

Fish With "Human Teeth" Caught in Cabo

A Lithuanian man and wife fishing on the shores of Cabo caught a fish "with human teeth" and shared a video on social media. The fish is actually a Tetraodontidae, also called pufferfish and blowfish, which are usually found along the Eastern Pacific tropical waters and the Galapagos Island.

According to Wikipedia, Tetraodontidae is a family of primarily marine and estuarine fish of the order Tetraodontiformes. The family includes many familiar species variously called pufferfish, puffers, balloonfish, blowfish, blowies, bubblefish, globefish, swellfish, toadfish, toadies, toadle, honey toads, sugar toads, and sea squab. They are morphologically similar to the closely related porcupinefish, which

have large external spines (unlike the thinner, hidden spines of the Tetraodontidae, which are only visible when the fish have puffed up). The scientific name refers to the four large teeth, fused into an upper and lower plate, which are used for crushing the hard shells of crustaceans and mollusks, their natural prey.

The majority of the pufferfish's species are toxic and some are among the most poisonous vertebrates in the world. In certain species, the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**

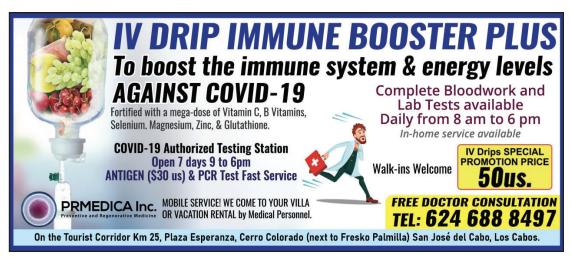
What's Going on With UBER?

BY DAVID FLORES

That was the question last week when dozens of UBER drivers blocked access to San Jose del Cabo at the Fonatur roundabout, and to Cabo San Lucas at the bullring. Yes, all 35 kilometers of the fourlane were closed to vehicle traffic ... for seven hours! The

blockade was triggered by the apprehension of 5 male and 1 female UBER drivers by state police, the National Guard and transportation inspectors. Although Mexico's Supreme Court has ruled that UBER and similar apps are CONTINUED ON PAGE 6







Que Pasa in Cabo?

BY DAVID FLORES

Another Bisbee's East Cape Offshore Tournament Was a Success. Congratulations to all that participated in the 2022 Bisbee's East cape offshore tournament this past week!

Top Billfish Tournament Team went to Team Stella June naming them the champions and taking the majority of the jackpot at \$1.28 MILLION for the only Qualifier of 375 lbs Black Marlin (pictured here). Angler: Hugo Pino.

Heaviest Tuna went to Team Crudo for their Yellowfin Tuna- 43.1 lbs, earning them \$124,920 USD. Angler: Emanuel Bernal

Heaviest Dorado went to Altamar with impressive 54.7 lbs and \$50,000 USD. Angler: Roberto Omar Garcia Formestic

Day one Dorado: Tiger

Spirit: 52.5 lbs and \$38,875 USD. Angler Gilberto Castro

1st place Billfish release Will 2 Win with 1000 points earning them \$50,830

2nd place Billfish release: Team Suertudo with 900 points

3rd Place Billfish Release: Team Freebird + Day3 dailies with 700 points and \$44,665

Last night prize checks were awarded to winning teams at the Spa BuenaVista www.buenavistaresort.mx

Tourist Attention Center Lacks Maintenance. Less than 4 years after being opened, the building that hosts the Los Cabos Tourists Attention Center (CATAC) has no air conditioning. Hopefully, the city government fixes it quickly, it's really cold down here!

New Walmart in Cabo Land is Ready. The lot, located



on the main drag just past the Puerto Paraiso Mall has already been cleared of weeds and vehicles, and closed to avoid people from parking on it. The city, said Mayor Oscar Leggs, has put some conditions, especially related to vehicle traffic. No BIG delivery trucks will be allowed during the daytime, for example. We will be watching, said the downtown business association.

New Luxurious Resort Breaks Ground. Our state governor was present at the groundbreaking of the Chable Hotel north of La Paz, which will have only 50 rooms on 16 acres. It will open in 2024,



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Cabo San Lucas and San Jose, the number of car wrecks went down from 131 to 65. The number of deaths caused by vehicle accidents also fell by 75 percent. There are still some drivers speeding, hopefully, they will clue in.

New Ambulance Arrives in Todos Santos. Lawmaker CONTINUED ON PAGE 13





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Millionaire Investment *for Mulege.* President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador approved funding to our state of nearly \$80 million USD to improve infrastructure in the Mulege municipality, home of Santa Rosalia, Mulege town, San Francisco de la Sierra and the Cedros island. Tourist attractions will be improved, too. Mulegé, located in the northern part of our state in the Sea of Cortes, is internationally famous for its gorgeous beaches, rich fishing grounds, the Gustave Eiffeldesigned church and its cave paintings. Dozens of expats enjoy living in this 4,000 inhabitants quaint town.

Gracias, Gracias, Drivers and Police! Thanks to the program established by the city, state and federal police along the fourlane between



Mexico's Women's Flag Football Team Wins World Champions

BY FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

A year ago, both the Mexico men's and women's flag football teams finished 2nd best on the planet, after winning the silver medal at the World Championships held in Israel. The Mexican women led 21-19 at half-time in the women's gold-medal match before the Americans roared back in the second period with 12 unanswered points. The U.S. dominated Austria 33-6 to reach the final, while

Mexico beat Brazil in equally easy fashion 47-6 in the other semi-final.

This year, in Birmingham, Alabama, The Mexican Women's Flag Football Team beat its longtime rival, the United States 39-6. Winning their first World Championship gold medal, playing the American game of football. The women's team from Mexico was out for revenge, and this year, they earned it. With

the victory, Mexico became the first women's flag football gold medalist in World Games history.

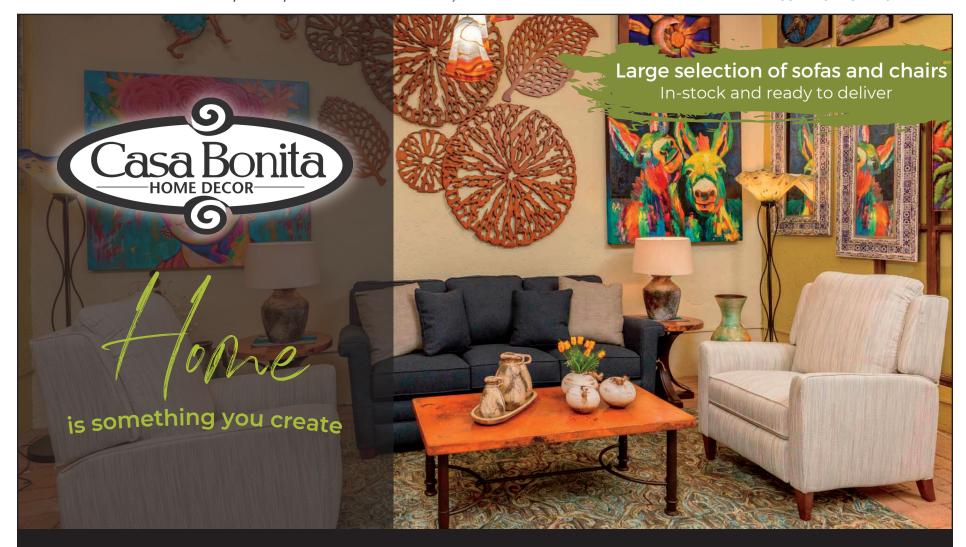
First, the young ladies beat Japan 34-13, then crushed Brazil 43-6 and shut out Italy, 49-0. During the quarterfinals, Mexico toppled France 41-6. In the semifinals, they beat Panama 36-7. Clearly, they were on a mission to accomplish the impossible. And becoming the first-time World Champions was incredible, even more so, given how they dominated everyone from start to finish.

American Football was first introduced in the country as far back as 1896 by Mexican students returning home from U.S. colleges. They brought back "an oval-shaped ball," said Alejandro Morales, a



local football historian and founder of Mexico's Football Hall of Fame. He said the first official match was played that year in the city of Jalapa in the Gulf state of Veracruz, where the students and their friends faced a team of American sailors from a U.S. ship anchored in the nearby port.

Soon after, several teams were created in Veracruz and the sport eventually spread **CONTINUED ON PAGE 14**



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One Journey to a **Retirement Visa**

BY KELLY O'HAIRE

I spent most of my working years traveling to Mexico as a tourist, enjoying the culture, the beaches and the warm weather. When my husband and I decided to find a beach locale for our retirement destination, Los Cabos checked all the boxes. More than a year ago, I began researching the different visas available, and the retirement visa was the best fit for our needs. This is officially called a visa by "economic solvency". I read every Facebook post, government website and every

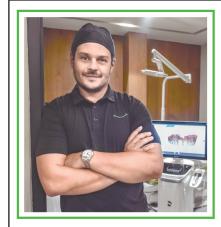
document that Google could generate. It was quite a journey. There were many opinions about how "easy" or "difficult" it was to obtain the visa and much conflicting or dated information that led me in different directions. I found that advice from the community jacuzzi was not always the best advice. Here is my recent success story:

Appointment at the Home Country's Consulate

I spent more than a year trying to make an appointment at the San Francisco Mexican

unique email address. You cannot gain access to the Consulate in San Francisco without an appointment (for sure), I called the top three recommended another state or in Los Angeles.

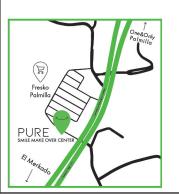
Consulate. Most of the online reviews about the Consulate are complaints regarding its appointment system. The website does not have easy-to-use directions, and it is sometimes not functioning at all. In order to view an appointment, you must first create an account online and authenticate it with a appointment. In order to make sure I was required to have this people on Facebook. I spoke with Mexican immigration attorney Martha Sandoval. Ms. Sandoval advised me to keep trying and to try another embassy location – perhaps in





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She confirmed that I had to start this process in my home country, and I appreciated her advice.

After more than a year of Covid closures and a year of mishaps, one evening, I decided to try again. I was looking for appointments anywhere near San Francisco or within the distance of a short flight. Then, a miracle happened. The computer popped up four appointments for the month of May! As quickly as I could, I confirmed one of the appointments. The second account for my husband was not working, so I quickly created another new account with another email address. We validated the account and the new email address and one hour later, I finally had two appointments in San Francisco, California, at the Mexican Consulate! I could not believe my good fortune.

Gathering Documents

We next began the large project of gathering the required documents to show proof of solvency. The Consulate's website lists the following items needed for the appointment:

Visa application form (origi-

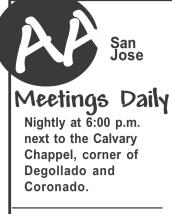
Valid Passport and travel document (original and copy) Photograph

Documents proving economic solvency (original)

Documents proving your legal stay (original and copy)

Additionally, we needed our marriage certificate, proof of pensions, 12 months of original bank statements/investment accounts, and a booked travel document. I also brought 1099Rs, retirement tax statements and my monthly pension statements. I read that it was

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Letters To The Editor

My hat is off to you for publishing Linda Neil's article "What is a REALTOR"

Around the Globe, IN-CLUDING Mexico many people are selling real estate who may be unscrupulous, fraudulent, etc. None of these can legally use the word REALTOR®. That word is a registered trademark of The National Association of REALTORS® (NAR). The 112-year-old association has 1.5 million members with working affiliations in 76 countries. It is the largest trade organization in the U.S.A.

As a real estate agent working in Mexico, to be able to use this logo, one must be a member of AMPI. Then it is possible to become an International Member of NAR with the benefit of calling oneself a Realtor*. AMPI has a Code of

Ethics to which members must subscribe. It is modeled after that of NAR.

According to MLSBCS, there are 900 real estate agents in BCS. AMPI has only 50 members. So that means there are several hundred selling properties that cannot legally use the word REALTOR*.

Bottom line. Caveat Emptor If you want to buy property

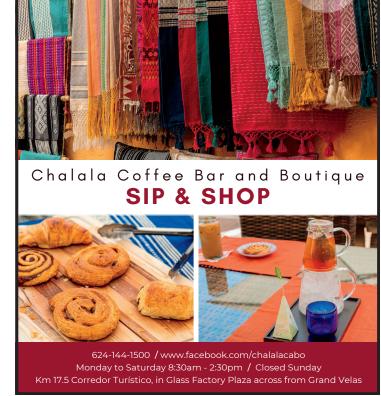
without the service of a REAL-TOR* (Buyer Beware.)

John K. Glaab, APR, CIPS La Paz,Uruapan, Mexico 🛩

Hello Gringo Gazette -

This week I saw your news flash talking about the "new slow driving controls across the TP and how it has reduced accidents."

My area of frequent daily travel is between Mega and Fresko / H+ hospital. I now read in the GG that the new speed limit for this area is 40 km/hr. The police have placed rows of cones and parked police units near the arroyo crossing. Let me tell you that





New, Sensational Artisanal Beers Available in Los Barriles

A Vienna Lager and an Ultra Lager Artisanal beers were created exclusively by a Beer Maestro to commemorate the Hotel Palmas de Cortez 50th Anniversary.

The response of the public has been as sensational as the beers. The Vienna, with its slightly

toasty hop flavor has been the most lauded but the Ultra Lager, with a superior "hoppy" flavor sales are following closely.

With a limited production, they are available only at the Palmas de Cortez and Playa del Sol bars and restaurants.

Four more, new flavors will be available in the second half of July for you to enjoy, created by the MOSCHCAT brand.



NO ONE SLOWS DOWN. Daily I see vehicles not respecting the new speed. Why? No consequences. I have never seen the police "pull over a speeding vehicle." The police are busy looking at their phones.

In the last 3+ years, dramatic driving is occurring in Los Cabos. Gringos say (and so do my Mexican friends) that everyone drives fast and recklessly. Today, so many drive a

new vehicle. I say if you can afford a new vehicle, then you can afford to adapt to modern driving laws.

The driving test here is not serious. You know how long it takes to be licensed in the U.S./ Canada? Los Cabos needs to greatly modernize the driving test. Simply, copy any U.S. state procedure that everyone must pass to obtain this new license. This test would be **BOTH academic and driving**.

The reward. Government should negotiate with Mexican insurance companies and those that obtain the new **Baja**

Safe Drivers' License should receive a reduction in their vehicle insurance rate.

Anther GG article expressed that the taxi drivers/ limos are being approached and I strongly agree. They drive recklessly and fast. They all should pass the above and if so they receive, for prompt inspection in their windows, the I am a Baja Safe Driver sticker indicating they passed the new driving requirements.

If they get stopped for a ticket, there should be a new strict point system. Very easy. The points would allow 2 speeding tickets a year and you lose your plates for 2 weeks. If another point, then down for a month. If a 4th point, down for 1 year. Points more severe for ALL COMMERCIAL DRIVERS.

How would the police control the system? Take the new tax money (55,000,000 USD per yr.) and hire 30+ more police plus equipment. When ticketed, the driver plates are **CONTINUED ON PAGE 15**

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legal, in our Southern Baja state, the transportation law does not include them and has labeled them as illegal and congress has refused to change the law. Why? Glad you asked. Many government officials, including the governor and former governors, own taxis, sometimes dozens of them. The blockade was laws. The power of the taxi lifted when Mayor Oscar Leggs ordered the release of the jailed drivers and their vehicles. Now you know.

The next day, Leggs and UBER representatives met

at City Hall in San Jose and they arrived at a healthy agreement. The government stopped harassing UBER drivers, and the latter agreed not to block the highway while negotiations continue. A second meeting will take place at a later date and we will report on it for you. Unless the state congress includes UBER and similar Apps as legal transportation services, they remain outcartels is huge, but the times are a'changing... Perhaps the local inhabitants that support UBER could hold a sit-down outside of City Hall in support of them?

FISH WITH HUMAN TEETH...

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internal organs, such as the liver, and sometimes the skin, contain tetrodotoxin, and are highly toxic to most animals when eaten; nevertheless, the meat of some species is considered a delicacy in Japan (as 河豚, pronounced fugu), Korea (as 복, bok, or 복어, bogeo), and China (as 河豚, hétún) when prepared by specially trained chefs who know which part is safe to eat and in what quantity. Other pufferfish species with nontoxic flesh, such as the northern puffer, Sphoeroides

maculatus, of Chesapeake Bay, are considered a delicacy elsewhere.

The species Torquigener albomaculosus was described by David Attenborough as "the greatest artist of the animal kingdom" due to the males' unique habit of wooing females by creating nests in sand composed of complex geometric designs."

Curious data: It is documented that dolphins love to "smoke" their breath, which causes an effect similar to being stoned. If you are lucky enough to be in La Playa fishermen's area in the San Jose marina, ask them for a blowfish, those fishermen

know how to cook it and they're delicious!



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Los Cabos Open Crowns World Number One

BY FRAD FALKNER

In September of 2002, I was commissioned to cover my first ATP 250 tournament in Bahia, Brazil for Tennis Week magazine. Bahia and Los Cabos could be sister cities in the tropical paradise family tree. Upon entering the grounds of the 2022 Los Cabos Open, I was refreshingly washed over with a pleasing sense of Deja vu that occurs every time I visit a tennis venue for the first time.

Professional tennis is chalk full of silly statistics, a goofy scoring system (love means nothing in tennis), records, rivalries, rankings, replays and a handful of points that signify varying degrees of consequences and rewards. That said there is no denying the infectious joy that spreads through a community when "the tennis" comes to town.

Many Mexican tennis aficionados plan their annual summer vacations around the Los Cabos Open. "I live in Veracruz and I've been coming to Los Cabos for the ATP 250 tournament ever since 2016. I'm telling you this year has been the best because of the new location. They always get the best players and it feels like there's a party going on every night," Front Tennis instructor Daniel Garcia told me.

"Between ticket holders, event employees, media and our tournament staff, the Abierto de Mifel is responsible for 4000 hotel bookings," Los Cabos Open tournament director Geoffery Fernandez revealed.

As part of ATC (Abierto de Tenis Los Cabos) Cares, the Mifel Tennis Open held its first Family Day, a project 100% focused and designed to help the underprivileged Los Cabos community. Families in vulnerable economic situations were invited and brought

to the Cabo Sports Complex

More than 140 children, mothers and one father gathered at the Cabo Sports Complex for a morning full of different activities seeking to enrich their development and provide essential information on health, medical, education, legal and counseling services.

In addition to tennis clinics for children ages 2-14 in attendance, there were talks for mothers on respectful parenting and nutrition. The families received lunch, T-shirts and free haircuts.

For Fernández, director of the ATC, Family Day is the main legacy that he seeks to leave through sports. "It is the best thing about this event. We live together and give the best that the company has to vulnerable families. For example, talks about nutrition, savings and family relationships. Of everything that happens in the week, what fills me the most is this program."

On the Saturday prior to the main event a qualifying tournament takes center stage. Very little skill wise separates qualifiers from the main draw players. Here you find an assorted cast of characters ranging from their teens to their late thirties, all part of the traveling international circus that makes up the international professional circuit. American Nick Chappell, with a ranking of 500, entered the event hoping to qualify for his appearance in the main draw of an ATP tournament.

Chappell and defending champion Cam Norrie were college teammates at Texas Christian University. But that's not all. Norrie's coach, Facundo Lugones, was Chappell's doubles partner at TCU. Chappell qualified for the tournament and landed in Norrie's section of the draw with an opportunity to face him in the second round. Fate intervened and the TCU reunion is on hold for now, as Chappell lost his first round

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'The extraordinary news is that the tournament surpassed the 2019 attendance record, which was 22,300 people and that is something to be proud of because we are talking about exceeding 25,000 people," Fernandez reported.

In the pass-fail world of professional tennis, Medvedev reached the pinnacle of performance. In the final, he turned the court into a classroom, conducting a lesson in tennis domination. After an **CONTINUED ON PAGE 15**



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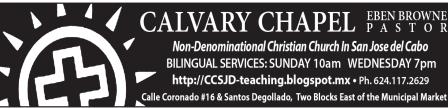
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Cooking Like a Mexican

BY ALEJANDRA BORBOLLA

Mexican National Holidays are right around the corner, which brings out the best in our food, especially the most exquisite, sophisticated dish in Mexican cooking: Chiles en Nogada. This is hands down my favorite dish and the one I'm the pickiest about, knowing the work that comes with it. I have prepared this dish (and I would never do it again); it was a 12-hour marathon in the kitchen and is one of my fondest memories with my mother, who at first refused to help but ended up in the kitchen with me. It's a bonding dish, a very hard one, and requires tons of patience and love but is the most rewarding thing anyone can cook. I personally say that whoever can make chiles en nogada properly can do anything. The flavor that comes from combining sweet, sour,

salty and bitter makes the tongue

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and palate sing. The original recipe calls for more than 100 ingredients. Nowadays, there are many versions but still not as extensive as the original one, which has sadly, been lost, and one of

the real deal with grandma's tips included.

Chiles en Nogada season is only three months long. Whoever says anything different is



the main ingredients can and should no longer be found, but I will get to that later. However, I searched for the closest one to

lying. I know. Science has come a long way to bring ingredients all year long, but still, this dish can only be made and served July, August and September, when the ingredients are traditionally in season and at their prime in flavor.

You know how Champagne can only be made in Champagne France, Parmigiano-Reggiano in Parma Italy, etc.? Well, chiles en Nogada used to be made only in Puebla, Mexico. Some of the ingredients like chiles, walnuts, peaches, pomegranate, pears, apples and acitrón (bishop's weed) can only be found in that state because of the species but

modern life has pushed us to use regular species for the same ingredients, thus achieving a very close copy of the flavor.

Acitrón comes from biznaga, a big, round cacti I'm sure you've seen at least in pictures. It is now a protected species because it was so popular and used in so many dishes and candies it was over-exploited and became nearly extinct; it took a very long time to grow. Before it got to that point, the cacti was peeled, the pulp chopped in big chunks and covered in a thick syrup made up of 70% sugar, and baked.

There are different stories

about the appearance of chiles en Nogada in Mexican cuisine, but it is definitely known that the year they appeared was 1821. Some versions say that chiles en nogada appeared around the time of Agustin de Iturbide -- Mexican army general and politician. During the War of Independence, he built a successful political and military coalition that took control in Mexico City on September 27th, 1821, decisively gaining independence for Mexico. After the secession of Mexico was secured, he was proclaimed President of the Regency in 1821. A year later, he was announced as the Constitutional Emperor of Mexico, reigning briefly from 19 May 1822 to 19 March 1823. He is credited as the original designer of the first Mexican flag, and signed the Independence Act and the Cordoba treaties. Santa Monica Convent nuns, the Augustine sisters, are often claimed as the masters behind this dish. When they found out Itrubide was coming to town; it is said that they prayed for inspiration **CONTINUED ON PAGE 9**









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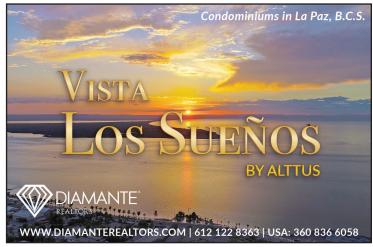
BY NICK FONG

Auctions are not new. They have been around for centuries: works of art, jewelry, cars,

houses. You name it. Houses? Yes, the auctioning of houses is not new either, although this

type of transaction is mostly related to banks or the government to recover mortgages, for tax issues, or related to organized crime.

However, there are platforms dedicated to home auctions that have nothing to do with any of the above. They are created to provide better opportunities for both sellers and buyers who, in a market





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like the current one, are faced with multiple offers due to inventory shortage.

Even when those multiple offers are fewer in the summer months, they still occur. At our company, Ronival Real Estate, it has happened in the last month, although it has been less frequent in the last quarter than it was earlier in the year.

The answer is that the number of transactions has dropped dramatically. We can attribute it to different reasons, like the uncertainty in the economy and, an important one, in the Baja Sur the real estate market has the seasonal effect. During the summer months, there is typically a drop-off in sales.

So those two things combined have led to fewer transactions, fewer buyers in the market, and fewer multiple offer situations, but they still

happen because of another variable: the lack of inventory persists and this is where the platforms dedicated to real estate auctions come into play.

You might think these platforms are new. They aren't. They have been operating for many years in other countries.

The advantage of using these platforms, for you as a buyer, is transparency and a way by which, if this is the property that you really want and there are multiple offers, you have the best opportunity to win that property.

Many times you just don't know what happens with your offer if it's really being considered. An auction platform like Spark Offer (www.sparkoffer. com) creates an opportunity by which the buyers can see where their offer ranks.

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Advancement of Real Estate Practices, Mexico

BY HARRIET MURRAY

The Mexican government legislature met at the end of 2021 and examined the laws for the protection of consumers in reference to how developers run their new construction projects.

There have been laws since the 1990s for developers to follow the consumer protection law in their purchase agreements. They will now have to follow these laws and have their contracts approved by the appropriate government agency overseeing consumer protection.

Their actions must now include transparency with the buyers. They also have the responsibility for the quality of the product they are selling. Promoters or persons selling these new construction projects will be under consumer protection laws, also.

It is important for you, as a foreign buyer, to understand the agencies which oversee the business of selling real estate, new or resale. The following associations or agencies are monitoring real estate activity.

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The Federal Commission of Economic Competition (Cofece) is the authority responsible for monitoring, promoting and

guaranteeing competition and free and fair markets to function efficiently for the benefit of consumers. We know this as fair market practices and no price fixing.

3. PROFECO IS A MEX-ICAN GOVERNMENT **AGENCY**

(Procuraduria Federal Del Consumidor) or consumer protection agency is tasked with enforcing consumer law and investigating possible violations. They respond to complaints from residents and tourists, perform random inspections on Mexican businesses and have the authority to fine or close businesses who are in violation.

Now persons selling real estate will need to have their agreements registered with the Consumer Protection Agency **CONTINUED ON PAGE 18**



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The seller also benefits in the sense that typically options get a higher price than the initial price being offered.

At Ronival Real Estate we met with the owner of Spark Offer and founder, Mike Russo, over a year ago, and it sounded very interesting. The platform is brand new, and although they have done some fractional auctions here and several more in the United States, they have not done any full ownership of a property until now.

How does it work? Everyone gets registered on Spark Offer as an interested buyer. You have to work with a local real estate agent registered on the MLS and he or she puts a bid in the auction accompanied with the written offer. There's a timeline that is determined by the listing agent and the owner that is the cutoff date.

What's interesting with this auction, like other auctions, is that it is on their website. You can see how many bidders

there are and where you rank in the line, if you're at the top or at the bottom, and if you want to increase your bid how it adjusts you in the rankings.

It's a great way for buyers to win a property that has multiple interested buyers. It really helps both sides, as well as the listing agents, because when you have a property that gets multiple offers, it's really hard. It's like traffic control and you're trying to determine whom you go to, how you communicate and a lot of times you make mistakes in that process. So, using the Spark Offer's technology allows you to handle that traffic, handle multiple offers and get a better deal for your sellers.

Let me use an example. We just recently put Casa 35, in Ventanas phase 3A, on the market, and in the open house preview, on the first day, we had 10 to 12 people come through the house. That is very unusual, especially in August. So, the owner and I thought it would be a great opportunity to maximize the sales price and **CONTINUED ON PAGE 18**





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Yayo Van Wormer delivered an ambulance to the magical town of Todos Santos. It was acquired with the help of several concerned citizens and the foreign community. Van Wormer wants to thank Paul, Nate, Dan, Anthony, Maryann and Kate, as well as Manuel Cadena who helped with the process to bring it down from the U.S.

Los Cabos International Airport Grows. The arrival of private aircraft is growing at a 2-digit ratio, said Francisco Villaseñor, Director of the airport. The aircraft's platform is being expanded as you read this, to expand its capacity from 42 to 95 airlines. The



Tue & Fri 8:30 am Rancho Buena Vista Wed & Sun 5:00 pm GAP Group, which operates the airport, acquired an additional 148 acres of land last week for future growth and possibly an additional landing strip.

Major BlackOut in La Paz Yesterday. Two electric transformers exploded at 4:00 pm yesterday due to an overload, said the CFE in La Paz, causing a blackout of 7 and 15 hours in different areas of the City. The electricity demand broke the 2019 record, with 590 MW last week and 540 this week. Fire up your A/C only when you really need it and in the area where you need it, or the blackouts will continue.

How Many Cruise Ship Visitors Have We Had So Far? And who's counting? Well, Mexico's Tourism Secretariat is, and reports to us that between January and May this year, 2,674,000 cruise ship passengers visited Mexico. The ones with the largest number of visitors were Cozumel and Mayahual in the Mexican Caribbean, Ensenada, Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta and Mazatlan. So we were number four with 116 cruise ship stops and 213,850 passengers. However, this month of August we only have four ships scheduled to arrive.

We Have a New Plan to Save Water. There is a new agreement between the government of La Paz and builders and developers. The water used in construction will only be treated water, not drinking water. Same thing for the water used to water dirt roads. Perhaps they can extend the plan to Los Cabos, where construction seems to be unstoppable?

Colonel Sanders Returns to Southern Baja! It was almost 40 years that the La Paz Kentucky Fried Chicken closed its restaurant in La Paz due to poor sales. Yes, local inhabitants preferred local chicken restaurants and turned their backs on KFC. It will now open soon, says the sign outside the Plaza Galerias (Formerly The Shoppes at La Paz). Stay tuned.

Southern Baja Makes it to the Top. The EditorialGE magazine placed our Southern Baja State in the fifth position of the Best Places to Honeymoon this year. It says, "Baja California Sur is the easiest honeymoon spot for people who live on the West Coast of the U.S." Other spots are the Amalfi Coast in Italy, Antigua Barbuda, Austin, Texas, Australia, Bali, Indonesia, The British Virgin Islands, Buenos Aires Argentina and Cape Town, South Africa.

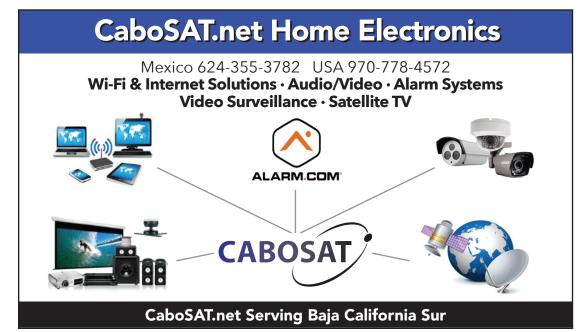
New Hydraulic Infrastructure in the East Cape. The Costa Palmas development in La Ribera, East Cape, will invest millions in construction to prevent dry river beds (arroyos, in Spanish) from the Santiago arroyo to Los Pocitos, from overflowing in the hurricane season. This will help protect a good number of local inhabitants' homes, where a number of its workers live. Thank you, Costa Palmas!





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MEXICO'S WOMEN'S FLAG...

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to Mexico City and its local colleges. UNAM, the national state university with over 200,000 students, started playing in the 1920s, and by the 1950s, most Mexican colleges were playing the gamewhich was second behind soccer in popularity.

UNAM's famed Estadio Olimpico, the site of the 1968 Summer Olympics, was used mainly for American football in the first decade after its inauguration in 1950. "Back then, football used to share the spotlight with soccer," Morales said. "Eventually that faded because football was not seen as a business. It was played in college and they just wanted to help the students, while soccer was run by professionals."

"Now girls are like getting more into sports that were created for boys," said flag football player, Cora Castro. "It's so different from soccer. Soccer players are so sweet, while Football players are tough and disciplined."

And indeed, women's flag football leagues and games have been running rampant in every corner of Mexico. Girls have simply grown to love American flag football more than boys. And the locomotive of its popularity is moving full steam ahead. Living so close to its American neighbor, has only added fuel to the women's flag football fire.

The Men's Flag Football Team also managed to win a medal. The Mexico Men defeated Austria 39-35 to win the bronze medal in the match for third place. At the 2021 World Cup in Israel, the Mexican team finished 2nd losing in the championship game against the USA.

Team Mexico got out to a scintillating start thanks to an opportunistic defense and never looked back, dominating both sides of the ball as quarterback Diana Flores and her four touchdown passes TEMPUR-PEDIC

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highlighted its 39-6 win over the USA. A shocking start to the game spelled a quick end for the Americans, which found itself trailing, 8-0, after its first two possessions. The first ended with Mexico's Xiomara Rios scoring off a Crouch interception and the second concluded when Rebeca Landa sacked Crouch

for safety.

After that, Mexico's offence dominated the game as QB Flores connected with receiver Silvia Contreras for three touchdowns.

Mexico scored the game's first 39 points before the Americans finally scored. Mexico led 27-0 at halftime.

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recommended to write a cover letter stating our purpose, so I did that. We only wanted to do this once!

The Appointment

Ready for our Friday appointment, we crossed the Golden Gate Bridge and headed to downtown San Francisco. I quickly found the old brick building that housed the Mexican Consulate and I saw that it remained the same, with the Mexican flag flying high on the cool May morning. We arrived at 8 a.m. for the 9 a.m. appointments, and the line was already quite long. There was a man with a cart selling snacks and the people were friendly. Everyone was still in masks due to a Covid resurgence, but the spirits were high. People were helping people. The security guard had a long list of names with appointments. In an orderly fashion, he let people in according to the timing with the appointment next to their name. It was a place buzzing with people and needs far more serious than ours. The security guard led us through the metal detector and up to the second floor. Both floors contained large areas of seating for the various lines. We quickly met with the man who facilitat-

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taken. In order to get the plate back one must pay a significant fine, receive their points, and have their picture and information recorded on a laptop that all police vehicles carry. If stopped again, the police can quickly see if this person has any ticket history. Police will be handsomely paid. Hence, no payoffs.

These new police will be positioned along and patrol the TP extensively day and night.

I hope these ideas stir positive, important changes.

Regards - Richard Myers 🖊

We are just a couple of expats who live here in Cabo and read the *Gringo Gazette*. Recently there have been several news updates that we feel truly threaten Cabo's quality of life and allure for tourists going forward:

1. Expansion of the Cabo airport. Already planes fly low over numerous resorts and

developments on their flight pattern to the Cabo airport. Not very pleasant. With the reported doubling of the Cabo airport these flights will be a constant noise over the resort developments and Cabo in general. Has the municipality considered changing the flight patterns for the airport to approach the airport from a different direction to reduce the noise over Cabo proper?

2. A Walmart downtown. BRILLIANT. Terrible decision and location for downtown Cabo. There is plenty of room in the area of the current Walmart for a new store there. Enough said on that.

We understand these decisions are all made on one criterion - money. Money NOW in fees, etc. does necessarily translate to future monetary success for the city. But without looking down the road on how these decisions will affect the long-term success of Cabo and the resorts and developments is irresponsible. These poor decisions may so negatively affect Cabo's attraction to tourists, expats, etc. that

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these folks may end up looking for other locations to vacation and retire. Empty resorts and an unneeded larger airport are Cabo's future.

Steve and Carrie Bradley 🖊

LOS CABOS OPEN CROWNS...

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extremely competitive first set the Russian reminded the world why he is the greatest player on the planet, denying Norrie the pleasure of a repeat in Los Cabos.

"Every match was very good, but the final is always special," Medvedev said. "In the final you play the best player of this week, so it's always a high-level match and I'm really happy that I managed to show some good level, some good shots in such an important match."

For the second year in a row a former U.S. collegiate standout took home the doubles trophy. American William Blumberg partnered with Serbian Miomir Kecmanovic to defeat Brazil's Marcelo Melo and South Africa's Raven Klaasento for the doubles title.

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I would love to come back here next year to defend my title," Blumberg said.

Fernandez pointed out the presence of the Mexican players in the singles and doubles draws, and highlighted the performance of Alex Hernández, who advanced to the second round in singles. With his first round win, Alex Hernández broke a streak of 26 con-

secutive losses by Mexicans in ATP Tour and Grand Slam singles matches dating back to the first round of the Abierto Mexicano Telcel in Acapulco in 2011.

Fernández also acknowledged that the tournament continues to move in a positive direction cementing a path that enables all to expect **CONTINUED ON PAGE 19**



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for a main dish that was worthy of being up to huge celebratory standards.

A little add-on to this story is that the first chile en nogada must be served on Saint Augustin's fete on August 28. Mexico has always been a very fervent Catholic country, and Iturbide's arrival from Veracruz to Puebla conveniently fell on the same day as the Saint's party. It must be mentioned that the shortest way from Veracruz to Mexico City, (where all the important stuff always happened) was through Puebla.

Coincidentally, or maybe not so, the civil celebration for Iturbide signing the treaties was the same as Iturbide's birthday, on September 27th. He was led to believe that the dish was made especially for him, which is complete BS, since the dish was made a month before. The only difference is that someone had the bright idea to decorate it like the first Mexican flag for

Iturbide, who designed it.

Some people say that the colors of this dish were chosen by the sisters for a very good reason. Some others say the symbolism was added years later to give it a deeper, more heartfelt meaning and as an effort to raise patriotism.

Green: independence and hope; a band of parsley is added rich in A, B2, B6, C and E vitamins.

White: Catholicism and unity; the walnut sauce is almost white, rich in folic acid and vitamins.

Red: the blood shed by those who fought for the country; pomegranate seeds are the perfect complement. They have a high manganese content.

A completely different story is that in Agustin de Iturbide's regime there were three soldiers who had girlfriends in Puebla. The ladies wanted to welcome them with a special dish that had the colors in their uniforms, which had the first Mexican flag's colors on them and they didn't want to refer to their momma's recipe books. They



prayed to the Rosary Virgin and Saint Pascal for enlightenment got cooking and the result was chiles en nogada.

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Which is the real story? Who knows? The bottom line is, the essence of the recipe has been kept throughout the years and it is now a part of our heritage, known worldwide.

For the stuffing:

5 Poblano peppers (Read below for instructions)

½ pound of pork loin, chopped in small pieces, almost ground

½ pound of beef, chopped

same as pork

1 big, mature brown pear, chopped

1 big, mature apple, chopped 1 big, mature peach, chopped 1 plantain, chopped

1 pound tomatoes, ripe, chopped

½ onion, chopped 3 garlic cloves, minced

1 oz. raisins, whole

1 oz. almonds, peeled, toasted and chopped

¹/₄ cup of pine seeds (find them as piñones)

Salt

For the sauce:

50 walnuts

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¼ lt. crème fraiche (NOT SOUR CREAM. If you can't find it, use "media crema" or half cream)

¼ cup of goat cheese, "queso fresco" or panela cheese (I know these vary in taste greatly. All three are acceptable and depends on your personal preference)

For the batter:

3 eggs and 1 extra white

Vegetable oil to deep-fry

1 bundle of parsley to decorate

1 cup of pomegranate seeds **CONTINUED ON PAGE 19**







Fish Report

BY GARY GRAHAM THAT BAJA GUY



Cabo San Lucas

In typical fashion, local fishing lit up in early August! Fifty-pound dorado, along with multiple billfish and yellowfin tuna were caught on the same day!

reflect how the fishing in August has been. Pisces 37' BBII caught two 50-pound Mahi (dorado) and released two big sailfish.

Super day for the Kakos family from Hawaii! They A few recent highlights landed these 36- & 49-pound dorado and released two

striped marlin and one sailfish aboard Pisces 37' BBII with Captain Osiel Winkler and Mate Joel Green.

Incredible days of fishing for Pisces 35' Bill Collector who scored with two big bull dorado plus yellowfin tuna and striped marlin releases, with angler Jennifer Vidacak from Kansas.

Fish Killers Of The Week





Congratulations to Team Stella June and La Playita, legendary local angler Hugo Pino for their 375-pound Black Marlin! During this past week's Bisbee's East Cape Offshore event, they won top honors and the largest payout of \$1,286,385 ever awarded in the event.

Puerto Los Cabos

Southern Baja has been feeling more like the tropics. Another Tropical Depression is passing off to the west of the Southern Peninsula. Although there is no forecast of impact on land, the swells will prob-

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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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(PROFECO). The contracts they submit most contain a number of standards and requirements as defined by the government for protection of the consumer.

4. ANTI-MONEY LAUN-DERING (AML)

There is extraterritorial jurisdiction for money-laundering crimes when such crimes are initiated, prepared or committed in foreign territory and have effects in Mexico, or when the money-laundering crimes are initiated, prepared or committed abroad. There is an international treaty binding Mexico to the obligation to extradite or prosecute.

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This article is based upon legal opinions, current practices, and my personal experiences in the Puerto Vallarta-Bahia de Banderas areas. I recommend that each potential buyer or seller conduct his own due diligence and review. harriet@casasandvillas.com

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ed our appointment. He spoke English well and conducted our interview in English. We were eventually sent away for an hour or two so that he could review our financial documents and the application. Upon our return, we provided fingerprints, photographs and answered a few more questions. We also paid a \$48 per person fee downstairs and brought the receipt back upstairs. We were told that we could go outside for another hour and a half and upon our return, we would be called.

By the afternoon, we had our temporary visas and instructions for the next step in the process at the IMH Office in Mexico. We had 180 days to enter Mexico and present our temporary visas at customs. The documents and the FMM card (available on the airplane) had to be processed in a certain manner, according to instruc-

tions. The temporary visas were valid for one entry, and we had to see the IMH Offices within 30 days of the entry or start the process all over again.

The IMH Appointment

In June, we traveled to Los Cabos to finalize our visas. We were excited to enter the country through the "citizens" desk **CONTINUED ON PAGE 21**



New schedule: M/W/Sat 11a.m—12 noon.

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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.





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better things to come in the long term especially for the Los Cabos community at

"Stronger Than Ever" continues the tennis tournament catchphrase tradition. To be sure, the most iconic catchphrase in professional tennis history was "You've come a long way baby". The killer advertising slogan for Virginia Slims cigarettes t kept the fledgling women's game afloat. Virginia Slims was the title sponsor of the women's tennis circuit in the 1970's and 1980's.

The tournament premiered at the Cabo Sports Complex, whose main stadium showed its first full house during the final with 3,500 people in attendance.

"Without a doubt it's the best tournament in the history of this great young event," Fernandez adds with his trademark smile. "You could say I'm more than happy."

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to decorate

Preparation:

In a deep skillet, add two tablespoons of oil and cook the onion until soft. Then, add the beef and pork and brown.

Puree the tomatoes and the garlic and add them to the meat with the saffron and laurel, and simmer until bubbly. Turn the heat to the lowest setting.

Add the fruit, almonds, and raisins and let simmer until liquid is consumed.

Grill, skin, devein and clean the peppers.

Cut a slit in the peppers carefully and stuff them with the picadillo.

Sprinkle flour over the pep-

Separate the eggs and beat the whites into stiff peaks, slowly incorporate the yolks and make sure you don't stop whisking!

Carefully, soak the chiles in the batter and fry them. Once the batter is golden brown, take out the chiles and rest them in a **CONTINUED ON PAGE 21**

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ably increase, and there are predictions of isolated thundershowers. Last Sunday afternoon, we felt thundershowers for an hour – on and off, with some areas recording up to two inches of rainfall.

Any moisture received now

is welcomed, as the desert landscape has been extremely dry over the past six months, and ocean water temperatures have been averaging from 80 to 86 degrees.

Lighter numbers of anglers continue to arrive even though the highlight of fishing recently has been the large bull dorado found on the local fishing grounds. Although dorado

action has been spotty, this has been the best bite for the larger-size dorado we have seen in many years. Mixed sizes of dorado are being encountered, with larger fish over 50 pounds. Most success has been using bait, but a percentage of these fish are striking lures. Live caballito and sardina have been available. Another option has been ballyhoo or jigging up

bolito on offshore grounds and using them for trolling bait.

Only a few stray wahoo were reported, and tuna were scarce as well. One monster yellowfin was hooked on the San Luis Bank, only to be lost after a several-hour battle on heavy equipment; this tuna had hit a trolled bolito.

There is not much inshore or bottom fishing, as this is the season for targeting offshore surface action.

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East Cape

The water has been clear and flat, with some wind on Friday and Saturday. The weather has been pleasant for August, with highs in the low 90s.

It has been another great week of fishing. The big bull dorado are still plentiful, with lots in the 30 to 55-pound class. The billfish bite is still wide open, with stripers, sailfish, and blue and black marlin being released. The yellowfin has been pickier biters, although there are still lots under the porpoise. Big roosterfish are being released daily, and a few wahoo are coming to the cleaning table every day.

It has been excellent dorado fishing! The Bisbee tournament weighed 67 dorado over 30 pounds, and they were mixed with the marlin on the inside drop-offs. The winning bull was 54.7 pounds. Most are taking marlin lures, feathers, and ballyhoo.

Many blues and blacks were released, most in the 200 to 300-pound class. The Bisbeewinning fish was a 375-pound black. In addition, loads of stripers were released, mixed with quite a few sails.

The inside drop-offs produced the most fish. Slow-trolled live skipjack, caballito,

trolled large lures, and bally-hoo worked best.

Some smaller, fast-moving pods of porpoise hold tuna averaging 10 to 25-pounds, with some to 40 pounds. They are spread out on the inside and outside from 3 to 40 miles offshore, taking Hoochies, cedar plugs, tuna feathers, and caballito. Although they are around, they are much pickier biters this week.

Big roosterfish are still in the area, and 50-pounders are common! Some are even over 70 pounds. There is not much pressure as most anglers are fishing outside. All the beaches produce nice fish, but they are still best around the Lighthouse. Using live caballito and mullet for bait is best, but they also take flies!

A couple of wahoo in the 20 to 40-pound range are coming to the cleaning table most days. Almost all taken from South of the Lighthouse all the way to Vinaramas. Rapalas and Marauders are working best...John Ireland, Rancho Leonero

La Paz

Except for an unexpected bump in the weather, it has been sunny, hot temperatures mixed with some good to excellent fishing.

If there was a downside to things, there wasn't much variety compared to earlier in the summer when we had 8, 10, and 14 distinct types of fish. I say that because 95% of the catches this past week were dorado...and more dorado!

The Tailhunter La Paz fleet needed to run as far as San Juan de la Costa to find the schools, but soon, some boats were nailing 10 to 15-pound fish limits. Then, in an hour or less, they were catching and releasing, sometimes as many as possible. As one of our anglers said, "The dorado schools were like an aquarium. As soon as a hook hit the water, the dorado seemed to fight to grab the bait.

"Some larger fish in the 20 to 25-pound class were in the mix, but often, the smaller **CONTINUED ON PAGE 22**









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at customs. Our papers were properly marked, and we were ready for our IMH appointment the following day.

Prior to our June flight, I was not able to obtain an appointment on the IMH website. I contacted an often-recommended facilitator, Ms. Josie Peralta Camacho of Mexico Paperworks. She could not have been more accommodating. She made the appointments for the time period we had available. We took our friend and neighbor with us and drove to downtown Cabo San Lucas for the 8:40 a.m. appointments.

We walked inside the parking area and Ms. Peralta im-

mediately recognized us. She had an assistant waiting in line for us from early in the morning. She had filled out a number of documents for us, and she had a few more pages with personal questions: height, weight, education level, religion, etc. I felt fortunate to have hired her for many reasons. First, she was a wonderful person. She had previously worked in and ran the division offices for the IMH. She was an attorney, and she happened to be married to an American and spoke perfect English. Next, the forms were long and entirely in Spanish. It was difficult for me to fill out the Consulate's forms in Spanish, and I knew that these forms were going to be above my skill level. I felt relieved that there was someone more competent

to complete the forms for us and to explain the technical terms. Ms. Peralta did all of that. After processing the papers and awaiting a number from the central Mexico offices, we were ready for fingerprints and photographs. During this time, Ms. Peralta Camacho sent her assistant to the bank to pay our fees and return with a receipt for 5776 pesos each. About five hours later, we had our "green cards" and we celebrated with a photograph outside of the building. We felt so fortunate to have successfully navigated this journey to the retirement visa!

Kelly O'Haire is a licensed attorney in California. She is married to Rowland Yerkes, a retired technology executive. They are enjoying life in San Jose del Cabo. 🖊



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paper towel to remove excess oil.

For the walnut sauce, peel the walnuts and blend with the cream, cheese, sugar and cinnamon.

Pour the sauce over the chiles and decorate with pomegranate seeds and parsley, making a Mexican flag!

-The stuffing can be made a day before but nogada must be fresh.

-To buy peppers: greener are sweeter, darker are spicier. Remember you're going to stuff them so make sure you buy them as regularly shaped as possible.

-To peel the chiles without breaking them, grill them evenly on an open fire, avoid burning them but make sure they blister up in every side.

- Fruits must be added in order, from toughest to softest. This way, you'll avoid some fruits mushing in a puree and some others being too tough.

-To make the batter, use a wooden spoon to avoid breaking the bubbles and losing volume.

- In the olden days, families used to gather around the table to peel the walnuts. it was a family affair. Whoever did not want to do this could go to a convent and buy peeled walnuts from the nuns, who instead of talking over the walnuts would pray the rosary. People said that the chiles en nogada made with "nun walnuts" tasted better because the walnuts were "prayed".

-Some people say that the true chiles en nogada are covered in egg batter. Some say it's not necessary. It's your prefer-

-The consistency of the sauce is tricky. It must be nice and even, not too thin and not too thick, kind of like paint, to coat the chile and quite chunky, because of the walnuts.

-Chiles en nogada can be pricey when purchased at restaurants, because it's quite a hassle to make them. Most restaurants though, serve them unbattered as they are easier to work in busy kitchens.

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BY MOLLY WILLIAMS

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Molly Williams was the first known female firefighter in the history of the United States. She was an African American member of New York City's Oceanus Engine Company No. 11 in 1815 and also a slave. During the blizzard of 1818, she pulled the pumper through heavy snow to fires throughout the city. She was as hardworking as the men on the crew, but she always wore a calico dress and checkered apron to emergencies.

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fish were so much more voracious and faster, the larger ones in the school or cruising the perimeter never got a chance. There weren't many complaints as boats came back with a lot of worn-out anglers most of the time.

For the Tailhunter Las Arenas fleet, the dorado bite wasn't quite so good. It could be a bit sticky at times, and they had to work harder to find the fish. However, for what the bite lacked in numbers, the dorado we caught were usually larger, with some fish hitting the 30 to 40-pound class. The big news was the appearance of wahoo near the south end of Cerralvo Island. We had some fat 30 to 50-pound "skinny" 'hoo taken, but some of our other anglers reported that they got bit off



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clean through their lines or the wahoo shook off or bit through the wire of their trolled Rapalas. Dark-Rapalas seemed to be the most productive.

They could have caught even more if not for a surprise storm rolling through late in the week that was never on CONTINUED ON PAGE 23



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Monster Dorado Caught in Cabo



the several weeks, the bull dorado catches have dazzled recent visiting anglers. Multiple fish have tipped the scale at 35-, 40- and even a few have been in the 50-pound class. Esaul Valdezwonthe Dorado Shootout in the East Cape last week with a 57-pounder. Is it just a flurry, or will the bite continue throughout August? (Contributed by Gary Graham, That Baja Guy.)

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Photo courtesy of Gordo Banks Panaas

anyone's radar. Strong wind and rain chased the boats off the water while the bite was still strong, causing pangas to race for shore. They call these storms "toritos" (little bulls) because the heat from the ocean suddenly rears up an unexpected lashing of rain like a little hurricane. It lasts 10 minutes to an hour or so, then blows out. But you definitely don't want to be out there in the middle of one, so heading for shore is the more prudent thing to do and wait it

out until it dissipates. Then go back out...Jonathan Roldan, Tailhunter International.



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