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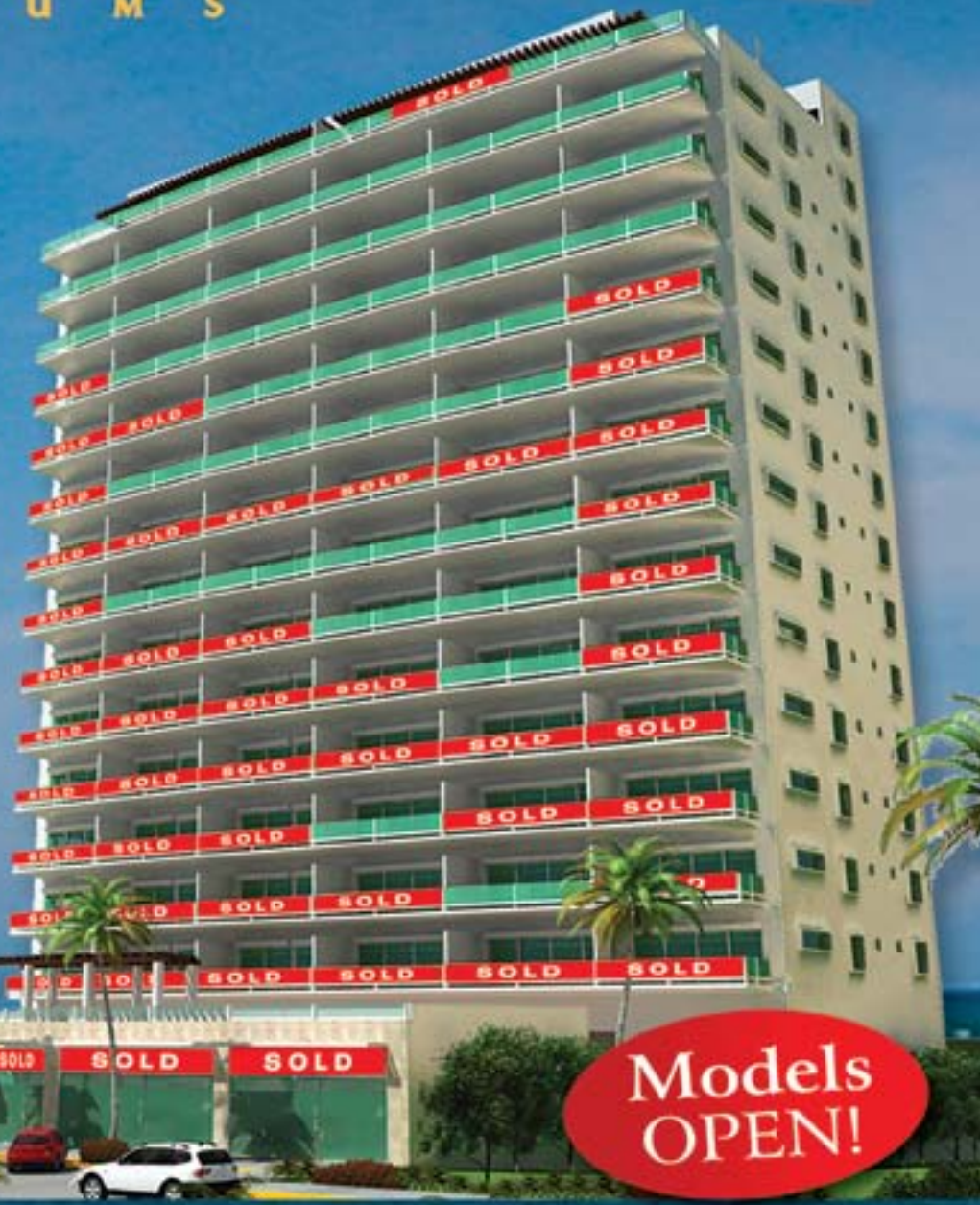
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## from the publisher's desk



### Confidence?

There is an increasing lack of confidence in our community as manifested by loss of advertising due to the bad press and the new poor Americans (after the Federal Reserve, IRS and the government are done with them.) Prices are up globally. Taxes, meat, gas, dairy, produce are all rising here as everywhere. Gas prices rose 20% last year and cotton prices are up 54% globally.

There is nowhere to go anymore to "escape" the real cost of things. Mexico's affordability initially attracted many of us, but too many think affordable equates with cheap. Let's review: affordable - means to bear cost without serious loss or harm while cheap - means costing little effort to obtain, worth little, shoddy, tawdry, & worthy of scorn. It is an old stereotype that Mexico is cheap.

Anyway, Mazatlan is no longer "old-Mexico." Mexico is now in the global mainstream and the days of "a-buck-and-a-half" for a beer and half chicken are in the distant past. I miss it too, but as a realist, I know it is never coming back.

### Where Did They Go?

I hope it is not too late to save the tradition of strolling Mariachi trio (the big Mariachi band is gone already) and other traditional Mexican cultural arts that are getting left in the dirt by technology and the Global Pop Culture. Now that we made sure we have everything from back home available to us here, the greed has followed and now we have almost come full circle. Where will we escape to now?

There are still great things going on here. But, for fresh, homemade food cooked-to-order, you will have to pay the value of the food and the preparation or start suffering the pre-packaged, chemically-altered foods that you enjoy north of here.

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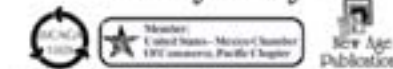
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# Welcome to Mazatlán

Welcome to Mazatlán, the pearl of the Pacific, where the average temperature hovers around 82 degrees, the sun shines every day, and outdoors is the place to be. The activities this city has to offer will appeal to everyone. Here on the Sea of Cortéz, Mazatlán's coastline beckons you to stroll along its numerous beaches, or its 10 kms of Malecón—seawall, or to hike to El Faro—lighthouse, the second highest natural lighthouse in the world.

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In the area of the Golden Zone: **Playa Sábalo**: Sábalo beach is on the north side of Valentino's nightclub (castlelike structure). **Playa Gaviotas** extends from Hotel Playa Mazatlán to El Cid Mega Resort.

In the area of the Hotel Zone, you will see three islands rising offshore. **Las Tres Islas: Wolf, Deer and Bird** islands. Deer Island (center) has a small beach with great tide pools for snorkeling and can be accessed by

boat cruises.

**Isla de la Piedra – Stone Island** is located at the southern end of the city and is actually a peninsula but is easily accessible by taking a water taxi from the harbor (20 pesos return) This is a laid-back destination where you can walk, horse ride, or rent an ATV to explore the miles of undeveloped beaches, or hang out in one of the several open-air restaurants.

**Olas Altas** means high waves. Located in Centro Historico—Old Town, Olas Altas is the starting point for the Malecón, the city's seaside walkway and continues for 10 kms, up to Valentino's. Shops, galleries and restaurants offer art, silver, souvenirs and great food.

Playa Los Pinos: between the Marine House and Fisherman's Monument. Local fishermen sell their daily catches here in the early morning or late afternoon.

**Playa Norte:** North of Playa Los Pinos, Playa Norte is a popular site to watch locals play beach baseball and soccer.

**Playa Marlin:** Along Avenida del Mar. Fresh seafood is served at beachside restaurants.

**Punta Camarón:** the rocky point next to Valentino's is a favorite with experienced surfers who love this area's big crashing waves.

**North Beaches: Playa Bruja and Punta Cerritos**—take any of the buses marked "Cerritos" and you will find these more isolated beaches. Popular with surfers, it is also a great area for horse riding and has a relaxing atmosphere with good open-air restaurants serving delicious seafood.

**SIGHTSEEING**—Mazatlán is proud of its rich history, as evidences by the

many monuments throughout the city that have become landmarks to us all. The **Fisherman's Monument** is the most prominent, located on Avenida del Mar and Gutierrez Najera. The **Sinaloan Family**, looking towards the future, is located near Valentino's and was a gift to the city from our famous artist, Antonio Lopez Saenz, at the turn of the century.

**El Centro** — Downtown is the original Mazatlán where you will see neo-classical architecture and the European influence of this port's early settlers. Take a **Sábalo Centro** (green) bus that travels from the north of the city, to downtown. Visit the Cathedral, Central Market and Plaza Revolución.

**Centro Historico –Old Town**—Walk a little further south and west of Plaza Revolución and you will find Plaza Machado and the Angela Peralta Theater in Centro Historico, the restored historic center of the city which now extends to many streets with new shops and restaurants. If you continue walking west, toward the sea, you will come to the seaside area known as Olas Altas, Mazatlán's original tourist zone. Here you can visit the Archeological Museum, the Museum of Art

**Sport Fishing:** The local waters are teeming with swordfish, sailfish, marlin, tuna and dorado. Farther north is the best fresh water bass fishing in Mexico.

and art galleries. If you are here on the first Friday of the months between November and May, you can tour the studios of local artists. Further along Olas Altas, you can watch clavdivistas—cliff divers, diving from the rocks, into tidal pools.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Shop the Golden Zone:** Handicrafts, silver jewelry, leather clothes, huache sandals, handmade gold and silver jewelry, Mexican zarapes, hand-painted pottery, talavera dishes, fine wood sculptures, Mexican blankets and so much more are available in the shops of the Golden Zone.

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## March is an active month for non-Carnaval events

While Carnaval dominates the spotlight for the first part of the month, there are other events of note both before and after the city's big party (March 3-8). The popular First Friday Artwalk has been moved to the second Friday because of Carnaval. In case you're new here, several dozen artists and craftspeople in the historic district of Mazatlan fly banners in front of their studios to indicate they are open to the public.

Two exhibitions are opening early in March and will continue through the month. If you want to know all about Carnaval Mazatlan, you can check out the history back to its earliest roots by dropping in at the Mazatlan Archaeological Museum on Calle Sixto Osuna, half a block behind Olas Altas. A month-long display explains Carnaval Mazatlan's evolution from a 19th-century protest to the elaborate six-day extravaganza of today.

Local and international artists who have studied under Glen Rogers in her Historic Zone studio will show the results of their work in a group exhibition opening March 2 and lasting until the 26th at the Luna Arte Contemporanea Gallery, also in the Centro Historico.

One of the highlights of the month for classical music-starved residents will be the four-part Campbell's Concert series taking place for four consecutive Sunday afternoons starting March 20. Gordon Campbell, director of the Sinaloa Symphony Orchestra of the

Arts (OSSLA), has announced that for the two March concerts musicians from the symphony will play J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Conciertos, while Mozart and Vivaldi will wind up the series' musical menu in April. The six Brandenburgs will be divided between the 20th and 27th.

Singer Eliisa Perez Meza adds to the month's non-Carnaval events with a concert of music by two great Mexican composers, Agustin Lara and Maria Grever. The Mariachi Continental will accompany her on her outdoor stage at Museo Perez Meza, next door to the Blue Church on Melchor Ocampo. Here is the month's arts calendar. If anything else pops up after our deadline, we will post it to [www.pacificpearl.com](http://www.pacificpearl.com) (click on updates).

### MARCH

2 — Inauguration of "Carnaval: Mazatlan over the Centuries" exhibition, 7:00 p.m., Mazatlan Archaeological Museum, Sixto Osuna 76, Centro, Exhibition runs through March 31

2 — Opening reception of "Hecho en Mexico," exhibition of monotype prints, 8:00 p.m. at Luna Arte Contemporanea, Ninos Heroes 1211, Centro, Exhibition runs through March 26

11 — First Friday Artwalk self-guided tour to arts and crafts studios, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., throughout the Historic District  
20 — First of the two March Campbell Concerts offering Brandenburg Concierto, 5:00 p.m., Angela Peralta Theater, Admission: 150 pesos (600 pesos for

the 4-concert series)  
26 — Elisa Perez Meza sings with the Mariachi Continental, 8:30 p.m., Perez Meza Museum, Melchor Ocampo near 5 de Mayo, Admission: 150 pesos  
27 — Second Campbell Concert completing the Brandenburg series, 5:00 p.m., Angela Peralta Theater, Admission: 150 pesos

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*The Return of the Muses*

# Mazatlan's Carnaval has something for everybody

Jackie Peterson

It's loud, it's brash, it's gaudy and splashy and pushy and at times downright aggravating. And yet it still manages to be a whole lot of fun.

Finding words to describe Carnaval Mazatlan (March 3-8) is difficult. A local tradition that has been going officially and unofficially for about 200 years, it's Mazatlan's biggest annual party. And everybody gets into the spirit. A saying has it that Mazatlan lives from Carnaval to Carnaval.

People hereabouts can tell you who the Queen was in 1987 as readily as rabid sports fans can recite the final score of the 1975 World Series. The Queen, after all, is forever remembered, but especially on the 25th and 50th anniversary of her

reign. On those occasions she will be invited back and honored once again at the pageant where the new Queen is crowned. And she will ride in a specially designed float in the two Carnaval parades.

This year the theme is "Return of the Muses", and while there are nine of those in Greek mythology, Carnaval planners have selected just four of the gorgeous goddesses to give their blessings to this year's revels.

Every Carnaval has a fixed schedule of events, but some of the sidelights vary depending on the year and the planners. Since the municipal administration changes hands every three years, with the election of a new

mayor who cannot be reelected, there are bound to be variations.

For instance, this year there will be a food fair in the Plazuela Machado every day and evening right up to Shrove Tuesday (March 8). Also, there will be a kiddie parade after the Child Queen pageant, with five floats and a Chinese dragon. And a costume party-dinner dance. While all these events have happened before, they are not etched in stone like the coronation pageants and the Sunday and Tuesday parades.

And the fireworks! The gigantic Combate Naval - the ship-to-shore pyrotechnical display commemorating the Battle of Mazatlan of 1864 - used to be the only game in town. It still commands the late-night Carnaval Saturday calendar at Olas Altas. But

in recent years as the city has grown ever northward, a second fireworks display seemed necessary for the entertainment of Carnaval celebrants whose view of Olas Altas was blocked by Ice Box Hill. That sound and light show now bursts in the skies over Avenida del Mar on Carnaval Monday. This year's display is titled "The Lights of Puerto Viejo."

From the March 3 crowning of the King of Joy to the last note from the bandstand at the blocks-long Olas Altas street dance ending on Ash Wednesday morning, Carnaval takes over the city of Mazatlan. Children, young singles, couples, families - and yes, visitors to Mazatlan - everybody should be primed and ready to have a rollicking good time.



David Bisbal



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## Carnaval Events Calendar

Here's your calendar of Carnaval events. Tickets, where required, are on sale at the Plazuela Machado kiosk, the Angela Peralta Theater box office, CULTURA office on Av. Aleman near the corner of Belisario Domingo and at the Gran Plaza shopping center.

**MARCH**  
3 - Crowning of the King of Joy, 8:30 p.m., intersection in front of Fisherman's Monument  
3 - Masked Carnaval Ball, 8:00 p.m., Salon Gaviotas, Hotel Playa Mazatlan  
4 - Coronation pageant & show for Queen of the Flower Games, 8:30 p.m., Teodoro Mariscal Baseball Stadium  
5 - Coronation pageant & show for Queen of Carnaval, 6:30 p.m., Teodoro Mariscal Baseball Stadium  
5 - Burning of Bad Humor, 10:00 p.m., Olas Altas  
5 - Combate Naval - Naval battle fought in fireworks, 10:30 p.m., Olas Altas  
6 - First Carnaval Parade, 5:30 p.m., Avenida del Mar: Fisherman's Monument to Valentino's  
7 - Children's Costume Ball, 10:00 a.m., Hotel Playa Mazatlan  
7 - Coronation Pageant, Child Queen of Carnaval, 6:30 p.m., Teodoro Mariscal Baseball Stadium  
7 - Children's Parade, 9:00 p.m., Avenida del Mar from Aquarium to Valentino's  
7 - Sound & Light Pageant: "Luces de Puerto Viejo", 10:00 p.m., Avenida del

Mar  
7 - Coronation Ball for International Queen of the Pacific, 10:30 p.m., place TBA  
8 - Second Carnaval Parade, 4:00 p.m., Aquarium to Olas Altas  
Note: A mammoth street dance takes

place every night of Carnaval from about 8:00 p.m. until the early morning hours. A series of bandstands are located along Olas Altas from the Sinaloa monument to beyond the Plazuela Sanchez Taboada (divers' plaza). There are various stands selling snacks and drinks.

**Highlights for Carnaval goers:**

- \* Sitting in the afternoon in the Plazuela Machado enjoying lunch or a drink and watching the characters go by.
- \* Browsing the side street off Plazuela Machado (Calle Carnaval) where merchants are selling an array of Carnaval gewgaws.
- \* Attending the coronation pageant for Queen of the Juegos Florales (Flower Games) which generally offers a more cultural show while the Queen's pageant is more pops-oriented. This year is an exception since it's a salute to the Beatles, but still -- the Sinaloa Symphony Orchestra will be playing.
- \* The Saturday night Combate Naval -- a half-hour pyrotechnical extravaganza that's worth the trouble of getting to Olas Altas and finding a place to watch -- preferably OFF the street in a restaurant or at a hotel.
- \* Finding a spot along Avenida del Mar to watch the parade. The marchers really strut their stuff as they reach the Aguamarina Hotel where the reviewing stand and the judges are. Some hotels along the route sell lunch-plus-grandstand seating.

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3. Tender..... Are you gentle and alert to yourself and your partner's needs?
4. Tease.....Do allow for start, stops, build-ups, or do you go step by step until you are "done."
5. Tempt.....Do you tempt each other or is sex what one does to the other?
6. Timing.....Do you blend with the loving, having a natural give and take or is it a planned act knowing step by step, move by move?

7. Trusting.....Are you trusting of each other...with your emotions, physical reactions, with your deepest feelings, dedication to this relationship?
8. Teach.....Do you teach and accept teaching to improve your mutual enjoyment?
9. Togetherness..Do you spend "non-sex" time together?
10. Total.....Do you treat each other as whole people rather than just body parts?

Which of The10 T's make you feel close - and which ones make you feel distant? Don't assume, check it out. Fix situations - not blame! Touch can be emotional, intellectual and/or spiritual.

Notice good, laugh loud, love often! Michael & Phyllis are contributing from their work and life experiences to advise readers about making and keeping the most important relationships healthy toward happiness here in paradise! Look for future articles and free workshops on relationships in Mazatlan by Michael and Phyllis at michaelcgiammatteo@comcast.net or phyllisinjoy@gmail.com

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Melissa Burrige

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And, there is a respectable business in celebrity impersonations. The definition of im\*per\*son\*ate is to assume or act the character of. Wow. Not just copy a person, or mimic them, but actually assume the character. But, they make it look so easy, and natural. Right?

Any time a professional performer makes something appear "easy" to the rest of us, you know how much time they have put into that thing. Just try to do it yourself and see how "easy" it is...not. Impersonation is not simply imitation. It is emulation. It requires talented singer-actors who absorb and then lovingly

re-create role of a well-known and respected artist. It takes a real show person.

Heather seems happy as she sits together at breakfast with Dean Simmons. Her eyes sparkle with that familiar glint in the afterglow of Deans' successful weekend run as Garth Brooks. This guy has Garth down so well, he walks like him and even laughs like him! Garth, er, Dean has returned to Heathers for five years running to perform as Garth Brooks. He says Heather makes him an offer he can't refuse each year because she throws in a two-week vacation as part of the gig package - and Dean says no other gig he plays beats this one. The outdoor venue one block from the beach, two weeks of Heather's home cooking and the coolest, most easygoing audience anywhere - he loves his Mazatlan fans - Heather's Place is a great change from large convention halls and dark auditoriums. Heather really knows her stuff, and

hires only the best impersonators in the business. She seems to be a real fan, as well. She says recognizes and appreciates how hard they work at "perfecting the persona of the artist."

Her Kenny Rogers impersonator, Marty Edwards, is recognized as the Best Kenny Rogers Act in the World and Dean Simmons is currently in the running for Best Country Act in the World among the professional impersonators industry REEL Awards.

Heather's affordable dinner-and-a-show-with-the-stars is a good thing that is only getting better. Heather plans to keep her bill filled with the big names in music for you! So, whether you never miss a show or if you've yet to go, she's booked Neil Diamond, Tina Turner, Kenny Rogers and Marty Edwards for March as well as a special birthday night with Dick Damron (who will perform as Dick Damron!) on March 14<sup>th</sup>. See you on the Strip!

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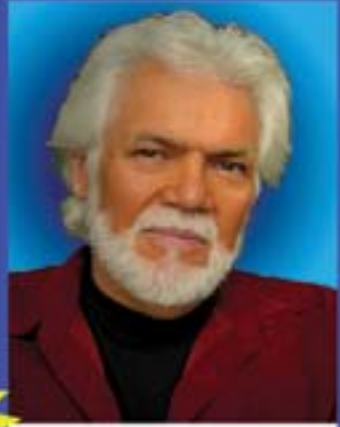
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# Cooking in Mexico

## Roasted Roma Tomatoes Christine Yerbic

"Pomodoro al Forno". Every country has its own special blend of spices used in its' cuisine. Some examples, in Mexico, they are cumin and oregano, French cuisine uses herbs de provence; tarragon and chervil instead of parsley; and in Italy it is rosemary, oregano and sage. In reviewing Italian recipes, I came across this recipe "Pomodoros al Forno" or Baked Plum Tomatoes that are also called roasted tomatoes, recipe was given to me by a restaurant cook in a small Italian village. He used large cherry tomatoes called Campi. These baked tomatoes were coarsely chopped and served over a fresh pasta called "taglarini". The food products used in the original recipe, are unavailable here in Mazatlan, so the recipe had to be adapted. In testing this recipe, the local saladette tomatoes, also known as Roma tomatoes were chosen. By using firm very ripe saladette tomatoes, cutting them into large pieces the size of campi tomatoes, the result of the finished product was excellent. There are many ways to use these roasted tomatoes, coarsely chopped, served over rigatoni pasta, or as a bruchetta topping, or spread over fish fillets, then baked. Puree the roasted tomatoes in a food processor or blender for a different texture. A word about the pungent herb rosemary, Romero, dried; it

is available in the spice stalls at the Mercado. Fresh rosemary is available in the supermarkets produce section, where the fresh herbs are sold. Chopping the rosemary, fresh or dried is difficult; by placing it with the garlic, the two items combine very fast. Use homemade bread crumbs, the store bought are too fine.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 KILO Tomatoes, Saladette or Roma 1 lb.
- 3 TBSP Olive Oil divided, 1 TBSP +2 TBSP
- 1/2 tsp SALT
- 1/4 TSP Pepper
- 1/2tsp Sugar
- 1 TBSP Oregano, dried crushed
- 1/8 TSP Red Pepper Flakes
- 2 TBSP Bread Crumbs
- 1 tsp Rosemary dried
- or 1 TBSP FRESH
- 3 Garlic Cloves

### METHOD:

PRE-HEAT OVEN 350F (180C)  
Pour the 1 TBSP of Olive Oil into the bottom of a 9 inch baking pan, or one to hold all the tomatoes, set aside. Wash, slice the tomatoes lengthwise into halves, then crosswise, each tomato will yield 4 sections. If the tomatoes are large, you can cut them into 6 sections. Trans-

fer the tomatoes to the baking dish, toss the tomatoes in the baking dish to coat, turn tomatoes so the cut sides are up. Combine the salt, pepper, sugar, oregano, red pepper flakes and bread crumbs, reserve. On a clean cutting board, combine the rosemary and garlic, chop until the garlic is finely minced. Spread this garlic mixture over the tomatoes. The reserved seasoned bread crumbs are scattered over the tomatoes. The 2 TBSP of olive oil is drizzled over the toppings. Bake in the pre-heated oven for approx 1 hour. Baste several times with the pan drippings Time will vary because of tomato size and moisture content. The tomatoes will be reduced in size, but retain their shape.

Yield: approx 1 cup roasted tomatoes



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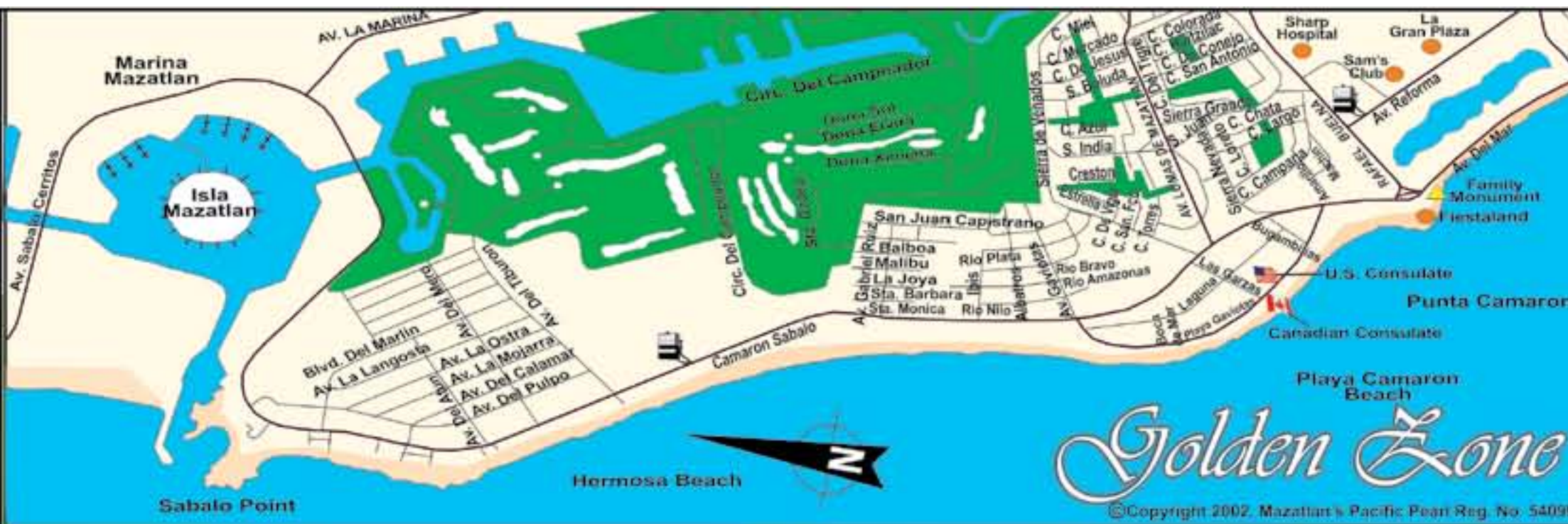
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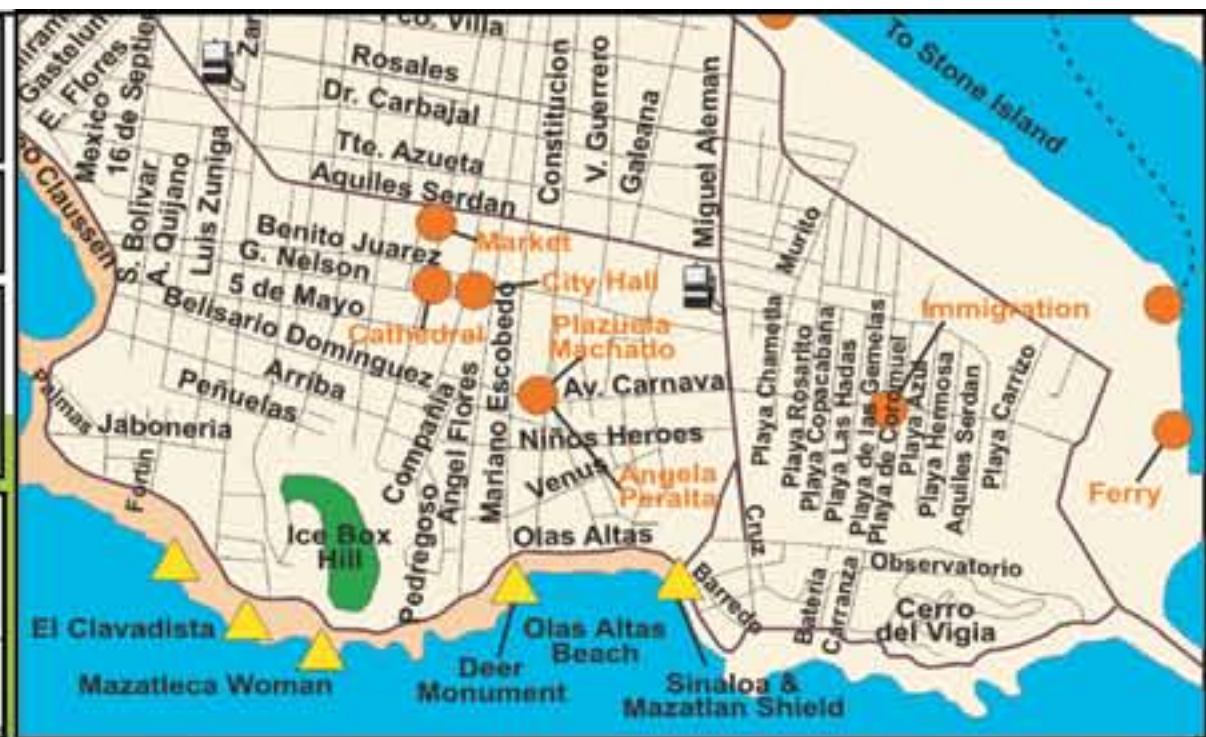


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We are pleased to inform you that the U.S. Consular Agency in Mazatlan has a new consul. Luis Ramirez was sworn in November 8, 2010 and after spending a month in Washington D.C., took his post, December 3rd, and is eager to serve the public. Señor Ramirez is planning a Town Hall for March 2nd.

Consular Agency Location:  
 (\*note- temporary consular location is: Inn at Mazatlan, Suite 35, Third Floor)



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## Papagayo's New Brunch

The second Sunday in February was a perfect warm, sunny morning to meet my friend for brunch at Papagayo. We had been dining at Papagayo for over 16 years now and still feel a bit sentimental about breakfasts on the ocean at The Inn.

The Inn at Mazatlan, home to Papagayo restaurant, was at its Sunday morning best - all dressed up with an improved brunch buffet. The most obvious addition to the morning spread is the champagne chilling in ice-filled bowls, flanked by small and large flutes at the ready. This elegantly complements the expanded Mexican breads and

cakes table nearby. If you're not careful, you'll start right there! Keep going.

The immense, luscious spread has something for all tastes. Iced pastel yogurts wait next to fresh melons, pineapple, pears, grapes and grapefruit for a pecan or granola topping. The hot offerings are many, so it might be hard to choose. Omelets made-to-order, pancakes, French toast, Chile Rellenos, Tamales, new potatoes fried with onions and peppers, tortillas, taquitos, pork loin, roast beef, fish, chicken, shredded pork, eggs any style and even oatmeal and Cream of Wheat.

Three bean salad, potato salad

or cole slaw are offered along with a beautiful array of cheeses.



preparation of the never-ending parade of excellent offerings. They are excited about Papagayo's new Jugoterapia offerings and complimentary recipes for customers. Soon, you'll be able to order a Vitality, made with strawberries, celery and orange, or a No More Cellulitis made with carrots, beetroot, apple, and cucumber.

Although a Sunday Brunch, it starts early at 8:00 a.m., and goes until 1:00 p.m. Live music livens up the sun and surf for a pleasant time for all.

Papagayo has only gotten better over the years. Thankfully, some things won't change; the view of the ocean and Deer and Bird Islands is a breathtaking as ever. Papagayo still offers the same beautiful vista and a clean and peaceful oceanside dining experience - and now a new Sunday brunch offering to write home about. —M.B.

There is a grill station where you can get fresh handmade tortillas, quesadillas, and gorditas.

Don't be fooled about the juice flowing through the cooling dispensers - they are FRESH! Fresh orange and carrot juice - all you want. For me, the fresh-squeezed orange juice was a delicious highlight; it woke me up like a cup of coffee!

Meet Paco Rendon. He is the new food and beverage director and old-home friend of Inn owners, now here in our beautiful Mazatlan to ensure what everyone loves about Papagayo remains while infusing freshness and vitality to the venerable landmark. But, not to worry, Chef Vidal is still at the helm in the kitchen. For over eight years Chef Vidal has overseen the quality



## Paws to Consider Carol Kirkwood

Scruffy and Lola have been at the shelter for too long; Scruffy for about a year and Lola seven months. Those of us involved with the shelter cannot understand why they have not been adopted.

Scruffy is a big rambling goofy boy - think wolf hound with retriever personality. He is young and full of energy with a great smile. No dog in the shelter is happier to go out for a

know when a person is coming to look at the dogs. She lets out a squeal that makes you think she is being tortured. But no, it is just Lola sounding the horn that an adoption is pending.

The shelter is operated by the kind of people who resist euthanizing animals unless they are too ill or injured to recover. Dogs like Scruffy and Lola can stay but it is not the best environment for long term living. I equate it to living in your bathroom, with 1/2 hour out for exercise.


The shelter has the information needed to take an animal north of the border, which is quite simple. Besides adoption, there are many ways to help. We have just completed an upgrade of the cat cage wiring. Work on improving the dog cages has just begun. Visit the web site at [www.amigosdelosanimalesmazatlan.com](http://www.amigosdelosanimalesmazatlan.com) for more information and to view some of our adoptable animals.

Carol can be found happily walking shelter dogs 3 mornings a week. Anyone is free to join her or the other dog walkers starting around 9:30 a.m.



walk than Scruffy. The walk is never long enough for him. Many of the dog walkers give in and give him two walks because it pleases him so.

Lola is a lovely little foxy lady. She is perky and bright and loves to cuddle. She sees herself as the guard on duty at the shelter and it is her job to let the others



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January 29, 2011 was a wonderful evening at Spectaculare as the generous hearts of the community came together again for this important annual event. This year, Sr. Juan Carlos Paolari was honored with the presentation of a plaque in recognition of his annual contribution of Spectaculare, food, drink and entertainment to the cause that helps so many.

In February, Helen McIssac was recognized for all of her service. Hands raised funds for The Red Cross at that well-attended meeting. In April, the charity will be the Rotary Club Children's Park, for children with special needs.

All are welcome to join Hands at their monthly meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, beginning in October 2011. (In March and April, the meetings will still be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday.)





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# Stranger in Paradise : Don't Bug Me

E.G. Brady



Mexico is a land of unparalleled biological diversity, and Mazatlan's outskirts are teeming with wildlife. Carving a homestead out of Bug Heaven, a brushy hillside overlooking the other side of the tracks, has brought us into close contact with all kinds of critters, including dozens of scorpions, a few tarantulas and one memorable snake in the cistern. None of these dangerous varmints, however, have proved themselves capable of withstanding the recent onslaught of the All-Conquering Mini-Ants, whose empire at its zenith extended to every nook and corner of the abode. Sometimes the cure can be worse than the original problem. Fortunately, as God would have it, the lowly scorpion is not much of an adversary as long as you see it before it sees you. Most of the time, they move so slowly, if at all, that you can calmly evacuate the area and don suitable

weaponry, then return to find the little stinger still torpidly awaiting its doom. If, however, you miss on the first strike and it switches into panic mode, look out! It suddenly becomes quick and smart, and tries to hide, and it's your job to track it down, poison spray in one hand, shoe in the other. Not as glamorous as St George and the Dragon, but the stakes are the same: do or die!

Forget about the scorpion arsenal when confronted by a genuine tarantula, it from all directions, like Gulliver in Lilliput, and by the time I got the camera charged up and working, the poor thing had given up the ghost (see photo). And we haven't seen a scorpion since. And so, for a while, all was well in the poisonous household pests department, and They had to expand their menu. Cockroaches were dragged out of their creepy lairs and made examples of. Even drowsing gekkos would find themselves ambushed on the ceilings and brought down. Slowly, relentlessly, They began to increase exponentially in number, eliminating all other rivals, until They were everywhere. Pouring out of the taps, crawling in the sugar bowl, tickling, always tickling... At some point, it became too much of a good thing, even compared to a Return of the Tarantula sequel. So we resorted to the traditional magic powder known as chapul (chah POOL), drawing a chalky circle around the perimeter of the house and praying for Their speedy deaths.



Our prayers were answered, and many dustpans were filled with the carnage of victory.

So now we're in a sort of twilight zone, not knowing what the cat will be dragging in next. Like a wild west town that rubs out the overbearing sheriff who rubbed out the intolerable bad guys, we face an uncertain but interesting future... unsure of what to hope for... hmmm, to exterminate, or not to exterminate, and, if so, whom to exterminate, that is the question.... they say Johnny Appleseed would forego a campfire at night because he felt sorry for the bugs flying into it... at least I'm not that crazy... but I did feel sorry for the gekkos.... so let's see, scorpions vs ants, a costs/benefits study... and the verdict is. wait and see what happens...

EG Brady has been writing lighthearted articles for the Pacific Pearl for over ten years. A collection of his work, *Married in Mexico, is for sale* by email: [egbrady@hotmail.com](mailto:egbrady@hotmail.com)

## In Fond Memory - Bob Story

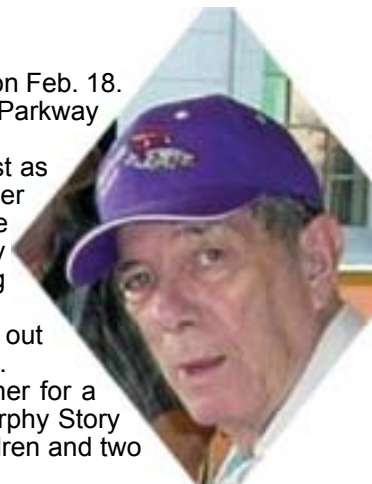


Robert Earl (Bob) Story, 76, a year-around resident of Mazatlan, passed away on Feb. 18. A native of St. Louis, Mo., Bob retired from his job as purchasing agent for the Parkway School District in 1998 and moved to Mazatlan with his wife Lee.

He was on the founding board of directors of Friends of Mexico, serving first as treasurer and later as vice president of that organization. He also was a member of the American Legion, and he took active part in two local English-language electronic forums, Mazinfo and Whats Up Maz. He was best known as "the guy in the purple hat" who wore that cap as a signal to newcomers who were joining the weekly gatherings of WUM for the first time.

Bob and Lee were active stunt kite flyers and were often seen on the beach out near Cerritos pursuing their favorite hobby, much to the delight of local children.

His many friends and family members who came from the U.S. got together for a celebration of his life on Feb. 25. Besides his wife Lee, Bob leaves a son, Murphy Story of Phoenix, Ariz.; a daughter, Mary "Bitsy" Carter of St. Louis; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



## In Fond Memory - Alvin Kenner

Alvin Kenner passed on September 22, 2010 in North Dakota with his three children at his side. Born in 1919, Alvin lived a long and full life. He believed in honest, hard work and the dignity to be found in farming. Alvin never stopped learning, achieving, and traveling. He was a respected community leader who believed that "every day is a good day!" His hobbies included skiing, flying, hunting, golfing, horses and fishing.



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