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Los Cabos Firefighters Fundraising Event

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

Drakkar Restaurant, located on Miguel Hidalgo Street in front of Hotel Tesoro and Marina Parkway, was host to the Bomberos de Cabo San Lucas Firefighters press conference, where they announced their inaugural Gala With a Cause.

The fundraising event will be held at the Hotel Playa Grande Terraza Brigantine on Friday, October 28 from 6 p.m to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Cabo San Lucas firefighters station house located next to or behind the only McDonald's in town. They can be purchased for \$1,200 pesos or roughly \$60 USD.

The formal-dress event is sponsored by the Solmar Fun-

dation, Forza Performance, Mobil, Isabel Rocha Moda y Diseño, Unidad Medical Integral, Ragace, Ombre, PR Solutions, IMAC,Codigo Rojo, Villa Group, Azaria and of course Drakkar Restaurant. The mayor, city council the governor, as well as the Instituto de la Cultura y las Artes de Los Cabos (The Institute of Culture and Arts) all give this event their blessing and support.

"When you help the body of the Cabo San Lucas Firefighters, you help the arms, legs, hands and fingers of that body," said Los Bomberos Comandante Juan Carbajal.

Los Cabos Bomberos send resources to every other fire

station in our area, including Los Barriles, Todos Santos, La Paz, Triunfo, and every other little town around here.

An immediate goal of Los Bomberos is purchasing a drone that will help the emergency crew of firemen and paramedics plan and execute a safe method of providing assistance during a hurricane or tropical storm disaster.

"The drone will show us
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Tourist Attention Center is Neglected

BY DAVID FLORES

Known by the acronym CATAC, the tourist attention center continues operating without air conditioning. After this rag published it on its

front page, a group of technicians rushed to the CATAC and fixed the problem ... only temporarily. Our state and city
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Que Pasa in Cabo?

BY DAVID FLORES



U.S. Passport Online Renewal is Near. Americans traveling overseas will be able to renew their passports online starting in early 2023, the U.S. Department of State announced. After three pilot programs, one with federal government employees and contractors and two with chosen members of the public, a safe way to renew passports online passed the test. No more waiting for the U.S. consular agency in Palmilla to take care of you!

Local Residential Area Loses Entire Parking Lot. And no, the culprit was not a sinkhole. City police showed up at the Misiones de Cabo

condo development and took possession of the parking lot area including the little mercado and the Misiones office building. Clearly, it is a tug-of-war between a development company, Inmobiliaria Doble Espacio and Misiones. Says Misiones' HOA: "All of the cars (Buildings 1-6 & 7) have been removed from the parking lot. Car owners that were here, removed their cars in accordance with the police's direction. The cars of owners who could not be reached were towed out of the parking lot and left along the main road to Misiones. Inmobiliaria Doble Espacio even took the Misiones security shack and placed secu-

rity guards at the parking lot completely restricting access

Eggs Are Protected. The city's ecology department reports that so far this year, 9,000 baby sea turtles have been released to sea, and that there are 33,899 eggs in protected nests along the Los Cabos beaches. This is only the beginning of the season, and the department expects the number of eggs to grow to over 100,000. Do not

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Pickleball Tournament Announced. The Tres Palapas resort in Los Barriles, East Cape, will be holding its annual Kickoff tournament from Monday, November 12 through Sunday, November 20 and registration is already open, closing on November 9. Registration is only \$35 and payment can be done online via PayPal. For more information: info@trespalapasbaja.com, +52 (624) 142-8189 or via their website, www.trespalapasbaja.com

Cabo's Cultural Pavilion Gets Funding. Finally, the city

government has legalized the funding to maintain the ugly Cultural Pavilion in Cabo San Lucas. It was badly damaged by hurricane Odile in 2014 and some of the electronic equipment got damaged. What was a plan years ago, is now a reality. The total revenue created by the Pavilion's adjacent

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Songwriters in Paradise Event is Coming

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

The Singers in Paradise (SIP) phenomenon will make its four-day live music event debut in Cabo San Lucas between November 30 and December 5 at La Bahia Resort Hotel. Their first concert was in The Bahamas, in Hope Town, on the Abaco Islands 10 years ago. It was not going to be for a big crowd and SIP founder, Patrick Davis, offered to do something more unique.

"I said in lieu of me coming and doing a show by myself, how about I bring some of my

songwriting buddies?" he said.

Davis brought six of his friends down for three nights and they performed Bluebird style, talking about their songs and how they wrote them, and then performed them for the intimate small-sized audience.

The SIP Cabo 2022 lineup includes award-winning artist Tim Nichols who helped pen smash hits like Tim McGraw's "Live Like You Were Dying," Jo Dee Messina's "Heads Carolina, Tails California" and numerous hits for such artists

as Faith Hill, Jason Aldean, Brad Paisley and Lee Ann Womack. Also on the lineup is Academy of Country Music 2022 Guitar Player of the Year nominee, Jedd Hughes, who has written songs for Vince Gill, Patty Loveless, and Emmylou Harris. Songwriter guitarist, David Ryan Harris, whose song credits include hits that he provided for John Mayer, Dave Matthews, and Santana will also attend.

Other talented musicians include Mark Bryan (Hootie & the Blowfish), Lauren Jenkins, and Nashville-based songwriter Kylie Sackley (Faith Hill, Sam Hunt, Hunter Hayes). Levi Lowrey, a songwriting multi-instrumentalist who has been impressing crowds with his talents for over 20 years, will also make an appearance.

And finally, founder Patrick Davis said he is thrilled to have Chris Stills perform at his first ever SIP event. Stills comes from a musical family that includes both a 1960's rock n' roll mother and father Stephen Stills and French singer-songwriter, and record producer, Véronique Sanson.

Davis was born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and grew up in Camden, South Carolina. Both his parents were schoolteachers and on weekends his father played with different bands around town. Rusty Davis was famous in the three surrounding counties as "the guitar player."

So, Davis grew up around music. However, he didn't start playing guitar until he was around 15 or 16. Since then, Davis has written for Guy

Clark, Jimmy Buffett, Jewel, Robert Randolph, and Darius Rucker, lead singer of Hootie and The Blowfish.

Growing up, there was "music everywhere" whether it was his grandmother on the piano, or his father, or in church, but what really spoke to Davis were the songwriters from that era that included Don Mclean, Jim Croce, and James Taylor.

In high school, Davis began playing seriously when he discovered that strumming a guitar and singing songs could attract girls' attention. As his father was always playing in bands, on occasion Davis would join him, playing popular songs of the day like Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl".

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Young Local Resident Catches 20 LB Fish

BY DAVID FLORES

Six-year old Murray Leon Hunt caught this Pompano Afriano off the Pacific Coast at Punta Arena in 120 ft of water. He was born in Cabo San Lucas and lives in Playa Los Cerritos full time with his family. Frank, his father, was so proud that he wanted to share his photo with the world. Frank and Murray were fishing on their panga, La Joya. 🐟



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where roads are flooded, washed out and what and where to avoid in our rush to get to where help is most needed," added Carbajal. Other items needed include jackets, masks, extinguishers, and first aid items.

Damage from our most recent tropical storm has ravaged the City of Santa Rosalia and they are in dire need of the following items: canned or packaged non-perishable food, bottled water, personal hygiene stuff, baby needs (milk, diapers, wet wipes, etc.), new clothes, and blankets. Our volunteer firemen are always ready and greatly prepared to save lives and aid our community and citizens whenever disaster strikes.

And when you are driving along the corridor and see a car accident, you'll always see the firemen there in their big red trucks, providing care and assistance to everyone involved.

And we've made the distinction before that while across the border in the USA and Canada, firemen are pulling down attractive salaries, our firefighters are all volunteers. That's why their fundraising events are so critical to their sustainability

and round-the-clock availability in case of emergency.

In France, for two nights every July, fire stations across the city open their doors and welcome the public to join all-night, champagne-fuelled parties known as "bals des pompiers," The Firemen's Ball. It is a longstanding tradition that has

become a key part of the country's Bastille Day celebrations.

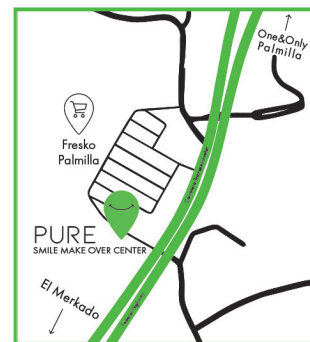
And so, while this gala event can be considered a Los Cabos version of The Firemen's Ball, it is far from our French comrades' version because this event isn't just a party but a vital fundraising event to help our local firefighting heroes. 🐟



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Is Cabo Really Better?

BY CAM RENAUD

Of course, the challenge response is “better than where?” Well, anywhere else of course!

As a tourist destination, Cabo consistently ranks at the top of the list for fun in the sun, lots of outdoor activities, good restaurants and, of course, personal safety. Those features are a draw for buyers too, but if you want to own the experience, your list will be longer. Add in ease of travel, dental and medical services, amenities such as grocery stores, and stores for your household needs, access to trades for repairs and renos and the convenience of keeping your car in Cabo year-round.

That last one is a curveball prospective buyers are not aware of. As seasonal visitors, many Americans and Canadi-

ans drive or have driven a personal vehicle to Cabo at some point. You may have taken it for granted that you can leave your U.S. or Canadian vehicle at your Cabo home and fly back but you may not be aware that other states in Mexico won't allow that. For example, if you buy in the Yucatan and decide to drive down, you will first need to import your vehicle temporarily and then the vehicle must leave when you do. So, if you're thinking you'll drive in and then fly in and out the next time, think again. Either you buck up and pay thousands of dollars to rent each time you fly back to your place in the Yucatan, or you need to be prepared to file for a resident visa and import your car permanently. Not that it's impossible, but it's just so


much easier to stay in Cabo.

As far as medical and dental services in Cabo go, I rate them a full 10 out of 10. Yes, prices can vary significantly but the quality and availability of services have been as good as or better, at a significantly lesser cost, than those my friends and I have had in the US or Canada. A root canal and crown at my Cabo dentist will cost me US\$400; in Canada, that same work will set me back US\$2500. A dental cleaning ranges from US\$40 to US\$75. I've had friends pay less for the flight and dental work combined than they'd pay their local dentist.

Medical issues can be more complex but money in the bank won't stop the pain in that broken bone. Depending on what you need there are reputable hospitals and very good local doctors who get you fixed up immediately for a very reasonable price. Funny story - H hospital along the

Cabo corridor had a promotion last year for MRI's at US\$175 or a “C-section” (Caesarian) for US\$1100. What a bargain! You will need to pay the bill before you leave, but it's wise to get preapproval from your insurer at home as soon as you can. It's also possible to arrange supplemental medical insurance coverage after you arrive here through local insurance agents.

Convenience for household repairs and maintenance is also important to homeowners. Along with the big box stores like Walmart, Costco and Home Depot, Cabo has a vast array of small local parts stores, electrical & plumbing, lumber yards, metal works, bathroom and tile shops and just about any other construction supplies you may need. If you're not a DIY person and don't have a property manager, you can ask store employees for the names of contractors if you want to hire someone



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government always refer to Los Cabos as a World Class Destination, which the local hotel association is proud of, but we can't fix the A/C in the place where tourists come to get help, and information, or only to use the bathrooms? Sigh. 🐦

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parking lot will be allocated to its maintenance. About time!

Number of Births Increasing in Mexico. The number of new Mexicans born during 2021 increased by 1.9 million, revealed a recent statistic. That represents an increase of 17.4%, a number not seen since 2020, said the National Institute of Statistics.

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Close Encounters with Sharks

BY LISSETTE VALENTIN

For me, a shark encounter is an unforgettable experience filled with wonder and adrenaline. Sharks are majestic animals that have lived in the oceans for millions of years but sadly, most of them are now listed as endangered.

Fortunately, in Baja Sur, several species of pelagic sharks abound year-round

varying by the season. Some of these are the Silky Shark with a length of 5-8 ft. They are inquisitive and are seen almost all year long in our waters especially from May to January. Sometimes more than 100 sharks are seen at the same time during mating season. Blue Sharks are 6-9 ft long with slim bodies and

long pectoral fins. Known as the most playful of all sharks, they are around from January to May. Mako Sharks, 4-12 ft long with big eyes and sharp teeth, are the fastest of them all. Favorable spotting months are February through July. All three sharks are just off the Cabo San Lucas shores.

The mysterious, elusive Smooth Hammerhead, length 6-14 ft, is spotted when the water is the coldest, April to June, at a reef called Gordo Banks offshore of San Jose del Cabo and another scuba diving hot spot close to the coast of La Paz.

Considered by many experts the most dangerous shark in the world, the Bull Shark can be seen almost all year round, especially from December to August. These muscular, heavy-looking sharks can be seen nursing, hunting and resting at Cabo Pulmo Marine Reserve. It is one of the most successful conservation projects in the world and is also a UNESCO world heritage site.

Historically, they are joined by their more famous cousins, Great Whites and Tiger sharks as the three species most likely to attack humans. This hasn't happened at this reserve due to the abundance of fish and divers' respect for their territory.

Finally, the gentle giants of the sea: whale sharks. It is possible to snorkel with them outside the Bay of La Paz at a place called el Mogote from fall to spring. The highest concentration is between November and April. They are huge at



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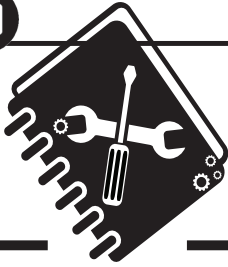
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Cooking Like a Mexican

BY ALEJANDRA BORBOLLA



Fall is finally here. It's my favorite season and the kick-off to all my favorite events. I know the weather down here doesn't change quite as much as up in our northern neighboring countries, but we do get all the fall ingredients at their prime in this season's harvest.

Besides the widely-known maize, pumpkins are without a doubt one of the most Mexican vegetables, and is often represented in art and pottery as well as being a staple ingredient in cooking. Native Mexicans being the resourceful people they were, learned how to exploit every single bit of this veggie, from the stems to the flowers and seeds. First representations of pumpkins are found in ceremonial vases, paintings and sculptures, found all over Mexico and dating as far back as 7000 years ago.

Other times, pumpkin flowers were painted on ceramics as decoration. Although there is no defined meaning, many pumpkin-themed vases were found around mortuary of-

Mexican legends and tales, closely related to the creation of the world and being a part of the Gods' gifts.

In the prehispanic era,



ferings which leads historians to believe pumpkins were especially valued. Pumpkins are also mentioned in popular

pumpkins were an essential part of the basic diet, the most used part being the "pepitas" or seeds. Pepitas were consumed toasted or ground and added to different dishes. Most of them are still cooked in a traditional way, like pipian, a special kind of green mole. Pepitas were extremely popular because they were easily stored, abundant and did not go bad as easily as other ingredients.

This time, I bring you a recipe called mole Verde or pipian Verde, from the state of Michoacán. It is located in Western Mexico and has

a stretch of coastline on the Pacific Ocean to the southwest. The word mole has a Nahuatl origin, coming from the word "molli" or "mulli" originally making reference to the act of grinding chiles and adding some kind of liquid, result-

ing in a thick sauce. With a century-long tradition, almost every region has its own version, sticking to the endemic ingredients of the land.

This particular variety of green mole is defined by Michoacán's original ingredients. In the eastern territory of Michoacán, vegetables are abundant all year round because the weather is very good. If we add to these veggies some tomatoes, herbs, chiles and seeds the result is a delicious mole with a complex flavor and a rough texture. Green mole from Michoacán is usually served with chicken or pork, white rice and corn tortillas.

Before I give you this recipe, I must clarify some points:

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Resolving Real Estate Problems in Mexico

Through Mediation and Arbitration

BY LINDA NEIL

Lawsuits, courts and attorneys cause headaches in any country. Mexico is no different. INEGI, the National Statistics Institute, says that there are 33,000 persons in Mexico City for each judge. It isn't really any better in other parts of the country. We simply do not have enough courts and judges to listen to every complaint, legitimate or not, within a reasonable time. The result is that reasonable claims may take years to be heard and

then additional years to be resolved. After that, there is an appeal period that adds to the delay. Thus, it is not unusual to hear of a civil complaint to force a seller to honor a real estate contract taking five, ten or even fifteen years to resolve.

Once resolved, attorney fees may take 30% to 50% of the award, in addition to the costs that have already been paid by the plaintiff.

Instituting a lawsuit can be a lose-lose proposition for

everyone.

The good news is that we have an alternative method of resolving disputes and enforcing them in Mexico. Due to provisions in the US-Mexico-Canada trade agreement (formerly known as NAFTA), Mexico has modified its laws to permit arbitration and mediation and has provided for the enforcement of arbitration awards in the courts. Articles 1415 to 1463 of the Mexican Commercial Code provide the guidelines for resolving problems outside the courts and eliminating much of the delay and expense of a lawsuit. The court authorities in Mexico now realize that all matters cannot always be resolved by government and they now realize and accept that the most economical and efficient resolutions may be obtained in a

resolution arrived at outside of a court of law.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) has been practiced in the United States and Canada for many years and has become a highly successful and preferred method for settling conflicts by many. The process is now receiving the approval and encouragement of the highest courts in Mexico which have set up separate departments to study and implement mediation and arbitration sections in the federal, state and local courts.

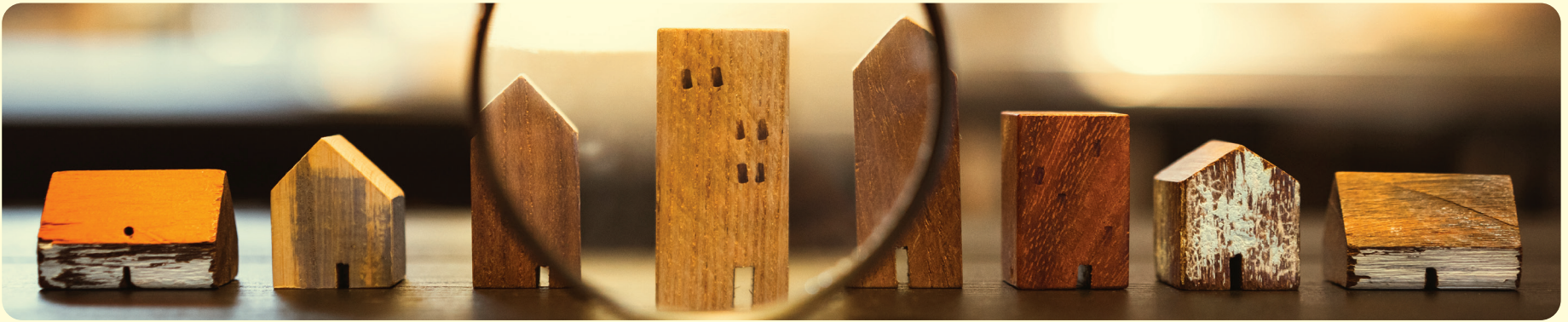
Instead of being forced into a lose-win situation, as is the case in a lawsuit which is confrontational by nature, in mediation, the parties may find areas of mutual interest and amicably settle their differences in a cost-effective and timely manner. In addition

to commercial and trade disputes, ADR has been highly successful in family and divorce matters and, even more, in real estate-related matters.

Some basic elements:

MUTUAL CONSENT is a requirement. In order for a problem to be submitted for resolution through mediation or arbitration, it is necessary that both the complaining party and the defending party agree to submit to arbitration. This is often accomplished by inserting a special clause in the contract of purchase/sale or the deed before the notary public when real property is involved. In this manner, both parties have agreed prior to a conflict arising and do not have to argue about this point when the problem comes up.

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Guidelines For Buying Real Estate in Mexico

BY LINDA NEIL

Mexico is an amazing and very beautiful country. If you enjoy your visit you may begin to think about acquiring a bit of our paradise. We have moun-

Following are some guidelines for success in a real estate acquisition in Mexico:

1. Be sure the agent you select to represent you is licensed



tains, lakes, rivers, forests, deserts and seashores in Mexico. We also have history, ancient cultures, handcrafts, folklore and many other wonderful things to share.

Buying property in ANY country can be stressful. A property purchase in Mexico can be just as safe and secure as in the U.S. or Canada... IF it is done correctly!

by state authorities. He/she should also be a member of AMPI, the Mexican National Real Estate Association. Ask for references, check them out. Be satisfied the person representing you is experienced in Mexican transactions.

2. Insist that the person representing you, represent ONLY you, the buyer, and not also the seller unless you understand,

agree to and sign an agency disclosure agreement.

3. Consider only the purchase of PRIVATE property. Ejidal property is often offered at a far lower price but it cannot legally be sold or promised to be sold until it becomes private property.

4. Be certain that you and your agent are dealing ONLY with the owner of record or his or her legitimate power of attorney. Insist upon receiving a copy of the seller's deed as a condition of your offer. If you and /or your agent don't understand Spanish, get it translated.

5. Avoid costly and time-consuming litigation, insist upon including a binding arbitration clause in your contracts with the seller and other parties involved.

6. Request a copy of the no-liens certificate. Be sure there are no liens on the property and no marginal notes regarding the property. If you do not understand the verbiage of the certificate get it translated or send us a copy to help you.

7. Think carefully about how you acquire title in order to avoid or minimize probate and transfer costs in the future.

8. Closing costs may run from 13% to 20% of the cost of an inexpensive property! The closing cost for an expensive property will be about 3.5% of the purchase price. Certain costs are fixed regardless of val-

ue. Be sure to budget for closing costs and get a full estimate in writing from the company

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The Baja Sur Market Update Ahead of High Season

BY NICK FONG

Now that the United States is in a recession and both the United States and Canada are dealing with rising interest rates, many people are asking how those factors will affect the local economy and the real estate market of Baja California Sur. Fortunately, there is nothing to worry about as you'll see in this article. To back it up, there are some factors we'll look at, including the fact that the high season is right around the corner in Baja

there was a real estate bubble caused by problems in the real estate mortgage industry, making that recession unique. This time, that's not the case. As such, we can breathe easily and look forward to the high season coming to Baja Sur with excitement and encouragement.

To briefly mention interest rates and to set your mind at ease, recent rates have been at historic lows. That means, even with those rate hikes

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Sur. Therefore, let's quickly look at what's happening in the United States and Canada before we dive into the exciting days ahead and the market report.

Recently, the United States did fall into a recession, as defined by two consecutive quarters with a declining GDP. Although the United States economy is strong, the two previous quarters experienced a decline in GDP. But what many people may not realize, real estate markets typically do not decline during a recession.

The 2008 “Great Recession” was an exception. It caused a decline in the real estate market since it involved a mortgage crisis. If you remember,

combined with expected rate increases, the rates are still at rates below many real estate economies in the past 50 years. As such, the economy and the real estate market in Baja Sur will continue to move forward and flourish. Now, let's look at the coming high season in Baja Sur and see what we can anticipate – things are about to get exciting!

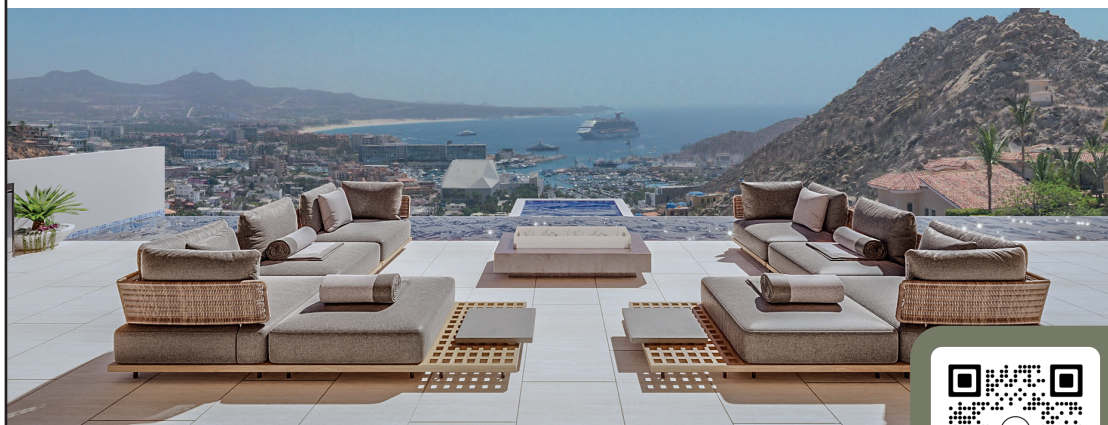
Great times are ahead in Baja Sur, as both the fall and the coming winter season have many things in store for us. To elaborate, the biggest fishing event in the world, Bisbee's Black and Blue, lasts a full week in October. Then, the coming high season brings

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SONGWRITERS IN PARADISE...

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ating from the University of South Carolina, Davis had saved enough money and headed to Nashville, Tennessee, which is considered the hometown of country music and the birthplace of bluegrass. One night, Davis got a call to open for Pat Green ("Texas on my Mind"), one of the performers who put Austin, Texas on the music map. "The Texas Country scene was really happening back then," said Davis. "Texas is a country of its own," Davis added. "A whole different world." Green was huge in Texas and could sell out the Astrodome.

Davis got to know Pat Green, who asked him to write

some songs for him. "I hadn't really written songs for other people before," he said. But writing for Pat Green opened the door for Davis to write for other Texas artists. "Then one of those songs got on country radio, and all of a sudden I was getting phone calls from the big publishing houses." Other artists began to ask him to write songs for them, including one of his idols, Guy Clark, and he was on his way as a songwriter. It was a great life and a great living – for a few years.

However, around 2012, Davis saw the writing on the wall that royalty payments were never going to be what they used to be. "And I was like, I gotta get back to playing live." He started making albums and figuring out other ways to

make money. Since that first show, SIP has grown to four different events throughout the year. The cast of songwriters rotates among an ever-changing list of 10-15 of what Davis calls, "my closest compadres".

"You're hearing the songwriter tell you why they wrote the song. That's what SIP is. And that's something that I feel like is lost when you go to a concert for a hundred thousand people or even a thousand people," said Davis, who keeps SIP events at no more than 200 people. He acknowledges that doing so means that the ticket price becomes prohibitive for some people, but it also raises the buy-in of people who attend. They really want to be there. They really enjoy the songwriters, the songs, and the people performing them. "They want to listen," Davis added.

After Hurricane Dorian's destruction of his beloved Hope Town, SIP helped raise over one million dollars for Hope Town and its surrounding communities. On September 16, 2019, SIP raised over \$250,000 USD in a single night, thanks to performances by Darius Rucker, Dierks Bentley, Jamey Johnson, and Charles Kelley along with a few of his closest compadres.

The SIP shows are on the sand, the food is out of this world, the sun is always shining, and the tequila is always flowing. In other words, SIP Cabo is a perfect setting for this unique country music event at La Bahia and Medano Beach. A limited number of tickets and hotel packages are still available for this exclusive music festival which always sells out and can be purchased at songwritersinparadise.com.

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the old one. Bada bing - bada boom, all done. Car mechanics in Cabo are also good and repair costs are cheap. I have an older 4-wheel drive vehicle, perfect for Baja exploring, and last year when I decided to get the timing belt done and the mechanic noticed that the water pump should be replaced as well, the whole job cost me about US\$275. A repair shop at home would have charged me at least US\$1,000. The mechanic got a nice tip and we were both happy!

As homeowners, we appreciate a larger property resale market too. Like anywhere in the world, it's easy to buy a place but selling is another issue. What you want to avoid is the Hotel California syndrome, "you can check in any time you like but you can never leave". Remote places can be romantic and have a mystique about them but if it will take you more than 2 years to sell a place you may want to rethink the location. The same advice applies to any big investment: ask where the back door is

before you go through the front door.

Staying connected whether you're coming or going is also important. Cell phone plans are dirt cheap and fiber optic internet for your home is widely available. Where we once had to rely on roaming packages for our phones and satellite dish packages for tv and we can now call, message, search and stream reliably through Telmex.

I can go on singing the praises of Cabo but to sum it up, all I need to say is for the past 17 years Cabo has been our second home with no regrets. It ticked all of the boxes and just keeps getting better. 🐦

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storm Kay must be repaired, said President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador yesterday. There was no need to declare a state of emergency, said governor Victor Castro. Works will begin this week.

Mexican Airports Report Record Activity. The three airport operating groups, Asur, Oma and Gap report a growth of 18.5% in their operations during the month of August this year. GAP operates the San Jose International airport and reported a growth of 29% compared to the same month in 2019. We were only surpassed by Tijuana (43%) and Puerto Vallarta (37%).

The Day of the Dead Celebration is Around the Corner. Well, if Costco can have Christmas stuff displayed in September, we can say the Day of the Dead is around the corner, I guess. And, so is Halloween. Well, Todos Santos is already preparing

for their traditional event, inviting everyone that wants to participate in the "Catrinas y Catrines 2022" contest that will take place on Sunday, October 30 at 8 p.m. Participants must disguise as the traditional Catrina (women) and Catrin (men) and the outfit must be made of recycled components. Cash prizes for the 3 best in each category. Entries close on October 24. Information and registration: WhatsApp: 951-308-1240, or 612-134-6838 or in their Facebook page "Dia de Muertos Todos Santos." 🦋

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH...

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instructors and dive masters, professional shark handlers and shark behavioural experts. These types of shark expeditions are mostly open water so there is also a high possibility of observing other marine life such as sea lions, dolphins, whales, orcas, striped or black marlins, mobula rays, etc. although at open sea, nothing is

guaranteed.

It has been my experience after seeing and briefly interacting with a shark in its natural habitat that our inadequate perception can and will change. The idea many have had for years that sharks are dangerous human predators is utterly wrong. By spending time with them and learning about them, people will become advocates and, perhaps, find the motivation to participate in conservation initiatives. Without sharks in our oceans, the ecosystem will collapse and all other marine life will die with them.

To find out more about conservation and to book an expedition, research the tour operators you want to use and support companies that are giving back to the community and protecting the environment. Make sure the operator has a respectful shark encounter practice using non-invasive chumming techniques and remember never to touch a shark. Take a look at the fol-

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COOKING LIKE A MEXICAN...

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-This is a complex and elaborate recipe. All steps must be followed to achieve a

good mole, but I promise it is so worth it.

-This recipe calls for lettuce. Any kind can be used. I do recommend using a deep green kind for the coloring.

-This recipe calls for pepititas, which must be peeled (and toasted for a deeper flavor).

-In this recipe, pork lard is used, but it can be substituted with vegetable or olive oil.

-This dish will take about 40 minutes of your time and will feed eight people.

Ingredients:

8 lettuce leaves (1 oz)

5 acelga leaves (chard) (.5 oz)

4 green tomatoes (7 oz)

2 poblano peppers (8 oz)

2 serrano chiles (.8 oz)

1 ½ cups of sesame seeds (5 oz)

1/2 cup of pepitas (2 oz)

2 cloves of garlic (.2 oz)

1/3 of an onion

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5 springs of cilantro (1.5 oz)

3 sprigs of parsley (1 oz)

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No More Face Masks in Southern Baja

BY BATMAN & ROBIN



The state's health department decided that starting September 30, the use of face masks would only be mandatory inside health clinics, hospitals, airports and elementary schools. Its use in other indoor places like restaurants, stores, movie theaters, etc. will be optional. Hooray! 🐼

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ARBITRATION: Most clauses which provide mutual consent will specify that a good faith attempt is made to settle the matter in an informal setting. Agreements made through mediation are not binding upon the parties. If the parties cannot reach a mutually agreeable solution, the matter goes to arbitration in a more formal setting. The parties have the opportunity to approve or disapprove of the

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fideicomiso).

10. INSIST upon receiving a registered title document for your property. If the seller is financing the property, sign a document protecting his interests in the event of your default. Be SURE you know the amount which is declared

in your deed and understand the tax implications of same.

11. Use an experienced neutral third party to supervise the transfer of title to you.

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THE BAJA SUR MARKET...

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to life both the local economy and the local real estate market throughout Baja Sur as tourism explodes.

Starting with the month

of October, the world-famous fishing tournament called the Bisbee's Black and Blue is the most prestigious fishing tournament in the world. It offers the highest winnings of any sports-fishing tournament in the world. Then, Sammy Hagar, the owner of Cabo Wabo Cantina, holds live concerts right in downtown Cabo San Lucas to celebrate his birthday. As such, October ignites the high season with a bang!

Regarding the local real estate market over the last couple of years, this local real estate market has been truly amazing! But now that the recession is underway and interest rates have gone up, let's look at how the local real estate market has been weathering the storm.

Over the last eight months in 2022, the real estate market in Baja Sur has been phenomenal. To be specific, over 2000 properties have sold already this year by the 100 or so real estate brokerages in the area. To break it down, almost 800 houses have either been sold or are pending so far this year. Regarding condos, the number is over 1400. Finally, over 800 lots are either pending or have sold, which is already more than last year's total. Because of this amazing real estate market, the limited inventory has been leading to faster than normal properties to sell.

Lot sales have grown tremendously in 2022 for the simple reason that luxury houses and condos have such a limited inventory. To explain this, more people are buying those lots to design and build their own homes to circumvent the low inventory. Interestingly, lot sales have been greatly increasing north of Los Cabos, in towns like Todos Santos, Los Barriles, Loreto, and La Paz, to name a few. The reason for that is lower prices as compared to available land in Los Cabos. Regardless of location and price, values have been doubling and new buy-

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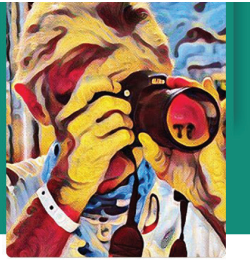
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Fish Report

BY GARY GRAHAM
THAT BAJA GUY



Cabo San Lucas

September ended with a flourish as more monster dorado (mahi-mahi) continued to arrive at the scale, 30-, 40- and a few over 50-pounds dazzled spectators and anglers alike, Rebecca Ehrenberg observed. This is the best dorado season in decades – the sizes and numbers caught have been jaw-dropping.

Plus, there has been a record-breaking number of marlin releases! For example, Pisces 42' Yahoo landed this 51-pound bull dorado AND released 13 striped marlin, a sailfish, and a yellowfin tuna.

Later this month, the tournament prospects for October should be exciting for visiting

and local anglers. The Los Cabos Billfish, followed by the Bisbee Los Cabos Offshore and the Bisbee Black and Blue, one of the largest tournaments in all of Mexico, target billfish, tuna, dorado, and wahoo. The weigh-ins for them all are on the Malecon.

The first, Los Cabos Billfish weigh-in, will be held next to the Fisherman's Restaurant each afternoon on October 17, 18, and 19, followed by Bisbee Los Cabos Offshore weigh-in at Plaza Puerto Paraiso, Friday, October 21, and Saturday, October 22, from 2-9 p.m. on both days. The Bisbee Black and Blue Tournament will be at Plaza Puerto Paraiso on the 26, 27, and 28 from 2-9 p.m.

Puerto Los Cabos

The new month begins with larger crowds of anglers and continues with tropical weather patterns. Everyone arriving from out of town is commenting on how lush and green the desert landscape is due to the September rains. We followed Hurricane Ian recently, its destruction of Cuba and then Florida. We are all praying that the people in its path can recover quickly.

Locally, we are following the rapidly strengthening Hurricane Orlene, which currently has a "Hurricane 4" rating. Unfortunately, this system has wandered in different directions, and it has been hard to determine its correct path. However, it looks as though Southern Baja will be spared much impact, which is a powerful storm! Generally small, people near Mazatlan and south will need to brace for its flurry of life-threatening floods in the impacted mountainous regions.

The good thing is that our fishing was excellent. The yellowfin tuna went on a big bite on the grounds from Iman, San Luis, and Vinorama Banks. The tuna ranged in sizes from football to up near 200-pounds. Many boats were limited, with the most common sizes ranging from 20 to 60-pounds. In addition, there were yellowfin caught while drift fishing, striking on strips of squid and both live or dead sardina. Of course, the word traveled quickly; over the weekend, the fish became more elusive and finicky.

These same grounds were producing wahoo and dorado. The wahoo were striking best on trolled Rapala and ranged in size to nearly 40 pounds, though the average was from 15 to 30-pounds. Again, there

Fish Killer Of The Week



Van Wormer Resorts 2022 Tuna Shootout Results: Eat Me Lures owner John Boyer's Team captured First Place Tuna Division with a 101.6 -pound yellowfin tuna aboard the local charter boat "Vaquera," earning the team a total of \$33,515. A total of 45 teams and 145 anglers weighed in seven tuna, with four dorado and one wahoo. The total Jackpot payouts equalled \$45,815.

were no huge numbers, but some charters landed a couple of wahoo.

With water temperatures still very warm, in the 84 to 87-degree range, this activity should become more consistent as water temperatures cool off in the coming weeks. Most of the dorado are now smaller, but we are seeing a few impressive-sized bulls as large as 30 to 40-pounds mixed in, but they are few and far between.

The main billfish activity has been sailfish, found on the same local grounds, striking various bait and trolled lures. Off the bottom, the highlight has been a few nice dogtooth snapper, also a mix of cabrilla, pargo, and bonito, although more anglers are now concentrating on the surface action.

...Eric Brichtson, Gordo Banks Pangas

East Cape

Another terrific week of fishing! It's been all about dorado this past week. Lots and lots of dorado inside and outside spread throughout Palmas Bay. Striped marlin and sailfish are plentiful as anglers are targeting releasing multiple billfish. In addition, some nice tuna were caught recently. Last weekend, Van Wormers Resorts Tuna Shootout produced one of the largest caught during September of this year, a yellowfin weighing in at 101.6 pounds.

The inshore and the bottom fishing is excellent, with big pargo, grouper, and almaco jack being taken. Lots of roost-

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Don't feed the fish!



The act of disrupting the natural marine environment should be discouraged, not encouraged. There are many studies that discuss the impact on wildlife by humans doing simple self-indulgent acts like feeding them because they get pleasure / entertainment from it. Feeding fish and aquatic life can lead to the animal having behavioral changes, like aggression, as well as, causing them to become ill from a foreign food source. Simple acts, like feeding wild animals can have long term consequences and detrimental impacts. The Baja needs to be protected.

(Suggested by Ted Miller, Cabo. Illustration by www.greenfins.net)

Changing Times

BY CAPTAIN CHARLIE BOGUE

I think it was an evening in the early 1990s that I was drawn to some noise and commotion at the horse arena in downtown San Jose del Cabo. Upon entering the bleacher area, I discovered some wild interactions involving cock fights, heavy cerveza consumption, loud yelling and rapid exchange of pesos following each rooster's victory and the other's demise.

Although the cultural "entertainment" of cockfights is long gone, that same structure still stands today as a horse arena located on the river's shore at the very East end of Calle Valerio Gonzalez meets Boulevard Antonio Mijares.

Now, I fast forward to several weeks ago when I was passing this very same intersection and was startled to see a new set of signal lights being installed. I think that it is safe to say that with the exception of the stoplights on the Transpeninsular (the airport road), this is the very

first intersection of signals to be placed in the downtown and old town of San Jose. Unlike our Los Cabos neighbor to the south, Cabo San Lucas, most of the signs of change have been intentionally slow in coming to San Jose where it is the local government's intention to retain the sense of calm and Mexican tradition for which it has long been known.

Having discovered this new "improvement" my thoughts were torn between wanting to keep the life of our quaint seaside village as I found it 25 years ago and the reality of modernization that comes with changing times and increased population. The "reality" of this new and first installation of a downtown signal intersection makes a lot of sense. As permanent residents over the last five years, we consistently see cars, taxis, trucks and yes Urbano buses race at twice the posted speed from the beach roundabout at Vidanta North to the round-

about entering the old town at Calle Benito Juarez. And of course, just as fast on the two-kilometer return trip south. The new signal is located about halfway down this route at the extremely busy intersection where Calle Valerio Gonzalez (sometimes called Walmart or Bump Street) intersects with Antonio Mijares (sometimes called River Road). The trade school Cecati, Universidad Mundial is located on the southwest corner and the Escuela Secundario Antonio Mijares is just up the street with students being picked up by parents and catching the buses at many times during the day. Even if the flow of traffic is not improved with the new signal, it will slow down the speeding thru traffic to allow the kids and other pedestrians to cross the streets safely in all directions.

Even knowing that this changing "sign of the times" is in fact a good idea and a

necessary improvement, I was still struggling with my memories of the simplicity of the days gone by and my need to embrace unavoidable change. If I only had a peso, ok, make that 20 pesos, for every time it used to be or how it is not like it used to be, I would have a lot more cash in my pocket.

After attempting to sort out this personal conflict between then and now, it seemed to come down to your personal definition of the word "progress". With that in mind, I realized I was now venturing into an area of conjecture that might only be resolved among friends sharing a pitcher of margaritas. To seek greater clarity, I went to the Oxford dictionary which defined "progress": as "advancement to a further or higher stage, or to further or higher stages successively; growth; development, usually to a better state or condition; improvement ...

applied especially to manifestations of social and economic change or reform."

For sure, this new and first traffic light for downtown would qualify as creating "a better state or condition" as it is already slowing traffic and making crossing the street safer for pedestrians. And yet, we see some projects around us in Los Cabos that some people might call "improvements". I will leave it up to you, your friends, and that pitcher of margaritas to decide if each, on its own merit, is an addition to the "a better state or condition" or as others might say, the beginning of the end. There is one expression I recall that seems to provide the only resolution to this debate: "The only constant in life is change."

"Captain Charlie" Bogue is a life-long sailor who, after departing Sausalito, first anchored off the beach in Cabo San Lucas in 1975 on

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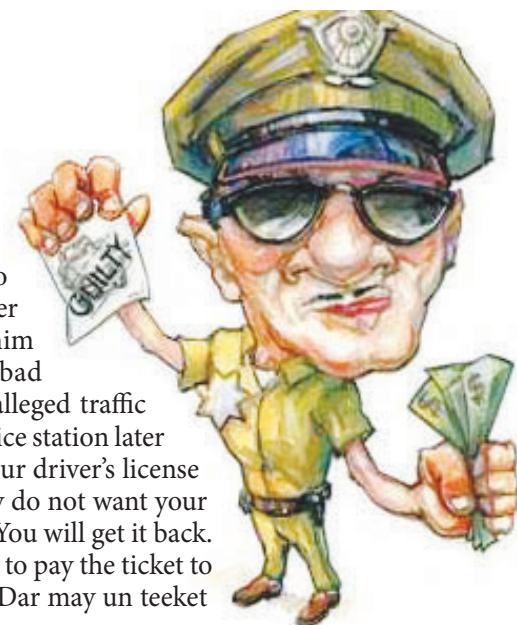
What To Do If You're Stopped By The Police

We recently got a report from a local Gringo who was walking back home and a police cruiser stopped him and took money from him to let him go. That's extortion anywhere, and there are bad hombres anywhere. If you are stopped for an alleged traffic violation, ask for a ticket and go down to the police station later on or the next day, and pay it. They will take your driver's license to ensure that you show up, and that's OK. They do not want your license, and there's nothing they can do with it. You will get it back. And no, do not give them money if they ask you to pay the ticket to them right there. Just keep asking for a ticket, "Dar may un teeket por favor." Be polite and firm.

If they get nasty, write down their last name from their name badge, or pull out your cell phone and take a photo of him, her, or them. That's like holding a mirror up to a vampire, and they will jump in their vehicle and scurry away like cockroaches when you turn on the light.

It's extremely rare for them to write a ticket, and for sure they will not cite you when you haven't done anything wrong. And, if you have broken a law, the ticket is ridiculously small. Man up and fo down and pay it.

This police extortion would stop in a week if everyone would grow a back bone and stand up to them. 🐦



COOKING LIKE A MEXICAN...

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6 cups of chicken stock (50 liquid oz) You could also use water, but it'll taste better with chicken stock.

5 spoonfuls of pork lard (2 oz) or vegetable or olive oil
3 whole pepper grains
Salt to taste

Preparation:

Work with the pepitas:

1. Place the pepitas in a pan on the stove over medium heat. Roast them for about a minute, until slightly brown moving regularly. Make sure you don't burn them or they turn awfully bitter.

2. Put them in a blender once roasted and roughly grind. do not turn them to powder. This mole is special for its texture, which comes from the pepitas.

3. Transfer the ground pepitas to a bowl.

4. Add ½ a cup of chicken broth to the pepitas and stir into a paste. Reserve.

Blend the rest of the ingredients:

1. Devein and remove the seeds of the poblano chiles, liquefy and reserve.

2. Roast sesame seeds for about a minute and a half the same way you roasted the pepitas, until golden brown moving regularly.

3. Place sesame seeds in a blender, along with the lettuce, acelga or chard, green

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tomatoes, serrano chiles, garlic cloves, onion, cloves (clavos de olor), cilantro, parsley, a cup of the chicken broth, and pepper grains.

4. Blend until smooth and reserve. You can strain if you wish to have a super smooth consistency but this recipe is usually better left as is.

Cook the mole.

1. In a pan, melt the lard or heat the oil.

2. Fry the pepita paste for about 5 minutes until well cooked, stirring regularly.

3. In the pan, add the liquefied mixture, the rest of the chicken stock and salt.

4. Cook the mole for about 20 minutes, until the color turns more intense and the consistency thickens. Stir occasionally.

5. Serve over cooked chicken or pork!

Enjoy with a side of white rice and some tortillas.

Pro tip: if you have remaining mole on your dish after you've eaten the chicken or pork, mix it with the white rice. This is not very "proper" per se but it is absolutely delicious, and as my grandfather used to say, if you're at your house, eat under your own rules!

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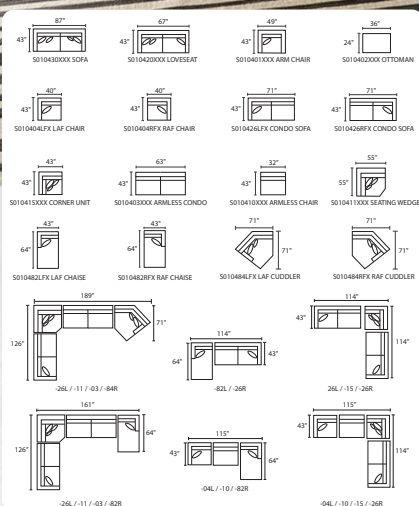
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ers still see that doubled price as a low price, as we've seen first-hand.

To keep you up to date on prices, let's look at the latest average closing prices throughout Baja Sur. This year, the average condo has been selling for just over \$400,000 USD. Then, the average lot has been selling in the mid \$300,000 USD range. Finally, the average home is now selling for just over \$1M USD. Since these average prices are based on the entire market, which includes high-end luxury properties, let's look at the luxury real estate market by itself.

For the luxury real estate market in Baja Sur, I define the lowest luxury home price to be \$1.5M USD in 2022. Please note that the lowest price of luxury real estate is always debated among real estate agents. As such, I have defined this number based on simple calculations comparing all areas

in Baja Sur. Therefore, there have been 233 pending and closed luxury home sales from \$1.5M USD and above, so far this year. When I pulled that statistic from the same period last year, the number was 172 luxury home sales. As such, the luxury market is quite strong and growing steadily.

Now that I've explained the luxury home market in a nutshell, I'd like to conclude by mentioning a market shift that has happened recently. As seen by the number of condos sold versus the number of single-family homes, which is nearly double, there was a shift in property types that sell the most – condos. Mostly apparent in Los Cabos as a whole, developers are now focusing on creativity and innovation instead of building "cookie-cutter" condo developments. That is something different from what the market has been providing over the last few years and is quite refreshing to see that creativity and innovation come to life throughout the area.

As a final note, the Mexican buyer market has been growing recently as well. Traditionally at Ronival Real Estate, we focus on buyers from the United States and Canada. But lately, we've been adding efforts to focus on Mexican buyers more than ever. Whether from mainland Mexico or locals currently residing in Baja Sur, the Mexican middle-class market is now on our radar due to its growth along with the rest of the market overall. *Contact me info@ronival.com, IG: @nickfong_ronival or Facebook/Ronival Real Estate* 🍷



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Ask a Mexican

Last week, several power outages disrupted San José and Cabo San Lucas. Some reports pointed to abnormally high winds and rain. These power outages affected traffic, the trans peninsular highway and several parts of town.

How did you manage? What do you think caused the outages?



Amelia Gallardo, 54, field worker.

I think the real reason is there are more and more new buildings for the tourists and the locals are paying the price. The CFE facility no longer has the capacity to sustain all of it. Of course, the natural elements can be a big factor, but they are surpassed now. I am very used

to it now and all of my electronics are protected with breakers and voltage regulators but they are very expensive. I did notice though that many people got stuck in traffic and the whole city was chaotic.

Simón Delgado, 26, boat operator.

I was lucky I was coordinating the warehouse and it was not

a big deal for me in particular. We just lost power and had to pause but the office lost power and it got to a point where all the freezers and the fridges were on the emergency energy generator, but the rest of the office has to be shut down to give them priority since we never know when it's coming back.

Emiliano Castillo, 31, hospital worker.

I think we are not really thinking about what happens at CFE and how they have to update the infrastructure to keep up with the growth of our state. Yes, it's hurricane season and that can also affect power, but I think they could have also been updating it and it was a combination of things and it took longer than expected. Back when Odile hit, CFE did a wonderful job and brought back power, but we are so dependent on energy that we make such a big fuss out of it. I did nothing out of the ordinary. It was many outages but not for too long. I just made sure I had my extra batteries charged. At work, we have emergency generators. We are all well prepared.

Virginia Mora, 48, teacher.

We live in a place where tourism will always be favored over locals, and that will never change. The tourist area was not affected, not only because they have special emergency generators, but because they have their own CFE generators which are independent from the ones used for the city, which have better technology. The generator for the city was built for a smaller community and has been updated but it can only be updated to a certain point, and I think we have reached the highest point. I had to make sure all my electronics were on breakers, all my food was transferred to the freezer and properly stored, my computer unplugged just in case and my ac protected.

Lucía Martín, 28, distributor.

I think every hurricane season weakens all the installations and there is not enough budget to keep up with the maintenance, so it gets to a point when it fails. Overall, Cabo has always had very weak power and electricity.



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It was not meant to be such a big city and we have over-exploited it. I had to go home since I work on deliveries and it was insane to be driving with all the mayhem, and since I had no power, it was a quiet time to read with all the windows open and avoid opening the fridge and freezer. It wasn't so bad.

Arturo Muñoz, 19, croupier.

It was funny at the casino because no one noticed since the emergency power came on, and it wasn't for a long time so we were fine. I don't spend much time at home. I live on my own so nothing really to report except my frozen items being a little melted and refrozen. I think this will keep happening as long as

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Mickey Anderson
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An avid golfer and tournament player himself, Mickey and several of his Cabo friends launched the first major amateur invitational golf tournament at San Jose's Campo de Golf in 1987. A decade of Mickey Anderson tournaments followed the original, expanding along the way to include a beach party and

Battle of the Bands with nearly 300 attendees while picking up big-name sponsors including Tecate.

Invitations were extended to friends in the US, Canada and Mexico and drew more than 120 male and female players from as far away as New York and Mexico City. An annual vacationer here, Mickey loved to party, which guaranteed his annual tourna-

ments were week-long fiestas.

In 2010, Mickey moved out of his vacation home on the corridor to take up permanent residence on Cerritos Beach where he would often introduce himself to Southern Baja locals as "Mickilito," a name that stuck, especially with the owners and staff of local eateries.

Mickilito was a man comfortable in his own skin; solo or in a crowd he was noticeably at ease with himself. His warm smile and relaxed countenance made you want to sit down with him and chat. And who could ever forget that Mickey laugh?!

For Mickilito most days would start with yoga on the beach with Anna followed by a trip into town behind the wheel of the little blue truck. {He loved that truck because he could reach the pedals and

see over the steering wheel).

After a plate of Huevos Rancheros (his favorite) at Lucky 23 in Pescadero or Black and White in Todos Santos, he would return to his home at "the compound" and settle down in his favorite chair with his book and a little John Prine playing in the background.

Lunch time, you would see the dune buggy parked out front of Barracuda's and find Mickey enjoying a Margarita and a couple of shrimp tacos. Having never immersed himself in Spanish, he was a notorious over-tipper, always leaving his waiter with a puzzled grin, hoping for Mickey's speedy return. Truth is, big tips weren't always a result of his generosity; they were because he never learned how to count in Spanish!

After a quick post-taco siesta and a little tidying up

around his recently purchased dream casita, he'd take a puff or two on the stump of a used cigar, and it was off to Casa Maya for a gin martini carefully crafted by his favorite mixologist Rene. 4-4:30 it was up the hill to Shaka's and his seat at the head of the "happy hour table". That seat is empty now. Mickey's gone but a little piece of Mickey Anderson lives in the hearts of everyone who knew him.

It has been said that you always knew where you stood with Mickey. He was patient and tolerant to a fault but he certainly wasn't bashful about giving you both barrels when your behavior was inappropriate. When someone, anyone's actions deserved it, Mickey would morph back into his Special Ed Teacher self and launch a lesson they would not

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BY BAUME & MERCIER

A majority of lawmakers in Mexico's low chamber of congress approved the elimination of Daylight Savings Time starting in the Spring of next year. This decision was made due to the fact it hasn't helped reduce electricity use or effects our health. Several border states will still stick to it due to the high volume of business they do with the U.S. We will still turn our clocks back one hour this October 30, for the last time. ➤



FISH REPORT...

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erfish. Good sardina available, definitely helping the dorado fishing.

Dorado are thick, with lots and lots around. Very spread out both inside and outside. Big bulls are mixed with schooling fish, and limits are there for all anglers, taking live sardina, Hoochies, feathers, you name it! This has been by far our best dorado bite of the season!

Not as much pressure on tuna as anglers are staying with the dorado. They are under the porpoise 40 miles outside the south. The tuna outside range from 5 to 30-pounds. Larger yellowfin to 100-plus pounds are being taken closer inshore off the white cliffs by Vinaramas taking live Sardine, Hoochies, cedar plugs, and feathers.

There has been a strong billfish bite all season. Both

striped marlin and sailfish are abundant, and they are mixed in with a few blue marlin! The best fishing is off the La Ribera Banks south, and the best bait by far is ballyhoo. Anglers targeting billfish are enjoying daily, multiple releases.

There had been very light fishing pressure inshore. Lots of roosterfish, not as big as earlier in the season; 20-pound-

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The Foods of Baja Sur

BY LISSETTE VALENTIN

Like most regions of the world, BCS has its own unique culture, one that pays homage to food that is grown, picked and quickly after presented quite beautifully on a plate. People here have great respect for the food that thrives on the land and sea which is why you'll more often than not see locally grown organic ingredients on a menu. In many ways eating here is a privilege.

Local restaurateurs have been promoting sustainable produce and meat for many

years. In 1996, a restaurant called "Café Flora" opened. It was the first little organic restaurant in Cabo in Animas Bajas. Located beside the foothills of the Sierra de la Laguna, it is an area particularly blessed with fertile land flush with aquifers, a crop-friendly microclimate and the sun almost always dangling in the blue sky—perfect growing conditions that make for a robust culinary scene.

Back then, however, the lack of organic produce was evident, so Gloria Greene and her husband Patrick founded Flora Farms to supply the restaurant with the best fresh ingredients. The Greene family also founded the first farmers' market and, along with John Graham, they started offering breakfast and hosting charity events for the Los Cabos Humane society. Eventually, Cafe Flora was closed, but then the Greene's became acquainted with Chef Guillermo and Leslie Tellez, who is now Flora Farm's Executive Chef and Executive Pastry Chef at Flora's Field Kitchen restaurant which opened in 2010.

Also in Animas Bajas, Tamarindos Mexican Farm to Table

was founded in 2003. It is located in an old sugar cane stone brick farmhouse dating back to the 19th century and brims with rows of herbs and vegetables. The restaurant was named after the edible fruit that flavors the margaritas in many of Los Cabos' bars. The owner and executive chef Enrique Silva, trained in agricultural engineering, and, along with the Greene's, is considered one of the pioneers of organic produce and fusion cuisine in Los Cabos.

Around 2016, an oasis called Acre emerged with lush foliage of green palms, mango groves and a zoo of rescued pet farm animals roaming the property. Owned by two Canadian expats, Cameron Watt and Stuart McPherson, this minimalist restaurant bar was the first of the so-called Cabo New Wave of restaurants and eateries inspired by the bounty of land and sea.

After Acre, an increasing number of 5-star or casual restaurants and organic markets have sprung up around Los Cabos like Don Sanchez where daily tasting menus showcase the freshest local and seasonal ingredients. Chef and owner Todd Chapman source organic produce from his own local farm, Sánchez Orgánico. Cynthia Fresh, closer to the resort zone in San Jose del Cabo, is a

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healthy, beautiful petit restaurant with a casual atmosphere. It serves simple but superb dishes at affordable prices described as "Mexican with an Argentinian flare."

Animas Bajas wasn't the only place farm-to-table was happening and continues. One & Only Palmilla, a popular (and celeb-preferred) resort features farm-to-table dining at Agua by chef Larbi Dahrouch. This restaurant's menu changed seasonally – sometimes daily – depending on the fresh catch and the produce sprouting in the on-site organic garden.

Near Todos Santos in Pescadero in 2012, Hortaliza Hierbabuena Restaurant owner Marcos Ramirez had a vision inspired by the basil fields of El Pescadero.

Most recently, The Shoppes at Palmilla created its own farmers market happening every Friday morning and the Cabo San Lucas Organic Farmer's Market in Pedregal runs every Wednesday and Saturday. El Mercado, in the connecting corridor, is a modern and innovative food procurement and distribution center that is open

every day.

And just when we thought we had it all, among all the trendy new restaurants where chefs harvest the produce and feature it on the menu as a true "straight to plate" dish, an incredible concept arrived in Cabo San Lucas last year. Picaro Garden Cuisine by Romeo and Juliet is a gastronomic revolution and the latest addition to the Solmar group and the Rancho San Lucas development. The architecture of Picaro reflects the environment within Rancho San Lucas. The calm and serene interior was designed by Holly Regan, a traveler, craft beer lover, and amateur chef. It features clean strokes and defined industrial forms and, at the same time, the atmosphere harmoniously highlights the breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean and the cozy countryside surrounded by provencal herb gardens, olive and lemon trees.

The southern tip of Baja California is becoming a hotbed of amazing food that is here to stay. 🐦

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Making Clear What the Mexicanization of Foreign Vehicles Implies

BY DAVID FLORES



The federal government announced that residents (both Mexican and foreigners) who own a vehicle that was not legally imported can regularize its status until December 31 this year.

To those who freaked out,

be known that this is not mandatory, but optional. According to our expert in the importation of vehicles, once it becomes Mexican you have to buy a Mexican insurance policy as your U.S. / Canadian one will not be valid anymore.

Another downside is that it can not be imported back to its original home or become an American/ Canadian vehicle ever again.

Make sure that you know what you want in the future before Mexicanizing your vehicle. If you are still interested, click here to do so online, in Spanish only: <https://www.gob.mx/sesnsp/es/articulos/regularizacion-de-vehiculos-usados-de-procedencia-extranjera?idiom=es>

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ers are typical. The best fishing is around the Lighthouse. The bottom is producing nice pargo, Almaco jack, and grouper. ... **John Ireland, Rancho Leonero**

La Paz

Long story short...Dorado Are Everywhere!

Although we nervously watched the approach of Hurricane Orlene, it veered off. It traveled inland hundreds of miles to the south, leaving us excellent conditions and solid fishing with voracious dorado biting. Our Tailhunter La Paz Fleet and Tailhunter Las Arenas fleet hit the dorado (mahi-mahi) every day with easy limits most of the days and limits hit early. Most of our anglers released more fish than they kept.

It seemed there were more

but smaller 5 to 15-pound fish scattered from San Juan de la Costa to Espiritu Santo Island to the channel between the islands. It can be a pick-pick all day to fill the fish box, or BAM...hit the spot, and it's madness for an hour or pandemonium with fish everywhere like a trout pond hitting anything that hits the water.

That included sardines, bonito strips, jigs, feathers, and

cast iron.

For our Tailhunter Las Arenas Fleet, there were fewer but bigger fish. There were also a good number of school-sized fish, but larger 25 to 50-pound bulls evident with some of the best big dorado (mahi-mahi) fishing of the year. Many of our anglers caught their largest fish ever.

We also had a nice bite of marlin and sailfish with the bills, often swimming and feeding in the middle of the dorado schools or, in some cases, feeding on the smaller dorado and bonito. Several "small" blue marlin in the 100 to 200-pound class were hooked and lost, but several striped marlin and sails were hooked, landed, and released.

The big surprise was the tuna show with our Tailhunter Las Arenas fleet. Fish up to 30 pounds bit bait for the first time all year! I have no idea if they'll stick around, but it was a lot of fun ... **Jonathan Roldan, Tailhunter International**

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Michael Movie Moments

BY MICHAEL YOUNG



Being the Ricardo's Movie Review

One of the recurring criticisms, from both critics and the viewing public, of Nicole Kidman in *Being the Ricardo's* is that she just isn't Lucille Ball. Some fault the makeup, arguing that it makes Kidman's face stiff and unable to deliver the kinds of expressions that make Lucy famous. Others suggest Kidman is just too cool of an actress to play the hot-headed redhead. Kidman, herself, said she was "terrified" of the role and wondered whether she would successfully pull it off. Coupled with similar criticisms of Javier Bardem as Desi Arnaz, then, it isn't hard to understand why this film rates near the bottom of the critical and popular scales among this year's Oscar-nominated movies - people didn't like this film because their images of Lucy and Desi weren't in it!

I get all of that - in fact, early into my first watching of the film I asked my wife the simple question - could any-

one successfully impersonate Lucille Ball? Think about that for a while and try to come up with personalities that might have been chosen. Lucille Ball is simply a one-of-a-kind character and I don't think



anyone can become her. So, if what you demand is a high-fidelity rendering of the main character in this film, you are going to be disappointed - and, it appears, many viewers were.

But that is an unfair expectation because this is really an excellent movie. If you

can back off the notion that this is somehow a true-life biography of Lucille Ball and her marriage to Desi Arnaz, then the movie takes on some amazing power. Considered as a chronicle of an actress, her



troubled marriage to a brilliant but conflicted man, all thrown together in a stewing pot of a television production and a nationwide political storm and you have an amazing movie. That it might also provide some insight into two of America's cultural icons is

just an added bonus.

The cast worked very well together and ended up earning three Oscar nominations. Nicole Kidman received a Leading Actress nomination, not because of her physical

comedy, but because she nails the dramatic scenes. Javier Bardem may not look exactly like Desi Arnaz, but he delivers a wonderful take on the man showing the intelligence and

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soon forget!

Mickey loved golf. He loved to watch it as much as he loved playing it. On Saturdays and Sundays, you could always find Mickey in front of the big screen tv in the man cave, a glass of red wine by his side, cleaning his little ceramic pipe in preparation for his next puff or two. He and his buddies could go on and on talking about sports (especially Gonzaga Basketball); on game day Mickey always wore his finest ZAGS t-shirt and ballcap.

While Mickey may be gone from Baja Sur, playing his "Forever" round, his vibrant personality and memory will live on with the countless people who got to know and love Mickey during his Mexico days. In his honor and in true Mickey fashion, we will be celebrating a life well lived at a day long party being held at Shaka's Cantina in Cerritos Beach on Saturday, November 5. 🍷

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the fighting spirit Desi harbored for his wife. He earned a Leading Actor nomination for his performance. The interac-

tions between the two of them illustrated the conflicts in their relationship as well as their intense love for each other. The two supporting actors, J.K. Simmons as Bill Frawley (Fred Mertz) and Nina Arianda as Vivian Vance (Ethel Mertz) portray their characters with a precision that is uncanny. Simmons received a Supporting Actor nomination for his role here and Arianda probably should have. The interactions between all four of these characters were wonderful and illustrate a terrific ensemble team - something that is always as much fun to watch as it must have been to film.

The fact that this film received three acting nominations and nothing for directing or writing is puzzling. In my opinion, the strength of this film is in the script and the way the story is told. And for that, the credit goes to Aaron Sorkin. His scripts (*The Social Network*, *Moneyball*, *The Trial of the Chicago 7*) have a unique way of taking very complex subjects (like courtroom proceedings, or a gambling ring) and explaining them with rapid dialog. His characters are always deep and often conflicted people, rooted in real life, who are under intense pressure. The plot is executed more as conversations between characters than as heavy action

scenes and he often mashes together scenes from different locations or times to help elaborate on a common theme.

In *Being the Ricardos* for example, he uses several different tricks to tell the story. In one of them, we peer deep into Lucy's mind as she imagines how an episode they are working on is going to play out. He pictures Lucy's thinking in black and white because that is how it would have been shown on television at the time. Sorkin also brings in elements of a "mockumentary" interviewing some of the minor characters - using actors portraying them as much older people.

This commentary helps

frame events by telling back stories which might then be the basis for a flashback. He uses this technique several times to tell the story of how Lucy and Desi met and how they ended up doing this particular television show together.

Unfortunately, the biggest complaint is that Sorkin doesn't exactly tell the real story. I don't know how many times I read that the events portrayed in this movie didn't happen the way it was suggested. The movie supposedly takes place during the week Lucy and Desi were filming a particularly famous episode of "*I Love Lucy*" - the fight between the Mertzs. (There is a dated newspaper featured in the film that suggests it was the week of Sept 8 - Sept. 12, 1952). It turns out that that particular episode couldn't have been filmed that week. Then it turns out that the three huge events that happened that week - that give the film all of its dramatic import - actually occurred in multiple other weeks and didn't occur together at all! (For example, Ball's first pregnancy was a year earlier.)

For some, I guess, the precise attention to biographical facts really matters - enough to thoroughly pan this movie. But I come away with a very different take. The title of the movie

isn't "A Week in the Life of the Ricardos" - instead, it is "Being the Ricardos". And it isn't billed as a documentary, but rather a dramatic rendering of what these two phenomenal people were like. What Sorkin has accomplished is not a day-by-day, blow-by-blow, account of a week in the lives of these people. Rather, by combining events from multiple years and melding them together into one very complex and emotional week, we get a real sense of what was motivating these people and what made their lives move.

Sorkin's screenplay may not be a time-line accurate in the facts that it presents, but it does tell a moving story about two people who struggled very hard as imperfect beings to love each other and live their own lives with all the warts and blemishes that unfold. For me, Sorkin's screenplay, like so many of his earlier works, should have been nominated - it is a wonderful work and his film is a remarkable example of movie craftsmanship.

I get that maybe Kidman and Bardem just aren't Lucy and Desi, but the film delivers an emotionally rich and intellectually challenging take on just what it might be like "Being the Ricardos". (4 Stars)

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