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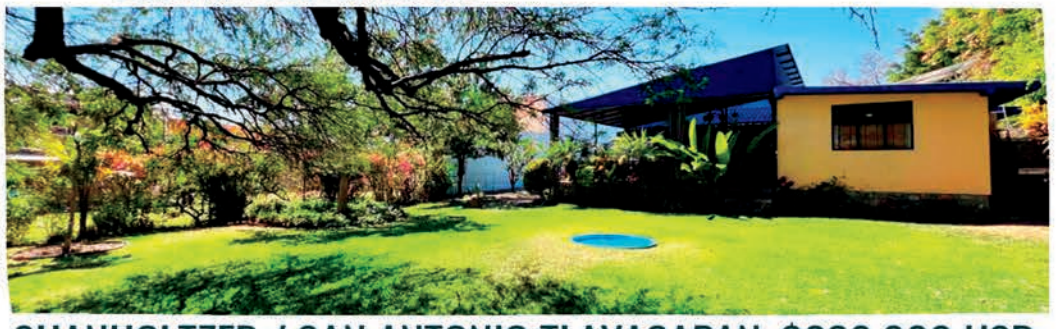
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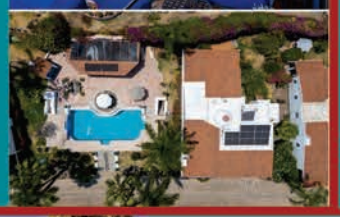
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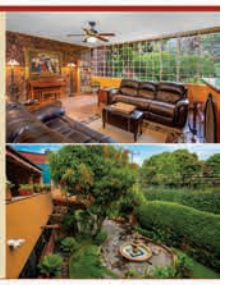


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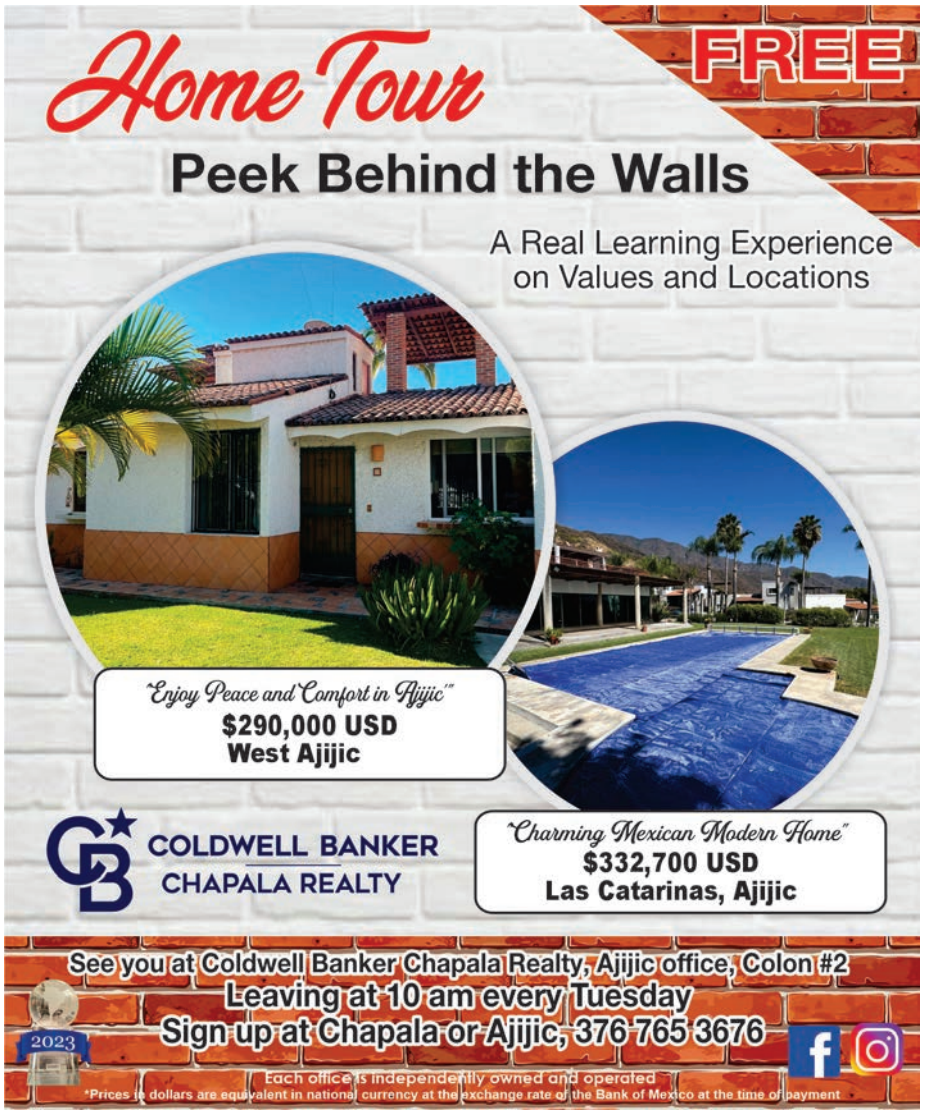
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Editor's Page



By Victoria Schmidt

Rain, Rain, RAIN!

During the hot arid months of spring, we anxiously await the arrival of the rainy season. We get to the point where we beg for cooler temperatures, and moisture to tamp down the endless dust and refill our evaporating lake. Each summer we feel the temperatures rise higher and higher.

People make friendly bets as to the date of the first "actual" rain, which most describe as a "gully washer," water from sidewalk to sidewalk. When the "rain birds" begin their mating song, we know that the rain will soon come. And when it finally does arrive, people have been known, myself included, to go outside and dance in the rain.

The new appreciation for the change in weather lasts about a week for us fickle people who can never seem to be pleased. The first casualty of the rainy season is usually garages, where we have to dam the water from entering. Each year we try something new with varying degrees of success.

Our next issue is our pets, they don't like getting wet, or worse, they love playing in the mud. And our nice clean floor is covered with big muddy paw prints.

Luckily, most of the rain is usually at night. Good for the dogs, bad for the satellite. It seems that the weather gods are not fans of mysteries, or television in general, but as soon as the program gets to the point of imparting crucial information … the picture begins to pixelate and the sound cuts off, and the satellite displays the message that it is "sorry" please wait while signal reacquisition is in process. When the storm is bad, we must grope around to find the remote for the TV and the satellite to turn them off in case the electricity goes out. Which can happen frequently. Of course, reading books become the obvious alternative, and we don't even have to have electricity due to electronic books with lighted backgrounds or use of book lights. Even those with streaming experience their problems.

Heavy morning rains are the least popular. Driving, parking, and walking in the rain require a very special kind of patience especially in Ajijic. This is where our newest residents realize the real reason the curbs to the sidewalks are so high. As the heavy rain builds volume as it follows its path down the mountain, it floods the Carretera and continues down the street all the way down to the river, often flooding homes along the way.

Mexico's rock roads are a hazard in the rain, as the rain disguises all those big pits in the road, as water covers the road. Even the kindest of drivers spray pedestrians on the sidewalk. And the rain seems to make our potholes worse.

People using the bus don't fare well either. A woman told me when she got off the bus, the water came nearly up to her knees! She couldn't cross the road because the water had been flowing so hard it had developed its own current.

Parking is at a premium as more people are driving because it is raining. They want to park as close to their destination as possible but end up walking farther, and even umbrellas can't protect us, as they are often too wide for the narrow sidewalks. So, we park, slog through puddles to our destination, arriving wet, with spongy shoes, wondering why we even left the house in the first place.

Yet the rainy season does us many favors. Besides returning the beautiful greenery to its full luster, it tells us that our roof leaks, the doors and windows don't shut tight and reminds us that fireworks aren't the only loud noises our pets don't enjoy – all the while bringing the temperature back to tolerable ranges.

Remind me: Why were we so anxious for rainy season? Because we are cooler, you found a new use for those hip waders, and the rains, when they come, don't usually last too long. So, learn to dance in the rain, for it is our most precious gift from the gods!



Victoria Schmidt

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A Smashing Success

By Helen Gallagher



Movies and Icons, a dance show celebrating our favorite movies and movie stars, was held at the Centro Para La Cultura y Las Artes de Ribera, also known as the Auditorium, for three performances on March 14, 15, and 16, 2025.

Only now are the dancers and singers of the show recovering, weeks after the three performances. On the other hand, the audiences left with a spring in their steps and lighter, happier hearts. Applause for each show was thunderous, with every audience member talking about seeing another show of this nature next year. It was such fun and so joyful.

The departing audiences were happy in the knowledge that their support of the show had contributed to various worthy local charities, including the International Festival Del Lago's Summer Academy of Music for promising young classical, Mexican musicians. The Turning Point Project supported children's dance classes and provided the required dance uniforms and shoes for those who might otherwise be unable to afford dance lessons.

Some of the dancers and choreographers themselves chose the music. Auditions for dancers were held months in advance of the show, with rehearsals starting in March of 2024 – a full year before the opening! Not only did some of the choreographers develop creative and inventive work but they danced in many pieces too. The choreographers were Alexis Hoff, Heather Hunter, Mary Neill, Maritza Freyslinger, Val Jones, Judy Edelin, Jen Piehl. Cortland Jones, Tanya Beede, Roy Haynes, Guillermo Hernandez, and Begona Paulin.

The arrangement of the show was a testament to good, clear planning and included three wonderful singers. Laura Medina sang "For Your Eyes Only" with colorful winged background dancers and a touching duet with Brian Mathers, who also sang "Old Black Magic" with a wonderful waterfall of diamonds cascading onto the back cloth behind him and two elegant dancers, enhancing the imagery of the song. The two ladies, Alexis Hoff and Mary Neill, had beautiful port de bras – a joy to behold ballet at its best – on display.

The third singer was the always entertaining and capable Master of Ceremonies John Ward, not only did he introduce each number with clarity and some quick pithy jokes, but he also then picked up his guitar and gave a wonderful rendition of "Beginnings" by Chicago. He was supported during the song by Brian Mathers and Kristine Handgen along with five beautiful dancers including *Barbara Bourdin**,*** *Elizabeth Edwards, *Kathy McSweeney, Karen Watts, and *Pamela Johnson, with sophisticated but simple choreography by Val Jones. Those named with an * also danced in "For Your Eyes Only" with Iveagh Munro and Joanne Stuart.

It was a pleasure to see three gentlemen, Lucio Mendes Jr., Greg Weiler, and Roy Haynes, in "It's a Man's World," choreographed by Maritza Freyslinger. They were such "manly men" that they made their exit with a lady on each arm – fun!

The young dancers of the Hernandez Corps de Ballet enhanced the extraordinary energy and vitality of the show under the direction of Laura Elena and Hector Hernandez. They positively sparkled in three high-energy numbers "Another Day in the Sun," "One" from *A Chorus Line, a*nd "Voulez Vous," choreographed by Begoña Paulin. Their technical ability was astounding and the joy of dancing apparent in each one of the performers. "Libertango," choreographed by Tanya Beede, was another number with clever choreography and spiced with a little competition between two of the characters, played by Alexis Hoff and Gabriela Castaneda.

Val Jones choreographed a tricky and impressive tap dance, "Vogue," for some of the more advanced tappers from our area.

With so many diverse choreographers and dancers, the show ran the risk of being difficult to follow and feeling too long from an audience standpoint. The title of the show, *Movies and Icons,* became a strong thread but the brilliant background videos and pictures on the massive stage screen became the glue that held each number together with the next, flowing swiftly throughout.

High praise must go to dancer, choreographer and creative coordinator, Roy Haynes, for using such a wonderful device. The ingenious use of video and pictures guaranteed the flow of this wonderful show. Roy, a man with huge vision and creativity, was also one of the most charismatic performers in the show. His economy of movement and comedic timing were amazing and funny too. He was assisted by the assembly of some gorgeous, colorful costumes built by Rebecca Gigante.

The cast of dancers and singers included those mentioned above and Allyson De Jong, Bryn Dixon, Peggy Gilchrist, Concha Gurski, Olga Kaplounenko, Debbie Litchenberg, Elizabeth Polanco, Kristina Robinson. They were all supported by a calm, experienced, and confident stage manager in Bob Mazanec. His crew were efficient and knowledgeable (Chris Philipson and Jim McSweeney) as were the backstage workers, silent and covered in black from head to toe.

Robert Fineman was the unflappable tapper who played the major role of co-producer, together with the guidance of professional actor/director Rosann Wilshire as his co–producer. Their commitment and tenacity made the show come together.

As the audience made their way from the Auditorium, I heard so many use the words "so talented." This is true. There were varied degrees of talent among the performers and crew but the one element that made the show such a huge success was the joy of dancing and work, work, and more work. Congratulations to all.

We are thrilled to announce that our recent production of "Movies and Icons: A Dance Song Extravaganza" has successfully raised $250,000 pesos for the International Festival del Lago Academy of Music Summer Intensive Program." Roy Lee Haneys Rundell told the public. Five scholarships will be awarded also sponsored, in part by TTPP. The Turning Point Project. Who also raises money for young people who would like to take dance lessons but cannot afford them. They are provided with tuition, and uniforms including shoes.



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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle...and Reread

By Harriet Hart



Is it a recycling depot with a bookstore out back, or a bookstore where you can recycle up front? It depends on whom you ask. On a sunny Saturday morning in April, I took a container of plastic, cardboard, glass and plastic bottles to the recycling depot west of Ajijic where I met two committed volunteers, Brad Wisniewski, President of the board of *Ecología de Ribera Chapala* and Colleen Kissinger, who runs the bookstore. They are both passionate about their part of the place.

Brad provided the history of the recycling depot. In the fall of 2018 Tom Thompson, owner of Barbara's Bazaar, put out a call to "come help" him with his recycling initiative. That weekend eighteen people came out to tackle a pile of rubble, remove trash, and organize the place. Tom is still involved to this day, providing a truck and an employee to collect and remove cardboard.

What used to be called a citizen's group is now a registered nonprofit organization *Ecología de Chapala, A.C.*, with board of directors (five members) that deals with the many challenges the depot faces. The main one is their building belongs to the municipality of Chapala, but they don't have a lease. This casual arrangement has led to difficulties with CFE who recently turned off the power. This in turn means that the compacter, a crucial component of recycling, can't be operated. Brad showed me the large containers of plastic that would be much easier to transport once compacted!

Given the challenges, it's amazing how much gets done. Out front one paid employee and several volunteers sort and sift. Out back is a mountain of bottles, which are picked up by truck and sold.

The bookstore has a history all its own. Colleen, the longest serving volunteer at the bookstore, said back at the beginning a vehicle pulled up and dropped off thirteen boxes of books. She and Paola de Waterlott were on duty.

"We can't shred these," Colleen said. "We'll have to recycle them. Let's open a book store."

Her can-do spirit is still apparent. She described the early days when they turned empty buckets and boards into bookshelves, and spent hours cleaning up.

Colleen and chief librarian, Terry Mysliwy, have created a welcoming atmosphere.

During my interview we were constantly interrupted. First Monika, a dance teacher from Guadalajara, arrived with a box of books in Spanish to donate. Then an eight- year- old little boy in a green volunteer shirt arrived, eager to help out in any way he can. He's the youngest volunteer, the son of their contractor.

The bookstore has a mascot, Dulce, the black dog from down the road. He knows the bookstore is run by friendly people who have dog treats.

The bookstore boasts 30 genres in 25 bookcases (many donated by Tom Thompson), books in English, Spanish, German, French and Japanese. There are classics and coffee table books, and nothing costs more than 50 pesos. It's impressive. On the bulletin board are photos of the bird's nest they found in the rafters – first with eggs, then with hatchlings. Like the recycling operation, the bookstore couldn't function without a group of highly dedicated volunteers. It is amazing to realize that all these books on display were donated by generous residents of lakeside and sorted and shelved by book lovers prepared to give their time and energy to the place.

The biggest challenge is getting the word out that the bookstore exists.

It's not hard to find. Drive through Ajijic, past what was once *Le Pueblita*, (now another business) and when you see the replica of a lighthouse on your right, you take the next turn off the highway. You can drop off your recyclables at the front of the depot, park your car, and head down the path to the back of the building where you'll find the bookstore. The hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. You can donate books, buy books and even pull up a chair and read books. If you go on a Saturday you might be offered a home baked goodie. I noticed a coffee pot, too, unfortunately not operating at the moment due to the current issue with CFE.

The recycling center needs people to sift and sort items. Hours are flexible. The bookstore needs people to sort, shelve and sell books in two shifts – 9:00 to 11:30 or 11:30 to 2:00. Why not volunteer at one or the other? And remember, you can also reduce, reuse, recycle…and reread.



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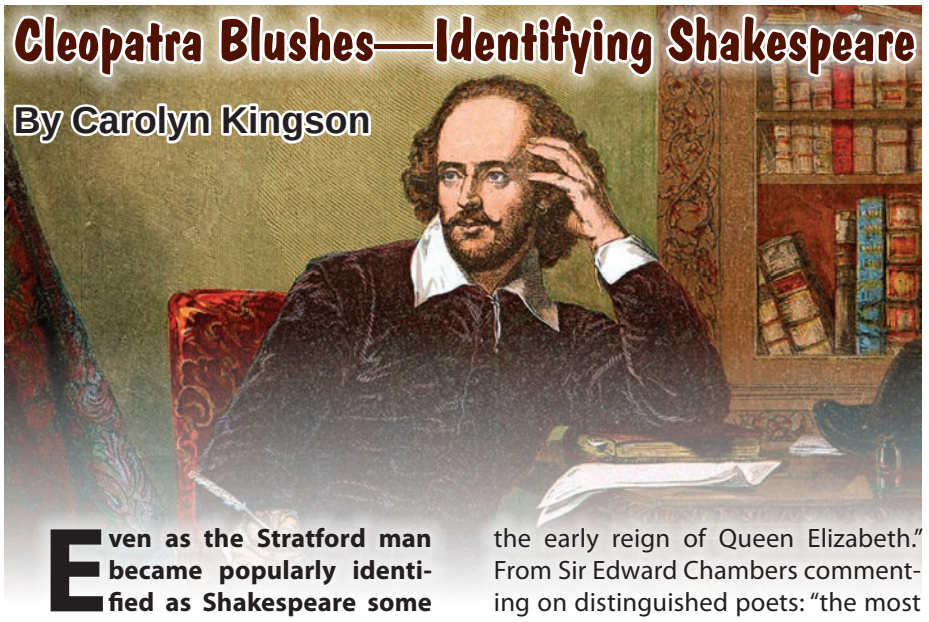
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Cleopatra Blushes—Identifying Shakespeare

By Carolyn Kingson



Even as the Stratford man became popularly identified as Shakespeare some 150 years after his death, many readers knew he was a very unlikely candidate, but if not him, whom? It was popular, and reasonable, to consider people known for their brilliance, like Bacon, or people known for their playwriting, like Marlow. One had to consider people *known* because to consider someone *unknown*—well, I'm sure you grasp the problem.

J. Thomas Looney tried something different. He approached the problem like a profiler looking for a serial killer. Glean what one can of the subject from what they do (or in this case, write), look for someone who fits the profile, and eliminate those that don't. Here's some of the profile Looney created: He (of course "he") was of recognized genius, mysterious, eccentric. A known lyric poet with enthusiasm for drama. Classical education. Completely familiar with law. An aristocrat with an attachment to feudalism. Interest in music, dancing, falconry, horses. Italian enthusiasm. Lack of interest in money. Possible Catholicism.

Looney closely read Shake-speare's first published work: *Venus and Adonis*, and noted, most basically, that it is written in stanzas which rhyme in an ABABCC pattern, each line having ten syllables. Figuring there was no way anything so brilliant could be anybody's first effort, he searched anthologies of 16th century poetry, where he found only two poems in this style. One was anonymous and one was by Edward de Vere, the 17th Earl of Oxford. This was not a name Looney was familiar with, and he set about to find out what he could. In *The Dictionary of National Biography*, an article by Sir Sidney Lee described him like this: "Oxford, despite his violent and perverse temper, his eccentric taste in dress, and his reckless waste of substance, evidenced a genuine taste in music and wrote verses of much lyric beauty." Elsewhere, he was "the best of the courtier poets in the early reign of Queen Elizabeth." From Sir Edward Chambers commenting on distinguished poets: "the most hopeful of them was Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford, a real courtier, but an ill-conditioned youth, who also became mute in later life." Also "… Noble men … who have written excellently well as it would appeare if their doings could be found out and made publicke with the rest, of which number is first that noble gentleman Edward Earl of Oxford."

Nothing Looney ever found was an impediment to Oxford being the writer and so much evidence was in favor that he finally felt the identity was incontrovertible. In 1920 he published *"Shakespeare" Identified in Edward de Vere, the Seventeenth Earl of Oxford.*

Oxford was born in 1550 at Hedingham castle where his father, the 16th Earl, kept a proper court with his own company of players. Catholic Mary was on the throne; Elizabeth would not be queen for another eight years. The family had come from France with William the Conqueror in 1066 and was onto the 3rd Earl when the Magna Carta was signed. Steeped in chivalry, hereditary Lord Great Chamberlains of England, there was no family of more noble lineage—including the Tudors.

When the boy Edward was twelve, a disaster befell him: his father suddenly died. He could not inherit until he was 21 and so became a ward of the crown. Wardship appears to have provided something of a free-for-all as the properties he would have inherited were parceled out by the queen to be "managed" until his majority. Her boyfriend, Robert Dudley, got a generous share. Edward went to live at court in the home of the queen's chief minister, William Cecil, Master of the Court of Wards. The boy would spend years as the court's delight, producing plays, masques, and writing poetry, and being perhaps rather more than that to Elizabeth after he became an adult.

As to Oxford's education, there was none better, and apparently no

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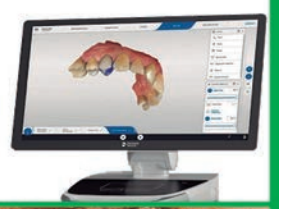
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one with more genius to appreciate it. He had the finest tutors, who claimed that he soon surpassed them, degrees from Oxford and Cambridge in his teens, and from the Inns of Court where one studied law. He was fluent in Latin, Greek, French, Italian and more. He translated Ovid, whose tales appear in Shakespeare, into English with his tutor. He excelled at all the things nobles did: serving in the army, and at sea during the time of the Armada, jousting, fencing, falconry, tennis, hunting, riding, dancing. As to his charisma, Aubrey's *Brief Lives* contains an anecdote of a man at a dinner who laughed so hard at Oxford's stories he had to leave.

Cecil had a daughter, Anne, to marry off and Oxford's noble name was in his sights. But even after Elizabeth elevated her position by making her father 1st Baron Burghley, it took two scheduled weddings and financial blackmail for Oxford to turn up and go through with it. The marriage was a disaster, involving five years without cohabitation, a pregnancy of disputed origin, and terrible relations with Oxford's powerful father-in-law who never stopped disparaging his character. He endured, not always gracefully, the conflict of occupying a position atop the hierarchy of nobility, while his choices and finances were controlled by the queen and her powerful favorites.

After many requests, Elizabeth granted Oxford permission to leave England and he began his 16 months of travel which left him so ravished with Italy that, when he returned in 1576, he dressed in the flamboyant Italian manner and introduced *commedia dell' arte*-style theater and playhouses, the delight of the common people in Italy and ever after in England. While still not living with his wife, he had a son, named Edward De Vere, with one of the queen's ladies, Anne Vavasour. She and Oxford both spent a few months in the Tower in 1581 as a consequence. He and his retainers engaged in street battles with one of Vavasour's kinsmen and his retainers, disturbing the civil peace as Capulets and Montagues did in *Romeo and Juliet*.

In 1586, with unique largesse, Elizabeth granted Oxford £1000 per year (the equivalent of $250,000 US today). In spite of everything, did she appreciate that the historical plays could cohere the populace in the face of foreign threats and that the whole body of the work would glorify her reign? The money continued for 17 years until her death and continued under King James.

Around 1590, Oxford withdrew from court and public life, and devoted time to patronage of the arts. Twenty-eight works were dedicated to him by writers he was encouraging, including financially. He established a company of players and wrote plays—plays of which supposedly none have survived. He can be found quietly connected to players' companies and theaters for the rest of his life, but as a nobleman who stooped to entertain his inferiors? That could be plausibly denied.

Anne Cecil had died in 1588. After a reconciliation, the marriage had left three surviving daughters, whose guardianship Burghley would never give up to their father. With a second marriage he finally got his heir. He died in 1604 and was buried in a chapel in Hackney, later destroyed, but a cousin claimed that his body had been moved to Westminster Abbey. In 1623 the first folio appeared with 26 plays never before printed to go with the 12 that had been before 1604. It's not clear how these plays were assembled, but perhaps it is relevant that the dedicatees were the Earls of Pembroke and Montgomery, and that the latter's wife was Susan Herbert, née De Vere—Oxford's daughter.

Though their research is ignored by the academy, there is no lack of scholars who investigate Shakespearian authorship and the favorite candidate, Oxford. My outline of his story brushes by the details that convince many that the plays are full of parallels to his life. There are of course the seven set in Italy. *Hamlet* is seen as the most autobiographical: death of the father, prompt remarriage of the mother, Polonius with precepts closely matching those Burghley privately printed, capture by pirates … But I hardly want to name these few points should it suggest that I couldn't go on far, far beyond them.

However, I can't resist this tidbit: In 1578, Oxford went with Elizabeth on progress. The court descended upon Audley End in Essex for some days of revelry. There was (and still is) in the library a treasure of a book written in Greek in the early 3rd century: *History of Rome* by Cassius Dio. Forensically verified marginalia in Oxford's hand* (writing in Latin) notes a passage in which, after Caesar has defeated Egypt at Actium, he meets Cleopatra in her palace. She gives him an inventory of her possessions and says it is entirely accurate, but her treasurer, Seleucus, admits that she has kept back enough to buy everything on the list. Cleopatra blushes. "She blushes" has been underlined in the book. And then this from Shakespeare's play, *Anthony and Cleopatra*: After Cleopatra's defeat, she gives Caesar what she says is an accurate inventory of her possessions, but her treasurer, Seleucus, enjoined to speak "on his peril," admits that she has held back enough to "purchase what you have made known." Caesar's next line: "Nay, blush not, Cleopatra."

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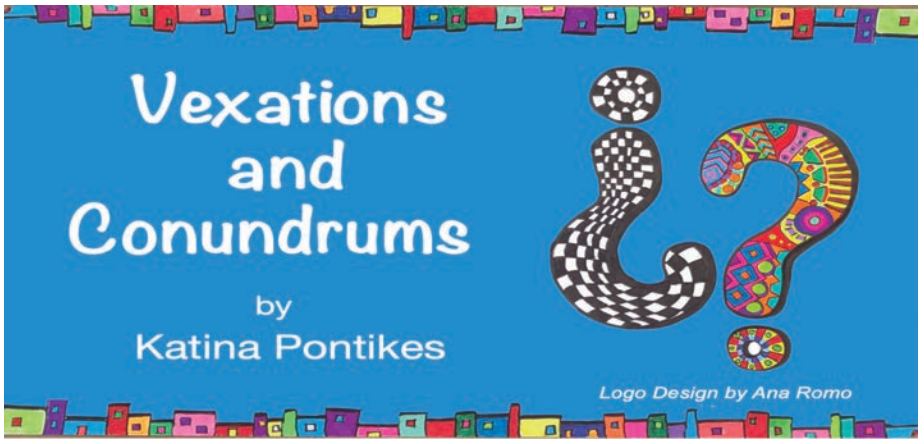
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Why are some people always late? These people arrive at meetings, lunches, dinners, and shopping dates harried, and breathless. They have many good excuses: terrible traffic, received a last-minute phone call (why answer it?), overslept, something came up at the office. The excuses are usually similar justifications, on repeat.

I must have a military trait, even though I never served in the military. I like an appointment time to mean exactly the time given. The idea that recruits in boot camp wake up to reveille at precisely the same time each day is an appealing discipline in my book.

I have some friends and family who come from different viewpoints on time management. They think of time as more fluid, thinking nothing of being 20 minutes late for dinner or an agreed-upon arrival time. For those close enough that I may chastise them, they look at me as though *I* have a problem. What is the matter with me, they wonder, that I'm so serious about social engagement schedules?

Long ago, when I was single, I would be furious if a date came late to pick me up. I tolerated far too many occasions of men arriving long past our appointed time to go out. When I reflect on these times, I wish I'd drawn more boundaries or severed relationships sooner.

In business, tardiness was not acceptable. Managers expected employees to show up on time or pay was "docked" and notes were taken. Enough tardies could put an employee's job in jeopardy. Things were expected to run like clockwork.

Once I was having lunch with an executive several steps up the corporate ladder from me. We watched a table where a woman was obviously expecting someone, glancing often at her watch. Her vigilance lasted for about twenty minutes. My Big Boss said, "She should have left at fifteen minutes." I don't know where he got that figure, but it certainly would have been a power shift to whomever she was meeting with. I took note.

I recently learned in a psychology presentation that tardiness was a form of relationship abuse. Now this made sense of my angry responses in the past. I felt mistreated.

I did a google search of the psychological importance of punctuality. The AI overview made sense. Timeliness "demonstrates respect, reliability, and professionalism, influencing how others perceive and trust individuals. It also fosters self-discipline, time management skills, and can contribute to a sense of control."

These words were music to my ears. My feelings were validated. Being on time is a big deal.

I now have set new rules for engagement with my tardy associates. I text confirmations on time so there is no ambiguity. I send a day-before reminder. At the appointed time of the engagement, I assume the chronically late will be late. I start events on time, without them. I wish I could act like my doctor and bill them for the inconvenience to the timely. My solution means that they miss out on something, which is a motivating factor. "Too bad you missed the crab legs. They were delicious!"

I doubt my new plan will cure all chronically late individuals, but I am certain I will feel less anxiety and that alone is worth my latest practice. I will feel more respected by those who adapt to the new rules of punctuality.

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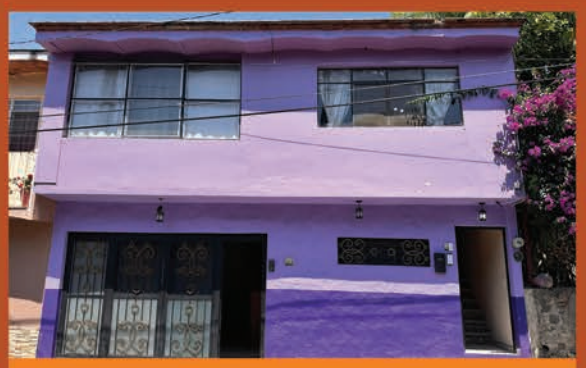
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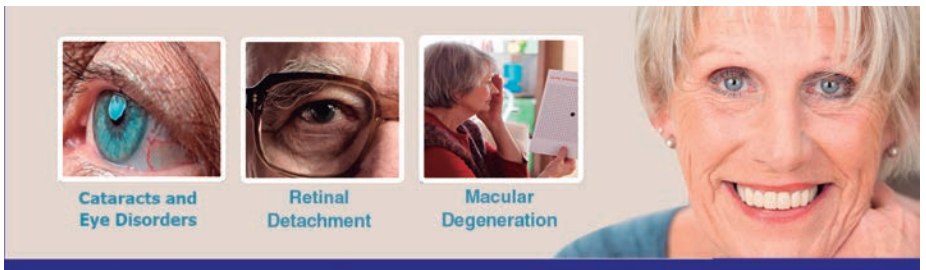


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STREETS OF MEXICO

By David Ellison

Victoriano Huerta



Mexicans still view Victoriano Huerta as one of their worst villains.

Huerta believed only a "strong man" could save Mexico from itself. His hero was Napoleon, and he saw Porfirio Díaz as almost a modern reincarnation of him. He rose quickly in the ranks of Diaz' army becoming a ruthless general who took no prisoners. When "pacifying" Native Mayan and Yanqui uprisings, he was guilty of all but genocide—which was ironic given his own Native roots. He took great care of his soldiers, though, ensuring they always received their pay, even if he had to rob a bank or a church to do it.

Was it guilt that led to his chronic insomnia and raging alcoholism?

Inexplicably, Huerta initially supported President Francisco Madero, who had started the revolution that overthrew Díaz. Huerta crushed revolts against Madero led by frustrated revolutionaries Emiliano Zapata and Pascual Orozco, becoming "The Savior of the Revolution." Thus, he earned Madero's naive trust, and the huge, prestigious responsibility of protecting both the government and the president.

But, Huerta had become convinced that Madero was simply too weak to lead Mexico. During another uprising known as The Ten Tragic Days, while pretending to defend Madero, he entered a secret alliance with Díaz' nephew and US President Taft's ambassador to Mexico. In a quick, bloody coup, he assassinated both Madero and the vice president, then took control of the country. (Yes, he murdered Mexico's "Apostle of Democracy.")

If he'd hoped to follow in Porfirio Díaz' footsteps, Huerta failed miserably. He lacked all of Díaz' savvy, diplomacy, ability to co-opt and to compromise. Instead, he ruled with "*La Mano Dura*," an iron hand. He appointed his officers (most of them corrupt and/or incompetent) to his cabinet, which seemed appropriate since he saw the federal army as his only tool for any problem. He disbanded congress, imprisoning 110 of the deputies, disappearing others, or shooting them "trying to escape." As British historian Alan Knight summarized, he "came very close to converting Mexico into the most completely militaristic state in the world."

Huerta's only accomplishment was unifying nearly all the disparate revolutionary leaders against him (Orozco being the lone, surprising exception). They called him "The Usurper," and attacked him on all fronts, plunging Mexico back into catastrophic civil war.

Huerta quickly ran out of money, and so just printed more, causing rampant inflation. He ran out of soldiers, too, resorting to massive, forced conscription of Natives, criminals, vagrants and eventually even random men kidnapped off the street. (They didn't fight very well…while the revolutionaries fought with patriotic rage.) When the new United States President Wilson refused to acknowledge his regime, Huerta unwisely retaliated by favoring British oil interests in Mexico. Thus, he prompted Wilson to supply the revolutionaries with arms and eventually even to send Marines to take over Mexico's primary port, Veracruz. Huerta ruled just 15 months.

In exile, Huerta ended up in the United States conspiring with German spies who'd offered to finance his attempt to take over Mexico anew—as long as he agreed to attack the United States afterward and thus keep the US too preoccupied to enter WWI. He was arrested and soon died in US custody, perhaps from cirrhosis of the liver, perhaps from poison.

If the latter was the case, this would be the one example of US intervention for which the Mexicans might have been grateful.



David Ellison

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By Jackie Kellum

Norovirus

Exposure to Norovirus gastroenteritis, is not limited to cruise ships, you can get it right here at home. Norovirus is a group of viruses causing severe vomiting and diarrhea that can cause gastroenteritis. It is an inflammation of the stomach and intestines and the leading cause of food borne illnesses, and it's very contagious. It can start suddenly. Norovirus "outbreaks" occur most often between November and April in countries above the equator and between April and September in countries below the equator, with no specific "season" for outbreaks in areas on the equator.

It's commonly spread through contaminated food during food preparation on infected surfaces, or contaminated water. You can get infected by touching your hand to your mouth after your hand has been in contact with a contaminated surface or object or being in close contact with a person who has Norovirus infection. A Norovirus infection has diarrhea, stomach pain and vomiting that usually starts 12 to 48 hours after exposure and the infection symptoms usually last 1 to 3 days. Most people recover completely without treatment. However, for some people —especially older adults and people with other medical conditions, the vomiting and diarrhea can be severely dehydrating and require medical attention. Norovirus infection can occur more frequently in closed-in, crowded environments, such as: hospitals, 'classrooms' of sorts, "gathering places", cruise ships, and even restaurants. You're most contagious during the acute phase of the infection when you have symptoms and for a few days after. But you can still be contagious for up to two weeks after recovering.

Norovirus causes gastroenteritis, which some people may call the "Stomach Flu" However, the influenza (flu) virus causes respiratory Flu, NOT gastroenteritis. The two different viruses cause two different conditions, affecting two different body systems. Many different viruses can infect your gastrointestinal system, causing gastroenteritis. The most common ones are: (**a**) **Norovirus** -estimated to account for 50% of cases GI problems worldwide, (**b**) **Rotavirus and the** A**strovirus**—mostly affect children; (**c**) Adenovirus - **most** often cause respiratory infections, but they can cause some gastrointestinal infections **if** you accidentally ingest the virus. And, yes, you can get Norovirus more than once. There are several types of Noroviruses. Your body may build a small immunity (protection from the virus) to the initial type of Norovirus, but not all types. This means you can get sick with Norovirus multiple times throughout your life.

There are certain people who are more vulnerable to getting this infection or a more severe infection: a person with a weaker-than-average immune system, a chronic disease affecting their immunity, taking immuno-suppressant medications and seniors.

Risk factors for becoming infected are: eating in a place where food has been handled by someone with Norovirus infection [especially poor hand washing procedures], the food has been in contact with contaminated water or surfaces, living in close quarters, i.e. in hotels, resorts, cruise ships or other destinations with many people in close quarters, having contact with someone who has Norovirus infection.

How can you help prevent getting infected **or** spreading it to others, including: (**a**) **Hand washing -** good hand washing is the

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For most people dealing with gastroenteritis, is uncomplicated and self-limited, and resolves. BUT, those with "susceptible " situations, may experience increased symptoms/complications including: (a) dehydration - when you lose too many fluids and electrolytes from diarrhea/vomiting, and you can't replace/" hold down" fluids - have: thirst, decreased / lack of or dark-colored urine, lack of/hard bowel movements, weakness/malaise, some mental "confusion/ability to focus/ headache, sunken eyes - crying without tears, dry mouth/lips/ tongue. Other things to take seriously, (A) your symptoms haven't improved after 3-4 four days, (B) you've had an on-going fever for a few days, (C) have blood in your bowel movement and or severe abdominal pain.

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If Our Pets Could Talk

By Jackie Kellum



June is here and so is summer heat. Time to think about the higher temperature and how it affects our pets. A cat /dog's normal body temperature is between 100.5 and 102.5 F. This puts them more at risk for heatstroke, which occurs when their body temperature reaches 106 F./ 41.4 C. It only takes an increase of 4 degrees in "normal" temperatures for your dog (cat) to die from heatstroke. Humidity makes it harder for dogs to cool themselves and can develop heat stroke even in moderately warm but highly humid days.

Cats will generally find a cool spot in the home to chill out. Ensure you have plenty of water sources left out for your cat. You can also provide extra cooling spots for them like: wetting small towels for them to use if they choose and even leaving a fan on for your cat.

I am going to focus more on a dog's reaction being outside in summer heat as most people do not take their cats on walks, if you do, then all this applies to cat walkers/owners also.

Beside a difference in "normal" internal temperatures than humans, dogs cannot sweat through their skin. They rely on panting and releasing heat through their paw pads and nose to regulate their body temperature. Dogs have a small number of sweat glands on their paw pads, but they do **not** contribute significantly to heat loss. Because dogs primarily pant rather than sweat, they are much more sensitive to heat than humans.

Heat stroke occurs when a dog has an abnormally high temperature of 103 degrees Fahrenheit or greater. Understanding the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke is crucial for timely intervention that could save your dog's life. (A) **Heat Exhaustion / Stress** occurs when the body temperature is between 103°F and 105°F., (B) **Heat Stroke:** The body temperature exceeds 106°F. At this point, the risk of permanent brain damage, multiple organ failure, or death becomes very high. **Unfortunately, the death rate of dogs from heat stroke is estimated to be around 50%.**

Certain breeds are more susceptible to heat stroke due to their physical characteristics or coat type, they include: (A) **Brachycephalic Breeds:** short flat nosed, wide faces – French Bulldogs, Pugs, Boxers - difficulty panting effectively, (B) **Thick-coated Breeds: Siberian Huskies, Shepherds, etc..** can overheat quickly in hot weather, (C) **Overweight Dogs:** Extra fat act like insulation impeding the body's ability to cool itself. According to one study, the mortality rate due to heat stroke in dogs nearly tripled for obese pets, (D) **High-energy Dogs:** Puppies and very active breeds can tire quickly with greater risk of overheating, (E) **Older Dogs and Puppies:** They often have less efficient temperature regulation and may have other health conditions that increase their vulnerability, (F) Pets with non-pigmented skin -smooth/thin hair and white-colored ears or noses, can be more susceptible to heat, sunburn and skin cancer.

Things you can do to avoid heat injury: (A) Avoid walking your dog during the hottest time of the day: 10AM – 4PM. Besides the direct heat to their body, you can cause burns on the feet/pads. Asphalt/concrete absorbs and retains heat on a 77°F day, asphalt can heat up to 125°F, causing foot burns in rapid time. Even dry grass and dirt can be too hot to walk on. **Even on a pleasant, breezy day, the ground temperature can rise to 52°C / 125F between 10A - 4PM.** Reduce the intensity and the length of your dog's walk,. (B) Do NOT EVER leave your dogs alone/unattended in the car, even if parked in the shade and windows open. Your car can become an OVEN in minutes, your dog can suffer: dehydration, Heat Stroke, Heat Exhaustion, Suffocate, and Die! Car interiors heat up rapidly, reaching dangerous temperatures even on seemingly "mild" days. At 70 degrees outside, your car can hit 89 degrees in just 10 minutes, and 104F in 30 minutes! The hotter it gets outside, the faster the car heats up inside. Running into the store "just for a minute" can cost you your dog's life. (**C**) Provide consistent easy access to water, with more than one water source available in case they knock over a bowl. Never leave your dog outside [alone] without having available shade available and water access.(**D**) **Groom Appropriately** - Trim long hair but avoid shaving your dog completely, as their fur helps protect against sunburn, **(E**) Consider, **do you really** need to take your dog with you when you run errands, be in people crowded places, like the tianguis, on hot days? **They** will be better staying home where it is cool. Think of him/ her and THEIR well-being.



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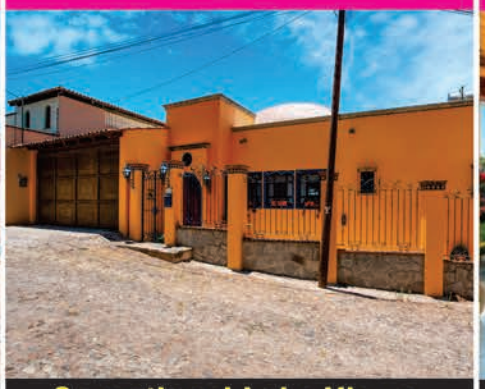
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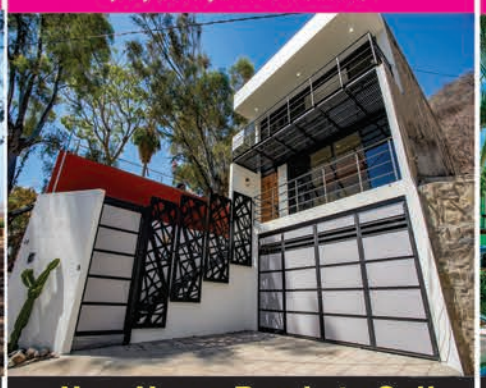
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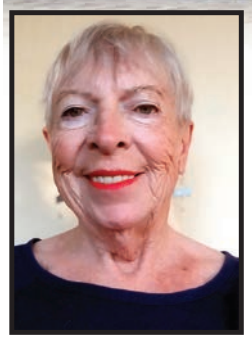
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An American drama film, directed by Robert Altman, in English with Spanish subtitles. For more information: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Company_(film)

Saturday, June 21, 7:30 pm

Biographical film - Violeta Went to Heaven

From Chile, Spanish with English subtitles. Awarded the World Cinema Jury Prize (Dramatic) at the 2012 Sundance Film Festival. For more information: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violeta_Went_to_Heaven

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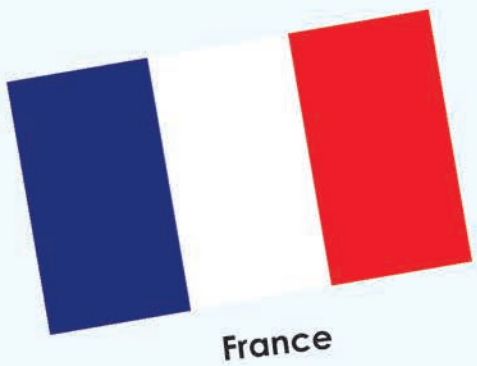
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LAKESIDE LIVING

By Shelley Edson

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Saturday, June 28, 7:30 pm

Romantic drama film - Yes

From the United Kingdom. Winner of the Interfaith Award for Promoting Humanitarian Values at the 2005 Brisbane International Film Festival. For more information: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yes_(film)

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The Barber of Seville
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In 2024 I was invited to hear Dr. Eduardo Juarez Carrillo, Director of the Institute for Limnologia y Sustentabilidad, of the University of Guadalajara, speak at a gathering hosted by the Friends of Centro Pro-Mexico in San Juan Cosala. The title of the presentation was "Water Crisis of Lake Chapala."

Problem:

How many of you have had water interruptions or shortages that you've never experienced before? We have water problems reported in Chula Vista Norte, Chapala, San Pedro Itzicán and West Ajijic, just to name a few areas.

Water Facts:

Only 3% of the earth's water is fresh water. 2.5% of the earth's fresh water is unavailable: locked up in glaciers, polar ice caps, atmosphere, and soil. It is highly polluted or lies too far under the earth's surface to be extracted at an affordable cost. 0.5% of all the earth's water is available as fresh water.

Fresh water use can be broken down as follows: 70% is used in agriculture, 20% is used by industry, and 10 % is used by humans.

Lake Chapala is a tectonic lake. Even though we had a good rainy season in 2024, we have been in drought for the last 5 years (due to El Niño). Lake temps in the last five years are up 3%. This is devastating for our environment. Lake Chapala, the largest lake in Mexico, contains 20% of all the fresh water in Mexico.

Lake Cuitzeo has lost 70% of its water in the last five years. All but six of the original 19 species of fish have been lost due to drought. Our cenotes in the Yucatan are also drying up. Deforestation of our areas also contributes to climate warming and less water availability for humans and other species.

We get our potable water from fresh water, deep wells (not the lake). These wells access our water aquifers. The aquifers are replenished when rain, storm water and the flow from rivers, streams and creeks seeps into an aquifer. Water also gets into the ground as farmers irrigate fields and orchards. The primary problem is that with continued growth in our area, we are tapping our aquifers before they can be completely replenished, making access harder, leading to deeper well digging. As a child I would go to work with my dad, a civil engineer. At times he was tasked with digging a well. Back then we might have had to dig 40 or 50 meters to hit water. Present wells are being dug from 150 to 250 meters to reach water. If we continue along this path, we may not have water to access.

Along the Lerma River delta that originates in the state of Mexico, and feeds Lake Chapala, and that goes through five states of Mexico before arriving at Lake Chapala, the rivers have illegal dams that have been constructed primarily to siphon off water for agricultural use. Add to this water concessions that have been sold by the government to industries for their use, and the irresponsible use of industries dumping into the river, and we end up with little of the total river water reaching our lake. The water entering Lake Chapala from the Lerma River is highly polluted with heavy metals and other toxic substances because of insufficient wastewater treatment by the many industries operating near the Lerma River.

Solutions:

We can educate ourselves as to how water arrives to our homes and be conscious of how we use it and try to conserve as much as possible.

We can discuss the problems we are experiencing and seek possible solutions. We can speak to our Mexican neighbors and ask if they can work toward educating our government representatives to help change our infrastructure.

We can take shorter showers.

We can water our plants in the early morning (preferable) or late afternoon. This reduces evaporation. We can mulch as much as possible to do the same.

We can exchange water thirsty plants and lawns for drought tolerant options. We need to change our perception of what is beautiful.

Don't wash your automobile or vehicle with a water hose. Do as the locals do and use a bucket and rag. Or have one of the many people who offer to wash your automobile wash your vehicle. It provides jobs and helps to keep our economy local.

Turn off faucets when not in use.

Make sure leaks and drips are repaired. Continual leaking and dripping can also cause damage to your home.

Install gray water systems for reuse of water.

Install rainwater catchment systems in your home. A pilot program in San Pedro Itzicán was started, thanks to Corazon de la Tierra, with 40 systems now installed.

As we learn more about Earth's amazing natural systems, it becomes clear that they are all interconnected, and we are part of those systems. Taking care of our earth is logical. As we chart our way through these global changes it becomes clear that the changes will affect us all.



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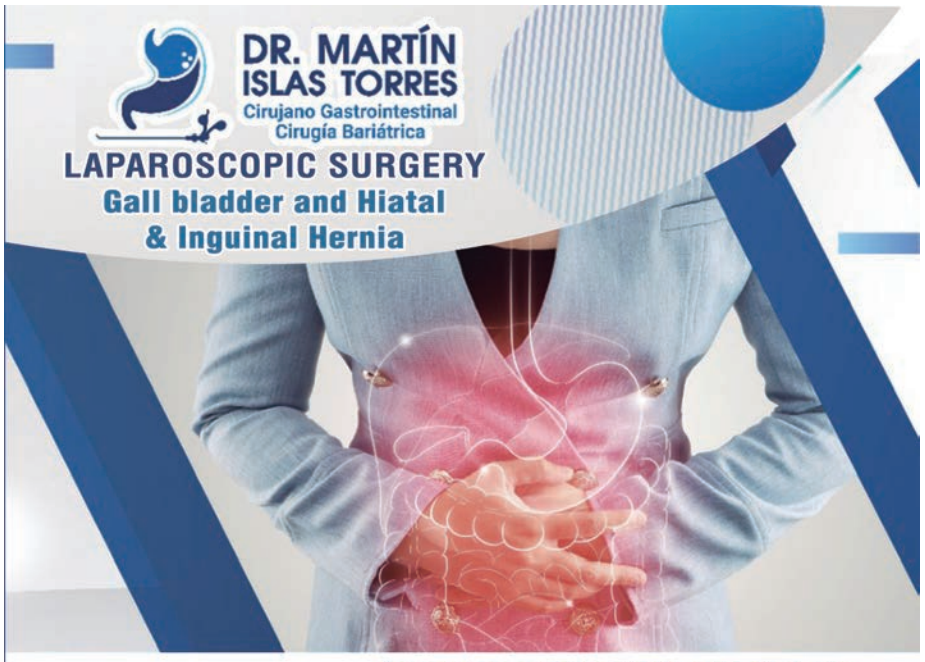
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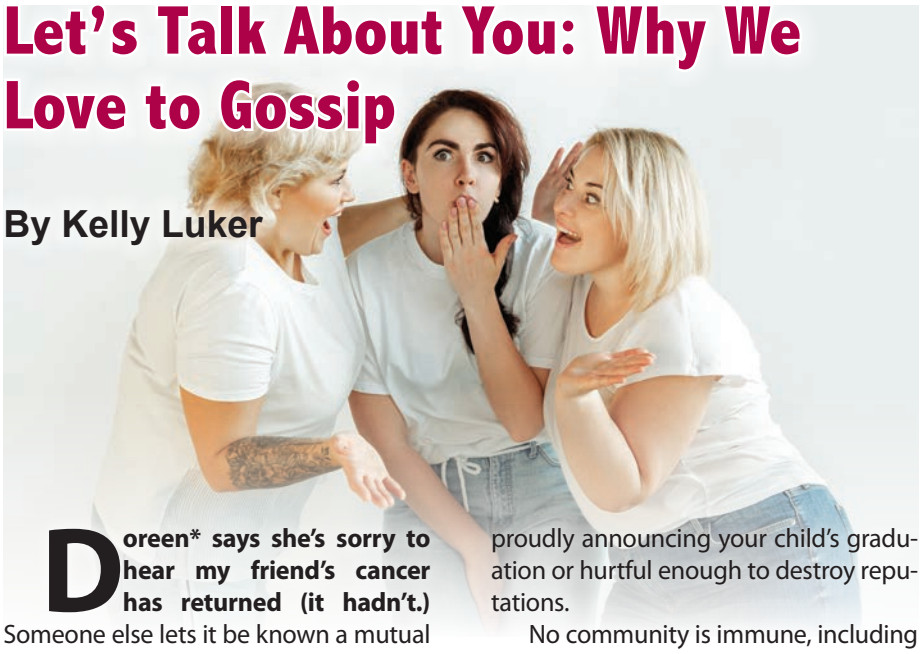
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Let's Talk About You: Why We Love to Gossip



By Kelly Luker

Doreen* says she's sorry to hear my friend's cancer has returned (it hadn't.) Someone else lets it be known a mutual acquaintance is getting hair plugs and liposuction. Mia listens to me kvetch about an in-law. She passes on Felicia's health concerns and we both agree that Franny's online posts are getting weirder, right?

Chisme, as gossip is called in Mexico, is like – how to say this politely – passing gas; everyone does it, but everyone pretends they don't. Although we prefer euphemisms such as "venting," "updating," "offering opinions," the definition of gossip doesn't vary: discussing someone who isn't present. It can be as benign as proudly announcing your child's graduation or hurtful enough to destroy reputations.

No community is immune, including our little village here. It's not because we're mostly older, retired and allegedly have more time on our hands. From Latvia to London, church groups, children's playgrounds and probably Buddhist monasteries, we can't help but indulge in a little chin-wagging about mutual acquaintances.

The Torah condemns it. So does the Bible and the Qur'an. Despite moral and religious tut-tutting and our all-too-human attempts to avoid it, talking about someone behind their back is almost irresistible. Anthropologists and social scientists posit that we are hard-wired to do so, a prehistoric survival skill that provided a way to build trust and social cohesion within the clan. We're like chimps that use grooming and picking lice off each other to bond with their troop. Be they apes or humans, primates who do not indulge will eventually find themselves socially ostracized.

And scientists now know what people refuse to admit: dishing the dirt feels good. A research paper published on the National Institute of Health's Library of Medicine website revealed that when we engage in tattling (or sharing observations about someone, call it what you will), our oxytocin – the feel-good hormone – levels rise and our cortisol – stress hormone – levels drop. In other words, gossip is the frosted fudge brownie of communication, just another guilty pleasure.

Presently and historically, women bear the onus as gossipmongers and have paid the price, including draconian punishments in the 1500s. But global research company OnePoll surveyed over 5,000 people and discovered that men gossip more than women (an average of 76 minutes a day versus women's 52 minutes).

The majority – about 75% – of our discussion falls in the neutral category, merely transferring information about others that makes no moral judgment, i.e. who got married, who's bringing baked beans to the Sunday potluck, who went on which diet.

But what happens when words neither positive nor neutral are no longer limited to the sewing circle or water cooler? Thanks to social media's global coverage, millions or even billions can salivate over the most humiliating revelations, memes or YouTube videos of both famous and once-anonymous individuals.

Young people have long since abandoned Facebook to their grandparents, so it has become the jungle drums for us senior citizens of Lakeside. Facebook was my lifeline for vital information upon moving here. House cleaners, dog sitters, best restaurants and countless other questions asked and answered helped grease the wheels as I adjusted to my new surroundings.

But between menus, events and other noteworthy updates slithers the malice of rumors, innuendos and falsehoods about community members. What was once whispered over the fence is now served up for everyone to digest, truth be damned. Do-gooders are accused of stealing from their organizations, restaurants boycotted because of one-sided reports. Details are gobbled up and reposted without confirmation. Although these posts are in the minor, the damage they do can be devastating.

We are entertained by human foibles because humans host a shadow side, one that resonates with author and playwright Dorothy Parker's famous quote, "If you can't say something nice about someone, come sit here by me."

Hopefully, we each have a moral standard of what is acceptable to pass along. But when offered an array of conversational topics, most of us are eventually going to reach for the brownie.

*All names have been changed.

Kelly Luker lives in Ajijic and is the author of *Private Eye for the Bad Guy*, a memoir of her career as a criminal defense investigator.











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Fish Tale

By Larry Kolczak

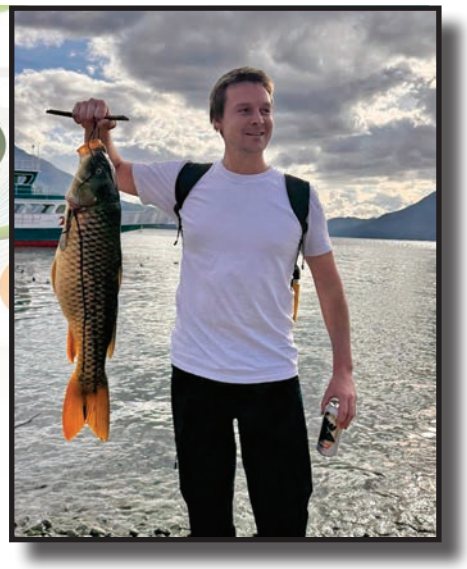


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When I was a kid, fishing and preparing to go fishing were a major part of my life. We lived in Chicago, and summer weekends, my brother and I would ride the Montrose Avenue bus down to Lake Michigan, where we could fish for perch from a long concrete breakwater. We started out with simple bamboo cane poles, but eventually graduated to the new fiberglass fishing rods and the Swedish- made Abu Garcia bait-casting reels. We would dream of one day hooking a 200-pound lake sturgeon, but no such luck. That was for the best, I suppose. Can you imagine hauling a flapping 200-pound fish home on the bus?

Growing up, we had seen pictures in our family album of our dad and his fishermen friends with wheel barrows full of walleyes, and holding up trophy-sized muskies. They had caught them at his favorite fishing haunt on Lac du Flambeau, on the Chippewa Indian reservation in the north woods of Wisconsin. We would drag his old tackle box out of the closet and beg him to tell us the story behind each of the well-worn fishing lures. One called the "Double-Jointed Pikie Minnow" bore the teeth marks of all the muskies it had caught. Eventually, we talked him into taking us up there for annual week-long fishing trips.

Lac du Flambeau had quite a reputation among fishermen. There was even a story about it in the now defunct *Argosy* magazine that told about a huge muskie that lurked in the shallows. The locals had named it Jingle Bells. The legend was that it had been hooked and gotten away so many times that it had a mouth full of fishing lures that you could hear jingling as it swam near your boat.

We never heard Jingle Bells while we were up there. For that matter, we never caught a wheel barrow full of walleyes. The lodge owner would always say "You should have been here last week. They were biting on bare hooks." Mostly, we caught only pan fish -- bluegills and crappies -- that were not much bigger than my hand. As years went by, I upgraded my equipment to the newest carbon-fiber rod and a state-of-the-art Pflueger spinning reel. This, of course, required buying a whole new arsenal of the latest fishing lures. One, the "Rapala," came all the way from Finland. It bristled with three treble hooks that probably caught my fingers more times than any fish. It was soon joined by favorites like the Johnson's "Silver Spoon," the Arbogast "Jitterbug," and the red-and-white striped "Daredevle." Sad to say, after all these years, not one of them bears the teeth marks of a muskie.

Eventually, I came to the realization that having the latest and most expensive equipment was no guarantee that you would catch the biggest fish. Nowhere was this better demonstrated than during my recent vacation in Guatemala with my daughter, Liz, and 32-year-old grandson, Michael. We spent a few days in *Panahachel*, a quaint Indigenous village on the shore of Lake Atitlan. This picturesque 50- square-mile lake actually fills the caldera of an extinct volcano. It is more than 1,100 feet deep. That's deeper than Lake Michigan.

One afternoon while Liz and I were out shopping at all the handicraft stalls, Michael went for a stroll along the lakefront. He eventually got out of the tourist area and came upon a boat dock where he saw some of the locals fishing. They weren't using carbon-fiber fishing rods and expensive spinning reels. In fact, they weren't even using bamboo cane poles. All they had were empty beer cans with fishing line wound around them. There were no jingling fishing lures; just a few kernels of cooked corn, or a scrap of tortilla on the hook.

They saw that Michael was intrigued, so they offered him a tin can and line to give it a try. He soon mastered the technique of using a side-arm toss and letting the weighted line unwind off one end of the can. Wouldn't you know, in a matter of minutes he caught a fish. Not just a 6-inch bluegill, but a 3-foot-long carp. That's bigger than any fish I had ever caught. He has the picture to prove it. Pretty soon, people were gathering to take his picture with the fish. Then they were asking if he would take their picture holding his fish. Nobody has ever asked me to take their picture holding any fish I ever caught. Eventually, Michael gave the fish to the guy who lent him the beer can. That was for the best, I suppose. Can you imagine schlepping a 3-foot-long carp home on the airplane?

Over the years, I have probably owned several thousand dollars worth of fishing rods, reels, and tackle. My advice – don't waste your money on all that crap. All you need is a beer can. The local brand ("Gallo" in Guatemala) seems to be the most popular. Nobody was using expensive imports like Heineken. If you are under 21, you should probably use a Coke can, though I can't personally vouch for how well they work. Whatever you use, just remember to recycle it when your fishing trip is over.

If you've always wanted a trophy fish to hang on your wall, check out your neighborhood garage sales. I never caught a fish worthy of sending to the taxidermist. Most weren't big enough to bring home to cook. Speaking of which, Michael's father texted him this recipe for carp. Clean and scale the fish. Slather it in olive oil seasoned with salt, pepper, lemon juice and garlic. Lay it on a piece of cardboard and cook it in a preheated 350-degree oven for 20 minutes. Throw away the fish and eat the cardboard. Bon Appétit!



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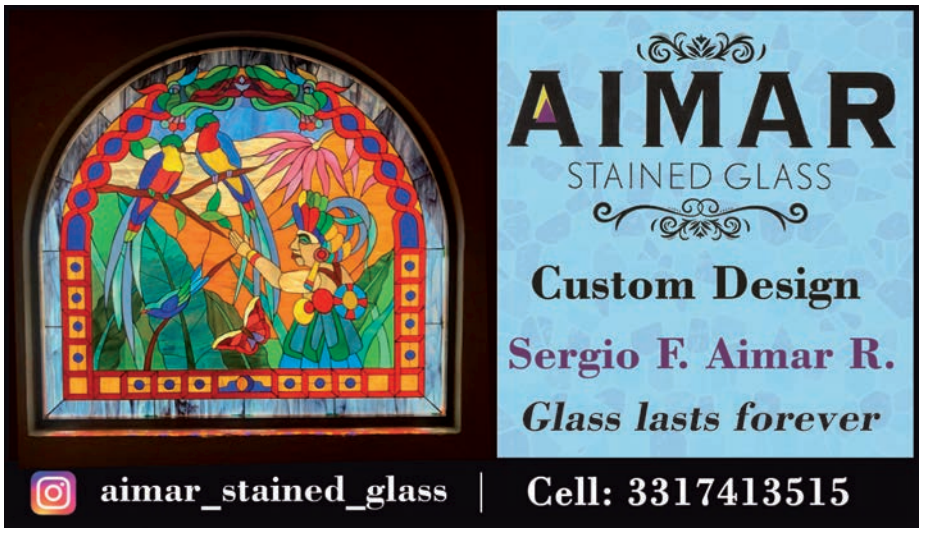
















PROFILING TEPEHUA

By Mary Ruzich

A day in the life of the Tepehua Community Center

It's Friday, one of the busier days at our community center, located on the hill above Chapala. It can be accessed from downtown Chapala, from the *carretera* in Lourdes, or from the *libramiento* - then along a long wiggly backroad through the barrio of *Puerta del Horno* (door of the oven) and on up the hill. It's nestled amidst houses and tiendas in the poor barrio of TEPEHUA.

The Community Center door to the main office opens and Sandra Zamora, Tepehua's director, and Esperanza Serna, head of the Education program, are meeting with parents about scholarships that have either been granted to their child or regarding their acceptance into the program. Scholarships are high in demand as every little bit helps these families. Tepehua financially helped over 150 students achieve their educational dreams during this past academic year.

Out the back door of the center, you can access the medical clinic and pharmacy. Patients may be in the reception room, waiting their turn to see the doctor or nurse. They also may be in line at the pharmacy where medications are available (with a prescription when needed) at no or low cost.

If this were a Wednesday, you'd be seeing pregnant women or young mothers with their babies at the clinic. This day is set aside for the Maternal Health Program run by Olga Lara, a local woman who has been involved with the program's beginnings about a decade and a half ago.

Across the courtyard, one passes the water purification program run by Carlos Sanabria who has also been with Tepehua since early days. He may be there washing and filling bottles or may be on the road delivering the *garrafónes* of clean water.

Farther on is the dental clinic where a local dentist comes once a week to address the oral needs of Tepehua's population

Across the small hallway is a bazaar for the locals. Donations from the thrift shop that aren't suitable for sale in Riberas are sent there to sell to locals at super low prices.

Things at the center close after noon for family *comidas*, but the facility reopens at 3 on Fridays for English lessons with Mark Skeivanek. He teaches English to approximately 10 students, ages 8-14.

Other days one may see the sewing program in full gear – planning, cutting or sewing their quality wares that are available for sale at the thrift shop in Riberas. On days when *dispensas* (basic food goods) are handed out, women will be lined up outside the office to receive their staples and have their name checked off the list.

An important part of the Tepehua team are the local women who come in early Thursday morning to clean the facility. With this weekly work, they receive education tokens for their children or other opportunities that are available to them. This well-oiled Tepehua team was started 15 years ago by Moonie King and her passionate team. Although she has now left us, we know she would be proud of her legacy and how the Mexican people have stepped forward to pick up the reins.

All of this is supported by generous private donations, grants, and sales from the Tepehua Treasures thrift shop in Riberas. Every day new treasures arrive, lovingly sorted and displayed by its amazing volunteers.

If you have visited our store either by purchasing or donating gently used items, you too are a part of the team, and WE THANK YOU! If not, we welcome you to stop by Mondays through Saturday 12-3. Amazing treasures await you there and all proceeds go to support the deserving community of Tepehua.



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A Troubled Time on the US/Canadian Border

By Dr. Lorin Swinehart



On July 23, 1928, the US Coast Guard cutter C-209, while cruising the waters of Lake Erie, opened fire with a one-pounder cannon, hurling five rounds in the direction of a "suspicious vessel," a vessel that turned out to be carrying the ladies of the Buffalo, New York Yacht Club. This incident was but a small part of what the public had begun to refer to as Volsteadism, the US government's program to end the smuggling of alcoholic beverages across Lake Erie from Canada. In 1929 alone, 263 people were killed on the Great Lakes by enforcement officers. During that era, 250 vessels and 1,425 men were assigned to this difficult task, and millions of dollars were spent. US patrol boats would routinely fire upon vessels that merely looked suspicious.

The Eighteenth Amendment to the US Constitution, banning the possession, transportation, or sale of alcoholic beverages took effect at midnight on January 16, 1920, as did the Volstead Act, enacted to enforce it. Thus did the Great Experiment begin, which was to continue for 13 years during which organized crime flourished, criminals grew in power, and more people than ever began to drink. At the outset, inadequate manpower and resources were allocated for enforcement. Rising anger at heavy-handed and incompetent enforcement methods whereby citizens were frequently searched and even shot at based on suspicion alone caused the annual per capita consumption of alcohol to increase from nine to one hundred two gallons. Alcohol-related crimes increased as territories between gangs overlapped, leading to turf wars characterized by murders, bribery and even bombings.

Gangsterism and its accompanying wave of violence caused the decade of the 1920's to be called the Roaring Twenties. Al Capone aka "Scarface," the most notorious gangster of the era, made a fortune annually from beer sales alone. Later, Capone was convicted of income tax evasion and sentenced to a stretch at Alcatraz. He was later released and died in obscurity in South Carolina, a victim of general paresis, a side effect of syphilis.

Brutal as Capone was, he was unwilling to take on Detroit's notorious Purple Gang whose members dominated the illegal trade along the Detroit River and in western Lake Erie. The Purples were led by four brothers: Abe, Joe, Raymond and Izzy Bernstein. Purple is the color of spoiled meat. The Purples were given their nickname as boys because they were so vicious. Rumor had it that Joe Roscoe, a notorious gangster who owned a seven-room hotel, casino and speakeasy on Middle Island, barely across the line in Canada, was in league with the Purples. The Purples were so violent, even murdering fellow rumrunners and selling their loot themselves, that Capone decided to use them as suppliers rather than try to outdo them.

It is estimated that in 1924 alone $24,000,000 worth of alcohol was smuggled into the US. The Great Lakes with their zigzagging border with Canada where alcohol was legal were ideally suited for rumrunning. Rumrunners with speedy, heavily armed craft sped across Lake Erie, unloading in the Bass Islands as well as Sandusky Bay and other obscure inlets and estuaries. Gun battles between rumrunners and the Coast Guard were common. Liquor was easily transported by automobile across the ice in the wintertime. Cases of whiskey were cached on the ice, barely across the border to await pickup.

As the decade wore on, rumrunners became ever more ingenious. The so-called submarine method, for instance, involved towing a sunken houseboat loaded with whiskey behind another vessel. One scow operator was discovered to have transported the same load of coal back and forth between South Bass Island on the US side and Pelee Island on the Canadian side until officials became wise to him. Cases of whiskey were secured beneath the layers of coal. One South

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Bass Island resident installed a system of flashing lights at his home to guide rumrunners to his front door. For a while, a pipeline pumped beer across the Detroit River into Michigan.

President Herbert Hoover vowed to put an end to rum running and violence on the Great Lakes and allocated more and more money and manpower to enforce federal laws. Hoover believed that rising violence on the lakes would persuade Canada to suspend liquor sales to customers in the US. For their part, Canadians, already angered by heavily armed US ships in their waters, were unwilling to give up a lucrative enterprise.

The owner of one Lake Erie Island winery survived the decade by selling 100,000 gallons of grape juice a year. Each barrel was stamped with a warning. "Possession, consumption or transportation of alcoholic beverages is a violation of federal law. Do not do these things." The warning was a recipe for wine making.

The Eighteenth Amendment was repealed in 1933, and peace with our northern neighbor was restored. Ours has been the longest undefended border between any two nations since the ratification of the Rush-Bagot Treaty following the end of the War of 1812.

Over the years, Canada and Canadians have shown time and again that they are our best friends, coming readily to our assistance in the aftermath of that horrible day in September 2001 and consigning military forces to the war in Afghanistan, risking and sacrificing lives on our behalf. Most are familiar with the story of how eagerly the people of Newfoundland welcomed into their homes stranded US passengers until the skies were safe again.

However, that mutually beneficial friendship is now in peril because of the outrageous actions and words of President Donald Trump. He has initiated tariffs on Canadian goods under the big lie that fentanyl is being smuggled across the border, and he has insulted all Canadians by referring to their country as our 51st state and called the Canadian PM the governor of Canada. Such rhetoric and actions have become almost normal in the contemporary Orwellian world where we treat friends with scorn and thugs and tyrants with shameless sycophancy.



Lorin Swinehart

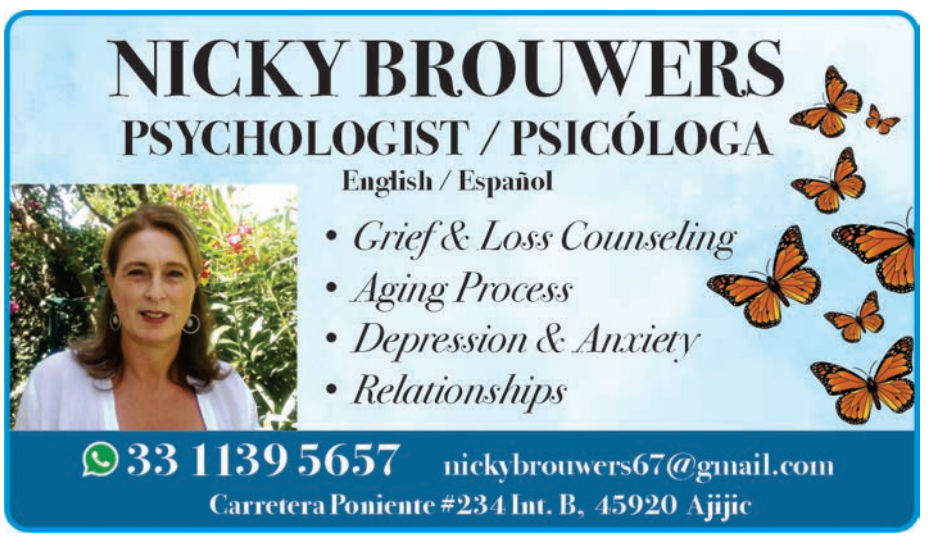






















What Women Have Taught Me

Part Two

By Don Beaudreau



There are 104 countries which celebrate Mother's Day; 77 of them (including the U.S. and Mexico) celebrate the day in May. It is a good thing to do, but I have always felt that the day should also include honoring the various women in our lives who have made a significant impact on us. In this two-part series, I want to do exactly that by telling you the stories of six women through prose and verse who were, in effect, my mentors. I honor them, and so many more!

THE ACTIVIST

When she was a child she could run with the best of them. There was no indication of the rare, progressive disease which would - by the time she died at the age of 40 - cause her to be nearly completely immobile; cause her inability to breathe without a respirator; cause her to slur her words; cause her face to be severely distorted. Although Linda's wheelchair allowed her to get around, she had to have someone push it. And yet, neither her mind nor spirit was ever "immobile" or "challenged." She had a keen intellect. Her master's degree written at her computer keyboard by holding an implement in her mouth showed how wrong her detractors were. Her subject championed civil rights for persons living with physical challenges. "I feel accepted by Unitarians; other churches were judgmental," she told me, laboring to articulate the words while the respirator attached to her wheelchair breathed for her. Linda became a regular attendee on Sunday mornings. She organized a service where other physically challenged people talked of their lives - of how some people perceive them, of how they think of themselves. "We just want to be thought of as human beings," was the dominant theme of the day. Linda was the quintessential activist and probably would have been, no matter her physical condition. She won many awards for her fervent endeavors and became nationally prominent. She took me into her world and modeled what it means to rise to the challenge; to persevere against great odds; to rail against injustice. Ironically, she was killed in a car accident, shortly after her 40th birthday. That she lived to be 40 was a miracle. That she lived so magnificently an activist's life was even more miraculous.

TO LINDA

Your alter ego breathes in measured rhythm
Attached to your less-than-winged steed.
Together, your respirator, your chair on wheels and you
(All 87 pounds of you if that much)
Weigh over a thousand pounds.
But you are not your encumbrance,
You are your fierceness flashing at those who don't comprehend
That you are a person
Not an object to be pitied.
That you have feelings - and a mind.
Your fire is ignited
By those who don't comprehend -
That we all are the same
Even when
Our limbs refuse to move;
Our eyes don't see;
Our ears don't hear;
Our mouths don't speak.
You are the goddess of justice

With the computer as your avenger.
Cutting a path for the rest of us;
Helping to create the laws that will serve us all.
You did not live in vain.

*****

THE ARTIST

Your ego is writ large - perhaps, necessarily so. Too large for a so-called "personal" life - although you did dance with Hemingway and the bunch in those halcyon days of Paris during the flapper era. And you told me that Joseph Campbell - "Joe" to you - proposed marriage - or something. You were bohemian, Angela, after all! And now you are an eighty-something-year-old, full-bodied figure. But with an air about you that speaks of humid French nights strolling with a lover along the banks of the Seine. Still, uptown you were, right from the start. Rich, little southern girl, spoiled beyond the stereotype. You were taught that you were special. A New Orleanian belle of the ball. And you were - but you needed the romance of the Left Bank and that Parisian artist (what WAS his name) to show you that you could be a wonderful sculptor. You needed the distance and the time away from the debutante balls. And after all, you were totally Unitarian, descended from New England founders. So Unitarian that you have a photograph of yourself as a baby sitting on the lap of that Unitarian, President William Howard Taft (now there was a "muscular" figure). And so, you became a sculptor who loved to create the human form in larger-than-life relief. Your discipline became your life; your work became your family and friends. All else was subservient to your creative need. And when your days and nights weren't spent fashioning your clay children, you imagined them - how they could be, how they might attain perfection. You never stopped working - as seen by your prodigious production: your mammoth, classic sculptures throughout the city of New Orleans. And, how you hated old age. It was a nuisance. It meant that you had only so much time left to create.

TO ANGELA

Those who create -
Leaving something of themselves behind:
Clay fashioned into form, evocative of myth and legend;
Of human struggle and victory -
Will be remembered when they have become part of the earth themselves.
Whatever passion within -
Causing them to lead the artist's life;
Setting them apart from the rest of us;
Absorbing their individuality;
Melding them in the kiln of a refiner's fire -
Has as its source: divinity;
And speaks of sacrifice;
Beauty;
And eternity.

NOTE: Don Beaudreau has written 12 books, the last one, a satiric comedy, is a novel set on Cape Cod, MA. His works are available on AMAZON Books in hard copy and Kindle editions.

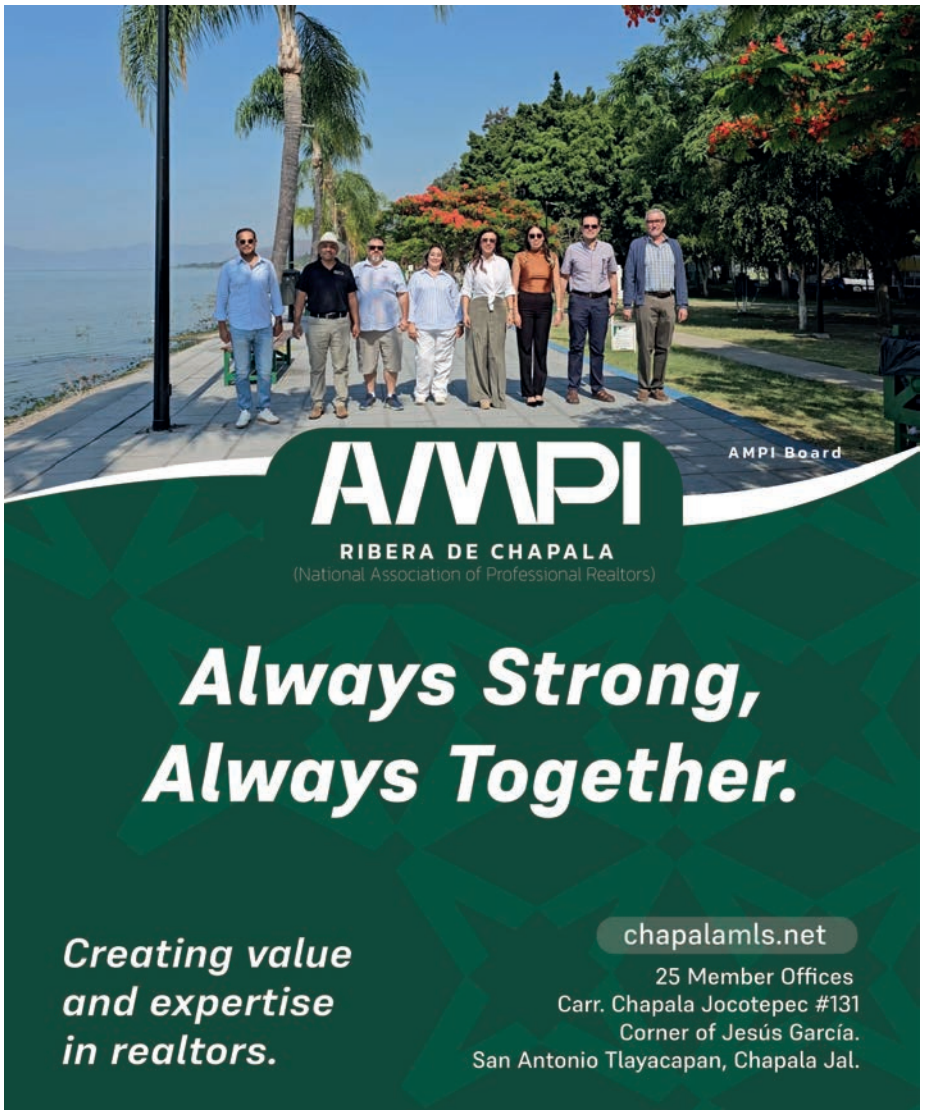


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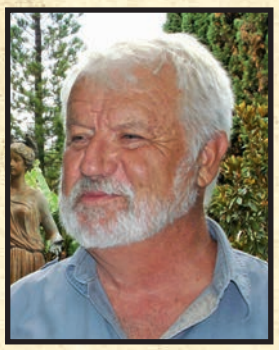








Poetry Niche



Jim Tipton

The poetry Niche this month is dedicated to the memory of Jim Tipton, who died in May, 2018, two weeks after the publication of his last collection of poems, *The Alphabet of Longing and Other Poems.* Shortly before his untimely death from cancer, Jim wrote

When death finally comes
can she be in the form of that woman
wearing the black bikini
walking toward me
on the beach at Guayabitos.

One can only hope she wore a black bikini to escort him to his next chapter.

The poems included here are from his masterpiece, *Letters from a Stranger,* which won the Colorado Book Award for 1999.

First, When She Was Talking, I Heard No Sound

First, when she was talking, I heard no sound
then like water falling far down the canyon,
I heard her say her name, but it was more
than human name, more than alphabet at birth.

It was like a fragrance around a camp at night,
like a sign we make when no one is looking,
like a hand inside a hand that sometimes
stretches out of sleep, or waves at strangers.

That evening when I climbed the long moon
to home, I held that name, like I hold
a sound inside the body, like I hold
the mountains lightly on this back
*****

One Night I Picked Up in a Bar

One night I picked up in a bar
a woman named Poetry,
and she was drunk, or I was drunk,
or the world itself was drunk;
but at any rate I took her home
and listened to her.

Now, you may be thinking, she had
golden breasts and golden thighs,
and in a sense you are correct.
Perhaps she was some
long forgotten lonely goddess
who through what strange shift in time
had surfaced in a pool hall,
surprised to be alive, to be admired.
I, to the end, lover of all forgotten things,
had seen her there, had loved her,
and in the clumsy way
I sometimes have with women
seduced her heart.

Ah...the muscled men who wanted her,
who watched amazed, were nothing then,
while I, the local fool, finessed my way
into her panties, finding
in that lap of language some ancient thing
so damp and lovely that the gods
of Greece and Rome tore out their hair
*****

People Always Think I Suffer

People always think I suffer some spiritual discipline
when I tell them I wake each day at dawn.
Little do they know I have a cat, named Gosi,
who dances off the bed and tells me,
in a language surpassing clocks,
it is time to go outside and hunt the day.

People always think I suffer some spiritual discipline
when I tell them I work on poetry every day;
but how can I tell them the secret:
there is no discipline...to me it is
like eating donuts or butter cookies,
like being in bed with exotic women.

People always think I suffer some spiritual discipline
when I go walking every day, hand in hand
with a book of Chinese love poems,
or a collection of Buddhist proverbs,
and with a golden dog named Ananda,
and with the child who still lives inside of me.

And so, although suffering is very fashionable,
I make no pretence now toward suffering,
nor toward discipline, preferring
the wild silence of these sacred canyons,
the solitude of the deep word,
this universe of infinite bread
*****

The Brain Washes Ashore

A Curdled Nautilus
The brain washes ashore, a curdled nautilus,
and the day begins. These thick words,
the only wife I have, wake up inside this body
and take me to public places, where a dislocated
geography grinds people in its deadly map,
a map that has no stars, only Monday morning,
set in motion by the shop or office clock,
the factory by the broken sea.

What poem, in these cities where money weeps,
is worth even a dollar? What poem, in this time
of sleeping hearts hunched toward their tiny visions,
is willing to impale itself upon the delirious day;
what poem is willing to run naked through the streets,
to die of cold, of impossible loneliness?
What poem is willing to send its long tongue

toward the sad heart on the lone coast?

Paris, boy that he was, was willing to trade
power, wealth, nobility, honor, for one sweet thing:
the woman that he loved. But where now is passion?
Passion for anything that might lift the heart
out of shadow, out of hushed bones, out
of the desolate waters that wash over our century,
out of the unreliable regularity of the day-to-day,
out of the tombs we die in that we call home.

And so this morning I think of the petrified hands
and of tenderness, and of clothes,
walking around looking for themselves
and of the strange exhaustion that rises out of this century,
and of the endless food that never fills us,
and of the moon we have never seen,
and of the lonely poems that still kneel down
late at night in the cathedral of the heart.
*****

The Day I Found God Washed Ashore

The day I found God washed ashore
He was barely breathing until I began to apply
mouth to mouth resuscitation.

For a few minutes I was really worried.
I thought I might have to help organize
The Funeral of God.

But then, as I was breathing into Him,
He began breathing back into me.
And finally, one eye, crusty with the sea,
opened, and winked.

Before I could sayaword
He transformed into a beautiful woman.
and then into another beautiful woman.
and then into another beautiful woman.
and He has been doing that ever since,
every day of my life.

That day God washed ashore
unconscious and hardly breathing
was the day I really got serious
about religion
*****

The Poem Rises Up

The poem rises up, out of the sand,
out of the desert grasses,
out of the hair of everything that sways,
that sings, even out of those lost
in the infirmaries of brains,
even out of the lost hand
at the end of the arm
when one is deeply thinking,
even out of the lonely metaphysicians
who believe that what is sent out comes back to you,
who are confounded for those moments when they stare
at the hard eyes of Christ in the crucifixes
in the cathedrals in Lima and Cuzco.

What used to be God has become poem,
what used to be light has become the sand
that begins to surge under the feet
when one is walking at night, alone;
what used to be God has become bees,
has become the blood pools in the eyes
at sunset, has become the silence we always feel
when we look deeply into the tiny hearts
of the cells in the tiny hands
of the tiny girl named Maria,
selling scarves in the plaza,
hugging the wool like tiny dolls in winter.

What used to be God has become the wild stillness
which rises up like a wave without its ocean,
has become the wild language of those
who long to speak, like the tongues of lizards
rooted on the sunny rocks, has become the wild intensity
with which we watch bullets moving toward us,
until the bullets themselves are hardly moving—
and were we able to lift our heavy hands
we might hold them in their flight, might turn their sinister lead
Into bread or into nuggets of living gold, might send them back,
until the very dust on the feet of the damned
might turn into the dew of oceans and diamonds.

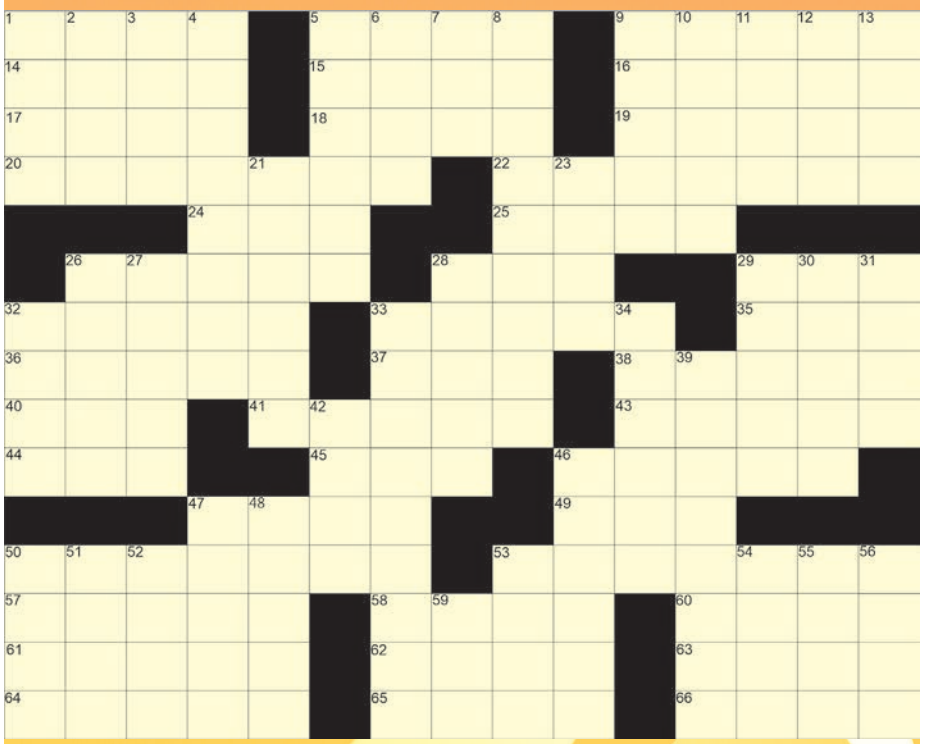
What used to be love has become the sound we make
before we make sound, the seeing we do before
we become seeing, the matter that makes the fragrance
of lilacs or rose, the divinity that rises
out of this endless sage after a rain, the shapes a pen
makes on paper, the heart inside the letter
that becomes word, that becomes the ancient rocks,
singing, undulating, themselves becoming breasts
washed in the milk of this full moon, this night
when the Wizard of Is is the only light,
and the only prayer this body, barely breathing,
this mouth under this sky of love
*****

I Wanted You in the Kitchen of My Heart

I wanted you in the kitchen of my heart;
and there, after many cold lunches,
I found you; and there, like herbs
undressing in soup, I came to love you;
and there, like a delicate tea
of mangoes and marigolds your mouth
opened, and your words, flecked with gold
and the eroticism of your Latin blood,
flowed, like the blood I longed for, into me.

And how could I lose you among these cups
and spoons, among these golden candles,
these jars of honey lined along the window?
And what forget-me-nots in winter
tie me to you still? I could die in this bread
I have made without you. For you I would burn
this dry brain for incense; I would
serve you the wine inside the night; I would
drink the sea to give you salt
*****

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ACROSS

1 Negative (prefix)
5 At what time?
9 Publicist
14 Maize
15 Author, Victor
16 Cease-fire
17 Cut of beef
18 Flatten
19 Dough
20 Ointment
22 Covered with planks
24 East northeast
25 Gamble
26 Worn down
28 Portable bed
29 Swindle
32 Large eastern religion
33 Restaurants
35 Caviar
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40 Downwind
41 Produce
43 Center
44 Married woman
45 Vase
46 Wartime hidden bombs
47 Change
49 Boxer Muhammad
50 Fastening with a cable
53 Having a top-knot
57 Animated
58 Connected
60 Shoshonean
61 Small bunch of flowers
62 Huge whale
63 Canal
64 Upper body
65 Vessel
66 Cult

DOWN

1 Organization concerned with civil liberties (abbr.)
2 Lunch time
3 Trigonometry
4 Subtle disparagement
5 Complaining tone
6 Pained
7 Self
8 Charity business type
9 Book of maps
10 Intoxicated
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26 Alcoholic beverage maker
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28 Small house
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39 Disappears
42 Destroy
46 One who dies for a cause
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Los Niños de Chapala y Ajijic, A.C.

June’s Student of the Month

by Doug Friend

Thiago Dreams of Protecting His Community

At just five years old, Thiago E. already knows exactly what he wants to be: a police officer. Ask him why, and he’ll confidently reply, “Because they help keep us safe.”. Thiago's aspirations reflect his caring nature and a genuine desire to protect others.

A cheerful and friendly kindergartner, Thiago loves attending school every day. His eyes light up especially during math and music classes. When the final bell rings, he's usually ready for his favorite afternoon ritual: a refreshing nap to recharge his boundless energy.



Thiago shares a special bond with his little brother, often spending afternoons playing spirited games of fútbol in their patio. He also eagerly helps his grandmother with grocery shopping trips to the local store, demonstrating remarkable responsibility for his age.

Thiago's furry best friend, Cooper, joins in on family fun whenever possible. The family enjoys simple outings together—especially visits to the malecón for ice cream, a favorite treat. At home, Thiago willingly assists his mother Olga with household chores, happy to lend a helping hand.

His large family is close-knit, but resources are tight. Thiago lives with his parents, siblings, grandmother, and uncle in his grandmother’s modest home. Space is limited; Thiago shares one bedroom with his parents and siblings. Despite these challenges, their home is filled with warmth and laughter.

Thiago’s father, Edgar,works hard as a technician repairing machines, while his mother lovingly cares for the family at home. Still, financial limitations place Thiago’s continued education at risk. Sponsorship can ease this burden.

With your generous support of just $100 US per year, plus a recommended family supplement of $120, you can help Thiago continue his education and take steps toward his dream. Your sponsorship ensures this bright, compassionate boy receives the opportunities he deserves.

By investing in Thiago today, you're not just supporting a child—you're nurturing a future protector of our community. Help Thiago realize his dream and build a safer, brighter future for all of us. Together, let's empower Thiago to wear his uniform proudly someday, serving and safeguarding those around him.

To sponsor Thaigo, please call (376) 765-7032 (2 - 6 pm) or write to info@NCA.org.mx.

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Chapala Haciendas, 3 Bdrs, 3.5 Baths
Const. 393 m2, Lot: 397 m2
$279,000 USD, Tel: 376 766 2077
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Arroyo Alto, 3 Bdrs, 4 Bths, Pool, Cov. Terrace, Family Room. Const: 408 m2 Lot: 812 m2
$960,000 USD, Cell: 331-437-0925
RaulDrealtor@gmail.com



Chapala Centro, 5 Bdrs, 4 Baths
Const: 616 m2 Lot: 728 m2
$588,000 USD, Cell: 376-688-1980
info.bauerhouseproperties@gmail.com



Upper Ajijic, 3 Bdrs, 2 Baths
Const. 296 m2, Lot: 222 m2
$369,000 USD, Tel: 376 766 2077
email@ajijic.com



Ajijic Village, 2 Bdrs, 2 Baths
Lot: 412.5 m2, Const. 174 m2
$369,000 UDS, Tel: (376) 765-3676
chapala@chapala.com



Las Aguilillas, 3 Bdrs, 3 Baths
Const: 180 m2, Lot: 160 m2
$3'100,000 MXN, Tel: (376) 765-3676
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West Ajijic, 2 Bdrs, 2 Baths, Com. Pool, Mirador
Const: 210 m2, Lot: 343 m2
$332,700 USD, Cell: 331-437-0925
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Upper Ajijic, 2 Bdrs, 2 Baths
Const: 206 m2, Lot: 603 m2
$399,800 USD, Cell: 376-688-1980
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West Ajijic, 2 Bdrs, 2 Baths
Const: 120.66 m2, Lot: 312.35 m2
$290,000 USD, Tel: (376) 765-3676
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Golf Course, 3 Bdrs, 3.5 Baths, Pool, Cov. Terrace
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Raquet Club, San Juan C. 3 Beds, 4 Baths
Const. 426 m2, Lot: 615 m2
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Upper Chula Vista. 3 Bdrs, 2 Baths
Const. 263 m2, Lot: 607 m2
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Los Sabinos, Ajijic, 2 Bdrs, 2 Baths
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West Ajijic, 3 Br´s, 3 Baths, Com. Pool
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Riberas del Pilar, 2 Bdrs, 2 Baths
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Chula Vista Norte, Lot #2
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Lot: 446 m2
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San Antonio Tlayacapan, 4 Beds, 3 Baths
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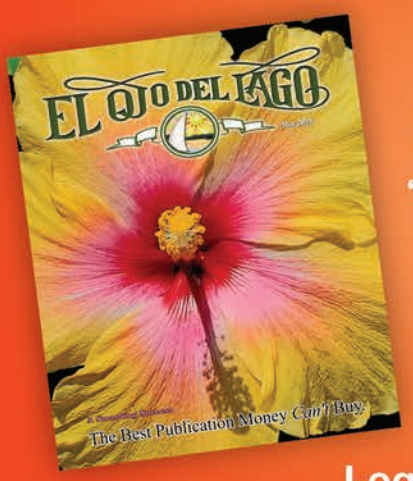


San Antonio Tlayacapan, 2 Beds
Lot: 63 m2
$3'250,000 MXN, Tel: (376) 765-3676
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Ajijic, 5 Bdrs, 5 baths, pool, big garden
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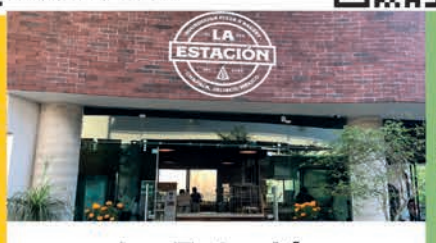
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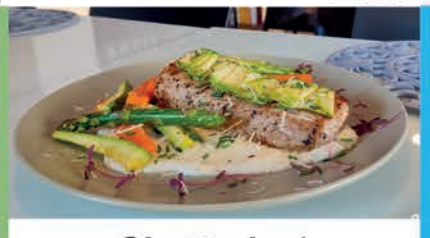
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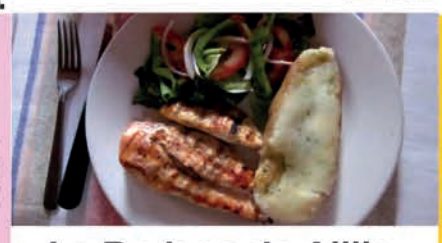
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