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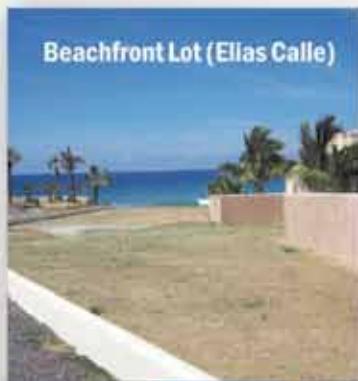
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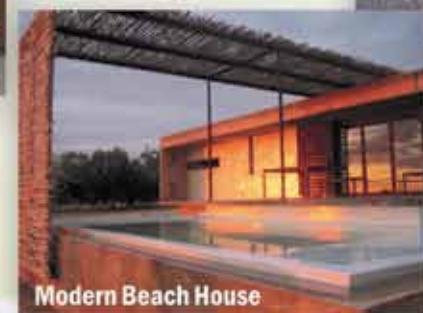
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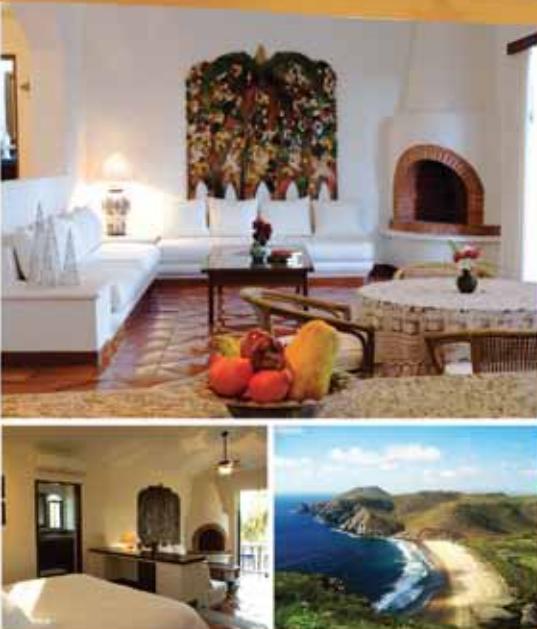
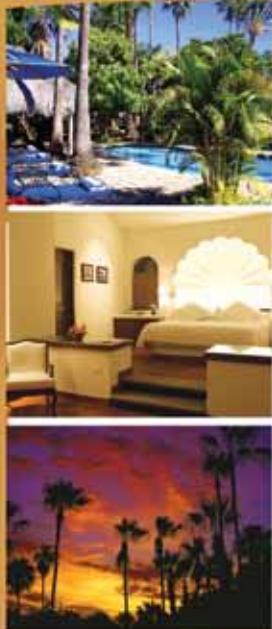
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hotel CASA TOTA

Story and photos by Katy Hurado
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"HOLA!" to Todos Santos' newest boutique hotel.

Carrying on the tradition of warm friendly service, the staff invites visitors in to the newly constructed hotel located in the historic district on Obregon, between the streets of Benito Juarez and Colegio Militar.

Hotel Casa Tota is owned by Miguel Ochoa and was designed by architect Brenda Casillas. Their business partnership, Baja Builders, oversaw the design and constructed the hotel. The space that has been created fuses old Todos Santos charm with modern Mexican warmth and comfort.

Built on the property of the original mercantile store of Doña Tota and the Salgado family home, the hotel, bar and restaurant incorporates part of the original structure. This central location provides guests with the perfect downtown experience for their stay in Todos Santos.

It was very important to Doña Tota that all her customers and employees were treated like friends, so that people would feel really welcome and comfortable. Managers Christine and Josh feel the same way and so the tradition continues on in every aspect of the hotel.

Warm earth tones compliment the design and coziness in the 15 "proudly modest" rooms priced under \$100 USD per night. Equipped with comfortable furnishings, plasma TV, A/C and hotel wide Internet access, the accommodations surround the lavishly planted courtyard complete with wooden sun deck, lounge chairs, sculptured fountain and a full size turquoise blue swimming pool.

The second level allows guests
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"iHOLA!" de Todos Santos desde el nuevo boutique hotel.

Siguiendo la tradición de calurosa bienvenida e impecable servicio, el personal invita a los visitantes a éste nuevo hotel construido en el centro histórico, sobre la calle de Obregón, entre Benito Juárez y Colegio Militar.

Miguel Ochoa es el dueño del Hotel Casa Tota y fue diseñado por la arquitecta Brenda Casillas. Baja Builders, la compañía de la que son socios, administró el diseño y construcción del hotel. El espacio creado fusiona el estilo encantador de Todos Santos con un estilo Mexicano, moderno y confortable.

Construido sobre la propiedad en donde se encontraba la tienda de Doña Tota y la casa de la familia Salgado, el hotel, bar y restaurante incorporan parte de la estructura original. Su ubicación central provee a sus huéspedes de una estancia perfecta en el centro de Todos Santos.

Para Doña Tota era muy importante que sus clientes y empleados fueran tratados como amigos, para que la gente se sintiera realmente bienvenido y confortable. Los administradores Christine y Josh, se sienten de la misma manera, así que la tradición continúa en todo aspecto del hotel.

Tonos calurosos terrosos complementan el diseño y la comodidad de los 15 cuartos "de módico costo" a un precio de menos de \$100 USD por noche. Equipados con cómodos muebles, plasma TV, A/C y WiFi en todo el hotel, los alojamientos están rodeados de un patio con bellas plantas, más un deck de madera, asoleaderos, una fuente escultural y una gran alberca color turquesa.

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On the COVER

Tori Sepulveda

It's all good! I have enjoyed the unspoiled beauty of Baja since 1978 and am delighted to wake up every day in this magical paradise, embracing the sun and the ocean, the gorgeous light and the beautiful people.

My Dad was a Naval officer, so I grew up on the move, but one of my favorite spots was growing up in Hawaii. Clearly this set the stage for stepping back in time to Baja. I never figured out how Dad managed to find time to be an accomplished painter and furniture maker while juggling career and family, but growing up with oil paints and easels and beautiful paintings nourished my development as an artist. Called by the warmth of Santa Barbara I majored in art at UCSB, got a teaching credential in art at Berkeley in the '60's where colors of tie dyed clothing flashed, the Rolling Stones and Country Joe kept us rocking, and we shook our heads over the tragic deaths of our leaders.

Charged with this energy I started my teaching career, first as a student teacher in East Oakland where racial tensions flared, and then by teaching at a Catholic High School in Monterey. By the 70's I was in Ventura County where I became part of an active, vibrant art community and here I taught art, until retiring in 2005. I also taught English, Spanish, History, Crafts, Newspaper and the Yearbook, and found that it all interrelated. Somewhere along the line I learned that it doesn't matter what you teach as much as how you teach it. It doesn't matter where you live as much as how you live it. I learned to guide my students to ask the questions appropriate to finding their personal answers. I learned to approach people with appreciation of our humanity, to respect them as individuals and give them room to grow. My greatest satisfaction was teaching Advanced Placement High School courses where I could nurture brilliant young artists for four years, celebrating their growth and achievements as they achieved national recognition, moved on to attend major art schools across the world and developed exciting careers in the arts. One of my biggest honors, as a teacher, was to be recognized as a BRAVO award winner, and multiple times was selected as a mentor teacher for the county, a master teacher, a judge for applicants to the National Board of Education and an IMPACT grant award winner.

About my own career as an artist, I have shown my paintings in many museums and galleries in California, and participated in many exhibitions, including the Ventura and Ojai Art Associations and the Carnegie Museum in Oxnard.. I finished my master's degree in art education at Azusa Pacific University, taught classes at the Ventura County Museum of Art, and was commissioned to paint multiple murals, which reflect the culture, diversity and history of the County of Ventura.



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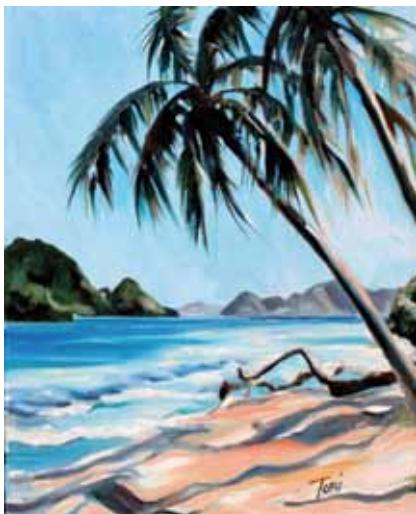
Tori Sepulveda

¡Todo está bien! He disfrutado la belleza de Baja desde 1978 y estoy feliz al despertar todos los días en este paraíso mágico, disfrutando del sol, el océano, los lindos amaneceres y su gente linda.

Mi padre fué un oficial de la Marina, así que crecí en varios lugares, pero uno de mis favoritos fué Hawaii. Claramente este lugar me preparó para vivir en Baja. Me parece increíble cómo mi padre encontró el tiempo para ser un pintor acreditado, un gran ebanista, atender su oficio y al mismo tiempo a su familia. Para mí crecer rodeada de óleos, pinceles y hermosas pinturas me ayudó a mi desarrollo como artista.

Fascinada por el clima cálido, California fue el lugar indicado para mis estudios profesionales adonde me titulé en Arte en la Universidad de Santa Bárbara. Poco después obtuve mi credencial como maestra en la Universidad de Berkeley en los 60's, donde las vestimentas multicolores brillaban y Los Rolling Stones y Country Joe nos acompañaban con su rock. También fue el lugar donde la trágica muerte de algunos de nuestros líderes nos sorprendió.

Cargada con esta energía, comencé mi carrera de maestra. Primero como principiante al éste de Oakland, donde las tensiones raciales eran intensas, y después dando clases



en una escuela secundaria católica en Monterrey. En los 70's estuve en el condado de Ventura donde formé parte de una vibrante y activa comunidad de arte. Es aquí donde enseñé arte hasta mi jubilación en el 2005. También dí clases de inglés, español, historia, alfarería, periodismo y produje el anuario escolar. Así descubrí qué todo está interrelacionado.

Durante este período aprendí que no importa que enseñes, sino como lo enseñas. No importa donde vivas sino como vivas. Aprendí a guiar a mis estudiantes a hacer las preguntas apropiadas para encontrar sus respuestas personales. Aprendí a acercarme a las personas con aprecio por nuestra humanidad, a respetarlos como individuos y a darles el espacio necesario para su crecimiento. Mi mayor satisfacción fue el dar clases a estudiantes de alto nivel académico por cuatro años. Así pude ayudar a jóvenes brillantes a alcanzar sus logros, celebrando su crecimiento y sus reconocimientos nacionales, siempre alentándolos a continuar sus estudios profesionales de arte en grandes universidades de prestigio. Uno de

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Thursday, November 10 FULL MOON

Friday, November 11, VETERAN'S DAY (US)

November 17 – 19, ANNUAL SPAY/

NEUTER CLINIC at La Cañada del Diablo. Four vets from the U.S. along with several vet techs will join our local vets in a volunteer effort to reduce the overpopulation of dogs and cats in our neighborhoods. For more information or to volunteer please contact Angelique: bajaKitties@yahoo.com Sponsored by *Amigos de los Animales de Todos Santos A.C.*

Saturday, November 19, 7 pm, Grupo

Tortugueros las Playitas presents a **NOCHE DE TORTUGAS MARINAS** at **La Esquina**, with a documentary by Ira Nevis Productions.



November 20, ANNIVERSARIO DE LA CONSTITUCION with town parade in the morning.

November 20, 4 pm, OPEN READING at Michael's at the Gallery. All are welcome to read their original works, under 5 minutes in length. Listeners are welcome. Hats or some type of sunshade are recommended. Drinks available for purchase.

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Thursday, November 24, 4 pm THANKSGIVING TRADITIONAL FEAST with all the trimmings at the **Hotel California**. Call for reservations 145-0525.

Friday, November 25, NEW MOON

Saturday, November 26, 10 am – 1 pm, Palapa Society Of Todos Santos, A.C. 4TH ANNUAL

TIANGUIS. Annual yard sale at the Ejidal building on Colegio Militar, across from Bodega Lizarraga. Donations Wanted—Your unwanted or unused household items will be transformed into education scholarships (*Becas*) for local children attending high school and universities. Small items and clothing can be brought to the Palapa Center on Calle Obregon. For larger items, please contact: Donna Viglione, info@palapasociety.org 145-0299

November 26, 4 – 7 pm, ART OPENING/RECEPTION at **Caffé Todos Santos** featuring art by Arturo Mendoza. **Appetizers** and beverages courtesy of **Caffé Todos Santos**. Works will be on display through December.

Saturday, November 26, 7 pm, INAUGURACION of the new "*Bar el Jardin*" at **La Esquina**. Live music TBA.

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 3, TODOS SANTOS HOME & GARDEN TOUR. Sponsored by *Escuela Pacifica*.

The next tour is being planned now for the Las Tunas area. For more information contact: Michele Campbell, aboutmichele@gmail.com, 612-178-0107. info@escuelapacifica.org, 612-157-6080 or 145-0882.

Thursday, December 8, 5 – 6 pm, MEET THE ARTISTS at Cafelix with Jennifer Power.

Thursday, December 8, 6 - 8 pm, OPENING/RECEPTION for the Small Works Show at Visions Gallery at Cafelix. For more information contact Mike McAllister: heronsnestbaja@earthlink.net or Tori Sepulveda: oscarntori@yahoo.com

Saturday, December 10 FULL MOON

Saturday, December 10, 9TH ANNUAL WORLD CLASS GARAGE SALE at La Cañada del Diablo. Bring your goods to sell or come to buy. The annual rummage sale for the cats at Kitty Heaven will be held at the Garage Sale, if you would like to donate household goods, working electronics or any other items to our sale (and our cause) please contact Angelique at BajaKitties@yahoo.com

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Saturday, December 10, 7 pm, MUSIC FESTIVAL. Benefit for the Hogar del Niños de Todos Santos at **La Esquina**. Live music, silent auction, clothing/shoe drive, donation at the door. Forest & Friends—N. California folk, Tim Lang—Rockabilly, Jay Nash—Vermont acoustic guitar, AK47. At 10:30 pm dance to Ben & The Men. Tickets 70 pesos only 200 available. On sale now at **La Esquina** and San Pedrito Surf Hotel.

December 16 - 24 Las Posadas.

Friday, December 16 & Saturday, December 17, Blue Moon Production's "**AND THEN THERE WAS NUN**" an off the wall murder-mystery comedy that combines Hollywood movie stars with local talent. Teatro Luna Azul. Tickets at Tecolote Bookstore. More information at <http://tsbmp.blogspot.com>

Saturday, December 24, NEW MOON

Sunday, December 25, 4 pm TURKEY DINNER with all the trimmings at the **Hotel California**. Call for reservations 145-0525.

Saturday, December 31, 10th ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH at the **Hotel California**. All you can eat buffet, live music and pink champagne at midnight. Call for reservations 145-0525.

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every week

sunday

8 am – 12 pm MEXICAN BRUNCH BUFFET at Miguel's Restaurant. \$100 pesos.

10 am DHARMA TALKS at La ARCA.

11 am FOOTBALL at the **Sandbar**. Fish & chips 80 mn.

4 pm HAPPY HOUR at **Hotel Guaycura Sky Bar**.

monday

9:30 am – 2 pm Basilfield ORGANICS FRUIT & VEGETABLE STAND.

10 am – 1 pm Palapa Society LIBRARY OPEN.

FOOTBALL & PASTA NITE at the **Sandbar**.

HAPPY HOUR

3 – 6 pm at **Shut Up Frank's**.

4 pm Sunset at **Hotel Guaycura Sky Bar**.

4 – 6 pm at **Las Fuentes**.

5 – 6 pm at **La Esquina**.

tuesday

9:30 - 11:30 am LA PAZ FARMER'S MARKET at calle Revolución and Constitución, La Paz.

9:30 am – 2 pm Basilfield ORGANICS FRUIT & VEGETABLE STAND.

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HAPPY HOUR

3 – 6 pm at **Shut Up Frank's**.

4 pm – Sunset at **Hotel Guaycura Sky Bar**.

4 – 6 pm at **Las Fuentes**.

5 – 6 pm at **La Esquina**.

wednesday

9 am - 1 pm RECYCLING COLLECTION at the corner of Degollado and A. Olachea. 50 pesos drop off fee.

9 am - 12 pm FARMER'S MARKET at **La Esquina**.

9:30 am – 2 pm Basilfield ORGANICS FRUIT & VEGETABLE STAND.

10 am – 1 pm Palapa Society LIBRARY OPEN.

PIZZA NITE at the **Sandbar**. Kids under 12 eat free.

HAPPY HOUR

3 – 6 pm at **Shut Up Frank's**.

4 pm – Sunset at **Hotel Guaycura Sky Bar**.

4 – 6 pm at **Las Fuentes**.

5 – 6 pm at **La Esquina**.

thursday

9:30 am – 2 pm Basilfield ORGANICS FRUIT & VEGETABLE STAND.

HAPPY HOUR

3 – 6 pm at **Shut Up Frank's**.

4 pm – Sunset at **Hotel Guaycura Sky Bar**.

4 – 6 pm at **Las Fuentes**.

5 – 6 pm at **La Esquina**.

5 - 9 pm ARTWALK in the San José del Cabo historic district.

STEAK/RIB NITE at the **Sandbar**.

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"Stairway to Heaven" Mixed Media 40" x30" x 2"

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My husband Oscar and I love living in Todos Santos and have designed our home to fit our lifestyles. My new art studio and classroom area has just been completed and I am ready for the fourth season of art classes that meet every Thursday at 9 am. For information contact me at oscarntori@yahoo.com My paintings are displayed at Mangos, Galería A, and Visions Gallery in Cafelix in Todos Santos and in Cabo San Lucas at the Maurer Gallery.

I find Todos Santos to be a beautiful and supportive community, where the artists support and celebrate each other to enhance the arts in our town. Being an artist is more than just painting a picture, it is the essence of your being and the bright spark in your soul every hour of every day.

Thanks to my family for supporting me, and to all my friends and fellow artists in this town who have helped me get to where I am at with my work. I hope to just keep getting better.

de la Portada continuó de página 9

mis grandes honores como maestra fue el ser reconocida como ganadora del premio Bravo, y ser seleccionada en muchas ocasiones como maestra mentor para el condado de Ventura é instructora de maestros, juez de selección de aplicantes para el National Board of Education y ganadora del premio IMPACT.

En cuanto a mi carrera como artista, he exhibido mis pinturas en varios museos y galerías en California, he participado en muchas otras galerías como Ventura and Ojai Art Asociaciones, y el Carnegie Museum en Oxnard. Terminé mi maestría en educación de arte en Azusa Pacific University, dí clases en Ventura County Museum of Art, y fui comisionada a pintar varios murales, los cuáles reflejaban la cultura, diversidad e historia del Condado de Ventura.

A mi esposo Oscar y a mí nos encanta vivir en Todos Santos. Nosotros diseñamos nuestra casa para acomodar nuestro estilo de vida. Mi nueva galería, estudio y salón de clases están por ser terminados. Ya estoy lista para la cuarta temporada de clases de Arte cada jueves a las 9 am.

Para mayor información mi correo es oscarntori@yahoo.com. Mis pinturas se exhiben en Galería Mangos, Galería A, Vision Gallery en Cafelix en Todos Santos y Galería Maurer en Cabo San Lucas.

Todos Santos es un pueblo hermoso y su comunidad es muy entusiasta, donde los artistas se apoyan y celebran el uno al otro, para embellecer las artes en el pueblo. Ser un artista es más que solo pintar una pintura, es la esencia de tu ser, y la luz brillante en tu alma cada hora de cada día.

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A COFFEE TABLE ART BOOK

The idea of writing a book has always tantalized me. In 1994 I came to Todos Santos for three months, painted on location and wrote several chapters of what I hoped would be a memoir. After hundreds of pages and several re-writes, classes and writing clubs, I deem myself a long way from publishing. I have said that writing a book is harder than giving birth to a baby. There is a longer gestation (in most cases) and the delivery can be very arduous and painful. Not for the weak at heart.

The book I now have published is one I have been working on for the last two years with an editor in Laguna Beach. This book features twenty five years of my art: beginning with an Italian Hillside series painted in 1987 that launched my art career, up through a tree series, a woman's series, French landscapes, a huge section on Mexico and Baja and into my present abstract work. One hundred and forty four pages of color. A visual feast. Each painting has a quote underneath relating to the process of art or of an inspirational nature. There is some history and writings about my process and how I got where I am today.

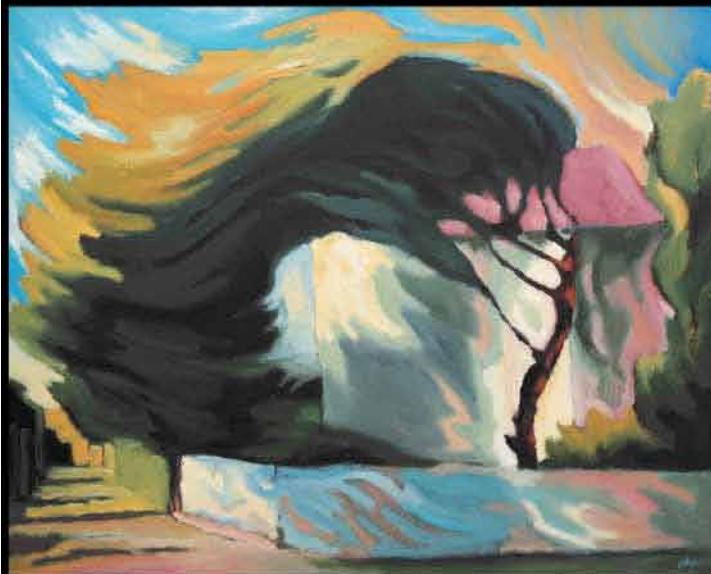
What I hope this book portrays is a process of an artist. The personality of one person and how that was and gets expressed over time. How it evolves, changes and grows with dedication and persistence.

An artist whose blog I read each week, Robert Genn, wrote:

"As a painter, I like a monastic life. I rise early, paint before breakfast, correspond, paint, break briefly for a simple lunch, perhaps a brisk walk in the forest, maybe a snooze, then back to the studio. Dinner is at home with friends or family. I work each day until tired, read a bit, sleep well, and do it again the next day. Several days can pass without moving the car. It's productive—the monastic life gets results. As Picasso said, "I like to live like a poor man with lots of money."

It's all about the renewal and rebirth of life through creativity. Similar to the nuns who tend the fields, or the monks who labor in the hothouses, there's satisfaction in growth, change, green shoots, raking up old leaves. Art reaffirms life and is in harmony with many universal principles. Perhaps the studio is even greater than the nunnery or the monastery. In **ART TALK** continued on page 15

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la cocina DEL CORAZÓN

by / por Katy Hurado
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traducido por Gloria Ruenitz Santoyo

"I love the kitchen and cooking is my passion!" No truer words could express the energy that Chef Rodrigo Bueno has brought with him to Rancho Pescadero. Attention to detail, creativity and a lifetime of worldly education and experience, Chef Bueno prides himself in adding that special personal touch to the dishes offered on the new menus.

As Executive Chef, it is his kitchen now and he's doing things different. From welcoming guests to a vast array of interesting dining in the Patio and Upstairs locations, to the newly constructed Garden Restaurant—the focus for the main dining experience, to events, celebrations, holidays and cooking classes...all personally attended by the man himself, Chef Bueno!

Living in Todos Santos, Chef Bueno has immersed himself in the community and takes pride that his recipes are all based around local organic products enhanced with memories of dishes he savored from places like Morocco, Spain, Portugal, France, Japan and Argentina. "Rustico!" he happily exclaims for one of his favorite styles of cooking as he remembers dishes and spices from around the world. "Sometimes I might add a pinch of Spanish paprika, a dash of Greek olive oil or maybe grind my favorite chili into the daily salsa!" (Cascabeles are one his favorite chili pods...the seeds inside sound like a rattlesnake tail!)

Chef Bueno's credentials extend far and wide. He first began preparing meals, with sushi as his specialty, when he was 8 years old. The list became long and LA COCINA DEL CORAZON cont. on page 18

"iMe encanta la cocina y cocinar es mi pasión!"

Esto no podría ser más cierto al observar la energía que el Chef Rodrigo Bueno ha traído a Rancho Pescadero. Su atención al detalle, creatividad y una vida de educación y experiencia mundiales. El Chef Bueno se enorgullece añadiendo su toque personal a los platillos que ofrece en los menús totalmente nuevos. Esto culmina en una experiencia culinaria de deleite que pueden disfrutar visitantes, locales y huéspedes del hotel.

El Chef Ejecutivo de Rancho Pescadero es él, y es su cocina, por lo tanto, está haciendo cosas de manera diferente. Para dar la bienvenida a sus huéspedes hay una gran variedad de lugares interesantes para disfrutar su comida, desde el Patio y la Terraza del segundo piso, ó el nuevo restaurante en el jardín—así como eventos especiales, celebraciones, días festivos y clases de cocina—ien toda ocasión el cliente se sentirá atendido por el mismo Chef Bueno!

Viviendo en Todos Santos, el Chef Bueno se ha involucrado directamente con la comunidad y siente orgullo en que sus recetas utilizan productos orgánicos locales engalanados por memorias de platillos que ha saboreado en Marruecos, España, Portugal, Francia, Japón y Argentina. "Rustico!" exclama con gusto cuando recuerda platillos y especias de alrededor del mundo. "A veces una pizca de paprika española, una pizca de aceite de olivo Griego ó quizás iun poquito de su chile favorito para la salsa del día!" (Cascabeles son uno de sus chiles favoritos... las semillas suenan como si fueran los

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the humble studio one hears the constant plop, plop, plop of product. Product that honors our land, our people, our earth.

To be in touch with creativity on a daily, even hourly, basis may just happen to edge yourself closer to divinity. If our universe is indeed a creation, (an idea that competes with the idea that our universe is an idea) then perhaps we need to be on that wavelength. Pushing paint is a high calling. To do it well you need humility. You need a well-regulated, simple life so that you might become both servant and student."

That I could aspire to such depth of creativity and spirituality as Robert Genn, what a gift that would be.

I hope my book is an inspiration to others who are working on the path of creativity. A gentle and visual reminder of what can happen when you put your mind, heart and soul towards something. That regardless of how often you may feel like giving up or throwing in the towel, don't. Never give up on your dream.

Jill Logan is a Southern California artist, who came here to paint in 1994, and moved here permanently in the spring of 1998. She studied Fine Arts at the University of Utah, University of California - Irvine, and the Art Center - Pasadena.

She began her professional art career in 1986 in Laguna Beach, California, and has exhibited in New York City, Naples, Florida, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Los Angeles, California. She taught art in her studio in California before opening her own gallery here in Todos Santos in the Spring of 1998.



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Original paintings, sculptures and textures throughout the hotel and restaurant add to the artistic visual environment of Hotel Casa Tota. Open 7 days a week from 7 AM to 10 PM, the great food and drinks served up from La Santeña can be enjoyed both indoors and out. Guests frequently gush "the *huevos rancheros* were superb!"

Head chef Tony Peralta's menu creations include fresh fish of the day with chipotle sauce, omelet al gusto, *chiles rellenos con papas*, smoked marlin burritos served with a bed of perfect guacamole, *torta de elote* and chocolate mousse with chilies that sit atop fresh strawberries and pecans. Yum!

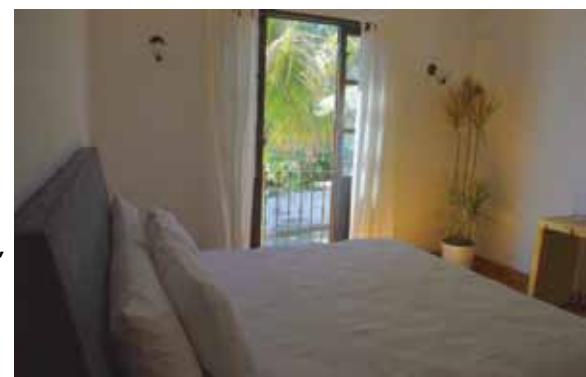
Javier Pico is a member of the welcoming committee, who, as a lifetime resident of Todos Santos, is a wealth of knowledge about the area and its history. Guests, locals, friends and visitors will delight in spending time talking to him and finding yet another personal side of the staff at Hotel Casa Tota.

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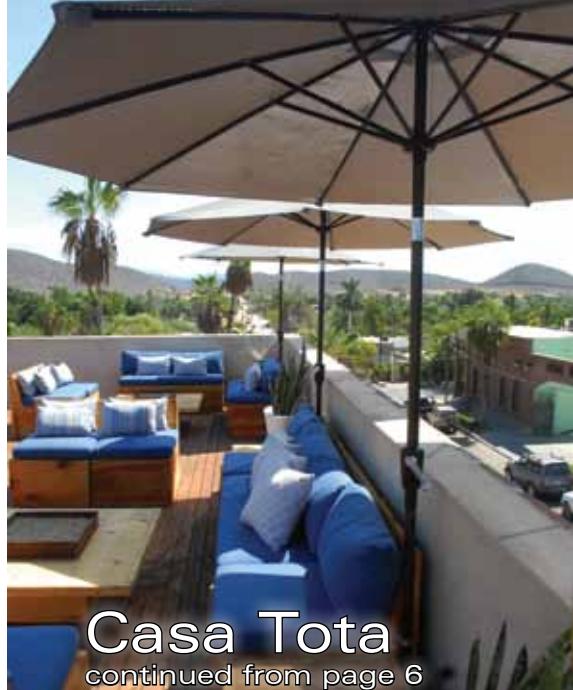
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¡El top deck es fantástico! Ya sea el amanecer sobre la sierra, arriba de los árboles ó la caída del sol en el Océano Pacífico las vistas son espectaculares. Disfruta aún de más espacio exterior y ambiente sin igual bajo grandes paraguas para el sol, cojines, chimeneas y servicio de "deck." Wao que manera más perfecta para iniciar el día. También en el top deck, se encuentran: una área sombreada con todo y hamacas, cortinas para privacidad y espacio para yoga.

Cuadros originales, esculturas y texturas se encuentran a través del hotel y el restaurante añadiendo un ambiente visual y artístico al Hotel Casa Tota. Está abierto 7 días a la semana, de 7 am a 10 pm. En el restaurante La Santeña se pueden disfrutar excelentes comidas y bebidas, servidas adentro y afuera. Los huéspedes mencionan a menudo como adoran "ilos huevos rancheros!"

El chef Tony Peralta ha creado un menú que incluye: el pescado del día con salsa de chipotle, omelet al gusto, chiles rellenos con papas, marlín ahumado servido sobre guacamole, torta de elote y mousse de chocolate con chiles



encima de fresas frescas con nueces. Yum!

Javier Pico es uno de los miembros del comité de bienvenida, siendo un residente de vida en Todos Santos, tiene un conocimiento amplio sobre el área y su historia. Huéspedes, al igual que locales, amigos y visitantes se deleitan charlando con Javier y así encuentran otra muestra tan personal de los empleados del Hotel Casa Tota.

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distinguished after studying at the Instituto Culinario de Mexico and the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City. He continued his education by cooking, learning and managing in fine establishments like the Landmark Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand, David & Buster's, Roots Magic Club, Cantucci's in Mexico City and most recently the Market Restaurant at the One & Only Palmilla in Los Cabos.

Chef Bueno's goal is to provide guests with a unique experience for all tastes—both the selections on the regular menu as well as daily specials. Starting with breakfast on the beach with fruity yoghurt and eggs Benedict to a sunset supper spectacular of lobster tails accompanied by fresh organic salads and topped off with an amazing inventive infusion of flavor for dessert. *iBienvenidos a Rancho Pescadero y que bueno Chef Bueno!*

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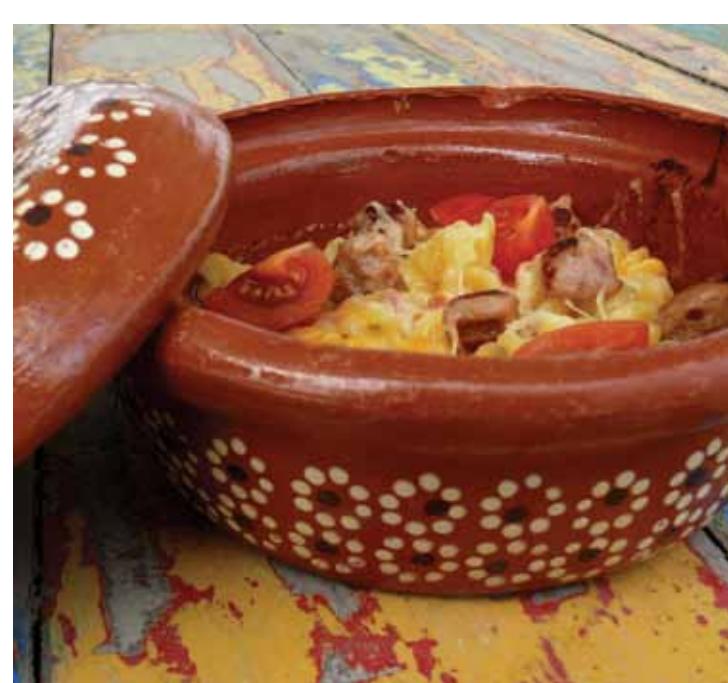
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cascabeles de una serpiente!)

Chef Bueno tiene un currículo impresionante. Empezó a preparar platillos, por ejemplo, sushi como su especialidad, cuando tenía ocho años de edad. Pero después la lista se hizo realmente larga y distinguida gracias a sus estudios en el Instituto Culinario de México en la Universidad Iberoamericana en la Cd. de México. Continuó su educación cocinando y aprendiendo a manejar establecimientos que incluyen el Hotel Landmark en Bangkok, Tailandia, David & Buster's, Roots Magic Club, Cantucci's en el D.F. y más recientemente, el Market Restaurant en la One & Only Palmilla en Los Cabos.

La meta de Chef Bueno es proveer a sus huéspedes de una experiencia culinaria única y para todo tipo de gustos—con selecciones de su menú regular, así como de las especiales del día. Iniciar al día con un desayuno en la playa con yogurt y huevos Benedicto y en la noche, una cena espectacular al caer el sol, disfrutando una langosta con ensalada orgánica. Para culminar una creativa infusión de sabores para el postre.

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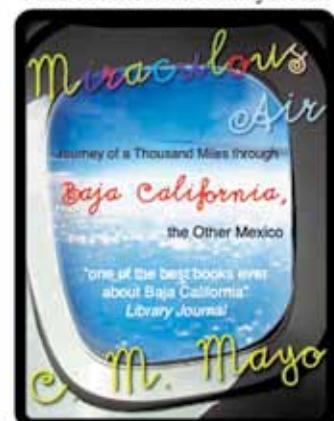
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She dubbed her initiative "Acercarte." The name comes from The Spanish "acerca" (to bring closer to) and "arte" (art).

"The kids are hungry to find a way of expressing themselves," Lila says. "We're helping them learn the language of art."

Acercarte's first project was painting a mural with children from El Cardonal, a rural village on the East Cape of Baja California Sur.

Luis Enrique Lucero Meza (logistic coordinator at El Cardonal for Acercarte), signed up 26 children, ages 5 to 16, from the towns of El Cardonal, Boca del Alamo, Las Tinas and San Bartolo.

Lila, 40, and fellow La Paz artist Leonardo Diaz held a weeklong workshop where children produced a 24-panel mural entitled "Guardianes del Desierto,"



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Lila Magallón, dueña de la Galería Cava, Deli "La Encantada" en La Paz, capital del estado de Baja California Sur, concibió la idea de llevar arte a niños en poblados rurales y de difícil acceso en Baja California Sur.

Nombro su iniciativa "Acercarte," que hace referencia a acercar el arte.

"Los niños están hambrientos de encontrar una manera de expresarse," dice Lila, "Les estamos ayudando a aprender el lenguaje del arte."

El primer proyecto de Acercarte fue el de pintar un mural con niños de El Cardonal, un poblado rural dentro de la zona de Cabo del Este en Baja California Sur.

Luis Enrique Lucero Meza (coordinador logístico en El Cardonal para Acercarte), inscribió a 26 niños, entre las edades de 5 a 16, de el pueblo de El Cardonal, Boca del Álamo, Las Tinas y San Bartolo.

Lila de 40 años de edad y su colega artista también de La Paz, Leonardo Díaz, ofrecieron

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(Guardians of the Desert).

La Encantada held an opening on October 15 displaying the complete mural; Municipal President Esthela Ponce Beltran attended the unveiling.

The mural will be on display through early November at La Encantada in the old historic center of La Paz at Belisario Domínguez 1245, between 5 de Mayo and Callejón Constitución.

Acercarte's funding comes completely from private donations. They are looking for sponsors for future projects and other locations to display the "Guardianes del Desierto" mural.

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un taller durante el cual se produjeron 24 paneles que conformaron el mural "Guardianes del Desierto."

La Encantada tuvo su inicio de temporada el día 15 de Octubre donde la Presidenta Municipal de La Paz, Esthela Ponce Beltrán develó la obra.

El mural estará expuesto en La Encantada hasta principios de Noviembre. La dirección es Belisario Domínguez 1245 entre 5 de Mayo y Callejón Constitución.

Los patrocinios de Acercarte llegan en su totalidad de donaciones privadas. Y están en búsqueda de apoyo para futuras replicas de el proyecto y lugares donde exponer el mural "Guardianes del Desierto."

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Verano

I've already been told that if I write about the summer weather in Tiny Town, I will simply reveal myself to be a big whiner. But since my entire life changes during the summer months, it seems hypocritical to ignore it. So for lack of obsessing on anything else since July, I will share my thoughts about my summer here, like it or not.

July 17: There's a crack in the northern corner of my bedroom up by the ceiling that is 4.75 inches long and winds down the wall like a snake. I know a lot about this crack because I've spent many days studying it as I seek shelter in the one air conditioned room in our house—the bedroom. I've moved the TV and computer into this room in my half-hearted attempt to escape the heat. Every winter I promise myself to make a plan to go somewhere cool, camp out, explore, see different parts of the country, any country. And yet I am still here, threatening to leave, but threatening who? People come and go all summer and no one really notices or cares. The parties and fiestas fade away, restaurants close. Who's here? Who knows.

It's claustrophobic to stay indoors all day and yet I don't want to go out. The exhilarating daily walks with my dogs become slow and torturous in the summer, all of us pretty much hating it. I have no vegetable garden to care for or eat from and no water to keep anything green anyway. I am told we get less water from the city in the summer because people need to water their gardens more. But when I actually venture out of the house, what I see are people watering their dirt. I want to scream at them, but I don't. I have no desire to cook anything that requires an oven or effort so I eat what's in the fridge, a hard boiled egg, bread, peanut butter. I spend half my day refilling ice cube trays. I considered moving the fridge into the bedroom, but as sensible as it seems, I prefer to believe a change in the weather is imminent.

August 6: My dogs and I awake many mornings to discover strange fungi or bacterial infections that obviously thrive in these conditions. I wonder what kind of critters are in my bed at night or where they hide during the day. I have woken up with swollen lips, puffy eyelids, rashes in every conceivable place. I can see the ocean from my porch and the waves are inviting, until I remember that I'll need to wear sandals to the water's

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el cielo THE BAJA SKY

by Roc Fleishman

Welcome to the November/December edition of *El Cielo*, your friendly local *calendario* of the sky...

We have two major meteor showers, but they will both suffer interference from the moon.

The Leonids are active through about the 20th of November. This year the peak is predicted to come on the evening of November 17. The moon will rise in Leo, 52% illuminated, at about midnight, not a great chance to see lots of shooting stars, but there might still be some bright ones. The Leonids should appear to emanate from near the location of the moon.

The Geminids are a reliable, much stronger shower, and should peak late in the night of December 13/14th. The 84% illuminated moon will rise about 9 pm on the 13th and will be up from then on. Check the last few hours before dawn when the chance for a good view will be highest. The darkest, clearest sites will always have the best views i.e. away from town and the ocean mists.

We have a few interesting conjunctions to look out for and a partial lunar eclipse.

The new moons are on November 25th and December 24th.

November 10th there will be the full moon during the day.

December 10th, at 7 am there is another full moon and at the same time a partial lunar eclipse. From here, we will only see the moon enter into a partial eclipse a half hour before moonset/sunrise, however, even without the partial eclipse, it should be a fine sight for early risers.

On the first and 13th of November Venus and Mercury come within two degrees of each other in the sunset with Venus above (much brighter) and Mercury below.

The first lunar conjunction of interest is the almost full moon rising with Jupiter on the evening of November 9th. It should be dramatic!

Another dramatic sight will be Venus and the crescent moon after sunset on November 26th. The final conjunction I found will be Venus and the crescent moon

again in the sunset, on the day after Christmas.

Of astronomical interest, the earliest sunset of the year will be on

November 28th. Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year, will be on December 21st. The latest sunrise doesn't occur until January 15th.

For more information on any of the above subjects, check out the web links below. To arrange a star party or for other astronomical questions, call me on my cell phone 612 348 5468, or visit my Pescadero Properties Real Estate office, #95 on the Todos Santos map.

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Races are run on a straight track, generally 500 meters long and are dominated by quarter horses running at an average speed of over 40 miles per hour. The horses have wonderfully descriptive names like *El Pinto*, *La Loba*, *El Machete* or perhaps named for a favorite uncle like *El Emilio*!

Local *ranchero* horses are run after the main event, on the same track, at shorter distances, often without shoes or saddles, the jockeys ride with equal determination to win on *El Grillo*, *Milagros*, *El Vayo* or *La Yegua*.

Admission to the tracks generally runs about \$100 pesos. Announcements to the races are often on banners in the hosting *pueblos* or promoted by the "talking cars" that circulate the areas of Todos Santos, San Pedro, Santiago, Cabo San Lucas, San José del Cabo and Los Planes. Wagering is held among the crowds, big hats are welcome and be ready to watch some fast and fancy horses run to the beat of the *Mariachis*!

Las Carreras de Caballos en México es uno de los espectáculos más emocionantes para un espectador. Durante todo el año y en varios "tastes" (nombre típico de estas pistas), de Baja California Sur, caballos vuelan a la línea de meta, icon grupos de gente gritando y apoyando a su caballo favorito cada galope hasta el final!

Las carreras se desarrollan en pistas rectas, generalmente de 500 metros, y son dominadas por caballos cuartos de milla que corren en promedio a una velocidad mayor a 40 millas por hora. Los caballos tienen fabulosos nombres descriptivos como "El Pinto," "La Loba," "El Machete" o tal vez el nombre de algún tío favorito, como i"El Emilio"!

Los caballos de los rancheros locales corren después del evento principal, en la misma pista, corren distancias más cortas y muy a menudo sin zapatos ni sandalias, los jinetes corren con la misma determinación para ganar en El Grillo, Milagros, El Vayo o La Yegua.

Las entradas a las carreras generalmente cuestan alrededor de \$100 pesos. Los anuncios de las carreras usualmente son en carteles desplegados en los pueblos anfitriones de las carreras o promocionados con los coches publicitarios que circulan por el área de Todos Santos, San Pedro, Santiago, Cabo San Lucas, San José del Cabo y Los Planes. iSe hacen apuestas entre los asistentes, grandes sombreros son bienvenidos y listos para disfrutar de guapos y rápidos caballos que corren al ritmo del Mariachi!





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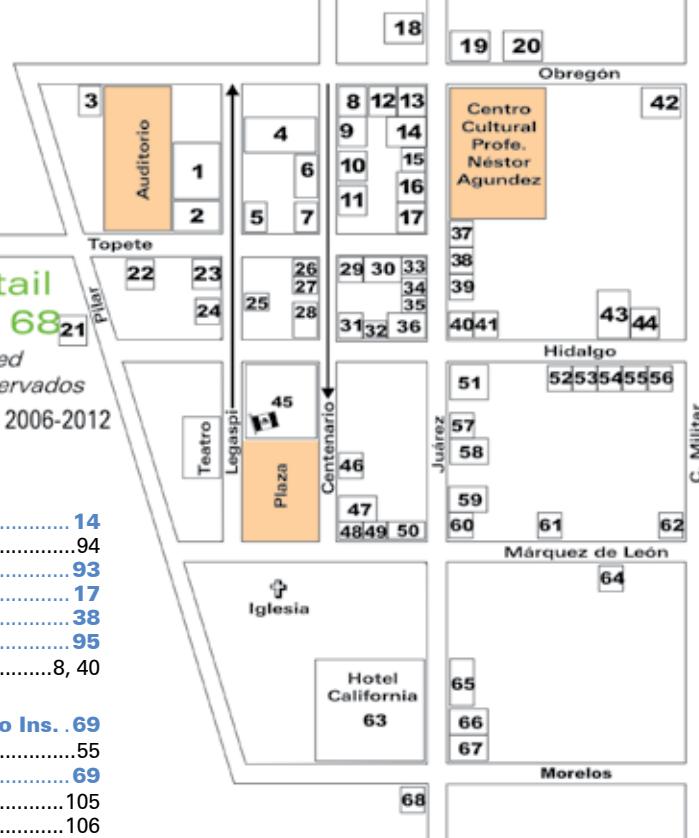
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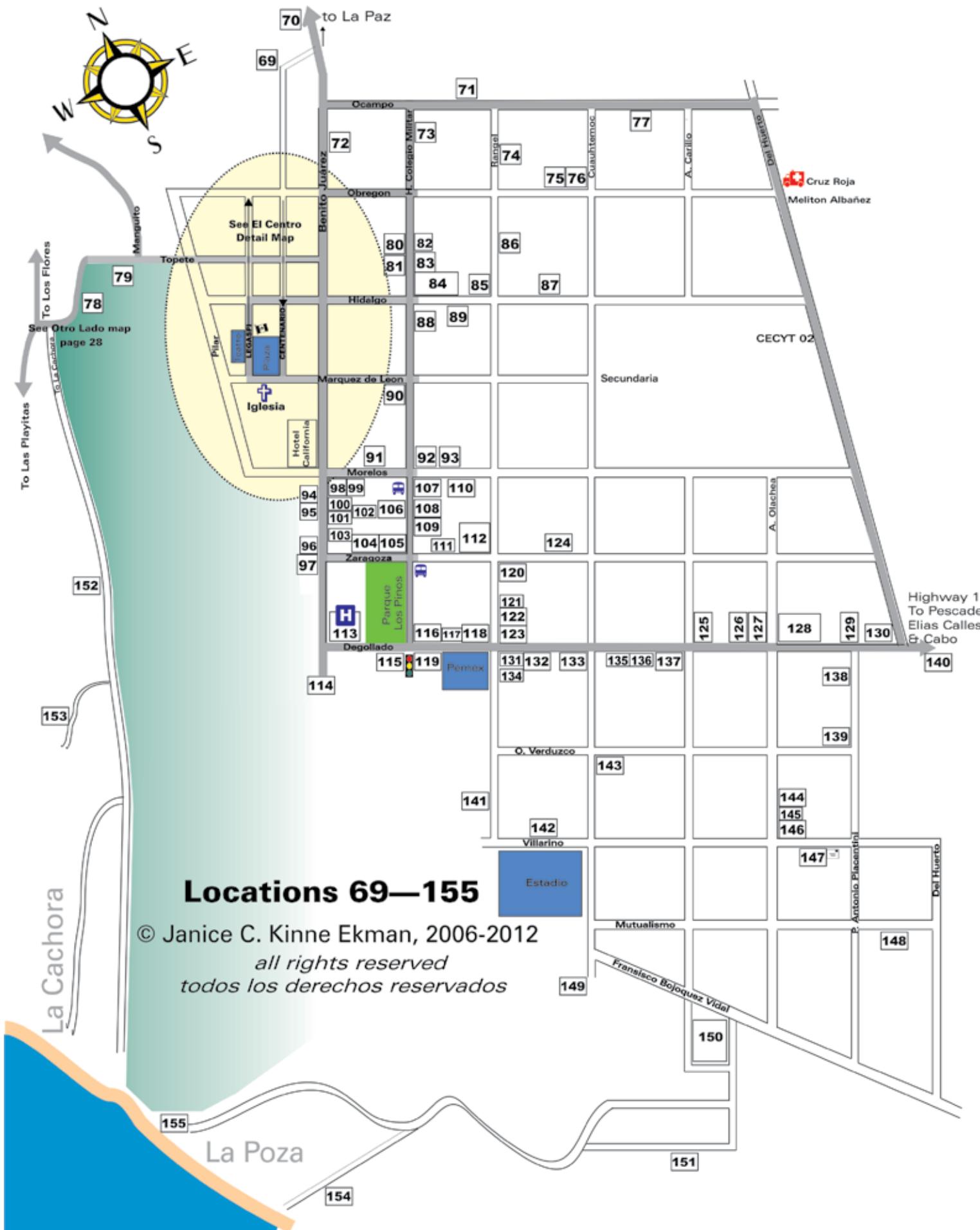


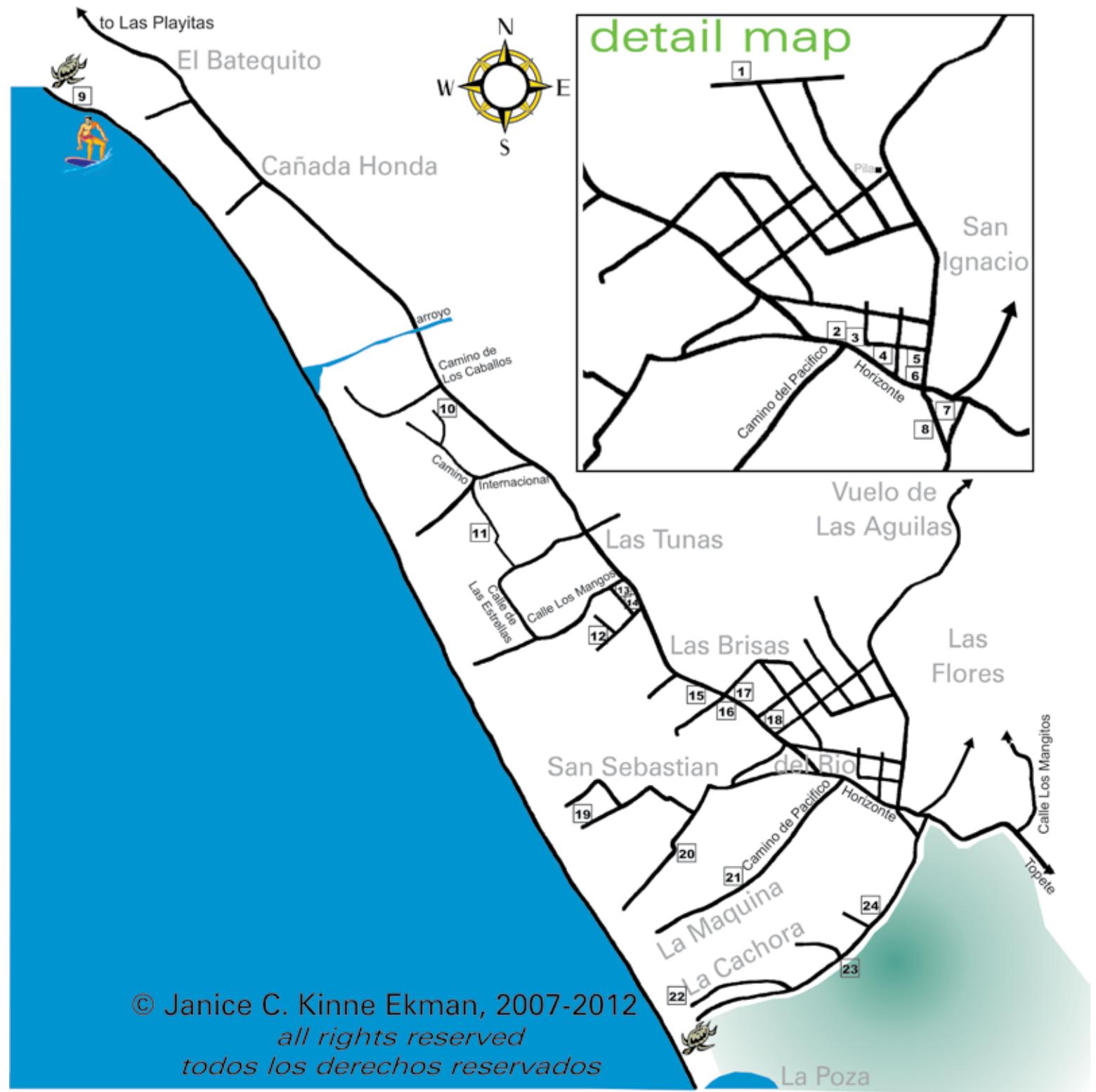
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VOCES DEL PUEBLO

by Janice Kinne

Welcome to the first issue of "Journal del Pacifico, La Revista de Baja California Sur."

In March 1998, I started a little publication called "*E/ Calendario de Todos Santos*" along with Howard Ekman. Throughout the years, our magazine grew and changed, was widely loved and much read. Times have changed and so have we. "**Journal del Pacifico**" proudly continues the tradition of sharing the culture of Baja through beautiful art, photography, stories, poems and more. Visit our new website for the events blog, area information and each issue in a downloaded PDF format. "**Journal del Pacifico**", both the printed and online versions, will continue to expand and evolve along with our beautiful area. *iDisfrute!*

Hotel Casa Tota and **Restaurant La Santeña** have opened in the Todos Santos historic district. Local architect, Brenda Casillas of **Baja Builders**, did a wonderful job of blending the look and feel of the original brick building with the comfort of modern amenities. See our feature story this issue.

In this issue, you will meet the new head chef at **Rancho Pescadero**, Rodrigo Bueno. His delicious and imaginative menu is sure to delight both visitors and locals.

Over in '*el otro lado*' the new bar is open at **La Esquina**. The beautiful tile mosaic made with various colored glass bottles, was designed by Oscar Moreno Jr. Starting this month, they are open Saturday nights and Sunday from 9 to 3. (pics to go with this).

Call to make an appointment to check out **Steve Thurston's** studio at the end of the La Cachora road. Steve is mainly an abstract painter who loves color and works with Mexican house paint and oil on wood.

The Gemini Deli and BBQ, is now serving beer and wine, offers free WiFi and serving tasty daily specials.

Now you can download **C.M. Mayo's Miraculous Air** on your Kindle! The "Library Journal" calls it "One of the best books ever about Baja California." Paperback editions are

available at El Tecolote bookstore in Todos Santos and Allende Books in La Paz.

Mario Surf School is ready to get you up on your board and surfing on your first lesson. Mario's goal is to make surfing accessible to everyone, via Mario's Infallible Surfing Technique (MIST). Call for more information or to make an appointment.

Miguel's Restaurant is serving a Mexican Sunday brunch each week with your favorite breakfast items, frijoles, tortillas, fruit, coffee and juice for only 100 pesos.

Shut Up Frank's sports bar is serving up cold keg beer and great food. They show sports on 3 TVs, have WiFi, and happy hour Monday through Friday from 3 – 6 pm.

"Wind & C" at Suki's has just opened their doors. Chef Carolen created her menu by scanning the globe around the Tropic of Cancer, sharing flavors of Mexico, India, Morocco, and Africa, she is also offering a few of Suki's Asian specialties. We can't wait to sample her treats!

La Paz municipal President, Esthela Ponce Beltran, is working on making our state capital even more tourist friendly. Bright new street signs are popping up in the historic district and the *malecon* has added a bike lane and tourist police. La Paz is always an enjoyable day trip, but it's equally fun to experience at night when the *malecon* comes alive. **Hotel Mediterrane** is an intimate Inn, just a few steps from the bay. Their **La Pazta** restaurant serves eclectic cuisine handcrafted to your order.

La Encantada galería / cava's new sunset deck is open. Enjoy a glass of wine, crusty bread, and imported meats and cheese while gazing out over the bay. Down below in the courtyard, they feature live jazz every Saturday night.

The **Hotel California** will be serving traditional Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts with all the trimmings, call for information and reservations. Don't miss the 10th annual New Year's Eve bash with all you can eat buffet, live music, pink champagne at midnight and special surprises throughout the night.

Check out our Holiday issue for more big music events happening at the **Hotel California** in January 2012.

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beaches PLAYAS

by Janice Kinne

Todos Santos lies inland along the rugged Pacific coast. There are miles of beautiful white sand beaches accessible down unmarked dirt roads.

This stretch of the Pacific Ocean is a very dangerous place to swim at any time of the year. Strong rip currents and backwash are common. People have drowned in waters near Todos Santos simply because they were too close to the ocean while on beaches with steep drop-offs. PROPLAYAS Todos Santos A. C. have placed warning signs at the most dangerous beaches and have lifeguards on duty daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Los Cerritos Beach.

You can access the **LA POZA** and **LA CACHORA** beaches via the La Cachora road. Both are suitable for walking, fishing, whale watching, relaxing or sunbathing. They are not swimming beaches. Because of the big waves breaking on the shore, La Cachora beach has become popular with skim boarders.

La Poza has a large freshwater lagoon that is great for bird watching.

When the lagoon is full, exercise extreme caution, especially if it has begun to overflow. People have drowned at La Poza beach in front of the mouth of the lagoon when the dune has broken and the lagoon flowed into the ocean.

- Do not attempt to surf or boogie-board the overflow.
- Do not swim in the lagoon when it is close to overflow; do not walk or drive across the mouth of the lagoon if it is even close to overflow.
- If you are going to swim in the lagoon be very careful. The lagoon may appear to be shallow, but has many sudden drop-offs and is actually very deep.

PUNTA LOBOS, named for a sea lion colony, is also known as the fisherman's beach. Simply follow Calle Francisco Bojorquez Vidal (formerly calle Punta Lobos) south out of town, or turn off at km 54 from highway 19. You will pass an old cannery from the days when fisherman could harvest sea turtles legally. There is a small freshwater lagoon at Punta Lobos with a shrine to the virgin.

The fishermen ride their panga boats on the waves onto the beach between 1 and 3 p.m. Their return is exciting to watch and you can usually buy fresh fish from the cooperatives.

The two fishing cooperatives have exclusive rights to the "launch zone" at Playa Punta Lobos. For reasons of safety and due to past problems, boat launching at Punta Lobos is not permitted without their express permission.

The only recommended swimming beaches are outside of Pescadero. **SAN PEDRO**, also known as **PALM BEACH** (*Playa Las Palmas*) is near km 57. Its entrance is across

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Fish & Chips 80p

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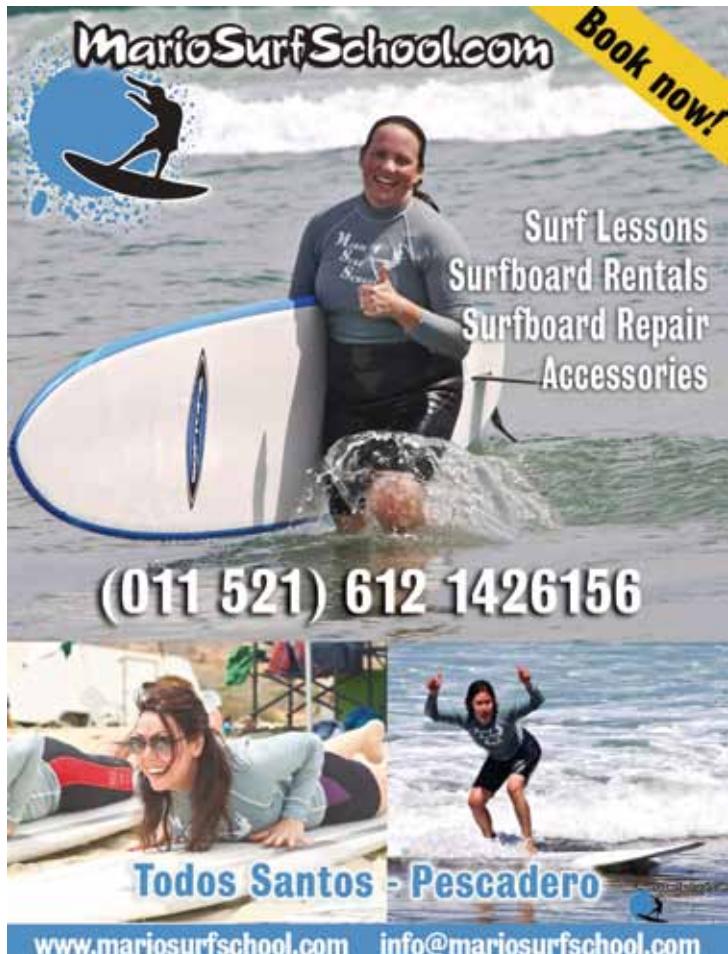
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highway 19 from the Campo Experimental—stay to the left as you pass the abandoned hacienda. Las Palmas is a beautiful, secluded beach surrounded by a palm grove with a fresh water lagoon that is home to a variety of plants, birds, and wildlife.

Due to strong currents (especially near the rocky point), swimming is safer 50 meters from the rocks (Swim with caution and always have a land reference). The property surrounding Palm Beach is privately owned. The gates are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Car break-ins have been reported at Palm Beach. Leave your valuables at home!

PLAYA SAN PEDRITO is a rocky surfing beach around km 60, about 4.6 miles (7.4 km) from Todos Santos. There is a large San Pedrito RV Park sign at the entrance off the highway. (The trailer park is closed but usually open to cars.)

PLAYA LOS CERRITOS is located at km 64 about 8 miles (12.8 km) south of Todos Santos. Look for the sign at the turnoff at the very top of the highest hill south of Puente El Pescadero. Los Cerritos is a popular spot for surfing, boogie boarding, swimming and fishing. Swim with caution due to strong riptides near the rocks. It is recommended to stay at least 50 meters from the rocks. The most secure swimming area is in front of the restaurant/bar. (Swim with caution and always have a land reference). There is a long stretch of beach to the south that is perfect for walking or running. Surfboard rentals and other services are available.

La Sirena Eco-Adventures, #145 on Todos Santos map, provides kayak and snorkeling tours, fishing trips, beach shuttle, surfing lessons, surfboard and boogie board rentals.

Mario's Surf School provides surfing lessons, board rentals, repairs and accessories. Call for information.

Pescadero Surf Camp, #24 on the Pescadero map, provides surfing lessons and surfaris.

Todos Santos Eco Adventures, #154 on the Todos Santos map, offers surfing lessons, fishing trips, guided cliff and beach walks, bird-watching at the lagoon, swimming with sea lions, and whale watching in Magdalena Bay.

Gold Coast Adventures, La Paz, offers snorkeling, kayak, whale watching and other tours. For more information, visit: www.goldcoast-adventure.com

Surf reports: checkout Baja under Mexico at www.wetsand.com/swellwatch

Surf photos: www.surfbaja.net, **Hotel California Emporio** and the **Pescadero Surf Camp**.

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edge so I don't scald my feet in the burning sand. The skies, so often promising a humongous rainstorm, let me down day after day. The thunder roars, the skies turn gray, and then maybe ten drops fall. Even my candle arrangements droop sadly like some weird Robert Mapplethorpe display of limp dicks.

One winter I decided to beat the system and planned to spend the summer in California. And yet the weather was wonderfully cool and dry in Todos Santos that summer and after only a week in my California rental, I decided I'd rather be in my own home with my own animals, the beach, friends and neighbors. And so I drove home, having learned a valuable lesson—don't plan your exit until you have had enough sweltering days of summer to know it will be worth it. I've seen those signs this summer, yet I'm still here.

August 20: I used to be able to be spontaneous on a dime, go everywhere, see everything, live in the moment. Does retirement mean you lose your spontaneity? That you're willing, or at least unmotivated enough, to wait out the suffering for the sake of mere stability or habit? That you've established a comfort zone that isn't even comfortable? Am I still a "free spirit" or simply a spirit waiting to be freed by a change in the weather?

Sept. 1: A friend in California is going to Italy for two weeks and has asked me to housesit. Although her departure is three weeks away, I am deliriously happy at the prospect of being outdoors again. Despair must have been dripping from my voice because she told me to come earlier if I wanted. Oh yes, yes. I will drive up right away with my dogs. I know they hate this heat as much as I do. I will leave Monday.

Sept. 2: I take the dogs to the vet to get doggie papers to cross the border. But one dog has signs of mange,

another an ear infection, plus the two new kittens I rescued from Punta Lobos have still not been adopted. I am trapped. Holed up in my air conditioned bedroom, I decide to escape the confines of Hades by reading *Life of Pi*. The beginning of the book describes how animals prefer to live in one comfortable space, just like we do in a house or an apartment. If there is food and shelter readily available, so the book says, these animals do not long for freedom and the wild as I had always imagined. If their needs are met in that one small space, they actually prefer it to the stress of survival in the wild. Furthermore, it states animals hate change.

I have to take a few moments and focus on my number two motive for wanting to leave—the dogs. I was certain they are as miserable as I in this heat, but would I really be doing them a favor taking them to a strange place, with new dogs and territorial issues? I am attributing way too many human traits to my dogs lately. I won't be leaving for California on Monday.

Sept. 15: Netflix has arrived in Mexico. How did Mexicans live before Costco, Walmart, Home Depot and Netflix? Probably just as happily as they do now. It's all for us gringos. Can you imagine the people in the United States building malls for the shopping pleasure of Mexican immigrants? I digress. I have a free month trial. Perhaps I can salvage the rest of my summer with Hollywood blockbusters. I download the first movie to my computer, but two minutes into the opening credits I realize I can't watch a movie on a tiny computer screen. I try to divert the movie to the TV, but it seems you have to buy a special device to do this. And the sound, I can hardly hear it on my computer, so it suggests I buy speakers. Well, I can read the subtitles, but sitting at my computer desk for two or three hours really requires the purchase of a more comfortable chair. OMG. Mas, mas, mas.

Sept. 18: I meet a guy at a doctor's office in La Paz today and when I complain of the heat he says he thinks it is "a mighty cool day and one of the coolest summers

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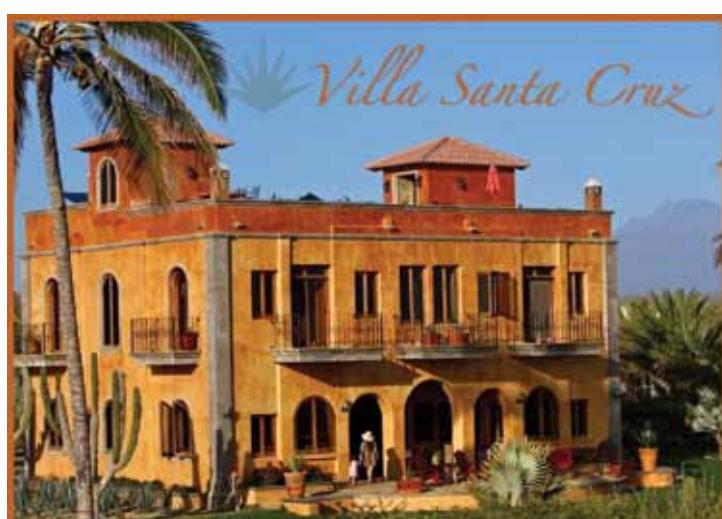


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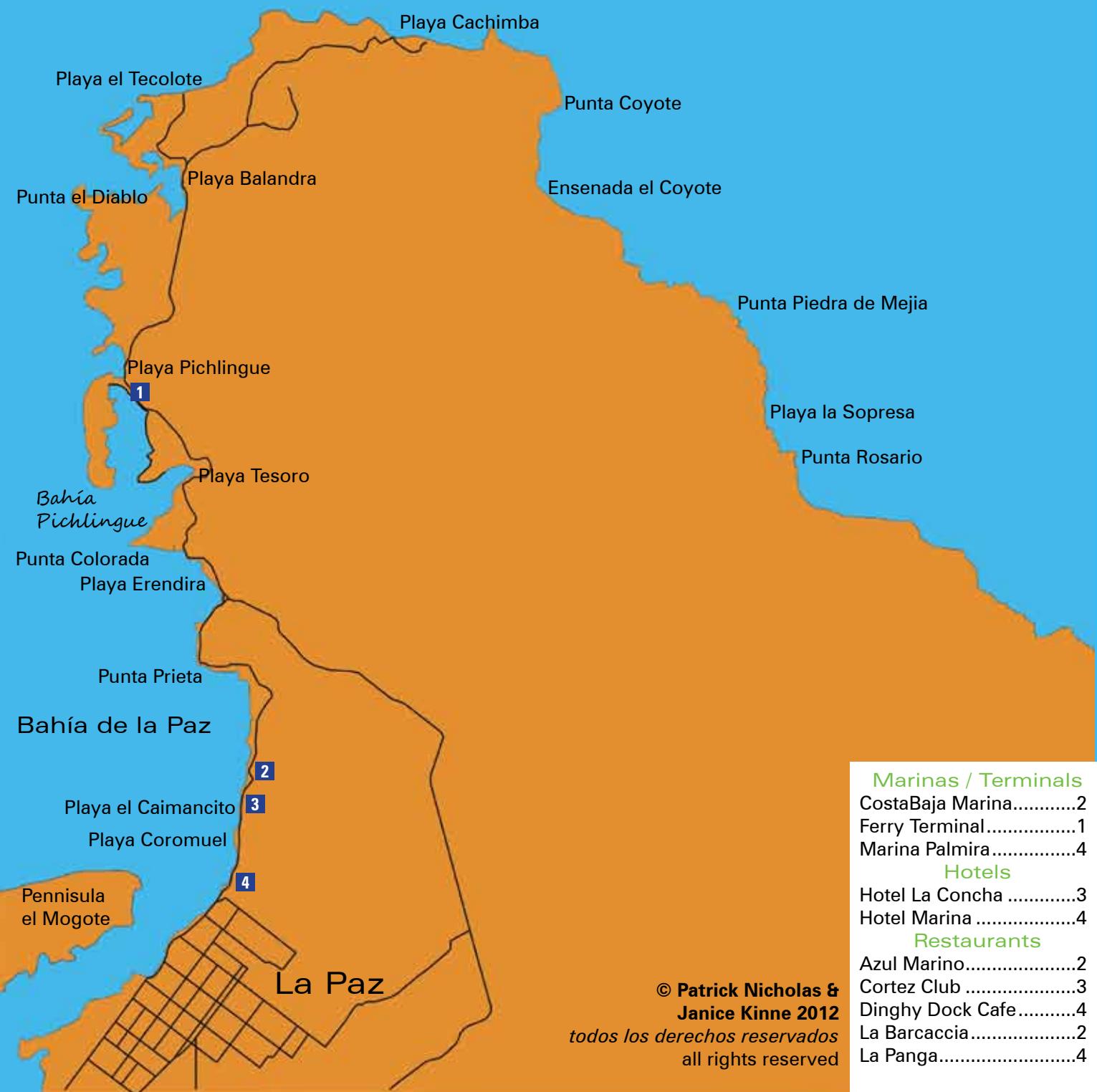
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lapaz BEACHES

by Janice Kinne

The *malecón* along the bay of La Paz is the perfect place to walk, run, people watch or enjoy gazing across the water. Crews clean the beaches and walkways daily, fresh sand has been imported and there are *palapas* to offer shade. Locals and tourists visit the beaches north of downtown to swim, snorkel, or kayak. There are several adventure companies along the *malecón* and at the marinas offering panga rides, bay and island cruises, snorkeling, scuba diving, fishing, sailing and kayak rentals.

EL MOGOTÉ is the spit of land that separates the harbor of La Paz from the *Bahía de La Paz*. This natural treasure used to be, for the most part, accessible only with 4WD. Now driving onto the peninsula is restricted due to the construction of golf courses, homes and hotels.

PLAYA EL COROMUEL (4.5 km): is the first beach north of town and an easy walk from downtown. It is within the harbor boundaries, has shaded *palapas* and food / beverage services. The water here gets much better flow with the tide change and is suitable for swimming. The bottom is clean sand and rock. Snorkeling is good further out. The new aquatic park has water slides and an enclosed swimming area for children, and is open on weekends.

PLAYA EL TESORO (approx. 13 km): is a great little beach for children. The shallow, clear waters allow you to walk out for close to 100 meters. Tesoro has about 25 shaded *palapas*, two small restaurants and kayak rentals.

PICHILINGUE (19 km): Home to the La Paz ferry terminus and a large commercial harbor. There are pleasant, small

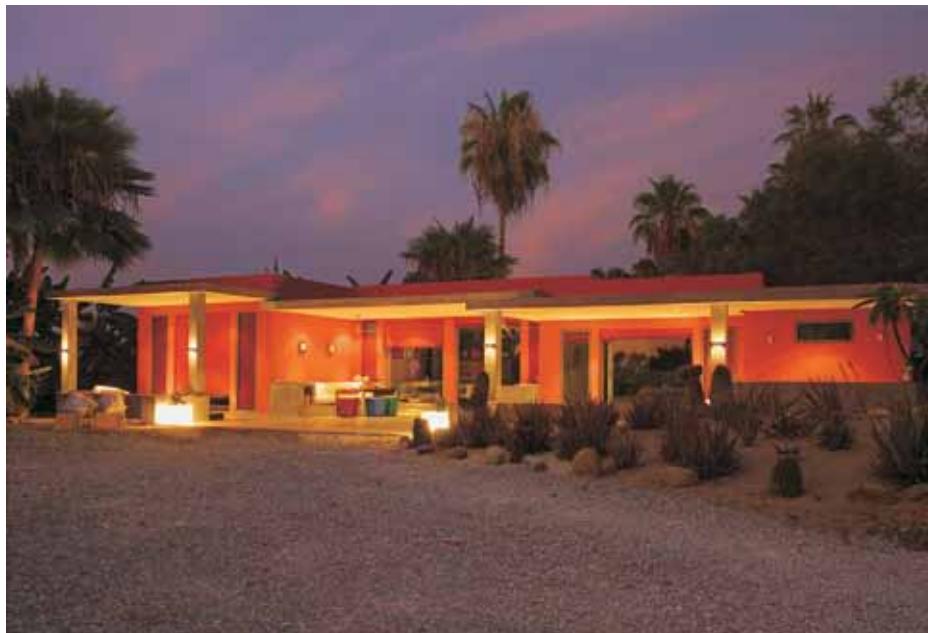
beaches just north of the deep water port, on the *Vieja Bahía de Pichilingue*. Beachfront food and beverages service and kayak rentals are available and there is a restaurant with an upstairs view. The *pa/apa* bar is popular in the hot summer afternoons.

PLAYA BALANDRA (23 km): is known for its famous balancing rock formation landmark that resembles a prehistoric mushroom. You can view the rock formation and *playa El Hongo* by walking in the water around the cliff to your right. The large beach and surrounding area are beautiful. The waters surrounding Balandra are shallow and safe for children. Sheltered from wave action from nearly every direction, the water warms early and is very safe for swimmers and kayaking. There are also several little beaches (coves) and mangroves to explore. The beach has no services, so pack your own lunches and drinks for the day. There are beach *palapas* for shade and BBQ pits to the south.

PLAYA EL TECOLOTE (26 km): is by far the largest and most visited beach in La Paz. Two restaurant/bars offer shade *palapas* and a large number of beach vendors offer refreshments. RV camping is available, along with a wide variety of water sports rentals. Usually there are no lifeguards on duty, but they may be present during *la semana santa* and in the summer. The beach has a beautiful view of Isla Espíritu Santo and panga rides to the island are available—a 6.5 km crossing across the San Lorenzo channel. Bus service from the station on the *malecón* to playa El Tecolote is available for a nominal charge.



Sting rays are the biggest hazard at the playas and tend to be present on the bottom in shallow waters during the summer. When walking in the water, shuffle your feet on the bottom to avoid stepping directly on a resting ray.



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NOVIEMBRE

Jueves, 10 de Noviembre 10 LUNA LLENA

17 a 19 de Noviembre, CLINICA PARA

ESTERILIZACION en La Cañada del Diablo. Cuatro veterinarios de los EU y varios técnicos de veterinaria se reunirán con nuestros veterinarios locales en un esfuerzo voluntario para reducir la sobre-población de perros y gatos en nuestros vecindarios. El servicio se proveerá a precio reducido ó gratis para aquellos en la comunidad Mexicana que no puedan pagar por la esterilización de sus animales. Para mayor información por favor contacte a Angelique en BajaKitties@Yahoo.com. Patrocinado por Amigos de los Animales de Todos Santos A.C.

Sábado, 19 de Noviembre, 7 pm, Grupo

Tortugueros las Playitas presentan una **NOCHE DE TORTUGAS MARINAS** en La Esquina, con un documental por Ira Nevis Productions.

20 de Noviembre, 4 pm, LECTURA ABIERTA

en el Restaurante Michael's at the Gallery. Cualquier persona es bienvenida para venir a leer una pieza original que hayan escrito personalmente. Cada persona tiene 5 minutos para leer. Sombreros y protección para el sol son recomendables, ya que está al aire libre. Se pueden comprar bebidas.

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Jueves 24 de Noviembre, Cena de Día de Gracias en el **Hotel California**. \$250 pesos (más impuestos y propina). Todo lo que pueda comer! Se recomienda hacer reservaciones. Llame al 145-0525

26 de Noviembre, 10 am a 1 pm, Sociedad de la Palapa de Todos Santos, A.C. 4o **TIANGUIS**

ANUAL VENTA DE GARAGE en el edificio Ejidal en la calle Colegio Militar, en frente de las Bodegas Lizárraga. Se necesitan donaciones: Todo aquello que usted ya no necesite, así como, objetos de casa, muebles, herramientas, ropa, etc. se transformarán en becas educacionales para estudiantes locales de preparatoria y universidades. Cosas pequeñas y ropa se pueden llevar al Palapa Center en la Calle Obregón. Para objetos más grandes por favor contacte a : Donna Viglione, info@palapasociety.org 145-0299

26 de Noviembre, 4 a 7 pm. **APERTURA Y RECEPCIÓN** en el Caffé Todos Santos.

Presentando arte por Arturo Mendoza. Aperitivos y bebidas cortesía de Caffé Todos Santos. Su trabajo estará en exposición por el mes de Diciembre.

Sábado, 26 de Noviembre, 7 pm, **INAUGURACION** del nuevo "Bar El Jardín" en La Esquina. Música en vivo.

DICIEMBRE

3 de Diciembre, **TOUR DE CASA Y JARDÍN DE TODOS SANTOS** patrocinado por la Escuela Pacífica. El tour está planeado para el área de Las Tunas. Para mayor información contacte a: Michele Campbell, aboutmichele@gmail.com, 612-178-0107. info@escuelapacifica.org, 612-157-6080 ó 145-0882

Jueves, 8 de Diciembre, 5 – 6 pm, **CONOZCA A LA ARTISTA** Jennifer Power en Cafélíx. Y de 6 - 8 pm disfrute la recepción para la **EXHIBICIÓN DE ARTE PEQUEÑO** en la Galería Visions. Para mayor información contacte a Mike McAllister: heronsnestbaja@earthlink.net ó Tori Sepulveda: oscarntori@yahoo.com

Sábado 10 de Diciembre, **NOVENO AÑO DE LA GRAN VENTA DE GARAGE** en la Cañada del Diablo. Traiga sus piezas para venta ó venga a comprar. La venta anual para beneficio de los gatitos de Kitty Heaven será parte de ésta venta de garage. Si usted quiere donar objetos de casa, piezas electrónicas que funcionen ó cualquier otra cosa para venta, por favor contacte a Angelique: BajaKitties@Yahoo.com

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Sábado, 10 de Diciembre, 7 pm, **FESTIVAL DE MUSICA** para Beneficio del Hogar del Niño de Todos Santos en La Esquina. Música en vivo, subasta en silencio, se necesitan ropa y zapatos. Donación en la puerta. Música: Forest & Friends— trovadores de N. California, Tim Lang—Rockabilly, Jay Nash—Vermont guitarra acústica, AK47. A las 10:30 pm a bailar con Ben & The Men. Boletos \$70 pesos solo hay 200 disponibles. Ya están en venta en La Esquina y en el Hotel San Pedrito Surf.

Viernes y Sábado 16 y 17 de Diciembre, el Teatro Luna Azul presentará por primera vez su Producción "**AND THEN THERE WAS NUN**" una comedia de misterio y asesinato, que combina Artistas del Cine de Hollywood con algunos de talento local. Los boletos se podrán comprar en la Librería del Tecolote. Info: <http://tsbmp.blogspot.com>

Domingo 25 de Diciembre, **CENA DE NAVIDAD** en el Hotel California. ¡Todo lo que pueda comer! Se recomienda hacer reservaciones. Llame al 145-0525

Viernes, 31 de Diciembre, 10^a **FIESTA de AÑO NUEVO** en el Hotel California. Llame a Debbie para mayor información y boletos 145-0525. **EVENTOS** continúa en página 40

cada semana domingo

8 am a 12 pm BUFETE/BRUNCH DE COMIDA MEXICANA en el Restaurante Miguel's. Chilaquiles, bistec ranchero, huevos Mexicanos, omelets, hot cakes, frijoles, tortillas, fruta, jugos y café por \$100 pesos.

10 am DHARMA TALKS en La ARCA.

11 am FOOTBALL en el Sandbar. Pescado y papas 80 mn.

4 pm a Puesto del Sol, HAPPY HOUR en el Hotel Guaycura Sky Bar.

lunes

9:30 a.m. a 2 p.m. FRUTA Y VERDURA ORGÁNICA en Colegio Militar cerca de Marquez de León, enfrente de la Pescadería.

10 am a 1 pm Palapa Society BIBLIOTECA ABIERTA.

FUTBALL AMERICANO Y NOCHE de PASTA en el Sandbar.

HAPPY HOUR

3 a 6 pm en el Shut Up Frank's.

4 pm a Puesto del Sol, at Hotel Guaycura Sky Bar.

4 a 6 pm en Las Fuentes.

5 a 6 pm en La Esquina.

martes

9:30 a 11:30 a.m. EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO en el parque en calle Revolución y Constitución, La Paz.

9:30 a.m. a 2 p.m. FRUTA Y VERDURA ORGÁNICA en Colegio Militar cerca de Marquez de León, enfrente de la Pescadería.

HAPPY HOUR

3 a 6 pm en el Shut Up Frank's.

4 pm a Puesto del Sol, at Hotel Guaycura Sky Bar.

4 a 6 pm en Las Fuentes.

5 a 6 pm en La Esquina.

miércoles

9 a.m. a 1 p.m. CENTRO DE ACOPIO PARA RECICLAR en la esq. de Degollado y A. Olachea, directamente en frente del Mercado El Sol 1 (Costo: \$50 pesos c/vez). Traiga su vidrio, aluminio, carton, papel, pilas, plástico y metal viejo. Por favor separe los materiales. Para mayor información: Chris Brit, 624-161-5804, Cmihm.Envirometrics@gmail.com

9 am a 12 pm EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO en La Esquina.

9:30 a.m. a 2 p.m. FRUTA Y VERDURA ORGÁNICA en Colegio Militar cerca de Marquez de León, enfrente de la Pescadería.

10 am a 1 pm Palapa Society BIBLIOTECA ABIERTA.

HAPPY HOUR

3 a 6 pm en el Shut Up Frank's.

4 pm a Puesto del Sol, at Hotel Guaycura Sky Bar.

4 a 6 pm en Las Fuentes.

5 a 6 pm en La Esquina.

5 p.m. NOCHE DE PIZZA 80 MN en el Sandbar. Niños menores de 12 años comen gratis (máximo de 3 niños por adulto).

jueves

9:30 a.m. a 2 p.m. FRUTA Y VERDURA ORGÁNICA en Colegio Militar cerca de Marquez de León, enfrente de la Pescadería.

HAPPY HOUR

3 a 6 pm en el Shut Up Frank's.

4 pm a Puesto del Sol, at Hotel Guaycura Sky Bar.

4 a 6 pm en Las Fuentes.

5 a 6 pm en La Esquina.

5 a 9 p.m. CAMINATA DEL ARTE en San José del Cabo, en el centro de arte histórico. Todas las galerías que participan estarán abiertas hasta las 9 pm y muchas tienen recepciones y eventos especiales hasta el fin del junio. Los restaurantes del área tienen ofertas especiales.

NOCHE DE COSTILLAS/BISTEC \$150/\$100 MN en el Sandbar.

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Casa de Piedra

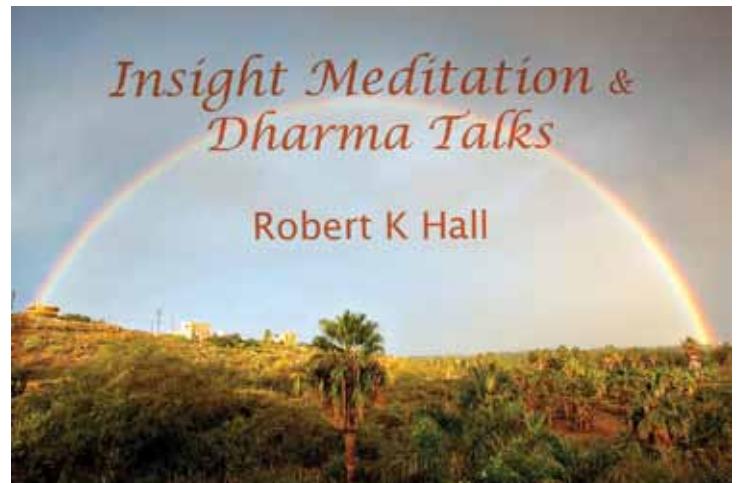


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january 2012

Friday, January 20 & Saturday, January 21, Blue Moon Production's "AND THEN THERE WAS NUN" an off the wall murder-mystery comedy that combines Hollywood movie stars with local talent. Teatro Luna Azul. Tickets at Tecolote Bookstore. Info at <http://tsbmp.blogspot.com>

Thursday, January 5, 5 – 7 pm ART OPENING/RECEPTION at Caffé Todos Santos. Featuring paintings by Diane Knight. Appetizers and Beverages courtesy of Caffé Todos Santos. Works will be on display for the month of January.

January 5 – 21, The Hotel California presents the **"TODOS SANTOS FESTIVAL DE MUSICA"** with Peter Buck and friends. Stay tuned for more information.

Thursday, January 12, 5 – 6 pm, MEET THE ARTISTS at Cafelix with Diane Knight. For more information contact Mike McAllister: heronsnestbaja@earthlink.net or Tori Sepulveda: oscarntori@yahoo.com

Thursday, January 12, 6 – 8 pm, OPENING/RECEPTION for a Photography Exhibition at Visions Gallery at Cafelix. For more information contact Mike McAllister: heronsnestbaja@earthlink.net or Tori Sepulveda: oscarntori@yahoo.com

Thursday, January 26, 3 – 5 pm, CAFE DES ARTISTS at Caffe Todos Santos. Meets monthly, this month's topic "Inspiration and Work Habits." For more information contact Diane Knight dianekknight@hotmail.com

february 2012

February 4 - 11, EI XV FESTIVAL del ARTE TODOS SANTOS

Thursday, February 9, 5 – 6 pm, MEET THE ARTISTS at Cafelix with Erick Ochoa. For more information contact Mike McAllister at heronsnestbaja@earthlink.net or Tori Sepulveda: oscarntori@yahoo.com

Thursday, February 9, 5 – 6 pm, OPENING/RECEPTION for the participating Artists in the 2012 Open Studio Tour at Visions Gallery at Cafelix. For more information contact Mike McAllister at heronsnestbaja@earthlink.net, Tori Sepulveda: oscarntori@yahoo.com, or Steve Thurston: gallerysteve@gmail.com

Sunday, February 12, 10 am – 5 pm, 3rd ANNUAL OPEN STUDIO TOUR. Treat yourself to an inside glimpse into the personal studios of the artists in Todos Santos sponsored by the Palapa Society. For more information please contact Diane Knight: dianekknight@hotmail.com

Thursday, February 23, 3 – 5 pm, CAFE DES ARTISTS at Caffé Todos Santos. Meets monthly, topic TBA. For more information contact Diane Knight: dianekknight@hotmail.com

February 23 – 29, 9th ANNUAL FESTIVAL DE CINE DE TODOS SANTOS. The best in Latino Films. A new paint-

ing by Jill Logan will be featured on this year's poster and sold via silent auction. For more information visit www.todossantoscinefest.com

Friday, February 24 & Saturday, February 25, Blue Moon Production's "AND THEN THERE WAS NUN" an off the wall murder-mystery comedy that combines Hollywood movie stars with local talent. Teatro Luna Azul. Tickets at Tecolote Bookstore. Info at <http://tsbmp.blogspot.com>

Sunday, February 26, 9:30 am a 3 pm 18th ANNUAL HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR. Sponsored by the Palapa Society. The tour has the option to self-explore or to explore with guides who know the fascinating history, local lore and legends. Registration is from 9:30 am to 1 pm in front of the Centro Cultural. The homes are open from 10 am to 3 pm. All proceeds go directly to support the educational and medical programs for children.

march 2012

Thursday, March 8, 5 – 6 pm, MEET THE ARTISTS at Cafelix with Frank Pedley. For more information contact Mike McAllister at heronsnestbaja@earthlink.net or Tori Sepulveda: oscarntori@yahoo.com

Thursday, March 8, 6 – 8 pm, OPENING/RECEPTION for a group of watercolor artists at Visions Gallery at Cafelix. For more information contact Mike McAllister: heronsnestbaja@earthlink.net or Tori Sepulveda: oscarntori@yahoo.com

Friday, March 9 & Saturday, March 10, Blue Moon Production's "AND THEN THERE WAS NUN" an off the wall murder-mystery comedy that combines Hollywood movie stars with local talent. Teatro Luna Azul. Tickets at Tecolote Bookstore. Info at <http://tsbmp.blogspot.com>

Thursday, March 22, 3 – 5 pm, CAFE DES ARTISTS at Caffe Todos Santos. Meets monthly, topic TBA. For more information contact Diane Knight: dianekknight@hotmail.com

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every week

friday

9 am – 1 pm FARMER'S MARKET at Shoppes at Palmilla, San José del Cabo.

9:30 am – 2 pm Basilfield **ORGANICS FRUIT & VEGETABLE STAND.**

10 am – 1 pm *Palapa Society* **LIBRARY OPEN.**

HAPPY HOUR

3 – 6 pm at **Shut Up Frank's.**

4 pm – Sunset at **Hotel Guaycura Sky Bar.**

4 – 6 pm at **Las Fuentes.**

5 – 6 pm at **La Esquina.**

6 pm ASIAN SPECIALTIES at Michael's at the Gallery.

LIVE MUSIC NITE at the **Sandbar.**

saturday

9 am – 3 pm SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO ORGANIC MARKET

(Mercado Organico) just outside the San José historic district in Huerta Maria on the Camino a Las Animas. Look for the signs at the big arroyo off Avenida Centenario.

9 am – 1 pm SATURDAY MARKETS at **La Cañada del Diablo** featuring organic produce, baked goods, and crafts. Call (612) 140-0069 to reserve your booth.

9:30 – 11:30 am LA PAZ FARMER'S MARKET at calle Revolución and Constitución, La Paz.

9:30 am – 2 pm Basilfield **ORGANICS FRUIT & VEGETABLE STAND.**

HAPPY HOUR

4 pm – Sunset at **Hotel Guaycura Sky Bar.**

4 – 6 pm at **Las Fuentes.**

5 – 6 pm at **La Esquina.**

6 pm ASIAN SPECIALTIES at Michael's at the Gallery.

TACO NITE at the **Sandbar.**

8 - 11 pm LIVE MUSIC at the **Hotel California.** Featuring new bands and old favorites. Call for details 145-0525.

8 - 11 pm LIVE JAZZ at **La Encantada galería/cava** in La Paz.

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enero 2012

Jueves, 5 de Enero, 5 a 7 pm APERTURA Y RECEPCIÓN en el **Caffé Todos Santos**. Presentando arte por Diane Knight. Su trabajo estará en exhibición por el mes de Enero.

5 a 21 de Enero, El Hotel California presentará “**EL FESTIVAL DE MÚSICA DE TODOS SANTOS**” con Peter Buck y amigos. Mayor información más adelante.

Jueves 12 de Enero, 5 a 6 pm, CONOZCA A LA ARTISTA Diane Knight en Cafélíx. De las 6 a 8 pm disfrute la **APERTURA Y RECEPCIÓN** de una exhibición fotográfica en la Galería Visions. Para mayor información contacte a Mike McAllister: heronsnestbaja@earthlink.net ó Tori Sepulveda: oscarntori@yahoo.com

Viernes y Sábado 20 y 21 de Enero, el Teatro Luna Azul presentará por primera vez su Producción “**AND THEN THERE WAS NUN**” una comedia de misterio y asesinato, que combina Artistas del Cine de Hollywood con algunos de talento local. Los boletos se podrán comprar en la Librería del Tecolote. Info: <http://tsbmp.blogspot.com>

Jueves, 26 de Enero, 3 a 5 pm, CAFE DES ARTISTS en el **Caffé Todos Santos**. Reuniones cada mes para artistas. El tema para este mes será “Inspiración y hábitos de trabajo.” Para mayor información contacte a Diane Knight: dianeknight@hotmail.com

febrero 2012

4 a 11 de Febrero, El XV FESTIVAL del ARTE TODOS SANTOS

Jueves, 9 de Febrero, 5 a 6 pm, CONOZCA AL ARTISTA Erick Ochoa en Cafélíx. Y de 6 a 8 pm disfrute la **RECEPCIÓN/EXHIBICIÓN** de Los Artistas participantes del Tour de Estudios 2012 en la Galería Visions. Para mayor información contacte a Mike McAllister: heronsnestbaja@earthlink.net ó Tori Sepulveda: oscarntori@yahoo.com, ó Steve Thurston: gallerysteve@gmail.com

Domingo, 12 de Febrero, 10 am a 5 pm, TERCER TOUR ANUAL DE ESTUDIOS DE ARTISTAS. Disfrute de una visita personal con c/artista de Todos Santos. Patrocinado por la Sociedad de la Palapa. Para mayor información: Diane Knight: dianeknight@hotmail.com

Jueves, 23 de Febrero, 3 a 5 pm, CAFE DES ARTISTS en el **Caffé Todos Santos**. Reuniones mensuales para artistas, el tema se anunciará. Para mayor información contacte a: Diane Knight: dianeknight@hotmail.com

23 a 29 de Febrero, NOVENO FESTIVAL DE CINE DE TODOS SANTOS. Lo mejor en Cine Latino Americano. La imagen de una pieza nueva de arte de Jill Logan será impresa en el poster de este año y el original vendido por

medio de una subasta silente. Para mayor información visite: www.todossantoscinefest.com

Viernes y Sábado 24 y 25 de Febrero, el Teatro Luna Azul presentará por primera vez su Producción “**AND THEN THERE WAS NUN**” una comedia de misterio y asesinato, que combina Artistas del Cine de Hollywood con algunos de talento local. Los boletos se podrán comprar en la Librería del Tecolote. Info: <http://tsbmp.blogspot.com>

Domingo, 26 de Febrero, 9:30 a.m. a 3 p.m. 18^{vo} TOUR HISTÓRICO de CASAS en TODOS SANTOS. Patrocinado por la Sociedad de la Palapa. El tour tiene la opción de explorar y re-explorar con guías que saben la fascinante historia local y sus leyendas. Boletos desde las 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. enfrente del Centro Cultural. Las casas estarán abiertas desde las 10 am a 3 pm. Todas las ganancias irán directamente al apoyo de los programas educacionales y médicos para niños.

marzo 2012

Jueves, 8 de Marzo, 5 a 6 pm, CONOZCA AL ARTISTA Frank Pedley en Cafélíx. Y de 6 - 8 pm disfrute la recepción/exhibición de varios Artistas en acuarela en la Galería Visions. Para mayor información contacte a Mike McAllister: heronsnestbaja@earthlink.net ó Tori Sepulveda: oscarntori@yahoo.com

Viernes y Sábado 9 y 10 de Marzo, el Teatro Luna Azul presentará por primera vez su Producción “**AND THEN THERE WAS NUN**” una comedia de misterio y asesinato, que combina Artistas del Cine de Hollywood con algunos de talento local. Los boletos se podrán comprar en la Librería del Tecolote. Info: <http://tsbmp.blogspot.com>

Jueves, 22 de Marzo, 3 a 5 pm, CAFE DES ARTISTS en el **Caffé Todos Santos**. Reuniones mensuales para artistas, el tema se anunciará. Para mayor información contacte a: Diane Knight: dianeknight@hotmail.com

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viernes

9 am – 1 pm EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO en Shoppes at Palmilla, San José del Cabo.

9:30 a.m. a 2 p.m. FRUTA Y VERDURA ORGÁNICA en Colegio Militar cerca de Marquez de León, enfrente de la Pescadería.

10 am a 1 pm Palapa Society BIBLIOTECA ABIERTA.

HAPPY HOUR

3 a 6 pm en el **Shut Up Frank's.**

4 pm a Puesto del Sol, at Hotel Guaycura Sky Bar.

4 a 6 pm en Las Fuentes.

5 a 6 pm en La Esquina.

6 p.m. ESPECIALIDADES DE ASIA en Michael's at the Gallery. Requiere reservación.

NOCHE DE MÚSICA EN VIVO en el Sandbar.

sábado

9 am a 1 pm BAZAAR DEL SABADO en **La Cañada del Diablo** ofreciendo productos orgánicos, pan, y artesanías hasta el fin del junio. Llame al 612-140-0069 para reservar su puesto.

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HAPPY HOUR

4 pm a Puesto del Sol, at **Hotel Guaycura Sky Bar.**

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NOCHE DE TACO en el **Sandbar.**

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In the fictional movie *Rocky*, boxer Rocky Balboa's hero is real-life boxing champ Rocky Marciano, the only boxer to hold the heavyweight title and go undefeated throughout his career. Both the fictional and the real Rocky come from working-class households, and find discipline, passion and success in boxing. It's no wonder then that Alexis Nuñez, the son of a Todos Santos *palapero*, was inspired by the movie *Rocky* to take up boxing and is passionate about the sport and the discipline it provides. The real wonder is that there is a real-life Mexican boxing champ to coach him—in Todos Santos—and a community that is pulling together the resources to make the boxing dream a reality for local kids.

The story begins in the parking lot of Bodega Lizarraga in downtown Todos Santos. General Manager Moises Barraza Morales put up a punching bag one day and started inviting friends over to box. Word began to spread, friends of friends began to participate, and soon enough the local kids started coming around to join in the fun. Local business owners donated some equipment and before long the Chief of Area Promotion and Development of Sport, Julio César Covarrubias Gerardo, got involved and helped the parking lot fun evolve into a more organized program. Most importantly, Covarrubias brought in the coaching talent. And what talent!

Mexican boxing great Ramiro Reducindo Radilla won the gold medal at the Pan American games in Santo Domingo in 2003, represented Mexico at the Olympics in Athens in 2004 and turned pro in 2005. Reducindo believes so much in the talent of the boxing students in Todos Santos that he drives here from La Paz after a full day of his own training to coach. Says Ramiro, "I started boxing when I was 13, about the same age as the kids

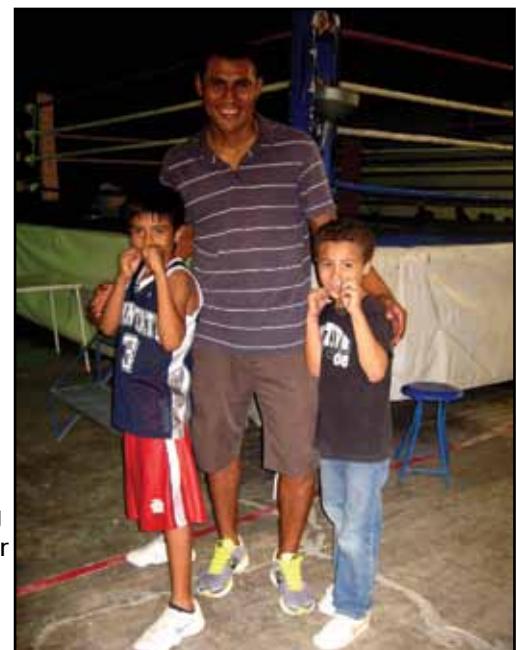
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I'm coaching in Todos Santos now. My goal is for at least one of these Todos Santos boxing students to be successful on the global boxing stage. I definitely see that potential in them."

That potential was shown to the town during the first amateur boxing contest held here on October 29 in the *auditorio*.

Two of our local boxing students with only 4 weeks of training—Alexis Nuñez and Cuauhtemoc Aviles—went head-to-head with seasoned champions from La Paz and Los Cabos, winning several points off of their opponents, if not the matches



Alexis Nuñez with Ramiro Reducindo Radilla and his son

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themselves. Coach Reducindo was thrilled with their performances and is confident that we'll be seeing great things from these two in the months and years to come. Reducindo is so committed to helping the Todos Santos boxing students realize their potential that he coaches them at least twice a week for nothing more than a little gas money.

But to be successful the kids must practice every day, so Todos Santos locals Mauricio Duran Ramirez and Samuel Dominguez Pino keep the program organized and keep practice going on the nights when Reducindo is not in town. Reducindo leaves instructions for exercises and activities, and Samuel (a local store owner) and Mauricio (a guide with Todos Santos Eco Adventures) make sure the students follow the program. Says Mauricio, "It has been really great to watch these kids gain confidence and become more focused in their lives, to see them setting and working to achieve goals. Boxing requires a type of discipline that is not demanded of them in the other sports available here and it is making a big difference in their lives."

And you can help keep that positive trend going. Reducindo is donating his time and local businesses have donated some equipment, but the needs are still great for everything from gloves, mouth guards and head gear, to a ceiling canopy to hang punching bags. If you would like to get involved please contact Mauricio for specifics: Cell: 612-13-44478 or email: durm_27@hotmail.com.



The Todos Santos boxing club with Mauricio Duran Ramirez and Ramiro Reducindo Radilla

Rocky Nuñez? Cuauhtemoc Ali? It's all possible and you can help make it happen!



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A night at the Festival

photos from the *Fiestas Tradicionales de Todos Santos* 2011
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blue glasses

Summers in Todos Santos

by Steele Smith

Strung like fruit
from weathered poles,
holding the distinct
distance of dust
and hot scented wind,
they hold me on edge of space
at the edge of summer,
an absent witness
to the welcome howling
that builds slowly,
barely over the sands
at the edge of the sea.

Tiny Town

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yet." I am tempted to slap him since I go mental when I'm sweating bullets and someone tells me it's not really THAT hot. My first reaction is they're lying, that it's a macho thing to claim you're not affected by the heat, but my assumption, it seems, is unfounded. I come home ranting and raving about people who simply can't admit it's hot, but even my husband claims he doesn't find it particularly uncomfortable. I guess growing up in Wichita, Kansas, he might not notice a hot day in Mexico. Okay, so maybe I haven't been very open minded about this heat thing.

Sept. 24: It's finally nearing the end of September and I'm still in my room. I've begun to wonder, despite *Life of Pi*'s claim to the contrary, how healthy it is to spend so much time in one small space, be you animal or human. And maybe my husband is right (I hate that), more people than I suspect are impervious to this Mexican summer heat. Fortunately, I will be in the cool clime of Northern California in a few days.

Oct. 10: I am sitting in my friend's living room in Sonoma County before a roaring pellet stove, a blanket wrapped around my legs. It has been raining steadily for ten days, not to mention it dropped 20 degrees upon my arrival. How quickly I had forgotten that even California weather can be unforgiving. I am having a tiny little insight that if I complain about the weather here, I might appear a tad intolerant in general, so I keep my mouth shut.

Oct. 17: I am back in my air-conditioned bedroom in Tiny Town, staring at the snake-like crack on the wall and happy to be here. What can I say? I learned my lesson? I'll never complain again? HA.

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