This is not a picture with an unhappy ending. It’s a whale shark in La Paz who is trolling through the water with his mouth wide open because he’s a filter feeder. Whale sharks eat massive amounts of tiny crustaceans, plankton and other small organisms. The guy out in front of him is just taking a picture of what? The big guy’s appendix?

Cultural Centers In Los Cabos Are Floundering
Private citizens try to take up the slack

BY KARINA URQUIZO

When hurricane Odile slammed into us last year, two of our performing arts venues were seriously wiped out. The Cultural Pavilion, as it’s called in a direct translation from Spanish, is in Cabo San Lucas right on the marina front. It now has several fast gushing rivers flowing into it, due to poor construction and risky design concepts.

The building suffered heavy criticism before it was even finished for its unattractive design. At one of the first events in the main theater, (there are several theaters, of various sizes and with various equipment), the architect presented a talk to the local architect association. They booed him. When the GG asked him what he was smoking when he came up with this design that looks like a soccer ball with a leak, and does not seem to fit the surroundings, we were told we would get used to it. He also said the tiles that cover it would eventually fade and become the color of the hill behind it and we’re going to like that. Hasn’t happened yet, and it probably won’t because the tiles, which never fit correctly, soon started falling off, crashing into whatever or whoever was below.

The building was the pet project of former governor Nabisco Agundez, who wanted to plunk this Mexican performing arts building down in prime tourist land, even though nearly all performances are presented only in Spanish, and Mexicans do not live at the marina, they live up the hill in the barrios. One can say he was serving his constituents.

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The situation is getting grim.

Nine bars were closed with a humiliating banner that reads “clausura y robo.” The city’s tax inspectors who took over early last month with the change of city government discovered that these bars were operating without paying for permitted late hours. Some others were operating entirely without a liquor license, which costs some 10 grand here. A total of nine watering holes were closed in one week last month.

Some bar owners showed receipts that were disallowed, as they were paying city inspectors on the down low instead of paying city inspectors for legitimate permits for the past four years of the Agundez administration. The new de la Rosa administration is bearing down on these scofflaws and is trying to recover that lost money by levying fines and interest charges. For any bar that doesn’t have a big savings account, this is going to be a mucho dinero in not collecting for legitimate permits for the past four years of the Agundez administration. The new de la Rosa administration is bearing down on these scofflaws and is trying to recover that lost money by levying fines and interest charges. For any bar that doesn’t have a big savings account, this is going to be a major issue.

Let there be light.

A famous guy said that about 2 million light poles are needed since Hurricane Odile hit us in September and raised, we’re talking lives saved here. Just a thought.

One more suggestion? The city administration is bearing down on the feds for legitimate permits for the past four years of the Agundez administration. The new de la Rosa administration is bearing down on these scofflaws and is trying to recover that lost money by levying fines and interest charges. For any bar that doesn’t have a big savings account, this is going to be a major issue.

Doubtful.

Who thinks of these things? Our own CFE? Doubtful. But here’s the catch, isn’t there always? Once installation is finished and all of the lights are up there lighting our way, the feds will turn them over to the city which will be in charge of maintenance. Hopefully this city administration, which just took over a month ago, will have enough will/intelligence/knowledge to keep the lights on. Far be it from us to tell Sr. de la Rosa how to run our city, but, sir, did you think to order spare bulbs to keep on hand? Just a thought.

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Mainland dodges bullet. The so called hurricane of the century, Patricia, pooped out as it hit landfall over on the mainland, last week. The advance weather reports had everyone freaked out for days before the almost non event. We don't want to call it a complete non event out of respect for a couple hundred people who suffered damage to their homes, but death and destruction were predicted for days in advance of the almost non event. It hit a sparcely populated area and then headed straight for a mountain which everyone knows is a bad place to be for a hurricane with aspirations of being a big destructor. Sure enough, it quickly petered out. The category 5 storm made landfall about 50 miles west-northwest of Manzanillo, in the state of Colima.

The eye of the storm battered the fishing villages small towns with steady winds of 180 mph and gusts up to 230 mph. That night a little baby girl was born but the parents refused to name her Patricia, saying they just wanted to put this behind them.

Dunkin’ Donuts esta here! The U.S. based chain announced plans last January to open 100 outlets in Mexico over the next few years, naming the Federal District, Hidalgo, State of México, Morelos, Jalisco and Querétaro as states on which it would focus. What are we, chopped liver? We like donuts. And it's not like we don't have plenty of cops here who would support that.

Company president Paul Twohig said the move is in response to what the firm sees as big demand for its donuts. It has signed an agreement with the Mexican subsidiary of Sizzling Platter, which operates Little Caesars pizza joints in Mexico City and Guadalajara. Dunkin’ Donuts will be competing against Krispy Kreme, another U.S. chain, which is already well established in Mexico with 129 outlets, and several businesses that specialize in coffee. Starbucks leads that sector with at least 40% market share and 500 restaurants.

Chuck E. Cheese, which opened its first Mexican outlet in 2013, will open three more restaurants this year, followed by

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What To Do About Taxes On Your Rental Here

Either hope to stay under the radar, (good luck with that), or hunt up these deductions

BY ORLANDO GOTAY

Many expats who own condos in Mexico actually spend only some part of the year in them, so rather than keeping them empty when away, many logically choose to rent them. That makes sense. It also makes sense that the SAT, the Mexican tax authority, would also be eager to become your ever present, silent partner. The second that you derive income from rentals, the SAT expects to get its share. That is ostensibly fair. It is also fair that when those condos are income producing properties, a deduction against that income is allowable for some things. Condo fees are available as a deduction. But here’s where it gets murky. The latest Mexican income tax regulations came out this month.

Expenses for condo maintenance have to be made by an administrator, on behalf of the condo association. Payment of condo fees have to be made to via deposit to a bank account kept by either the condo association itself or the administrator.

Receipts, (“facturas”), for condo maintenance expenses have to be made out to the condo association. Monthly, the administrator must provide each condo owner a document outlining the expenses for that month, breaking out sales tax paid, along with a breakout of the expense according to each owner’s percentage share of the condominium. The administrator must also turn over copies of all facturas to condo owners.

Administrator’s fees must have a separate factura made out to the condo association (and of course, broken out in owner’s shares, like other facturas). Mexican tax law specifies that to allow deductibility, the administrator must have specific authority in writing to make expenditures on behalf of the Condo association. Make sure you get these things on an ongoing basis and whenever the association changes administrators. The last thing you want is to have to include your rental income in your Mexican income tax computation, only to be denied a deduction as important as the condo maintenance fees.

And….(drum roll), if you are a person subject to U.S. income taxation and your condo is in a fideicomiso, you may want to keep the fideicomiso people away from managing any of this for you.

Keep as much salsa as you can!

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Another Loyal Reader Takes us Along

Carol Snow, faithful reader, took her precious GG to Perito Moreno Glacier, Patagonia, Argentina and is whining about holding the paper with ice cubes on the cover is making her colder.

Carol, Did ever think that with that last name you are condemned to a lifetime of being cold?
construction of the towers and
the individual homes is up to
any American standards, and
the Americans and Canadians
who live there are happy with
the quality. So Cano can build
well when he chooses to. Appar-
etly, on a public project, where
he’s just a hired gun and with no
ownership, and where there is no
supervision by the government,
he doesn’t choose to put his A
team on it.

From the get go there were
obvious problems with the fit
and finish. Corners didn't fit, wall
plugs were all kitty wampas, at
different heights and angles, and
even the floor was roly poly. They
nailed a red carpet down on top
of the undulations, but that didn’t
fix it. If you jumped up and down
on it, it sounded hollow under the
rug. You felt like you were walk-
ing on a rolling ship.

The thin tiles that cover the
entire building were hammered
on to flimsy aluminum frames
which were not strong enough to
hold the heavy granite tiles. And
on the inside of these frames,
inside the building, are tiles of
styrofoam layered with other
tiles made of natural fibers, like
compressed insulation mate-
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of routine deferred maintenance in there also.

Last week, the plant shut down entirely for two days of emergency maintenance but returned to operation in 48 hours as promised. Oomsapras has been pumping water at regular intervals twice a week now that Nuepez is in charge, so let's give him a big round of applause. If he could run an entire city government, surely he should be able to operate a deal plant that supplies the vital liquid to 40 neighborhoods in Cabo. And if you're wondering why we give a guy the clap for giving us water only twice a week, it's because that's a vast improvement over what we were getting from the Alondres vein.

Possible justice coming our way. Maybe. Could be. Don't count on it. Susana Zatarain, the young treasurer of the city government, said, "it is notorious, the neglect of the properties, assets and obligations of the previous city administration. This requires a technical, scientific and detailed analysis of the current state of the municipality." This came right out of the starting gate during the first meeting of the new city council.

An audit was approved and

out spending weeks of painful recovery. A rejuvenation vacation is their solution.

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"The public is demanding, 'transformation without pain or downtime' states Dammann. Cielo, which specializes in light and laser treatments.

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When asked about prices, Dammann replies, "prices vary based on procedure, but my clients often say, "I am so surprised, this cost me no more than a round of golf or a day of sport fishing, and I have something to show for the money I’ve spent." People can now enjoy their vacations and return home looking years younger! Call for your complimentary consultation 624-105-2209. www.spa-cielo.com

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Real Estate Market Report
Third Quarter 2015

BY MARTIN POSCH

Here are the numbers for the residential market (Only condos and single family homes) from January 1 to September 30.
The good news is that the numbers of sales (closed transactions) for the first nine months has gone down by a 9%. The bad news is that these numbers are only for properties under $1,000,000 US Dollars.
The total numbers of sales for all residential properties in all price ranges are down by a 6% to 289 transactions.
The total sales volume is down by 45% to $131,201,000 US Dollars.
Total numbers under contract are down a 7% to 311 transactions. The average sales price is down a 42% to $454,000 US Dollars.
Now let’s see how the numbers look like for the condo and single family home market:
The first nine months of 2015 the total number of closed transactions for condos is down by a 16% to 121 units. The total sales volume is down by 34% to $38,550,000 US Dollars. The average sales price is down a 21% to $319,000 US Dollars. The list to sales ratio is down by three points to 88%.
Closed transactions for single family homes are up by three percent to 168 units. The total sales volume is down by 48% to $92,651,000 US Dollars. The average sales price is also down by 50% to $551,000 US Dollars. The list of sale ratio is down three points to 87%.
These numbers reflect a lack of sales for properties above one Million US Dollars. Total numbers of closed sales for properties above $1,000,000 US Dollars is down a 61% to only 26 closed escrows. The total sales volume is down by 69% to 50,394,000 US Dollars. The average sales price is down by 69% to $38,550,000 US Dollars.
The market for properties below one Million US Dollars looks much better. The total numbers under contract went up by 5% to 271 accepted offers. Total units sold is up a 9% to 263 units and the total sales volume is up by 4% to $80,806,000 US Dollars.
If you would like to receive an update on a specific neighborhood please let me know and I'm more than glad to provide you with the numbers.

Agent Profile
Bonnie Leddy

Bonnie Leddy arrived in Cabo August 3rd, 1986, after abandoning the snow banks of Canada, and after moving to Maui in 1984. She received a phone call from a fellow Canadian to come to Baja and check things out, and upon first glance decided to make it her home. Following years in the restaurant business and plenty of banking experience, she got into real estate with Costa Azul Marketing and started as a salesperson in La Jolla de Los Cabos, the first planned beachfront community in the area. Within a few months, she was a closing manager there. Here she honed her craft and purchased her first piece of Baja Real Estate.

With beachfront condos as her specialty, she continued on to manage Viva Sampaquita, El Zalate and Cabo del Mar Condominium Resorts over the years in San Jose del Cabo.

She is blissfully employed at Callimaya Real Estate and has been with them for as long as she can remember.
In her spare time she enjoys the beach, swims daily in the ocean, loves her Chihuahua Besos and dances with fire to keep her on her toes. Contact Bonnie at 624-109-0217 or bonnieleddy@mac.com.
The Notary Public in Mexico, the Corredor Publico and the APOSTILLE

BY LETICIA DIAZ RIVERA

In Mexico, the ONLY authority permitted to draft a deed transferring real property or an interest in real property (such as the fideicomiso) is the Mexican Notary Public. This person is different from a Notary Public in the United States where a simple exam, bond, and a rubber stamp can make a Notary Public out of most people. Nor it is similar to Canada’s Notary Public who must meet a few more stringent requirements to qualify. Not so many, however, as the Mexican Notary Public.

The Notary Public in Mexico must be an attorney, must have a minimum of five years of practical experience in the profession, must pass a highly technical examination AND then be appointed as a Notary Public by the Governor of the state in which he or she is working.

The number of Notaries Public depends upon the number of people in the state. A new Notary is appointed only as the population grows above a certain size.

The Mexican Notary Public has many duties, but one of the most important is the drafting of deeds for transfer of real property. Anytime a signature is required on a deed of transfer of title it must be made before the Mexican Notary Public.

The Corredor Publico, literally the Public Broker, can handle certain transactions regarding properties, are appointed and function under the Mercantile Code. The Corredor Publico may handle assignments of rights under the fideicomiso but may not create a new deed from a seller into the Mexican bank trust.

As of now, foreigners buying and selling their rights in property in the ‘”restricted” zone, through fideicomiso rights, do not always have to appear before the Mexican Notary Public in order to transfer their interest in the real estate. These transfers in many cases may be made by having instructions signed in the buyer or seller’s place of residence and “legalized” or “authenticated” for use in Mexico. This same process can be used for a power of attorney document in the event buyer’s or seller’s signature is required.

And what is a “legalized” or “authenticated” document? No matter what the document, it must be signed before a Notary Public in the place of residence; California, Arizona, Calgary, Vancouver, or wherever. Once signed before the Notary Public in the place of residence it must be “legalized” or “authenticated” in order to be considered as valid in Mexico.

This means that a designated public official performs a government act and certifies to the genuineness of the signature and the seal, and the position of the official who has executed, issued or certified a copy of a document.

In 1981 the Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents entered into force in the United States. Under the Convention, (signed in the Hague, Holland), signatory countries, including both the United States and Mexico, but not Canada, agreed to mutually recognize each other’s “public documents” so long as such documents are authenticated by an apostille, a form of internationally recognized notation. The apostille ensures that public documents issued in one signatory country will be recognized as valid in another signatory country.

Thus, if the document required for a Mexican transaction has been apostilled in the United States it must then be sent to the nearest office of the Secretary of State and an “Apostille” obtained. A search under state government in the yellow pages should reveal the telephone and location of the closest office of the Secretary of State. The document to be authenticated through an Apostille can probably be sent through the mail and should not cost more than $25.00 U.S. dills. It is important to allow for extra time to accomplish this step.

Other countries that are signatories to the Hague Convention are, to name a few; Germany, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Spain, Israel, France, Greece and Norway.

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Tips for Buyer’s in Baja California Sur’ Real Estate Market

BY JENNIFER POWELL

Fell in love with the area, but have no idea where to start? Reasonable. Here are five basic steps towards living your dream.

Find an agent.
Working with an agent has many benefits. They can assist you in your search no matter where you are in the process. They can assess your needs and match you with the best properties. Market knowledge is key, so a local expert who is a member of MLS BCS is the way to go.

Get to know the area.
Do you like the coastal city of La Paz? How about the easygoing sea-side living of La Ribera and Los Barriales? What about the cultural beauty of San Jose del Cabo? Would you rather be right in the action of Cabo San Lucas? Or would you simply rather enjoy the bohemian tranquility of the Todos Santos area? Let your local expert help and guide you in your search.

Specify your needs.
Is your purchase an investment for rental purposes, a vacation home, retirement home, or future residence? What kind of community do you want to live in? What amenities are important to you and your family/guests/renters? How many bedrooms/baths, size range inside and out, and what features do you need in your home?

Don’t be afraid if you don’t find exactly what you are looking for right away, your local expert can assist you with reputable builders and contractors to make improvements on an existing home, or even find an architect to build your dream property on an ocean view lot.

Get to know the market.
What are homes selling for in your preferred area? How many homes/lots/condos sold in the past year? Your agent can provide current and sold comparables so you can feel confident in your purchase.

What happens when the trust expires? Is the closing process similar to the USA or Canada? How long does it take? Is there financing available in Mexico? Can I bring my US plated car into Mexico and leave it there? Your local expert can answer these questions and more!

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All countries which are not signatories to the Hague Convention, such as Canada, must authenticate documents to be used in Mexico by obtaining a “legalization” or ratification of their document from the nearest Mexican Consulate. It maintains a list of authorized Notaries with samples of their signatures and is able to ratify the authenticity of the Notary’s signature.

Many people object to the time involved and the additional step required to "authenticate" a signature for legal use in Mexico. It is less expensive and less time consuming, however, than making a special trip to Mexico in order to sign a document before a Mexican Notary.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor
Your recent article on aid U.S. gives Mexico portrays a slanted view of the true picture and leaves the reader with the sense that Mexico receives billions of dollars that are non-reciprocal or straight foreign aid.

A drug interdiction program, known as the Merida Initiative, allows the U.S. to show they are contributing to the eradication of drug smuggling. Meanwhile in the U.S., you hardly hear a word from the government about initiatives to curb drug use. In fact, drug use has become fashionable, even legal in some states, which makes it extremely hard to curb illegal drug trade when the demand outstrips the supply.

Also, the money that Mexicans send back home does help the Mexican economy, but you left out that it is money that is earned and NOT given, as your headline infers. Millions of Americans working abroad also send money back home to their families, quite normal. It might be interesting to find out just how many billions that is.

While tourism is a major source of revenue for Mexico, it is in exchange for goods, services and the welcome environment that the Mexican people and climate offer all tourists. As a counterpoint, it would be a curious factoid to learn how many billions Mexican tourists spend in the U.S. Tourism is a free enterprise worldwide. Mexico is working hard to develop tourism from other countries.

Your publication too often reports with a slanted view that appears prejudicial and/or negative towards Mexico and Mexicans. It also creates a negative and marginalized feeling from tourists and locals who come upon your paper, instead of promoting it as a forum that actually encourages cooperation between neighboring countries. This also could help to establish your publication as one your readers can rely on not only for advertising, humor, and good information but also one that consistently delivers straightaway news that is reliable and non-biased.

Sincerely,
J. Garcia
San Jose

I like receiving your email news that you send out from time to time. They come with ads, which is fine, because I can whiz right by them if I want but if it looks interesting, I will read it. Sometimes I read the ad, and sometimes I don’t. But I always open and read your often jaundiced take on the news. It seems you just can’t keep your opinion, which is often off the wall, out of it. This is OK with me, as I like a little humor with my news.

But then I got a couple of email news blasts from you. Or I thought they were news blasts from you. Or I thought they were news blasts from you. There was no news, only an ad! Don’t do this to us, can’t you dig up some tidbit of news to make the medicine, (the ad), go down.

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Well, maybe that's not the best analogy

For just the second time since it was submerged under nearly 100 feet of water in 1966, a 450 year old church has risen above the surface because of a drought. It looks as though it has risen up, like a resurrection and is very, very spooky.

The Temple of Santiago was built in 1564 in southern Mexico's state of Chiapas. When a devastating plague gripped the area from 1773 to 1776, the church was simply abandoned. Then, in 1966, a reservoir was created after the completion of a dam, and the church disappeared under water for good. Or so they thought. The reservoir's water level has fallen more than 80 feet this year, allowing the church to come back from the deep. Like we said, it's spooky.

Since 1966, the Temple of Santiago has only risen above the water once prior to this time. In 2002, water levels dropped so low during a drought that ghost hunters could actually walk on the floor inside the church again. Apparently it wasn't so spooky for the locals, as they celebrated what appeared to them to be a good omen.

This time, some people have been able to climb on the walls of the building, but water levels haven't dropped enough to walk around on the church's floor. •

Church Rising From Hell

12 by 2018. The U.S. $28.6 million expansion will take the restaurant franchise into Guadalajara, Puebla and other locations in the Federal District. So we're passed up like a dirty shirt by that shitty kiddie joint Chuckie Cheese. That's no loss. But Gringo donuts, that's a loss.

More business. Walmart de Mexico has opened a new superstore in Mexico City, bringing to 138 the number of superstores in Mexico, where it has more than 2,300 stores in total.

The world's largest restaurant operator, Subway, with 44,105 outlets in 110 countries, arrived in Mexico in 2002, starting in the Zona Rosa district of Mexico City. Today it has 998 restaurants throughout the country, 200 of which are located in the Federal District. That's Mexico's D.C., District of Columbia, Bunkie! Washington D.C!

The cost of a Subway franchise in Mexico runs about $89,000, depending on the location's size, which will range between 300 square feet and 10,000 square feet, and other factors. In the States, franchises begin at several hundred thousand dollars. In Mexico, Subway employs more than 10,000 people.

Moving up on the wealth scale. Millionaires in Mexico number 122,000 and make up just 0.2% of the population.

Meanwhile, 56.7% of Mexicans live on less than $10,000 per year. The number of millionaires is expected to increase by 68% between now and 2020, to a total of 206,000. Only seven countries — Malaysia, Colombia, Taiwan, Poland, China, Saudi Arabia and Japan — are expected see a higher rate of increase during that period. On a regional level, Mexico is a high flyer in terms of its millionaires, coming second only to Brazil in Latin America.

Trouble in River City. Also in Mexico. The population of Mexico and Latin America is still rather young, and there are eight workers per retiree. (The United States has about 2.5 workers per retiree). In the next decades, though, population will age: by 2030, there will be five workers per retiree, here in Mexico.

In order to guarantee a pension equal to 50% of the worker's final salary, compulsory contributions should be between 13% and 18%. But the current rate is 6%, the lowest among OECD nations.

Oh for gods sakes. Rumors swirling on social media...
the festival organizers are looking into their budget to see if they can pony up a few thousand more. But if you have children, it’s best to keep them out of that building until someone who knows something about mold says it’s safe. Children are especially susceptible to mold as a health hazard. So far that problem has not even been looked into.

In San Jose, the City Theater is in no better shape. Alan Castro, our cultural affairs director, deemed it “in ruins” when he took a tour to inventory the building. There is also missing equipment. Some of it was looted as hurricane Odile broke the glass front door and it was not immediately secured.

It is now up to Castro to bring both venues back to life, and to do that he is seeking funding from the federal, state and city government. Castro has been the cultural director before and knows what has to be done and how, but the city coffers were looted by the mayor who just left office, so there won’t be much help from there. Castro is working with the artist community on a plan to raise funds, and he has been very open to suggestions—and help.

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port via the National Infrastructure fund to build an additional desal plant in Cabo San Lucas.

De la Rosa also met with officials of Mexico’s national water commission, (Conagua), and obtained funding for 50% of the cost of the studies needed to find a second water source in Cabo San Lucas. OK, here’s the deal: If De la Rosa hires that same lama Spanish company that screwed up our current desal plant, we are all going to lose faith in him.

Let’s just watch, and cross our fingers. If he hires a Gringo company we will know he’s honest, because the job will be done right, the parts can get here fast, and American companies can not pay off overseas companies to award contracts. There will be no kick backs by penalty of doing time in the U.S. stoney lonesome.

Another election. The Los Cabos municipality is gearing towards electing their dedicated leaders, who represent people in the outlying areas at City Hall. This election is called a “Consulta Ciudadana,” and is sort of a plebi-scite, with no more formality than showing up on voting day with a current voting card.

The vote will take place Sunday, November 8, in Cabo San Lucas, Miraflores, Santiago and La Ribera, all of which comprise the municipality (sort of like a U.S. County) of Los Cabos along with San Jose, which is the seat of the government.

Once the votes are counted and the winners named, the mayor has seven days to swear them in all. There are four candidates registered for Cabo, three for Miraflores, four for Santiago and three for La Ribera. There is not a single woman, despite that Mexico’s congress approved last week a Law of Genre Equity.

City gets federal help. Raul Cholel, head honcho of Fonatur, the federal tourism developer CONTINUED ON PAGE 21
This road in Chiapas, in southern Mexico, crumbled like a cookie due to heavy rains saturating the ground under it.

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Sandy Gomez
Olympia, Washington

Yup, we did send out about four of those ads without a news item attached, because our client asked us to. We thought our little gems were important to our precious readers, but he didn’t. Turns out he did get an amazing response to the email blasts with no news attached. But we got hate mail over it. Some folks thought we sold their email address to someone else, not true, we didn’t even let the client peek at the list. So, now we know. You, our precious readers don’t like the ads without what we call a newsie. Won’t be doing that again.

Editor.

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generated mass panic among resident idiots who follow social media. The killing of two young men who now appear to have been innocent of any wrongdoing was due to mass panic among citizens of a town in Puebla, that was generated by rumors on social media. Mayor Gustavo Lara said stories about children being kidnapped were circulating on social networks over the weekend. By Monday evening, an inflamed populace took matters into their own hands, seizing two men who had been in police custody and beating them and burning them both.

Brothers Rey David, 35, and Abraham Copado Molino, 25, were students at a Technological University and employees of a research and marketing firm. Police had taken them into custody after residents called to report two men who were asking a lot of questions. Both were carrying identification indicating they were pollsters. Mayor Lara

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INTRODUCING THE RESIDENCES AT SOLAZ
A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT, LOS CABOS
exclusively represented by Snell Real Estate
Dump Fire

What else needs to be said?

Well actually, lots. The San Jose dump catches on fire all the time. Makes the Gringo community out in Zecatillos, which is downwind, nuts. They have even called in the American consulate in Tijuana. He said he used to work at a dump in the States, and didn’t think this one was so bad, so what are we whining about? So that’s our dump story. No doubt we will get cards and letters again from the folks out on the East Cape in Zazatitos.

Moving right along, the big beautiful convention center built in San Jose to host the international G20, is in ruins three years later. The wonderful living walls are no longer living, there is broken glass scattered in the interior, parts of which is fully exposed because some of the roof has caved in. It was left to rot after suffering damage from hurricane Odile.

The new city authorities have recently started talking about leasing it out to a professional company that knows how to market facilities of this nature. Currently, they are kicking around the structure of deals and looking for interest from various companies.

The convention center in La Paz has suffered a similar fate. Work began on it in 2012, and it looks finished, but we are told it was not really ready, ready, and it stands empty, unused.

The problem with these wonderful facilities is none of our local people are sophisticated enough to run them. And, they have a bad habit of installing political appointees who are their cronies to administer them, compounding the management problems.

These venues are under contract by the big conventions 4, 5, 6 or even more years out. There should have been boots on the ground over on the mainland, continued on page 22

This is a book about Frida Kahlo, possibly the best known female artist in Mexico (1907-1954), and her husband, Diego Rivera, (1886-1957), an equally famous artist of the common people in Mexico, and also a muralist.

This is our book store’s most expensive cookbook, but oh, what a treat!

Written by Diego’s daughter, Guadalupe, who lived with Frida and Diego in their Blue House at Lourdes near Mexico City while attending University, this book is both fun to read and useful to enhance your reputation as a concineria. (Cook)

In the first two short chapters, the author relates anecdotes of the many highs and lows in Frida’s life, including her tragic streetcar accident in 1925, the beginning of her art career, meeting Diego, and then pages about the wedding of her father Diego, and Frida, which she describes as a fairy tale event, although the marriage went rather badly. Guadalupe said that Frida told her she preferred nature and natural objects to people.

Life in the Blue House was usually full of guests and celebrations. The blue of their house is a deep blue (azule anil), useful to ward off evil spirits, and it was trimmed with bright red and yellow and copper filled kitchen, more than 100 recipes, vintage black and white photos of Frida, some reproductions of her paintings, and pages from her cookbook and notebooks. Fascinating!

I have written all of this, but still have not yet talked about the Fiestas and the recipes. And I have not yet described the real theme of the book, which is Twelve Fiestas, with recipes and photos, from Frida’s many celebrations, and all of her festivals in the Blue House. Frida loved laughter and parties, and wanted to rejoice and celebrate every possible occasion. Perhaps this springs from all of the tragedies, pain, and life-long health problems she suffered throughout her life.

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I have never read in other books and stories about Frida and Diego. There are photos, full and double paged views of prepared food, views of Frida’s bright blue and yellow and copper filled kitchen, more than 100 recipes, vintage black and white photos of Frida, some reproductions of her paintings, and pages from her cookbook and notebooks. Fascinating!

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The Bisbee Black & Blue found slow fishing for the targeted black and blue marlin. The three days of fishing from 8am to 5pm each day only produced three qualifying fish for the 121 teams.

First Place was taken by local charter boat “Rondinella” for a 500 pound blue marlin on the last day headed up by Tyler Squire netting prize money, was won by a team of Ennis, Texas anglers who landed a 356-pound blue, also on a local Costa Rican charter boat, “What a Journey.”

Inshore there were a few smaller tunas. For the most part the fishing right now is pretty much all about roosterfish, pargo, groupers and skipjack.

East Cape
Fall conditions are here; the mornings are now cool. And, if you need further proof, we’ve had a few days of North Wind. Hurricane Patricia paid a visit to the area, but fortunately passed on without affecting us. Live and dead sardina and good caballito are all available for purchase.

Fish Killer of the Week
Russ Simes, from Arizona, with a frisky saifish at East Cape before release. Well, just who wouldn’t be frisky if they were dragged around by their lip for a while and then held up by their nose, while they’re gasping for air?

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Calendar of Events

**November 2nd, 2015**

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

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

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

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

**First Thursday.** Yo Reciclo sets up tents to receive plastic, aluminum, cardboard, computers, printers, cell phones, green, clear glass but NO Batteries, electronics, printers, cell phones, green, aluminum, cardboard, composting bins. Form up at the roundabout near the Pemex. 8 am to 2 pm. info@cactusbike@gmail.com

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**Every Thursday, 7:30 pm.** “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.

**Second Friday.** The San Jose organic market opens for the season Saturday November 7, and every Saturday from 9am to 1pm at the City Theater in San Jose. Free if you bring your own bike, or rent from Sportia bike store. Form up at Plaza del Pescador in San Jose, across from the Royal Solaris hotel at 7:15 pm. (624) 130-7159. info@sportia.mx

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

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

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

**First Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.** Children’s Library open. Story tellers at 10:30 and 12:30. Looking for gently used books. thslhibrdz@yahoo.com, Todos Santos

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**Every Saturday in Todos Santos.** Free movies from independent studios for teenagers and adults at the City Theater in San Jose.

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

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

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

**I’m not playing hard to get, I am hard to get.**

**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 Ida Victoria will be celebrating with their first show of the season.

**October 31!** Friday. Halloween in Cabo! All you need is a costume and you’ll have a great time.

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**November 10.** Saturday. First 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

**November 12-14.** First 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

**November 17.** Saturday. First 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

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**November 30.** Friday. First 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

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is under consideration for this generous offer, but in our opinion, we are more needful than those people. So there. *Theater play announced.  Hotel Casa Tota presents Las Estrelas de Totos Santin production Slice of Life, a variety of theatrical readings by their new ensemble that will both tickle and tug at your heart. (That's fine, if you want your heart screwed around with like that.) The dates are February 3rd, 4th & 5th, 7:00. Tickets are $15 and may be acquired at the hotel's Reception. There will be a wine & nibble mingle after closing night's show. Nothing new here. Every year Todores Santos artists fling open their doors for gawkers to see the artists in their natural habitat. Saturday and Sunday, February 6th and 7th, follow a map showing all of the studios. You will get a glimpse of what the life of the artist is like. Painters, sculptors, photographers, muralists, plein-air painters, engravers, artists, jewelers, printmakers, collage artists, potters, wood turners and we can only imagine what else. Last year's 2015 Open Studio tour our 34 participating artists saw 400 visitors roaming throughout the town in one giant fest that raised nearly $4000 for the children's art programs of The Palapa Society of Todos Santos. This year, all proceeds will benefit this same program. Karin @studiotour@gmail.com 612-143-8491. *Writers' retreat. The Seventh Annual Writing Down The Baja & Manuscript Lab will take place February 21-28. This is the longest-running Todos Santos writers' retreat for improving your craft and advancing your career as a writer. It is guided by award-winning author, poet and experienced creative writing instructor Ellen Waterston. Morning sessions for Writing Down the Baja, CONTINUED ON PAGE 28

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San Jose Al-Anon Family Group
Meeting Fridays 11:00 a.m.
Next to Calvary Chapel
Corner of Degollado and Margarita Maza de Juarez
Info: Cell 624-127-1892

Has anyone been there before? A new week that he has been instructed to support our destination resort with maintenance and repairs to improve our streets, sidewalks, lighting and garbage pick-up. For now help will be limited to tourist areas like Marina Boulevard and the main drag in Cabo, in addition to the San Jose hotel zone, but hey, any help is welcome. Cholat said all the improvements should be finished by February next year, with an investment of nearly $22 million, although part of that dough is also being spent in Loreto. What!! Screw Loreto, we want it all! Well, Ahem, we're very glad Loreto has been included in the San Jose hotel zone, although part of that dough is also destined to the San Jose hotel zone, especially in a community like Los Cabos. Delicious, they are awesome! Around town is that they are absolutely yummy!

United States District Court Central District of California Southern Division

Case No.: SACV 14-0018-DOC (FFMx)
ORDER GRANTING EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDE AUTHORIZING SERVICE BY PUBLICATION [16]

III. Discussion
Both Mexico and the United States are signatories to the Hague Service Convention. Because Mexican law permits service by mail, see OMI, Inc. v. Telmax, S.A. de C.V., 2009 WL 1023931, at *2 (C.D. Cal. Apr. 15, 2009), Plaintiff prepared a Request for Judicial Assistance for service on Defendant pursuant to the Hague Service Convention and submitted to the Central Authority in Mexico. See App. Ex. A. Consistent with Article 15 of the Hague Service Convention’s request, Plaintiff has obtained a foreign judgment in Mexico for service by publication under the Hague Service Convention by sending a Request for Judicial Assistance, which has been accepted by the Mexican Central Authority; (b) waited nearly a year for service; (c) since the Central Authority received the documents on August 18, 2014; and (d) made every reasonable effort to obtain certification – by multiple phone calls and e-mails – without having received it. Because service by publication is not barred under Mexican law and does not contravene the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or the Hague Service Convention, see Mayhew Decl. ¶ 15, cf. U.S. v. Real Property Known as 200 S. 6th St. in San Diego, 773 F.3d 654, 660 (5th Cir. 2014) (finding that the United States’ efforts to serve the defendant through a mutual legal assistance treaty with Mexico contracted out to agents sufficient to allow service by publication under the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure), the Court finds that service by publication in Mexico is appropriate and will provide reasonable notice of service to Defendant, particularly where it is supplemented by a mailed copy to Defendant’s son.

Defendant has not responded to the Court papers. On the reasons discussed above, the Court hereby ORDERS, pursuant to Rule 4(f)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that Defendant be served by publication of a notice in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 to serve one of the individuals in a foreign country. Under Rule 4(f)(1), an individual may be served in a foreign country. In re LDK Records LLC v. Media Servs. LLC, 724 F.3d 1195, 1203 (9th Cir. 2013) (the service of process must be in a manner prescribed by the court in the Central Authority’s country).

The Hague Service Convention, see Mayhew Decl. ¶ 15, ¶¶ 14-15. Plaintiff has confirmed with the Central Authority; (a) the document was transmitted by one of the methods provided in Article 15; (b) the Central Authority has entered the request into its Central Register; (c) the request has been forwarded to the court in Mexico; and has stated that Defendant resides in Mexico, as their research demonstrates that Defendant owns a condominium in La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico; and lives in a house in a real estate development called “Maravía Country Club Estates.” Id. ¶ 4. This information has also been confirmed by Defendant’s counsel. Los Novelli’s website states that they are located in San Diego California, and has stated that Defendant receives his mail at his residence. Id. ¶ 6. Plaintiff submitted a request for service of process to the Mexican Foreign Ministry in Mexico City, Mexico, which is registered as the “Central Authority” pursuant to the Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extra-Judicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters (“Hague Service Convention”), November 15, 1965, 20 U.S.T. 361, T.I.A.S. No. 6638. While the original request was denied, a modified request was subsequently approved by the Mexican Central Authority on August 20, 2014. Id. ¶ 6, App. Ex. A.

On November 12, 2014, Plaintiff inquired as to the status of the request by phone. A representative of the Mexican Foreign Ministry in Mexico City stated that Defendant had been forwarded to the court in La Paz, which was responsible for serving the documents, but that the Central Authority had not yet received a response. Plaintiff followed up with a fax on the same date but have not yet received a response. Id. ¶ 11. On March 11, 2015, Plaintiff arranged for a translator to phone the Central Authority; these calls were unsuccessful. Id ¶ 8. From that point forward, Plaintiff attempted to e-mail and call several more times, but have not yet been able to get in touch with anyone. Id. ¶ 11-12. Plaintiff’s last phone call was on June 30, 2015. Id. ¶ 11. To date, Plaintiff has not received any responses.

On June 10, 2015, Plaintiff filed the present application to serve Defendant by publication in Mexico. Plaintiff asserts that service by publication is authorized under the Hague Service Convention, Mexican law, and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Id. ¶ 13. Plaintiff requests that the Court order the publication to appear in two newspapers in Baja California Sur, Mexico, and in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 for once every two weeks for four consecutive issues in “The Gringo Gazette,” an English-language newspaper of general circulation in the state of Baja California Sur, Mexico, and because Defendant’s son resides in California. Id. ¶ 19. To further ensure notice, Plaintiff also requests to deliver a copy of the summons, complaint and order directing service by publication to Defendant’s son in his residence in California, with a cover letter requesting that he deliver it to his father. Id.

II. Legal Standard
Rule 4(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure governs service of process of individuals in a foreign country. Under Rule 4(f)(1), an individual may be served in a foreign country. Id. ¶ 15. An individual may be served in any internationally agreed means of service that is reasonably calculated to give notice, such as those authorized by the Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extra-Judicial Documents. “If a defendant is served in a country that is a signatory to the Hague Service Convention, compliance with the convention is mandatory. Furlow v. Tatum, 521 F.3d 1276, 1279 (11th Cir. 2008).” F.R.C.P. Rule 4(f)(3). Plaintiff also contends that service by publication is authorized under the Hague Service Convention.” F.R.C.P. Rule 4(f)(3) “permits service in a place not within any judicial district of the United States by means not prohibited by international agreements in effect in that country.” Ria Prop. Int’l, Inc. v. Resto Intern. Trademark, 284 F.3d 1007 at 1014 (9th Cir. 2002) (internal quotation marks omitted). Courts dealing with defendants residing in a foreign country have ordered service by mail, e-mail or publication, as long as the method of service is “reasonably calculated to provide notice and an opportunity to respond.” Id. at 1017; see also In LSE, 2008 WL 2451386, at *4 (N.D. Cal. Dec 12, 2008); Avire Records LLC v. Media Serva, LLC, 2008 WL 563470, at *1 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 25, 2008); RFP Communication v. Friedman, No. 06-Civ-1552, 2007 WL 2599077, at *3 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 10, 2007). The relevant part of Article 15 of the Hague Service Convention provides:

Either Contracting State shall be free to decide that the judge, notwithstanding the provisions of the first paragraph of this Article, may order the service to be made by means of publication in the official journal, (a) if a period of time of not less than six months, considered adequate by the judge in the particular case, has elapsed since the date of the transmission from the Central Authority, (b) if a certificate of any kind has been received, even though every reasonable effort has been made to obtain it through the competent authority...
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said there wasn’t a single report or accusation of kidnapping over the weekend, but the social media rumors continued regardless. The investigation into the murders has identified 25 people who are suspected to be involved in the killings. City authorities called for help from the state police, and within 40 minutes, 15 officers were there to stop the crowd, which was armed with machetes, rocks, and guns. They had stolen from police headquarters when they took the brothers.

No one was arrested because police were far outnumbered and overwhelmed by the crowd of 1,500 people. Chalk up another stupid caper to facebook.

WHAT’s wrong with this picture? Butterfly huggers will say nothing is wrong with this picture. The number of monarch butterflies have been in decline as The number of monarch butterflies have been in decline as Mexico prepares to receive what is expected to be one of the largest monarch butterfly migrations in recent years.

On their way south the monarchs have to travel through a great deal of Mexican territory, part of which is the state of Coahuila. It is here that the National Protected Areas Commission (Conanp) has announced a novel project that’s trying to help the little guys out.

Working with state environment and transportation authorities, Conanp plans to identify the general routes taken by the monarchs and install speed limit signs for drivers, where the butterfly routes intersect with highways.

In some cases they just flutter over the vehicles, but the dumb ones get smacked by cars, trucks, and buses. Hey! Every butterfly life is precious, no matter what their IQ is. Sometimes even the smart pants butterflies get the bees jeesed smacked out of them, depending on weather conditions, said Conanp director Alejandro del Mazo.

“Our goal is not sure how many butterflies die on the roads, but thanks to the remains left on the vehicles, we do notice that it is a large number. This is a common occurrence on any road, but if the speed limit is lowered to 60 km/h, about (40 mph), we give the little guys enough time to maybe move out of the way,” added Environment Secretary Eglantina Canales.

The effort to provide safe passage to the monarchs encompasses 13 states where, in order to correctly assess and identify their feeding and resting grounds, over 100 people have been tasked with monitoring their travel routes.

More mines. There are at least three dozen mining projects proposed in various locations in Mexico, and nearly all of them have opposition to giving them permits.

The opposition has concerns about labor law violations, pollution and health hazards. Anti mine activists claim the mines are supported by all three levels of the Mexican government, mostly due to corruption, and the people who must live and work around the mines are at risk.

There was a mine in northern Mexico that did lose control of its tailings, its waste water that was contaminated with chemicals used in the gold mining project. The damage was serious and massive, impacting everyone down cultural values, there is more blame to be laid at the feet of the past administration that turned a blind eye to the destruction, allowing the facility to fester and degrade further, and to the original substandard construction and the corruption that allowed it. "OK, so we’re not sure how talked hurricane Odile for the problems which can be avoided if detected early. A health check-up can make deadman’s bread this day:

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Team Tranquilo, a boat load of happy fishermen from Costa Rica, were the big winners in the Bisbee Black & Blue, bringing in a blue marlin weighing only 327 pounds. A baby, for crying out loud. This was a very slow Bisbee tournament, although the fishing has been great lately. Just not on those particular three days. The Tranquilo team earned $2,511,462, the second-highest single team payout in the 35 year history of the tournament. That little guy was only good for third place, but they took home the biggest pot of money because they had bet on all but one optional jackpots on the first day. The same team won the little Bisbee, the Los Cabos Offshore Tournament, earlier this month, boat- ing another rather modest 399 pound black marlin that earned them $460,200, which was another record for this smaller tournament. They fished from a 57 foot Spencer they chugged up from Costa Rica in Michael Moretti was the hero of the team. The overall purse this year was just over $3.5 million.

A Canadian contingent from Thunder Bay, Ontario, Team Catching A Buzz, caught the biggest fish of the week. The 500 pound blue marlin earned the team a check for $356,225. Team Five More Minutes, from Texas, took home $156,937 after landing a 356 pound blue marlin for second place aboard Whata Journey.

A total of 945 anglers fished for three days from 121 teams, and caught 44 blue marlin and one black.
Todos Santos Gringos Evaluate Delegate

Town meeting was a nice touch, especially since most of the audience can’t vote

BY SHARON SHELDON

A couple of dozen Gringos and a handful of Mexicans gathered Tuesday, Oct. 20, to learn about the upcoming elections for delegado (a delegate who represents Todos Santos peoples’ interests at city hall, which is actually up in La Paz). Julio Villalobos, one of the five candidates hoping for the job, was there to lay out his platform for the job, his communication skills, and his connections for the nonpartisan election to be held November 8. Election results are based on a popular vote, and any citizen over the age of 18 can participate.

Some of Villalobos’ presentation was political rhetoric: “I know the challenges our town faces,” and “it’s important for the people to feel safe.” But he did offer some specifics, such as assigning a committee to detail ways to clean up and beautify the entrances to the town, and another team looking into infrastructure improvements, especially water resources. As in, please pour some water through the damn pipes.

One of the more serious issues in Todos Santos is the out of control residential burglary, particularly during the off-season when many expats have returned to Canada or the U.S. Thievery in Todos Santos is getting so bad that some thieves are so bold as to steal vehicles, even when people are home. One problem is, that according to Mexican law, even if a thief is caught red handed on the property and arrested, with the loot in his hands, the pendejo will be set free in 48 hours if the owner of the property does not run down to the cop shop and sign papers. No, a neighbor who is present can’t do it. So, the effect of this law is, if you are in the U.S. or Canada and your property is breached, you should have kissed your stuff good by before you left Mexico. Of course the thieves know this, which makes the Gringos a more interesting target. Villalobos said he wants to engage more military, state and local police to address the continual break-in problems. He can’t change the law.

Other issues he discussed include trash pickup, which is a concern among the local population, since the local dump is closed to the public. (You are not allowed to take your own garbage to the dump yourself.) Villalobos also advocates more maintenance for the street lights to keep the town lit up brighter, and therefore safer. Other areas of interest to him are health issues, and increasing recreation and sports opportunities. More recently he has been involved in helping to establish a University of La Paz satellite campus in Todos Santos. Well, actually, he is not helping to get it established, because he has no authority to do that, he’s just kinda making noise about it. It’s up to the university if they want to plow resources into a campus in Todos Santos.

Otro Lado, or the other side of Todos Santos is predominantly Gringo territory and has its own issues. One is development, yes or no, on top of the dunes. This has been a hot button for a while, particularly for those who bought their property thinking they were in the front row and now they will find
Free Diving In La Paz

Competition to get the deepest on one breath, and do it without dying trying

BY LLOYD BRIDGES

Freediving is a discipline as old as the need for sea sponges we use to scrub our bodies. The need to dive for these sponges may date back to ancient Greek times as both Plato and Homer mention bathing with sponges back in 348 BC. The demanding job of diving for these sponges has always depended on the diver's ability to hold their breath while going deep. This job then morphed into a sport called free diving. This is diving as deep as you can while holding just one breath. No breathing apparatus is allowed and the goal is who can go the deepest. 200 feet or more is common.

There are various freediving activities pursued these days, including hunting, photography, underwater hockey (yup, and this hockey is not just for Canadians), and synchronized underwater swimming. Swimming under water with no gear is a risky sport, and people die participating in it. The safety of the divers depends on such things as currents and water temperature, equipment, and support crew. Divers can be dragged away by the changing currents, and they often exceed the capabilities of their bodies, and black out. Without a good team, or at least the use of a buddy system, the passed out diver is a goner.

Big Blue is the name of the first annual international freediving competition and is going on for nine days right now at our very own Espiritu Santo Island near La Paz.

There will be five days of competition, and one day of official training and one day of diving with whale sharks. The whale shark stuff is just for play, as the big guys stay near the surface.

The opening ceremony was held at the Costa Baja Amphitheatre this past Sunday with mariachis, DJ's, and a performance by the Royal Academy of Dance. The program also featured videos of freediving, and best of all, it was free to the public. It was at the very cool amphitheater on the grounds of the Costa Baja resort just a few minutes north of downtown La Paz. This venue has a dramatic backdrop of sheer rock, which was dynamited at the time the marina was carved out of the rocks. They normally present dramatic lighting of the rock wall behind the stage, and it enhances the various programs presented there.

There are many activities to enjoy after the competition, and...

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New Gallery Opening Kicks Off Art Walk

Symbiosis Exhibition Launches New Hugo C. Aguilar Gallery

The grand opening of the Hugo C. Aguilar Gallery in San Jose was launched with a group art exhibition called Symbiosis. Gallery owner and artist Hugo Aguilar said he wanted to take the occasion to celebrate his fellow artists’ work along with his own. He selected more than 15 artists to participate in the show.

The Symbiosis exhibition will be open until the end of October, after which Hugo will be showing his work exclusively in his new gallery on Zaragoza St across from the downtown Bancomer and a few meters from the Theater. For more information, go to Hugo’s Facebook page #hugocaguilarte.

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Ironman More Fun For Racers Than For Motorists

Once Again the race gums up traffic

The third edition of the International Triathlon Ironman race was won in a time of 8 hours, 26 minutes and 15 seconds by Italian Daniel Fontana. The babe division was won by American Linsey Corbin in 9 hours, 16 minutes and 43 seconds.

All the athletes who trained so hard and tried their best were winners. The losers were the motorists who were caught up in a giant traffic snarl for the third year in a row. They didn’t shut down the fourlane completely, but they took it down to two lanes, which was crowded enough with the nearly 1000 Bisbee fishermen going home, that it took twice the time for people to get to the airport. This year, following two years of chaos and gripes, when hundreds of people missed their planes while arriving tourists couldn’t get out of the airport because taxis couldn’t get to the airport to pick them up, race officials finally notified hotels to advise their departures to start 1 month before shows or Will Call, LasEstrellasDeTodosSan
tos@gmail.com. More details, www.facebook.com/LasEstrellasDeTodosSantos.

December 10th, Thursday, Dressed 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.dressedtothe-k9s.com

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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, cafés and restaurants are all still open and inviting. Visit the Hotel California (no connection to the Eagles’ song, despite their best efforts to promote that with T-shirts), browse shops full of handcrafted treasures, and enjoy some of 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 for lunch; Los Adobes, or the Santa Fe for dinner. If you are looking for a sports bar, seek out the Chili & Grill on the road next to the gas station. The gourmet French restaurant Chez Laura is a bit difficult to find, but wow is it amazing. You step off a dusty dirt road into another world. For fabulous chili rellenos try Miguel’s across from the Pemex. Next to the Pemex is the very sophisticated La Casita.

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Many visitors extend their Cabo stay to Todos Santos or the nearby El Pescadero, but where the town of Pescadero is old Mexico, Cerritos has that vibrant beach vibe. Cerri-tos is perfect for swimming and enjoying the sand and sun for a day, or a week. Take a surfing lesson or rent a boogie board. Kick back with your favorite refreshment and watch the surfers. There’s a beach club there with tables and beach umbrellas out on the sand, so you don’t even have to pack a lunch if you don’t want to.

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

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

Off the main street in Pescadero is a tiny backyard restaurant called La Pasidita that has, I kid you not, the best burgers on the planet. Drive around the baseball stadium, and turn at the first dirt road on the left past the first sleeping policeman. (speed bump)

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Just How Special Is Todos Santos?
Special, but far from the only magic town in Mexico

BY NAT SASS

Our own Todos Santos just an hour up the West Coast from Cabo was bestowed the title of a magic town by the feds a few years ago, and it did seem to go to the residents’ heads. They thought they were on their way with tourism. The “magic towns” are supposed to be locations — cities, towns or villages — with special symbolic features, historical significance, natural beauty or cultural riches. It is also intended to reduce the heavy reliance of the tourist industry on sunshine and beach destinations. One of Mexico’s key attractions; reliance of the tourist industry on tourism. The “magic towns” are supposed to be locations — cities, towns or villages — with special symbolic features, historical significance, natural beauty or cultural riches.

Out of 118 Mexican towns that applied for this special status, last month, 28 new magical towns were added, bringing the total to 111 towns that have been inducted into the program since it started in 2001. But how many magic towns can the country have before the concept loses its sparkle?

Nearly three years ago Geo-Mexico raised concerns about the program’s integrity, suggesting that recent additions back then were far from magical, criticizing the administration of former president Felipe Calderón for not only making some dubious choices but for rushing through another 17 designations during his last days in office, bringing the total to 83. Some of these new towns display few charms for tourists, and not much in the way of cultural or historical significance either.

So modifications were made to the Pueblos Mágicos program last November with the introduction of requirements that were more strict, said Tourism Secretary Enrique de la Madrid during last weekend’s National Pueblos Mágicos Fair held in Puebla.

The changes were designed to help guarantee a uniformity among the destinations sharing the Pueblos Mágicos brand, and convey to domestic and foreign visitors the guarantee of a certain level of quality, the secretary explained.

There are good reasons for a town to want to be a part of this elite group. At the National Pueblos Mágicos Fair, which was held last month, Tourism Secretary Enrique de la Madrid announced 4 billion pesos to add to the magic until the end of 2018. The designation, he observed, is “a happy occasion for these communities because it consists of combining the resources of the federal government with those of the states to invest, for example, in underground services, restore important architectural monuments and improve infrastructure to promote tourism.” He didn’t say whether any thought has been given to putting a cap on the number of designated towns.

The towns themselves will divvy up 24 million dollars next year, to be spent on such things as maintenance, rebuilding historic centers, improving infrastructure, installing underground utilities, etc., and developing tourism products. Our own Todos Santos is currently undergoing street-surfacing and placing of utilities underground courtesy of some of this money. The federal money isn’t quite as much as it was in light of budget cuts, however. The 2016 allocation to the towns is down 20% from the money they have enjoyed this year.

But another benefit of the program is that it brings more visitors to these towns, each of which spends an average of $45 a day, according to program administrators. The increase in visitor numbers and income is estimated to run between 20 and 30% for a town with the magic designation.

The designation is not guaranteed to be permanent. Todos Santos, as well as every other magical town, is subject to an annual evaluation to make sure they live up to their obligations, which include such things as keeping up the appearance of the town, and keeping it clean.

Baja Only has three such towns: Todos Santos, Loreto, and Tecate.
Cooking Like A Mexican
BY ALEJANDRA SARACHAGA

In a place like Los Cabos in which both cultures, Mexican and American, coexist, there are two celebrations that in some way we share. Mexican Dia de Muertos and American Halloween.

Both have the same origin: pagan, both celebrate death, both use the same colors; purple, orange and black, and both share one ingredient: the pumpkin. Americans’ use it for a pie and we Mexicans use it for a dessert that our kids love.

The vast majority of the pumpkins consumed worldwide originated in species that were domesticated in Mexico, all belonging to the genus, cucurbita. In fact, this is the first plant cultivated in Mesoamerica, which the earliest found date back some 10,000 years. Since then, the pumpkin is a fundamental part of the national diet, is a plant that takes advantage of not only the fruit but its flowers and stems, and since following the Spanish conquest was dispersed through the world is a product consumed widely.

These plants produce fruits that can reach a considerable size and have a very fleshy pulp, were prized in ancient times for its seeds, especially those that we Mexicans call pepitas, are relatively abundant, and they represent an efficient source of protein and are capable of being stored for long periods without hardly deteriorating. These qualities of the seeds help explain the process that led to the squash plants being popular with the nomadic people. That situation was gradually changing the characteristics of the plant, making it more suitable for human needs looking for its proper development. The most notable changes between wild and domesticated squash and or pumpkin are in reducing the bitter taste of the pulp, and the increase in the size of the parts used, as the fruit and seeds.

The earliest evidence of domesticated squash corresponds to precisely one of the varieties used today, and found in a cave in Oaxaca, in the southern part of Mexico. These seeds were dated back to between 8300 and 10,000 years before present. In the caves Romero and Valenzuela, in Tamaulipas, a state in the north of Mexico, is also located cucurbita pepo seeds, these from 2000 BC. In Tehuacán, Puebla, a region from which much of the information on the domestication of plants in Mesoamerica remains were found corresponding to 5200 BC. The fact that the rest of the species was domesticated squash in later times indicates that the cucurbita pepo was the most suitable for the environmental conditions of Mesoamerica.

The Day of the Dead is a pre-Hispanic Mexican celebration that honors the dead on November 2, starting from November 1, coinciding with the Catholic celebrations of All Souls Day and All Saints. It’s a Mexican holiday, which is also celebrated in some Central American countries, and in many communities in the United States, where there is a large Mexican and Central American population. UNESCO has declared the Mexican holiday as Intangible Cultural Heritage.

The origins of the celebration of the Day of the Dead in Mexico predate the arrival of the Spanish. The rituals that celebrate the life of the ancestors are made from at least 3,000 years ago. In the pre-Hispanic era it was common practice to keep skulls as trophies and display them during the rituals to symbolize death and rebirth.

The festival that became the Day of the Dead marked the ninth

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themselves back a couple of rows from the beach. They are crying environmental fowl which always plays well, and enlist the aid of anyone who wants to be a dune hugger. (They are finding many). When asked directly if Villalobos approves of building on the dunes, he responded with an emphatic “no.”

There is some concern in the Gringo camp about future development by hotels and/or large master planned communities in Otro Lado. Villalobos said some developers have made inquiries, but that no specific plans have been put forth yet. The NIMBYs are strong in Otro Lado: those who don’t want more development in their neighborhood.

A huge new development underway just to the south of Todos Santos called Tres Santos came up. A seawall extending along the entire span of the beach already has been constructed, and close behind that are homes now ready to move in. The entire span of the beach along Pescadero and Todos Santos, inviting folks to drop into big waves. Villalobos said the town is still considered unimportant by those in La Paz who rule it, and there are never enough resources allocated to Todos Santos or neighboring El Pescadero. Villalobos assured the audience he has well established relationships in La Paz, which are vital to obtaining the dinero needed for any town projects. He assured the audience he has the contacts to be effective. He made no promises, but pledged to do his best to work to resolve issues, listen, and represent Todos Santos to the government officials in La Paz.

Villalobos served as general secretary for previous mayors. Prior to that assignment, he was an on-air personality on channel 10 in La Paz. He’s a native of Todos Santos, though, and enjoys a positive reputation among many Mexican locals. His family is well known, and he has a history of working for positive change. He made a point of soliciting the input of foreigners (most of his audience that night), and says he welcomes community involvement, should he be elected.

Several audience members thought Julio’s heart is in the right place. It remains to be seen if voting citizens in Todos Santos do too. And then it remains to be seen after that if he will be an effective advocate for the town.

Look! You Get A Twofer!

Muffin & Keyla
A Perfect “Boxing” Match!

They say adversity builds character. This female Boxer-mix duo have been severely neglected yet are gentle, loving and obedient. Don’t let it get out, but it seems they are lovers rather than fighters. Keyla might be needing some orthodontia, however.

Humara
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Gringos Welcome community involvement, should he be elected.

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these stretch out from November 10th to the 14th, including a training class and practice at lung stretching, a fun swim with the whale sharks, swimming with the sea lions, visiting a sunken boat, approaching a school of hammerhead sharks, and surfing; all with a price between $80 and $100 USD for each activity, depending on the event, and most excursions include food. Check out their website for more information.

The main event will see top competitors from around the globe, many of which hold very impressive records; there are three Mexicans and seven North Americans, as well as Latin Americans and Europeans.

There are several things the Big Blue is trying to accomplish; first, to raise awareness about sea life. After all, the sea of Cortez was named the aquarium of the world by Jacques Cousteau because of the diversity of life, including whale sharks, hammerhead sharks, turtles, jumping mantas and sea lions, as well as hundreds of different fish species.

Big Blue will also hold conferences featuring scientists and the world champion freedivers.

The promoters are also presenting a baby hammerhead adoption program, in hopes to raise consciousness for the preservation of sea life; and finally, it is being held in honor of Natalia Molchanova, a world champion who failed to surface this past August. Hey, we told you this was a high risk sport.

There are three competition disciplines. The first and the most popular is constant weight (CWT), which consists of using weight to make it easier and faster to get down. However, the rule is that same weight that goes down must come back up. The athletes competing in this category will use one giant fin, with both feet crammed into it. They need to swim the way fish swim, using mostly their abdominal muscles.

The second category is constant weight no fins (CWF), which is similar to CWT, but continued on page 34

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TODOS SANTOS Teatro Luna Azul, Camino Cielo, Las Tunas, Todos Santos.
November 28. Sunday. 3:00 pm. Auditions for Alice, Down The Rabbit Hole. Original play based on the classic ‘Alice’. Try outs for Mad Hatter, Cheshire Cat, Caterpillar, Queen of Hearts, and many smaller parts. Alice needs to be a singer, do we have any singers out there?. Email to confirm blue moon baja@yahoo.com
February 5. Friday. 5:30 pm. Sea Turtles of The East Pacific. Todos Santos Cultural Center. Fourth of six presentations of the Todos Santos Speaker Series. Presenter: Stephanie Roussou, M.S., Wildlife Biologist, ProFaunaBaja. $100 pesos, ($120 at door), supports speaker’s work. Limited seating. Advance tickets: El Tecolote Bookstore, Todos Santos. Kate Lewis jaymsi@yahoo.com, 612/145-0295
February 12. Friday. 5:30 pm. Indigenous Rock Art. Todos Santos Cultural Center. Fifth of six presentations offered during the Todos Santos Speaker Series. Presenter: Anibal Lopez, Professional Photographer and Naturalist, $100 pesos Donation ($120 at door) supports speaker’s work. Limited seating. Advance tickets: El Tecolote Bookstore, Todos Santos. Kate Lewis jaymsi@yahoo.com, 612/145-0295

HOTEL CASA TOTA GALLEY
Dec. 3rd, 4th, 5th – Las Estrellas de Todos Santos presents Slice of Life, featuring their new Ensemble in the Galeria at Hotel Casa Tota at 7:00 pm. $15 USD or 200 pesos. CLOSING night includes a Wine & Nibble Mingle with the actors. Facebook.com/ LasEstrellasDeTodosSantos for details.
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, hotelcasaotot@gmail.com. Roxanne 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 oscamortons@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. Pribman, 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/

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SAN LUCAS PLAZA (WALMART PLAZA)
November 11. Friday. 9:00 pm. 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.
Casa de la Danza De la roca St. Corner of Costa Azul St., Hojaazien barrio. November 7, 14, 21 and 28. Saturday. 8:00 pm. From the sea to the maycuba, a marine culture probebadanza contemporary dance group. Spanish. Donation $50 pesos. More info https://www.facebook.com/arrobadanza.

CULTURAL PAVILION Terrace
November 25. Wednesday. 7:00 pm. Full Moon Night. Poetry reading and others artistic presentations. Spanish. Free.

YANDI MONARDO ART GALLERY
October 28 until December 12. Painting exhibition by the artist Yandi Monardo. Today’s Opening. 4:00 pm. 200 pesos. Medium: Vista, mural technique on wood. Presented by La Paz-based sustainable/contemporary artist and main instructor in La Paz, Yandi Monardo.

CULTURAL PAVILION Most of 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 tzél. $200 pesos. CONTINUED ON PAGE 35
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Laura Pardo, who is here for one year to teach English at the San José In- stituto Internacional Libertad, contacted us to ask if her students could take over this feature this week. She said they use the GG in class for reading practice, and some articles have led to great discussions. (Makes us think maybe we should clean up some of our language; little ears you know.)

Mrs. Pardo, (sorry, but all school teachers will always be Mrs. to us), said she has a high level of intermediate English class that would like to respond to a question for our ‘Ask a Mexican’ feature. It was decided that we would provide a question, and the class would answer to the best of their ability in English.

We were impressed with the results. These kids write better than some of our American and Canadian writers. The students range in age from 13 to 17.

1. Magdalena Ramirez, Grade 11
First of all, I am studying English because it is indispensable in the place I live. Los Cabos is one of the most touristic places in Mexico and we can find people from lots of different countries. Another reason is that I want to travel a lot, and in many countries people speak English as a second language and it would be really easy for me to communicate. So, yes, it is worth my effort because I am getting prepared for my professional life.

2. Paolo Dominguez Montagut, Grade 8
I think that it is important to know many languages because in my life I am going to visit many countries and it’s easier to communicate with other people. It is also important to know many languages because it will be easier to find a good job. English is one of the languages most spoken in the world. Two years ago I was in basic level English but then I went to Canada to live for one year and I learned English and French. I think that all my effort is worth it.

3. Enrique Aramburo, Grade 8
I study English because I want to have a better future. All my life I have studied English because I want to go to England. It is one of the best of their ability in English. My mom taught my brothers, sisters, and I English at home. Now I’m studying English at a bilingual school. Knowing English helps me with traveling, and I travel a lot. I spend a lot of time in the United States because my brothers and sisters are studying there. Knowing English helps me so I don’t get lost because I can read signs and talk to everyone!

4. Perla Vazquez, Grade 9
Why I’m studying English is because it is something important in this life. You can communicate with other people like tourists, business people, etc. I think it is worth the effort because if you know English you can have more jobs. It is an important language in the world.

5. Gracío Sandoval Pérez, Grade 11
I’m studying English because it is necessary for college. Today it is necessary to find work. I am learning English because I want to go to England. It is one of my big wishes. Also, I live in a tourist place. You need to know English for your work. I have been in the same school for 13 years and all these years I have been learning English. When I was in Elementary school the school gave us a half day in Spanish and the other part we had in English. Finally, English is important for us.

6. Fernando Escalante, Grade 7
I’m studying English because my parents want me to study English and I do too. I started studying English when I was 5 years old, so now I know it well. I want to know English because I feel welcome and well catered to. So I’m studying English for my future.

7. Ariadna Nicole Tovar Perpuli
I honestly think that studying English is worth the effort, especially living in Los Cabos, because I understand how important tourists are to Los Cabos economy. I also think that it is very important for us to communicate with them so they feel welcome and well catered to. So I’m studying English because I want to be able to speak with foreign people as friends and even in a job, because at this moment English is required for many jobs here. I also like studying English because I get to learn more about many important English speaking countries.

8. Gabriel Sanchez Luna, Grade 9
Studying English is an important study that all of us should do because it is the universal language. If you want an important business, you would need to communicate in other languages. And if you want a good job, you need to learn other languages, but the most important
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ALIANZA FRANCESA

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From April 20 to indeterminate date. Monday to Friday. 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Oaxaca pottery exhibition. A collection of Oaxacan decorative black pottery (barro negro) which comes from a village that specializes in crafting the unusual, and beautiful pieces.

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Every Friday. 6:00 pm. International films movie club. Various films. Alianza Francesa cultural center at 525 Gomez Farias St. between Republica St and Guerrero St. La Paz. For info and program: www.facebook.com/alianzafrancesalapaz. Spanish, French, English and other languages. Free.

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