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Another Successful Fishing Tournament in the East Cape

BY GARY GRAHAM

The 2022 Van Wormer Wahoo Gold Cup took place on



Saturday. Forty-three teams with 137 anglers scoured the waters from Muertos Bay to Las Frailes in search of a trophy sized wahoo to take to the scale waiting on the beach in front of Hotel Palmas de Cortez.

Wahoo and the one that got away stories are synonymous and many of the teams had their own wahoo tale to tell. For example, a hotel boat not in the tournament was fishing a tuna school offshore the day before and hooked a huge wahoo on a jet head lure that was eventually lost when the leader parted!

By the end of the day there were 6 contenders. However,

a local team from the small village of El Cardona and the angler, Avilés Lucero, shared that he had caught his winning fish on a trolled ballyhoo. It weighed forty-two pounds and 4 ounces. He won \$54,400 in the Jackpots plus a Volkswagen Gol valued at approximately \$15,000.00.

The 2nd Wahoo was 36.3 pounds. Juan Angel Rochin, Boat Bite Me Again, received a special return trip to the hotel.

Adrian Coppel (Coppel stores) from Sinaloa on a 42' **CONTINUED ON PAGE 7**

Covid Restrictions Totally Lifted in Cabo

BY DAVID FLORES

Due to a huge reduction in Covid infections, the state's health department has announced that all restrictions are lifted in Los Cabos, Mulege and Loreto, with the exception of entering a store, bar or restaurant. This writer walked around the Puerto Paraiso mall yesterday, and almost no visitor was wearing a mask. It is also now up to employers whether or not staff wear masks. La Paz and Comondu have restrictions only in the capacity of visitors to enclosed areas. Seventy percent is the max allowed. Enjoy the freedom! 🦋

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Que Pasa in Cabo?

BY DAVID FLORES



Chili Cook-Off Announced! The 5th annual Chili Cook-Off will take place Saturday, November 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Cocina & Bar by Cabo Bakery (Pioneer Plaza), to benefit P.E.T. Los Cabos (PET stands for Early Spay & Neuter Program). The event will be fun as always, with Live music featuring local musician and singer Angie Vertti. Sign up now!

Great Expectations in Tourism This Year. The director of the Los Cabos International Airport stated that 7 million tourists are expected to be the total welcomed this year, half a million more than in 2019.

Luxury Tourism Continues to Increase. Global Markets

Insights Inc., has revealed that a recent study shows that the worldwide luxury travel industry is expected to reach \$82 billion USD by 2030. Travel adventure and sports are expected to surpass \$12 billion by the same date and the Latin America luxury tourism is likely to be one of the fastest growing. In Los Cabos, luxurious resorts are the trend and are also likely to expand.

Desalination Plants Approved! Finally, the National Treasury approved funding for the expansion of the current desal plant in Cabo San Lucas and the construction of a second one. This will give us an additional 173 gallons per second for Cabo and San Jose.

Hooray! We now have to wait for the groundbreaking and two

At a meeting with government officials and the influential Los Cabos Coordinating Council business group, owners of tourist transportation companies were told to **slow down** when driving along the four-lane between Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo. Everyone that lives here agrees that they are the most aggressive drivers and the fact

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shows that they are involved in a large majority of accidents. Hopefully, they will be caught and fined when speeding.

El Pescadero Hotel Makes it to Luxury List. Virtuoso, the global leader in luxury resorts' information, has announced that the 103-suite Rancho Pescadero hotel has made it to their list. Rancho, as everyone local calls it, is not open yet, but it's precious version was also highly recognized for its installations, service, Spa and culinary offer.

Viceroy Resort Becomes First in LatAm. A new Digital Art & Dinner Club is making its debut at Viceroy Los Cabos, making it the first resort in Latin America to mint a collection of non-fungible tokens (NFTs). In partnership with Leales NFT, a Los Cabos-based frontrunner in crypto-art and NFT curation projects led by Founder and President Phillip Roark, the Digital Art & Dinner Club will provide travelers with an accessible introduction to the latest developments in digital art, enhancing their experience with exclusive access to dynamic events and exciting offers, while

supporting the vibrant community of local artists.

With information from the Luxury Travel Magazine.

Construction, Construction and More Construction. Los Cabos keeps on changing at a very fast pace. According to the Urban Development office, last month 100 construction permits

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It's The Los Cabos Humane Society's Birthday!

And they have much to be thankful for

BY LASSIE

This year the Los Cabos Humane Society celebrates its 30th anniversary! Since September 1992, LCHS has been actively working to combat the overpopulation of animals in the Los Cabos community with sterilization, rescue and adoption.

Many rescue organizations around the world like to post emergency appeals with photos of desperate animals to help

raise money and support. At LCHS we prefer to highlight our good news and success stories. We believe people will join us in celebrating our accomplishments and continue to support our mission.

Recently our team of veterinarians sterilized 141 pets in Palmas Homex, 67 in Agua Clara, 76 in Colonia Cactus and 102 in Colonia Miramar. These low-cost sterilization

campaigns will continue in different neighborhoods over the summer. We have added another important service for pet owners with limited resources – “the veterinarian in your neighborhood” – offering checkups for cats and dogs for just 50 pesos two days before each campaign. Other services are also available including vaccinations, lab tests and



more at low cost.

It is very encouraging that a record number of dogs and cats have been adopted already this year. When comparing to the same time period last year, we have seen an increase of more than 50%.

For several years, LCHS has been in need of a reliable vehicle but is unable to afford one. We celebrated “Christmas in July” when Ron Sanford decided to donate his van to us! This will make it much easier to get our equipment and veterinarians out to the community and also help rescue animals in need. We are very grateful to Ron for his loyal support and generosity. Ron has also adopted two dogs from LCHS.

Another incredible gift came from our friends at Ro-

tary Club Cabo San Lucas del Mar - a brand new elevated water tank for the shelter! This is something we have needed since the old one was destroyed by a hurricane. It will ensure the water supply for our animals and staff. The Rotary team toured the shelter and said they would be coming back regularly to volunteer. Two members, Damian and Toni, have volunteered regularly on weekends for years.

So, in closing, we are celebrating our 30th anniversary and are truly blessed by the support in our community. If you want to join our celebration, please consider donating \$30 to celebrate 30 years of service. You will find more information on our website: <https://loscaboshumanesociety.org>

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Building Social Responsibility

BY THE THREE WISE MEN

In recent months, Los Cabos Children's Foundation has received requests from

companies with deep-rooted social responsibility to carry out corporate volunteering and



volunteering events with national and foreign participants, who, in addition to having fun in this paradise destination, seek to contribute to the community of Baja California Sur.

As an example, we share with you the experience we had with a transnational company that held a rally with its employees during its annual event at a renowned hotel in Los Cabos. Each attendee looked for the parts of a bicycle they assembled at the end. The group's surprise was enormous when they saw children from our Partner Programs entering the event hall to receive 20 bicycles built with much love.

Thanks to Catalyst Mexico for matching corporate social responsibility with the needs of our community!

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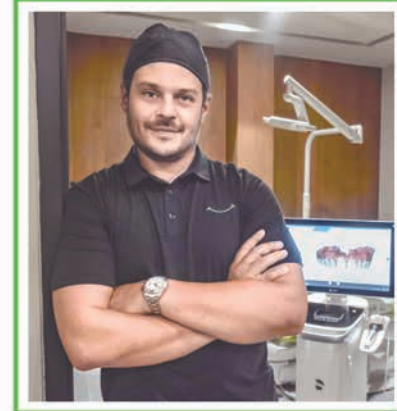
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With the management of Classic Conferences, the company Quest Diagnostics gave their team the opportunity to give something back to our community at their annual meeting. They assembled over 100 backpacks with school supplies and indulged a group of children who were delighted to receive a delicious meal. In addition, Quest Diagnostics gave a generous donation of \$5,000 dollars which will improve the quality of life of thousands of children and adolescents in Baja California Sur, through the health and wellness programs which we support each year.

The hotels in Los Cabos are no exception and involve their collaborators in actions that contribute to society. Such was the case of Zadun, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, who organized a celebration for the closing of the school year in our Partner Program, Los Niños del Capitán.

Also, the Posadas Foundation invited its collaborators to a nationwide collection of clothes and school supplies

for children and adolescents. Thanks to Fiesta Americana Grand Los Cabos for caring about our community and for taking the opportunity to bring the results of their local collection to our Partner Program, Casa Ramé, spending time with the teenagers, and making their day a fun experience.

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The Expat Experience in Los Cabos

BY MONICA ANDERSON

The Baja Peninsula has been a captivating destination to its Northern neighbors long before John Steinbeck observed and recorded its wild and natural beauty in *The Log of the Sea of Cortez* over 80 years ago. After a short voyage down the Pacific side, the first place Steinbeck and his crew disembark is Los Cabos. Even to this day, the "End of Land," as the old sailors and pirates used to call it, still holds a mystical appeal to adventurous thrill-seekers. Some of them have even decided to stay put, call Los Cabos home and add to the robust expatriate community. After several years of vacations in Baja that always seemed to never be

long enough, my husband and I decided to relocate to Los Cabos permanently. Making the international shift from the familiar and reliable environment of your home country is an ongoing process. This transition can be less daunting through a few, hopefully, useful suggestions. **Meet Other Expats Through the Activities and Hobbies That You Enjoy** This fascinating region of Mexico is a wonderland filled with pursuits that cater to all kinds of interests. Fishing and boating are some of the biggest attractions that bring plenty of enthusiasts to the area. Many events, including the world-renowned Bisbee tournaments, ensure that the

downtown marina is always an entertaining scene packed with plenty of things to see and do year-round. For those who are perhaps looking for a quieter setting and may be culinarily inclined, the thriving restaurant scene in Los Cabos continues to grow and encourages some of the best international chefs to bring their special talents to the peninsula. There are also various food-inspired happenings and cultural festivals throughout the year. The weekly, year-round Art Walk in San José del Cabo and numerous farmers' markets in different neighborhoods are prime examples of large gatherings of fellow expatriates and newcomers. Within the Los Cabos surrounding area, there are several options for potential day trips. Nestled on the Pacific Ocean side is the bohemian-meets-bucolic paradise of Todos Santos. Excellent surf spots, unique shops, world-class

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restaurants and all kinds of fun for everyone in the family are in abundance here. Another worthwhile excursion, or possibly even a weekend getaway, is to La Paz, the state capital of Baja California Sur. The public promenade locally referred to as the Malecón is a popular attraction and known for annual road and bicycle races. Over five kilometers long, its expanse also makes it perfect for a scenic tour of the

city's waterfront that opens up into the Sea of Cortez. A short boat ride from La Paz can take you to Espíritu Santo Island, a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site, famous for its plentiful biodiversity. Much like Cabo Pulmo in the East Cape, both destinations also draw scuba divers and snorkelers from all over the world. Whether it is a passion that you take seriously or even a

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Diving in Baja

BY ROXANNE ZIEGLER

Never seeing the ocean until I was in my 30s did not stop me from dreaming of the ocean and its wonders. I wanted to be an oceanographer. However, my parents were prairie farmers and of a different generation and thought it best I focus on something reliable, like a teacher or secretary. Yet the ocean and its animals continued to fascinate me, watching Jacques Cousteau on TV.

The ocean wonders be-

came less of a priority as I got older. One day, life had taken a twist, and I started living on the coast of British Columbia, Canada. I was standing on a cliff overlooking the ocean—feeling quite sorry for myself that day. Gazing out into the great blue abyss, my thoughts turned to swimming with the fish. I realized my dream had not died, and I was near the ocean and could indeed learn to dive! I was 38 years young. With this one decision, I real-

ized life had not passed me by and my life changed in so many ways once I became a certified diver.

I researched and went on forums to learn about the best dive shops in the area, and within that month, I found and signed up for an open-water course. I went from open water to advanced, hastened to rescue, and dive master. In the first year, I logged 100 dives. I would dive every weekend and even on some weekdays. I would travel an hour and a half one way, hung out at the dive shop on the days I didn't dive, listening to stories from the owner and the teachers that had made diving their life.



These divers had thousands of dives under their belt. I loved hearing stories of their underwater adventures. The freedom to travel, dive and teach. I was

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Los Cabos United Soccer Team Opens Season with Impressive Wins

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

On July 15, the much-anticipated premiere of the newest local professional soccer team, Los Cabos United, was held at Don Koll Stadium when the hometown team faced off against the Los Angeles United Soccer Academy. LCU dominated from beginning to end with a 5-0 victory.

The owners stated, "We are showing the players and the world of soccer that LAUFA and Los Cabos United is providing opportunities for high-level competition, and a path for professional players that few other clubs can provide."

Head coach, Rodrigo "El

Pony" Ruiz, said, "During our scouting of players, we have found very valuable pieces for Los Cabos United, whose quality is not determined by age."



The coach specified that, in a team sport like soccer, intensity, sacrifice and hard work are required, even from the youngest of players. A few days after their win against LAUFA, Los Cabos United recorded their 2nd shut-out in crushing the Guadalajara Black Lions 6-0.

LCU Management's grandiose sports ideal of building a winning team that local soccer fans will be excited about is definitely heading in that direction.

"The club's five-year goal is to win a championship and move into the elite first division league," said Public Relations Director, IBea Nãidoo. "The

other plan is to build a new stadium and provide the community with family-friendly, sports entertainment."

Coach Ruiz was born in Santiago, Chile in 1972 and is known as one of the best players from the Chilean team Unión Española. He also played in the Copa Libertadores, where the team lost its quarterfinal match against São Paulo, Brazil. The Copa Libertadores is the South



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American Championships. He also played in the 1998 FIFA World Cup with his national team of Chile which lost 1-0 against Uruguay.

For a player only 5'4", one would never guess he was a talented Chilean star who started his professional career with Unión Española (1992) then was signed and played in Mexico with Puebla ('94-'96) Neza, Santos Laguna (1999-2006), Tecos, Guadalajara, and Veracruz. Ruiz has coached as technical director with Tecos, GDL (2015-2019), Lobos of Zacatepec in 2020 and now with Los Cabos United.

"Another goal is for Los Cabos United to someday, one day, form a women's team for the professional Liga Mexico Femenil," added IBea Nãidoo. There is rising popularity for televised women's league games whose teams are from Guadalajara, Mexico City, Tijuana, Mazatlan, Puebla, León Guanajuato, Monterrey, San Luis Potosi, Morelia, Aguascalientes, Queretaro, Torreon, and Juarez in the State of Chihuahua. It would be another unique venture into

professional sports within our fair vacation city. 🐟

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FISH...

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CC Boston Whaler, Mikaela, with 4 Big Mercs (a true Fishing Weapon!) 3rd Wahoo 28.8 pounds received a special return trip to the hotel. One dorado 25 pounds received a special return trip to the hotel.

Kit McNear, Tournament Director, was delighted with the number of teams participating and said that it was within the 40/50 team average of teams participating annually. He added that the Hotel Palmas De Cortez was nearly full and that for the first time, the participants were treated to a Free Beer Tasting by the new MOSCHCAT brand, which produced the Palmas de Cortez 50th Anniversary Commemorative beers, an Ultra Lager and a Vienna Lager. The two are available at the Palmas and Playa del Sol hotels' pool bars. They're delicious! 🐟

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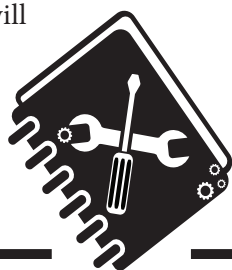


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were issued, producing \$1.5 million USD in revenue for the city's coffers. In the past two months (June and July), nearly 1,000 construction permits have been issued. We need more water, hellooo!

Changes to Fourlane Around the Corner. Literally. Los Cabos Mayor Oscar Leggs announced that several "U" turns will soon be opened along the highway between Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo. This will allow drivers to return to either town



in case of an accident blocking traffic. By the way, the city's campaign to reduce speeding along the four-lane is paying off. Accidents have been reduced by 50 percent so far.

Southern Baja Governor Not in Favor of UBER. Victor Castro, our state governor, stated that the revision of the state's transportation law is not contemplating UBER or any similar App, adding that "we don't want them out of the law,

but we will not let them displace us." Us? That clearly means he is a taxi owner. This triggered a comment from the President of the influential Los Cabos Coordinating Council (CCC) Julio Castillo, who said, "We ask the state government to evaluate its decisions very carefully." Tug-o-War around the corner?

Are Mexican Tacos Endangered? No, but their price is increasing fast. The Mexican government has not been able

to stop inflation, which is up by nearly 8 percent. In despite of President AMLO vowing that the prices of basic staples are controlled, they are not. The cost of one kilo of corn tortillas (about 2 lb.) has increased from 14 pesos to 25 in the past 3 years, and it seems that they will be 28 pesos a kilo this month. Tortillas are possibly the most consumed staple in Mexico.

Thousands of Antennas to Provide Free WiFi. Mexico's

President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador announced that 2,500 antennas will be installed throughout the country, especially in rural areas, to provide free WiFi. They will be installed by CFE workers and the job should be finished by mid-2023.

Young Pilot Lands in Cabo. Sixteen-year-old Mack Rutherford landed at the International Airport in San Jose del Cabo yesterday, adding one more
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Cooking Like a Mexican

BY ALEJANDRA BORBOLLA



Following traditional Mexican food galore for the upcoming Mexican festivities, I would usually write about antojitos and pozole, but in this edition, we will touch base with Pozolillo. I am not sure how many of my readers speak, or try to speak Spanish and how familiar you would be with how we refer to small things, and I am not aware of any other language that uses diminutives quite like we do. After all, Spanish is one of the most beautiful languages, right? In Mexico, we use -ito, -ita, -illo, -illa; for example, with the word chiquito, meaning small, adding a diminutive not only makes it smaller but also cuter in some sort; Pozolillo, a surprising diminutive for Pozole. But it does not refer to its size or appearance.

It is a dish created by the

Purépechan people, from the north-central region of the country, but back in the day were the last group to hold against the Mexica empire. They were feisty people, feared



by all the smaller indigenous groups. To this day, they are still one of the largest indigenous groups still thriving in

modernity thanks to their resilience and geographic advantages. Inside modern-day Mexico can still be found Mexicans of Purépechan descent, whose

culture is distinctive from other groups inside Mexico. Populated mainly in the state of Michoacán, their native homeland, the Purépechan tribe has a religion and history that is different from their more well-known Aztec enemies. Among the people of Mexico, the Purépechan and their magnificent artwork contribute greatly to the spirit of the country and the fabric of what makes Mexico what it is.

The Purépechan also had a diversified economy and society where government advisors, warriors, and craftsmen whose jewelry of silver and gold

also enhanced their trade skills all pushed the tribe to a place of importance among their counterparts. But, regardless of their immense power and skills, the Purépechan would face the same unfortunate fate as their Aztec neighbors with the coming of the Spanish. Although the Aztecs faced immediate exploitation at the hands of the Spanish starting around 1518, the Purépechan weren't under Spanish subjugation until 1530. The Aztecs sent several calls for help to the Purépechan that were ignored and relied on their fishing

industry to survive while their neighbors to the North suffered from disease and enslavement.

The Purépechan also had a very close relationship with death, and Pátzcuaro is where the biggest day of the dead celebrations are held to this day, but it is an ancient tradition, as old as its people.

The Purépechan had an emperor, Tariácuri (priest of the wind) who lost his father as a small boy and was raised by three elder priests, who educated him from a very tender age to be at the service of the god of fire. He lived for approximately ninety years, which is quite a long time considering the longevity standard back in that time. Most of the ingredients in Pozolillo are sourced in Michoacán, it was Tariácuri's favorite dish. He started wars from a very young age and had his first-born son murdered because he was a drunk and did not deserve to inherit his kingdom. Talk about tough parenting! Making his nephew his heir.

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THE REAL ESTATE SECTION

Beyond Fractional Ownership in Los Cabos

BY NICK FONG

Fractional ownership is not new. What is new is the arrival to Los Cabos of a platform with a new way to own a luxury home in this beautiful destination, the favorite among

Americans, Canadians, and Mexicans.

The company is Pacaso, whose strategy opens the door for high-end luxury second home ownership in a more

affordable way in popular high demand locations in the United States, Spain, Great Britain, and now Mexico. In many cases, prices are well under a million dollars. Too good to be true?

Keep reading.

The Pacaso platform, with two years in the market, has taken the fractional market by storm as a highly successful and affordable way for clients to purchase 1/8 to 1/2 fractions

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Do I think that in the future more companies will be dedicated to this kind of sales? We have already seen it and this trend is growing rapidly. Already there are 3 or 4 other companies following Pacaso's lead and it will be something that continues to grow in popularity and value in locations like Los Cabos where there's a continually increasing high demand for upscale properties.

So yes, I do believe this is a permanent trend here in Los Cabos and the southern Baja where enormous growth is forecast in the coming years. A lot of people want to travel to the same place year after year, especially in dynamic destinations like Los Cabos, and want to stay in a place that not

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only feels like home but also with a consistent, repeatable luxury experience that's not a hotel, timeshare, or an Airbnb. Fractional properties offered and managed on the Pacaso platform not only make luxury home ownership affordable but also offer the high-quality lifestyle experience of owning a home in Los Cabos that is going to be here every single time you come.

For more details about this topic please contact me at info@ronival.com or send me a message on Instagram @nickfong_ronival or Facebook/ Ronival Real Estate. 🦋

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hobby that just relaxes you, Cabo Land is ready. **Have An Open Mind And Respect Your New Home** Developing and keeping a reliable network of friends and acquaintances is an essential component of living abroad. People who have been living here for a long time tend to be generally familiar with some of the special quirks that are part of the charm of residing in a foreign country. This rare perspective, honed by years of experience of some veteran expats, can be vast. Information shared about the best places to catch a wave at local surf breaks, which grocery store has the freshest lemons, and especially

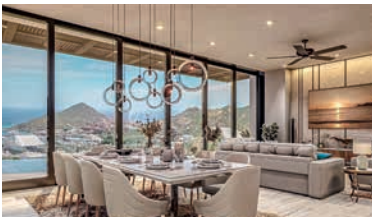
this helpful suggestion - tap water is never to be confused with drinking water - is useful knowledge. It is also important to remember that you are a guest here in your new home. There are a number of service opportunities in Los Cabos and other ways to give back or donate your time to the community. Casa Hogar is one of the many charitable organizations that look after the area's most vulnerable residents and the Los Cabos Humane Society focuses on dogs and cats that are in need of homes. Great care is also taken to ensure that the peninsula's animal residents also have the access they need in this rich landscape. During the months of June to December, sea turtles lay their eggs in preserved areas of certain beaches in the region. Willing volunteers make sure that these particular sections aren't overrun by people in order to maintain some privacy. If witnessing nature in action is of interest, seasonal migration for humpback and gray whales tends to be at its busiest from December to April, considered to be the high season. A good expat means being a part of the community, and it is pretty easy to do that here in Los Cabos. **Enjoy Yourself And Keep In Touch With Friends And Loved Ones** Naturally, there will be times when certain comforts from your old home will be missed. For us, organic half-and-half is a must with our coffee. It is hard to find in the local grocery stores, but fortunately, there is a market

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DIVING IN BAJA...

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Learning to dive in cold water is cumbersome, with dry suits and extra weight and shore diving in the chilly green 44F (6 C) water of the Pacific Northwest. I started diving with a pack of divers that cared about "trim" and "buoyancy" and all the rules of an excellent diver. We learned so much in the classes we took, we were challenged to get better.

When I looked on in awe of the divers that had 100 if not 1000s of dives under their belt, many of them assured me it takes at least 50 dives to "really" become a diver. This means that I was not constantly watching my air or my buoyancy. One day it just happened, and I was diving and enjoying the experience. I can feel the pressure in my body and ears and started guessing what depth I was at. Of course, always being aware and checking the gauges. Don't be too hard on yourself because every dive gets better.

Diving saved my life in more ways than one. I found a new family. Divers I know are unique. They differ from the landlubbers. They are helpful and passionate about the state of our oceans. Maybe even a little rebel. They are all quirky.

Today I am blessed to live in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico,

where the conditions are not so tough. Warm blue waters depending on the year (68F (20 C) to 85F (29C)), boat dives and service to where I can't remember the last time, I put together my dive gear. I am spoiled. With Cabo Pulmo only a 2-hour drive away, local diving is a 5-minute boat ride, and the surface interval is as exciting as the dive with whales jumping, Mobula Rays jumping slapping like popcorn on the surface, sea lions playing and sunning themselves on the surface. It doesn't get better than this.

There is something different throughout the year. One year, the divers flooded to a little rock about a mile from Espiritu Santos Island by La Paz, BCS. Giant manta Rays—they were spectacular and not shy at all. It's the first sighting of these beauties for several years. No one knows why they are back.

One New Year's Eve I went diving and I could hear and feel the vibrations of the whales singing. It was beautiful. Every dive we know where to find the local White tip sharks that are living in a cave by Lands' End, a popular dive spot. I can't forget about my favorite sighting of an octopus, sometimes even out in the open. The little guys don't compare with the Giant Pacific Octopus, but are still smart and fun to watch all the same. Guitar Rays, rockfish,

and most recently snorkeling with Orcas!!

Diving is a relief from the workweek. As soon as I descend, my head clears and all the problems of the topside disappear. Mother Nature has me in her womb. Feeling instant peace by meditating by listening to the sounds of the ocean, and my breathing—I have joked that I could fall asleep. I am so relaxed. I slow my body down to where my air consumption is minimum (something else we used to work on when we were diving in PNW). The diving crew always jokes with me. I must not breathe, and I must be a mermaid.

Diving is my therapy of life.

If you are interested in seeing some of the underwater wonders we have in Cabo, sign up for a Discover Scuba course. A certified instructor takes you to a depth of 25- 40 ft or 12 meters after they show you some basic diving skills. It gives you an idea if you would like to pursue a certification. They will make sure you are safe and having fun. One shop I will recommend is www.caboprivateguide.com Laura will take care of you and tell her Roxanne sent you. Jacques Cousteau said it best, "From birth, man carries the weight of gravity on his shoulders. He is bolted to earth. But man has only to sink beneath the surface and he is free."

- Roxanne Ziegler is a Canadian living and thriving in Cabo San Lucas for 11 years now. She has a blog called www.allmybagsarecarryon.com

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BY R. LEE SCHULTZ

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stop during his flight around the world. He left Bulgaria on March 23 with the goal to break the Guinness World record of the youngest pilot flying solo around the world and has so far visited 23 countries on his Shark aircraft. The previous record is held by Travis Ludlow who won it last year in 2021 at age 18. You can follow Mack's adventure on Instagram @Macksolo2022 or at www.macksolo.com

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any year. The highest hotel occupancy was for Mulege, with over 80% of its hotel rooms occupied, followed by La Paz with 78%, Los Cabos with 71% and Loreto with 80%. Of course, Mulege beat us, they have very few hotel rooms haha. 🍀

COOKING LIKE A MEXICAN...

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Tariácuri had three wives, and many women in his house who cooked for him amazing feasts, as it was customary

for emperors in prehispanic times. The origins of Mexican cuisine can be traced back to our prehispanic civilizations, who firmly believed that the richness of food can enrich the spirit and body of a person through various sensory perceptions like taste, smell, and touch. Tariácuri's wives, who he called mothers -probably because of how they took care of him- would go to great lengths to make him happy.

Pozolillo's main ingredient is corn, and what makes it different from pozole is the type of corn. Corn, the staple diet of Mexicans, forms a part of the majority of our meals in some manner. Meat products were always consumed with great vigor, and formed an integral part of Mexican food culture. Cacahuazintle is the name of an old heirloom variety of white dent maize (corn) originating in Mexico. It has a large ear with grains that are more white, round, and tender than the typical field corn grain.

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Mexican Wines Raze at World Contest

BY DAVID FLORES

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where it is regularly stocked. The minor increase in cost is worth the price. Paying a little extra for something that you like is part of the expat life, whether it is a certain brand of cookie from home or even a small pint of luxury milk. These little things are reminders of where you are from and still play a meaningful part when transitioning to your new home. Regular communication with your friends and loved ones is also vital. In the old days, living internationally sometimes meant expensive long-distance calls and letters that may or may not be received. Now there are plenty of options to be able to keep in touch with your nearest and

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get that to be an expat means that you are on a continuous journey. If you have chosen to be down here permanently though, there is probably some measure of resilience in you. Fortunately Los Cabos, and this singular and enchanting state of Baja California Sur, your new home, will have many more treasures to be revealed.



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Car Care in Cabo Part 3

BY STUART GREGOR

In the last article, we looked at our tires. I hope the information was helpful. This time we're going to look at the exterior of our cars. Again, like the situation with tires, the environment can greatly affect the beauty and longevity of your car's exterior. Sun, dust, and ocean air, to name a few, can dramatically affect your car's appearance if you don't take care of it. Fortunately, science to the rescue! There are a number of great products on the market, and combined with a little elbow grease, you

can keep your car looking great for many years, even in the hot, dusty and salty climate of Los Cabos!

How many of you remember that first car? I think we all do. Whether it was new or used, we were so excited! (My first car was a 1962 Mini Cooper that my Dad bought me for \$150.00 in Australia.) It was a time when looks were everything! We loved on it, cared for it, babied it ... for the first few months or so, and then we start to get a little lazy. We let it get dirty, and dusty, and find

someone has written in the dirt on the window, "Wash me!" A little guilt there! Well, in the Los Cabos environment, we want to make sure we stay on top of it to preserve the finish and prevent damage.

So, what damages your car's finish? The first is UV radiation. UV radiation is a form of electromagnetic radiation that is invisible to the eye, but very damaging to your paint. If you love the sun and living in Los Cabos we all do, the UV radiation affects your skin. Well, in the same way, it affects your car's paint. After a while, the sun's rays leave your car's paint dull and discolored. Other things that damage your car's exterior are bird droppings which should be removed ASAP, as the acid in the droppings can damage your paint! Salt air is another big one. Salt is corrosive and can get down into the seams and crevices of your car, and rust sets in. If you've spent any time in a beach town, you will notice cars, not that old, with rust spots and stains in the paint. We have an abundance of ocean air in Cabo. Great for your body but not so great for your car's body!

Fortunately, there are things you can do to preserve your car's exterior. In our



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family, we wash our cars at least once a week. We have discovered that you can get your car washed in the parking lots of many of the large grocery stores in Cabo and San Jose. The current going rate is 70 pesos (roughly \$3 US), and the car is washed while you shop! Plus, we throw in a healthy tip! The guys are very meticulous and do a great job. There are also many professional car washes in Cabo that do a fantastic job. Once a month I apply a good wax, or even better, we now have amazing sealers that do a terrific job. Turtle Wax makes a nice hard shell wax; it's easy on and easy off and comes with an applicator, as most of the good waxes do. But, there are products now that are even better. Today we have nanotechnology in car waxes and sealers. Amazing stuff! I'm currently using Torque Mirror Shine, but there are many others – Shine Armor, Tech Shine, Meguiar's Mirror Glaze and Jet Seal to name a

few. These provide outstanding protection in challenging environments like Los Cabos and have UV protection. One application can last up to six months with just regular washings. Many can be purchased at local auto parts stores. I've even seen them at Wal-Mart. On the other hand, waxes last about four to five weeks.

What about the window rubber and various plastic and rubber accents on your car? Any preservative like 303, Armor All and Meguiar's Back to Black are outstanding products (and there are many), contain UV protection and should be applied with every wax job. Again, these can be purchased at most auto parts stores and on Amazon. OK. That's it for this one so be sure to take care of those exteriors! Your car's paint will last longer and look good for years to come. After all, when it comes to your car, looks are everything! Next time, we'll look at your car's interior. So, until next time, drive on and be safe! 🐾

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Fish Report

BY GARY GRAHAM
THAT BAJA GUY



Cabo's New Best Kept Secret

Perched above downtown Cabo is San Lucero, the newest Pool Concept Restaurant and Wine Bar adjacent to the Cabo Vista Hotel. It has been open for just a few weeks and its already a local's favorite.

San Lucero's has a warm and inviting atmosphere featuring a Cheers-type Bar where everyone knows your name, big screen TV's featuring worldwide entertainment, relaxing music, and outdoor seating around a Tuscan inspired pool with waterfalls overlooking the Cabo lights. There is an abundance of off-street parking and valet service from 8:00 am to 10:00pm every day.



The soft opening featured some of the Executive Chef's delicious creations, which included a perfectly prepared Filet Mignon with Organic Veggies topped off with a Demiglace sauce paired with a Grand Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon.

All of the ingredients used are of the highest quality and sourced from local farmers and fisherman. All of the Daily Breads, Sourdough Rolls, Pizzadough, Pasta and Gelato are made in house with machines, that they have imported from Italy, for an authentic taste and texture. Even the Italian Espresso is made with imported coffee beans which are ground daily and can be served alongside of their signature Imported Tropical Passion Fruit Ice Tea.

The traditional Menu features European and Latin Favorites, including, Rib Eye Steak, Seabass Meniere, and their famous Fettucine San Lucero with Spicy Meat Sauce, Tuna Carpaccio with Capers and EVOO, and a variety of other outstanding entrée and dessert selections deserving of a Michelin Rating. The Executive Chef and Pasty Chefs both have 16+ years of gourmet experience.

The delicious breakfast includes many signature dishes including the Rich Oven Prepared Sourdough French Toast topped with a beautiful display of edible flowers and fruit, Cinnamon and Pecan Rolls accompanied by a fresh cup of Joe. For Lunch, Sourdough Croque Monsieur is a mouth-watering delight.

San Lucero has a very welcoming and hospitable waiters who speak English, and are helpful and quite knowledgeable when it comes to pairing your favorite wine or even some bubbles, to your beautiful decorated entrée. There are 23 different wine labels to choose from.

Perhaps San Lucero Restaurant and Wine Bar will become your new favorite afternoon happy hour with drink specials and scrumptious appetizers. Everything on the menu was reasonably priced and 10% off for locals with ID. San Lucero is open from 7:30am. – 11:00am for Breakfast, 11:30 – 3:00pm. for Lunch, 4:00 – 6:00pm for Happy hour and 6:00pm to 11:00pm. for Dinner daily.

San Lucero is conveniently located at the corner of Cabo San Lucas Boulevard and 20 de Noviembre. Reservations may be made at 624-192-6776. Please visit SanLucero.com for more information, or their Facebook page "San Lucero Restaurant and Wine Bar" for menus and specials. For a fun night out, join them for their exclusive Wine Wednesdays with featured food pairings. This starts each Wednesday at 5:00pm. Call for reservations as this event fills quickly.

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Cabo weather has been surprisingly calm for August with light winds, moderate seas with sea temperatures from 82 to 85 degrees, and coolish air temperatures in the mid-70s.

A 50-pound dorado was re-

cently landed, along with yellowfin tuna and striped marlin released; this was the story aboard the 31' Rebecca with angler Joe Starkey and friends from Texas! A big shoutout to Captain JR, who has been with Pisces Fleet for nearly 25 years.

The crew on Pisces 35' Knot Workin' found a few good-sized yellowfin and another striped marlin. Other catches for the fleet included sailfish and striped marlin releases, bull dorado, plus 45 yellowfin.

Even the half-day boats found plenty of action not far from the Los Cabos Harbor. Captain JR and Mate Cesar on Pisces 31' Rebecca worked hard to target tuna in three

Fish Killer Of The Week



Darrell Manginelli from Camarillo, Calif., has been fishing with Tailhunter Sportfishing in La Paz for almost 20 years, sometimes twice a year. This is his second trip this year, and he spent four days having fun with the dorado schools around Cerralvo Island. He shows off his dorado, taken on a dead ballyhoo while on the beach at Bahia Muertos... **Jonathan Roldan, Tailhunter International**

hours of fishing time, and they managed to land a 100-pound yellowfin, along with six more, before skedaddling back to the dock before noon.

Puerto Los Cabos

We are enjoying a quiet period with no tropical storms threatening. But, of course, the next four weeks are historically the time frame with the highest percentage of hurricanes impacting the area. So, we all have our fingers crossed and are following the forecasts closely.

Although there has been quite a bit of cloud cover recently with cooling afternoon breezes, the crowds of anglers have been light. As a result, it is the perfect time to visit, with the main fishing highlight being the quality-sized yellowfin

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Social Club Gets Lesson In Style

BY MONICA ANDERSON

The Los Cabos Tomatoes social group experienced not only "La Dolce Vita" but also "La Dulce Fria" at InVita Bistro Italian Cuisine & Wine Bar for the month's event on Thursday, July 21. Temperatures may have reached into the nineties but felt more like the triple digits for another humid July afternoon. The event was well-timed as the new and air-conditioned private dining room provided a cool respite for the twenty-three members in attendance.

InVita Bistro, across from Amelia Wilkes Plaza on Calle Miguel Hidalgo in Cabo San Lucas is a well-known staple for authentic Italian food and other Neapolitan fare in the downtown community. Antonello Lauri, Chef/Owner was absent on this day but was

instrumental in coordinating the luncheon with the following menu. The appetizer consisted of grilled Portobello mushrooms with gorgonzola cheese and a Mediterranean salad of mixed greens, cherry tomatoes, goat cheese, pears, and caramelized pecans with a honey and mustard dressing. The main entree was a choice of either fish in a white wine sauce with mashed potatoes and vegetables, chicken parmigiana with pasta or veal saltimbocca, also with vegetables and mashed potatoes. Dessert was their special tiramisu served on a plate artistically decorated with the map of Italy outlined in sugar. Phone 624-157-3692 for reservations.

Julie Anderson, Venue Director, welcomed everyone. She introduced the Network

Speaker for this day, longtime member, Pepita Nelson, who originally hails from Newport Beach, California. Her one-of-a-kind boutique, Pepita's Magic of the Moon located around the corner from the restaurant on Francisco Madero in the middle of the block, has been a Cabo mainstay for fashionistas since 1991. What started as a lingerie store, Pepita and her team design and manufacture most of the clothes they sell in the shop as well as take special orders and also do custom alterations. If you are inclined, Pepita will provide you with an exclusive consultation to assess your body type to maximize the full potential of your style and ensure the best as well as the most flattering fit. Her intimate expertise in the fashion industry over the years and familiarity with vendors in the garment districts of East Los Angeles is indisputable. Pepita loves her work and beautifies the individual on a truly personal level. A few "Tomatoes", including the always intrepid Cathie Smith-LoCicero, were models for Pepita and gamely

stood by as she made minor adjustments to their clothes and transformed their outfits to accentuate each person's

highlights and attributes. The enthusiastic designer also distributed a printed sheet of Pepita's Fashion Tips for five different body types to flatter each one. Find her on Instagram and Facebook.

New member, Karen Herrera from Elk Grove, California was signed in by Membership Director, Marilyn Plank. As with every luncheon, many stories were shared, plenty of

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Los Cabos Film Festival Celebrates 11 Years

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

The Los Cabos International Film Festival will celebrate its 11th anniversary this November 9-13 with a return to the traditional festival it was before COVID-19 transformed the event into a digital presentation, which, let's face it, just isn't as exciting as the real deal. Although, all things considered, the film festival organizers should be applauded for keeping the dream alive during the shutdown.

The prestigious LC Film Festival was founded in 2012 by brothers Scott and Sean Cross, along with tourist developer Eduardo Sanchez-Navarro, Alfonso Pasquel, and Juan Gallardo. In 2019, Robert De Niro and his partner celebrity chef Nobuyuki "Nobu" Matsuhisa opened their Nobu hotel and restaurant, which this year, hosted the film festival's 2022 premiere of their newest event logo and event poster.

"Under the direction of founder Eduardo Sánchez Navarro, the results since 2012 have been extraordinary," said Alfonso Pasquel at the August 4 promotional media event at the picturesque Nobu Resort.

"Another reason that I am very very happy this evening is that Eduardo (Sánchez Navarro) told me that while it has been very memorable having men direct and oversee the film festival through its first 10 years, he wanted the festival to be directed by women, and has given those leadership roles to Alejandra "Ale" Pauline as Executive Director and Maru Garzón as the event's artistic and production director."

Pasquel also recognized and thanked Ricardo Lar-

rea, the Executive Director of Cinemex. "Obviously, the cinema screens and extraordinary viewing rooms with a company like Cinemex. They have always been very enthusiastic in their support for us. Without them, this would be impossible."

The event will be held at the Cultural Pavillion and the Cinemex Cinema theaters in the Puerto Paraiso Mall. The new Los Cabos Film Festival image poster was created by graphic designer and illustrator David Pineda and developed by illustrator Jorge Pineda. This year's image expresses the red-carpet welcome, in which anyone can walk into the wonderful paradise of Los Cabos, where the cinema, the sun, and the sea await.

"Everything about the film festival has always been first class and I'm excited to see whatever new films they will present this November," said Clara Godines, a local film enthusiast, photographer and Cabo San Lucas entrepreneur.



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Michael Movie Moments

BY MICHAEL YOUNG



The Lost Daughter Movie Review
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The Lost Daughter plods along at times but is always presenting a unique perspective on being a woman. Billed as a “psychological drama”, it is not a “psychological thriller” although, at times, it presents forbidding notes (a worm, for

example) and unexplained mysteries. The film is an intriguing tale of the intersecting lives of several women but focuses on one, Leda Caruso (Olivia Colman). Colman earned an Oscar nod here for how easily she inhabits the psyche of a very complicated person.

Before I go into more depth about the “psychology of women”, I should perhaps make a few disclaimers. First, and foremost, I am not a woman and, therefore, I don’t think I can ever completely understand some of the threads presented in this film. (I have, however, had one Mom, three sisters, two wives, two daughters and a daughter-in-law, and a granddaughter - so I have had plenty of interaction with women - some relationships more successful than others.) But I would also argue that being male shouldn’t disqualify someone from watching this film. Even for men, there is much to learn and appreciate.

Second, I haven’t read the book. The Oscar-nominated screenplay, by Maggie Gyllenhaal, is based on the book of the same name by Elena Ferrante. Gyllenhaal (who had a terrific, Oscar-nominated performance in *Crazy Hearts*), also directed this film, her feature-film directorial debut. She has done a remarkable job of coaxing Oscar-worthy performances from not only Colman but also Jessie Buckley.

Olivia Colman is becoming a movie legend. A British actress, she won the Oscar for her leading performance in *The Favorite* and was nominated for her supporting role in *The Father*. Her performance here is probably her best yet as she plays an extremely complicated woman with the right combination of assertiveness and uncertainty. Colman’s Leda is one of the most intriguing women I have ever encountered and the difficulty of the role is matched by her subtle infusion of body language signals and vocal inflections. Colman thoroughly inhabits this role.



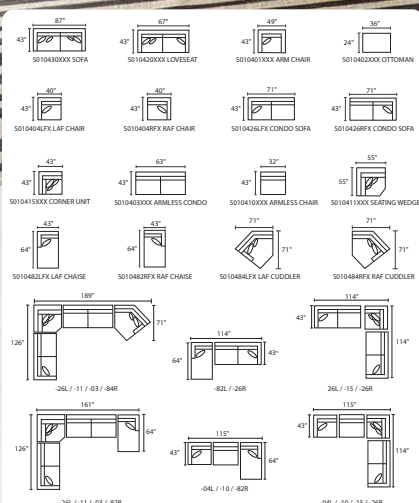
Jessie Buckley plays the younger Leda Caruso. In what might be considered flashbacks, her scenes really work better as the explanations for the older Leda’s perplexing behavior - a story within a story. The young Leda is a frazzled Mom who loves her children but is also very much involved in the intellectual work of being a graduate student in comparative literature. Trying to balance the incisive demands of motherhood and the more-immediately rewarding life of an academic, she eventually reaches a heart-breaking decision that changes her personal dynamic for the rest of her life. Buckley’s performance is outstanding and I think she should have won the Oscar for this performance. (Buckley first reached my attention as Judy Garland’s assistant in Rene Zellweger’s *Judy*, and I said then that we would be seeing more of her).

Buckley and Colman never appear together in any scene - they can’t, as the same woman at two different times in her life. But there is a curious resemblance between the two faces and Buckley’s performance foretells perfectly Colman’s impersonation. I have to believe that the two actors had lots of conversations about how to create a single persona. They even share some of the facial expressions, the turn of the mouth, and the wrinkle of an eye. Although Buckley was Oscar-nominated in the supporting role, her performance

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Ask a Mexican

Spanish is only one language, but all Spanish-speaking countries have regional varieties that make slang, slurs and idioms unique. Through Mexico, some words carry heavier significance than others, and some others may be the same but have different meanings depending on the tone, gestures and context.

What are some words commonly used in Mexico to express fondness that could easily come across as insults if used wrong, and how would you explain to a gringo the difference?



Illustration by danjazzia

Diego Bautista, 31, cook. In my family we all have very dark skin, so we call each other “negro” which is perfectly fine among all of us, the problem comes when you use a bad word before it with an aggressive tone, but when you use a joking tone it’s funny. “Prieto”, however, is very offensive, because it is commonly used to look down on people like us. I think foreigners should just steer clear of these words, just to always be safe, unless a Mexican gives you permission to call them a specific nickname.

Daniela Suarez, 27, dentist. My family likes appearance-related nicknames, but not everyone can call us that. “China/o” for those with curly hair, “Güera/o” the blondes, “Pecas” for the ones with freckles, “Chimuela/o” when kids lose their teeth, and “Gorda/o” for the chubby ones. That last one is used strictly by my grandma and only in a diminutive way, with love; “gordita” or “gordito”. And most of the nicknames are used from

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an elder to a younger family member, out of respect. But if one of my fewer favorite uncles tries to call me a nickname I don’t feel comfortable. I would say, if a foreigner wants to use a word like that, to make sure they are honestly being friendly and using a nice tone, but there has to be some sort of relationship beforehand, you can’t come up to some random person and try to give them a nickname.

Carmen Plascencia, 58, seamstress. I think foreigners don’t really have nicknames like we do, because most words are now considered offensive

by everyone and they are a little stricter and colder regarding those matters than we are. In the south of Mexico, many people call each other negro, as if they were saying “man” and no one bats an eye. In central Mexico, people are referred to as “Güero” or “Güera” regardless of the color of their skin, and in the north, everyone calls each other primo. I wouldn’t think a foreigner would even try to use nicknames here, it’s not in their nature.

Pablo Navarro, 34, manager. One of my favorite things in Mexico is how important tone is when speaking and how much it influences the meaning of words and sentences. One of my favorite examples is “wey” which can be super offensive or a way to say “buddy”, and I have a lot of foreign friends who constantly try to use it, and sound incredibly funny, and kind of cute. The right and basic way of using it is to try to say buddy but when

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Tales From The Hood

BY EL MONDO DE CABO

As the world seems to be spinning out of control, my love for Los Cabos has grown proportionately. I am a news junkie and always have been since I was a kid. Walter Cronkite was like a wise old kindly member of my family

and I am sure that if he were alive today he would guide us through this maze of evil tyrants, plague, fake news, global warming, and the incredible suffering of billions of our fellow human beings.

We truly are blessed to be living here. I have lived in or visited over 50 countries, so I have an idea of what is out there. The Mexican people are, to my mind, some of the most tolerant in the world. They are family people who care about each other and great parents for the most part. Look around. You do not see very many homeless people. You have to go to Beverly Hills for that.

In the 17 years I have been here, I have never been sick until a few months ago. When you get into your 70s your body doesn't have the resilience it used to have. A month ago, I thought I was going to die until an amazing doctor arrived in my life.

Jose Miguel Cortes, better known to all as Doctor Mike, came to my rescue via my fabulous landlord, the Great Gabriel. He is about 40 but looks much younger and speaks flawless English. His credentials are impeccable and we are lucky to have him. He was at my home in less than an hour completely equipped with the tools of his trade. Not only did he cure me, but he also rearranged my lifestyle so that I slept better, worked easier, and gave me back my peace of mind. He did all this for \$75. He also does:

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Some Personal Ruminations

BY EL MONDO DE CABO

The miraculous, successful launch of NASA's newest telescope is a milestone that has recently restored my faith in my fellow man. Now get this. We built a telescope that was just launched one million miles into space, stopped it, then told it to unfold its giant mirrors and sunscreens. It is now sending us pictures back from the beginning of time.

NASA says the James Webb Space Telescope has completed a critical milestone: the preeminent observatory flying through deep space is now fully in focus with receipts to prove it. NASA released a grouping of photos this week that demonstrates Webb is able to take razor-sharp pictures of the universe even beyond NASA's engineers' wildest expectations. I urge everyone to celebrate this incredible historic accomplishment for mankind. I would like to see some pictures of intelligent life forms from other galaxies and invite them for a drink at Solomon's Landing. Now all we need is an Uber that can go ten billion miles an hour.

The other thing that the pandemic has done to improve life here is that you can literally get anything delivered. I am addicted to the new Fresko next to Home Depot. Even though I am registered there, and they will deliver anything directly to me at my front door by a person with a mask on and plastic gloves, I still prefer to go there as it is so nice. Also, for three bucks they wash my car inside and out and then gently put my groceries in the trunk. They have a food concierge, mixologist, a fabulous coffee shop, talented baristas, fresh flowers, and a fresh fruit and juice department. You

can get organic basil or just fresh basil, and the bakery is sumptuous. Try the French baguettes with one of a dozen sumptuous goat cheeses, a splash of Spanish olive oil, and French Balsamic vinegar. If you want you can shoot the lock off with some aged Parma ham and if it's Sunday, you have my permission to have a Bloody Mary, made with organic tomato juice and Polish vodka, before 3 PM. I love the way the Mexicans are taking masking to heart. Walking down the street alone or standing at a bus stop, they stay masked. God Bless them one and all.

We are in one of the safest places on earth now surrounded by a wonderful community. We even have some nice rich people! We are getting the best of global warming too, as it rains here now leaving the place looking like Tahiti. Cabo is the place to ride out the new strains coming down the pandemic road but, please, still be careful and stay up with your vaccinations. My guess is we have a few years to go. By then it will be something else terrifying us but not so much here in paradise. 🐦



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Indulge!

BY WILLA ROBERSON-MITCHELL

The bathroom is one of the most utilized places in a home. It's a space that's often designed in a purely "basic" matter that caters to "basic" needs. Bathrooms can be designed to fulfill more than

desire your space to feel, and how you desire to feel in your space. Create a sanctuary that inspires more than an after-thought. You will appreciate having a space that resonates a sense of mindfulness; one



the main function. Why not make the bath a relaxing therapeutic space in your home - a sanctuary where one can retreat to revitalize and renew the spirit, mind and body? Here's a quick splash of inspiration for creating a spa retreat where you'll never want to leave home.

Reflect Your Inner Vision

What is your vision for this space? Choose a design scheme that reflects how you

that manifests your personal needs and inner vision.

Revitalize with Color

If you're decorating from a blank canvas, envision colors that symbolize you. Colors can be therapeutic, those you love, or inspired by nature. Hues within the green spectrum symbolize nature's healing and vitality. Coastal blues evoke a sense of inner peace and tranquility. Rose and lavender exude calmness

and serenity, yellow resonates a feeling of enlightenment, while misty gray relaxes and cools the ambience. You will find color inspiration through exploring what's trending and practical in bath ideas.

When designing around an existing decor, it's important to ensure that the colors you introduce are complementary to furnishings and fixtures you plan to display. Fresh ideas can evolve from colors featured in your bathroom vanity, flooring or wall treatment. Once you've decided on the predominant color, accent colors can be integrated into the overall scheme.

Rejuvenate with Ambience

Ideas for creating your ambience may flow from the tranquility of a tabletop waterfall, soothing watercolor art, a meditation Zen Garden or a unique collection of seashell and stones. Aromatherapy can be appointed to ignite the senses with the radiance of candles, essential oils, diffusers and potpourri. Sumptuous towels, cocooning robes, soft comfy slippers, natural soaps, loofah brushes, sea salts, aloe and other spa essentials can be displayed for daily ritual in hand-woven baskets, earthen clay pottery

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or open shelving. If you benefit from a moderate to large size bath, consider creating a relaxation corner with comfortable floor cushions or yoga mats and plants for those inner moments.

Refresh with Nature

Creating oneness with nature will bring the outdoors in. Lush foliage not only adds natural beauty and character to a space, but also purifies the environment with oxygen renewal for health and wellness. Nature's textural aesthetics and myriad of shapes will counter balance the linearity and hard surface appearance of bath fixtures, while adding a fresh touch of vitality to your bath spa design.

Renew Your Inner Moments

Capture your vision. Renew your mind. Relax and revitalize your body. A personal spa retreat will become a place in your home where you contemplate and experience those special inner moments. Now breathe ...

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The dried grains are soaked and/or cooked in water with lime or wood ash, then rinsed thoroughly to remove the outer seed coat as well as any traces of the alkali salts (from the lime or ash)—this is an ancient process called nixtamalization. When boiling the grains, they open by themselves like a flower, and a loose foam appears. This creates a fresh, wet hominy, used in pozole. The corn used in Pozolillo is regular white corn.

This is a great dish if you love pozole but are a little intimidated by the Cacahuazintle!

Ingredients:

6 pieces of White corn (only the grains)

1 pound of green tomatoes
1 chicken breast, cooked and shredded

½ pound of pork meat, cooked and shredded (depends on your preference, I use loin)

1 poblano pepper, seeded and deveined

1 bunch of cilantro

3 cloves of garlic

Meat broth (from the chicken and pork you already cooked) about 4 cups depending on desired thickness

Salt and pepper to taste

To garnish:

1 lettuce, sliced (I like iceberg for this, for its crisp)

Limes

Tostadas

Chopped onion (to preference)

Sliced radishes

Serrano peppers, sliced or chopped, if you like heat

Procedure:

In a large pot, boil chicken and pork.

In a blender, puree green tomatoes, poblano pepper, cilantro, garlic, and salt and pepper.

When cooked, remove the meat from the pot, and add the puree. You can strain it if you like.

Add the corn grains, cook until tender.

Let it boil on high for about 20 minutes, then reduce to a simmer. I like to give it a nice time, the more it simmers, the more delicious it is.

Taste for seasoning and adjust.

Serve in a deep bowl! Let everyone dress it to their liking, and enjoy! 🍴

FISH REPORT...

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tuna near the Iman Bank.

Anglers are now using caballito, ballyhoo, sardina, and slabs of squid for bait. Recently, the yellowfin tuna have begun to prefer the stripped squid over sardina. The problem is that the schooling needlefish aggressively steal the sardina as quickly as you set your drift. In addition, the ocean water temperature dropped a few degrees as on and off south winds pushed in different currents. Water was in the 82 to 86-degree range, with the warmest spots in the direction of Los Frailes.

With the cooler water, we

saw a few more wahoo being landed, striking mainly on trolled Rapalas – weights were up to 40-pounds. Still, there were no big numbers, but a couple of charters landed as many as three wahoo a morning. Not many boats were looking strictly for wahoo, as most were spending most of their time searching for the tuna.

The yellowfin tuna were mainly concentrated on the Iman Bank, with sizes from 40 to 160-pounds brought in recently. Average size fish were in the 50 to 70-pound class. The bite has been sporadic, and patience and persistence are needed. Also, using fairly heavy pressure is necessary since this was the first tuna action seen locally for quite a while, and it is the primary action going on at this time.

There are not as many dorado around, and most fish are under ten pounds. In addition, only a handful of giant bulls are seen, unlike the previous month, where significant catches of bulls to 40 or 50-plus pounds were taken.

Not much is found off the

bottom now, more triggerfish or various species of shark, though there were a few nice dogtooth snapper hooked on the same grounds as the tuna. This is the time of year when these large snapper move from near shore to offshore structures.

Not much is going on with billfish, either. Again, not many anglers have actually been targeting them. We did see a few striped marlin and sailfish. This is always the time frame when the big black and blue marlin move in on the local sea mounts. Usually, we would see the football-sized tuna showing up on these same grounds, a favorite food source for these larger pelagics. Everything seems to be running late this year, so hopefully, this month, we will see more baitfish activity attract the largest of gamefish. ...**Eric Brictson, Gordo Banks Pangas**

East Cape

The water has been in the 86 to 88-degree range, clear, and flat. Although there has been intermittent rain, the weather has been very pleas-

ant, much cooler than average for August. The highs have been in the 80s. It's incredible how quickly the East Cape greens up after our first real rains of the year.

This has been the best fishing year I can recall! Another week of excellent fishing with yellowfin tuna, dorado, billfish, rooster, and other species consistently biting this season, and they are still at it. Much better bait with lots of good-sized sardina and caballito available. The boats have been taking tuna closer inshore drift fishing with sardina. Lots of marlin and sailfish, big dorado, and giant roosters.

The tuna have been from 10 to 30-pounds, taken much closer to shore this week, and most anglers limited. The boats have been fishing off the Lighthouse, Rincon Bay, and farther south – all were within three miles of the beach drift fishing with live sardina.

Big bull dorado have been mixed with the billfish, and the tuna from 30 to 40-pounds were common. They were all

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laughs were heard and new friendships were formed or old ones rekindled. Members left a little more refreshed, fuller, and eager for the next gathering on August 18.

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MICHAEL MOVIE MOMENTS...

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mance is at least as important as Colman's.

There are men in the film and the older Leda interacts with them in often rather

strange ways. Lyle (Ed Harris) is the caretaker of the apartment Leda rents in Greece and tries to get Leda sexually interested, but she, not knowing what she wants, both encourages and then rebuffs his advances. And she has an intriguing conversation with Will, a college student, where she openly discusses her breast size, but then isn't interested in him either. Men seem drawn to Leda and then find her impenetrable in so many ways.

One technical quality that makes this movie remarkable is the emphasis on close-up photography. The camera is, literally, in the face of these actors observing carefully their conversations, the way their mouths close and open, and the darting of their eyes. We learn so much. Watch, for example, how Lyle describes

his own relationship with his children. You learn much even with little spoken.

So what makes Leda so strange? That is probably the central question in this film, and its answer is both obvious and unknowable. Early in the film, Leda makes a crucial statement to Callie, just before wishing her a Happy Birthday. Callie is well along in her pregnancy and, after some banter about birthday cake, Leda pointedly says that "Children are a crushing responsibility." The careful choice of that adjective is critical to understanding this film.

The title of the movie is

intentionally ambiguous. Try to identify exactly who is "The Lost Daughter". And maybe that is part of the point of the film. The practice of motherhood is often simply assumed to be part and parcel of being a woman. But what if it isn't any more an essential part of being female than it is for a man? Maybe being a mother isn't something "natural" for all women and maybe, and rightfully, not all women should be Mothers. And maybe that is what ultimately causes a daughter to be lost. As Leda puts it, "I am an unnatural mother."

I loved most of this film and how it helped me understand better the mindset of a certain kind of woman. (I am, at this time, having serious problems with my own 'Lost Daughter'). But this isn't a perfect film. I don't know how the book ends, but I found the ending of the movie particularly unsatisfying. It isn't that I require neat and tidy endings. But in this case, I really don't know exactly what we are supposed to think or feel. I sense that either Ferrante or Gyllenhaal got a little lazy with the end and didn't take a position on how this all worked out for Leda, or for themselves. And I don't agree that being ambiguous is an acceptable resolution.

For that reason, I can only give it 3.5 stars.

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ASK A MEXICAN...

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someone really is your buddy, not for example, a waiter or a stranger on the street.

Raquel Velazquez, 46, cashier. All of the Mexican swear words can be used to express love or hate, depending on the tone and I would not recommend a foreigner to try, unless they have been living here and speaking Spanish for a very long time. Adding a diminutive usually makes them love expressions but can also mean sarcasm, depending on the tone and context, and understanding that takes I think a very long time to master.

Cristian Tovar, 36, accountant. I think the most difficult thing to master in Mexico is slurs and I do encourage foreigners to learn, but I have seen terrible arguments because some of them have not been taught well, and that is because someone thought it was funny to let them make mistakes. I would say, tone and gestures are international so watch for those and don't do it when there's alcohol involved. 🐾

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Dine and Dance in a Ship

This one is not in the water!

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

During the Viking Age, which dates as far back as 200-450 BC, Drakkar ships were used in Scandinavia. They were slender and flexible boats used for military purposes and for long-distance trade, exploration and colonization. The Drakkar Viking ship progressed into the most powerful, advanced naval vessel in Viking Age Europe.

In Cabo San Lucas, The Drakkar Restaurant and Bar, which is located on Miguel Hidalgo Street, is easily recognizable by the wooden ship that extends from the dining and drinking establishment's second floor onto the busy and popular restaurant dining thoroughfare.

"All of our organic produce is grown locally and our menu selection includes seafood and fish from the local Sea of Cortez and the Pacific Ocean," said Drakkar manager, Ricardo Marquez. He brings his years of experience at Tanga Tanga to this newest dining and drinking establishment which has been well received since being partially open this past April.

"At Drakkar, you can order only what you want to eat, with cuts of meat, fish, carnitas and a variety of creams, soups, salads and side dishes that you can choose to accompany any and every choice," Marquez added.

"Their service is nice with a pleasant atmosphere and delicious food, affordably priced," said Elizabeth Vasquez. "I highly recommend it," said Manuel Olivares. "The carnitas ribs are so juicy, tasty and tender, they gently fall off the bone, and are super delicious. During our visit, the entire

family had a great time."

Another unique aspect of Drakkar Restaurant is their Friday night salsa dancing. At one time during the early to mid-2000s, Arremango was the premiere go-to place for salsa dancing on Friday and Saturday nights.

"I had searched the internet for places to go salsa dancing in Cabo and I couldn't find anything until I was directed to Arremango in an email by a friend who had been to Cabo before us. The staff led us through the back which opened to a beautiful open courtyard with a live salsa band. The music was great and there was plenty of room for dancing even though the place was pretty full. We had so much fun on Friday night that we went back on Saturday night. This was a great place for those who already know how to dance salsa," said Stephanie C from Newberg, Oregon a few years ago.

Since the CVD-19 pandemic began in 2019, many businesses never recovered and one of them that went tummy up was Arremango. This left salsa dancing enthusiasts with nowhere to go in Cabo San Lucas.

In San Jose del Cabo, salsa dancing is available at three different places, so having Drakkar feature salsa dancing Fridays is definitely a plus for both locals and tourists who love salsa dancing. The fact they offer delicious food at affordable prices is a bonus. Open daily from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. All you can eat is Sunday brunch during September at only \$200 pesos per person.

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taken with sardina and caballito.

Lots of stripers are mixed with sailfish and a few blacks. Best fishing off the La Ribera Bank and south to Pulmo Park. Anglers targeting them are enjoying multiple releases. Slow-trolled ballyhoo and live caballito have been taking the fish. Roosterfish, this week at Rincon Bay and Frailles Canyon, are producing the biggest fish. Although 50-pounders are common, some released are in the 70 and 80-pound class. Excellent rooster fishing! They are taking the live caballito with some on flies. ... **John Ireland, Rancho Leonero La Paz**

It was another decent week of fishing overall, except for two things that made it different. Once again, dorado were the mainstay of the bite, with fish averaging 5 to 15 pounds and conditions remaining hot and humid.

However, the week had a few bumps in terms of the weather. We did have a couple of those little baby tropical rainstorms blow through that really kicked it up. Not that we don't need some rain, but when it rains down here, it really rains. Flooding is not unusual.

Often, these storms are not on the weather radar. But, with all the heat, they sud-

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denly build into a BIG weather condition.

Usually, it's sporadic and isolated. For example, it can rain in one spot, but 200 yards away, it's dry. It can rain for 10 minutes solid or an hour solid, then the sun comes blazing out. If it happens while you're on the water, you need to either come back in and hunker down for a bit and let it pass or, if possible, drive to a spot where it's not raining.

We had one day when one of these storms raced up, and it was big enough to chase all the boats off the water. Of course, these things are to be expected this time of year. But, at least (so far), none has been a hurricane. Just a lot of wind and rain.

The other thing that happened was a noticeable downturn in the number of fishermen on the water and folks in town. This is a slowdown during the season when many families and fishermen are ending summer vacations. Kids are going back to school. Parents have family things to attend, like football and other school or athletic-related activities. So, while fishing remains good, the crowds are diminishing.

Although dorado are the central focus because they are numerous, we also hooked a few striped marlin plus rounded out catches with bonito, jack crevalle, small roosterfish, cabrilla, and snapper. ... **Jonathan Roldan, Tailhunter International**

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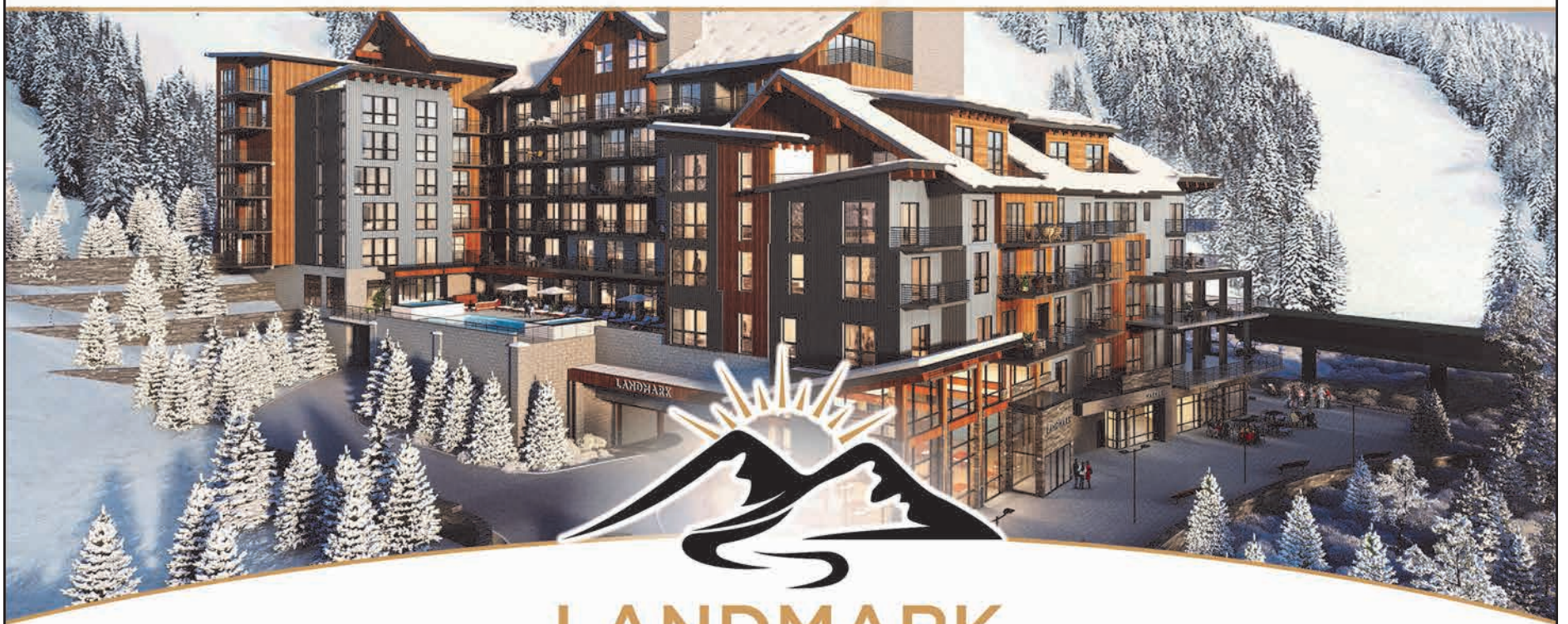
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