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Harboring criminals

There is a large commercial loading dock in the harbor there, and while I was grabbing some lunch, the Moores noticed a boat dumping fish waste and carcasses into the water.

Mullet can be finicky eaters in natural environments, where they typically operate as filter feeders, but in human-influenced environments, the opportunistic omnivores will eat anything — including fish scraps.

Dozens of mullet swarmed the surface, chomping at the bounty as I returned from my lunch. I noticed the boys trying to entice the mullet and quickly followed suit, tying on a fluorocarbon leader, a light hook and baiting it with a piece of shrimp about the size of a blueberry.

Braeden, Carson and I all landed striped mullet (a fish found all over the world that I'd caught plenty of times before),



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This mural combines Mexican culture, mermaids, and the vaquita, one of the smallest cetaceans (dolphins) in the world, a creature on the brink of extinction due to commercial fishing nets.

and while Chris tried to catch his own, I ran back to the car and grabbed my fly rod. The next 20 minutes were spent flailing

with a light white streamer and hoping to hook a mullet on the fly. As the food scraps thinned out, so did the mullet, which

meant me long-casting farther and farther out from the loading dock to the fish feeding some 15 feet below me. My backcast hooked a loading crane and several cables which I felt justified a fish, but it never happened.

A police officer came and told us to leave, pointing to the "Prohibido Pescar" signs all around us. The dock workers said they were done for the day and didn't mind, so we'd swooped at the opportunity, and now it was coming back to bite us.

Though Carson and I hadn't puked like Braeden or Chris, I'm sure we'd all looked a little green on the boat. Thankfully, putting the green in gringo helped us out, and he let us off with a warning. Are rumors of police corruption in Mexico exaggerated? Perhaps, but there's no way one weekend was enough time to decide, so I guess I'll have to go back.

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You can see how that on this foamless gun case that I can lay 2 inches of clothes on top and bottom of the canvas gun case. Also notice the washers on the third lock from the left.

FIREARMS

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Ammo

What about ammo? Some airlines say ammo has to be in the original container but here is an excerpt from the TSA website:

• Small arms ammunition (up to .75 caliber and shotgun shells of any gauge) must be packaged in a fiber (such as cardboard), wood, plastic, or metal box specifically designed to carry ammunition and declared to your airline.

• Ammunition may be transported in the same hard-sided, locked case as a firearm if it has been packed as described above. You cannot use firearm magazines or clips for packing ammunition unless they completely enclose the ammunition. Firearm magazines and ammuni-

tion clips, whether loaded or empty, must be boxed or included within a hard-sided, locked case.

• Please check with your airline for quantity limits for ammunition.

You can carry your ammo in the original box but over time, a factory cardboard box starts to deteriorate. I just discovered some lightweight plastic containers called Ammo Buddy made by Clamtainer. That's what I use now. They're also great to carry extra ammo while backpacking or packing into elk camp. I would classify them as somewhat water resistant, at least as compared to a factory cardboard box.

As far as I can tell TSA doesn't limit you on how much ammo you can carry but airlines seem to set their own limits. Delta allows up to 11 pounds and in the past United has told me they allow 10 pounds.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY by Stella Wilder

Born today, you are honest, straightforward, hardworking, diligent and always on the lookout for an opportunity to prove yourself to others -- mentally or physically. You have been endowed with a quick mind and a strong body, and you are never more content than when you are able to use both in conjunction to get something you want, solve a problem for yourself or another or simply show off to someone who might be impressed by you.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) -- You needn't be at the center of the action today to influence events -- but not everything is likely to turn out to your liking.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- It's time to promote your latest idea, but in order to ensure that your efforts are paying off you'll want to enlist the help of a new partner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You're in no mood to do nothing today, and fortunately you can fill your day with all manner of activities that feed your mind -- and soul.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Your personal evolution will continue today in a surprising fashion. What happens is a result of paying too much attention -- and not enough.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You may think that circumstances are conspiring against you, but you are facing much better odds than your closest competitor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Those who share your interests will seem to come out of the woodwork today, and you may have your hands full steering them in the right direction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You can expect your work to come under some scrutiny today, and you must take care that criticism doesn't make you defensive. Listen and learn!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- You'll learn a

great deal today by getting your hands dirty. There's only so much you can learn by watching others do what you want to do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- You may have to say something more than once today -- even, perhaps, three or four times -- before the message sinks in. Be patient!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- You're on the verge of making a big discovery that can increase your own productivity considerably. Feel free to share with others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You are likely to have precious spare time today, so you'll want to fill it with something that is truly restorative -- or not at all!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- You may have to go around in circles today before you are finally free to head off in the direction of your choosing. Some sparks may fly.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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