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Owner of Escrow Co. Still At Large

■ And so is the money. Prospects for justice dim

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America Alvarez, owner of Escrow Services in Cabo and even electricity, phone and water bills. The money remained at large at press time. She is being sought in several clients and never

closed company, and have also helped some of them file legal complaints at the Ministerio Publico office (sort of a D.A. office).

Alvarez's boyfriend Leonardo Mijares stayed behind in Cabo after her hasty departure and claimed to want to help the victims. He then told MLS President Norman Rosenblatt that he

Among things you'll never hear a woman say: 'My, what an attractive scrotum!'

was leaving town but would be back on November 20th. If he is back, he is not answering his phone at press time.

The MLS association said they would release a statement to be printed here, but did not do so by press time. AMPI has remained totally detached from this brouhaha.

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downtown San Jose the hot spot of the moment is Shooters located on the roof of the Tulip Tree restaurant which features a band and prices no Canadian can resist. Dollar beers! Then in the old town section,

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connection with about \$750,000 in escrow and miscellaneous closing fees missing from her custody.

Alvarez worked for Lulu Jacobsen of Coldwell Banker who also left Cabo under similar circumstances, although Jacobsen was more successful, with her loot allegedly hitting the \$3 million mark.

The loot was comprised of property purchase money, fideicomiso (bank trust) renewals, title search fees

made it to its legal recipients. Both the Los Cabos multilist service (MLS) and the local association of real estate brokers, known as AMPI for their Spanish name, have decided not to act as associations in the legal pursuit of America Alvarez. They site the danger of becoming co-responsible and entangled in the legal claims. However, some individual brokers have actively tried to help clients retrieve their files from the now defunct and

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side walks a bit later these days and keeping locals off the road to Cabo. The popular Havana Club on the fourlane in San Jose across from Costa Azul is open again for the season, featuring their usual great live music and food menu at dinner time. Interesting menu, by the way. And a great people meeting place as all the locals are there night after night. In

Rawhide continues to pack them in with their house band and sushi. We're still trying to figure out how the cowboy theme fits with raw fish, but oh well.



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Dorian's opens second store. Right next to the new movie theaters at the Soriana's shopping mall on the fourlane to Cabo San Lucas, the latest \$4 million addition to the popular

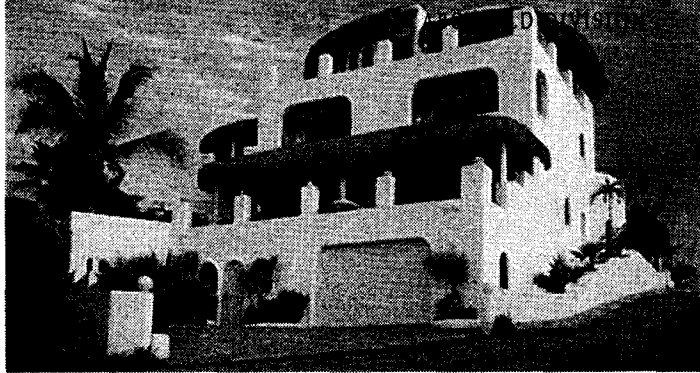
Canadian time share salesman Ian Montgomery, who is his partner and landlord. Ian then passed over day to day operations to his long time girlfriend Patty who's thrown out the menu of affordable and tasty treats like their chimichanga, that may have been the best in town, in favor of higher priced items like coconut shrimp and surf n' turf. Rumors of price fixing with neighbor Baja Cantina continue to concern locals.

Next hot spot. Yeah, we keep hearing about Loreto being the next hot spot in Mexico but there's life outside of Baja, and there's some serious real estate life on the 80 mile stretch of highway between Cancun and Tulum on the Caribbean coast. Since the highway has been completed, it's been booming. Local Realtor *continued on page 16*

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