Coca Cola Truck Drivers On Strike

Mexicans love to strike about pretty much anything, sometimes it’s for good reason, sometimes it’s not, but nevertheless striking is right behind soccer as the national pastime.

Last week, Arca Continental workers who are in charge of distributing the Coca Cola company’s products to retail outlets downed tools, as they say in the strike business. They downed keys and wouldn’t drive the trucks. They are striking against Arca reducing their commissions.

About 90 workers drive the big red trucks around Cabo San Lucas and San Jose, with their base located in the barrio of Los Cangrejos, on the road to Todos Santos. You can see their truck yard from the road.

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BY ALE BORBOLLA

Los Cabos Children’s Foundation Patches Hearts

Each year more than 50 children are born in Baja who will need heart surgery sometime in their lives. That’s about average for a population this size. These children are figuratively left on a mountain top by the overwhelmed health care system, which doesn’t even try to treat them.

Enter the Los Cabos Children’s Foundation, who’s mission is to provide medical, educational, and humanitarian assistance to southern Baja children and their families. They do this through tireless fundraisers raising and dispensing those funds to eight different charitable organizations throughout southern Baja.

Let’s talk about just one of those eight, Abriendo Corazones, which would be Opening Hearts in English.

Opening Hearts is building an accredited pediatric cardiac program for children in our state of Baja California Sur. They are in cahoots with Omaha Children’s Hospital and Medical Center.

Last year Opening Hearts was granted $250,000 by the Los Cabos Children’s foundation and it falls to Greg Edwards, the executive director of Opening Hearts, to stretch this money as far as possible. Edwards also rustles up as much equipment and supplies in the States that he can, driving it down to Los Cabos himself in his truck.

Edwards also is in charge of the logistics of bringing down an entire team of doctors twice a year to crack open the hearts and train the locals to take over the entire program themselves.

BY CARRIE DUNCAN
From The Publisher

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But I'm not afraid of blood and guts. That's why I was able to tough out a personal up close observation of the open heart surgery I have written about somewhere in this paper.

I got a very special invite to observe a heart surgery live and in person. Very cool.

I remember thinking as the doc was mucking around in this little eight year old heart that the pulsating beat, beat, beat sure was the expression patched up heart.

Then I noticed blood circulating his blood was on a heart/lung machine plastic tubes. Turns out the child was on a heart/lung machine that was circulating his blood.

When that show was over, I was taken upstairs to suit up in scrubs, and then led into the operating room to watch the eight year old boy hovering between life and death. Dr. Hammel, a volunteer from Omaha Nebraska, held his head up and seemed nonchalant about the whole thing.

I arrived early, which to me is right on time. While waiting in the lobby for my host, I see four men in canary yellow jump suits paraded through the very busy lobby which was full of animals being led around a circus ring on a leash. It was really, really spooky. But each of them held their heads up and seemed very nonchalant about the whole thing.

I've always said you can't anticipate would be so important to me. Here's what happened that day at the very busy public hospital:

I was wondering if you would be OK, just as I'm OK with reading of other people's adventures on the high seas out of sight of land.

But my biggest take away from my trip through Salvatierra hospital in La Paz had a twist to it that I'm sure my hosts didn't anticipate would be so important to me. Here's what happened that busy day at the very busy public hospital:

It was interesting watching him sew what for all the world appeared to be a patch on his heart. With black thread! Gives new meaning to the expression -- cuffed and converged around a hospital. I would be dying of shame. They looked like animals being led around a circus ring on a leash. It was really, really spooky. But each of them held their heads up and seemed very nonchalant about the whole thing.

The sucker's dying! Well, maybe screaming code blue! Crash cart! I can see the analogy.

Then I noticed blood circulating through transparent plastic tubes. Turns out the child was on a heart/lung machine that was circulating his blood for him. This gave Dr. Hammel some mucking around room and it was interesting watching him sew what for all the world appeared to be a patch on his heart. With black thread! Gives new meaning to the expression patched up heart.

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**Que Pasa in Cabo?**

**BY DAVID FLORES**

**Tropicana hotel.** Ray Sakura, former partner of the popular Tropicana hotel in downtown San Jose, who was ousted from the partnership last November for alleged co-mingling of funds, returned last week accompanied by lawyers and thugs, one of them armed, and attempted to take back the hotel, only to be repelled by a bunch of lawyers, his current partners, and the police.

In addition to the tourists, the Tropicana has been a popular meeting place for local politicians and business people, as it is only half a block from the Los Cabos city hall. Sakura was well known, (and disliked), in the city for scamming suppliers. But the partner who's trying to get back into the business has a checkered past too, as he popped up after serving a long prison sentence. Not long enough for Sakura, an American. At press time, the litigation continues, which is certainly better than bullets flying. If you frequent the place, you might want to practice your duck and cover.

**It's turtle time!** The Los Cabos sea turtle protection network, led by biologist Graciela Tiburcio who is also the director of natural resources and wildlife for the city, has currently in custody over 7,000 turtle nests along the shores of Cabo San Lucas and San Jose.

They are under watch by volunteer members of the network, with the help of security agents of the Hotel Tropicana, Casa Dorada, Pueblo Bonito, and Casa Dorada hotels, as well as the Manuel Orantes turtle protection camp.

The nests include species like olive ridley, leatherback and brown turtles, all endangered and all protected species in Mexico. The eggs are cooking along right now, and the release of the baby turtles will begin in August.

Finding anyone a careless mama turtle depositing eggs on the beach in a willy nilly fashion, call 624-105-0043 and a team of rescuers will show up to dig them up and take them to the protected nursery. Just what is a willy nilly fashion? Well, to hear the turtle huggers talk about it, just about anywhere they choose to dig their nests is in willy territory because of how we have encroached on their turf. Or sand, as it were. Anyhow, drop a dime, couldn't hurt.

**Living with Toby.** Well, not quite. The famous country singer Toby Keith will auction a getaway for five couples at his home in Cabo during his Oklahoma’s annual Toby Keith & Friends Golf Classic, which will take place June 3 and 4 at his home town of Norman, Oklahoma. The event is also the kickoff for his 13th Annual Toby Keith & Friends Golf Classic, which will raise money for his foundation.

The Los Cabos It's turtle time!

The eggs are cooking along right now, and the release of the baby turtles will begin in August. The entire weekend helps fund the OK Kids Korral, a Ronald McDonald type house for pediatric cancer patients at Children’s Hospital. In Oklahoma, So Okies play golf? Who knew?

**Here comes Hilton.** Again. This time we’re getting a business oriented, all-suites hotel, as part of their Homewood Suites by Hilton brand.

Now under construction just outside of Cabo San Lucas, the 75 room property is scheduled to open late this year. This will be Homewood Suites’ third in Latin American and second in Mexico.

The hotel will feature 70 spa cious studios and 5 one-bedroom suites, all with fully-equipped kitchens. Could somebody ex- plains what a studio can be spacious? By definition they’re small. Your bedroom is in your living

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**The Benefits of Cosmetic Surgery**

Blending surgical skills with artistic talent to create a more beautiful you!

**By Dr. Dick**

Most people have cosmetic surgery to improve their appearance and self-esteem, as well as looking younger and feeling better. If you’ve been bothered about your appearance, cosmetic surgery can help improve the way you look and feel.

To celebrate the opening of their newest medical facility in San Lucas, Saint Luke’s Hospital is offering special prices on all cosmetic treatments during the month of May. The hospital provides a variety of cosmetic treatments including breast augmentation, lift, reduction or reconstruction; thigh and arm lift; buttocks augmentation or lift; surgery on the face, chin, eyelid, neck, nose and forehead; liposuction; tummy tucks and more. These procedures are very affordable, usually less than half of the cost in the United States.

Those who prefer non-invasive treatments, can select from a range of skin care treatments such as Botox, chemical peels, filler substances and laser therapies using the most advanced state-of-the-art laser equipment.

You are in expert hands at Saint Luke’s, with board certified plastic surgeons specializing in aesthetic and reconstructive surgery, using the very latest equipment and technology. During the month of May, renowned surgeon Dr. Omaar Flores from Guadalajara will be performing world-class quality treatments at reduced prices. For example, lower cheeks and chin liposuction cost just $4000 pesos plus IVA. With other procedures you’ll get 20-30% off list prices. It’s also a good time for men to get an eyelid lift and neck lift to improve their appearance and self-esteem. Call today for your free consultation and quote. Phone 624 157 1970

Saint Luke’s are acknowledged leaders in preventive medicine, and understand that with early detection most disease and illnesses can be treated and cured. The hospital offers a range of health check-up packages, for a complete and accurate diagnosis of your health. Visit the link below to view the variety of check-up packages for you and family at very affordable prices: www.saintlukeshospitals.com/check-ups.php.

If you lead a hectic and stressful lifestyle, a health check-up is definitely right for you. And the good news, you can now combine your health check-up and cosmetic treatment packages at a top-notch Spa Resort in Los Cabos. This includes luxury accommodations at a top-rated Spa Resort, where you can enjoy an array of soothing and revitalizing spa therapies and skin care treatments, with daily use of the gym and hydrotherapy facilities, at a world-class spa like the Desert Spa at the Villa del Arco Beach Resort. You also have the option to include recreational activities such as golf at the Jack Nicklaus Ocean Course at Cabo Del Sol, or Sports Fishing on the Sea of Cortez.

Why not plan now, for the best health & wellness package in Los Cabos. Contact the client manager, who will discuss a personally tailored plan just for you. Or visit the hospital and meet the surgeons, for a free consultation, and discuss the treatment that’s right for you. For details and costs, check the online link: www.saintlukeshospitals.com/health-wellness.php.

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**What’s Going On In This Country?**  
BY SANTIAGO VERDUGO

**Scam alert.** You know those prepaid FMM tourist visas you can get online or through an insurance company or a travel club? Well, don’t pay again. Employees at the visa activation office, at the Mexicali border crossing like to collect for them too. Foreigners walk into the office of activation when they cross the border and produce the legal paperwork to the activation officer and are told the receipt was not valid even though the paperwork shows the pesos being paid directly to the Mexican Government and deposited into their account. The FMM activation employee said he needed to collect $50 dollars to validate the Visas. If this were actually true, the client should have been sent back to the bank portion of the process and made to purchase another receipt that would have been validated. Instead the activation person collected $50 cash and then validated the visa. The scammer did not even issue a new FMM Visa form.

The best thing to do in a case like this is just say no as you pull out a pencil and jot down the crook’s name. Or take his picture with your phone, that really freaks them out. The hell of it is, this same low level bureaucrat constantly gets extorted in his daily life. Either that creates no empathy in him or he gets so mad he passes on the bullshit to the next innocent party he sees. It’s a never ending circle of grief. And, if you’re confused by all this, it’s because you never drove over the border. You fliers paid for your visa, (about $22), when you bought your airline ticket.

**More flights, cheaper flights?** A deal might be coming between the United States and Mexico that would boost competition in cross border air transportation, paving the way for expansion of the world’s second largest cross-border market. The deal, which both governments have already signed and modifies a 1960 agreement, would open up new routes for airlines to fly between the countries and allow for an unlimited number of flights. Mexico’s full Senate must still ratify the agreement for it to take effect, which is likely to happen in the coming days.

While some analysts have welcomed the deal, saying it would lower airfares by boosting traffic, Mexican airline workers have complained it would put the country’s airlines at a disadvantage. The United States, which has a fleet of 7,500 planes compared to Mexico’s 300, accounts for 65 percent of total flights in Mexican airspace, well above the 22 percent of flights in their own country by Mexican carriers. Ratification would also remove the main hurdle to closer ties between Delta Air Lines and Aeromexico. The carriers have asked the U.S. government to grant them immunity from anti-trust law so they can coordinate better flight connection times as well as prices, a request that cannot be granted until the aviation accord comes into force.

Delta said last week its deal to buy up to 49 percent of Aeromexico is expected to close this summer.

**Four Seasons coming.** Well, only summer is coming, but the hotel name Four Seasons is being built at the new Costa Palmas community on the East Cape. If CONTINUED ON PAGE 10
This Is Where The Money Raised By Los Cabos Children’s Foundation Went

Ayuda a Corazón de Niño Assists children with congenital heart defects (CHD) with information, resources, medical solutions and social care and attention in the state of Baja California Sur. The organization acts as the main logistic support group for LCCF’s Spirit of Love heart surgery program, providing travel arrangements, lodging and food for the patients and their families. Approved grant: $30,000 dollars.

East Cape Community Urgent Care Clinic. Provides preventative health education, medical and dental treatment to the children and lower income families of the East Cape community. Approved grant: $50,000 dollars.

Liga Liga M.A.C. Offers a helping hand to the low-income families of San Jose del Cabo to ensure that they are well-nourished and have access to medical care and also provide children and adults with the opportunity to continue their education through scholarships. Approved grant: $45,000 dollars.

Red Antimosio provides early detection for autism in children. Assists families, teachers and therapists with educational and nutritional support at their therapy center. Approved grant: $50,000 dollars.

Amigos de Los Niños de Cabo San Lucas. Provides quality health care in Los Cabos to children under the age of 18 who have no other means of receiving care or whose health care provider is deficient in arranging for external medical consultations, organized clinics and assistance in setting up medical treatment for special cases of the severely ill or disabled. Since LCCF’s creation, ADLN has been its main partner for addressing cancer and cardiac illnesses. Approved grant: $50,000 dollars.

Sarabahora. Runs La Cocina de los Niños which provides daily meals to the most underprivileged children of a public school in Cabo San Lucas. Approved grant: $12,000 dollars.

Sud California contra el Cancer Infantil. Based in La Paz and supports teenagers and children with cancer and their families by providing chemotherapy and other medications, as well as tests, supplies and other needs that patients encounter to receive treatment. In alliance with the group “Por Ellas” it has also donated vital equipment to the Pediatric Oncology Unit. Approved grant: $30,000 dollars.

Abriendo Corazones Opening Hearts is a non-profit dedicated to building an accredited pediatric cardiac care program available to all children in the state of Baja California Sur, in collaboration with LCCF, Omaha Children's Hospital and Medical Center and the BCS state government. Approved grant: $250,000 dollars. Total: $517,000 dollars invested in one year on the well being of more than 500 children.

Spa Cielo a Laser Medical Spa

- 2009 Recipient “Best Medical Spa” by Mexican Association of Medical Tourism, Offers Rejuvenation Vacations here in Los Cabos

These days everybody wants to look beautiful. As 78 million “baby boomers” near retirement age is beginning to show. But with the fast pace of today’s society, an aging society now wants that fresh look with out spending weeks of painful recovery. A rejuvenation vacation is their solution.

Many people think about going on vacation for a little rest and relaxation hoping to go home feeling and looking refreshed. Spa Cielo Laser Center takes it one step further offering skin rejuvenation. Now they can return home looking years younger, without any loss of vacation time.

“People want to look better, but they don't want to give up any time from their daily lives or vacation,” said Cathy Dammann, Medical Aesthetics Practitioner and Owner, of Spa Cielo Laser, a Medical Spa that offers the newest in safe, non-surgical cosmetic skin treatments.

“The public is demanding transformation without pain or downtime” states Dammann. Cielo, which specializes in light and laser treatments. Many of Cielo’s treatments can be done during a busy day in Los Cabos, and requires skin tightening such wrinkles such as wrinkles, spots, pores, evenness, early skin cancer and photo damage from too much sun exposure. The VISA LGA (laser rejuvenation system) is necessary to determine the best treatment options, yielding the most rejuvenation in the shortest amount of time. Vacations, which return here to Los Cabos year after year, can take advantage of the AAD recommended annual UV skin scan. The scan, which is stored in the computer, allows Cielo to follow changes in their patient’s skin from year to year.

Cielo’s most popular procedure is the non-surgical face-lift. Its signature service incorporates the Cutera Titan. Titan has been the recipient of numerous awards including: 2008 Aesthetic Medicine Award for “Best Customer Experience and Satisfaction” and Aesthetic Trends and Technologies “Best non-laser for skin tightening and wrinkle reduction”. Titan reduces wrinkles and age spots.

When asked about prices, Dammann replies, “prices vary based on procedure. But my clients often say, “I am so surprised, this cost me no more than a round of golf or a day of sport fishing, and I have something to show for the money I’ve spent.” People can now enjoy their vacations and return home looking years younger! Call for your complimentary consultation 624-105-2209, www.spa-cielo.com.
Snell claims to be the number uno top selling largest, independent luxury real estate brokerage firm in the Baja, and maybe they are, as they have the most offices. 13, count em.

We did that for you. One of their exclusive listings is Las Ventanas Al Paraiso, a five diamond star hotel on the corridor that is now filling in some of their unused land with full ownership multi-story condos, priced from three to five million real dollars. There will be three towers facing the Sea of Cortez with 30 units in each and each five stories high. Right now they’re trying to hide all this with a silly curtain strung up on five story high scaffolding. What’s tacker, a five-story high shower curtain or condos under construction? Close call, actually.

Las Ventanas is a luxurious property that plants a telescope on each suite’s terrace, provides wine cellars, hot tubs, and private infinity pools in some of the rooms. All have stunning views. Pardon us if we’re still a little pouty about them buying an ocean front hole on the Cabo Real golf course from Grupo Questro for $22 million. Ventanas then ripped up the hole and built more hotel rooms, causing a pretty botched up redesign of the next three holes. You just can’t fix something like that. The entire front nine is ruined. Yes, we’re still pouty over that, but we will have to admit Ventanas is a stunning property and what they’ve done with that one par 3 hole is amazing.

There are several reasons why it might be a good idea to invest in Ventanas. First, it has the most expensive hotel in Cabo. The average room rate is $1,500 with the most expensive suite costing $35,000 a night. Hmm… you have to wonder how many nights that’s rented. Cabo is already favored by many of the rich and famous set, and it will continue to attract them with this type of exclusive hotel that offers world-class service. Second, Ty Warner, known for those Beanie Babies, owns the hotel which is a Rosewood Property. He’s ranked 209 out of the 400 richest Americans, and if he’s all in, that’s a really good reason for us to be too. Finally, all the amenities will be in place when you buy because it’s a mature property. The roads inside the development are already finished, and so are the four restaurants, shops, spa, pool, and gym. That’s huge, since other developers wait, sometimes years to finish installing all those wonderful amenities you were promised at signing time and may or may not ever see.

Snell real estate company also has an exclusive listing for Chileno Bay, also on the corridor, right up the highway. They have already sold 80% of the current project (phase 1), which they took on in January of 2014 without the infrastructure in place. In 2015, they sold $42 million, and since 2016 they have already sold up to $60 million. Their exclusive contract to market the property ends on June 30 and it’s continued on page 12.
Can You Plant a Book?

Drop a book in a public space. Like a (pharmacy, supermarket, bar, restaurant, cinema, museum, etc.). Write in it a dedication saying:
This book is part of the Lost Book Club. Whoever finds it can keep it, but after you read it, treat it like a fish and release it so someone else may enjoy it.
Write in it the date and place where it was left, so after each release is may be possible to see where it has been, and instructions for the next person to add his/her part of the adventure.

COCOA COLA TRUCK DRIVERS...
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The strikers say the company has reduced their earnings to about half what it was, while keeping their shifts at 10 to 15 hours a day. Last year the company tried to do the same thing, but the workers went on a brief strike and the company backed down. However, this year, their union approved the new pay structure against their wishes.

This is common in Mexico. Many industries, like restaurants, must be unionized, but the unions are famous for selling them out. (The unions take payoffs from the company, do we have to draw you a picture?)

The workers are now looking to switch to CROC, which is a bigger labor union, but also known as bigger crooks. But maybe CROC can help in the here and now, and can be dumped as soon as they start their predictable bad stuff.

Currently there are 30 drivers and 60 support workers toiling at the distribution center. “We are not stepping back, even if they call the police on us, these trucks are not moving,” they say.

So Cabo and San Jose residents have choices here: start drinking more water, or there’s some fabulous lime, hibiscus and horchata options. Maybe start drinking Pepsi, or crack open a coconut on the highway. How about maybe taking up tea?

But Coca-Cola is like crack for some people, and can’t be replaced, so let’s all hope this comes to an agreement soon.
Two brothers who U.S. authorities believe killed a married couple from Washington State are on the lam and moving south, possibly Mexico.

The getaway care is a 2002 gold Acura 32T with Arizona plate BNN-9968. A plate reader hit on that license Monday near Calexico, California, which is at the California and Mexico border.

John Reed is 5-foot-8 and 190 pounds with hazel eyes and gray hair. John Reed is 5-foot-11 and 150 pounds with green eyes and gray hair. No ages given.

Look around next time you’re at Tanga Tanga, you could be drinking with your benefactor if you drop a dime to 800-222-8477.

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so frail and vulnerable on the operating table grows up to earn a canary yellow jump suit? What if he kills somebody? What if next time he sees this hospital he’s led to another water sports company that has a legal lease on that patch of sand. You can’t even see the ocean from the bar. Six inches from the stools, the bar is the ass end of a ramshackle water sports company that has a legal lease on that patch of sand. You can’t even see the ocean from the bar. Six inches from the stools, the bar is the ass end of a ramshackle water sports company that has a legal lease on that patch of sand.

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Lucas, which has been open since 2011, has added a new building, a sports bar, a deli cafe, a lobby, a fitness center, and a cliffside spa. (Fitness center is PC speak for gym.)

Grand Solmar also introduced its Sea Spa featuring individual spa cabanas drilled right into the cliffs. Necessity or a cool idea? Well, whichever, it is kind of cool.

More Vegas here. We just wrote about the Las Vegas-based Drai’s group taking over the old Baja Cantina beach club on Medano Beach, and now another Vegas tycoon has announced that he’s expanding to Cabo. Well, to San Jose, to be precise.

The hospitality Hakkasan Group has partnered with Mexico’s Grupo Vidanta, developers of the Cryin’ Mayan Palace in San Jose, with a $150 million investment into beach clubs, night clubs, restaurants, and hotels.

The first three are expected in the second half of next year and include two restaurants and a beach club in Puerto Los Cabos. Hakkasan will then roll out venues each year for the subsequent five years at Vidanta properties. Vidanta is also involved with the Cirque du Soleil execs in the creation of its first show in Mexico. Speaking of Vegas wise guys, the Drai beach club that just opened on Medano beach has got an uphill battle ahead of it. Although it’s very pretty, it’s so over priced for the area that few people go there. (It’s priced for the “beautiful people” and other than you and me, who else is that beautiful on the beach?) Also, they have no kitchen. They are currently remodeling a kitchen they found nearby but they are squatting there, and as soon as the kitchen owner gets her eviction pushed through the courts, Drai’s pots and pans will be tossed out on the sand and any patrons they have will be eating tacos bought from the nearby street vendors. As if that wasn’t enough of a problem, right in front of their beautiful bar is the ass end of a ramshackle water sports company that has a legal lease on that patch of sand. You can’t even see the ocean from the bar. Six inches from the stools, the bar is the ass end of a ramshackle water sports company.

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East Cape Boys Win Competition

Who says small town kids can’t compete?

BY JON & CHRIS COURTRIGHT

It started about three years ago with four students that had an idea and a goal. These young men, Angel Martinez, from Los Barriles, Andres Lucero from Boco del Alamo, Jesus Castro Garcia – from Los Barriles, and Oswaldo Locero Robles – from El Cardonal, started their quest to make an electric powered outboard motor. The boys, all school mates in Los Barriles, wanted to come up with an environmentally friendly motor to replace the costly gas and fuel leaking motors that hang off all the fishing boats in our area. With the help and encouragement of their teacher, Juan Ortega Cordero, the boys would spend afternoons at one another’s homes trying to solve the problem. Through a school science program, they were given a motor kit which they turned into a remote controlled motor that can push the propeller. You may be thinking there are electric motors on the market now, but those are only trolling motors. The boys’ intension is to develop a full power outboard motor that can push the typical panga boat at a decent speed.

With their theory working, it was off to the first of several science and technology expos with their design. In 2015 they took 1st place in Expo Ciencias Sud California, which earned them a spot in the science and technology expo Esiamlat Milset in Mazatlán this upcoming May 2016. The next competition they competed in was Expo Ciencias 2015 in Tampico, Mexico. This competition gave them another 1st place win which meant a coveted spot in the International Technology Expo in Peru to be held next November. The Peru Technology Expo allows for three of the team members to attend, and as it turns out, one of the boys did not want to go – so no hard feelings there! It is a great honor to our Baja Sur community, the school system, and the tenacity of these four young men to work so hard for so long to design and create this electric motor outboard. The boys graduate in July, and Angel, Andres and Jesus will attend University in La Paz in August. The boys will be majoring in computer sciences and engineering.

But getting to Peru costs money, and that is money they don’t have. The Expo in Mazatlán is mostly paid for by the school and private funding, but for Peru, the boys are on their own. A go fund me page has been set up under Team Angel Martinez, (go to gofundme.com/j6yvn-nvx to donate). There is also an account set up at Pay Dennis (Bill Payments Services office in Los Barriles), called the Team Angel Martinez fund, where you can make donations to get our own brilliant team of young men to the Peru Technology Expo and to continue to represent the Baja Sur community. It will cost about $3000 USD per student to get them to Peru. And back. The funds will buy the plane tickets for the three boys, hotel accommodations, transportation, visa fees and meals. This is an opportunity of a lifetime for these young men and if they can bring this ecologically safe motor to use in all the environmentally sensitive areas of the world it is even more significant. Maybe in a few short years, we can all replace our gasoline motors with electric outboard motors because of the support we gave their project.

To help, go to the gofundme.com/j6yvn-nvx page and show the world what the youth of the out back of Mexico can do. 

These boys are on their way to Peru to show the motor they invented if they can raise the money...
harvesting grass seeds, tree pod seeds and even have several avocado seeds in various stages. I just can’t stand the thought of throwing out perfectly good seeds.

Wouldn’t it be amazing if alongside all those desert golf courses, you’d see edibles being planted too? And in all green areas throughout the Baja? We tend to forget the amounts of good drinkable water that is spent for recreational purposes vs human consumption. There’s got to be a better way and we should all be learning from each other.

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Editor,
Cooking Like A Mexican
BY ALEJANDRA SARACHAGA

For some dishes its sauce is inseparable, for others it is part of the preparation, and for still others the sauce is a touch of whim. Mexican sauces, (salsas), are recognized and admired worldwide. In addition to the heat they bring to the table, they give a special flavor. These recipes have a great story because from the beginning, ancient Mexicans used to enhance the flavor of their food with different types of sauces, so here you will read just a bit of the history of sauces in pre-Hispanic times.

For a start, not all salsas were hot and not all were made of chilis. Some were made by only grinding the tomato, the green chili, some were made by only grinding the tomato, the green chili, and spices, as well as wild onions and cocoa. These were served with almost any dish.

Another ancient sauce is the guacamole that was made in the molcajetes (stone bowls), mixing avocado, chili, tomato, onion and cilantro, which were all chopped up by the metlatl, which is the stone implement that goes with the stone bowl.

Today, the method (blender or mortar and pestle) may vary from one cook to another, also remember that the range of chilies is huge and represent many different opportunities to prepare highly personalized creations.

When preparing sauces or handling hot peppers is very important to wear plastic gloves to prevent the chili from touching the skin, as it can be very irritating.

In gastronomy circles a sauce is a semi-liquid mixture of hot and cold ingredients that are intended to accompany a dish. Most of all are a semi-liquid consistency or a sauce can cover a very wide range from puree to much more liquid, almost like a broth.

In traditional cooking courses the art of the salsas is the base of the teaching, as it is considered that it is the first skill that every cooking student has to learn to become a chef. Sauces are supported by many categories: by temperature (hot or cold), by taste (sweet, spicy, sour, etc.), and by content.

The main purpose of a sauce is to serve as accompaniment. According to the texture, aroma or flavor, a sauce can accompany a dish both raw and cooked, hot or cold. In some cases the salsa is part of the preparation of a dish such as enchaladas and chilaquiles. The sauces are virtually infinite in variety but the basic elements revolve around the chili: there are fresh, dried or smoked, can be used with or without seeds, and with or without vein. Roasted, grilled, fried, boiled or natural. Additional ingredients like garlic and onion are almost always included, but can also include peanuts, almonds, sesame seeds, chocolate or lemon juice, green tomato or tomato, serrano chile, onion and garlic.

There are an incredible number of combinations that can be made from four key ingredients. If you grill the tomato first, or if the ingredients are raw, if boiled, if fried, if grind or chop, if some like garlic or onions are deleted, all these are factors that change the flavor of the salsa.

Sometimes the ingredients are raw and liquefied, in others they are cooked together in a mortar and pestle, (the molcajete), and there are many versions of salsas, often depending on region. We want to share some that are simple and basic in the Mexican cuisine. Maybe it’s my Mexican bias, but it seems to me that Mexican sauces always taste better when made in the molcajete, which are sold in almost every craft stall, but you can also make them without this ancient method.

Here are some recipes from the most common salsas: “Classic Mexican salsa de pico de gallo” Ingredients 1/2 kilo of ripe tomatoes, chopped into cubes with seeds.

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Meet Bridget

Bridget was rescued off a dirt road in the middle of nowhere back in the Barrios. She allowed herself to be picked up after only 20 minutes of calm sweet talk, and was whisked away to the vet where she was boarded for three nights. After that she was good to go, since what she has there is no cure for: Old age. Seems Sra. Bridget was cast out of her home because she is old.

Bridget is currently recovering in a foster home on the beach and will be looking for a home in the next few months after her mange is 100% cured. Oops, we forgot to mention a touch of mange. Cosmetic. Easily cured. No worries.

We think the old girl is more than 13, and a little beat up. Hey! When you are 13 in dog years, you'll be a bit beat up around the edges, too! She will need a calm, serene home that will give her all the love and quiet time she needs to finish the rest of her life in dignity and peace. She is a gentle, peaceful dog.

In only 1 week, Friday to Friday, Baja Safe brought her from very sad and beat down to almost smiling. Thank you all for helping Bridget toward better days.

Dr. Hammel did: he stopped the heart so he could work on it, and Joe Deptula jumped in with his heart/lung gizmo. The rest of the team is equally important, providing skilled nursing care in the intensive care unit. Some of these people rotate in and out, most not staying the full time. All of them volunteer their time, taking their accumulated vacation days.

The aim of this entire program is not just to save these kids, but to establish a pediatric cardio care unit in the Salvatierra hospital. Right now when they’re in town those two times a year, they’re using the maternity ward. Each time they arrive, they have more equipment packed in their suitcases, most of which they leave here, and they buy even more equipment as budget allows.

So next time you have a chance to contribute to Los Cabos Children’s Foundation, pony up. They have various fundraisers throughout the year, which we always announce in our calendar section, and they’re always fun. Or, don’t wait. Go to www.loscabolsonline.org to learn more about this organization or to donate right there online.

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

For those ready to escape the non-stop excitement of Cabo, consider a more relaxing pace, less than an hour’s drive north of downtown Cabo San Lucas. You’ll find an artist’s colony, an authentic Mexican town, laid back residential areas, and the 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), browse shops full of handcrafted treasures, and enjoy some great Mexican cooking.

What you won’t find are buildings taller than three floors, chain stores, or fast food joints. Speaking of food, Todos Santos has a full range of temptations. Try Alma & Manny’s or the Todos Santos Inn for breakfast, Bob Marin or Hotel Casa Tota for lunch; Los Adobes, or the Santa Fe for dinner. South of town, near the Pemex, is Dana’s Diner, which has 13 TVs and 13 channel feeds for sports. The gourmet French restaurant Chez Laura is a bit difficult to find, but wow, it is amazing. You step off a dusty dirt road into another world. For fabulous chili relleños try Miguel’s across from the Pemex. Next to the Pemex is the very sophisticated La Casita.

Want off beat? Go to the mask museum, called Faces of Mexico. Tucked on a side road in Todos Santos, the proprietor provides an enthusiastic tour of authentic masks from the various eras of Mexican History.

The cultural museum on Juarez Ave. also has interesting historic displays. Todos Santos is home to the annual music festival every January, an artist’s open studio tour in February, and the ever-popular GastroVino in April.

Many visitors extend their Cabo vacation and get to know the real Mexico by staying a few days in either Todos Santos or the nearby beach areas. Cerritos Beach is part of El Pescadero, but where the town of Pescadero is another world. For fabulous chili fields are everywhere, as well as strawberry, tomato and basil chili. There’s a beach club there with tables and beach umbrellas out on the sand, so you don’t even have to pack a lunch if you don’t want to.

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

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

Turn off the dirt road just before the Pemex in Pescadero, left toward the ocean, to discover Hierbabuena, a huge vegetable garden with an open-air restaurant smack in the middle of it. They serve fresh 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. Drive around the cliff, after all. You’ll experience 360 degree views not matched anywhere else in Baja.

Visitors interested in hiking, horseback riding, surfing, charter fishing on a traditional panga, a Mexican fishing boat, adventure tours, or just experiencing Mexican village life, should head to Pescadero, Cerritos and Todos Santos. They are less than an hour’s drive north along the Pacific.
Drink Beer For Mexico

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

with a legitimate claim to that patch of beach.

Drai is in cahoots with Cabo Villas which has the concession for that sand and they do not have a stellar history with partners. Just ask the last tenant in that space. This makes the Drai beach club between a rock and a hard place, or specifically between a fleet of kayaks and a career timeshare hustler.

Dolphin therapy? The Cabo Dolphin exhibit, part of Cabo Adventures and the company that developed the first Dolphin Center in Cabo, are being good citizens.

This is the time of year when they welcome local kids to swim with the dolphins. Once a month, 80 children with various handicaps will be taken to any of Cabo Dolphin’s venues, free of charge.

The agreement between Cabo Dolphins and the city government was just renewed for the next three years, as they have been doing in the past. The kids will also enjoy the company’s zip-line, camel rides, ATV rides, and well, we forget what else.

Hurricane hunters tour Mexico. A hurricane hunting aircraft from Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi, landed in Cabo last month. The crew was here to promote hurricane preparedness during its Caribbean Hurricane Awareness Tour (CHAT).

The purpose of CHAT is to raise hurricane awareness across Latin America and the Caribbean, and to maintain and expand partnerships among the U.S. Northern Command, Air Force and neighbors in the region. What, is my raised awareness going to stop the hurricane from swooping my house away? The Hurricane Hunters officials stopped at four different locations during their tour, two of them in Mexico and who cares where else? You and I, precious reader, are all about Baja.

“The key to this tour is encouraging people to prepare in advance, before the next hurricane swoops down on us, while the weather is still good, because figuring out your hurricane plan is very difficult when the hurricane is on your doorstep,” said Dr. Rick Knabb, the National Hurricane Center director. Oh. Ok, we’re to make a plan. Mine is to get a machine gun to blow back the looters.

“Beyond just providing data for the National Hurricane Center, the great thing about this mission is that we are ambassadors for the United States visiting our allies, our friends and continued on page 24
Kids Of La Paz Getting A Hand Up

If you don’t know about the Fanlap charity of La Paz, you should, because this group is doing good things for good children. Well, even for the bad children.

In 1996, some people came together to address the urgent needs of some of the city’s poorest children, children who were not being properly fed or educated. School teachers in some of La Paz’s most impoverished neighborhoods began to notice that many children were falling asleep in class or couldn’t concentrate because of a lack of food, and were falling behind. Today, thanks to the efforts of many people inside and outside the community, hundreds of impoverished schoolchildren are provided essential nutritional assistance, educational support, and positive encouragement to finish school and become successful members of society.

The Fundación Ayuda Niños, a non-profit that helps children, was originally created to provide breakfast programs for kids who were being sent off to school without a healthy breakfast—or no breakfast at all—and who struggled to keep up in their classrooms. Today, Fanlap is giving children a better chance at succeeding at school by providing solid meals, counseling, tuition, and educational and emotional support. They have programs for scholarships, a child psychology center, and a library/study center. Fanlap’s hardworking volunteers and supporters are actually making a real difference in the lives of many good children: kids with great potential, but who were born into poverty and are vulnerable to poverty’s unfortunate effects. And bad children, too. Let’s not forget those.

Fanlap has a strong reputation as a responsible, transparent, reliable and honest organization that is succeeding in its basic mission. It is backed, in part, by the International Community Foundation, which requires strict accountability of all donations and expenditures. In other words, generous people who donate don’t have to worry about how their donations are spent, which is not always the case with other charities.

The organization relies on professional support by many of its international associates, and the selfless help of its dedicated volunteers. According to Fanlap’s operating team, “other than three employees, our administrative director and two librarians, everyone who works with Fundación Ayuda Niños La Paz is a volunteer. Some of these people drive more than 300 miles a month on foundation-related business without receiving reimbursement for gasoline.”

The children served come from some of the poorest neighborhoods of La Paz, including

BY JAMES BELL

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Ultimate Mosquito Trap Invented By Mexicans

This could have world wide implications, as mosquitos are responsible for more deaths than any other critter

BY MOSE CHITO

A Mexican researcher working at a Canadian university has developed a promising new system for trapping female mosquitos and destroying their eggs. And good news for the third world countries especially hard hit by this curse, all the trap costs is an old tire and an inexpensive solution containing a pheromone.

Gerardo Ulibarri, who has had years of experience designing mosquito traps, and Angel Betanzos and Mireya Betanzos, two collaborators from Mexico’s National Institute of Public Health, has released the results of a study carried out in Guatemala showing their trap was nearly seven times more effective at destroying mosquitos larvae than other conventional ones.

The study put 84 ovillantas, as Ulibarri’s trap is called, against 84 conventional traps. The ovillanta won hands down, trapping 181,336 mosquito eggs during a 10-month period last year. The others caught just 27,053 eggs. Makes true believers out of us.

An associate professor at Laurentian University in Ontario, Ulibarri and other researchers developed a trap for the Celuux mosquitos, which carries the West Nile virus. The results were impressive: in 2008 they reduced the number of mosquitos that can carry the virus by 90% in northern Ontario.

One secret of the trap’s success is the pheromone solution placed inside: it attracts lady mosquitos which then lay their eggs on pieces of wood or paper floating on the surface. The eggs are removed from the trap twice a week and destroyed.

Unlike other traps, where the solution is replaced regularly, Ulibarri’s trap recycles the liquid, which has been found to be more effective the longer it is used.

“The pheromone indicates to other females that that place is a good place for the babies to be born,” Ulibarri said. “By recycling the solution and eliminating the larvae through a filter, we are using their own smells to attract more mosquitos.” To their death.

The trap is constructed with pieces of tire — three traps can be made from one tire. And as we all know, a tire used for a mosquito trap is one less tire for the dump where it will eventually catch on fire.

The Guatemala study was conducted in the hope of finding a means to control dengue fever with a trap. At just about the same time, along came zika which, along with chikungunya, is carried by the same mosquito.

“We were very timely,” says Ulibarri. The researchers also found that during the period they were trapping mosquitos in Guatemala there wasn’t a single case of dengue in the area. Yet there were many cases in other nearby communities, Ulibarri said.

But just what would happen if we snuffed them all out?

Mosquitoes don’t have too many fans. Their bites are itchy, they spread disease, and their numbers swell rapidly.

Mosquito larvae are very important in aquatic ecology.

The best mosquito trap yet invented is also among the cheapest to make. If you’re concerned about zika, hang an old tire on your front door.

Fun Facts About Mosquitoes

- Mosquitoes are known from as far back as 400 million years ago. They were in North America 100 million years ago.
- There are about 2,700 species of mosquito. There are 176 species in the United States.
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Given the huge controversy private transportation services have caused on the mainland; knowing that taxi service in Cabo is so crappy due to the ridiculously high prices, the driver’s attitude, and the way they take advantage of the exchange rate, the question is, is Uber ever going to be allowed in this part of the country? The Baja is a whole lot different from the mainland, not only because it’s such a big tourist destination, but also because of the easiness of renting a car and the ease of getting around. We also need to remember that transportation in Cabo San Lucas is under concession, which means you must have a state concession to give any type of transportation service. The state Mafia, some of us call it.

1. Irma Gloria Gonzalez Ana-ya, 60 years old, housewife.
I do think Uber should be allowed in Cabo. Taxi drivers are awful, disrespectful and charge way more money than they should. It’s also so much safer for women, with Uber you know exactly who is driving you and how much it will cost. Taxis tend to charge more if it’s dark, if there’s traffic, they drive really bad too, and I have heard of some really scary cases where women have almost gotten abused. I believe in free competition and think that if taxis don’t want Uber, they should make an effort to make their service better.

2. Facundo Gómez Plancarte, 45 years old, mechanic.
I don’t think it’s a bad idea as long as the Uber drivers pay taxes and all the expenses taxi drivers pay. Of course there are some bad taxi drivers but there are also good ones, who work humbly and don’t do the bad stuff we all think they do. But Cabo is very different, I think it, (Uber), went well on the mainland because everywhere, especially in Cabo, tourists get ripped off in taxis all the time, and that doesn’t help the destination’s image by a bit. I have heard from friends that taxi drivers also sell or get drugs for Gringos who want to get crazy, and I think it’s the worst thing they can do. I don’t understand how if they charge so much money for a service, they would need the extra cash of such an awful trade, and then people behave like monkeys in the clubs, bad things happen. They don’t realize they are contributing to the biggest problem the Baja has right now: it’s becoming a “red dot” destination.

3. Alejandra Núñez Navarro, 21 years old, writer.
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4. Samuel Jaramillo Velasco, 38 years old, painter.
No, I don’t think the Baja needs Uber. First of all, it’s another American company, as if Cabo wasn’t Gringo enough. Second, the way it works is that anyone with a new car can become Uber, I know there are multiple tests but Uber cars will contribute to traffic, and Cabo San Lucas and San José are very small towns. The green and blue taxis cost more because Cabo overall is more expensive than anywhere on the mainland, it’s proportional. And as soon as there is Uber in the Baja, the taxi drivers will be out of a job because people are always looking for new and modern things.

5. José Juan Davila Camargo, 51 years old, tinsmith.
I think Cabo needs many things before Uber, like better public transportation, not

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A lot of people turned out to paint parts of the border fence a sky blue color. The thought was if the fence blended in with the sky, people wouldn’t notice it so much. Really?

How about investing all that money and effort into painting all the ugly graffiti a nice color so we don’t notice that so much? Or painting all the cinder block gray buildings that never got any paint at all?

state authorities claim the school grounds are a high-risk area on a steep hillside, so they don’t want to build a real roof there.

“A piece of land was donated to the school in this same neighborhood,” said Sebastián, but the authorities have determined they can’t build there either because it

too is considered high-risk, “so who the hell understands them?”

Since last year the school, whose enrollment is 72, has been eligible for the Education Secretariat’s Schools of Excellence program, which offers a US $26,000 grant to purchase equipment such as desktop computers, projectors, video and still cameras, and other materials. But without a solid roof, security is a problem. Not having electricity doesn’t help either. “We can’t keep that equipment here because it will be easily robbed. Also, we’re in no condition to properly make use of it,” said Sebastián.

“Children are taking classes almost in the open air; we don’t have electric power, or running water or sewage disposal.”

Is airlift important to resort towns? The president of the Manzanillo Hotels & Motel Association was unable to provide figures but said there was a significant decline in hotel occupancy rates in high season this year, and it was Canadian visitors whose numbers were down, said Manzanillo businessman Carlos Arellano. The loss of a Canadian charter airline service into Manzanillo is being blamed for a noticeable decline in visitor numbers during the winter tourist season.

Grupo Aeroportuario del Pacífico (GAP), operator of the airport, recorded a 20% decline in international passengers from January through March this year compared to 2015. It was the only one of GAP’s 13 airports to see a drop in international passengers. Tourist destinations such as Puerto Vallarta and Los Cabos saw increases of 10% and 20%, respectively.

Arellano said the dismal season was a result of Air Transat’s withdrawal from the market, causing the loss of flights from Canadian cities such as Vancouver, Winnipeg, Montreal and Quebec. He said other airlines tried to fill the gap but they did not have the same coverage. Arellano said efforts should be made continued on page 33

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Decorate the surface of the sauce with strips of aged cheese or fresh white cheese.

Green sauce
The green sauce is perhaps the main protagonist of the typical Mexican food.
It is used in the production of typical Mexican dishes such as green chilaquiles, green enchiladas, soups, flutes, char-broiled steaks, chicken casserole, green mole, tamales and many others.

Ingredients:
- 6 green tomatoes
- 1/2 of a medium white onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- 4 serrano chiles
- 1 bunch cilantro
- Salt

Water

Preparation:
Grill green tomato, onion, garlic and serrano chile.

Cut the tip of chilies and open them in half to scrape gently with a knife and remove the seeds and the inside steams. Soak them in salted water to remove spiciness. If you want your sauce very spicy omit these last steps.

Raw green sauce "Salsa Verde"

Ingredients:
- 1/2 kilo of green tomatoes or tomatillos peeled and split into four parts
- 3 serrano chilies fresh greens, sliced
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic peeled and finely chopped
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt about

Preparation:
Blend tomatoes with chiles, water, for 20 seconds or until a smooth sauce is obtained. Stop the blender, add onion, garlic, cilantro, salt and liquefy five seconds. Test and adjust the salt. Serve at room temperature.

Classic Drunk sauce "Salsa borracha". Come on, you know what borracha means. Its your state you are in at the end of a long night on the town.

Ingredients:
- 1/2 cup light beer
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 4 large roasted pasilla chilies without tails, seeded and deveined
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 large clove garlic, roasted in its skin and then peeled
- 3/4 teaspoon salt about
- 1/4 cup water
- 100 grams of stale cheese into strips (optional)

Preparation:
In a small saucepan over medium heat the beer and orange juice. Break the chilies with your hands and add them to the boiling liquid; cover and cook for 10 minutes or until peppers are tender; remove from heat and let cool.

Blend the peppers complete with fluid which is cooked, onion, garlic, salt and water until smooth sauce that is not necessary to strain. Taste and adjust salt to taste. Serve at room temperature in a gravy boat.
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with 32 contemporary three and four bedroom turnkey beach villas, priced from $2.25 million. Lifestyle amenities include a very big swimming pool, a wellness spa, gym, and movement studio, a variety of dining options, a kid’s club, owners lounge, and the h2O cave, the resort’s waterfront sports center. Movement center? What the hell is that? Rest rooms moving station means bathrooms, making a movement center even more of a mystery.

“Given Discovery Land’s track record developing the super uppysscale Eldorado property, we know Chileno Bay will be one of the most sought-after addresses in Los Cabos,” said Mark Cooley, Partner of SV Capital Partners. Well, we paraphrase. He actually didn’t characterize Eldorado as uppysscale, but it is. It is very, very private, and very, very expensive. No doubt Chileno Bay is headed in that direction now with this purchase. Another Snell exclusive listing is the Solaz community that’s currently under construction on the corridor. The Residences at Solaz are part of the 131 room Solaz resort complex that is being developed by Quinta del Golfo de Cortez Group, who are the owners of the Sheraton Hacienda del Mar Hotel located just up the beach. Dieter Esch, owner of Snell, believes it’s the best value in town considering it’s beachfront and the residences are spacious with large terraces, but then he’s paid handsomely for saying that. Prices range from $2 to $3.5 million. There are only going to be 21 residences in the Solaz community, and Snell sold six already, mostly to speculators. Snell sold more than $15 million at their opening party bash. And all they served was some wine and some stuff on a cracker. Nice.

It seems Snell Real Estate offices everywhere. 13 to be exact. The Engel & Volker and Snell main offices are in the Palmilla strip center. Satellite offices are also located in the Palmilla Hotel, Plaza Pescador in San Jose, The Art District in San Jose, the new Solaz, the new Chileno Bay, Ventanas Al Paraiso, in the Pedregal park, at the door to Peacocks Restaurant, tucked into a gallery in Todos Santos, somewhere in La Ribera, and in Los Barriles.

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Fish Report

BY GARY GRAHAM

As May rolls in, the bite has just not lived up to expectations. Usually by this time of year the season has settled in and fishing and catching go hand-in-hand. So far there has been less catching and more fishing. Locals are betting or are they hoping that May is the month for a turn-around. Tight Lines and Good Luck, Gary Graham, gary@garygraham.com

San Jose

The fleets’ striped marlin counts are holding at about an average catch rate of 25% — somewhat slower than usual for this time of year. Some visitors who chose to fish inshore had banner days of multiple bottom species, while others fishing inshore on the surface were able to score a few dorado and yellowfin tuna along with roosterfish, jacks, and a few toothy sierra.

Air temperatures varied from 71 to 72.5 degrees. From San Cristobal southerly to the 1,000 curve and around to Los Frailes was in the 75 to 76 degree range. Surface breezes flowed in from the westerly direction from nearly calm mornings to about 13 mph in early afternoons.

Best Fishing Areas: Ranged from the Cabo Falso Lighthouse to Chileno and outside to the 95 Fathom Spot.

Best Lure/Bait: About a 50-50 for the billfish between rigged ballyhoo baits and artificials.

Live Bait Supply: Difficult for the past few days with almost no caballito live bait available, which is attributable to the bright moon.

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use, the bubbles are always white?

East Cape

So far there has been one 100-pound class yellowfin hooked on light leader. Anglers were fortunate to land a couple, and some charters were really lucky to be at the right spot, and landed three or four quality yellowfin while drift-fishing with strips of squid, lighter leaders being more successful.

A few more sierra, as well as a few roosterfish and jack crevalle were mixed in with the counts. Bottom fishing produced more triggerfish, a mix of snapper species, cabrilla and a few amberjack.

Water is clean and clear; consistently 74 to 75 degrees, flat and calm in the cool mornings, with light afternoon easterly breezes, beautiful days! High temps in the low 80s. Lots of bait spread across the bay. The billfish fishing has increased with boats releasing a couple a day. It’s a 50/50 mix of sails and striped marlin, most caught off the La Ribera Bank — the majority taken off the bottom. Live caballito and ballyhoo worked best.

There are lots of smaller school-

more and more Sargasso weed appearing in the area making excellent cover for bait and drawing in more dorado, which are getting bigger. Some larger “models” are showing up in the catches.

Las Arenas/ Muertos Bay is mercurial.

One day, some pargo and cabrilla, bonito and jack crevalle are the catches. The next day, wahoo, roosterfish, jacks, bonito, a few dorado, some yellowtail.

Several wahoo and several big roosters were lost. Two folks battled a marlin for three hours on light tackle and finally had to bust it off. They did a great job, but knew it couldn’t go on and purposely buttoned down the drag. We’ll call that a legal catch! But, the point is the number of catches did not match the number of bites!

Fly fishermen did OK this week. Some jack crevalle, some bonito and a couple of roosters and wahoo took the flies, but they weren’t able to set the hooks on. They had fun. Live bait for chum is an issue. Hopefully, looking for some improvement. The season is early.

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New Law Says No To Circus Animal Acts

So, show of hands, who wants to adopt a nice tiger pussy cat?

NICOLE MCINTYRE

Last July, under the General Wildlife Act, Mexico banned animals from performing in circuses across the country. Mexico became the tenth country to pass such legislation following in the footsteps of many Latin American countries. While circuses people are outraged, the Mexican Green Party, full of animal huggers, is pleased.

But the big question is where will these three thousand or so circus animals go? Do you want those lions and tigers and elephants turned out in your neighborhood? No, we didn’t think so. Meanwhile, the president of the circus workers union say they are being targeted. “It’s a direct attack against Mexican circuses, and it is not in favor of the animals, he said.” By contrast, “Bullfight-ers are still allowed to perform. Matadors are still swinging their red cape or “muleta” as it’s called in Spanish, but bull huggers are whining about that too. “The animals are not the only ones suffering, workers are too,” says Jaime Castillo, a circus performer who is now jobless at 45 years old. “I am out of work directly because of the Green Party campaign, and the drop in ticket sales that led us to bankruptcy,” Castillo said.

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These big cats need to eat, which brings up the question, who will pay for their food? “If we can’t feed the animals, we have to put them to sleep. We don’t have any other option,” says Armando Cedeno, president of the national association of circus owners and artists. According to veterinarian, Dr. Lubi Verdugo, the cost to feed their female adult tiger who is currently housed at the Ensenada zoo requires 9 to 18 pounds of raw meat per day. This costs the owner around $200/day excluding veterinarian bills. That’s a lot of dinero for a lot of kibble. “In the wild, tigers eat up to one hundred pounds at one sitting then fast for...”

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our neighbors,” said Col. Frank Amodeo, commander of the 403rd Wing that oversees the 53rd WRS. “We’re educating them not just about hurricane preparedness, but also giving them a peek at our military and our commitment to the region.” Well, passing that silly message around is no doubt a better job for this guy than flying missions over Syria. Good for him.

Canadians dogooders. A group, (flock? Herd?) of Canadians from the Foresters Financial group were in Los Cabos recently, invited by the Terramar tour Company to refurbish a public park in the May 1st. neighborhood in San Jose. Yes some neighborhoods are named after dates. The 56 volunteers cleaned up the park and painted it like new, with some funding from the city government, which also made infrastructure repairs. The group had been here last year on a business trip, fell in love with our town (who doesn’t?) and decided to return and do some good work for our community. All we can say is, Gracias Canucks!

Music appreciation. Help make music in Todos Santos. The Todos Santos Music School needs instruments of all kinds. Wind instruments, guitars, strings… all are needed and welcome. There is a specific need for a trumpet, and a tuba, but in reality the school would be grateful for what ever is available. To donate, contact Elena Moreno, e@elenamorenocom, 612 145-0050

Birthday party! The city of La Paz, our Southern Baja state’s capital city, turns 481 years young this May. The party will begin on Tuesday May 3, and will go on through Sunday. Most of the events will consist of the presentation of a variety of popular Mexican artists who will perform on a stage set up at the concrete boardwalk.

For those familiar with Mexican artists – some of them internationally known – they are Tania Libertad, Eugenia León, Guadalupe Pineda, Celso Piña, Tenor Marco Antonio Labastida, the La Gusana Ciega band and Carla Morrison, along with a number of local artists. There will be a test, so you might want to go over that list one more time.

There will also be food stands, sale of regional products and, well, beer. Beer and birthday cake. Works for me.

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Simplified Mexican Corp. Could Be Handy

If you have a business or planning on starting a business, listen up

BY ORLANDO GOTAY

In Mexico you can’t even open a taco stand without first forming a corporation. Fine, you say, you’re not planning on owning a taco stand anytime soon. But! Many of you are renting out your home when you’re not there. Some of you are even making a big business out of doing just that. You need to pay taxes on that income which means you need to form a corporation. For a county as grabby about taxes as Mexico is, they sure don’t make it easy to pay them. But now Mexico has created a simpler way of doing business: It’s a simplified corporation or SAS for its acronym in Spanish. It will be available beginning September 15 of this year.

The new regime provides a hugely more simple form of establishing a business entity. No deeds (escrituras) are required. What’s more, a single individual can form a SAS with him or herself as sole shareholder. However, individuals must have a Mexican Tax ID number (RFC). SAS shareholders select provisions for their organizational by laws from a menu of options that will be made available online. This provides ease, but limited flexibility.

One of the novel features of the SAS is that it is completely done online. Through digital signatures, shareholders will consent to the creation of the entity at the Secretary of the Economy website, where they will be listed and available for review by the public.

SAS entities are required to file annual reports, (in addition to regular tax compliance), and can be suspended if reports are not filed two years in a row.

This is all fine and dandy, but don’t ever forget that for U.S. persons involved with foreign corporations, you will need to tell the IRS back home. Officers, directors and shareholders who own 10% or more of the value or stock of a foreign corporation, may be required to inform the IRS on annual Form 5471. Penalties for not filling that form can be very steep. Another zinger: if that form is not filed, the IRS can audit your personal return for that year forever. There would be no statute of limitations on assessment. This means it will still be difficult to hide your activities down here from Uncle Sam up there.

Lastly, there’s that pesky issue of Foreign Bank Account Report (FBARs). If you have signature authority over the business accounts, those may be reportable to the U.S. Treasury under the FBAR regime, in addition to whatever personal foreign bank accounts you may own or control.

The bottom line: Just know exactly what you are getting into and the responsibilities you assume.

And since we’re on the subject of Uncle Sam, AKA Big Brother:

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An “FBAR” is different from other forms that are filed with income tax returns. It is filed electronically with Treasury, not the IRS. It is due on June 30, 2016.

Are you a “U.S. person”? Those are U.S. citizens, green card holders and others who meet the U.S. “substantial presence” test. Some people may be U.S citizens without realizing it. Typical cases are those born in the United States who left at an early age; or children of U.S. citizen parents abroad. The former are virtually certain to be U.S. citizens; children of U.S. citizen parents abroad need to examine their particular circumstances. Some may be citizens, and therefore U.S. persons.

Some people are deemed U.S. persons when they spend enough time in the U.S., meeting the substantial presence test. Typical inadvertent cases could include some Canadian snowbirds, believing they are OK because they only stay for the 180 day yearly period allowed them under U.S. immigration law.

Financial interest: If you are the owner of record, you have a financial interest over the entire account, even if other owners are not U.S. persons. You also have a financial interest if the account is for a corporation, trust or other entity that you control.

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Foreign financial accounts: Besides bank accounts, quite a few other things also fall in the definition of financial account such as life insurance policies with a cash surrender value, even if no money actually is disbursed. Mutual funds, brokerage accounts, prepaid debit cards, and many similar items also come into play. Excluded are stocks bonds, and most mercifully, Mexican Land Trusts (fideicomisos). But note: an account held by the Fideicomiso itself could be reportable.

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residences near the city dumps where many of the homes do not have running water or basic services such as sewer systems or electricity. Most of the homes are built of paper and salvaged materials. Often there are problems with alcohol and drug abuse, where families—or broken families—constantly struggle to make ends meet without steady employment. In many cases, the children are raised by single mothers or grandparents, or in households where the father works in another city or is otherwise separated from the family.

In 1998, yachting chatboard Club Cruceros de La Paz, a group of mostly foreign boat owners, pitched in to support a breakfast program for young children that had been started a few years earlier by a priest and a nun. They taught several of the students’ mothers how to prepare proper meals for large groups of children. Club Cruceros realized the tremendous need to help and stepped up to the plate. Some of their members later formed the Fanlap association and both groups now participate in important fundraisers and auctions, (subastas), for the foundation. Currently, Fanlap’s supporting partners include a Catholic church, a Lutheran church, and important contributions from the International Community Foundation. Fanlap has also received some support from two government social development agencies, (DIF and Sedesol), and other civic organizations. In continued on page 37

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The History of Palmilla

Simply put, Palmilla is the grand dame of Los Cabos. Located just four miles from San José del Cabo and overlooking the most beautiful bay in the area, Palmilla provides its residents and guests with elegance, privacy, amenities and luxury that no other community offers. From the 27-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course to the exquisite One & Only Palmilla, and the miles of pristine swimming beaches, Palmilla is in a league of its own. The ultimate resort community, Palmilla was one of the challenges that today’s visitor simply cannot fathom. Among them was the famed fighter pilot and aviator, Rod Rodríguez the son of General Abelardo Rodríguez, interim president of Mexico, known as “Rod” to his friends.

“Down the centuries the shores of Las Cruces and the islands of Cerralvo and Espiritu Santo were renowned for their fabulous pearls but a decline in the pearl oyster started as early as 1900 and by 1929 the pearl industry of Baja belonged to the past. Standing where Cortés once stood more than 400 years earlier, Abelardo L. Rodríguez Montijo watched the rising sun cast its array of magnificent color on the tranquil sea. He saw the remains of thatched huts, water wells and aqueducts that once irrigated beautiful tropical orchards and native palms. He realized then, that although depleted of pearls, Las Cruces could still provide treasure. He believed that the enchantment of ten thousand acres with more than seven miles of private sea coast would be gratifying to those who must face maddening crowds and churn through congested traffic. In 1948 he and his beautiful wife, Lucille Bremer decided to turn Las Cruces into a small luxury resort.” The birth of the tourist industry to Baja, especially the luxury, world class variety started here.

After building and running the very successful Rancho Las Cruces on the East Cape for a few years, one of the few accommodations geared to the American can tastes, Rod flew along the coastline of Los Cabos searching for other magical locationsto build more hotels. He spotted Punta Palmilla near San José del Cabo and fell in love. And what’s not to love? In 1953, he purchased 400 acres for $15,000 and built the first resort in Los Cabos; The Palmilla Hotel which opened in 1957 with 15 guestrooms.

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How to Choose a Custom Home Builder

BY CINDY LEE SIEGEN

After finding the perfect home site, the next step is to find the right custom home builder. In Cabo custom home builders can be architects, engineers, or general contractors. Solid companies will have all these skill sets as part of their team. Here are some suggestions to help you choose your perfect custom home builder.

Start with a list of potential builders:
- Do an internet search for builders in Cabo. Learn about the company’s dynamics; look at the gallery of photos; read the references. Established companies will have an informative, robust website.
- Ask your realtor for suggestions. Most knowledgeable realtors will know the quality builders. Some builders offer hefty commissions for a referral so ask your agent about this. You want to be sure you’re getting a referral that comes from genuine good faith.
- Look in the real estate trade magazines for possibilities.
- Ask around in the area or neighborhood where you plan to build. Neighbors can be a good source of suggestions.
- Never meet one builder and stop there. Do your homework.

Create a short list:
- Ask each builder for references.
- Contact at least 5, preferably 10, previous clients of the builder. If the builder can’t supply that many satisfied clients move on.
- Then call these people and ask to see their homes. Don’t just listen to them tell you what a “nice guy” he or she was. Insist on seeing the finished product and look at each home carefully and critically.
- Look at the quality of the construction. (For a Quality Control Checklist, contact me).
- Is there true creatively in the home or does it look like a Cabo “cookie cutter”. A custom home should be an individual expression of the owner’s lifestyle and taste.
- Ask the owners if they had any electrical, plumbing, air conditioning or pool problems. And, more importantly, how did the builder handle any problems. Was he willing to come back and fix things and who paid for the repairs?
- Don’t assume just because the builder is a “gringo” you won’t be exploited. There are good apples and bad apples. Find the good apples by checking into the builder’s work. Don’t just rely on what someone might say or write about themselves.
- Ask the homeowner what damage their home had from Hurricane Odile. Well-constructed homes sustained far less damage than poorly constructed ones.
- Often the home featured by a builder will be their poster child. Be sure to look at homes within your budget range.
- Look for builders who incorporate Green Building technologies and methods. Energy efficient homes are becoming very important in the Baja as electricity prices soar.
- Narrow your choice to two or three builders.

Design Assignment:
- Ask the builders on your short list to provide you with a conceptual design for your home.
- The design doesn’t need to be full architectural blueprints but rather just a basic floor plan concept drawing.
- Here is where you will see the creativity and communication skills of each potential builder.
- This will also be a good test to see how compatible you are with the builder. Building a house is a long term relationship. The easier it is to communicate and work together the better it is for everyone.
- Some builders may charge for this service so be prepared to pay. Some may not.
- Ask to see where the builder lives. This will tell you about his success and his assets. It will also show you how vested the builder is in the community.

The Final Choice – Quality and Value:
- Ask for a quote for the design you have selected. At this point, you will need to pay for a set of blueprints. The builders will need these to do a comprehensive quote.
- Be wary of builders who under quote just to get the job. There is very little recourse if the money runs out and the house is half built. If the quote sounds too good to be true it is.
- Remember a finished home is more than a built house.
- What resources and contacts does the builder bring to the table for the interior design? How does the builder integrate the interior design elements into the construction? Are you left on your own to furnish and decorate? What are the choices and selections being offered for the interior design? What is the cost for these services? How is the landscaping design and completion handled? And, don’t forget about these when estimating the cost of the home.

You should now be ready to make your final decision.

This may seem like a long involved process but choosing the right builder is your most important decision during the entire building process. Your experience building in Cabo could be a delightful, rewarding experience or a stressful nightmare for years depending on the builder you choose. Choose wisely.

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What’s New in Real Estate?

BY CYNDI WILLIAMS

The Hard Rock Hotel and All Inclusive Resort is Ready, Set, Go! Diamante scored big on this one when their resort was site of the 4th all inclusive Hard Rock Hotel in Mexico. Could have something to do with the more than 1.5 miles of pristine white sandy beach, two of the top rated golf courses, and the awesome lagoon. Groundbreaking is scheduled for this month, May 2016.

Hard Rock is going all out on this one with over 600 rooms ranging from deluxe standard rooms to Rock Star suites all loaded up with sleep like a rock bedding, hydro tubs and mykonos paradise pool. And yes fully stocked mini bars, in room wine and liquor dispensers and 24 hour room service.

The mega resort will also include numerous swimming pools, restaurants filled with their signature music memorabilia and music venues. All of this within the private Diamante development yet less than 10 minutes to the bustling town of Cabo San Lucas. Good Catch Diamante!

Zero percent financing????? Yep, you heard right! Short term zero percent financing anyway. The Copala development is offering developer financing that in comparison to some of the not so attractive institutional financing actually makes sense. Finally someone gets it. Here’s the skinny; pick your house or condo and they will build it. During the construction period from 4 to 24 months (depending on your choice of product), you pay down 50% of the purchase price. Once your dream casa is delivered, their financing begins with zero percent interest for the first 24 months. You can choose to finance for up to 15 years fully amortized, (no sneaky balloon payments). The interest kicks in at month 25 but only 3.5% for years 3-5. Years 6-10 jump to 5% with years 11-15 at 6%. It is obvious Copala has thought through the financing hurdle (or lack of adequate financing) thoroughly as they are also offering their competitive financing in both the peso and Canadian dollar. 3 currencies to choose from all at reasonable terms and rates. Kudos to you Copala for making home and condo buying attractive and obtainable to our local and foreign buyers.

Don’t forget the 16% IVA! Thinking of buying or selling that commercial property? Time to break out the calculator. We discovered so many of our buyers and sellers are unaware that commercial property transactions are subject to that ugly IVA. Sales tax.

Take the price and add 16% right to the top of that. Not a pretty picture and no wonder we do not see much in the way of a commercial real estate industry here in Los Cabos. It seems sellers like to put signs in the window reading Se Vende, buyers like to call sellers direct thinking that they get a better deal without using an agent and a deal is made. Time to sign the closing papers and surprise! The buyer now has to pony up an additional 16% of the purchase price at the time of closing. There is no way around that tax, not legally that we know of. Heads up commercial property seekers, make sure you take this tax into consideration before finalizing your purchase transactions.

BCS Realtors soon to be licensed! Or they will not be practicing Real Estate. That is what our State Senator Sergio Covarrubias told a group of our top realtors at the AMPI meeting held at the Hacienda continued on page 32

Agent Profile

Lila Nava

Lila Nava, a Mexican, has been involved in real estate since 1993. She speaks fluent English and Spanish and has a degree in business studies. She moved from Mexico City to Los Cabos in 1997 and loves it here, where she has used her skills as a hard worker who loves to see happy clients. She joined Prudential Cabo Gold Realty in 1997 and now works from the corridor office.

Lila specializes in single family homes and condos in the mid-price range and as the mother of two children, has helped several families relocate to our beautiful region. She has particularly strong knowledge of the San José – Corridor – Cabo San Lucas area but when you choose you live, she will offer you unrivaled service and support.

Please call her for an information pack and she will be happy to assist you in your search for a new home from the first inquiry to handing over the keys.

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Arbitration Is The Way To Go
Sure beats the dysfunctional court system

BY DON D. NELSON

The Courts in Baja Sur have a huge backlog of pending lawsuits causing it to take five to ten years for a decision to be handed down. This inertia has made the justice system in Baja Sur totally dysfunctional. People with valid disputes involving large or small sums of money never bother to file with the courts due to the barely functioning legal system here.

But Mexico has excellent arbitration laws. When the parties to a disagreement cannot negotiate and resolution or successfully mediate, arbitration is the solution to avoid the long and expensive court litigation procedures. You should consider insisting on putting in an arbitration and mediation provision in your next business, real estate, or construction contract. Then you will automatically provide for arbitration should a dispute later occur. You can also, with the agreement of the disputing party, agree to arbitrate even though there is no such paragraph in your written agreement or even if you are already in the court system.

When the parties agree to arbitrate, the entire process usually still takes from 10 months to 22 months (for large cases). The steps involved are generally as follows:

Agreeing to arbitrate and each party informs the others of the issues.

Choosing the neutral party (attorney or expert) to hear each side and make the final decision. This can be from one to three people. They are chosen from a panel of attorneys and other experts previously vetted by the administrator.

Holding an initial hearing and exchanging information between the parties.

Holding the main hearing to hear testimony, produce evidence, and argue the law.

Exchanging post hearing legal briefs.

The arbitrator awards the decision.

Entering the arbitrator(s)’s decision with the courts as a final judgment (arbitration decisions in almost every instance may not be appealed).

Other advantages of arbitration include having oral testimony from witnesses or experts and having the arbitrator(s) decision maker being an expert in the area of law or industry involved. The arbitrators(s) can even be Americans or Canadians. That choice is up to the parties to the dispute.

The governor of Baja Sur is currently working on Constitutional and legislative changes which facilitate mediation and arbitration in Baja Sur. You can immediately request an arbitration or mediation to resolve your disputes by contacting the San Jose based Mediation and Arbitration Service at mediatorarbitraje@gmail.com. Use this email address to get suggested arbitration and mediation clauses for you next legal document.

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We now call ourselves MLS BCS, and we operate a Multiple Listing Service statewide in Baja California Sur with over 3000 available properties. We cover Los Cabos, Los Barriles, Todos Santos, La Paz and Loreto. Any affiliate Broker or Agent can help you locate available inventory anywhere in the state, and can quickly connect you with the properties and agents in the area of interest.

WHY USE AN MLS BCS
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The Manifestation
An important detail if you’re building or remodeling

BY ALICIA PARRA

For those brave souls who are building their home in Mexico, an important part of the process is the manifestation. This is a notification made before the local property tax department. It signals the termination of the construction and tells the world that the house is ready to be occupied. All too often, this notification is not made in a timely manner and can cause problems and additional expense, especially when the house is being sold.

The manifestation must be prepared on a printed format supplied by the property tax office and will require detailed information about the lot: measurements, total surface area, etc. and detailed information about the house or other construction being manifested. Copies of the property tax payments, construction license, plans and the deed to the property must be presented.

This same form will request information about the types of materials used in each room and the utility distribution. The value of the construction must be stated in the manifestation. This can either be in the form of the building permit and the “letter of termination of the work” (terminacion de obra).

This document is very important as it is valid for the Notary Public to use as value of the construction and it will establish the basis for tax calculations when the property is sold.

The cost of manifestation is minimal if done in a timely manner. Not only does it establish a date for calculation of capital gain taxes (ISR) upon sale, but it also lowers the property tax rate from that of a vacant lot to that of a residential dwelling which can result in lower property taxes even though the overall value of the property is higher.

Ms. Parra is Chief Closing Officer for The Settlement Company. It is the first escrow company in Mexico, and is dedicated to processing the trusts and title transfers of Mexican real estate for foreign buyers and sellers for properties located ANYWHERE in Mexico. The company frequently sponsors seminars on the various aspects of real estate ownership in Mexico and holds membership in AMPI, NAR and FIABCI and PROFECO.

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The Palmilla Resort was the first community to push the luxury development envelope by building the Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course and by designing and building a collection of some of the most luxurious real estate in Los Cabos. Palmilla has both ocean and mountain side communities ranging from 2 bedroom condos, estate lots to large private residences.

The Hotel was again expanded to 115 rooms. And it still retains its First Class status to this day.

Punta Ballena

Nestled off the main highway with a tranquil sense of entry and the whale’s tail fountain paying homage to the moniker Whale Point, Punta Ballena is not only anchored by Esperanza Resort, but it contains two single family home communities. Las Villas consists of 28 homes, and Las Residencias encompasses 5 homesites with homes in the price range of $1.9-8.95m.

Residents may enjoy the Punta Ballena Beach Club, an oceanfront amenity complete with beach, gym, restaurant, bar, and unobstructed views of Land’s End. Three tennis courts, walking trails throughout the 176 acres, Esperanza’s world class, and Spring 2015, a new restaurant will be opening to complement the five Esperanza restaurants and round out the decadence of Punta Ballena’s offerings, making it one of the most exclusive neighborhoods in Los Cabos.

Foreign Investment of Over 2000m²

What restrictions apply for the restricted zone trust?

BY RAÚL LEÓN, ATTORNEY

There are only two restrictions to have in mind:

1) If the real estate property is subject to an ejido (a Mexican special type of communal ownership originally established for farming communities), such property must pass through the legal process of Derecho Al Tanto or it may not be legally transferred and may be subject to nullification of the transaction.

2) If the total land surface of the real estate property is more than 2000 square meters, the foreigner is obligated to subscribe and grant to the Foreign Affairs Ministry a Promise of Investment Letter, through which he legally obligates himself to invest certain amount of money into the property in a certain time frame according to the following table:

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May 2nd, 2016
Cost Of Gas Is Killer
But it could be worse

So you think a gallon of gas is expensive? This remake of actual prices of commodities we all consume is a scary way of looking at it. It also kind of puts the cost of gasoline in perspective.

- Diet Snapple, 16 oz, $1.29 is $10.32 per gallon
- Starbucks regular coffee 16 oz, $2.10 is $16.80 per gallon
- Lipton ice tea, 16 oz, $1.19 is $9.52 per gallon
- Gatorade, 20 oz, $1.59 is $10.17 per gallon
- Ocean Spray, 16 oz, $1.25 is $10.00 per gallon
- Brake fluid, 12 oz, $3.15 is $33.60 per gallon
- Vick's Nyquil, 6 oz, $8.35 is $71.78 per gallon
- Pepto Bismol, 4 oz, $3.85 is $123.20 per gallon
- Whiteout, 7 oz, $1.39 is $25.42 per gallon
- Scope, 1.5 oz, $0.99 is $8.48 per gallon
- Evian water, 9 oz, $1.49 is $21.19 per gallon. (That's $21.19 for a gallon of water and the buyers don't even know the source!!)

Ever wonder why computer printers are so cheap? So they can hook you for the ink. The cost of some ink is $5.200 a gallon.

So, the next time you're at the pump, be glad your car doesn't run on water, Scope, Whiteout, Pepto Bismol, Nyquil, or, God forbid, printer ink.

ASK A MEXICAN...
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the school buses turned into urban buses, a better route for the purple bus, different types of taxis, not just the big vans and the white cars. The principle of Uber is good, to control everything about the trip, so taxi drivers can do it too, they could have their own way to regulate everything so that the clients are happier.

6. Adriana Gálvez Sánchez, 23 years old, waitress.
   I think Uber is the only thing Cabo is missing right now, it's such a modern place in some things and so old in others, but it's so cheap it would put taxis out of business in a beat. The mainland has been struggling with Uber because taxis did whatever they wanted and nobody did or said anything, now that people choose Uber over them they are worried. That is what Cabo transportation companies are afraid of; good competition.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THIS...
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to find another charter service to replace Transat and bring back the Canadians, who spend 1,500 pesos a day when holidaying in the municipality.

Give ’til it hurts. The City of Los Cabos in coordination with the Ministry of Health has got a blood drive going and has invited the foreign community to help. This is the first Blood Donor Week, which will take place at the Raul A. Carrillo General Hospital April 29 from 7 in the morning.

The requirements for being a donor are: Must be 18 years old, weigh at least 110 lbs, and be in good health. In addition to presenting no cough, flu, headaches and/or tummy troubles.

And lay off the booze for 48 hours before the draw. Boy, that's a toughie for our crowd.

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So, OK? Are you going to give ’til it hurts? Or give until you run dry? Maybe not on the running dry part.
Knicker Knackers Knick Knack Again

The 7th annual Los Cabos Chapter of the Knick NAC golf tournament played at Querencia raised $3,500 this year. The money was forked over to Liga MAC Executive Director Elva Haro to be used for the charity’s good works with needy local families.

This year had a record turnout of 63 players, with many playing in their Payne Stewart knicker outfits. The event is played “for tradition, for fun, for Payne” and in the name of charity. Payne Stewart was a professional golfer known for going out in public in this get up, and even competing in tournaments like that.

The event format was one net best ball and the winning team was Bev and Mike Ellis paired with Diane and Joe Rossi. They had a three way for closest to the pin: Jan Stokosa, Dave Woolley, and Diane Girard. How can you have a three way? We’re betting somebody forgot to bring the tape measure and it had to be eyeballed.

People want to help. One local zoo in particular, the Children’s Park of Jersey, nestled in the Guadalupe valley of Baja’s wine country, has offered to house a few tigers, but was declined because the animal advocates feel the enclosures are not big enough. Nevertheless, Perla Jimenez, owner of the zoo, along with head veterinarian Lubi Verdugo, are creating a solution: build a savannah.

Animal advocate Johnny Ray is a huge supporter for this cause, along with helping to save street animals in Tijuana and Ensenada. His organization, Operation Love Mary, in Los Angeles California hosted a fundraiser to help the beasts. The funds were given towards the savannah project at the Children’s Park of Jersey Zoo in Ensenada. The fundraiser was a huge help, but the project needs more resources. Those who would...
Calendar of Performing Arts

Every Saturday 5pm to 10pm. On the Marina, Cabo San Lucas, in front of the big cultural center. Arts and crafts show. Live Music, painters, sculptors, photographers. Free

TROPIC OF CANCER AT MIRAFLORES

May 21. Saturday. 7:00 pm. Full Moon Nights Rural Edition at the Tropic of Cancer center on the road to Los Barriles. First time the Tropic of Cancer celebrates a full moon night with a bohemian festival with live music, reading, poetry, regional history, local artistic work exhibition, gastronomy, and more. Looking for more artists to celebrate every full moon at this geographical point of interest. Spanish. axlxaxn@gmail.com.

CABO SAN LUCAS

CULTURAL PAVILION

May 5. Thursday. 6:00 pm. The Faro Viejo at Cabo Falso, 111th Anniversary Celebration. Conferences and documentary movies about the history of Faro Viejo monument. Spanish. Free.


SAN JOSE

CIRCOTEKA Angela Cesena St. between the fourlane and Barlovento St.

Every Thursday. 7:00 pm. Reading club for kids. Actors dressed up, read and act a short story for the kids. More info about reading lounges: todossomoselotro@gmail.com. At Angela Cesena St. between Fourlane Street and Barlovento St., San Jose. Spanish. Free.

CASA DE LA DANZA On De la Roca St. and Costa Azul St. in the Hojazen barrio.

May 7. Saturday. 8:30 pm. The Sea to The Sky – One Memory. Contemporary Dance Gala Night. Celebrating 30 presentations. 150 pesos. email: casadeladanza.losca-bos@gmail.com Spanish. 624 171 9117.

SAN JOSE CULTURAL HOUSE downtown.

May. Jun and July. Saturdays. 7:00 pm. Cultural Saturdays at Casa de Cultura. Every Saturday a different show of a different activity. Jazz and hip hop, Arabic dance, salsa dance and more. Spanish, but come on, it’s dance and dance knows no language barrier. 20 pesos donation.

Every Tuesday. 8:00 pm. Documentary Movie Club. Every Tuesday a different documentary about human issues and wild life. Spanish, sometimes in English. Free

ALIANZA FRANCESCA

Every Tuesday. 6:00 pm. Different French film each week. Alianza Francesa cultural center at 525 Gomez Farías St. between Republica St and Guerrero St. Esterito town, La Paz. facebook.com/alianzafrancesalapaz. Spanish, French, English and other languages. Free.

CENTRO CULTURAL LA PAZ

From Monday to Friday. 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. On permanent display, permanent photography collective exhibition that highlights the cultural identity of Baja California Sur. In the Codex Peninsula of the Centro Cultural La Paz, on 16 de Septiembre at the corner of Belisario Dominguez. Text is in English and Spanish. Free.

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

Community Reading Lounges

At AMELIA WILKES PLAZA Main plaza downtown CSL.

Every Saturday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Herman Ita de Ysabela Reading club has a different book to read and comment. Saturdays starting April 9. Spanish mostly.

Book donations are welcome. More info and special activities with Nixania email: todossomoselotro@gmail.com Free.

At PLAZA COTA.

From Monday to Friday. Starting at 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. Book swap available to all. Lazarro Cardenas one block before to the main park in Cabo San Lucas. Spanish and some in English. Free.

At HOLLYDANCE CAFÉ. Leona Vicario St. And 12 de Octubre St, 2nd Floor, downtown Cabo.

Every Tuesday from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Trotamundos Reading Club. Spanish mostly. More info and special activities on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/saladelecturatrotamundos/timeline

At KINESIS GYM. El Chamilzal barrio near the Convention Center.

At KINESIS GYM. From Monday to Friday. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. La Maroma Reading club Books available. More info and special activities on Facebook: facebook.com/Sala-de-lectura-La-Mar%C3%B8ma-Kinesis-Fabuladanza-691039797630803/timeline

At LA CIRCO. Libroteka Reading Club.

From Monday to Friday. From 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Books available and circus drama style reading on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. More info with Sara Flores on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LaCirco-577897035553733/timeline
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- **Every Thursday, 12:00 – 8:00 pm.** Artisans Market at Maco Raspado (Vegetarian restaurant). On the road to the Hacienda beach resort (behind the Puerto Paraiso mall), across from the Marina Fiesta hotel.
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