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Battle of the Baja Bats

by / por Bryan Batson Jáuregui
pallid bat photo: Merlin Tuttle

La Batalla de los Murciélagos de la Baja

traducido por L. Madeleine Castellanos

The cardón cactus, endemic to Baja California, is one of the most massive and ubiquitous cacti on the planet. Huge groves of multi-limbed old timers that witnessed the arrival of the first Europeans over five centuries ago can still be seen the length of the peninsula, and single young upstarts that haven't even sent up their first arm yet crowd the desert landscape. What accounts for such rampant success? In a word, bats. Now of course there are many factors that help the cardón survive—isolation, summer rains, water retaining skeletons—but none of this would matter if it wasn't for the bat, because the cardón is a cactus that deigns to open its flowers for pollination only as the sun is setting, a time when the kings of the evening pollination scene are emerging from their caves ravenous for their first meal of the night. That's right, bats.

But not just any bat. Researchers have known for years about role of the lesser long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris yerbabuenae*) in cardón pollination. In fact, when a young graduate student named Winifred Frick arrived in Baja in 2004 to work on her dissertation in bat ecology, the lesser long-nosed bat was considered the only cardón pollinator game in town. Says Frick, "The lesser long-nosed bat is highly specialized for nectar-feeding. It can hover at an open cardón flower and use its long tongue to extract nectar, transferring pollen from one flower to the next in the process." Clean, precise, targeted. Evolution at its most elegant. "So I was really surprised to see this other desert bat, the pallid bat (*Antrozous pallidus*), regularly visiting cardón flowers. The pallid bat has a short face, long ears and loves to eat scorpions off the ground. At first I thought maybe it was visiting the bat-adapted flowers of the cardón to opportunistically glean insects attracted to the flowers.

El cardón cactus, endémico de la Baja California, es uno de los cactus gigantes más ubicuos en el planeta. Todavía pueden verse enormes arboledas de viejos cardones con múltiples brazos que fueron testigos de la llegada de los primeros europeos hace más de cinco siglos, a lo largo de la península; y al paisaje desértico también lo llenan jóvenes que aún no han echado su primer brazo. ¿Qué es lo que hay detrás de un éxito tan exuberante? En una palabra: murciélagos. Por supuesto hay muchos factores que le ayudan al cardón a sobrevivir: el aislamiento, las lluvias de verano, los esqueletos que retienen agua; pero ninguno de estos factores importaría si no fuera por los murciélagos, porque el cardón es un cactus que se digna a abrir sus flores para la polinización solamente durante la puesta de sol, cuando los reyes de la escena de polinización nocturna están saliendo de sus cuevas, hambrientos por su primera comida de la noche. Sí, estamos hablando de los murciélagos.

Pero no cualquier murciélago. Los investigadores han sabido durante años sobre el papel del murciélago magueyero menor (*Leptonycteris yerbabuenae*) en la polinización del cardón. De hecho, cuando una joven estudiante llamada Winifred Frick llegó a la Baja en el 2004 para trabajar en su tesis en ecología de murciélagos, el murciélago magueyero menor era considerado el único polinizador de cardones en el área. Dice Frick: "El murciélago magueyero menor es uno altamente especializado en la alimentación de néctar. Puede rondar una flor abierta de un cardón y utilizar su larga lengua para extraer néctar, transfiriendo polen de una flor a la siguiente en el proceso." Limpio, preciso, directo al objetivo. La evolución en su máxima elegancia. "Así que estaba realmente sorprendida de ver este otro murciélago

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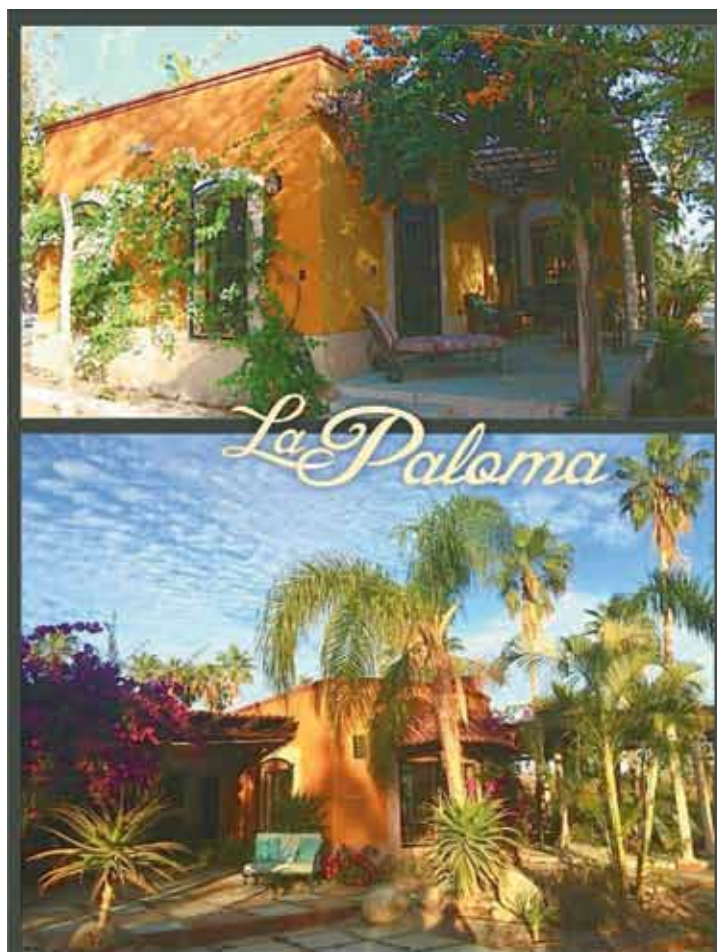
But as we observed it over 2005-2007, we realized that the pallid bat was actually indulging in cardón flower nectar. Apparently it likes a little something sweet to wash down savory scorpion meals. However, unlike the lesser long-nosed bat, the pallid bat doesn't hover but dives onto the whole flower, caking its whole body in pollen." A cardón pollinator usurper?

Frick, now Dr. Frick of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California, Santa Cruz, was doing her dissertation on "the relationship between the size and isolation of (Baja) islands and bat species richness in a near-shore archipelago ..." so didn't follow up on her pallid bat observations at the time. But she didn't forget the pollen-laden pallids, and a few years later teamed up with some of her UC Santa Cruz colleagues to study bats and cardón pollination in more depth, resulting in game-changing research that was published in *American Naturalist* in 2012 (Frick is the lead author of the study conducted with her colleagues Ryan Price, Paul Heady and Kathleen Kay). For the study, which was funded in part by the National Geographic Society and UC MEXUS, Frick and her team monitored cardón flowers at several sites in southern Baja. When they saw a bat visit a flower they would identify which of the two cardón-nectar-loving rivals it was, then retrieve the stigma of the flower to determine how many grains of pollen the bat had deposited. They also recorded the total number of flower visits by each of the two species at each study site. Turns out, pollination is not just for the long-nosed crowd.

"The results blew us away. The lesser long-nosed bat has an ancient cardón-pollinating lineage that has been coevolving with the cardón flower for a very long time. We were therefore very surprised to see that the newby, the pallid bat, is a far more effective pollinator, delivering about 8 times as much pollen per visit. We observed several factors that account for this. One is that the pallid bat rests its body on the flower and plunges its whole head into the flower to get at the nectar. It therefore gets far more pollen on its body than the hovering lesser long-nosed bat, who is using its tongue only to access nectar. So this new pollinator is actually better than the more specialized pollinator because it is not well-adapted to nectar feeding. (The pallid is the only nectar feeder from an insect-feeding family, *Vespertilionidae*). Its stats are also helped by the fact that the lesser long-nosed bat uses pollen as a source of protein, so therefore regularly eats the pollen off its fur, reducing the amount available for pollination. Finally, the lesser long-nosed bat is migratory while the pallid bat is a year-round Baja resident, a fact that makes the pallid bat especially important to the cardón."

The cardón with its amazing record of longevity and survival, how has it done that? It has been scientifically shown that plants respond to stimuli such as sound and touch. Some wounded plants produce a chemical that acts as an alarm signal, prompting nearby plants to produce chemicals that help them defend themselves against insects—or attract insect predators. Venus fly traps just eat the interlopers. So is it possible that the cardón has sensed that it's a hair risky to continue entrusting its future solely to

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Art Talk

by Jill Logan

Alas de Mariposa, 36"x48" oil/canvas

THE COLOR BLUE

The color blue has a mixed bag of associations.

Roger Child wrote: "According to psychologists the color blue, is one of trust, honesty, and loyalty. It is sincere, reserved and quiet and does not like to make a fuss or draw attention to itself. It hates confrontation and likes to do things in its own way."

Then there is the statement of feeling "blue." As if you are down in the dumps in some way, like Picasso's blue period denoting sadness. If you are a blue collar worker you get an hourly wage and most likely do manual labor.



Policemen wear blue. So while it is a color of spirituality and calmness it denotes depression and sadness.

The color blue also has, in my opinion, a wide range of variations. There is the clear Cobalt Blue, the ever fun Sea of Cortez Turquoise Blue, Sky Blue, Cerulean Blue, Periwinkle, Deep Indigo Blue, Midnight Blue, Lapis Blue, Baby Blue, Oxford Blue, Steel Blue, Denim Blue, Teal Blue, Ultramarine Blue, Pthalo Blue, Egyptian Blue, Navy Blue, Powder Blue, Prussian Blue and the list goes on. For such a simple, well loved color there are so many variations.

The ancient Egyptians used lapis lazuli to represent heaven, blue symbolizes the Virgin Mary and a pure blue is the color of inspiration and meditation. It is said that blue is often the chosen color of conservative people. Blue is a wonderful color to use in the home, especially for babies and with its soothing quality is considered to be a good choice for pajamas. Dark blue is the color of truth and moderation. A blue iris stands for a true friendship. Wednesday's color is blue.

Blue gives a feeling of distance. As an artist I was taught to use blue to show perspective and that the farther away each color gets, it becomes bluer in tone. I like using blue in my paintings, especially for shadows in faces or nature. John Comer, an artist in my gallery, is a strong advocate of using warm and cool colors next to each other. Using blues with soft yellows or ocher, blues with a touch of orange, really makes the painting sing.

The vibration of blue can be used to open energy flow where it is blocked. Using blue to relax will encourage

feelings of communication and peace. Put some blue in your life when you want to create a calm relaxation to counteract chaos or agitation, to open the flow of communication, or for solitude and peace.

Blue is the coolest color—the color of the sky, ocean, sleep, twilight. There is nothing quite like the reflection of the blue sky on water or the mercurial silver blue the ocean turns at sunset.

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On the Cover

Vic Kirby

Vic Kirby was born in England, into a Kodak family, where all the men worked for the photographic giant. It was rumored that they bled yellow and red, the Kodak trademark colors.

As such he got introduced to photography at a very young age, using his first "Brownie" box camera to take pictures of his family and local surroundings. Free film and darkroom facilities enabled Vic to experiment even though his family had little money.

When he left home to study at Oxford University, and later moved into the IT and business management consulting world, photography had to take a back seat to other concerns.

In 1985, with a child on the way, Vic and his wife moved to Canada and he continued his career in management consulting, starting and growing his own firm. It became a very busy life. When a doctor told him he would die early if he kept up the pace, he and his wife Diane decided to change their lives, pull back on business work, and start a home in Baja.

After first getting established in San José del Cabo, Vic and Diane became enchanted by the more laid-back style and arts scene of Todos Santos and moved to a home there in 2003. They now split their time between Baja and Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada.

With more time available, Vic's love of photography returned. Having retired from consulting, he returned to focus on expression through the medium of photography. Most of Vic's work involves people, either as portraiture, fashion or art photography. He loves the challenge of working together with people to make images that evoke feeling, whether that be with experienced models, or those who have no experience (and even some fear) of being in front of a lens.

Vic has been published in several fashion, photography and lifestyle magazines in Canada, the US and Mexico. You can see more of Vic's work on his website www.vickirbyphotography.com, or on his Facebook page: Vic Kirby Photography.

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Vic Kirby nació en Inglaterra en una familia Kodak, en la que todos los hombres trabajaban para el gigante fotográfico. Se rumoraba que sangraban amarillo y rojo, los colores de la marca Kodak.

Como tal, fue introducido a la fotografía a una edad muy temprana, utilizando su primera cámara de caja, una "Brownie," para tomar fotografías de su familia y de los alrededores en su localidad. Gracias a tener acceso a película gratis y facilidades de cuarto oscuro, Vic tuvo la posibilidad de experimentar pese a que su familia tenía poco dinero.

La fotografía tuvo que tomar un lugar detrás de otras preocupaciones cuando dejó su casa para ir a estudiar a la universidad de Oxford, y más tarde se mudó al mundo de la consultoría de administración de empresas y de la tecnología informática.

En 1985, con un hijo en camino, Vic y su esposa se mudaron a Canadá y él continuó su carrera en la consultoría de administración; empezando y haciendo crecer su propio despacho. Su vida se volvió una muy ocupada. Cuando un doctor le dijo que moriría temprano si conservaba ese ritmo de vida, él y su esposa Diane decidieron cambiar su vida, alejándose del trabajo empresarial y empezaron un hogar en la Baja.

Tras haberse establecido primero en San José del Cabo, Vic y Diane se encantaron con la más relajada escena y con las artes de Todos Santos y se mudaron a una casa ahí en el 2003. Ahora dividen su tiempo entre la Baja y La Isla Vancouver en British Columbia, Canadá.

Con más tiempo disponible, el amor de Vic por la fotografía regresó. Habiéndose retirado de la consultoría, volvió a enfocarse en la expresión a través del medio de la fotografía. La mayoría del trabajo de Vic involucra personas, ya sea como retrato, como fotografía de moda o de arte. Ama el reto de trabajar junto con la gente para crear imágenes que evoquen sentimiento; ya sea con modelos con experiencia o con aquellos quienes no la tengan (y que hasta sientan algo de temor) a estar frente una lente.

Vic ha sido publicado en varias revistas de moda, de fotografía y de estilo de vida en Canadá, los Estados Unidos y México.

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Fun in and on the Water in Baja

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The Cortez Club is owned by James Curtiss who chose La Paz (the city of peace) for its totally unique qualities. In particular the Islands of Espiritu Santo and Cerralvo, the strong contrasts of desert meeting the sea, its appealing year round climate, its friendly and unspoiled inhabitants. The Cortez Club’s operations are based at La Concha Beach resort, but they have also expanded to the newly developed Costa Baja Marina & Resort and are soon to be located at both Playa De La Paz and Maravia resort.

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Murciélagos de la Baja

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lesser long-nosed bat / murciélago magueyero menor
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desértico, el murciélago pálido (*Antrozous pallidus*) visitando con regularidad las flores de los cardones. El murciélago pálido tiene una cara corta, orejas largas y le encanta comer alacranes del suelo. Primero pensé que tal vez estaba visitando las flores del cardón adaptadas para los murciélagos con el fin de limpiarle de manera oportunista los insectos atraídos a las flores. Pero, como observamos del 2005 al 2007, nos dimos cuenta de que el murciélago pálido estaba de hecho siendo indulgente con el néctar de flor de cardón. Aparentemente le gusta comer algo dulce para pasarse sus comidas saladas de alacrán.

Sin embargo, al contrario del murciélago magueyero menor, el murciélago pálido no ronda, sino que se echa un clavado en la flor entera; empanizando todo su cuerpo con polen". ¿Un usurpador polinizador de cardón?

Frick, ahora Dra. Frick, del Departamento de Ecología y Biología Evolucionaria de la Universidad de California, Santa Cruz, estaba haciendo su tesis en "la relación entre el tamaño y el aislamiento de las islas (de la Baja) y la riqueza de las especies de murciélagos en un archipiélago de costa cercana..." de manera que no le dio seguimiento a sus observaciones sobre el murciélago pálido en aquel momento. Pero no se olvidó de los pálidos cargados de polen y unos años después hizo equipo con algunos de

sus colegas de la Universidad de California en Santa Cruz para estudiar con más profundidad a los murciélagos y la polinización del cardón; lo que resultó en una investigación que cambió la jugada y que fue publicada en *American Naturalist* en el 2012. (Frick es la autora líder del estudio realizado con sus colegas Ryan Price, Paul Heady y Kathleen Kay). Para el estudio, que fue patrocinado en parte por la Sociedad *National Geographic* y la UC MEXUS, Frick y su equipo monitorearon flores de cardón en varios sitios en el sur de la Baja. Cuando veían un murciélago visitar una flor, identificaban cuál de los dos rivales amantes del néctar de cardón era, entonces revisaban el estigma de la flor para determinar cuántos granos de polen había depositado el murciélago. También llevaban bitácora del número total de visitas a flores de cada una de las dos especies en cada sitio de estudio. Resulta que la polinización no sólo es para la muchedumbre de nariz larga.

"Los resultados nos sorprendieron. El murciélago magueyero menor tiene un linaje de polinización de cardón muy antiguo que ha estado co-evolucionando con la flor del cardón durante mucho tiempo. Por eso estábamos tan sorprendidos de ver que el "novato," el murciélago pálido, es un polinizador mucho más efectivo, entregando cerca de 8 veces más de polen por visita.



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Observamos varios factores que dan cuenta de esto. Uno de ellos es que el murciélago pálido descansa su cuerpo en la flor y mete toda su cabeza dentro de la flor para llegar al néctar. Por eso recibe mucho más polen en su cuerpo que el murciélago magueyero menor que suele rondar y que sólo utiliza su lengua para tener acceso al néctar. Así que este nuevo polinizador es de hecho mejor que el más especializado polinizador porque no está bien adaptado para alimentarse de néctar. (El pálido es el único que proviene de una familia de murciélagos que se alimentan de insectos, *Vespertilionidae*, y que se alimenta de néctar). A sus estadísticas también le ayuda el hecho de que el murciélago magueyero menor utiliza el polen como fuente de proteína, por lo que regularmente come el polen depositado en su pelaje, reduciendo la cantidad disponible para la polinización. Finalmente, el murciélago magueyero menor es uno migratorio, mientras que el pálido es un residente de la Baja durante todo el año, un hecho que hace del murciélago pálido, especialmente importante para el cardón."

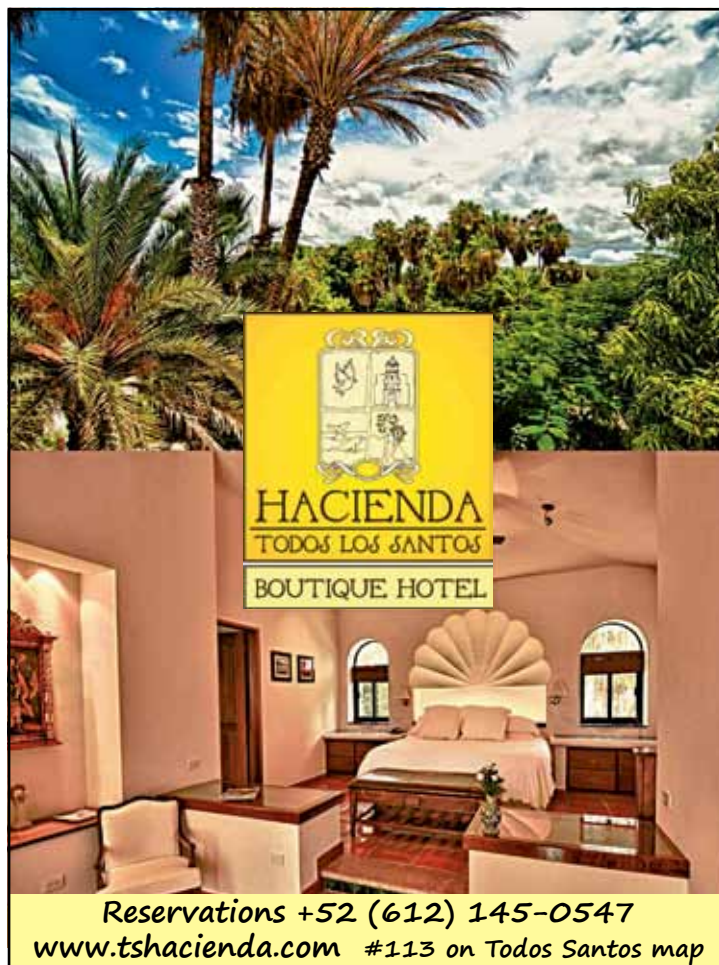
El cardón con su record sorprendente de longevidad y supervivencia, ¿cómo lo ha logrado? Ha sido científicamente mostrado que las plantas responden a estímulos tales como el sonido y el tacto. Algunas plantas lastimadas producen un químico que actúa como señal de alarma, impulsando a las plantas en las cercanías a que produzcan químicos que les ayuden a defenderse contra insectos o a atraer predadores de insectos.

La venus atrapamoscas sólo se come a los intrusos. Así que ¿es posible que el cardón haya sentido que es medio riesgoso continuar confiándole su futuro solamente a un murciélago quisquilloso para comer, migratorio y en riesgo de extinción como el murciélago magueyero menor? ¿Habría entonces hecho el olor y sabor de su néctar tan atractivo que hasta—o quizá especialmente—un residente permanente de la Baja; uno que ama los alacranes y que engulle insectos y que hasta hace poco desdeñaba las flores, como el murciélago pálido, literalmente se eche un clavado de cabeza para que lo rescate?

Dice la co-autora de Frick, Kathleen Kay: "lo que de hecho está ocurriendo en términos de cómo las especies están interactuando mutuamente puede ser más complicado de lo que se ve a simple vista." Astuto cardón. Murciélagos suertudos.

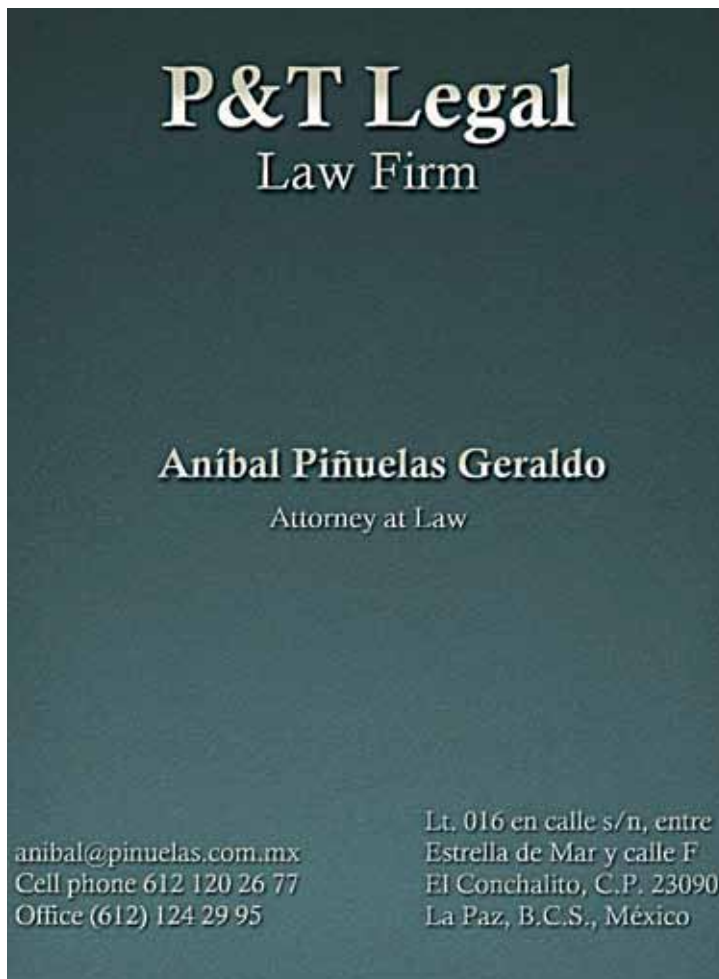
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En el año 1982 Merlin Tuttle decidió dedicar el resto de su carrera a la conservación de los murciélagos. Merlin ha hecho de la educación una parte muy grande de su trabajo; corrigiendo esos mitos y enseñando acerca de los beneficios, tanto económicos como al ecosistema, de los murciélagos. Para ver sus asombrosas fotografías y para contribuir con sus esfuerzos por la conservación de los murciélagos, por favor visite: <http://merlintuttle.org/>



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Marine Invertebrates of the Sea of Cortez

Story and photos by Kaia Thomson



Sulphur Sponge / Esponja de azufre

The term invertebrate refers to an informal collection of animals that share a single common characteristic, the lack of a bony skeleton or backbone. These species do not correspond to a taxonomic group of animals in the way mammals, bony fishes, birds, sharks, amphibians or reptiles do.

Although vertebrates all fall within a single taxonomic group, *Chordata*, invertebrates occupy more than 30 groups of animals. In the marine world, these include sponges, cnidarians, flatworms, mollusks, arthropods, segmented worms, and echinoderms.

Evolution is a long process, but due to the fact that invertebrates have soft bodies, they have left little fossil evidence of their existence. Scientists have discovered fossilized burrows and tracks left by invertebrates in sediments that date back nearly 1 billion years. The oldest fossils of invertebrate bodies date back to the late Precambrian, about 600 million years ago, and are located in Australia at an area known as the 670 Ediacara fossil site. Here, at this famous location, the soft-body impressions provide the oldest evidence of preserved marine worms and jellyfish.

Invertebrates do not have bones, a bony skeleton, or a backbone. Instead, they gain structural support for their bodies in different ways, one being a hydroskeleton (fluid filled cavity surrounded by muscles), like a sea anemone. Other examples are the hard, chitinous exoskeleton of crustaceans, crabs, lobsters and shrimp, and the calcium shells of mollusks like clams, chitons and nautilus.

The vertebrates, the group to which all mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fishes belong, are far outnumbered by our invertebrate cousins. Invertebrates account for 97 percent of all known species alive today, including 10,000 species of sponges, 9,000 species of cnidarians (jellyfish, corals and anemones) and 100,000 species of mollusks!

Marine invertebrates range from the simplest of species, the sedentary sponges, to the more complex pelagic life style of the jellyfish—diversity enhances their ability to survive. Just consider some of the diverse ways that marine invertebrates live. Nudibranchs are carnivores that crawl about looking for a specific food that will provide them with the nutrients needed to display their bright

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Invertebrados Marinos del Mar de Cortes

historia y fotos por Kaia Thomson, traducido por Paula Angeloni

El termino invertebrados se refiere a un conjunto informal de animales que comparten una única característica en común; la falta de un esqueleto o columna vertebral. Estas especies no pertenecen a un grupo taxonómico específico de animales como es el caso de los peces óseos, las aves, los tiburones, los anfibios o los reptiles.

Mientras todos los vertebrados caen en un solo grupo taxonómico denominado *Chordata*, se encuentran invertebrados en más de 30 grupos de animales. En el medio marino este comprende las esponjas, los cnidarios, los gusanos planos, los moluscos, los artrópodos, los gusanos segmentados y los equinodermos.

La evolución es un largo proceso, pero debido al hecho de que los invertebrados poseen por lo general cuerpos blandos, han dejado pocos registros fósiles que hagan evidencia de su existencia en el pasado. Los científicos han descubierto madrigueras y rastros fosilizados de invertebrados que datan de cerca de 1 billón de años atrás. El fósil más antiguo del cuerpo de un invertebrado pertenece al Precámbrico, hace unos 600 millones de

años y fue encontrado en Australia en un área conocida como Edicaria 670. En este famoso sitio, las impresiones encontradas de gusanos marinos y medusas proveen la más antigua evidencia de la existencia de estos organismos.

Los invertebrados no poseen columna vertebral, huesos o esqueleto propiamente dicho. Sin embargo logran obtener un soporte estructural para sus cuerpos a través de otras maneras. Una variante es el hidroesqueleto (cavidad llena de fluido rodeada de músculo) como es el caso en las anémonas de mar. Otros ejemplos lo constituyen los exoesqueletos duros y quitinosos de los crustáceos (cangrejos, langostas y camarones) y las conchas calcáreas de los moluscos como almejas, quitones y nautilus.

Los vertebrados, grupo al que pertenecen todos los mamíferos, aves, reptiles, anfibios y peces, se ven superados ampliamente en número por sus primos los invertebrados. Los invertebrados constituyen el 97 por ciento de todas las especies conocidas hasta el presente incluyendo 1,000 especies de esponjas, 9,000 especies de

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EXPLORA BAJA in the TODOS SANTOS SURF SHOP & ACTIVITIES CENTER

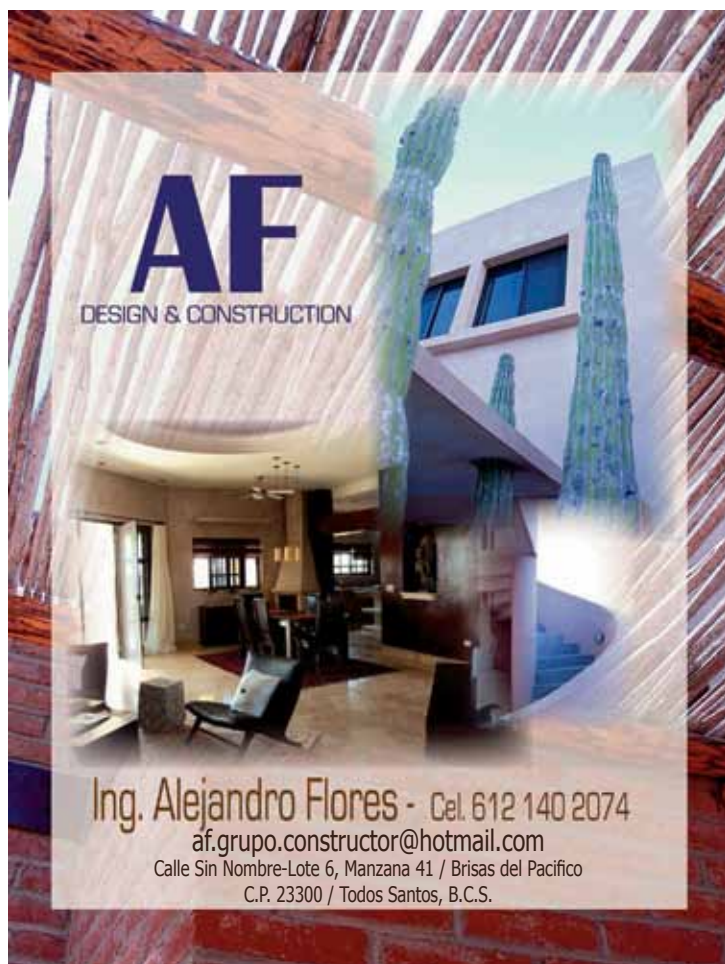
Explora Baja is run by ocean professionals, Marine Biologist Paula Angeloni and Oceanographer Carlos Retamoza. Both Paula and Carlos are surfers, divers and area guides and are passionate and knowledgeable about Baja and dedicated to providing their guests with authentic, once-in-a-lifetime experiences by the sea. Explora Baja offers day trips to swim with whale sharks and sea lions, fishing trips, surf lessons, exploration of the Espiritu Santo Island, and overnight trips to see the gray whales up close in Magdalena Bay.

The Todos Santos Surf Shop and Activity Center is located on Calle Hidalgo and Militar (by the Comex paint store). The surf shop provides not only surf boards and supplies, but good vibes and all that you need for the beach, including bathing suits, t-shirts, natural sun block, flip-flops, hats and more.

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LA SIRENA ECO ADVENTURES

La Sirena is a branch of Tortugueros Las Playitas A.C. offering eco-adventures of a lifetime in Todos Santos and La Paz.

With Tortugueros Las Playitas A.C., you can help endangered sea turtle population recovery and participate in marine life research October through May. Volunteers are trained in collecting data on nesting sea turtles, nest relocation, incubation greenhouse operation, nest excavation, and hatchling releases. Early morning patrols are run on ATV's, evenings are spent releasing hatchlings, and days can be spent monitoring the incubation area, caring for hatchlings, helping with beach clean-ups, designing publicity, snorkeling, or simply relaxing.

La Sirena also offers a three-hour kayak adventure that takes you into the Old Port of Todos Santos, a protected zone great for snorkeling and free-diving. Kayak with sea turtles, dolphins, whales, sea lions and manta rays, depending on the season. You'll have the opportunity to snorkel and dive in clear water full of tropical fish and chocolate sea stars. The ancient rock formations in this area are breathtaking; filled with blowholes, caves and underwater caverns.

Partnering with local captains, La Sirena's fishing charters help sustain fisheries through ecotourism. You'll be cruising in 20-24 ft. pangas in some of the richest waters off Baja and they know all the secret spots! The five-hour trips include fishing tackle and bait, plus lunch for up to four.



Orange Cup Coral / Coral anaranjado
photo/foto: Kaia Thomson

Every July, La Sirena oversees the *Salvavidas Junior* / Junior Lifeguards. This fun aquatic program is designed for youths between 8 and 18 years of age. Participants are trained by certified teachers, lifeguards and master divers and receive instruction in basic water safety, flotation, rip currents, emergency response, snorkeling, kayaking, boogie boarding, and surfing. One night is spent camping out to rescue and relocate sea turtle nests.

La Sirena also offers day trips to swim with whale sharks and sea lions, women's surf lessons, and day trips to see gray whales and humpbacks just off shore from Todos Santos.

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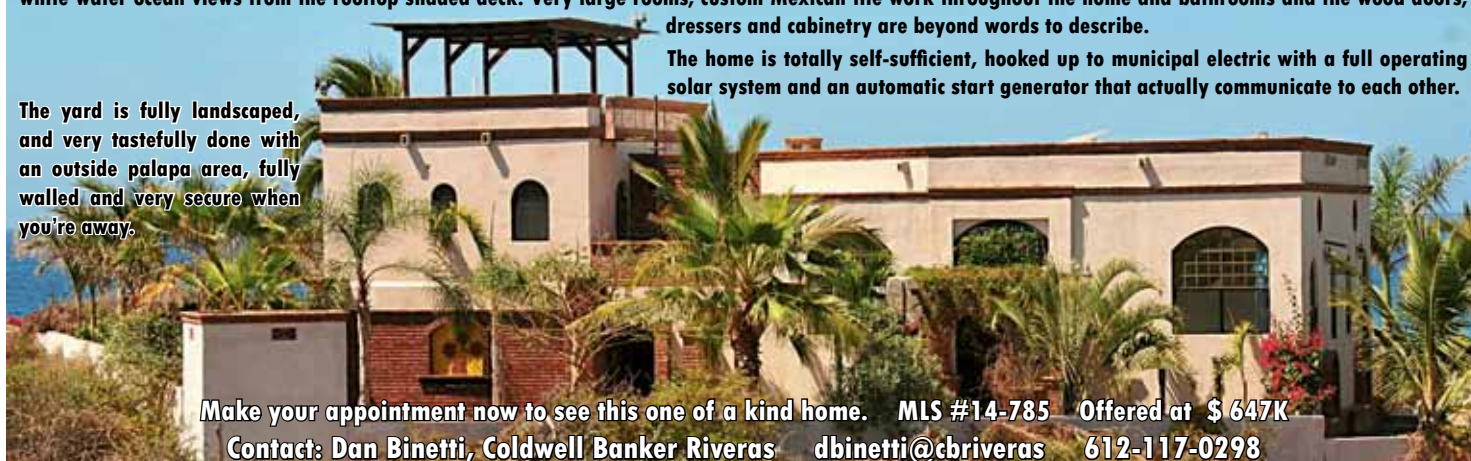
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CASA GRAND GAVILON

Once you see this home inside and out you, will truly be amazed by the attention to detail and functional design. This is a 2-bedroom, 2-bath home with adjoining office to the master suite that is also suitable for a toddler or infant room. The home has a detached studio apartment with kitchen and bath great for rental income, caretaker's apartment or for that special family member or friend who loves privacy. There is a large garage and roof deck—all of this cannot be matched in Pescadero. The home sits on an elevated 1,500 M² lot just one off the beach. It has lifetime ocean views from the ground and truly memorizing huerta and white water ocean views from the rooftop shaded deck. Very large rooms, custom Mexican tile work throughout the home and bathrooms and the wood doors, dressers and cabinetry are beyond words to describe.

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MARIO SURF SCHOOL

Mario Becerril Zayas, a La Paz native, has surfed almost every single break along Baja's coasts. Mario opened his surf school in 2006 and he and his instructors have been teaching people to surf at Los Cerritos ever since. "You will be standing up on your surfboard with your first lesson," Mario states and many newbies have testified that this is true. With over ten years as a surfing instructor Mario has developed a teaching technique that has proved to be faultless. He inspires skill and confidence in the beginner, but he is also sought out by surfers with much experience who want to hone their technique at his renowned surf clinics.

Mario Surf School provides you with the best surf instruction, customized to your skill level. Private and group classes are held at Los Cerritos beach, only 10 minutes from Todos Santos, where there is a smooth,

sandy bottom and gentle waves, making it one of the best beaches in Mexico to learn to surf. You may be someone who wants to try surfing for the first time and experience the emotional rush of catching your first wave... becoming hooked forever. Or you may have some surfing experience and are looking to maximize your surf skills. Together with the great conditions at Los Cerritos beach and the most expert surfing instruction from Mario Surf School, you can reach all your surfing goals.

The school also offers surf tours "Surfaris" in the Cabo area as well further north to Punta Conejo, rents surfboards and supplies, repairs boards and sells accessories. Call for information.

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Pescadero Surf Camp's owner, Jaime Dobies, first started living in Cabo part time in the 1980s and would frequently come to El Pescadero to surf. A single father, he and his two sons moved to El Pescadero, and in 1996 started the Pescadero Surf Camp. They moved here for the relaxed climate, boating, snorkeling and, of course, for the fabulous waves.

Pescadero Surf Camp is located in the El Pescadero/Todos Santos region of Baja California Sur. The Surf Camp is on the edge of the small town of El Pescadero between playas Los Cerritos and San Pedrito, two of the best surf breaks in Baja California. They provide accommodations, surfing instruction, Surfaris, surfboard rentals, repairs and supplies.

The Surf Camp rents private single casitas, double casitas, penthouse rooms, a camp house and tent camping. They have two hot showers/bathrooms, a BYOB swim-up pool bar and a large outdoor kitchen/BBQ area with stores and restaurants in close walking distance. The penthouse rooms and camp house each have a private bathroom/shower.

This fall, Jaime is opening Desert Moon, a 20-room hotel. "We're in a perfect spot at the north end of Cerritos," said Dobies, who is the managing partner in Desert Moon with Marcelo Gomez, a Monterey developer. Jaime is taking reservations now for the winter season for the new hotel at cerritosbeachhotel.com. Desert Moon rooms offer dramatic views of Cerritos, king beds and full kitchenettes.

Los Cerritos beach speaks for itself once you are there with its all-sand bottom—it is great for all levels of surfing. Los Cerritos is also the best beach on the Pacific side for swimming and family fun. If you want to get adventurous, the camp also provide soft racks for you to go exploring or can set you up with a guide for your surfing adventure. Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced, their great surf instructors can help you get started or improve your skills.

The Pescadero Surf Camp attracts a worldwide clientele—with many repeat customers. When many of the surf camp guests and visiting surfers asked about available properties, Jaime began to help his clients find properties and in 2006 formed Pescadero Surf Properties.

Pescadero Surf Camp is located at #29 on the Pescadero map.

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Grab the sun tan lotion and get the beach towels loaded into the car. A fun and exciting event for the entire family will be repeating this year at Los Cerritos Beach! The 2nd Annual Dog Surf Competition will take place on Saturday, June 13, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

In what is considered a tremendous boost for the event, this year's contest even includes a celebrity surf dog, Tillman, who has not only competed in numerous dog surfing competitions, but won many of them as well, including the largest Dog Surf Competition in the world held every year in San Diego, CA. Tillman is famous in the world of dog

surfing and is known for his fierce competitiveness and enormous personality.

Last year's previous competition at Los Cerritos Beach was a huge success and was lucky enough to feature ideal weather and water conditions for the day's events. The winner of the competition was Pirata, but another canine, Cala was an extremely close second place. Both dogs scored at least one perfect 10 during their multiple runs, but in the final heat Pirata's 10, 9.5 and 9 scores were enough to take the first prize.

Members of both the Todos Santos and Pescadero community have worked tirelessly to help sponsor this event. All of the funds raised from this fun event will go to dogs in need in the Pescadero area through Pescy dog rescue. One of the sponsors of the event CHOP! dog food will be donating an extra large bag of food to the winner of the competition.

For more info or to enter a dog in the contest: www.dogsurfcompcerritos.com or [Facebook.com/DogSurfCompCerritos](https://www.facebook.com/DogSurfCompCerritos). More info about dog rescue in El Pescadero: pescydogs.org or [Facebook.com/PescyDogs](https://www.facebook.com/PescyDogs).

Cerritos Beach is located in the town of Pescadero about 10 kilometers south of Todos Santos and about 50 kilometers north of Cabo San Lucas on Highway 19 at kilometer marker 64 (see El Pescadero-Todos Santos corridor map).



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pallid bat / murciélago pálido
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Baja Bats

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an endangered, migratory, picky eater like the lesser long-nosed bat? Has it therefore made its flower scent / nectar taste so enticing that even—or perhaps especially—a scorpion-loving, insect-grubbing, and—until recently—flower-snubbing permanent Baja resident like the pallid bat would literally plunge in head first to its rescue? Says Frick's co-author Kathleen Kay, "What is actually happening in terms of how species are mutually interacting can be more complicated than what meets the eye." Wily cardón. Lucky bats.

Todos Santos Eco Adventures is the leader in wildlife viewing adventures in Baja California Sur. Visit www.TOSEA.net or call (612) 145-0189 to learn about exploring the wild spaces and ecosystems of Baja and the amazing wildlife these areas attract and support.

Merlin Tuttle decided to devote the remainder of his career to bat conservation in 1982 "as an act of desperation. It was obvious that without major improvement in public attitudes, the situation for bats would continue to worsen." Battered by centuries of harmful myths and misinformation, bats were despised and casually slaughtered around the world. Merlin has made education—correcting those myths and teaching the economic and ecosystem benefits of bats—a major part of his work. Distressed that most bat photographs showed roughly handled bats snarling in self-defense, Merlin taught himself photography. He became a world-class wildlife photographer whose images have appeared in books and magazines around the world and played a crucial part in his education efforts. To view his amazing photographs and contribute to his bat conservation efforts, please visit: <http://merlintuttle.org/>

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June 7 | ELECTION DAY in Mexico.

June 9-14 | LOS CABOS OPEN OF SURF. Takes place at the right hand point break of Zippers in Cabo. This year includes the addition of an ASP 6-Star Women's event. For more information: <http://loscabosopenofsurf.com>

June 13 | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, 2ND ANNUAL DOG SURF COMPETITION at Playa Los Cerritos. All proceeds to be donated to local dog rescue in Pescadero. For more info or to enter a dog: www.dogsurfcompcerritos.com or Facebook.com/DogSurfCompCerritos 612-142-5038

June 21 | 5 pm, OPEN READING at Taverna Dominique's in Todos Santos. Readings are limited to 5 minutes in length and original works only.

july

July 7-12 | TODOS SANTOS SILENT MEDITATION RETREAT with Dr. Robert Hall, hosted at Todos Santos' new retreat center Pachamama. The retreat will be a combination of Sitting Meditation, Dharma Talks & Evening Gestalt Sessions, Nutritious Meals, Yoga and Walking Meditation. The retreat is suited for individuals interested in deepening their meditation practice and self-discovery work. Robert Hall is a psychiatrist and dharma teacher with an international reputation for his innovative and pioneering work in somatic/body oriented therapies, leading retreats since 1980. For more information contact Elena Ascencio at elena.ascencio.ibanez@gmail.com.

July 7-24 | 10 am - 4 pm, 5TH ANNUAL JUNIOR LIFEGUARD / Sea Turtle Camp. This fun aquatic program is designed for young people between the ages of 8 and 18 years. Participants will

receive instruction in basic water safety, flotation, rip currents, kayaking, snorkeling, boogie boarding, surfing, and one night camping out to rescue and relocate Sea Turtle nests. Free of charge to local students--sponsors needed! For information contact Francesca at 145-0353. Register at www.todostortugeros.org

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october

October 9-12 | FESTIVALES TRADICIONALES DE TODOS SANTOS. The festival usually takes place the week-end closest to October 12 in the town plaza.

november

November 27-29 | TODOS SANTOS INTERNATIONAL GUITAR FESTI-

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Invertebrados Marinos

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Los invertebrados marinos comprenden desde las especies más simples y sedentarias como son las esponjas, a organismos con un tipo de vida pelágica muy compleja como es el caso de las medusas—la diversidad les incrementa sus posibilidades de sobrevivencia. Consideremos solo algunas de las diversas maneras en las que viven los invertebrados. Los nudibranchios por ejemplo, son organismos carnívoros que se arrastran buscando un tipo de comida específica que les provea los nutrientes necesarios para poder manifestar sus brillantes colores. Las esponjas filtran partículas de alimento del agua de mar que fluye a través de sus cuerpos. Las anémonas utilizan sus pegajosos tentáculos para atraer diminutos peces y luego los paralizan con un aguijón antes de introducirlos a su boca. ¡Mientras que las estrellas marinas y los pulpos directamente persiguen y matan a sus presas!

Los invertebrados son generalmente clasificados buscando variaciones en características simples, separándolos en subgrupos basados en la morfología (forma del cuerpo), tal como simetría y disposición de las extremidades. Este concepto de un plan corporal básico (también llamado

bauplan) fue introducido originalmente por Linnaeus en 1735 y provee un esquema de cada grupo de invertebrados unificados por una característica observable simple. Los equinodermos (estrellas de mar y erizos) son conocidos por su simetría pentarradial (organismos que presentan un núcleo corporal y cinco partes iguales a su alrededor). En contraste, los artrópodos como las langostas por ejemplo, tienen simetría bilateral, con un lado izquierdo y otro derecho que son generalmente un espejo uno del otro. Los cnidarios como las anémonas son conocidos por su simetría radial, con un cuerpo tubular y tentáculos en forma de círculo alrededor de su boca.





Brown Urchin / Erizo Café



Burrowing anemone / Anémona tubo

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colors. Sponges filter out food particles from the seawater that flows through them. Anemones use their sticky tentacles to attract tiny fish and then, after a paralyzing sting, they guide them to their mouth. Starfish and octopus actually hunt down and capture their prey!

Invertebrates are generally classified by looking for variations on simple themes, characterizing them into subgroups based on morphology (body structure), such as segmentation, symmetry and

limb disposition. This concept of a basic body plan (also called a bauplan) was originally started by Linnaeus in 1735. It provides a blueprint of each group of invertebrates that unites them based on simple, observable characteristics. Echinoderms (starfish and sea urchins) are known for their pentaradial symmetry (organisms that have a central body core and five equal parts around it). In contrast, arthropods, lobsters for instance, are bilaterally symmetric, with left and right sides that are generally mirror images of each other. Cnidarians, such as anemones, are known for their radial symmetry, with a tubular body and the tentacles that encircle their mouth.



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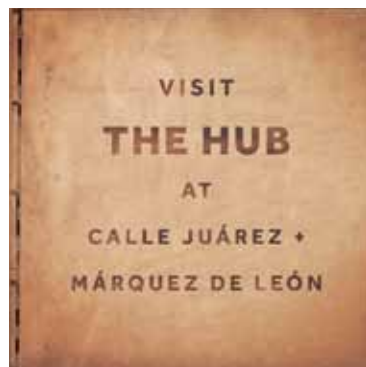
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El Cielo: The Baja Sky

by Roc Fleishman
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Welcome to the summer 2015 *El Cielo*, highlighting the more visible movements of the heavenly objects above Baja California Sur from June through September.

MOON/PLANET CALENDAR

JUNE

- 1st Full moon and Saturn less than 1° apart rise at sunset with the beautiful constellation Scorpius below.
- 8th Earliest sunrise of the year.
- 17th Possible new moon, sets at 9:12 pm.
- 21st Summer Solstice 10:37 am, sun reaches maximum declination of 23.435° north.
- 28th Waxing gibbous moon and Saturn again, this time less than 2° apart.

Star notes: Omega Centauri is a great fuzzy ball at 18° of altitude in the south (southwest end of June) at sunset—a great binocular or telescope target.

JULY

- 3rd Latest sunset of the year.
- 12th Waning crescent moon rises at about 4 am with Aldebaran < 3° away.
- 16th Possible new moon visible with luck and good optical aids. Let me know if you see it. Much easier on the 17th.
- 18th New moon special with Venus just 1° above right and Jupiter 6° lower right.

25th/26th Saturn and the moon closer together all night until they set just after 2 am.

AUGUST

- 13th Perseid Meteor Maximum—Our usual big summer meteor shower always runs from the later part of July until late August. The peak this year is supposed to be during early morning hours of the 13th and there will be no moon, a rare treat! Hope for clear weather.
- 15th New moon sighting possible with perfect conditions, much easier on the 16th.
- 22nd Quarter moon and Saturn set together in the evening.

SEPTEMBER

- 5th Moon rises around midnight less than 2° from Aldebaran.
- 10th Venus rises with the waning crescent moon in the East before sunrise.
- 14th Hurricane Odile anniversary. And a possible new moon, 43 hours old.
- 23rd Equinox when we pass through the Sun's equatorial plane.
- 27th Total lunar eclipse on the largest full moon night of the year! It will rise for us partially eclipsed, with totality starting just after 8 pm and lasting over an hour. Enjoy.

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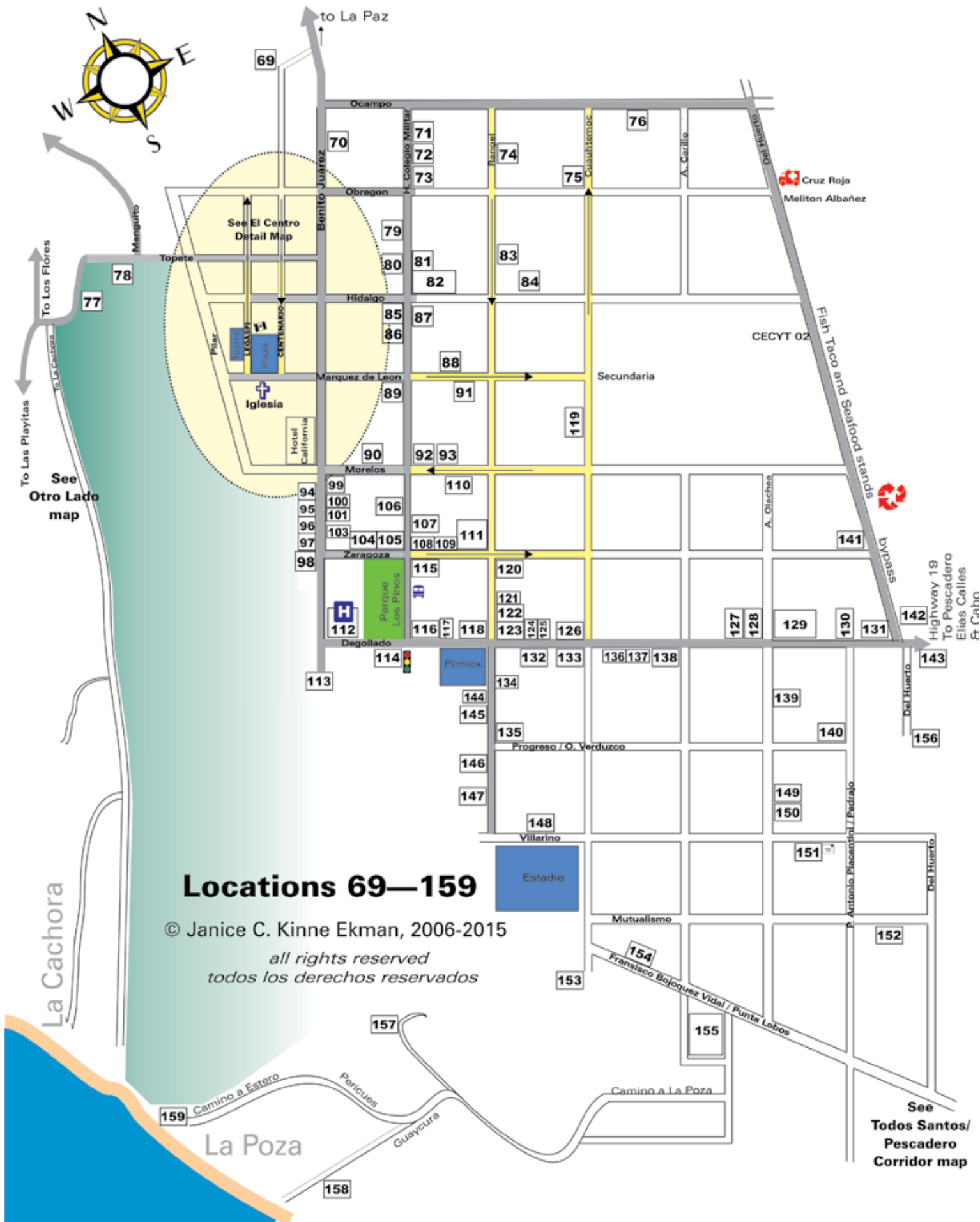


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Voces del Pueblo

by Janice Kinne

Thank you for all the great responses from last issue's profile of the new chefs at The Garden Restaurant at **Rancho Pescadero** and the "On the Rocks" bar reviews. Our readers enjoyed learning more about local businesses and our clients appreciated all the extra business!

Check out this issue's feature on Pacific Ocean and Sea of Cortez adventures; there's plenty to do and explore—both in and on the water. **Kaia Thomson** gives us an interesting glimpse into the multitude of marine invertebrates in the Sea of Cortez. And why not enjoy the water with your dog, too? Read about the 2nd Annual DOG Surf Competition at Los Cerritos beach.

And, if you're just looking to kick back and enjoy some summer reading, Kat Bennett has a list for you from her "Baja Bookshelf." All books listed are available at **Allende Books** in La Paz and **El Tecolote Bookstore** in Todos Santos.

Bryan Batson Jáuregui, of **Todos Santos Eco Adventures**, shares the thought-provoking story of two very different bats' roles as pollinators in the delicate Baja eco-system, with stunning photos of them in action. Who knew that these night creatures also ate scorpions?

Emilia's Burgers, located at the top of the highest hill in Todos Santos, serves up delicious burgers and fries and wood-fired oven pizza. The staff is friendly, and the view can't be beat! Emilia's is located on the hill at the southern entrance to town; just turn up the hill at the block ice plant.

Rhoda Jacobs will be holding her Thursday Qi Gong/T'ai Chi this summer. If people are interested, she'll also start a new T'ai Chi class. Contact her for more information. There won't be any Yamuna Body Rolling classes in June, but **Emily Gable** will be back in July. Both previously mentioned classes take place at Cuatro Vientos studio, across the street from **La Esquina de Todos Santos** on the *otro lado*. You can find out more information in "Groups." Both Cuatro Vientos and La Esquina will closed in September and reopen in October.

La Gitana is moving! Keep your eyes out for their new location in Todos Santos. Make sure to keep in touch with La Gitana's Facebook page; over the summer they will be holding special events where you can try one of the specialty organic dishes made with local farm-fresh ingredients. Fine mezcal, original tapas, and live entertainment at La Gitana in Todos Santos.

Chill N Grill will be open Sundays at 11 am starting September 10, for regular season NFL games. You can catch both pre-season and regular season NFL games at **Shut Up Frank's** as well.

MarqueCine, Todos Santos' movie theater, is now open for weekend shows year round in the historic Marquez de Leon Theater on the plaza. You can watch independent Mexican films, great documentaries, children's matinee and Hollywood blockbusters. Shows are Fridays (6, 8 pm), Saturdays (5, 8 pm) and Sundays (1, 7 pm). Check Facebook for weekly listings: Teatro Cine Manuel Márquez de León. Free admission, donations accepted.

Every Saturday from 5 to 10 pm you can enjoy Chef Chopin's fresh sushi dinners at **Gallo Azul** in Todos Santos. Longer-term residents and frequent visitors will remember Chopin's delicious sushi from **the Hotelito** and Ana San's.

The Hotelito, on the *otro lado*, has summer special weekly and nightly rates for the months of June, July and August. See their ad for more information.

Étnica recently received a shipment of new items including linen dresses, handtooled purses and cowboy boots. You can visit their store in Todos Santos and see photos on their Facebook page: etnicatodosantos.

Dr. Robert Hall, is holding a Silent Retreat in July at Todos Santos' new retreat center Pachamama. The retreat will be a combination of sitting meditation, Dharma talks and evening Gestalt sessions, yoga and walking meditation. The retreat is suited for individuals interested in deepening their meditation practice and self-discovery work. For more information, see "Events."

We hope that you have a great summer. We'll see you again in October with our Fall/*Otoño* issue. The deadline is September 18.

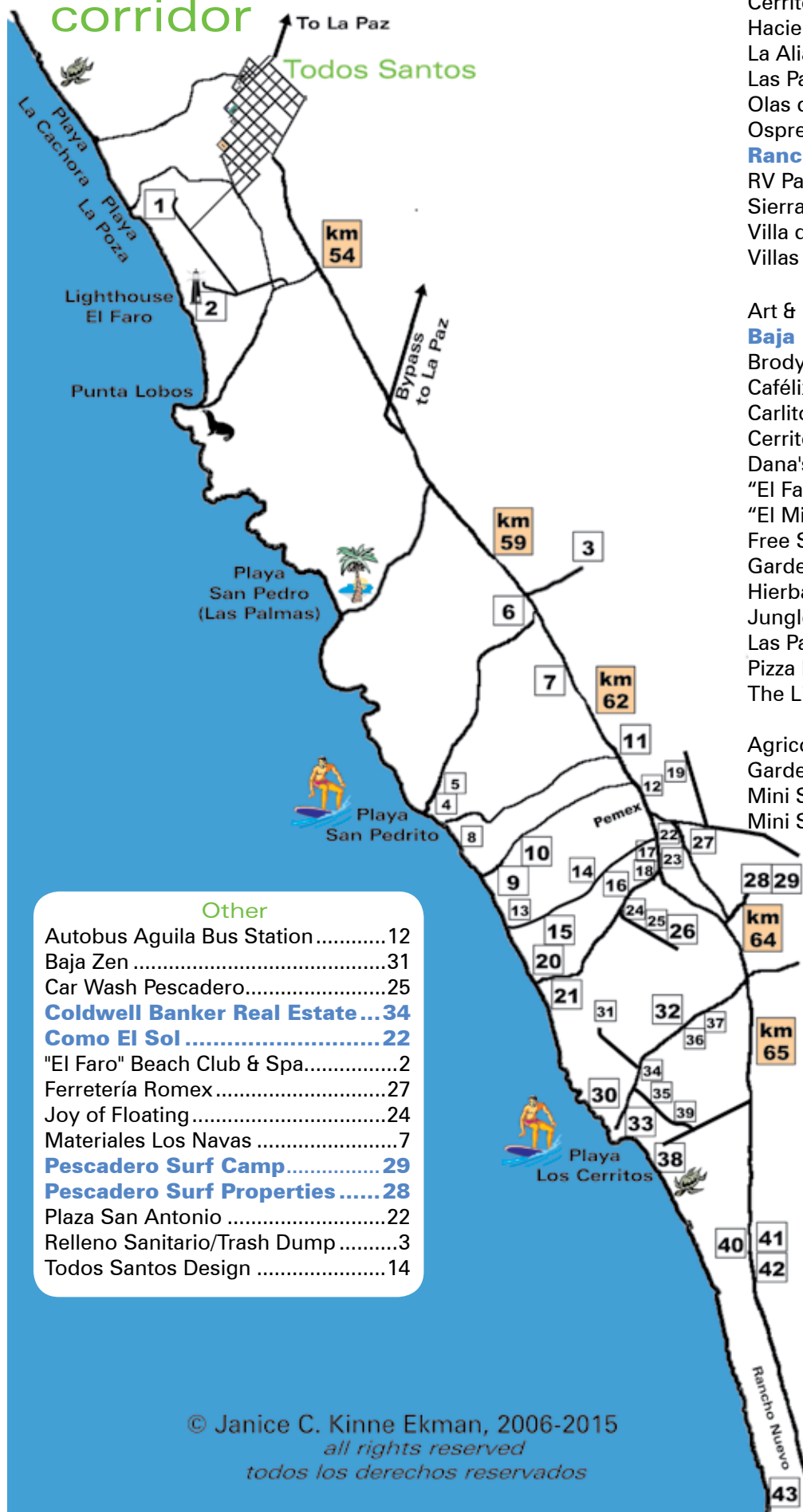


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Beaches / Playas

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 am to 5 pm 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 pm. 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 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

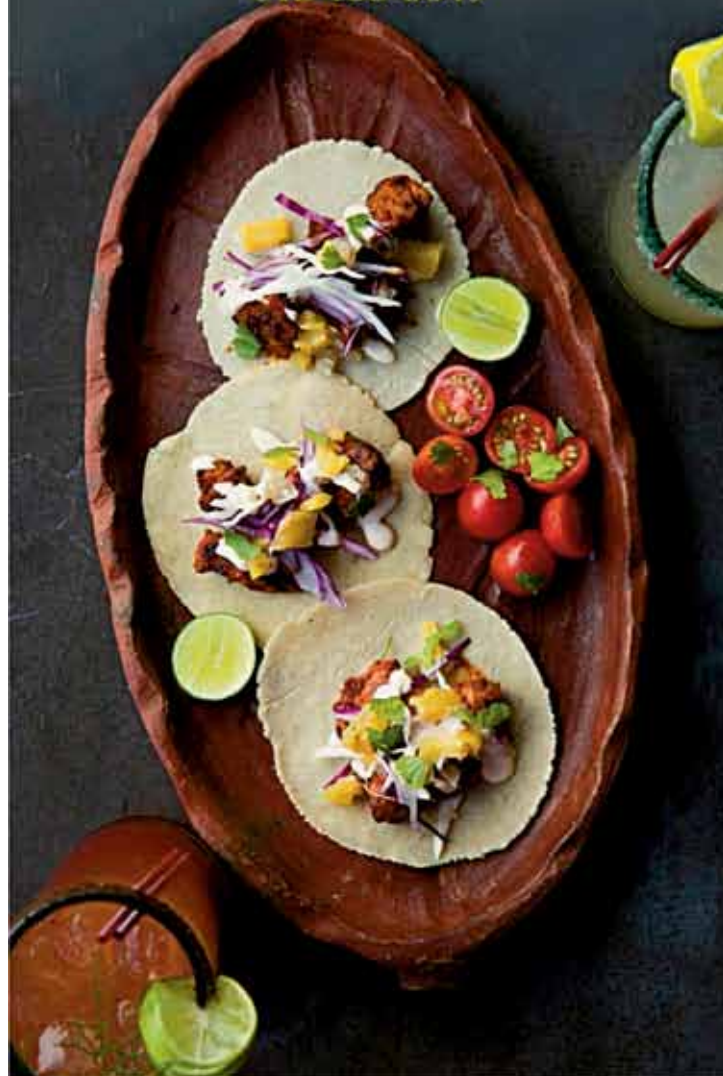
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Due to strong currents (especially near the rocky point), swimming is safer 50 meters from the rocks (Swim with caution and always have a land reference). The property surrounding Palm Beach is privately owned. The gates are open from 6 am to 9 pm 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 turnoff after the 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.

Baja Zen, #31 on the Pescadero map, offers morning and evening yoga classes overlooking Playa Los Cerritos.

LA SIRENA ECO-AVENTURES, #150 on Todos Santos map, provides kayak and snorkeling tours, fishing trips, swimming with whale sharks, beach shuttle, surfing lessons, surfboard and boogie board rentals.

MARIO'S SURF SCHOOL provides surfing lessons, board rentals, repairs and accessories. Call for information.

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La Paz Beaches

by Janice Kinne



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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.

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 *palapa* 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 vendors renting chairs, selling fruit and drinks, 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 Espiritu 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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El Cielo

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28th Equilux—same length day and night.

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 (and leave a local number), or visit my office in Plaza Antigua, upstairs #9, **Pescadero Properties**, #16 on the Todos Santos map.

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TIME: <http://www.time.gov/> and <http://www.worldtimeserver.com/>

SATELLITES: <http://www.heavens-above.com/> user "elcielots" password "journal"

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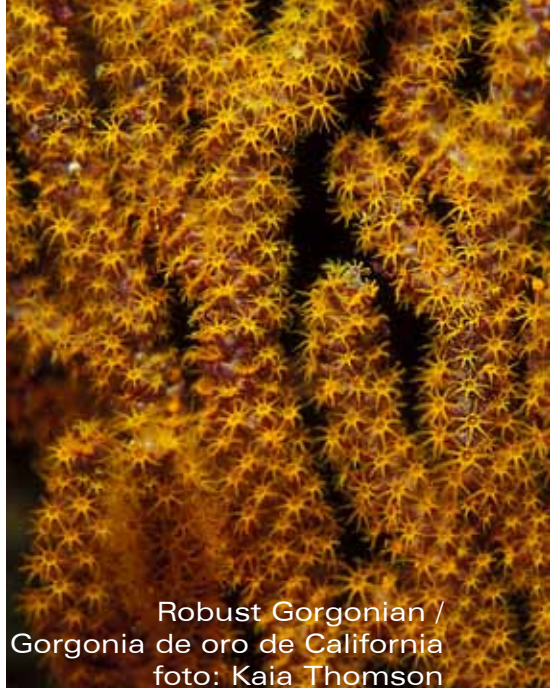
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1 y 7 pm, **MARQUECINE** en el Teatro Márquez de León en la plaza de Todos Santos. Se exhibirán películas del cine independiente Mexicano, documentales, matinée para niños y películas taquilleras de Hollywood. Los listados de las películas pueden verse en la página de Facebook: Teatro Cine Manuel Márquez de León. Entrada libre, se aceptan donaciones.

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lunes

9:30 am a 3 pm, **PESCADERO ORGÁNICOS** en el callejon, #34 en el mapa del otro lado de Todos Santos.

10 am a 3 pm, **PUESTO DE PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS** del Rancho Buen Día en el callejón de Todos Santos.

10 am a 1 pm, *Palapa Society* **BIBLIOTECA y RINCON DE CUENTOS ABIERTO**.

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martes

8:30 am a 1 pm, **EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO DE LA PAZ** en calle Madero entre 5 de Mayo y Constitución, La Paz.

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10 am a 3 pm, **PUESTO DE PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS** del Rancho Buen Día en el callejón de Todos Santos.

6:30 pm, **NOCHE DE PELÍCULAS** en **Gallo Azul** en Todos Santos.

miércoles

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jueves

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10 am a 3 pm, **PUESTO DE PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS** del Rancho Buen Día en el callejón de Todos Santos.

3 a 7 pm, **2 X 1 PIZZAS** en **Gallo Azul** en Todos Santos.

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6 a 9 pm, **MÚSICA EN VIVO** en el Garden Restaurant en **Rancho Pescadero** en el Pescadero.

viernes

9:30 am a 3 pm, **PESCADERO ORGÁNICOS** en el callejon, #34 en el mapa del otro lado de Todos Santos.

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6 a 9 pm, **MÚSICA EN VIVO** en el Garden Restaurant en **Rancho Pescadero** en el Pescadero.

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8:30 am a 1 pm, **EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO DE LA PAZ** en calle Madero entre 5 de Mayo y Constitución, La Paz.

9 am a 3 pm, **EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO** en San José del Cabo está ligeramente afuera del distrito de arte histórico en la Huerta María en el Camino a las Ánimas. Hasta el fin de Junio.

9 am a 1 pm, **TIANGUIS NATURAL MALECÓN** (Mercado) en el Callejon Cabezud es en La Paz—el área entre calle Esquerro y el Malecón ubicado en el mural Wyland y la escultura del músico tocando el caracol.

9:30 am a 3 pm, **PESCADERO ORGÁNICOS** en el callejon, #34 en el mapa del otro lado de Todos Santos.

10 am a 1 pm, *Palapa Society* **BIBLIOTECA y RINCON DE CUENTOS ABIERTO.**

10 am a 3 pm, **PUESTO DE PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS** del Rancho Buen Día en el callejón de Todos Santos.

5 y 8 pm, **MARQUECINE** en el Teatro Márquez de León en la plaza de Todos Santos. Los listados de las películas pueden verse en la página de Facebook: Teatro Cine Manuel Márquez de León. Entrada libre, se aceptan donaciones.

5 a 10 pm, **SUSHI ESPECIAL DE CHEF CHOPIN** en el **Gallo Azul**, Todos Santos.

6 a 9 pm, **MÚSICA EN VIVO** en el Garden Restaurant en **Rancho Pescadero** en el Pescadero.

6 a 10 pm, **ESPECIAL DE STEAK**—Filete Mingón, New York o Ribeye desde 150 pesos en **Cantamar Cocina Mexicana** en Todos Santos.

7 a 10 pm, **MÚSICA EN VIVO** en **Chill N Grill**.

7 pm, **MÚSICA EN VIVO** en Dana's Diner en El Pescadero.

Shoot for the Moon

by Bob Walker

THE CLUB ROTARIO BAHIA DE LA PAZ

Being a member of Club Rotario Bahia de La Paz has taught me, and other members, to think a lot bigger, and expect even better results than we had hoped.

Previously, Diana Laura, a primary school in La Paz, never had one student qualify to go to middle school up until four years ago. Just three years ago, six children out of 35 qualified and the Rotary club paid the annual cost \$350 USD for each of their uniforms, books, pens, pencils, and other school needs. The hard working parents paid the \$20 USD tuition.

Two years ago, 12 children qualified and our local club had to scramble to find the money. We put in a grant request to the Rotary District, the District governor came and inspected our project and granted scholarships for those 12 children—all the way through High School. When he announced that gift in front of the 12 students and the 189 kids still in the primary school, there was a dead silence. No cheering. They had never remotely considered that as a possibility in anyone's life, much less theirs. Shoot for the moon.

2014 was a quiet year, so our Club got busy with two other projects at the school—putting in a kitchen in the government built *comedor*. The head of Education also built a computer room for the 20 computers that Rotary International donated to the school.

The *comedor* provides healthy meals with protein and good carbs to all the kids, who would otherwise be drinking coke and eating cookies during the day. The computer room has helped 40 kids so far, learn how to use a computer—a needed skill to qualify for work in modern Mexico.

Meanwhile, the community quietly got together to talk about their children's education. Despite the fact that half the parents cannot read or write, they put together a tutorial system for the kids, concentrating on each child's worst subject qualified for middle school. The head of Education in BCS thought that unusual and re-tested the kids. They all passed and he handed them their diplomas personally. Shoot for the moon or higher.

What was the cost of these projects? Club Rotario Bahia de La Paz donated around \$5,000 USD, the government spent \$25,000 USD on construction, and another \$20,000 USD came from the Rotary District, Rotary International, and Rotary Club Redondo Beach.

If you are interested in helping a child have a brighter future, Club Rotario Bahia de La Paz is now beginning a project to put computers in all of the 53 remote CONAFE village schools in Baja California Sur and the solar panels, batteries controllers, etc. to provide the necessary electricity. Each school has 4 to 12 students. The program also extends to the 15 rural *Albergues* (boarding schools) which each has

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Shoot for the Moon

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40 to 80 students living on the premises Monday through Friday.

Club Rotario Bahía de La Paz is a dedicated group of 24 people—12 women and 12 men. We are a legal non-profit (A.C.) in Mexico, and have way too much fun with all of our projects. Other successful club projects include: supplying 175 fireman response uniforms for all the BCS fire departments; selling six one-day trips around the Sea of Cortez on the catamaran Orion—each trip built a concrete building for a remote school; *Noche Bohemia*, a night of dancing on the beach—all profits going to scholarships; granting the exact requested Christmas gifts to children in two remote *Albergues*; rebuilding the wood shop at *Nueva Creación* Children's orphanage.

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Weekly Events

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friday

9:30 am – 3 pm, **PESCADERO ORGANICS** in the callejon, #34 on the *otro lado* map, Todos Santos.

10 am – 1 pm, *Palapa Society of Todos Santos* **LIBRARY & RINCON DE CUENTOS OPEN.**

2 FISH TACOS & A BEER OR CHICKEN WINGS & A BEER 90 mn at **Shut Up Frank's** in Todos Santos.

LADIES NIGHT at **Gallo Azul** in Todos Santos. 2x1 drinks (beer, house wine, margaritas) all night.

6 – 9 pm, **LIVE DINNER MUSIC** at the Garden Restaurant at **Rancho Pescadero** in Pescadero.

6 & 8 pm, **MARQUECINE** at the Teatro Márquez de León on the plaza in Todos Santos. Showing independent Mexican films, great documentaries, children's matinee and Hollywood blockbusters. Check Facebook for weekly listings: Teatro Cine Manuel Márquez de León. Free admission, donations accepted.

7 pm, **LIVE MUSIC** featuring different solo artists at Dana's Diner in El Pescadero.

saturday

8:30 am – 1 pm, **LA PAZ FARMER'S MARKET** on calle Madero between 5 de Mayo and Constitución, La Paz.

9 am – 1 pm, **MALECON TIANGUIS NATURAL (MARKET)** at the Callejon Cabezud in La Paz—the area between Esquerro street and the malecón at the location of the Wyland mural and the seashell musician statue.

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. Takes place through the end of June.

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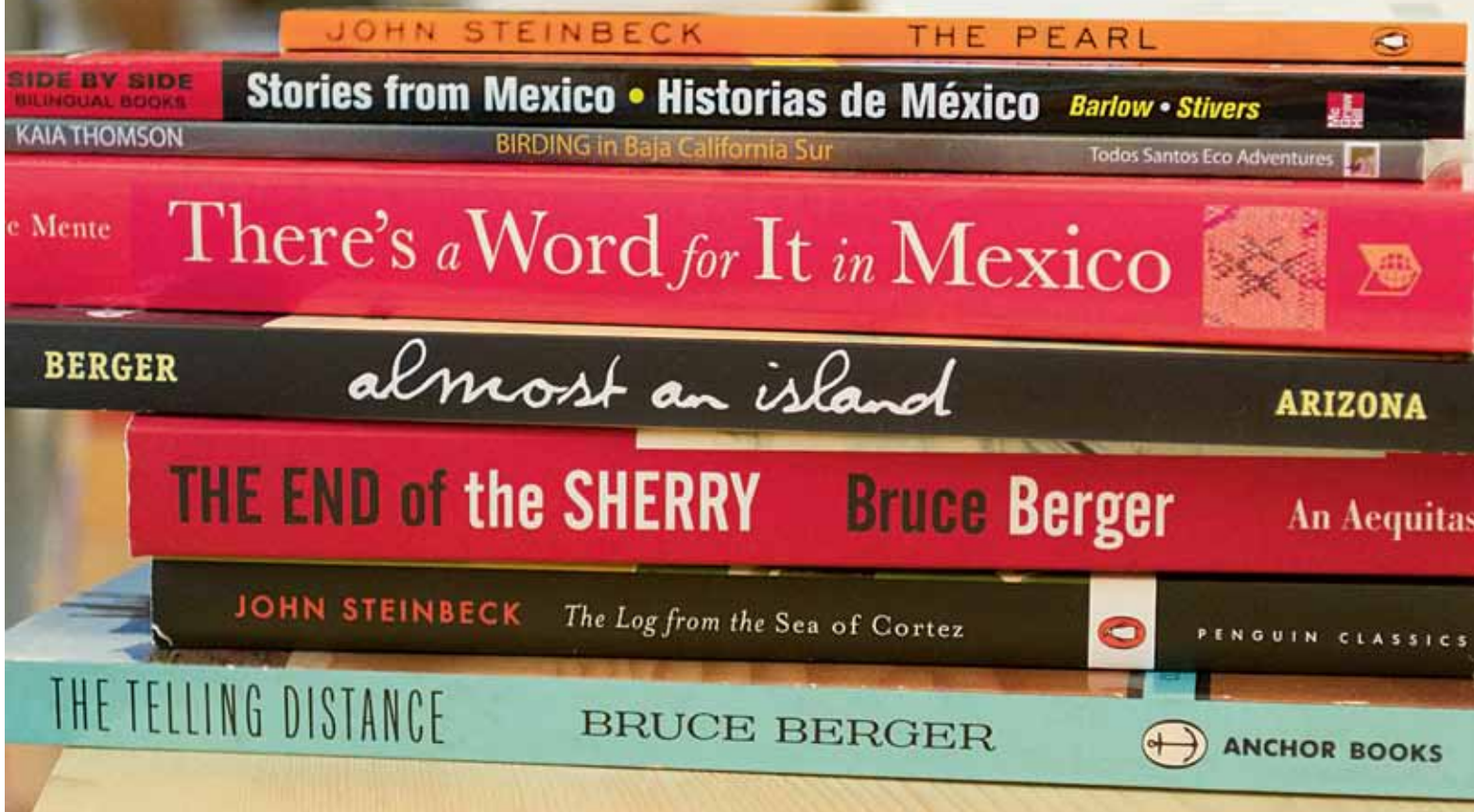
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by Genevieve Barlow and William N. Stivers

This side-by-side bilingual book is a great tool for improving your Spanish. It's also a fascinating introduction to some of Mexico's most well-known folktales.

***Birding in Baja California Sur*, by Kaia Thomson**

A beautifully done photographic record of the birdlife found in Baja California Sur. Perfect for any bird enthusiast, or for anyone wanting a visual remembrance of their visit to our lovely peninsula.

***The Log from the Sea of Cortez*, by John Steinbeck**

In 1940, John Steinbeck joined his friend Ed Ricketts on an oceanographic research tour of the Sea of Cortez. This book is the travelogue of that research cruise. Interesting not just as an historical record of the Sea of Cortez, but also a fascinating look at who John Steinbeck was as a person.

***The Pearl*, by John Steinbeck**

Every indigenous tribe in Baja California Sur had a version of the Pearl of the World legend. While many of the details varied from version to version of the legend, all the versions had two details in common: the perfect pearl was found, and the perfect pearl was thrown back into the sea. While

on the research cruise written about in *The Log from the Sea of Cortez*, Steinbeck first heard the legend of the Pearl of the World. *The Pearl* is Steinbeck's exquisitely-written version of the legend.

***Almost an Island*, by Bruce Berger**

A travelogue written by an award-winning author who has spent decades traveling in Baja California. Some of the stories in this collection are laugh-out-loud funny, some are quite touching, and all are written with the author's characteristic skill, wit, and grace. Informative and entertaining, one of the best books there is about Baja California.

***The Telling Distance; Conversations with the American Desert*, by Bruce Berger**

While not specifically about the Baja California desert, this award-winning collection of essays will speak to anyone who has spent time in Baja California.

***The End of the Sherry*, by Bruce Berger**

While not at all about Baja California, this autobiographical work gives us a peek at some of the experiences that shaped one of Baja California's most beloved authors.

All above mentioned books are available at **Allende Books** in La Paz and **El Tecolote Bookstore** in Todos Santos. At both bookstores, you will also find a broad selection of other books about Baja California and Mexico in general—including field identification guides for the area, Spanish-English dictionaries, study guides for learning Spanish, books about Mexico's history, and Mexican cookbooks—as well as general fiction and nonfiction. Visit your local bookstore today!



Passages

MARY CODY (REED)

Mary Cody, long term resident of Todos Santos, peacefully passed in her home in Newton, MA on April 1, 2015, at 92 years of age. Formerly of Todos Santos, Mexico, Ridgefield, CT, and Orillia, Ontario, Canada. Born as an only child in Rochester, NY, to the late Harry Goff Reed and Grace Whedon. Former wife of the late Jay Cody. Loving mother to Michael Cody and her husband Anthony D'Ambrosio of Red Hook, NY, Susan Cody of Toronto, Ontario, Martha Cody of Bedford, Nova Scotia, Amy Cody and husband John Furst of Newton, MA, and Anne Cody of Natick, MA. Devoted grandmother to Stephen Kershaw, Cody D'Ambrosio, Arlo Furst, Madeline Furst, Mario Botticelli and Anthony Botticelli. Beloved companion of the late Dr. John Strathern. Mary attended Colby Sawyer College. She was the owner and operator of Big Chief Lodge, a family resort on Lake Couchiching in Ontario and later, an Executive Secretary at General Electric Headquarters in Stamford, CT. Mary moved to Mexico in her sixties and began a new chapter filled with adventure, cultural immersion, walks on the beach with her dogs, and new friends. She was a voracious reader, with an inquisitive and sharp mind, big appetite for left-wing political commentators, and a courageous spirit.

Her family was blessed to have her live nearby for the last few years. She was sharp, funny, and feisty up until the end! Mary loved Mexico very much and missed Todos Santos, her friends, her pets and the ocean. Her family asks her friends to please consider giving a gift to The Second Step, in Newton, MA, in Mary's honor.



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Yoga	All classes at Cuatro Vientos are noted as @ CV (the studio is across from La Esquina, #11 on otro lado map). Cuatro Vientos will be closed for all of September.	9-10:30 am Hatha Flow c/ Marimar @ CV	7:30-9pm Yoga Conciencia w/ Lyobáá @ CV	9-10:30 am Hatha Flow c/ Marimar @ CV	8:30 am Ashtanga Yoga c/ Zandro @ Alas y Olas 9 am Soft Vinyasa Yoga c/ Jane @ CV 7:30-9pm Yoga Conciencia w/ Lyobáá @ CV	9-10:30 am Hatha Flow c/ Marimar @ CV	
Martial Arts		6-7:30 pm Tae Kwon Do kids/ niños c/Kurtis @ CV 7:30-9 pm Aikido c/ Dominique @ CV		6-7:30 pm Tae Kwon Do adults/adultos kids/niños c/ Kurtis @ CV 7:30-9 pm Aikido c/ Dominique @ CV	10:30-11:45am Qi Gong /Ta'i Chi @ CV 612-157-6088 or barakabaja@gmail.com		
Other/Otros	10-11:30am Dharma talks with Robert K. Hall @ CV <i>El primer domingo de cada mes, la plática sobre meditación y lo que el Buda dice sobre la vida y la tranquilidad del espíritu es traducida al español por Elena Ascencio.</i>	10-11 am Capoeira @ DIF 11am-1pm Vajra Dance @ CV 3-4:30 pm Capoeira c/ Diana @ CV 4:30-6 pm Dance Lab c/ Zöe @ CV 6:30 pm Crossfit c/ Mao @ Punta Lobos beach mauricio@mymotivation.es	3:30-5:30 pm Manos Magicas @ Centro Cultural chambaretc@mac.com 6-7:30 pm Capoeira @ CV	10-11 am Capoeira @ DIF 2-4 pm Art Journal Lab c/ Zöe @ behind Galería Ezra Katz 200 pesos 4:30-6 pm Dance Lab c/ Zöe @ CV 6:30 pm Crossfit w/ Mao @ Punta Lobos beach mauricio@mymotivation.es	9 am Drawing class c/ Tori oscarntori@yahoo.com 3-4:30 pm Yamuna Body Rolling c/ Emily @ CV	10-11 am Capoeira @DIF 12 pm Yamuna Body Rolling c/ Emily @ CV 3-4:30 pm kids/niños 4:30-6 pm adults/adultos Hawaiana Dance @ CV 6:30 pm Crossfit c/ Mao @ Punta Lobos beach mauricio@mymotivation.es	
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Palapa Society		10am -1pm Library Open <i>Rincon de Cuentos</i>		10am -1pm Library Open <i>Rincon de Cuentos</i>		10am -1pm Library Open <i>Rincon de Cuentos</i>	10am -1pm Library Open <i>Rincon de Cuentos</i>
AA		5-6 pm AA meeting @ church courtyard	5-6 pm AA meeting @ church courtyard		5-6 pm AA meeting @ church courtyard	5-6 pm AA meeting @ church courtyard	11am-12pm AA meeting @ church courtyard

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PESCADERO	Sunday Domingo	Monday Lunes	Tuesday Martes	Wednesday Miércoles	Thursday Jueves	Friday Viernes	Saturday Sábado
Yoga	9:30 am Yoga @ Baja Zen 612-142-5038 info@baja-zen.com Facebook\BajaZen 10 am Yoga 100 pesos @ Rancho Pescadero	7:30am Yoga c/ Mayra Torres @ Los Arcos 612-131-7564 Facebook\Yoga Los Arcos 10 am Yoga 100 pesos @ Rancho Pescadero	7:30 am Yoga c/ Mayra Torres @ Los Arcos 612-131-7564 Facebook\Yoga Los Arcos 10 am Yoga 100 pesos @ Rancho Pescadero 10 am Yoga for seniors / personas mayores c/ Mayra @ Los Arcos	7:30am Yoga c/ Mayra Torres @ Los Arcos 612-131-7564 Facebook at Yoga Los Arcos 9 am Yoga @ Baja Zen 612-142-5038 info@baja-zen.com Facebook\BajaZen 10 am Yoga 100 pesos @ Rancho Pescadero	7:30 am Yoga c/ Mayra Torres @ Los Arcos 612-131-7564 Facebook\Yoga Los Arcos 10 am Yoga 100 pesos @ Rancho Pescadero 10 am Yoga for seniors / personas mayores c/ Mayra @ Los Arcos	7:30am Yoga c/ Mayra Torres @ Los Arcos 612-131-7564 Facebook\Yoga Los Arcos 10 am Yoga 100 pesos @ Rancho Pescadero	
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