



When I grew up in St Paul, Minnesota, we had a party line. Whenever Mrs. Godfrey, the town gossip, wanted to know what was going on she'd listen in on the party line.

Today, the party line has been replaced by Facebook. Now we know what Erin had for breakfast and that Sandie and Viktorya danced all night at La Fonda. But now, even though we know more than we ever needed to know about the minutia of everyone's life, I still get lots of calls asking questions about La Mision...Are Alex and Miguel playing this weekend? When is Ross playing at Splash. Do you know anyone renting out their house? Where can I put my recyclables? Sometimes I feel like I should just answer the phone "Information"!

There are several newsletter/websites that can keep you informed about all the events and items of interest to us “foreigners” in the Rosarito/Ensenada area:

Rosarito Town Crier: www.rosaritotowncrier.com contact: anne@rosaritotowncrier.com

Baja & Beyond: contact: BajamarAndBeyond@aol.com

They are free to subscribe so sign up online or email them. Since there are posts daily from both sites, you may want to direct them to a special mail box to have available when you need them.

My favorite recent article from Baja & Beyond was the picture of the bobcat sitting in the sand trap at the Bajamar golf course. Apparently, he was watching some of the local rabbits with great interest. Who'd imagine that there are bobcats around here?

Both of these sites have had a lot of information about Baja, in general, and also have carried quite a few articles that counteract all the negative press that Mexico has been getting.

Our neighbors Tony Brogdon and Marcia Gershenbaum are particularly active in promoting the positive side of Baja.

Check out their articles at:

<http://www.ftthcap-seoul2010.org/perception-of-baja-california-mexico.htm> and <http://www.bajatimes.com/columnsDetail.asp?sid=2768> and his company at: <http://www.groundfloortechnology.com/home>

The Baja segment of a new travel show features La Mision, La Fonda, Puerto Nuevo, El Salto, and other hidden treasures of Baja!

Seen at www.FreshTraveler.com/Baja, the upbeat show dispels myths about Baja. It was created by travel-host Patricia Serrano and MTV docu-reality producer Brandon Li who recently teamed up with La Mision Film Producer Arthur Kanegis. As field producer, Arthur arranged for the crew to go off the beaten path for a fresh, irreverent and humorous look at Baja.

While the show includes cool video of flying in an utralight, before you go hopping aboard, Arthur wanted me to add a somber footnote. The Freshtraveler video crew captured the very final interview with La Salina's Bob Armond, who was piloting an utralight when it crashed. In his interview he radiates a zest for life. It's clear that he died living on the edge just as he wanted to do:

[In Memory of Bob Armond FreshTraveler Interview](#)

This article on Tijuana really made me want to get lost in Tijuana and experience all that she has to offer: <http://www.nypost.com/p/entertainment/travel/thenewtijuanacoolPYIFsMdE8ssg72RrmqAiHK#ixzz1VK0TVIj6>

Also check out The Osio Report: <http://www.osioreport.com>

Those of us that live here in Mexico feel as if the US media has been pretty biased against Mexico. I thought this article about the war on drugs was especially eye-opening: <http://www.narconews.com/Issue67/article4481.html>

That said, it's only fair that I include what CNN Travel recently had to say about Mexico: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/TRAVEL/05/06/opinion.mexico.travel/index.html?hpt=Sbin>

And to make Mexico even more inviting as a getaway, here are a couple of articles about making it easier to get back to the US: A new SENTRI office in San Ysidro has been really helpful to a number of people, including Arthur (my husband). While the online Otay Mesa SENTRI couldn't schedule him any sooner than two months after his card expired, the San Ysidro office was able to schedule him in only a week. Just walk-in to talk to them – it's south of the Jack-in-the-Box and MacDonal'd's at the San Ysidro border crossing. Their hours are short but the service is great: <http://www.sandiegored.com/noticias/6822/New-SENTRI-office-opens-in-San-Ysidro/>

And speaking of improvements to the problem of border crossing, check out the information on the new Ready Lanes at Otay Mesa: <http://www.sandiegored.com/noticias/17011/U-S-expands-to-five-Ready-Lanes-at-Otay-Mesa/>

I saved the best link for last. Steve Eckert forwarded this YouTube video about a rescue of a humpback whale in the Sea of Cortez. Very touching and most amazing that someone thought to keep a camera on the entire time: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EBYPicSD490>

So that's the scoop in La Mision...just one more thing...Ensenada has recycling bins for paper, glass, aluminum, cardboard and plastic just on the right shoulder before you go through the northbound toll booths. And, of course, all wine bottles can be dropped off at our house...empty or full.

