And Now Here Is The Really Bad News

It’s a scary world out there

BY ORLANDO GOTAY

Earlier this month, the SAT (Mexican IRS) chief announced that Mexico has begun receiving information on U.S. bank accounts held by residents of Mexico. So the banks are ratting out account holders that earn more than $10 in interest. Pretty low threshold. This information helps determine how many Mexicans have accounts in the United States, types and amounts of income, and the banks where the accounts are held.

It gets worse.

Uncle Mexican IRS also admitted Mexico has provided information to the U.S. Treasury on U.S. citizens. That’s you, Bunky. According to the agreement, bank accounts ratted out are those with a balance of $50,000 or more as of Dec. 31, 2013. The information exchange will be automatic after that.

While the Mexican IRS referred to accounts held by “American residents” in Mexico, the fine print reveals it is far broader in scope. Reportable accounts have any of a number of markers which include U.S. citizenship, U.S. place of birth; U.S. mailing address or phone numbers, and other indications of being a “U.S. person” such as standing instructions to transfer money to stateside accounts.

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Cruise Ships Blacken Our Blue Skies

Because they can get away with it in Mexico

BY CARRIE DUNCAN

We love our cruise ships. And especially we love our cruise ship people, who spend a lot of money here with us. They spend more than most people realize, as many of the people are bused out to San Jose, Todos Santos, and all parts in between. Also, these cruise shippers are cleverly disguised as terrestrial tourists, Americans, and oh yes, because the week’s route costs only $500 there are no doubt a lot of Canadians. (Hold your cards and letters, kanucks, we’re just screwing with you. We feel the pain of your exchange rate).

But we are getting some heavy duty polluters riding at anchor.
City dump in trouble. Susana Zatarain, the city's Síndica – the person in charge of watching the city's assets – stated that a 15-year old, $120,000 debt to the La Candelaria ejido land owners will be paid, but not quickly and not in one fell swoop.

The city leased a large patch of land from the ejido (sort of a communally owned land, similar to that of the U.S. Indian reservations), to dump the Cabo San Lucas trash, but is behind in payments. The ejido land owners are upset that the new toll road that just opened up hasn't paid them for that land. Why are they so upset? The ejido people are upset that the new toll road that just opened up hasn't paid them for that land. Why are they so upset? The new administration found the city coffers empty when they took over last month. Ejido land owners once again have showed patience and promised to wait if a schedule of payments is produced and complied with. Different ejido parcels are upset that the new toll road that just opened up hasn't paid them for that land. Why are they so upset?

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We all welcome new jobs, but these will also create a need for public services, security, housing and land for the workers to live on. And who are these jobs going to? Not local people. In a job fair held just a few weeks ago, 65% of the 200 people who were hired came from different cities of the state and from the mainland of Mexico, which indicates that more housing will be needed for the construction guys also. And their families.

Ruiz said that his office is working on obtaining federal funding and support to improve our tourist areas as in better land...
How do you like my Thanksgiving outfit? I’m the handsome Pilgrim on the right, standing next to the neighbor dog dressed as an Indian. I think it’s very appropriate that a dog and cat collaborate on this costume project, just as the Pilgrims and the Indians collaborated in the kitchen on that first Thanksgiving. Not that I go near the kitchen on Thanksgiving. With about 14 women in the kitchen, and me with a handsome tail to think about, I stay out.

Rudy, however, hangs around underfoot in the hopes that someone will stop yelling at him long enough to drop something. Dogs beg. Cats don’t.

My mom says I should feel thankful to even get a little left-over gravy on my kibble, since I’m a Mexican and Mexicans don’t celebrate Thanksgiving. I could tell you why Mexicans don’t celebrate Thanksgiving, but the reason is so politically incorrect that even this paper won’t run it. If you want to know, email me at santiago@gringogazette.com and I will tell you secretly in private.

Big merger. In a $12 billion deal JW Marriott bought Starwood Hotels And Resorts, creating the world’s largest hotel chain, surpassing Hilton with more than 1 million rooms in about 5,500 hotels. Starwood, which has been looking for a buyer since last spring, has been struggling financially. Starwood gets two thirds of its business from outside the U.S. and this merger gives Marriott a larger worldwide presence.

With people dying to become Americans. We’re just saying, some people are ungrateful. According to the United States Department of Treasury, the number of individuals who renounced their U.S. citizenship or terminated long-term U.S. residency is up, with 576 for the first quarter and 1,577 in the second quarter of 2014. In 2013, a record was set with 2,999 people renouncing their U.S. citizenship. A matter of conscience? Of principle? No, they don’t want to pay their taxes. Sigh.

Minimum wage might go up. Or it might not. The minimum wage, earned by about 13% of Mexicans, is just over four dollars a day. The Mexican government keeps it low to resist inflation, and to encourage foreign investment in Mexico. Everyone wants to start a business in a low wage country, which seems to be way more important than bringing a better standard of living to that country. Cheap labor has attracted many new auto factories from the United States and Japan. But inflation has fallen to record lows, and economists warn continued low wages could drag down consumption.

Forget the drug cartels. Mexico has other thugs to worry about. Students from the Ayotzinapa teacher training college in Guerrero have hijacked at least 500 buses and trucks in the past year. The hijacked vehicles include passenger buses and delivery trucks belonging to companies such as Coca-Cola and Bimbo bread. It has become so bad that Coke has shut down their warehouse and pulled out of the area. But not to worry, the student thugs are selling the bottles of Coke they stole, and at a discount.

There have been 4,337 illicit acts—including dozens of thefts—against the state’s food industry. 246 truck and bus drivers have been kidnapped, many held for many months. Up to 30 bus drivers, along with their vehicles, have lived on the premises of the teacher training college. The buses are parked in the school’s soccer field, and the drivers were forced to sleep in them between giving rides to protesting “students” who have not attended classes for more than a year.

Stealing buses, then branching out to Coke trucks, started when the students found it necessary to secure transportation to get to protest rallies against the federal government’s education reforms. Then, 43 students were kidnapped when they...

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Evelyn Pepper Dies In California
Local Realtor lived in San Jose for 16 years

BY ARETHA HOLLY

Evelyn Joye (Roork) Pepper, 79, formerly of Redding, California, died Thursday, October 29th, with her family by her side. She had lived here in San Jose with her husband since 1999.

Evelyn was born in Marlow, Oklahoma on August 20, 1936 to Claud Franklin and Rachel Faye (Sammon) Roork as the eldest of five siblings. The family moved to Artesia, New Mexico in 1946 when she was 10. She met the love of her life, John Wesley “Wes” Keith Pepper, in 1954 in Roswell, New Mexico and they were married in Roswell on March 19, 1955. They had three children together.

In 1963 the family moved to the San Francisco Bay Area. Mom worked for a large construction company in Redwood City as a full service bookkeeper from 1964 to 1974. In 1974, she began her career in real estate in Half Moon Bay.

But she found her calling when she opened her own real estate office in 1979, and she never looked back. She continued her real estate career in 1999, when she and Wes moved to San Jose, eventually starting her own RE/MAX office where she worked until her recent decline in health.

Evelyn was known for her tireless energy and big heart which led her to help whomever she could.

Evelyn is survived by her three children, Mrs. Teresa Rust, John Pepper, and Mrs. Terri Larson; twelve grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; Sisters Lois Kessler and Jody Luethy; and brothers Dave and Darrell Roork. Her husband of 59 years, Wes Pepper, was waiting for her to join him.

A short chapel and graveside service took place at the Northern California Veterans Cemetery in Redding, followed by a luncheon buffet in the Parish Hall of St. Luke’s Anglican Church in Redding.

Memorial tributes can be left at: http://www.forevermissed.com/evelyn-joye-pepper/about. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Northern California Veteran’s Cemetery.
Australia have visited Los Cabos this year, a report from the Los Cabos tourism fund revealed. The number of pilgrims from the U.K. and Brazil has also increased. No wonder so many people are talking funny around here. We’re barely understanding the Canadians, eh?

What’s going on with our convention center? Nada. Nothing.

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City councilman Celestino Atienzo, president of the urban development commission, stated last week that “all voices will be listened to” when it comes the time to make a decision on whether to move part of the fourlane between Cabo and San Jose five miles up the hillside.

At a meeting held with several civil organizations such as S.O.S. AMMIE, the architects association, Medano beach business owners, and various busy bodies, Atienzo received several proposals and recommendations, which he said “will be thoroughly analyzed by the commission”. Well, that says nothing. The hotel owners want it, they will pay the $30 million, but some locals believe it will keep Mexicans from getting to their beaches. No, Whitey, the beaches don’t belong to you just because you’re paying $200 a night for that swanky hotel room, the beaches belong to the people of Mexico.

Money’s Stuck. The state government owes more than $1 million to FOIS, the trust fund for social infrastructure, said Roger Peralta, president of the sub-committee of public works. The FOIS gets its funding from the extra 2% tax on pay roll passed several years ago. They’re the ones responsible for remodeling and paving the streets of downtown Cabo, San

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From LED and Photo-facials, to TITAN™ Skin Tightening and Lumenis Acupulse™ Fractional CO2 Laser. With the recent addition of the award winning HydraFacial™, Voted Best Non-Laser, Non-Surgical Skin Rejuvenation 2012, Spa Cielo now has something for everyone, whether it is a bride the day before her wedding or someone who wants to go home looking five years younger.

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On the other end of the spectrum, Spa Cielo offers fractional CO2 laser treatments, named “#1 in Anti-aging Skin Rejuvenation” by WebMD, which offers a superior solution for rejuvenating and resurfacing the skin. The Fractional Laser can be used effectively to treat fine lines, wrinkles, acne, stretch marks, acne and burn scars, skin pigmentation, discoloration, sun damage, precancerous lesions and uneven skin texture.

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Common sense is a flower that doesn’t grow in everyone’s garden

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Tres Santos Development Has No Water Meter

Not only are they taking water from the city, which they promised not to do, but they’re not paying for it.

BY CARRIE DUNCAN

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What’s in Your Water?
Your Home Water System, Is It Enough?

BY BILL BUGG

The benefits of Ozone
We are all concerned about drinking water. All but a few have installed some type of water purification system in their home. Even so, many people still buy bottled water because they don’t really trust their system. It was probably installed when the home was

responsible to waste that much water in a desert. You could flush your toilet two times with the water you waste making one gallon of drinking water.

Ultra-Violet (UV) systems work great when they are new, however they require a yearly lamp change along with filters as well. If they do not have a can filter out bacteria, viruses, cysts, etc. It can even filter out anthrax!! There are even systems that can filter your whole house. These systems can get a little pricey, but you pay for what you get.

There is one thing that none of these systems can do. Can you guess what it is? They cannot provide disinfection all the way to your faucet. When your water leaves your typical purification system, that’s the end of disinfection. Any bugs that make their home in your pipes live on some of the dead or semi-dead carcasses that pass by on the way to your sink or toothbrush.

And as clichés go, the best is yet to come! In September of 2001, the FDA approved the application of ozone for disinfecting and sanitizing food and food processing environments.

The applications can be in the air or dissolved in water. We are most interested ozone in water. Most people think of ozone as in smog or the ozone layer. Ozone occurs naturally on our planet. The most common source comes from lightning. We all have smelled the fresh sweet odor after a lightning storm. That’s ozone. Ozone also is formed by oxygen reacting with UV rays from the sun. That is responsible for the ozone layer. The ozone layer decreases during the winter and near our two poles because cloud cover blocks the sun’s UV rays. There is some evidence of ozone destruction by fluorocarbons, but my research shows it is still debatable. In any event, don’t stop using your sun block, just in case!

Ozone is the most powerful and effective microbiological control and disinfecting agent available next to Fluorine. It kills bacteria 3200 times faster than chlorine. Unlike chlorine, ozone does not leave any chemicals that need to be removed after it disinfects. Ozone breaks down into oxygen.

The list of what ozone can treat is very long. But basically that list consists of: bacteria, protozoan, fungus, mold, all known viruses and more. When you combine a good quality filter and an ozone generator, you get a very effective water system that meets within the FDA range for bottled water. I would challenge that there is better tasting water.

Another advantage is that ozone has a distinct smell, so you know your ozone unit is working. Show me another system that can do that! No more worrying if your filter system is functioning. But not to fret, the ozone breaks down very quickly into oxygen, which you cannot smell.

We carry a state of the art under the sink ozone system especially adapted for use in Mexico. It not only eliminates buying bottled water, it helps you become a better person and stop filling our landfills with plastic bottles. Whole house ozone systems can also be custom designed.

Ozone has been protecting our planet long before man even came along. Be sure to Google “ozone water” and see what is happening in the world of ozone, health and medicine. It is not just beneficial to our existence. It is quite amazing…

By Bill Bugg, Mighty Mac, H2O, Distributer/Installer for water and sewage systems, bill@h2obaja.com, 624-122-5213.
Palmilla... Then and Now

BY NICK FONG

To understand more with regards to Palmilla, then and now, one should look back to Las Cruces. Overlooking the vacation resort, are restored crosses that signify the spot that is most likely was the landing site of Hernan Corez in 1538. The rural location had been picked by ex U.S. pilot Rodriguez, son of President Abelardo Rodriguez. Rodriguez bought the orchard property in 1948. He was joined by Bud Parr and Parr served in WWII and had come to La Paz in 1947 to retire and this is where he met Rodriguez Rodriguez; the remainder is a history from the Cape Region.

The membership roster in their first project, the posh and exclusive Rancho Las Cruces read like the social register. In fact, when Parr later sold his interest in the Las Cruces, he sold it to frequent guest, Bing Crosby.

Upon the completion of their first project the pioneers did not sit still. In 1956 Rodriguez and Parr opened up what was originally known as Hotel Las Cruces Palmilla, just a few miles south of the town of San Jose Del cabo. The resort itself was built as a 15-room luxury hideaway accessible only by yacht or private plane, it, again, attracted Hollywood celebrities like John Wayne, Bing Crosby, Lucille Ball, and former United States President Dwight D. Eisenhower. All were lured in by the extreme privacy and the not quite then World Famous deep-sea fishing.

Following the construction of the Transpeninsular Highway in 1970, the resorts popularity increased and grew to 50 rooms by 1984. In 1991, the Palmilla Golf Club opened, and in 1996, the resort was again expanded to 115 rooms. The glamorous flavor and ambiance of the original resort were carefully preserved in One&Only Palmilla, which opened in February 2004 fol-

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Why You Should Have a Pre-Listing Inspection

BY GARY KAUFMAN

As the seller, many people think that only the home buyer has a home inspection upon buying the home. However, the seller can benefit from a pre-listing inspection because it avoids unnecessary problems down the road. If you’re selling your home, consider getting a pre-listing home inspection.

How Does a Pre-Listing Inspection Work?

Normally, the pre-listing inspection is performed before the home is listed on the market. This allows prospective buyers to see the condition of the home prior to negotiations being made. Having the inspection performed after negotiations can cause all kinds of issues on the part of the buyer, so it’s easy to see how this kind of inspection can benefit everyone involved.

The inspector will provide a detailed inspection and create a report. The seller and real estate agent then review the report for approval, and may choose to adjust the listing price or other factors. Then, the report is published and available to real estate professionals and prospective buyers.

What Are the Benefits of a Pre-Listing Inspection?

As I said before, the benefits are numerous. Being upfront about the condition of the home will help to eliminate conditional offers or issues with negotiations, resulting in the seller having to sell the home more than once because the buyer has changed their mind. Everything is agreed upon before the listing is published and the home goes on the market, which minimizes the liability for all parties.

On top of this, if the home is found to be in better condition than originally thought, the price can reflect this. The buyer is also more likely to make an offer without their own inspection, which can increase the speed at which the house is sold and changes hands. There will be no conflicting information making the transaction complicated—just peace of mind for everyone, and a smoother, quicker process where everyone wins.

If you’re selling your home, I highly recommend considering a pre-listing inspection to make your sale as quick and easy as possible.

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What Happens When The Primary Titleholder Dies?

The Fideicomiso

By Linda Jones Neil

Article 27 of the Mexican Constitution prohibits ownership of real property by foreigners along the borders and coastlines of the country. This issue was resolved by implementation of the Mexican bank trust, the fideicomiso, in which a Mexican banking institution holds fee simple title for the beneficiary of the trust, the foreigner, who has all the rights of a Mexican national in terms of usage, rental, sale, modification, etc. to the property.

Many object to the trust saying it is cumbersome and expensive. The banks charge an annual fee of $300 to $500 USD simply for holding title. When compared to the property taxes that one normally pays in his or her native country, however, the expense seems modest. Besides this is the ONLY legal way to hold title to a residence in the restricted zone of Mexico.

One of the major benefits of holding title in the Mexican bank trust, the fideicomiso, is that the owner of the property in trust has the right to name heirs and substitute beneficiaries within the corpus of the trust. This eliminates the need for a probate proceeding in a Mexican court which can take a year and cost several thousand dollars.

Thus, Joe and Margaret Smith, as owners of the beneficial rights under the trust for their beachfront home, may then name themselves as substitutes and then their children as substitutes when Joe and Margaret pass on. So Joe dies and Margaret obtains full ownership, then when Margaret deceases, Johnny and Joan, their children, can come into full ownership as the owners of the beneficial rights. All of this without a court proceeding provided it is set up correctly within the fideicomiso contract.

Procedure and costs: When the primary beneficiary(ies) pass on, the substitutes must present death certificate(s) for the deceased, with apostille. This is translated and handed to the trustee bank which will then move forward to obtain a new permit from the Secretary of Foreign Relations in the name of the substitute. An appraisal must be made which will indicate current value of the property at time of death. This establishes the stepped up basis, the new value for tax purposes. The beneficiary will be required to pay one (1%) percent acquisition tax on the entire new appraised value. No other taxes are involved since Mexico does not have an inheritance tax.

Costs for the transfer involve a new permit, bank trustee fees, appraisal, a notary fee, registrations plus the 1% acquisition tax. Basic fees on a $350,000 property will probably run about two (2%) percent of the newly appraised property value, plus the 1% acquisition tax, for a total of approximately $7,000. What is saved here is several thousand dollars in probate and legal fees and a year minimum in probate court.

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1. Fundadores Lot 209 (2522 mt2) in Puerto Los Cabos, $142,000, L. Saenz / Baja Smart and M.G. Anderson / Dream Homes of Cabo.
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Club La Costa Condos

Club La Costa is one of San Jose Del Cabo’s finest condominums complexes. La Costa is comprised of 3 different phases of which the original phase 1 was constructed in the early 90’s. The greatest attraction to CLC is the proximity to the beach, golf course and historic downtown San Jose. These condos offer the largest terraces of any in the area and HOA fees below the average for the area in all 3 phases. La Costa’s developer Mario Gadsten latest addition was the construction of the Plaza Del Pescador, a very upscale assembly of restaurants, shops & cantinas right in La Costa’s own backyard. For info please contact: Julie Ouellet 624-117-5529 or Jim Kelly 624-176-4386.
in our bay, and they can and do spew icky stuff in the air, apparently with impunity. Check out the picture here of the Norwegian Jewel taken last week in Cabo. This pollution went on almost the entire time the ship was in port.

The amount of waste produced on these big ships, all of it requiring disposal, is greater than that of many small cities on land. During a typical one week voyage, a large cruise ship with 3,000 passengers and crew is estimated to generate 210,000 U.S. gallons of sewage; 1 million gallons of gray water from sinks, showers, and laundries, more than 130 gallons of hazardous wastes, eight tons of solid waste; and 25,000 gallons of oily bilge water. Those wastes, if not properly treated and disposed of, can pose risks to human health and the environment. Environmental advocates have raised concerns about the adequacy of existing laws for managing these wastes, and suggest that enforcement of existing laws is weak.

Our ships reposition in the summer, leaving us behind in order to go ply the Alaska/Vancouver/Seattle route. There, they have to tow the line or the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, (DEC), will fine them.

Between the start of 2010 and the end of 2014, this same Norwegian Jewel violated the state’s clean air regulations no less than 10 times. The Jewel’s offenses are among 49 violations affecting 19 ships over five years.

DEC took 1,312 readings at locations along their shore during that period and most were in compliance, showing the technology is there to be good citizens.

Smoke from ships is often visible and can be different in appearance and can even be invisible. Generally, the cause of black smoke is due to an imbalance in the air to fuel ratio. The black smoke is comprised of particulates, which are large fuel particles that are not broken down during combustion because of a lack of oxygen. And, maybe we can give them a small break here, as exhaust plumes from large engines are more visible than from small engines due to the greater diameter of the plume. At high loads most modern engines give very little smoke, but during low or transient loads, particularly during start up and manoeuvring, the turbochargers deliver less air than is necessary for complete combustion and smoke is created.

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were on their way to another protest, and they have never been found. The police believe a local city government told their drug contacts to detain them, and their “detaining” got out of hand and they were killed. Last week students tried to hijack a gasoline tanker truck, but police thwarted the attempt, which resulted in 13 students being arrested and at least 15 injured.

Another revenue generator is taking over highway toll booths on the highway between Acapulco and Mexico City, emptying the coffers and demanding money from travelers.

A regional trade association estimates that economic losses amount to as much as US $6 million per day. For the last 14 months:

God save the butterflies.

The United States is working on replanting milkweed on nearly eight million acres of land and designating those acres pesticide-free zones. This is to ensure the number of butterfly migrants to Mexico increases. The goal is 225 million monarch butterflies fluttering their way back to Mexico every winter. Mexico can’t protect the monarchs by themselves, their habitat must be protected up north to ensure their survival, we are told by earnest butterfly huggers.

The decline on their numbers returning to winter in Mexico has been blamed on illegal logging in the butterflies’ Mexican wintering grounds and the drop in milkweed on which they feed due to the use of pesticides in the United States. Mexican authorities have launched operations to combat the logging, announcing arrests of loggers in recent months, but all the same, the World Wildlife Fund

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with its own databases in an effort to detect those who have U.S. assets or income that should have been reported to Mexico but was not.

The U.S. will match information in a similar way. U.S. persons that meet thresholds were already required to file information returns, “Foreign Bank Account Reports” and “Forms 8938” to declare “specified foreign financial assets.”

The good news about all this automated reporting? Deep in the bowels of the Mexico-U.S. agreement, “a fideicomiso the assets of which consist solely of real property” is not reportable by Mexican authorities to the U.S. But if your Mexican fideicomiso does not meet IRS requirements, it is reportable by you on your federal tax return as a “foreign trust” anyway.

The U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) has turned tax reporting for U.S. persons a high stakes game and it is already making it so for persons of other nationalities.

Orlando Gotay is a California licensed tax attorney (with a Master of Laws in Taxation) admitted to practice before the IRS, the U.S. Tax Court and other taxing agencies. His love of things Mexican has led him to devote part of his practice to the tax matters of U.S. expats in Mexico. He can be reached at tax@orlandogotay.com.

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Lost money. Almost $5 million in federal funding didn’t reach the La Paz city coffers because of indifference and negligence of the previous administration, declared Maximino Iglesias, current city councilman and president of the water commission.

The city, said Iglesias, had a chance to apply and easily obtain $5 million to improve the water supply networks, but only worked to get a little over $175,000. And it gets worse. The city owes millions of dollars to Conagua, Mexico’s water commission, and did not take advantage of the programs to negotiate the debt.

The new administration is now working on obtaining funding to build an aqueduct from El Carrizal south of La Paz, to the city, and to build a desalination plant.

More pennies from heaven.
Well. The federal government is hardly heaven. Nearly $1 million in funding from the federal government...
Every Monday. 8:30am Pickleball at San Jose. Contact rondumbarton@gmail.com.
Every Tuesday at 8 a.m. Rotary Club at the Sheraton Hacienda del Mar resort. In the Chapel. RSVP: 172-0009 y 172-0010
Every Wednesday, 8 pm. Free movies from independent studios for teenagers and adults at the City Theater in San Jose.

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

December 5th. 8:30am Pickleball in San Jose. Contact rondumbarton@gmail.com.

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

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


Every Thursday from 6pm to 9pm. Art Walk. Historic downtown, San Jose.

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

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

Every Friday Palmilla Farmers Market. Every Friday 9 am to 1 pm in the parking lot of the Palmilla strip center.

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

Every Saturday. The San Jose organic market opens for the season Saturday November 7, and every Saturday from 9am to 3pm until they toss in the towel next spring. The market is located at Huerta Maria, on the road to Las Animas, directly across from the Jockey Club, and just minutes from the back door to downtown San Jose.


For complete info visit www.dressedtothek-9s.com. Tickets: Margarita Partridge cell 624 143 5702.
Pick a silly name for a fairly serious sport. Well, it's only as serious as you want to make it, how serious can you get about something with a name like that? Turns out pretty serious.

It is one of the fastest growing sports in the U.S. and Canada with more than 200,000 pickleballers picking away, and the USA Pickleball Association saw its membership jump 84% in just over two years.

Pickleball started some 50 years ago when two dads living on Bainbridge Island, near Seattle, were trying to entertain a bunch of bored kids. Lacking the equipment to play one entire sport, they made up the game using a combination of ping pong paddles and a wiffle ball. Pickleball is now gaining a foothold in Europe, notably Spain, Holland, the UK and, bien sûr, France.

We will try to explain it:

Imagine ping pong played on a badminton court or tennis played on a smaller court, or ping pong played while you're standing on the ping pong table that's smaller than a tennis court. Players use oversized ping pong paddles instead of string racquets and the ball is a big wiffle ball that's actually pretty dead. It moves only about a third the speed of a tennis ball. The game is easy to learn well enough to step right in, but requires lots of effort to play at the competitive level.

Usually played in doubles, its close-to-the-net rallies are fast-paced and exciting although you can simply play a more classic tennis-style game from the baseline. Watch a game live or on video, and you'll see what it's all about. For that go to www.pickleballchannel.com or visit YouTube and search pickleball.

The net is about a yard high, which is lower than a tennis net, (maybe you can actually jump over this one without maiming yourself). The court is striped similar to a tennis court with right and left service courts and a seven foot non volley zone in front of the net (referred to as the kitchen). Courts can be constructed specifically for pickleball or they can be converted using existing tennis courts with the pickle lines temporarily drawn with chalk, as they do in San Jose.

The San Jose pickleballers are an unusually handsome group. (We had to say that cause we alluded to their national inclination for thrift.)

Here in southern Baja there are three pickleball venues, and none of them are seriously competitive. Here it's all about the camaraderie on and off the court, and meeting new people. The learning curve is short here, since most of these folks are not super competitive. Mobility and good balance. You're in motion a lot of the time, which still gives your cardio a workout without being exhausting or difficult. As with any racquet sport, there are techniques and strategies to learn if you're inclined to
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reported in August a drastic increase in clandestine tree cutting in some reserves. Can we all imagine a big burly logger doing hard time in the Mexican stoney lonesome? And what does he say when an equally big burly prisoner asks what he's in for? Killing butterflies is probably not a good answer.

Officially, the butterfly season started in Mexico on November 21. There is an official butterfly season. Who knew? Mexican banking grief.

Anyone who has even a small bank account in Mexico knows the entire industry is run here by clueless idiots. The Mexican Banking Association has announced that the country’s banks have $100 billion dollars they could loan. But they don’t.

Jacques Rogozinski, head of Nacional Financiera, a Mexican development bank, blames “cultural bottlenecks” for making it hard to access capital, including generalized distrust. “Where is the private capital that wants to gamble its money on a start-up?” he asked at Mexico’s annual business summit. Venture capital is available in Mexico but is largely restricted to people who know each other and to well-established sectors. And, the government makes sure key infrastructure and energy projects are first in line for money, so it has created new instruments modelled on the successful real estate investment trusts, known in Mexico as Fibras, which have raised more than $11.3 billion since 2011, according to Dealogic, a data provider.

The federal government also is interested in getting banks to loan more money to individuals looking for home mortgages, but that’s an uphill push, too, with the banking industry resisting, and it has a very strong lobby. Same shit, different country.

More teacher grief. 48 Oaxaca mayors and some other city workers, along with 10 state employees, have been sanctioned so far for collecting a teacher’s salary without teaching. The sanctions are part of the restructuring of the state’s education institute, an ongoing process. 1,500 teacher union members are also suspected of being paid as teachers without ever stepping into a classroom. Such workers are known as aviators, because they only touch down for their paycheck. This is why the student teachers there have been staging protests; they’re worried that the gravy train is going to derail before they can graduate and climb on it. But of course they don’t say that, they say they’re protesting the appearance of 43 student teachers who were protesting “education reform”, meaning no more buying teaching job, nor inheriting them, there will now be a competency test, and worst of all, they’re going to have to start showing up for work.

We’re on a roll. Mexico’s economy expanded faster than expected, fueled by a bounce in the domestic consumption. Faster expansion in retail sales and consumer credit helped.

The economy has been driven mainly by the domestic market. Restaurants and hotels advanced 7.1 percent in the third quarter, attributed partly to a rise in tourism fueled by the weaker peso. Farming and ranching jumped 4.1 percent. Mining, which includes oil production, tumbled down 5.6 percent.

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Fish Report

BY GARY GRAHAM

Sportfishing overall, from the tip of Baja to La Paz, is holding up reasonably well so far. The North Winds which are normal for this time of year have returned once again to the Sea of Cortez. They dictate that anglers fishing up that way pay a little more attention to the weather than at other times of the year. It doesn’t blow all the time but it can be a nuisance if you are planning an offshore trip, if the wind is blowing early in the morning, switching plans and fishing closer to shore is a wise choice and can be equally productive for a wide variety of fish. Gary Graham, gary@garygraham.com

Cabo San Lucas
Both striped marlin and sailfish are entertaining for the offshore gang. Most of the action is on the Pacific side from Cape Rocks on up around the Lighthouse at Falso, continuing up along the Porpoise schools, with the smaller variety found on a few high spots close to shore.

In addition to the dorado and wahoo near shore, the roosterfish have mysteriously appeared and are as large as 35 pounds. Not to be overlooked is the beach fishing that is producing some great-sized roosterfish, dorado and jack crevalle particularly on the Pacific side all the way up to Todos Santos.

San Jose

Winds were again the big story. Two weeks in a row, the northern winds ripped with gusts over 30 mph. Fortunately, it’s already off-season. Not many fishermen but those who did go out expected it would be rough and perhaps not very productive.

However, as mentioned, we did have some hearty folks out there who braved the elements and still had a good time. Not much going on offshore and frankly too rough. Plus bait is an issue when big winds make big waves. Big waves make it hard to get bait. But, inshore there were decent catches of pargo, cabrilla and some huge triggerfish, plus a few yellowtail hooked (and lost). Best bite was on the roosterfish.

Surprising that there are still some 10- to 60-pound fish hanging out close to shore. If you’re not looking to bring home any meat, these fish are great sport and there’s nothing like tying into a 40- to 50-pound beast on light tackle. But all of them are getting released for the most part as the meat isn’t very good eating.

Now it’s looking as though the winds might calm down a bit so hopefully the fish will be more cooperative.

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The dorado action, which is especially when we start seeing diminishing, there should be better opportunities to be found.

More sierra are moving in along with the cooling waters; these smaller-sized gamefish will provide bonus inshore action, especially when we start seeing schools of sardina move back into the region.

East Cape
While the wind surfers are delighted with the early arrival of the north winds, the fishing community has shifted into a wait-and-see mode, picking the good days and abstaining on the windy days.

On the calm days, there are still striped and blue marlin to be found. Inshore there are sierra for cerviche as well as a few errant roosters and jacks to target.

As the wind persists, some of the local boats, as well as few of the hotel boats, will shift their base of operation down to the Marina at Puerto Los Cabos at San Jose where the winds are not as prevalent.

Beach fishing is another option even on some of the windy days when the wind remains offshore until mid-morning.

A 69 pound wahoo landed out of La Playita, Puerto Los Cabos Marina; this trophy-sized fish hit on a live skipjack under porpoise schools, with the dorado and jack crevalle particularly on the Pacific side all the way up to Todos Santos.

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No Olvidar. That’s Mex speak for don’t forget. This writer had the pleasure of attending one of Las Estrellas de Todos Santos’ premier performances this last February and enjoyed it very much. If there are still tickets left, don’t miss their Dec. 3rd, 4th & 5th production, Slice of Life, a collection of theatrical readings that promise to be lively and filled with laughs. Go to www.facebook.com/LasEstrellasDeTodosSantos for all the details. For Will Call, lasestrellasdetodossantos@gmail.com

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

February 28, Sunday, 2016 Historic Home Tour Of Todos Santos. An opportunity to view piece of Todos Santos history. These magnificent homes will be open for only one day to tell the story of a past era rich in cultural and social graces. These homes will draw you back to a time of pride and prosperity in a humble mission town and give you insight into the lifestyle people enjoyed in the past century. Supports the Palapa Society and its many charitable causes. Paul Buemann, paul@boominenterprises.com, Ph. 612-178-0062.

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

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

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

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either, because that can backfire as it did in Alaska.
In 2006 Alaska voters passed an initiative that imposed four new taxes on the cruise industry. The initiative changed environmental standards and compliance methods. It also required private businesses to disclose confidential business information, a law since reversed by the legislature.

As a result of this initiative, the cruise lines sent their ships elsewhere and Alaska’s tourism industry lost about 150,000 passengers in the 2010 cruise season. The cruise lines simply began moving to a more business

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be competitive.

The rules are simple. A game is played to 11 points (but you must win by a two-point spread) and, like tennis, points are scored when an opponent is unable to return a shot or hits the ball out of bounds. Unlike tennis, however, the serve must be underhand. It’s a patty cake serve, not meant to knock the shorts off the opponent.

Here in Baja it seems to be mostly Canadians who play it, with only a smattering of Gringos, maybe because it’s so cheap to play? Oooh boy, we’re going to get some mail over that crack. That cake serve, not meant to knock the shorts off the opponent. Here in Baja it seems to be mostly Canadians who play it, with only a smattering of Gringos, maybe because it’s so cheap to play? Oooh boy, we’re going to get some mail over that crack.

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**WHOS UP FOR PICKLEBALL...**

Here is the contact info for each of the pickleball courts. They usually start about 8:30 or 9 am and end by noon, and cost is only the cost of the court rental, 50 or 100 pesos for the entire morning. There are always extra paddles to borrow, just show up in tennis shoes for traction.

Here is the contact info for each of the pickleball courts:
- San Lucas - cathymeade@icloud.com
- Los Barilles - steveherter@gmail.com
- San Jose - rondumbarton@gmail.com

If you don’t believe there really is a game called pickleball, go to www.pickleballchannel.com to get the official run down on it.

### WHAT’S GOING ON IN THIS...?

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Inspired by the U.S. Black Friday, Mexico promoted Buen Fin, an entire weekend of consumer spending at bargain prices. Mexico’s government encouraged people to shop by bringing forward payments of end of the year bonuses to public workers. The problem this year was the Buen Fin took place just before the anniversary of the Mexican Revolution and the banks were closed on Monday. Most banks wouldn’t even allow their ATM machines to operate.

During this year’s long shopping weekend, Mexicans mainly purchased electronics and home appliances such as flat screen TVs, washing machines, and refrigerators. Mexico’s online tourist industry also benefited as citizens purchased flights and hotel reservations for the three day weekend.

But many people complained about false advertising of sales, and the national consumer protection authority (PROFECO) published a list of companies that they accuse didn’t honor their advertised discounts. Some businesses even raised their prices, leading authorities to shut down several stores.

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Childrens’ Program Teaches How To Fish
For fun and maybe even for future career

BY CHARLIE TUNA

Every Sunday local panga captain Lorenzo Bello goes out to the cannery beach that’s favored by locals, and teaches the kids there how to fish. It all started when the owners of the Alpine company out of British Columbia visited Cabo and bought a timeshare. After that they were committed to coming down every year, and they soon got to know Captain Lorenzo Bello, who was down on his luck at that time, with no job and no boat. They bought him a panga for his own use and asked nothing in return other than he teach local children to fish and maybe to learn a little English. This was all done through the Cabo English church, which already gives much to the community. Some other sponsors include the Rotary, the marina, and the Cabo Rey sunset cruise boat.

Every fall Captain Lorenzo organizes a fishing derby for the kids, which raises awareness of the program as well as money to buy fishing equipment. Oh, and the derby is as fun as a barrel of fish for the kids.
Some Different Traditional Holiday Events To Enjoy

Yes, they can be traditional and, looky here

BY LIANA GOFFMAN

The Annual Chabad Chana-kah Lighting is expected to bring in quite a crowd this year. With hundreds of tourists and locals around this Holiday Season, the demand for cultural awareness has spread from lighting the local holiday menorah lights in front of the Cabo San Lucas Puerto Paraiso Mall, all the way to San Jose Del Cabo’s Famous Art Walk. Rabbi Benny and his wife Sonia continue to spread the story of Chanakah while donating holiday gifts to needy children in the local barrios.

These philanthropists have inspired not only members of the Cabo Jewish Center to participate, but have opened the hearts of local businesses and community members to donate time, gifts, and money to make these educational and charitable events possible.

Thanks to the generosity of our local stores, we have acquired jelly donuts, a life size Menorah, and you may be the lucky winner of an XXXXX.

The Annual Chabad Chanukah event will be held in the Cabo San Lucas Puerto Paraiso Mall on December 18th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend and enjoy the donuts, Menorah, and the festivities.

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20 galleries officially flinging open their doors to art walkers, and as many unofficially welcoming clients. Those would be the galleries that do not belong to the association. We say no matter, so long as they’re hospitable and they set out those cookies and punch for us.

But the association does take good care of us, putting out the word of special events and showings to our snow birds and in-and-out tourists alike. The association also polices their members and organizes blocking off the streets, they are lobbying for better lighting, and arrange for street entertainment.

This year the Art District has morphed into the Gallery District, and they are currently working on producing a map of the various galleries that belong to their association. For now, just get up to downtown San Jose and ask anyone where the art stuff is. Hint: behind the big church.

There are also some great restaurants in the area, starting with the brand new La Patrona right in the district. High end but reasonably priced, beautiful setting across from El Encanto hotel.

This Thursday Gallery Patricia Mendoza is showing a collective exhibition from the artists Reynaldo Diaz Zesati, Victor Mora and Sofia Echeverri.

In December the district is branching out to include what they’re calling VIP night on Wednesdays. It’s an attempt, says Mendoza, to spread out the visitors over two nights so artists and
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 relaxed 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 best swimming and surfing beach on the south Pacific side of the peninsula.

Todos Santos offers a charming, authentic environment, with the traditional central plaza, dozens of art galleries, and small hotels. Some of the streets are torn up right now for utility upgrades, but the jewelry stores, galleries, cafes and restaurants are all still open and inviting. Visit the Hotel California (no connection to the Eagles’ song, despite their best efforts to promote that with T-shirts), 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 poblanano 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 the nearby beach areas. Cerritos Beach is part of El Pescadero, but where the town of Pescadero is old Mexico, Cerritos has that vibrant beach vibe. Cerritos and its neighboring beach, San Pedrito, are both world-class surf spots. There are a couple of ways to get to the beach, either the old dirt road at km 65, or the new dirt road at km 67. Either way, it’s a bump, but what the hell, you’re in a rental car.

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If it’s not Thursday night you’re better off going to Todos Santos where most of the galleries are open longer hours. Street performances are not unusual in San Jose on Thursday nights.

Cabo San Lucas is pretty barren of art, with the notable exception of Golden Cactus Gallery in Plaza Casa Blanca on the road to Todos Santos. This little gem used to be downtown in the middle of restaurant row on Hidalgo, before Ceylene Pourport moved it into a warehouse and was selling by appointment only. Now she’s out in the ‘burbs. It’s across the street from the No Tell Motel and convenient to the humane society. If you don’t see what you like at the gallery, can you take an extra dog?

But Hidalgo is not bereft of art. Tom Spangler has moved his gallery from the old lobby of Tesoro across the street to outside El Coral, right on the sidewalk. His stunning large format photographs of Mexico have all been taken by him and he’s available most nights to talk about them.

Then there’s Todos Santos, an entire town of upscale galleries and downscale trinket stores, all laced together with terrific restaurants. If you aren’t available on Thursday night, skip San Jose and go up to Todos Santos, which is less than an hour away now with the widening of the highway to four lanes. This is a town where you have to get out of your car and walk around. You can’t do a drive by because the charm of the old pueblo is in the ancient adobe buildings, most of which have wonderful courtyards. Hotel Guaycura is a charming old place to stay, clean and not badly updated.

The Los Cabos art scene is not just paintings, there are exciting sculptures and mixed media as well. Peek inside the old theater if you’re lucky and it’s open. Rattle the door, it’s surprising how often it’s left unlocked. This structure is very old, dating from the time the town’s industry was sugar cane.

There you have just some of the art buying opportunities you will find in and around Los Cabos. These are hubs, but keep your eyes open and you will see onesie twosies around many corners. Maybe it’s something in the air or maybe it’s the light that inspires so many artists to move here.
The State of Campeche has a very strong defined gastronomic personality and their varied diet was further enriched with the arrival of the Spaniards. But the innovations didn’t stop there, later the pirates brought new components and new preparation methods. Also the Mayan culture is one of the richest not only in Mexico but in the world. In all Campeche territory the food is splendid, because before all the outside influences came, they already had one of the richest sources of products of the sea, and in their jungle and forest they also had wild animals that could be eaten and products of the earth, such as vegetables, fruits and seeds.

So when the outsiders arrived with their traditions, many of them Asian, added to the richness that was already there, the cradle of one of the most important Mexican gastronomy traditions was born.

Two of these ingredients were the tamarind (Asian) and the pork (European). The history of the tamarind begins in India, where it was used from ancient times to produce all kinds of dishes, flavored water, and even a kind of beer. The plantations were extended to Africa in the tropical part of the continent. When the Spaniards brought it to America it was a completely different story.

It’s cultivation spread rapidly in the many tropical areas of this country, not only on the Atlantic side, but on the Pacific side. (It was drier than the Gulf of Mexico). In the states of Michoacan, Guerrero, Oaxaca, Chiapas and of course Yucatan and Campeche where it is known “pah-ch’uuk” (which I looked all over and I just couldn’t find what it means, sorry this time, dear readers).

The harvest of this fruit is from January to April, depending on the region. In some places it is sweeter than in others, and it is even said that the fruits of each tree have a different flavor.

In Mexico the tamarind is eaten as a candy, which by the way, now forms a very important industry, especially for the hundreds of families engaged in developing sweet tamarind, as the massive industrialization of this fruit has not been widespread yet. Another popular consumption in Mexico is refreshing tamarind water, one of the three traditional Mexican soft drinks. The other two are the Horchata and the Hibiscus. (None of the three have Mexican origins by the way).

Nowadays, you can go to the supermarket and buy tamarind, horchata or hibiscus concentrates from sugar. But in the remote communities, where the harvest of the tamarind is known to not last indefinitely, people form a family work team, and the fruit is stripped of the rind and seeds and then mixed with sugar to form a dough in a ball shape which can be maintained for much longer without spoiling. The dough ball is used as the basis for a sweet and nutritious, natural and practical way to make an “instant” refreshing drink by just putting it into a bowl or jar of water. It is also used in various dishes of traditional “haute cuisine”, like Mexican and tamarind chicken stew, beef, fish, and pork with tamarind chutney.

The people of Campeche are very hospitable. In their homes, the food is first, the hosts welcome visitors always with a big smile and cooks here have done marvels with it.

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Palapa Society In Todos Santos Makes Progress
Enriching the lives of the locals

BY ALEJANDRA BORBOLLA

The Palapa society was established in 2003 to develop and administer scholastic scholarships, along with medical and environmental programs that benefit Todos Santos children and their families. This goal is achieved by many volunteers working with community leaders. Their vision is to optimize opportunities for local children. They consider that the small town’s future lies with its children, and that success depends on the children’s education and well-being. They plow forward with such successful fundraisers and community support that the Palapa Society has become indispensable to the town. Recently they were able to include both environmental and cultural programs, new to the community. They are now working on the Palapa Building Fund Campaign to build a permanent Palapa Society Center in Todos Santos.

Their scholarship program, which started five years ago with the founders searching out deserving students who needed help with a scholarship (or beca, in Spanish). Chosen students would have needed to give up their education without this help. Founders picked 10 kids and their program was a go. Now, they support more than 30 high schoolers and 11 university students and have a growing waiting list full of eager students waiting for a boost to their education.

The Palapa Society also has an English program called bridge to English, because they realize the Baja peninsula is a place where being bilingual is almost a requirement to finding a job. "Language mentors" and volunteer English speakers developed a program in which kids would learn English from native speakers. With a combination of lesson plan, songs, games and art, they came up with a fun and creative way to teach kids in a cross-cultural manner. They hold their after school program Monday through Thursday in The Palapa Center in Todos Santos. A small fee for materials is charged, but no child wanting to learn is turned away. This program also teaches adults English. There is also a way to get involved with this: the program welcomes volunteers and it’s a great way to make your travel experience a whole lot more awesome, by giving a little back and meeting children and local members of the community while building strong relationships and friendships along the way.

The English program also helped the art program become a reality. During summer vacation, Palapa decided to offer children from the Bridge to English program an opportunity to work with a professional artist in an effort to expand their talents. The artist team, local street artists and their professional mentor have prettied up a wall that was often tagged with graffiti by painting portraits of saints. This ties in with their

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The swanky private enclave of Querencia hosted their season opening party at their new beach club site and to get there guests went through the new tunnel under the fourlane. Pretty impressive addition to a pretty impressive golf community.

I have even heard school teachers get confused between this holiday and Independence Day. Kids see it mostly as the day they dress up as adelitas, (women who followed the soldiers to cook for them. And other stuff), and Zapatistas, they don’t have to go to school. I think the government doesn’t make an effort to keep the real tradition alive, maybe because they truly know the revolution was a waste of time and blood if they looked around them today. I always imagine what would they say if they were alive today. I think they would be ashamed of what they died for. A sad country run by puppets and dictators, full of insecurity and not exploring its true potential. And any way there is never really a day off, because someone has to work and keep things moving forward.

The Revolution happened because we took Diaz down from power, we were under the same government, and then they were voted out, and now we voted them back in again. How can we expect the holiday to be what it really is if we are not changing anything? All we do is vote for the handsomest candidate, or the one that TV puts in our brain. Our people are not thinking for themselves anymore, all we do is complain and do nothing about it. What’s the point of having a revolution if everything will go back to the way it was before? And I’m pretty sure we are not about to start a new revolution. Kids are not born like that anymore, they don’t have that sense of justice in them. They will believe everything we put in front of their eyes, and that’s it. It’s pretty nice to have a long weekend though, even when I understand everything that happened so we could have it.

The Revolution of 2006 was a bad, power-hungry man. Many Mexicans started to form their rebel groups because society was unfair. The rich were getting richer and poor poorer. Just like we are today, we have a president who doesn’t work for our country and society is just like it was working a century ago. I don’t think we should make a holiday out of something that was so hard to get and in the end we are throwing it away. A revolution from what? The Villistas (people who supported Francisco Villa’s men), and Zapatistas (Emilio Zapata’s supporters), were the two main groups who fought to win the revolutionary war, and all that so when one of the politicians becomes president, he abuses it, drunk with power and forgetting his people, country and battles.

We are free to do whatever we want. We are not a perfect country and we do not have the perfect president but at least we are not like Syria, or France, at the moment. We could do a lot better and we have lost the sense of love for our country. We look out for ourselves instead of the whole group.

I think it’s a nice holiday. We get a day off to be with our families or rest. I remember learning about it in school, but to be honest I always mix up the revolution and the independence, it’s people, the dates, and everything. Mexico is not a good country to live in, we are poor and uneducated, not like in Europe, they know how to organize themselves and make their country work together towards the same goal. It’s a shame that we have a huge war that has since been lost again, because I don’t think people even care that much. The people who work the land are being abused as always, and the people in power just look down upon us as if we were worthless. I know it’s not fair for anyone, but no one does anything anyway. We all give money to the police instead of taking a ticket, or we pollute, or we treat others like they were nothing.
CRUISE SHIPS BLACKEN... 

friendly environment, and the mostly small Alaska businesses that depend on the summer activity generated by the passengers suffered terribly. Affected were hotels, restaurants, tours and merchants. When Governor Sean Parnell came into office the following year, he immediately rescinded most of the laws the industry was opposed to, and the ships have started coming back. So, should we see this as a warning and let ships like the Norwegian Jewel burp their ugly black smoke into our pristine air? I don’t know, I’m just asking.

COOKING LIKE A MEXICAN... 

and abundant and delicious food. They treat their visitors as queens and kings and like to show the traditions and beauty of their state. The city of Campeche is famous for its fine dining and high quality of their fresh and vast variety of seafood. A fun tradition is it’s the men who do the marketing. This tradition started back when the pirates arrived and women were too afraid to go out on the street. So here you go, pork loin in tamarind sauce: Ingredients. 1 piece of pork loin (Around 3lbs) 2 cups of tamarind pulp (you can find it in the supermarkets in the aisle where the koolaid is) 3 slices of canned pineapple 3 cloves of garlic 1/2 of regular sized onion 2 teaspoons of fresh grated ginger 2 cups pf chicken broth Procedure: Preheat the oven at 350 F. Liquefy all the seven ingredients until you have a smooth paste (not too thick or too thin) and bath the loin with its juices, turn it around once to have even browning. Once done let it cold and slice it. Then put the slices back in the pan and heat for a little while. This dish will go great with mashed potato or steamed veggies. Alejandra

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You mean it was here?

The 4th annual Los Cabos Film Festival was held last week, and it did seem to be organized a little better than previous years. There were fewer stars, (Liam Neeson, who practically nobody saw, was the most notable.)

But putting the best face on it, film festival folks said it wasn’t about the stars, nor the turn out for the films, but the movie deals and alliances going on behind the scenes.

The GG didn’t give it a lot of publicity because in years past the movies never started on time or even at the advertised venue. But they seemed to do better at that this year.

This red carpet on opening night was fun to strut, but there was nobody there to interview anyone and people seemed to just wander around.

The sponsors’ boat ride was a bust when the boat never showed up and we hopeful yachties stood around on the malecon for an hour and a half waiting. The wine showed up. That was good.
Don Molineux, Bobbie Molineux, Rick Larson, Nicki Larson, Linda Myers and Dick Myers dragged their Gringo Gazette along on a 7,100 mile drive through the Western United States to play 11 of the world’s top 100 golf courses. They took this picture at Coeur D’Alene in Idaho.

Dick points out that those who landed safely on the floating green got a certificate attesting to their skill, but points out that was not as important as showing off the GG. May we point out that Dick Myers will say anything to get his mug in the paper?

Just a wild guess here: The blondie gals are the Palapa Society volunteers.
Calendar of Performing Arts

TODOS SANTOS
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, 621/415-0295.

December 18. Friday. 5:30 pm. The Amazing & Diverse Flora Of Baja California. Second in the six-part Todos Santos Speaker Series. Presenter: J. P. Rebman, Ph.D., Curator of Botany, San Diego Natural History Museum. Q & A follows. Todos Santos Cultural Center. $100 pesos Donation ($120 at door). Limited seating. Advance tickets: El Tecolote Bookstore. Kate Lewis jaymsi@yahoo.com, 621/415-0295.

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 Jesús Morales Ramírez, Concienza MEXICO AC. Understand the latest technologies driving sustainable building and development in Baja. J. Jesús 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, 621/415-0295.

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, hotelscasaota@gmail.com. Roxanne Rosenblatt caboroxy@yahoo.com, www.facebook.com/LasEstrellasDeTodosSantos.

December 10. Thursday. From 5:00 pm. To 7:00 pm. Opening Christmas Small Works Art. Small fine art at affordable prices. More info and/or bring pieces to Tori Sepulveda oscarnbrt@yahoo.com 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 oscarnbrt@yahoo.com HOTEL CALIFORNIA J
January 14th, 15th, 16th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd. Todos Santos Music Festival. Information: http://todosantosmusicfestival.com/

MANGOS GALLERY
Centenario St. between Topete St. and Oregon St.

CABO SAN LUCAS
Hidalgo Cero Tapas Bar Hidalgo St. Downtown Cabo San Lucas, across from the main park and band stand. Every Tuesday. 9:00 pm. Theater night by Akelerre theater group. Spanish. Info and reservations www.hidalgozero.com WALMART PLAZA, Cabo Upstairs over La Europea. Macondo Bookstore cafe Every Wednesday. 7:30 pm. Movie club. Some movies in English and other languages with Spanish subtitles. Free. More info and movies https://www.facebook.com/macondo.cs1

CULTURAL PAVILION
December 10. 7:30 pm. Vivaldi Glory Gala Concert by Los Cabos Polyphonic Choir. With contemporary dance. Proceeds to benefit the choir. Tickets 120 pesos (around 9 bucks) available at Black Penny Studio on Fisher plaza close to Back to the Rack (Alikan St. between Morelos and Leona Vicario) in Cabo San Lucas or at the reception desk of the Pavilion. More info with Penny, Cell: 624 106 8876.

December 13. Sunday. 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Christmas Festival. The Ice Queen. Disney musical acted and danced by the Star Factory Studio and other guest artists. Ticket $180 pesos. Info 624355 8659 with Angeles Vazquez. Spanish.

December 17. Thursday. 8:00 pm. Joy of the World Grand Gala. Christmas recital with Los Angeles Opera Soloist Douglas Apprentice-Tenor with UNAM (Mexico National Autonomous University) Philharmonic Orchestra musicians: As part of the state and city cultural program with the collaboration of CONACULTA and UNAM. Spanish. Free.

December 20. Sunday. 7:00 pm. Christmas Concert by the Youth Orchestra of Los Cabos. Spanish. Free. YANDI MONARDO ART GALLERY October 28 until December 12. Painting exhibition by the artist Lobouché. Opening from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Yandi Monardo Art Gallery and Tendencia Avenue featuring different artists who live in or are inspired by Baja. New artist exhibit every 45 days. Inside the Luxury Avenue mall at the marina. Spanish and English. Free.

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

CABO MARINA FRONT
Every Saturday. From 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Cultural circuit. Art exhibition by local artists, workshops, paint, sculpture, photography, food tasting, theater, live music and dance. Spanish. Free. Various parts of the malecon.

CASA CARACOL UNA RANA
Every Saturday. 7:00pm to 11:30pm. Cultural tianguis (market). Live music, poetry, painting, books, arts & crafts, sculpture, movies, vegetarian food. Hidalgo and Revolucion Sts, downtown Cabo. Cel. 624 117 1663.

LA PAZ
ALIANZA FRANCESA
Every Tuesday. 6:00 pm. French films movie club. Different French film each week. Alianza Francesa cultural center at 525 Gomez Farias St. between Republica St and Guerrerro St. Esteto town, La Paz. For info and program: www.facebook.com/alianzafrancesalapaz. Spanish, French, English and other languages. Free.

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

BELLATERRA GALLERY #250 Guillermo Prieto St. between 5 de Mayo and Constitucion St. Downtown La Paz. November 13 until Jany 30. Paint and sculpture exhibition by three artists. The show continues thru the end of January. Info and hours Nasch Diaz Cel. 612 141 1004. CENTRO CULTURAL LA PAZ From Monday to Friday. 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. On permanent display. Man, nature and culture (Hombre, Naturaleza y Cultura). Photography collective exhibition. A permanent photography show that highlight the special characteristics that make up the cultural identity of Baja California Sur. A video showcasing BCS complements the photographs. In the Codex Peninsula of

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CHRISTIAN WORSHIP
In English (La Paz) Crossroads Christian Fellowship. Sharing the living water of Jesus with thirsty people. 3124 Abosolo between Sonora and Sinaloa. (Up the alley under the Crossroads sign) Call Milton Sanders at 6121375767 or 6121491832. www.crossroadslapaz.org (9)

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Total Amount Owed

Your Name:

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Questions?

Next Deadline is Tuesday, December 8th, 2015.
pissers and moaners on Facebook have not and they’re not likely to stop their pissing and moaning. Everyone is trying to reach a brokered agreement. Meanwhile, don’t catch a wheel on that wall. It is pretty close to the driving lane. What we want to know is, why don’t these people take on the big issues of the day, like the money our government is stealing from us? We all knew the last mayor was stuffing his pockets with millions, why didn’t these people dog him? Instead they make a big deal over a section of concrete wall. Where is the bigger picture here?

PALAPA SOCIETY IN TODOS...

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the burn center for children in Obregon, Mexico. He recovered and graduated high school in 2008. In 2005, they met Jesus, an 11 year old boy who suffered from severe cleft palate. He is still going to dentist and speech appointments in La Paz, while preparing for the last surgery. And finally there is Gloria, a 16 year old girl who was diagnosed with Type 2 Neurofibromatosis, a life threatening genetic disease characterized for spinal tumors, after finally losing her battle with this disease.

They also have an environmental program called Eco Kids. They study the interaction between plants and animals and the way humans affect it, with interactive, hands-on activities and field trips. The kids learn to respect the environment because they learn the way it affects their lives, in hopes to inspire the next generation to take care of the planet. The society is working with turtle hugger organizations to prevent the extinction of marine turtles.

There is also the community library, which costs of 250 pesos a year, created with the help of some temporary community members, bookworms and readers donating a few boxes of books. The Todos Santos bilingual library now holds over 9,000 books, has more than 200 card carrying members, and four rooms at The Palapa Center. This marvel was started in a dark, windowless room back in 2004.

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Am I In Trouble If I Don’t Carry Obamacare?

Yes, under certain circumstances

BY ORLANDO GOTAY

As is often the case, much of the general information available out there applies to the regular, U.S. resident. Special rules, often hard to find, apply to expats. Sometimes the regular rule has pitfalls that exist solely because the person no longer lives in the U.S.

The Affordable Care Act requires individuals to have qualifying health care coverage for each month of the year, or to make a shared responsibility payment when filing their federal income tax returns.

General lore leads folks to believe that individuals living abroad are not subject to these rules. Well, you are. An important exception exists, but it may not apply to the recent expat. This may come as a surprise, come tax return time, or in the form of a notice from the IRS later on.

There is an exemption for U.S. citizens who are not physically present in the United States for at least 330 full days within a 12 month period. Those people are treated as having minimum essential coverage for that entire 12 month period regardless of whether they enroll in any health care coverage.

Also, U.S. citizens who are bona fide residents of a foreign country (or countries) for an entire taxable year are treated as having minimum essential coverage for that year and are not required to have Obamacare coverage or make the shared responsibility payment.

As you can see, there may be a gap between the time you move to Mexico and the time you qualify for one of the exemptions above. It is important to keep that in mind to avoid an unpleasant surprise later on.

If these conditions sound familiar, it’s because they are borrowed from the part of the IRS code that deals with foreign exclusions of foreign income, and the tests to qualify for it, the physical presence and bona fide

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**CALENDAR OF PERFORMING...**

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the Centro Cultural La Paz, located on 16 de Septiembre at the corner of Belisario Dominguez. Text is in English and Spanish. Free.

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