt at this lifestyle, with beds, electric fans, and a generator brought to the beach on the East Cape. 

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The speed with which a woman says “nothing” when asked “What’s wrong?” is inversely proportional to the severity of the shit storm that’s coming.

Of particular note is their nitro-stout beer. Losson is the first brewery in Los Cabos to offer the experience of tasting beer with a nitrogenous creamy texture. Also, in an effort to protect the environment by reducing waste, they offer Growlers with a reduced price refill program.

Losson Brewery, born in Ulises’ backyard brew hut, has been a family project from its inception, a dream realized through the love and support of his wife and family. They look forward to welcoming you to their brew pub, and hope you will enjoy the result of their passion for developing fresh, quality artisanal beer in Baja.

The Losson Brewery is open Monday to Wednesday 5:00 pm-10:00 pm and Thursday to Saturday 5:00 pm-11:00 pm. They are located in San Jose at Buena Vista Mza 43 Lte 01 Local 04, Col. Rosarito. There is a map on their Facebook page at #Losson Brew Co. or you can contact them directly via phone at 624-688-1955 or email at direccion@b-losson.com.

Calle Buena Vista. Take the four lane north of San Jose, turn left on Buena Vista a mile or so past the Pemex at the roundabout.
Cooking Like A Mexican
BY ALEJANDRA SARACHAGA

Shrimp balls, Mexican style
Best known as a Chinese dish, shrimp balls are a tasty treat in any country. In Mexico, you can’t beat the shrimp ball recipe from the La Manzanilla restaurant in Ensenada, featured below.

The northern Baja city is one of the oldest of Baja. Ensenada has a big bay and lots and lots of shrimp boats right off shore. Some say too many of those, as they shine lights at night and may, (or may not), be over shrimping. Ensenada’s economy is based on tourism, fishing, and agriculture. And they do have a few maquiladora manufacturing plants. It is a strategic port, as it is near the way more expensive California ports, as well as ports in Guatemala, Chile and others further south.

But the freshest clams, shrimp, oysters, scallops, lobster, and even octopus, is what the Gringos like about Ensenada. The lobster is actually crayfish, and can’t compete with the Maine lobster Americans expect and are willing to pay dearly for, but it’s OK.

But the shrimp! The Ensenada shrimp! Ensenada restaurants sometimes send a small boat out to the shrimp boats and buy them out the back door of the boat. The shrimp are so fresh, they’re still toweling off. Can’t do that? Don’t have a row boat? As you come into town, on your right, across from the giant blow up gorilla hanging in front of the girly joint, you will be accosted by a gauntlet of fresh seafood taco joints flapping their menus at you. Every taqueria on the pier has an aggressive snagger on the street, ready to put their body in front of every car if you’re sporting California license plates. They jump out in front of you, imploring you to come on in for a fresh shrimp taco. They can usually find you a sort of parking space, too.

But the shrimp balls of Ensenada! They’re special. Today Ensenada has the largest wine production facilities in Mexico, and is specifically famous as the cradle of great cooks and chefs who have settled in the Guadalupe Valley, just outside of Ensenada. This is where the valleys, vineyards and ocean combine to give Ensenada’s cuisine a worldwide reputation.

So here goes, the La Manzanilla shrimp ball recipe. Try to enjoy them even though they will lack the excitement and color of saving the life of your host as you swerve to miss him, then shoe horn your car into an illegal spot that they will watch for you while you sit on a wooden bench on the pier, eat your shrimp balls, and watch the shrimpers work the bay.

For the broth:
1 cup of dry shrimp (all supermarkets have them)
2 cups of cocktail sized shrimp
4 dry chiles (the ones that come in a bag, they look red or brown, any kind will do)
1 tomato
1 beer
4 cups of water
1 onion of regular size
4 garlic cloves
½ onion of regular size
10 springs or branches of cilantro
1 canned chipotle chile

For the balls:
1 lb of fresh shrimp
½ onion
3 cloves of garlic

Mexican shrimp balls. Like meat balls, but without the spaghetti or the meat and they taste way different. Otherwise they could be twins.

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This Dog Needs Some Surgery!

La Paz
Crossroads Church
Abasolo St, Corner of Sonora & Sinaloa
Mon. & Friday 9:30 AM
Frank 612-154-1050 (cell)
Leo - 612-129-3293 (land)

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ration. Information: info@tsigf.com, http://www.tsigf.com

-- Dec. 3rd, 4th, 5th -- Las Estrellas de Todos Santos’ Ensemble presents Slice of Life, a variety of theatrical readings, in the Galeria at Hotel Casa Tota at 7:00 pm. Ticket price $15usd or 200 pesos. Closing night includes a Wine & Nibble Mingle with the actors. More info closer to show dates.

-- December 10th, Thursday, Dress to the K9’s. The Los Cabos Humane Society presents their 10th Anniversary Christmas Party. This year presenting “Christmas In Venice” starring “America’s Got Talent” finalist, tenor, Branden James. 18th Century music and masquerade, Italian inspired cuisine, cocktails & so much more. 5:30-11:30 pm at the Sheraton Hacienda Resort, CSL. For complete info visit www.dressedtothek-9s.com. Tickets: Margarita Partridge cell 044-624-129-7399 or 143-9798 tropimargarita@prodigy.net.mx


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

February 28, Sunday, 2016 Historic Home 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@boomnen-prises.com, Ph. 612-178-0062.

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

-- March 20, Sunday. 23rd Arts Festival at Los Barries, East Cape. Art works from around Southern Baja, arts and crafts exhibits and sale, food and booze and live music. More information as they figure it out.

To get your event listed here, email the details to david@gringo gazette.com. There is no charge.

GRICELDA’S SMOKEHOUSE
Gricelda cleans, vacuum packs and freezes your catch for easy transport back home. Her secret marinade and smoking process assures your catch is the best smoked fish south or north of the border! And filleting is no extra charge!

Cabo Marina, by the Baja Cantina,(01 521) 1437266, VHF Ch 71 www.dreammakercharter.com dale@dreammakercharter.com

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3 branches of cilantro
1 branch of peppermint
2 branches of parsley
oil as needed
salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon of ginger

Procedure for the broth:
Cut the onion and the tomato, which you previously boiled and peel, the chipotle chile and grated ginger.
Mix everything until all the ingredients are integrated and make small balls with your hands. (Like a golf ball size).
Place the shrimp balls into the pot with the broth. Boil for four minutes, and serve.
You can serve this with some rice at the side or vegetables.
PA’ALA CALLE FESTIVAL 2ND EDITION
Various locations and times
Urban festival with dance, theater, puppets, mimics, clowns, jugglers, music, clowns, storyteller and a lot of fun. Some silent, some in Spanish. This festival is a big movement around the world in collaboration with local and foreign guest artists. For more info: pahlacalleloscabosfest@gmail.com, fabuladanza@hotmail.com
November 21. Saturday. La Paz at The Malecon.
November 27. Thursday. San Jose, plazas and public spaces.

Cultural Pavilion. Gala show to benefit Hippotherapy of Los Cabos.
November 30. Sunday. Main Plaza. San Jose.
Time of the events to be released when they figure it out

TODOS SANTOS
EL FARO BEACH CLUB
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HOTEL CASA TOTA GALLEY
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December 3 to 5. Thursday to Saturday. 7:00 pm. Slice Of Life. Las Estrellas de Todos Santos presenting a variety of theatrical readings. Seating is limited. Wine & nibble and mingle after the show’s closing. Doors open 6:00 pm. Tickets $15 USD/200 pesos. English. More info 612 145 0590, hotelcasatota@gmail.com.

Xoxana Rosenblatt caboroxy@yahoo.com, www.facebook.com/LasEstrellasDeTodosSantos
December 11. Friday. From 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Small Works Show. Artists are invited to submit their work (up to five small pieces -no larger than 15” on a side. Bring-in day is Dec. 8th at Casa Tota Gallery. Info Tori Sepulveda oscarmarti@yahoo.com

TODOS SANTOS CULTURAL CENTER
December 4. Friday. 5:30 pm. Exploring The Spirit Of Baja California. First of six-part Todos Santos Speaker Series. Presenter: Graham Mackintosh, Explorer and Author. $100 pesos Donation ($120 at door). Limited seating. Advance tickets: El Tecolote Bookstore, Todos Santos. Kate Lewis jaymsi@yahoo.com, 612/145-0295.

December 18. Friday. 5:30 pm. The Amazing & Diverse Flora Of Baja California. Second in the six-part Todos Santos Speaker Series. Presenter: Jon P. Rebman, Ph.D., Curator of Botany, San Diego Natural History Museum. Q & A follows. Todos Santos Cultural Center. $100 pesos Donation ($120 at door). Limited seating. Advance tickets: El Tecolote Bookstore. Kate Lewis jaymsi@yahoo.com, 612/145-0295.

January 8. Friday. 5:30 pm. Eco-Technologies - Sustainable Building. Three of six-part Todos Santos Speaker Series, “Eco-Technologies - Actions for Sustainable Building.” Presenter: Felipe de Jesus Morales Ramirez, Conciencia MEXICO AC. Understand the latest technologies driving sustainable building and development in Baja. Jesus is a La Paz-based civil engineer and a masters candidate in sustainable development and globalization at the state university (UABCS). Bring your green design and building questions. Donation $100 pesos ($120 at the door) will go towards supporting the speaker’s research. Seating is limited. Advance tickets available at El Tecolote Bookstore in Todos Santos. Kate Lewis jaymsi@yahoo.com, 612/145-0295

HOTEL CALIFORNIA
January 14th, 15th, 16th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd. Todos Santos Music Festival. Information: http://todosantosmusicfestival.com/

CABO SAN LUCAS
YANDI MONARDO ART GALLERY
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

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

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.

CULTURAL PAVILION This venue is closed for repairs now, so check back when the dates get closer. November 21. Saturday. 7:30 pm. Music Concert by The Chorus Without Voices. By the children with hearing disabilities of Los Cabos. Music by the Mexican singer Luna Itzel. $200 pesos. Benefit for disabled hearing children to buy and maintain hearing aids. More info 624 355 4183 with Teresa Echeveste. Spanish.
December 17. Thursday. 7:00 pm. Once upon a time. Dance performance by Izazure dance directed by Rocio Bandin. Info and tickets 624 168 9636. Spanish.

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

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

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
Open Monday to Sunday. From 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Voluntary donations are welcome. November 11-15, 2015 4th Los Cabos International Film Festival.

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

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

When asked why they took so long, police said the emergency responder had only just passed along the call, and they recommended calling the police station instead. “You called 066? They always call us too late. What you need to do is call us directly, at the moment that you need us. We will come instantly and leave the questions for after.” Which would be miracle here in Los Cabos, given our stumblebum Keystone Kops. Better tip: Try to not need help.

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CENTRO CULTURAL LA PAZ From Monday to Friday. 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. On permanent display. Man, nature and culture (Hombre, Naturalaleza 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 Rangel and Laurel. It 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 pottery (barro negro) which comes from a village that specializes in crafting the unusual, and beautiful pieces. Posted information in English and Spanish. This cultural center is on Madero St. between 5 de Mayo and Independencia, across the street from Velasco garden. Free.

SAN JOSE ART DISTRICT SYRIACUS Bar October 22. Thursday. 9:30 pm. The impostors. Musical comedy show by Mascaras Theater Company to commemorate Halloween. The villain of the game moves his audience to make you laugh through songs and parody sketches. On Blvd. Mauricio Castro, Hotel zone, San José. Spanish. Ticket CONTINUED ON PAGE 34
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October 29. Thursday. 5:00 pm. Opening Exhibition of Misty Martin’s newest work. Celebrating Mexico’s tradition Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) with an elaborate altar set up in the gallery. Free. This is the season kick off of the Thursday night Art Walk

AY AY AY! Bar and grill
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 Jose. Spanish. Ticket $150 pesos one national drink included. Info and reservations 624 168 5077.

BUENA VISTA
March 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19 - Baja Shakespeare’s 16th Season at Buena Vista Beach Resort in Spa Buena Vista’s Convention Center. All shows at 7:00 pm except March 13, a matinee at 1:30pm. Tickets $20 or 300 pesos..facebook.com/pages/Baja-Shakespeare/220397878011557.

To list your event at no cost, email details to david@gringogazette.com. All events subject to change without warning, and we’re not kidding around about this. It happens frequently, so go, with great expectations of a wonderful evening, but have a backup plan.

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