Hey! Quit Throwing Crap In The Ocean!

You obviously have my home confused with a Dempsty Dumpster

BY CHARLIE TUNA

In July of 2015 several marine biologists were enjoying the beautiful Baja weather poolside in La Paz. As usual when you gather marine biologists and beer, the talk eventually turns towards how dirty our oceans are becoming, pollution, fishing debris, microplastics etc.

This time it led to more than just talk. The conversation had become focused on a single popular dive site in La Paz Bay named San Rafaelito. A small island that is home to some 20 sea lions, tropical fish, octopi, lobsters and the rest of the beautiful marine life in the Sea of Cortez.

The decision was made to organize a group of divers to clean the spot that same month; in fact the pledge was made to clean a reef or mangrove every month. They adopted the phrase, “Pagando la renta a la Pachamama”, “Paying the rent to Mother Earth” as their slogan.

In July more than 30 divers, locals and foreigners cleaned up

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The sidewalk wars

Agents from the city tax and permit department, (called fiscal), confiscated half a dozen flower pots from the sidewalk in front of Pan di Bacco, that pretty good restaurant across from Hard Rock Café. The restaurant could not show they had a permit to deploy tables and flower pots on the city sidewalk.

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Gene Elman, owner of the Happy Boy fishing boat were found floating near Cabo San Lucas, several days after it was reported missing. Just a day before, the floating corpse of its captain was also found. Lost at sea on December 12, the bodies of the other two crew members are yet to be found.

Let There Be Light! The 680 collapsible street lights along the fourlane between San Jose and Cabo should have winked on by the time you read this SCT, the federal road people, have double pinkie promise we would have lights by now, “You bet, you can count on us,” is what they said. Well, we paraphrase.

BTW, just why do we need those lights? Doesn’t everyone have headlights? There shouldn’t be anyone walking out there, it’s just cars, which are all delivered with two headlights. If yours are not working, please get off the damn road!

Doesn’t matter anyway, before they’ve been finished, there have been thieves out there heisting the wires. In broad daylight, We give that lighting project about as much time as your neighbors’ Christmas lights. If that,

Government to donate land. Three busy body citizen activist groups have approached Mayor Arturo de la Rosa with a request for land to build a center for attention to children in a crowded low income neighborhood in San Jose.

Wherever the city has land will do, they said. The organizations are The boys and girls club of Los Cabos chaired by Raul Godin, Mobimex wheelchair chaired by Greg Edwards, and Young People For A Change led by John Pentz, developer of the Palmilla Shoppes.

The center will help children and teenagers from 6 to 16 years of age and its charter is to keep kids off the streets after school. The investment of the three organizations could reach 120 grand in workshop classrooms, sports installations and upgrading its surroundings.

“To care for the future and development of our children is an important and noble labor, and as Mayor of Los Cabos, I am convinced that to invest in forming good habits in children and young ones is the best investment for our town,” said De la Rosa.

Gringo dies in car wreck. James Allen, 67 and from Texas, died instantly in a car wreck just outside of the H+ Hospital. He was driving out of the gas station and turning towards San Jose when his SUV was T boned by a speeding pick up truck on its way to San Jose.

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What's Going On In This Country?

BY SANTIAGO VERDUGO

We love Gringo migrants. It’s just Central American migrants we’re not so crazy about. At least 300,000 migrants enter Mexico from its southern border, on their way to sneaking into the United States, according to the country’s Interior Ministry. Nearly 200,000 migrants were detained in Mexico last year, the highest figure recorded in almost a decade.

At least 92 percent come from Central America and 45 percent of that group are Guatemalans. The rest are from South America, Africa and Asia. All of them were detained while trying to reach the United States. All of them are tossed back, except for migrants from Asia, Africa and Cuba. “Immigration law is very noble regard those people. Instead of repatriating them we open the doors and related. But in the last five years, 100 such family workshops have shut down as they were unable to compete.

The handicrafts have been undervalued by consumers, who prefer buying low-quality Chinese knock-offs for 15 pesos apiece to purchasing the domestic product from markets or studios, where the price of each figure can range from 20 to 55 pesos. In an effort to counter the trend, Puebla’s artisans have started to promote their handicrafts by making seasonal trips to neighboring states, such as Veracruz, Hidalgo, Tlaxcala and Oaxaca, hoping to save their dieo-workshops, where the price of each figure can range from 20 to 55 pesos. In an effort to counter the trend, Puebla’s artisans have started to promote their handicrafts by making seasonal trips to neighboring states, such as Veracruz, Hidalgo, Tlaxcala and Oaxaca, hoping to save their

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Local Kids To Show Off Their English In UK

This is not survival waiter English, this is serious scholarship

BY ALEJANDRA SARACHAGA

Among the dozens of private junior high schools in Baja California Sur, our very own Instituto Peninsular was the only one that got an invitation to participate in an English skills contest to be held in Jolly Olde England. Only problem is, now the kids have to get there.

The contest is part of the British English Olympics (BEO) which is an academic Olympiad organized by a company that sells textbooks and language programs on learning English all over the world. A total of five schools in Mexico will be represented. The company has a wide range of English language programs for more than 150,000 international students from Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America, and has been doing this for more than 20 years. This event will take place from March 27 to April 11 of 2016. That's this year, Bunky. Yeah, we're not used to it yet either.

This event attracts bilingual schools from around the world to compete against one another in a series of English language academic challenges. The event is held over two weeks and hosted in some of the most prestigious boarding schools in the UK. Well, our students better look sharp, then.

The parents of these kids are organizing a fund raising event at the Baja Brewery in San Jose in the art district on Jan 21. The cost of

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departments showed up at the soccer field and in the adjacent arroyo. It really was amazing to see so many factions come together: public services, the environment, SOFOMAT (beaches), sports, DIF (family centered charity), Instituto de La Juventud, Police and social development, the Instituto de La Juventud, Policia DIF (family cen-tered charity), SOFOMAT (beaches), sports, public services, the environment, soccer field and in the adjacent arroyo. It was agreed that coming back to clean the area after every weekend is not the solution, that it only en -ables irresponsible behavior. As it is, some of the locals believe that if they leave trash strewn about, it is the job of the city workers to clean it up.

It was suggested that city representatives could pop out to the field to speak to the people and perhaps pass out bags for their trash. Another idea was to install barrels, so people would have a place to put their trash.

reclacadora del Pacifico.
This amazing array of “volunteers” brought along a bulldozer, trucks for trash, shovels, rakes, and large plastic bags for hauling away the trash. When the new administration took over governing our city in December, all city workers were expected to put in some free time “volunteering” their services in a public display of humbleness, and this was part of it. And in addition to cleaning the area, they discussed how to solve the problem from recurring.

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

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The problem with that is, the heavy metal barrels would have to be nailed down or they would walk off. And if they were nailed down, how could they be emptied in the unlikely event that a city truck would actually swing by to pick up the trash? (Forgive us, after decades of bad government, we’re a tad bit jaded). Another possible solution was to fine the sports league. In regards to the appearance, they already have a plan to plant trees around the perimeter of the dusty brown field. It has been discussed to lay down synthetic

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to Cabo San Lucas. Everyone, be careful out there, that’s just a real bad intersection.

The driver of the pick-up truck was taken to the local social security hospital but is expected to recover soon.

Don’t Bogart that parking space. Mayor de la Rosa has promised to instruct government officials to park their vehicles along Centenario Avenue behind San Jose, in order to allow visitors to park in front of the downtown businesses. Right now the city workers snap up all the parking spaces when they arrive downtown at 8 in the morning, preventing shoppers from parking when they arrive a couple hours later.

Our state, Baja Sur, flunked more policemen and police chicks than the entire rest of the country.

According to the National system of public safety, 45,516 Mexican cops failed the tests. Although that is only 13.49% of the total, it is worrisome in our state.

This year, Mexico changes from city cops to “mando unico,” which means that all cops in the state will be under the leadership and supervision of the state’s attorney general. Oh lordy, those guys are known as the crookedist agency in Mexico. Sigh. Many municipalities are still fighting this, as cities lose their sovereignty that the constitution establishes for each, and they fear that governors will become more corrupt.

Los Cabos has 586 cops with 54 operating vehicles. Most of the police cars and trucks were received in terrible condition at the change of the city administration last September, but have been repaired now and are running.

No olvidar! That’s Mex speak for don’t forget! Two major events coming up: This January 13 – 17 the Lord of The Wind KA North American Kitefoil Championship will take place in Los Barriles, on the East Cape, about an hour north of San Jose. There’s $22,000 in prize money, a tamales cook-off and reggae concert on the beach. It’s fun to watch from shore. For more information look up: lordofthewindbaja.com.

Then this January 21, 22, 26, 27, 28 at 7 pm Love, Loss And What I Wore, a NY play, will CONTINUED ON PAGE 16
San Rafaelito. They found tires, fishing nets, lines, hooks and spark plugs which are commonly used as weights. In addition discarded anchors, a propane tank, bottles, plastic and scrap metal where removed from the reef.

In August the group expanded their outreach and decided to use kayaks, stand up paddle (SUP) boards and snorkelers to clean the mangroves across the channel from La Paz’s scenic malecon.

Pablo Ahuja, a marine biologist and one of the original organizers said, “We wanted to get as many people involved as we can, lots of people enjoy the sea and not all of them are divers. Our goal is to clean the sites no one else is even thinking about cleaning; places that are trashed and are also not easily accessible.”

The mangroves are a perfect example of that. Mangroves have shallow water, entangling roots and branches and are more than a little buggy. They are also the home to migratory birds and juvenile fish, as well as being a habitat where resident bottlenose dolphins teach their young to hunt. The mangrove trees, the only trees that can grow in salt water, have long roots that extend from the high tide line down to the muddy bottom. It is these roots which provide sanctuary for so many marine animals but unfortunately they quickly become enmeshed with floating plastic, abandoned fishing nets and other marine debris.

In September the volunteer group, now officially named Rescatando Nuestros Arrecifes y Manglares (RNAM), Rescuing Our Reefs and Mangroves, switched its focus to Cerralvo Island. Cerralvo is a beautiful island offshore of the small kite surfing town of La Ventana. In the winter it is one of the most popular spots in the world for kiteboarding and windsurfing due to the strong northern winds. In the summer it is a popular spot for SCUBA diving or spearfishing.

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A panga is completely filled with crap plucked from the sea in just one afternoon.

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Little Known U.S. Expat Taxation Facts In Mexico

BY DON D. NELSON

Though most foreign assets are reportable on various specialized forms filed with your US tax return, if you own foreign real estate and title is in your own name (or a Fideicomiso) and do not rent out the property, there is no reporting required on your US tax return or for that matter any other reporting due the US Government.

Foreign mutual funds (and most foreign money market funds) require filing of another special form with your tax return. If you do not file this form and make elections to report the income each year, you are penalized with higher taxes and interest if you finally sell your foreign mutual fund. These rules were put in place when Congress was convinced by US Mutual fund companies that there business would be hurt unless investment in foreign mutual funds was made unfavorable for tax purposes.

The 2015 the $100,800 US foreign earned income exclusion applies to earned income (wages or self employment) income earned abroad if you need the physical presence test or bonafide resident test. You can see if you qualify in IRS Publication 54. It is not automatic and can only be claimed on your US tax return. The IRS can deny this exclusion if you file your return more than 18 months late. This exclusion does not apply to rental income, dividends, interest or capital gains or any income other than earned income.

You must report your rental net income in Mexico from your Mexican real estate on your US return and you also owe taxes on it in Mexico even if you are not a resident. In Mexico you must pay Mexican income taxes on it and also pay IVA tax. If you are renting for only a short time, you may also owe local lodging excise taxes. The Mexican income tax can be claimed as a credit directly offsetting any US income tax you owe on the rental income. The IVA and lodging taxes can be deducted on your US tax return as rental expenses.

If you own 10% or more of a Mexican corporation you may have to file form 5471 with your US tax return if required by the rules governing that form. Failure to file that form in a timely manner may result in the IRS assessing a $10,000 US penalty for failure to file even if you owe no taxes.

The US has a tax treaty with Mexico. It also has in the past year entered into an OECD agreement where the two countries have agreed to exchange information about foreign income tax information with the other. At some point in the future what you do in Mexico will not stay in Mexico and vice versa.

If as a US Citizen you have lived and worked in Mexico for a while and not filed your US tax return, the IRS currently has a “streamlined program” that may allow you to catch up by filing only the past 3 years US tax returns and past six year FBAR (foreign bank account reports). They will not penalize you under that program for failing to file FBAR forms or other foreign reporting forms. They have stated they may discontinue this program at any time. Now is the time to surface with the IRS and avoid potentially huge penalties.

FBAR (foreign bank account reporting forms) must be filed each year with US Treasury if at any time during the calendar year your combined highest balances in your foreign financial accounts exceeds $100,000 US. This form must be filed on line. Foreign accounts include foreign pension plans, cash surrender value in foreign insurance, foreign broker accounts, and even gold if held for you in a foreign country a custodian. Failure to file this form or filing it late can result in penalties of $10,000 US or more.

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Tips for Buyers 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 Barriles? 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.

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Cabo Condo Owners Receive Titles – Finally

BY JOHN K. GLAAB

After a twenty year struggle, a group of condo owners in Cabo San Lucas have finally obtained titles to their units.

It all started when Phase 2 of Terrasol, one of the most attractive projects in Los Cabos, ran into financial problems during the “peso meltdown” in the early 1990s. It was compounded by a problem with Mexico’s finance department. Some of the owners had made payment in full, but did not receive title. Once that was resolved, the bank failed to cooperate and the titles were in limbo. As well, there were units in Terrasol Phase 2 that were never completed. By the time the project came to a suspenseful moment, Settlement Founder Linda Neil said, “The completion of the project comes at an auspicious moment. The Settlement Company” is preparing to celebrate its 25th Anniversary of serving the Mexican real estate industry. The company opened its doors in May of 1991.

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SOLDS

1) Club la Costa Phase 3 Villa 5 Palmilla #203, 2 bed/2 bath condo on the Fanatur Golf course. MLS: 11-135, $160,000 USD, E.Espinoza/ Century 21 and M. Nicol/Cabo4Sale Real Estate

2) Cresta del Mar, Lot 75, Lot with 921 M2, MLS # 10-1772, Sales Price $64,500, M. Nicol/ Cabo4Sale Real Estate and B.Calderon/ Las Ventanas Real Estate

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So. Should You Ask The Seller To Throw In The Furniture With Your New House?

Around here the inclusion of furniture in your residential real estate purchase is fairly common. This is not the usual practice in most of Mexico, any more than it is in your home city in the United States or Canada. If you were to buy a home in Guadalajara or Veracruz your real estate would probably come exactly like you would expect in California, Winnipeg, Nebraska or Calgary - vacant except for anything stuck on the walls and ceilings.

In fact, AMPI, NAR and MLS BCS practices actually state that anything that is not specifically excluded in the listing agreement that is affixed to walls and ceilings, are considered part of the property and cannot be removed without the permission of the buyer after an offer is accepted by both parties. Regarding such items, the law is the same in Mexico, but it is very common in most parts of Mexico to receive a home stripped.

But, here in the tourist market, you must specifically exclude items in your sales listing and offer documents, otherwise they are assumed part of the real estate. The reason is simple; to avoid the stripping of the real estate before the date of transfer. Imagine buying a condo for $200,000 USD receiving the keys on the day of signing, and in the last hours after your final walk through and the signatures, having the seller come in and take all of the light fixtures, air conditioning units, the towel rack, curtains, the door knobs and cabinets! What a surprise you would have when you walk in the door to your new home! It would be devastating. This is not permitted by law, but can become an issue if the Seller has included pieces of personal importance to him, or asks you to exclude an item they forgot in their listing. The law is the same in Mexico. But, after an agreement has been reached, and the packing and expense of shipping their Mexican furnishings back to the United States or Canada. For most sellers, it is for their convenience more than anything that precipitates in the “gift” of furnishings to the Buyer. However, let me be clear, it is the Seller’s prerogative to offer the property furnished, unfurnished or partially furnished, as well as to make up their own inventory list, including or excluding whatever they choose. A Seller is not obligated to sell a property with its contents. If the Buyer really wants an item(s), it is customary and required that he or she make an offer including that item on their offer to purchase or to make an offer for the item separately as a private sale of goods, not real estate. And it is the Seller’s right to accept, reject or counter any offer regarding items not included in the sale of the property.

In fact, particularly in the high end market, some Sellers offer the furnishings separately, as a furniture package, for a specific dollar amount. This generally occurs at the higher price point real estate where expensive furniture, antiques and art pieces are at stake.

So, if the furnishing offered to you in the “real estate” transaction are really a “gift,” try not to get too emotional about the exclusion of any one piece. If the Seller has excluded pieces of personal importance to him, or asks you to exclude an item they forgot in their original listing, try to understand, that inclusion of furniture is not the norm in Mexico. But, after an agreement has been reached, and I highly suggest an itemized inventory list be signed by both buyer and seller within 5 business days of acceptance of an offer, I caution both Buyer and Seller to honor this agreement! It is VERY important to do a very detailed inventory list. I also suggest a photo-inventory list so as to avoid “changes” and substitutions. I have seen temps run high and nearly cause the demise of a transaction over simple things, as small and insignificant as an ashtray! Honor your agreements! Don’t try to “steal” an item out. Don’t try to strong arm the seller over pillow cases or a lawn chair. Once there is agreement, honor it. In the end, the transaction and your new home will feel so much more “homey” when you open the door for the first time on the day of your closing!
businesses from bankruptcy. The state of Jalisco had been seeing a similar situation but through a promotional campaign launched three months ago it has managed to turn the tables. According to the last census, of the 400,000 artisans in the state, 25% produce Christmas-related figures. About 430 workshops in Jalisco are dedicated to producing artisanal nacimientos, providing a livelihood for at least 1,100 people.

*It's no eBay.* More than half of Mexicans over the age of 6 use the Internet, but while 85% of users access social networks, only a quarter use the Internet to make purchases, according to a survey by the Mexican Internet Association. With roughly 98% of Mexico's retail sales conducted at physical stores, the main competition for online sellers is not each other but rather traditional retail. Retailers take hope from the rapid growth of smartphone use, which jumped 40% in 2015. The department store chain Liverpool invested $36 million in three years to upgrade its online platform, offering free delivery and more than one million online products.

The increased competition in e-commerce comes as traditional retailers are riding a recovery thanks to employment and wage growth, as well as record-low inflation. Last year through November, same-store sales of Mexican retailers were ahead 6.5%, compared with a 0.9% gain in the same period of 2014, according to retail association Antad.

But as e-commerce competition heats up, logistics play an increasing role. Most people don't have credit cards and most people are reluctant to pay for goods upfront. Then there's the crappy delivery infrastructure. How is it going to get to your front porch? Most people don't trust the available delivery systems.

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Ask a Mexican

This Week's Question is: If you could make a New Year's Resolution for the country, what would it be?

1. Horacio Monsivaiz, 20 years old, graphic design student.
   I would end the poverty situation, see what areas of the country are the poorest like Chiapas, Oaxaca and Guerrero and figure out a way to help them out; maybe the richest states can give a little from what they have. Also, I'd stop corruption, by raising the standards when recruiting policemen and politicians, as well as all people in power.

2. Julio Ortiz Monsivaiz, 18 years old, industrial engineering student.
   I'd wish for Mexico to keep growing in the industry, because we have a lot to give. We have many natural resources we can take advantage of like oil and its by-products, and many people who do great labor; we don't need to hire any foreigners because it creates extra cost and takes jobs from those who really need them and are just as qualified to do them. We can be one of the principal exporters in a matter of many things, beginning with technology, we just need to give a little push and we could become a first world country.

3. Luis Armando Ortiz Cruz, 22 years old, advertising and public relations student.
   My resolution would be to notice our culture more, take the indigenous people more seriously; we should give them more importance. I would also vow to buy more products that are made in Mexico and crafts, besides being beautiful and very rich in content, it would be a way to improve our economy.

4. Ana Karen Galindo Villalobos, 22 years old, manufacture engineering student.
   I can't think of anything, but I would wish for femicide to stop. We are getting to a ridiculous point where the whole country is suffering women's disappearances like it did in Juarez. It's unbelievable how the numbers have gone up in the last year, and it's all kinds of women now; no matter age, education or background. The situation has become terrifying.

5. Luis Enrique Galindo Cruz, 51 years old, stay at home dad.
   World peace like Miss Universe. Just kidding, I'd wish for corruption to stop, in every single way: teachers, politicians, policemen, senators, parents, everyone is a little corrupt and that's what is making our country the sick place it is today.

6. Dora Luz Cruz, 60 years old, administration staff at an university.
   I'd wish for harmony. We need more harmony and love to each other as a country to move on together. Sometimes we would rather make harm than good, specially when we see someone who is doing better than us, we try to bring them down instead of pushing them forward and encouraging them.

Dante’s BBQ Restaurant Goes Up In Smoke

After 15 years serving the San Jose community, Dante’s BBQ restaurant, with some of the best BBQ on the Baja, went up in smoke. Let’s all hope the family rebuilds, and we wish them a speedy recovery. They believe some fireworks landed on the palapa roof.
Belgium French Fries, a Big Cabo Favorite

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

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

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

P.S. They also serve Poutine, fries with gravy and cheese, absolutely yummy!
Looking For Something Not Made In China?
We still have genuine artisans here

BY CATHY WATKINS

If you're looking for a souvenir that's not made in China, come on out to the Amelia Wilkes Plaza across the street from Mi Casa restaurant in downtown Cabo San Lucas any Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Everything for sale there is hand-made and created by the talented artisans themselves.

You can watch your souvenirs be made while you wait at the arts and crafts fair every Friday evening in the Cabo San Lucas main square.

Yes, you can still find wonderful natural hand-made crafts in Cabo.

At this artisan market, one can find colorful macramé bracelets and necklaces and earrings made with semi-precious stones or seeds.

Eleuteria from Oaxaca weaves baskets from palm leaves and uses natural dyes to add color. She has everything imaginable from coin purses, eyeglass cases, earings, baskets large and small, and even wine bottle covers.

There are wonderful products made from honey such as shampoo, candy, and stress relievers.

You can find a natural bug repellant spray for people and animals that contains a special anti-tick ingredient along with deodorizers and cleaning solutions.

Then, there's Lorena, an artist who bases her work on the concept of recycling. She collects stones, seeds, shells, and plants which she recycles into necklaces and earings. She has...

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Santa Swung By A Lot Of The Barrios
Actually, make that a lot of Santas

BY MELISSA HEISLER

In and around Cabo and San Jose, Gringos buzzed around collecting food, clothing and toys to be distributed to those in some of the poorest barrios. The Wednesday night before Christmas at Sherrie Miller’s house in Cabo there was hardly any space to walk. “Last year we had hardly anything, just some rice and beans”, Sherrie said.

“This year we received items and cash from neighbors, friends and neighbors of friends.” Her house was a flurry of activity from the 12 elves that were helping out. Margaretta Banks and others broke down 25 pound bags of rice into smaller sized bags. The rice along with different types of beans, sugar, and other foods would be put into cloth bags to be distributed to families for their Christmas day feast and hopefully beyond.

In the living room, Sue Roots took the lead in packing gift bags for children. Separated for girls and boys, these bags had the obligatory toy but also practical gifts like hair ties, facial tissues, and toothbrushes.

A controlled chaos had taken over the house as each person described how they thought items should be packed. Christmas tunes played off the cable television and wine was flowing.

A joyful bustle took over the house. A lot of work needed to be done to be ready, but everyone was thrilled with their task and were anticipating the joy they would see on Christmas morning. Margaretta had started this tradition with one other women a few years back, and when the Caboholics started funding the Feeding Los Cabos Christmas meals, she was discouraged. “We could not run such an extensive event,” she explained. But then Margaretta and the others decided to do what they could, and for the last four years she and CONTINUED ON PAGE 32

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Fish Report

BY GARY GRAHAM

The cooling air temps are showing lows of 61 nights to 76 daytime highs with a 63% humidity level. A few cloudy and a few windy days make fishing areas more selective. There were a few rough and bumpy days in-between the calm days when the surface breezes varied from calm to about 10 mph. Sea temps have remained around 76 to 77 degrees and extended from the Golden Gate Bank, down around Cabo and up to Los Frailes on the Sea of Cortez side.

Best Fishing Area: El Faro, (aka Cabo Falso), Herradura and Pozo de Cota seemed to be the most productive but the stripers were difficult to catch, especially at Cabo Falso, with the seal problem.

Best Lure/Bait: Live bait was best for most, including dorado, though a few were taken on artificials.

Bait Supply: All mackerel and limited to five per boat. Good news — the price remained stable at $3.00 per bait.

San Jose: Fishing action has been more scattered than we would normally expect; options are limited without sardina. The most productive grounds were found two to four miles straight out front of Puerto Los Cabos Marina; this is where practically the entire fleets from both San Jose del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas were congregating. Striped marlin, with a few dorado in the mix, were striking on slow-trolled baits while drifting baits down deeper, or an occasional surface feeder. No huge numbers of fish, and heavy pressure, but still the best bet to find action. The stripers were in the 60- to 90-pound class, with a few 120-pounders.

Ocean currents pushed in cooler; greenish water combined with persistent northerly winds, made it tough to find any action around the Gordo Banks. Some yellowfin tuna were caught — one 143-pound tuna was weighed in, others in the 15- to 80-pound range, but until conditions stabilize, this will most likely be the situation.

Tuna could be seen coming into chum lines or breaching the surface, and proved to be skittish. Recently anglers found sporadic action for yellowfin closer to shore off Punta Gorda while drift-fishing with strips of squid; these fish weighed up to 20 pounds; some landed as many as five tuna, though this bite slacked off as quickly as it started. Unusual not to see the larger-sized needlefish typically present this time of year.

A handful of 20- to 40-pound wahoo were reported. The bottom continues to show signs of more life — snapper and cabrilla, a couple of amberjack, yellowtail, ever present triggerfish and bonito. Calmer conditions are needed to have better chances at these species however.

East Cape

The wind surfers’ annual migration is larger than ever. Their “Lord of the Wind” competition draws some of the best in the sport.

From their point of view the wind surfers and kite boarders have little food value and offer little option for variety. Please remember they have little food value and should be released.

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Clausurado, Explained

The Los Cabos city government is getting nuts with the clausurado signs again, so we figured we’d better explain it. It means closed in Spanish, but more importantly, it means closed by the government.

The unhappy state of being clausurado can happen for a number of reasons, most often financial, but lately it’s the city has been getting pissy about the Municipal Regulation of Urban Image. Facades and signs that are not in code compliance. Yes, there really are rules on the books about how a business should present itself. Fines up to 140 minimum wages per day can be levied. Minimum wage is about $5 U.S. per day. So, we’re talking about a $700 fine. Yikes!

Code infractions can be but are not limited to having no permit at all, placing signs on public property, obstructing pedestrian passage, and obstructing access for people with disabilities.

About 40 businesses in both Cabo San Lucas and San Jose were closed last week for “damaging and/or deteriorating the image of the destination”.

Everyone was warned, mostly 30 days prior to being closed, before being sanctioned.

Give a close squint to this picture of a Comex paint company sign. The pole supporting the sign is across the street from the ladder the guy is standing on. Yet, the guy on the ladder is touching the sign. That means, the sign has to be leaning all the way across a two lane road. How can that be? Yup, we would fine this company 700 bucks, too. Besides, we don’t like their paint. It won’t cover well. We have always felt it was just colored water.

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and year round the surrounding waters are subjected to fishing pressures, both commercial and sport.

From a single reef south of the island, Pargo Reef, the divers removed more than 100 pounds of fishing line from the coral heads. Hooks, nets and anchors made up the rest of the haul. While the reef was disentangled the local school kids cleaned the beach and then the two groups shared with each other what they had found and ideas about how it might have gotten there and what could be done to avoid future pollution.

In October RNAM involved more than 50 kayakers and SUP boarders to clean the mangroves in the inner bay near El Cen- tenario. "This is an area that is heavily affected by the storm runoff in the rainy season and all the plastic that comes with it," said Mariana Padilla, one of the original organizers. October also saw RNAM expand its mission to school presentations about marine debris. "We need to do more than just clean trash, we need to fix the problem at the source and educate the next generation," said Padilla.

"Our goal is an average of CONTINUED ON PAGE 34

Giving the Gift of Reading

The Merry Christmas wish on the picture held by the little girl was actually written by her grandma Margarita standing behind her. Margarita learned to read this year at the LIGA MAC adult school. Liga Mac, a local charity run by American and Canadian women, are proving it’s never too late to learn.

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At least 20 homes and retail shops were totally destroyed when a fire raged through Santa Rosalia, north of La Paz.

The town was a candle waiting to be lit, as it is the only town on the Baja where most structures are made of wood. The wood was ballast in the ships that came down to Mexico to haul ore back to the States. Free wood! Wouldn't you go down to the docks to scavenge through to build your home?

Also this fire did so much damage because the homes and shops were all joined together. They actually had to bulldoze down some intact, supposedly safe structures before the fire got there, in order to create a fire break.

There were minor injuries, no deaths.

We're a little safer from this kind of tragedy, because all our structures are built of concrete. 

Launched full-fledged Mexican operations in June, began to offer gift cards in December that can be bought for cash at thousands of Oxxo convenience stores. The Seattle-based online retailer also reached an agreement to accept Oxxo's own prepaid cards. In two years, Oxxo, which has more than 13,000 stores across the country, has placed with consumers two million cards associated with accounts at Citigroup Inc. unit Banamex.

“We’re acknowledging there’s a big opportunity among the unbanked,” said Amazon Mexico manager Juan Carlos Garcia, who noted that more than 80% of consumers in Mexico still prefer to buy with cash.

Linio, one of Latin America’s largest online stores with operations in eight countries, accepts PayPal, cash-on-delivery and cash payments at Oxxo stores, as well as credit and debit cards. Linio Chief Executive Andreas Mjelde, who is based in Mexico City, sees cash-on-delivery as a way to reassure first-time clients, saying that after one or two such purchases they often switch to paying online. “It breaches the gap of the lack of trust that the average Latin American has to shopping online,” he said.

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We miss David Letterman. Remember his stupid crooks riffs? Well, we’ve got one for him. Pemex has reported that pipeline taps increased last year by 60%, totaling more than 300 recorded illegal taps. That’s up from 174 for all of 2014. Pemex estimates that as much as a third of the gasoline you buy is stolen and sold to your local gas station, which you are a receiver of stolen goods, Bunky.

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BY JIM LOCKER

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Every Wednesday 9 am – 12 pm
Farmers market at La Esquina Bar in Todos Santos. Live guitar music and good, local, organic stuff to buy. hola@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 Sporitia 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@sporitia.mx

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

Every Thursday, 8 a.m. Rotary Club breakfast at the Playa Grande Restaurant. Restaurant Brigantine, Cabo San Lucas.

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

Every Thursday from 6 pm to 9 pm. 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. loscabostomatoes@gmail.com.

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


Every Friday night from 5:00 - 9:00 pm at the Amelia Wilkes Plaza in downtown Cabo. The Artisan Market. Nothing made in China here.

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

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 9 am to 3 pm until they toss in the towel next spring. The market is located at Huerta Maria, on the road to Las Animas, directly across from the Jockey Club, and just minutes from the back door to downtown Palmilla Strip Center.

How to Contact an Ambulance in case of Emergency

When Every Second Counts

By Dr. Dick

When an individual staying in Los Cabos suffers a life threatening condition, the patient should be taken by ambulance to the nearest hospital that has an emergency ward. If the condition is not life threatening the patient can choose to which hospital they will be taken.

When the patient is taken to the nearest hospital with emergency facilities, the hospital is required to provide ‘stabilization of patient’ up to 24 hours, before sending the patient to another hospital.

There is a procedure the ambulance operators should follow when transporting a patient to hospital. These procedures are similar to those which have been adapted in many States in the US:

“Under the Emergency Medical Systems Act in the US, the ambulance service must adopt procedures for the bypassing of or the diversion to any hospital or trauma center. These procedures provide that a person shall not be transported to a facility other than the nearest hospital, regional trauma center, or trauma center unless the medical benefits to the patient reasonably expected from the provision of appropriate medical treatment at a more distant facility outweigh the increased risks to the patient from transport to the more distant facility, or the transport is in accordance with the System’s protocols for patient choice or refusal.”

As an example, if you are involved in a car accident and suffer minor injuries, the ambulance driver would likely take you to the closest medical center or to the hospital the ambulance represents, or to the hospital you choose. If, however, you have life threatening injuries, the driver may decide to take you to a hospital with a trauma center even if this means bypassing a closer hospital because the medical benefit to you would outweigh the risk. Either way, unless the ambulance service procedures allow you to make this choice, the paramedics have to decide to which hospital or trauma center to take you. If you want to know what procedures your local ambulance service is following, you should contact their administrative offices.

The nearest hospitals in the downtown area of San Jose del Cabo with emergency facilities are Saint Luke’s Hospital and Amerimed (Hospiten). At Saint Luke’s they have fully equipped ambulances and emergency doctors and nurses on hand 24 hours a day. They also have an air ambulance on standby, in case the patient needs to be air evacuated. Emergency number 624 142 5911 (VAC)

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Cooking Like A Mexican
BY ALEJANDRA SARACHAGA

Interestingly, there are only three gastronomies in the world that are considered Intangible Heritage of Humanity: French gastronomy (through its influence on other cuisines), the Mediterranean gastronomy (for its healthiness) and Mexican gastronomy (for its origins and its diversity and variety). This is something to be proud of, and as a Mexican I am.

And it is that Mexican cuisine has significantly influenced world cuisine, besides being the country where various foods have their origins like corn, beans, avocado, cocoa, and pepper, among many others. Mexican cuisine has been prestigious in the world and recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Intangible Heritage of Humanity due to its own character and how it is distinct from other world cuisines.

The qualities of Mexican cuisine come from the richness of the different regions in the country and the Yucatan region (think Cancun), is one of the most important. Mixing elements of culture with European, Arab and a Caribbean influence, in the cold months, creating a bitterness between acid and sweet, depending on the variety, and bringing a special touch to recipes that use it.

Lime soup is one of the most traditional dishes of the Yucatan peninsula. Contrary to what its name suggests, lime is not its main ingredient, it is actually a chicken soup garnished with lime and spicy habanero chile.

Generally this soup is served at dinner and especially when it is chilly outside because it will bring warm to your body. This recipe calls for key lime that is only obtainable in Yucatan, but it can be replaced by a common Florida lime flavor and the authenticity is not substantially altered. So here is the recipe, once you try it you would hardly like any other kind of chicken soup.

Ingredients:
1 to 1 1/2 cups canola or corn oil for frying
6 corn tortillas
1 1/4 cup chopped onion (you can use white but the correct one is the purple one)
3 cloves of garlic, minced
1 habanero chile, seeded and minced
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Pinch of ground cloves
1 pound tomatoes (2 large), cored, peeled, and chopped (or 1 cup of canned crushed tomatoes)
2 quarts of chicken stock (if it is homemade it is better)
1 teaspoon of dried oregano
1 teaspoon salt (more to taste)
1 1/2 pounds of skinless, boneless chicken thighs (or breasts if you prefer, we like the stronger taste of thighs), trimmed of excess fat, and cut in half crosswise
1/3 cup lime juice (from 2 to 4 limes, depending on the size)
1 bunch of cilantro, roughly chopped (stems included) for garnish
2 avocados, pitted, peeled, and roughly chopped for garnish.

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are we going to educate these people? Sigh. No wonder the indigenous states like Oaxaca are so poor.

Cruise ship dock. The old dock at Puerto San Carlos, north of La Paz on the Pacific side, is under expansion to allow cruise ships to, well, dock there. The new facility is expected to bring at least 70,000 cruise ship passengers to the small Puerto San Carlos town, a favored site for whale watching during the winter.

The dock will be finished in early 2017, at a cost of $1.2 million, said API, the agency that manages Mexico’s small craft marinas. Well, those bandits can afford this project.

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BY CATHY WATKINS

After a successful first season, Las Estrellas de Todos Santos theater group is back. The group will be presenting The Cemetery Club by Ivan Menchell on February 3, 4, 5, and 6 at the Hotel Casa Tota in the Galeria which is open air and intimately seats around 60. The show starts at 7:00 p.m., and tickets cost $20 USD or the peso equivalent. The hotel also offers a dinner special in conjunction with the play.

The Cemetery Club will be the group's first full length production. This play is a drama, comedy about three Jewish widows who visit their husbands' graves once a month and a widowed man they meet at the cemetery, of course.

The cast for the play includes local thespians Anita Harris, Vickie Butler, Roxanne Rosenblatt, Marilyn Martin, and Bill Bradford.

Las Estrellas de Todos Santos was founded by Roxanne Rosenblatt because she wanted to support the art experience of Todos Santos. “Todos Santos is an artsy town. It has an art fest and a music fest, so why not support that art experience with world

fun, fun, fun.

Anita, a real natural and show stopper, has known Roxanne for several years and claims she has learned a lot from her. She met her in 2010 while trying out for a play and in 2011, both were in the Wiz of Oz together playing the parts of the good witch and the wicked witch. Anita told me she never dreamed of being on stage, but once she started it became addictive. Now she loves acting and all the applause, applause, applause.

Bill was discovered one afternoon while dining at the Alma y Manny Restaurant. Roxanne, Anita, and Pamela were having lunch together when they looked over and saw the perfect man for one of their performances. Pamela called out to him, “Bill, oh Bill, oh Bill, we need you for a part.”

The rest is history. As for the others, you will just have to come out to see them in action.

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Sherrie’s efforts have been very well received. “There is still a lot of need and every bit helps,” Margaretta said. “There are plenty of barrios to go around.” This bunch is not the only ones taking it upon themselves to play Santa. Just up the road Cindy Strand gets the folks all riled up at Ventanas to donate to their own Christmas day caravan when she started helping out back in 2007. She and her husband Ross drove down a trailer in 2007. A local church gave her 12 boxes of hand-carved wooden cars to give out, and after that they were hooked. The second year Cindy coordinated seven cars full of food, blankets, hats, and small toys to distribute. The kids from Ventanas even emptied their closets of old clothes and toys to give away. “It was just so touching”, Cindy said, “seeing the mothers crying in gratitude. It feels wonderful to help out.”

Sherrie’s group heads toward the barrios Christmas morning and stops where fate lands them, while Cindy’s team has been going to the same place for years. This year Faryn Masso Clark from the Cabo Mommies Facebook group had a more organized approach. “We talked to our nannys and housekeepers”, Faryn said, “to find out about specific families in need due to hardship or illness.” They identified a barrio of 70 homes with 56 children which they supported this year. Because they had the names and ages of the children, everyone will be receiving a gift specifically for them. “Like the others, Faryn is amazed at the generosity of those she reached out to. We only had four or five families helping in 2014”, she said. “This year we have more than a dozen families donating or attending.”

Has this gotten you all fired up to help out next Christmas? Here are some helpful hints to start your own Santa run.

Stay simple: This is not the time for extravagant gifts. An Xbox takes electricity to play, which they may not have. Stick to the basics of food, clothing, blankets, and small practical gifts. The children in need may not even be in a position to receive one present from their parents, so a little goes a long way.

Start collecting early: Do you go home to the States or Canada during the summer? Bring extra empty suitcases with you. Then ask your friends and neighbors up North for donations. Check out local garage sales or church bazaars. Clean out your or your neighbors’ closets for contributions. If you are coming back...
hoping the winds will dissipate long enough to allow a few hours fishing. When that occurs, the catch consists of sierra, smallish roosterfish and a few jacks.

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It’s off-season and really breezy. So many of the captains have their boats out of the water. There’s still a surprising variety of fish out there on the days we can fish. Cold water species like sierra are becoming more frequent. Inshore species like pargo and cabrilla are around the rocky and reef areas. They make great eating as do trigger fish. Plus, a few pelagic species are around like dorado and billfish.

Some of the commercial guys are still finding yellowtail and amberjack off the drop off by the Lighthouse. Those guys have to feed their families so they’re a little more inclined to go out even in less than favorable conditions. But that’s a different ballgame than folks who want to sport fish. But, even then, it’s hard on the commercial guys because the winds limit their access to the waters as well. But, when they do get out, they’re finding the fork tails in the deeper water.

Lots of folks are trying to swim with the whale sharks, but like fishing, it hinges on the ability to get out there in-between the winds. Although the whale sharks are right in the bay in shallow water, if it’s windy and choppy, it’s difficult to find them, let alone trying to snorkel with them.

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José and his brother come running with buckets, jars, and barrels, and there is the inevitable spark that sets off the inevitable fire. Right now three little children are recovering at a Shriners hospital burn ward in Texas. And they are the lucky ones, who were not killed outright or left to die in Mexican hospitals that have no facilities to treat burns. So quit it. Because something for nothing rarely is something for nothing.
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10 environmental education presentations in La Paz schools every month, and so far we have reached that goal, explained Padilla. “We hope to expand to Cabo’s schools in 2016,” she concluded.

In November the volunteers switched back to using divers and snorkelers and cleaned four reefs in Pichilingue Bay and around Gaviota Island and in December they finished paying the rent for the year with a cleanup of the mangroves on the El Mogote sandbar.

“In 2016 we will continue the cleanups and school presentations,” said Padilla. “So far we have operated on the generosity of dive shops as well as other local businesses and our all-volunteer cleanup crews to complete six cleanups in six months,” she explained.

The people are all volunteers, so there is no cost there, but when you bring 50 divers out to clean a reef there are gas costs, boat costs, captain’s salary, water, food, trash bags, gloves etc. The cleanups are monthly and each one involves pangas whether it is a reef or mangroves. The school visits also have expenses, again gas costs and we would like to buy a laptop and computer projector since not all schools have these. If you would like to help or find out more, go to Rescatando Nuestros Arrecifes y Manglares on Facebook or call 612 154 9839 in La Paz.

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They serve fresh organics from the garden, and a nice selection of wines. Stop by the little bakery on the road in and buy a pan dulce, a Mexican version of a doughnut. Duck into some of the little local shops, but be aware, there is no English spoken here.

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One day before, place tortilla chips in a single layer on a baking sheet. Let it aerate in the open (This will help dry out the tortillas a bit before frying.) The day before after you start cooking your soup, cut the tortillas into 1/4-inch wide strips. Pour about 1 to 1 1/2 cups oil into a large, thick-bottomed pot. (Don’t worry, after the tortillas are done you are going to strain them and then re use the olive oil in the rest of the recipe.) Heat the pot on medium high heat until a small piece of tortilla placed in the oil sizzles. Do not let the oil reach the smoking point. When this happens, your fire alarm goes off and my cat goes crazy. Now you’ve got craziness going on in your kitchen. Working in batches, gently scatter a handful of tortilla strips in the hot oil. Turn with metal tongs so that the tortilla strips are separated. Cook for a few minutes or until the strips just begin to color. Remove them to a paper towel lined plate.

Using two tablespoons of the tortilla frying oil. Heat on medium high. Add in the onions and cook until translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic, the minced habanero chile, the cinnamom, and the ground cloves and cook a few minutes longer. Add the peeled chopped tomatoes to the onions. Add the salt, oregano, and chicken. Add one teaspoon of salt. Bring to a simmer and reduce the heat to maintain a low simmer. Cover and cook for 20 to 25 minutes, until the chicken is just cooked

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They operated on 13 patients at the Especialidades hospital in Cabo and performed about 30 to 35 procedures including four primary lips, several primary palates, bone grafts, and some rhinoplasties. Rotarian Dr. Alejandro Avalos, who donates the use of his hospital, owns Especialidades. Most of the volunteer medical team returns to the Cabo Smiles program year after year, as they feel it is important to maintain relationships with the children, their families, and to ensure the long-term continuity of care.

“Many people in the public don’t realize the children afflicted with facial cleft deformities are not fixed with more than just closure of the lip and actually require up to seven surgeries in order to restore them to full function in order to be able to eat, speak, hear, and smile,” said Moses. “The cleft lip is repaired around 10 weeks of age and the palate repaired at around age one. Then the ears are evaluated for the ability to clear the ears, (popping pressure), and if needed, ear tubes are placed to prevent permanent deafness. The bone in the upper jaw is grafted from the hip at around age six in order to allow teeth to come in properly, and the nose is corrected to allow breathing properly. Braces are placed to prepare the bite for facial bone alignment surgery in the early teens and this surgery is performed mid-teens to allow the facial form and the chewing function to become fully functional.” Moses’ goal is medical support throughout all of the stages for each child as well as to provide them with speech therapy, psychological counseling on self-esteem, and a general head start back into a healthy, happy life.

Because consistent care is critical, the Cabo Smiles program works with local doctors to provide follow-up care. Smiles International Foundation also provides the local specialty medical professionals on-site clinical education in new and/or complex procedures and treatments. The entire program is volunteer-based, so the teams CONTINUED ON PAGE 39
Cutie Alert!

Nana
Have you ever shared your bed with someone you met through a newspaper ad? Come on, live dangerously! I’m a kind hearted, gentle gal who is suffering in this cold weather and I would love to find a soulmate to snuggle up with! I give back. I put out a good amount of body heat.

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Do you remember Black Cat Virginia Cigarettes? If so, you are of the vintage where you should have a cat, and I can be a constant source of nostalgia for you. Heck, I don’t even mind if you smoke…

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from Canada, West Jet allows one free humanitarian bag to come with you.

Drum up support: Many of the Santas I spoke with posted on Facebook groups to let more people know how to donate. Use your network here and at home to increase the amount of your giving power.

Be resourceful. Hit up your dentist at home who has boxes of toothbrushes just looking for a good home. Local stores and supermarkets will often help with freebees as well.

Do the bags ahead of time: Don’t wait until the last minute. For non-food items, pack up giveaway bags early to give you time to manage the perishable items the night before.

Be consistent: Don’t just do it once. Set an intention to make it a giving tradition. No matter how big or small your first year is, do it again and see what happens. All Santas reported lean and robust years, so you never know what you will receive. That’s OK. Just do it! There are plenty of barrios in need and they appreciate anything you can contribute.

Decorate and have fun: On the big day decorate your cars, wear Santa hats, and blast Christmas carols. Bring a piñata or have a Santa available to take pictures with the kids. Don’t just share “stuff” with those in need but provide them with an experience they can cherish forever.

Sherrie Miller cautions though, that once you do it, it is very addicting because they are so thankful and so appreciative and it really does send home the meaning of Christmas. She says it is very hard to explain but it almost makes you feel better to give to them than it does for them to get the gifts.

If you want to give and don’t want to play Santa, know there are terrific groups like Feeding LosCabos Kids (www.feedingloscaboskids.org/) which provide food to needy kids all year round.

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from the U.S. and the local doctors pay their own expenses for travel, and use vacation or unpaid days to make themselves available.

The Cabos Smiles Program is funded through a group effort with much of the coordination driven by the Los Cabos Rotary Club which hosts the program. They hold fundraisers during the year and partner with local fishing tournaments like the Tuna Jackpot as well as cycling events. They also collaborate with major sponsors and local organizations such as the Solmar Foundation which provides accommodations for the entire Cabo Smiles team twice each year. However, they have been having a little bit of difficulty finding the $15,000 that is needed annually to sustain our local Cabo Smiles program. They also need additional local volunteer support from trained professionals such as speech therapists, hearing specialists, and dentists because after the surgery, the children have to learn how to speak correctly and many have issues with hearing, low self-esteem, sleep apnea, and they all need dental care. All donated money goes straight to the children. For more information about the Cabo Smiles program or to donate, visit the Smiles International Foundation website www.smilesinternationalfoundation.org and then select the “Smiles of Cabo” program. For information on how you can volunteer locally to support Cabo Smiles, contact the Los Cabos Rotary Club via their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/loscabosrotaryclub/.

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through.

Remove pot from the heat. Remove the chicken from the pot and shred the chicken. I use two forks to do this.

Return the chicken to the soup. Stir in the lime juice. Add more salt, if needed, to taste.

Serve garnished with fried tortilla strips, chopped avocado, and cilantro.

Tip: You can also grate some lime peel, without the white part, and put it on each plate. Looks nice and the lime soup is filled with a refreshing aroma.

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