Need To Phone The Cops?
There’s an app for that

BY DICK FITZWELL

Hopefully you haven’t been there yet. And hopefully you never will be. But if you need to call the police and can’t speak Spanish, this is the app for you. Or, if you’re feeling a little bit apprehensive about living here, this is the app for you. Or if you think your concrete house is going to burn down this is the app for you.

This application was created by two partners who share a combined 25 years of online experience running a major network dedicated to US veterans, giving them the perfect skill set. They built the app due to the lack of English speaking 911 operators here in Mexico. Some states and cities have a part time operator who speaks some English, but...

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The stunning victory of the Morena Party in the election last July also led to sweeping changes in our state, and Los Cabos electing our first woman mayor.

During a press conference given by new Los Cabos Mayor Armida Castro, Ms. Castro got pissy with the press when asked questions about allowing Uber into Cabo, and about the complaint filed by her husband against the city for wrongful termination. Ms. Castro cut the interview short, and that was that.

“Must be the season, because in outgoing Mayor Arturo de la Rosa’s last speech, which went on for two hours, he showed a lot of anger. Might be just a sore loser, as he came in a distant third in his bid for reelection. After his two hour harangue before a crowd bused in for the occasion, he also stalked off.

“The issue of transportation is a state issue, we will do our part with what pertains to us, once we are in office, thank you, see you later,” she said the new mayor before abruptly leaving. In a second interview, when asked about her husband’s lawsuit, she said, “I already gave you (that) interview,” avoiding the question. “My husband does not have any demands, and I make it clear to you once and for all, do you let me speak? You are asking me,” she answered then cut off the interview and left.

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Instructions To Those Burgled. There has been a recent rash of burglaries recently. Honcho of the National Chamber of Commerce, Services and Tourism (Canaco), would like us to remind our readers that if nobody goes down to the police station to swear out a complaint against someone who is miraculously caught, then that person must be released.

So, to end this catch and release, don’t forget to go down and identify the bad hombre. A lot of times Gringo victims don’t do this because they don’t understand they need to, and they don’t understand the police when they’re told to follow up. You don’t need Spanish to go down to the police station and point.

Restaurant week. Several restaurants in San Jose have decided to attract more locals and tourists by offering special priced menus. From October 13 to 20, they will showcase $30 fixed menus in conjunction with special events. For more information look up: www.sanjosedeclarorestaurantweek.com

We got a winner! The Conde Nast Traveler magazine just revealed its 100 Best Travel Awards for the year. Guess what? We’re in! The winner of the Best Caribbean & American Hotel is... (drum roll here): The One&Only Palmilla, followed by the Eden Rock – St Barths. But who cares about St Barths?

More flights for Cabo. The state’s secretariat of tourism stated last week that between the last quarter of this year and early next year, nine new airline routes to Los Cabos will be operating. New flights are from St. Louis, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Ottawa and Kelowna as well as Chicago and Las Vegas. Mexico’s Volaris airline will also add flights from Chihuahua and Guanajuato. Hey, we like Mexican tourists, too.

Trees for Todos Santos. A city government program to reforest both ends of the malecon, with Nicolas Mendez, thanks to efforts by local other state.

Bathrooms are coming. The state’s ministry of urban planning (yes, Virginia, there is such an agency in Mexico, it’s just that nobody pays any attention to them), will build three public bathrooms along the La Paz malecon, at a cost of nearly 180 grand. They will be located at both ends of the malecon, with one in the middle. At that price, we expect high end bathrooms, maybe even a Jacuzzi in each one. Ja! Soap, towels and toilet paper will be included. This is like deploying a nice new garbage cans: Nobody ever picks up the garbage.

Sign up now. For the 6th year 700 competitors will run/bike/swim in the Ironman Los Cabos on Sunday, November 4 starting at the Palmilla beach. 1200 competitors are expected to clog up our streets. If interested, you may still sign up to run your ass off at: www.ironmanmexico.com.

It’s baack. The open air gold mining project known as Los Cardones is still threshing around out there trying to get permits, fighting serious opposition from our Southern Baja citizens.

Jorge Diaz, representing the Salinas group, owners of the mining project, is still claiming his corporation will get the approval from Semarnat, Mexico’s environmental agency. The Salinas group is a powerful one, which owns TV Azteca, Mexico’s second large telecommunications company, and the Elektra stores and many more companies, so don’t count them out.

Diaz repeatedly points out that the mine will create 2,000 new jobs, millions in taxes and promises a $250 million investment in a protective dome and a water desalination plant. He also states that this project will “respect” the environment and will have tight supervision. In Mexico? Tight pay offs maybe. Tight supervision? No way.

The project expects to produce 100,000 ounces of gold a year and, in order to get the proper permits, it is negotiating with the state’s university (UABCS), the Northwest Center for Biology research and the biologists’ association of Mexico. Hmmm... today gold is going for just under $1200 per ounce. That’s $120 million a year. We want more of that money spread around the Baja. More permits, more developer fees.

“Several groups,” Diaz said, “are genuinely interested and ready to listen, to our plan, while CONTINUED ON PAGE 7
By Dr. Dickie

PRMedica has been a pioneer in presenting stem cell therapy in San Jose. They became well known from free informational seminars produced last winter that attracted hundreds of people. They were able to turn those numbers into a decent crowd of people who signed up for what could loosely be called stem cell treatments. Actually they could more accurately be called PRP treatments, (platelet rich therapy), where your own blood is drawn out, whirled around until the platelets in the blood are concentrated, then injected back in. With more platelets concentrated in less blood, your healing time is shortened.

But now PRMedica is presenting real stem cell treatments, according to Dr. Scarlett Galina. PRMedica is now using stem cells that are taken from the placenta produced when a baby is born, when the cells are so young they can be accepted by an adult’s system as their own. These cells have an amazing ability to share their new life with us old people.

All stem cells in Mexico are harvested in a specialized lab in Guadalajara, flown over here over night in an Igloo like cooler just like donated organs are flown around, and infused into the arms of the recipients. PRMedica is injecting these cells into joints as so many stem cell practitioners are doing, but their second clinic, this one on the top floor of Blue Net Hospital, is all about looking rejuvenated and preventative solutions.

“This season they will be giving regenerative packages on a scope that only a global medical tourism company would attempt,” Dr. Galina tells us. “We book everything, from flying the clients down, providing private and personal transportation while they’re here, booking them into a five star ocean front hotel, and when they’re finished with a five day course of pampering, they go back home looking more ‘rested’ than any beach holiday could ever attain.” Very young, immature stem cells injected into the face can do an amazing job of rejuvenating the appearance, through fibroblasts that release your collagen, we’re assured. Packages start at around $5000 USD, and this includes a spa day for the patient and companion.

Another package, completely different, but still using PRMedica’s knowledge of stem cells, is for people who have no specific complaint, but who want to feel tip top. You can feel on top of the world again. “Our patients can feel like the age of their new stem cells, almost like kids again,” she says.

We learned stem cells can give you an energy boost, an improved mood, relief of pain, improvement in circulation, better skin and hair appearance, and better response to medical treatments. These packages start at about the same price, and as with all packages, there is a price for locals who don’t need flight or hotel. So, maybe we should all be taking advantage of the miracles of modern medicine? After all, most of us can remember when we were marveling at many of the miraculous procedures we now take for granted. Maybe this is just one more step towards living forever.

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you need to get real lucky to find one when you need one. There are other states that don’t even pretend to have any English speaking operators. This is a big problem if you are facing a life threatening situation and are unable to explain what type of emergency responder you need. Or, how about your address? How do you explain that? Around the corner and a half a block up from the Corona sign? Which Corona sign would that be? The yellow one? Ha ha. Yeah, right. We suggest you have a plan. If this app is on your phone and you’ve paid your dues, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week you have help.

The application was built on GPS technology which allows them to know where you are an to report your emergency to them and they will intercede with the appropriate help from the nearest first responder. The GPS takes

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Outgoing mayor Arturo de la Rosa and incoming mayor Armida Castro, probably taken before Castro clobbered de la Rosa at the polls. He came in third and left Cabo with a two hour speech that was pretty much a bitch session, which the new Ms. Mayor ended up cheering and applauding after mercilessly beating up on him during the campaign.

Last July, when she was still running for office, she said her administration would not allow Uber in, saying she was not in cahoots with the taxistas, but she has to “give support to Cabo’s families.”

“Definitely not, we have to give support to the families Cabeñas. (Cabo families). We do not have any support of the digital platforms, we have support of those who currently work transport responsibly here, they are families Cabeñas and that’s what I said in the campaign.” So there.

Uber company officials have publicly stated their intention to start operating in Los Cabos, through its communication manager Saúl Crespo, since last November. They have announced that this spring break more than 10,000 tourists requested the service through their US based app.

Ms. Castro said she did not have knowledge of any proposal by the international company. Maybe that’s because Uber officials know it’s not her decision, that’s on the state level.

“The quality is different, however we do not have any proposal. We believe it it depends a lot on the demand, what may be generated by the fact that it is convenient or not convenient. At the moment we do not we have a study. So far we have no application and no intention, what we do have is a current transportation agency that we need to professionalize; to work with them,” she said. Well, the acknowledgement that we need to professionalize the taxi drivers is a good start.

And like every politician before her, Armida Castro commented in a Cabo Mil radio interview that an important city issue is that of safety and for that reason, she said, she will work in coordination with the Secretariat of the Navy. The Navy is responsible for public safety in Southern Baja, and she did not mention her city police who have been yanked from authority in order to install the sailors. Well, in all fairness, at that time the city and their police were not hers yet.

She also addressed the issue of drinking water, saying she will not support a new desalination plant because the city doesn’t need more debt, and she is told by specialists it’s more economical to get the current plant to work at 100 percent. The previous administration believed if it were hitting on all cylinders, it still wouldn’t be enough, but the first plant was never working well, limping along while chronically “needing parts”. That plant was built by a Spanish company and apparently parts would have to come over on CONTINUED ON PAGE 10
You can’t make this stuff up.

Three people were struck and killed by a runaway truck whose brakes failed while they were helping themselves to the cargo aboard another truck, whose brakes had also failed. This all went down on a big highway on the mainland.

Passersby saw an opportunity after the first truck was stuck on a runaway truck ramp on a section of the highway in Veracruz. They broke into the trailer and began stealing its cargo of cleaning supplies. But minutes later a second runaway truck knocked over three of the looters like they were bowling pins.

Fake New. Four people were killed in a fake hysteria whipped up on social media. A fake message circulating on Facebook and Twitter and the messaging service WhatsApp, alerted people in several states that a wave of kidnappings was taking place. The gist of many messages was “don’t leave your kids alone, there’s a band of child snatchers within our midst.”

Some messages claimed that children are being abducted by organ-trafficking rings while others called for vigilante justice for anyone believed guilty of the crime. And that’s exactly what happened in two towns on consecutive days last week.

First an uncle and his nephew were killed by an angry mob, then a man and a woman were killed in the same way the next day. Both were burned alive. In both cases, the prosecutor’s offices said there was no evidence that the victims had committed any crime. Authorities also issued statements declaring that child abduction rings were operating in each state are false, and urged citizens not to spread such information.

Authorities in other states where the same fake news has flourished — Yucatán, Durango, Jalisco and Sinaloa — have issued similar statements of their own.

The mother of 21-year-old Ricardo Flores Rodríguez, who was a farmworker and a law student at a university in Veracruz, blamed the mayor of Acatlán de Osorio, because the two men were taken by force from municipal police before they were tied up, doused with gasoline and set on fire.

“We reproach and condemn [the serving of] justice by one’s own hands cannot prosecute presumably illegal behavior by seeking to serve justice with our own hands. We have to recognize that there is an institutional weakness in the procurement of justice but that must not be substituted by justice... CONTINUED ON PAGE 11
Goodbye Frida and Diego
We have a new 500 peso bill

BY BILL FOLDES

After 8 years of seeing Frida and Diego on the 500 peso note, Banxico, (the Mexican Treasury,) is retiring the not too photogenic couple and replacing them with, drum roll, a collage of Mexican cultural images on one side, and a tribute to the most wonderful state in the Republic on the other side! Baja California Sur!

That’s our state, Bunky. The bill entered circulation last week, is a very pretty blue, and is the first in a new family of bills “That pay homage to our historical identity and natural heritage,” according to a video introducing the new look. “The ecosystem of coasts, seas, islands and the gray whale and the historic process of La Reforma(a 19th-century liberal reform) and the restoration of the republic” feature together on the new bill. OK, so the announcement didn’t say explicitly that it’s our state, but just look at the picture. That’s us. No doubt.

The change was made because the 500 peso note is the most widely circulated and most counterfeited denomination. The new bill features security measures including fluorescent ink, a squiggly thread, embossing you can feel, a watermark, and a multicolor doohickey.

The old 500 peso bill is being phased out and the new, more counterfeit resistant notes, are being phased in. Who knows when they will make their way to us, as we’re on the frontera here on the peninsula and late to get everything.
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other species show an attitude of intolerance.” He added that some organizations like Niparajá, Pronaturaleza, and the Latin American - first marine species rescue center in La Paz, where injured or ailing dolphins, sea turtles and sea lions will be taken care of.

The 8,000 sq. ft. construction will cost some $2 million and will be based in the state's university unit located in Pichilingue and will be tended by experts from the state’s whale and ocean science museum, the state university’s (UABCS), the Marine Megafauna Service (Semarnat), and the Marine Megafauna Racing and Natural Resources Commission (MMARES), plus the federal government.

The center will feature four pools, two water filters, a controlled temperature area, and air conditioning.

The project is viable because Mexico’s ministry of the environment and natural resources (Sernanaiz) certified the UABCS to receive wildlife from other states. The center will also be able to receive, rescue and rehabilitate other species of wildlife.

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its feed from your phone. You do need a cell signal or wifi. You also must have mobile data on your phone in order for GPS to work. This means that if you are covered even when not in your home. If you have a car accident and report the emergency, they can send emergency services to your location. There is support for both Android and iPhone.

The application is simple to use. There are three emergency buttons that you can push once inside the app, one for police, one for ambulance, and one for fire. When you click which emergency you're having, you can then add a message as well. This message and alert will be received by the app team and they promise to call you immediately to ask for any additional details. Then they will call 911 on your behalf and report your emergency. Once they have checked in with the first responders, they will then contact your family back home in the US or Canada. They will also call any neighbors, family, loved ones and others who you have in your predetermined contacts to let them know about your situation.

On your profile page, you will be able to fill out contact forms. You are allowed to fill in three contacts here in Mexico, and one contact from the United States or Canada. As in your next of kin. After your emergency has been reported to 911, they will immediately start calling these next of kins. If your neighbors are your contacts, maybe they will jump over your back fence and start firing with their Uzi. Or their garden hose if your house is burning down. OK, well, realistically, they can come over to hold your hand while you’re waiting for emergency services to arrive. They should bring sandwiches, because as we all know, those emergency services do not hurry; they amble out if they come at all. Hey, but if you don’t try to contact them, you know they won’t come.

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Every Monday. 8:30 am. Pickleball in San Jose. Contact ronaldangtong@gmail.com for information.

Every Tuesday. 8:00 am. Rotary Club at the Sheraton Hacienda del Mar resort. In the Chapel. RSVP: 172-0099 or 172-0010

Every Tuesday. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Liga MAC’s used bookstore and thrift shop. El Charimel (Paseo de Los Marinos Street, almost on the corner of Calle Goleta) in San Jose. Jose runs through until April.

Every Tuesday and Saturday. 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. La Paz organic market. Postal Park, Constitution and Madero streets. Free.

Every Tuesday. 6:00 pm. Music Mexico Tuesdays. Downtown San Jose. Live music, mariachi band, and artisans.

Every Wednesday. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. At La Esquina in Todos Santos. Organic eggs, honey, locally made jewelry and beauty products, traditional baskets and more! Info: marinamdelmar@gmail.com, facebook.com/laesquinas.

Every Wednesday. 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Bike ride in San Jose. Free if you bring your own bike or rent from Sportia bike store. Form up at Plaza del Pescador in San Jose, across from the Royal Solaris hotel at 7:45 pm. Call (624) 1130-7159 or email info@sportia.mx for information.

Every Wednesday. 5:00 to 10:00 pm. Art Day. Art, paint- ings, books, live music. At El Merkado, in the Koral Center in Cerro Colorado.

Every Wednesday. 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Art classes at the Palapa Society campus in Todos Santos. Every Wednesday. Classes are free to children ages 6 and up, class size is limited to 16 students.

Every Wednesday. 5:00 to 6:00 pm. “Vino Con Elena,” a weekly book club featuring the works of author Elena Poniatowska. At Los Adobes restaurant in Todos Santos.

First Thursday. 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. YoReciclo sets up tents to receive clear glass bottles, metals, plastics (except Styro-foam), thick cardboard, computer equipment (except monitors), small home appliances (except TV’s of all kinds), cellphones and accessories, edible vegetable oil, ink cartridges and toners of HP, Samsung and Xerox only, please. In San Jose at Centenario corner with Ildefonso Green. In Cabo San Lucas at the parking lot of the baseball stadium. Email info@yoreciclo.org.mx for more information.

Every Thursday. 8:00 am. Rotary Club breakfast. At the Playa Grande Resort, above the Sports Bar, Cabo San Lucas.

Every Thursday. 12:00 to 8:00 pm. Artisans Market at Maco Merkado, the Koral Center in Todos Santos. There are handicrafts, books, critters and eggs, liqueurs and virgin honey, as well as handicrafts such as furniture made with regional woods, leather goods and clay pottery all made by ranchers’ hands.

Every Thursday. 5:00 to 11:00 pm. Artistic Market at Maco Raspado (Vegetarian restaurant). On the road to the Hacienda Beach Resort (behind the Puerto Paraiso mall), across from the Marina Fiesta hotel.

Every Thursday. 5:00 to 11:00 pm. After Office. Live music and special promotions. At El Merkado, the Koral Center in Cerro Colorado.

Every Thursday. 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Art Walk. Visit different galleries; many serve free wine. Art district in downtown San Jose.

Every other Thursday. You guess which one. Los Cabos Tomatoes, ladies’ social group. All women who aspire to be a tomato are welcome. Email loscabostomatoes@gmail.com for more information.

Every Friday. 5:00 to 10:00 pm. Los Cabos Products. Sale of products made in Los Cabos by residents from the rural areas. Fresh produce, jams, sweets, arts and crafts and furniture. At the main plaza in downtown Cabo on Hidalgo street, two blocks up from the Tesoro hotel.

Every Friday. 6:00 pm. Trivia Night. Todos Santos Brewing. English and Spanish with short rounds and prizes available each round, Alvaro Obregón (between Militar & Rangel). Facebook @TodosSantosBrewing. Ph 612-1452023 or email info@todos- santosbrewing.mx.

Every Friday. 11:00 a.m. Al-Anon Family Group. Next to Cal- vary Chapel Corner of Degollado and Margarita Maza de Juarez in San Jose. Call 624-165-3333 for more information.

Every Friday. 5:00 to 11:00 pm. Mexican Friday. Live music and special promotions. At El Merkado, the Koral Center in Cerro Colorado.

Every Saturday. 7:00 am to 12:30 pm. The Organic Market at Pedregal. Fresh, organic pro- duce, coffee, fish, seafood, eggs, whole lambs, (Little Bo Peep!) and delicious food. Alvaro Obregón street (between Militar & Rangel). Facebook @TodosSantosBrewing. Ph 612-1452023 or email info@todossantosbrewing.mx.

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Every Sunday. 7:00 to 11:00 am. Bicycle, walk, skate or drag your pet around downtown Cabo. The main drag in Cabo, San Lucas closes to vehicular traffic. Great opportunity to exercise and mingle with local families. Each week a different activity, like spinning, aerobics, zumba lessons. Email clubcactusbike@gmail.com for information.

Every Sunday. 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Sunday in the park. Secured dog park. Open to the public. Providing a safe location to enjoy your dog off leash. Visit www.cabok9corral.com for information.

October 14-18 The Los Cabos Billfish Tournament returns for its eighth-anniversary tournament. This is a free competition for visiting anglers where, instead of an entry fee, participants book a local fishing charter and the crew provides the expertise, experience and tackle needed to compete. The tournament is designed to be stress-free and requires little preparation from participants.

To get your event listed here, email the details to davi@davgringogazette.com. There is no charge. And, if an event we list here does not go off when stated, please don’t shoot the messenger, this is Mexico, and every event is, well, fluid.

November 4. Sunday. 7:00 am – 5:00 pm. Ironman 70.3 Los Cabos 2018. More information soon, but roads will be closed, best don’t fly in or out on that day. Follow: www.ironman.com

November 7-10 20th Annual Los Cabos Tuna Jackpot. Information: www.loscabostunajackpot.com

November 13-16 Los Cabos Big Game Charter Boat Classic returns forits-anniversary tournament. This is a free competition for visiting anglers where, instead of an entry fee, participants book a local fishing charter and the crew provides the expertise, experience and tackle needed to compete. The tournament is designed to be stress-free and requires little preparation from participants.

November 17. Saturday. 13th Annual Dressed to the K’s, “Giltz & Glam” 5:30 to 11:00 pm. At the Sheraton Grande, Cabo San Lucas. To benefit The Los Cabos Humane Society. www.loscaboshumanesociety.com

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Community Reading Lounges

At AMELIA WILKES PLAZA Main plaza downtown CSL.

Every Saturday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Herman Ita de Ysabela Reading club has a different book to read and comment. Saturdays starting April 9. Spanish mostly. Book donations are welcome. More info and special activities with Nixania email: todosomoselotro@gmail.com Free.

At PLAZA COTA

From Monday to Friday. From 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. Reading Club. Books available to all. Lazarro Cardenas one block before to the main park in Cabo San Lucas. Spanish and some in English. Free.

At HOLLYDANCE CAFE. Leona Vicario St. And 12 de Octubre St, 2nd Floor, downtown Cabo.

Every Tuesday from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Tutomundos Reading Club. Spanish mostly. More info and special activities on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/saladetractortutomundos/timeline

At KINESIS GYM. El Chamillo barrio near the Convention Center.

From Monday to Friday. From 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. La Maroma Reading club. Books available. More info and special activities on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Sala-de-leitura-La-Mar%C3%A1n-kines-Fabuladanza-69139797638083/timeline

At LA CIRCO. Libroteka Reading Club.

From Monday to Friday. From 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Books available and circus drama style reading on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. More info with Sara Flores on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/LaCirco.57789703555373/timeline

Calendar of Performing Arts

September 17, Monday. 8:00 pm. Nicho Hinojos a in concert. Romantic ballad concert to benefit San Vicente de Paul Nursing Home. City Theater. Downtown La Paz. Tickets and info at the San Vicente Nursing Home: 612 122 0602.


September 24, Monday. 7:00 pm. The Pharaoh’s Daughter. From the original choreography presented by the Petipa Ballet of Spain. City Theater. Downtown La Paz. Tickets at the entrance.


November 16, Friday. 8:00 pm. Carmina Burana, from Carl Orff. Presented by Rotary club La Paz Los Cabos. To Benefit The Prof. Francisco Moreno Cota Children’s Shelter in Todos Santos. Spanish. Free. City Theater. Downtown La Paz.

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September 22, Saturday. 6:00 pm. Art and Meditation. Art exhibition, meditation class and vegan food tasting. Guided by master Gour Govinda Das. It’s pictures on the wall, quiet meditation, and food. No food for Spanish, which is good, because there’s no English at this event. Donations welcome. More info yogazantory@hotmail.com. Downtown Los Cabos. Golden Palace Plaza. The big mall across the stop light in front the Red Cross and gas station. Cabo San Lucas.
Taxi Drivers Protest Uber
Again. Never hurts to do that too many times

BY FARAH WAY

Taxi drivers are pissed off at Uber again. On the morning of Friday, August 24th, a group of taxi drivers, from two groups, used their cabs to protest and block traffic in La Paz. The protesters started at 7:30 am at Colosio Boulevard, and went down Boulevard Forjadores to reach the Government Palace. That’s the State House. The capitol, but hardly a palace. (Half the time they don’t even cut the grass in the front yard).

Uber started operation legally in La Paz last November, and it is affecting local cab drivers, who are marching because they say Uber has taken between 70 and 80 percent of their business. Well, look inward, fellas!

Felicé Acevedo, a representative of the guild, said there are an equal number of Uber drivers and taxi drivers in the city and the competition is negatively affecting families who rely on their bread winner driving a taxi. Apparently to hell with the families whose bread winner captains his own ship, those who have turned the family car into a job.

There is a hope that the transport situation will be solved, but if city officials don’t ban ride hail services, expect more protests. So say the taxistas.

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an old Spanish sailing galleon. Or maybe that company never got paid? Surely they weren’t stupid enough to advance us credit.

In an interview broadcast on Facebook Live, Mayor Castro was questioned on the issue of poorly built shacks and citizens living in poverty and she responded that she was not aware of the exact number of poor families or how much land is being occupied by squatters.

“I can tell you that we have more than 9,000 citizens in extreme poverty and are located just in those irregular properties, (squatter camps), that you speak of. I can only tell you that in the case of Cabo San Lucas there is only one area that has more than 600 families. In San José there are about 400," she said. Adding that, “We have already been working on this for three months, before the campaign began. I commit myself to work for families who are in need and do the impossible every day.”

Another campaign promise made shortly after her election is, a promise to reduce salaries for Mayor, City Council members and Aldermen by 50%.” After her Mexico City meeting with the newly elected President of Mexico, Mayor Castro confirmed that current spending will be reduced by 30%, as part of the measures to adapt to President AMLO’s austerity plan. "We listened very attentively to the austerity program proposed by our President Elect, we are convinced that to achieve the real change proposed by the new national project, it will be of vital importance to reduce the operating cost of governments and that is why we join to this plan that López Obrador proposes to us today. In addition, in the first year of the new government, no new computer equipment or vehicles will be purchased and the number of drivers will be reduced.

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Local Developer In Trouble

Can’t pay the bills, can’t move forward

BY BILL DING

Portus Group has been around Cabo for many years. They started here by building a really good product, Ventanas individual free standing homes behind and above Costco. Their first phase sold well, and was maintained well. There was a clubhouse, community pool, and restaurant. First phase buyers were happy.

But Portus seems to have lost their way. The subsequent phases at Ventanas have been plagued with substandard workmanship and they aren’t even keeping the promises they made. The restaurant is shuttered and first phase maintenance is no longer affordable. The community pool, and restaurant, First phase buyers were happy.

Still, Portus plows ahead with new projects, like the condominums called Soleado in Cerritos, selling units while they’ve barely received down payments. The Yucatán, particularly at city points, suffers. It hurts the creditability of all developments, makes people afraid to put money down, and it shows that the Mexican judicial system is useless. There is no legal recourse here.

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Pisces Sportfishing Celebrates 40th Anniversary

BY GARY GRAHAM

With Pisces Sportfishing 40th anniversary on the horizon, the Ehrenberg family wanted to come up with a way to honor their captains, mates, office staff, reservation agents, dockmasters, and so many others who helped to create Pisces, the largest sportfishing operation in Cabo San Lucas.

Their solution reflected their management style which has served them well over the 40 years; the celebration would include an in-house sportfishing competition among the captains and boat owners sponsored by Pisces.

A true busman’s holiday, each of the boat crew was encouraged to invite their families, friends or even their owners to come aboard and observe and experience what the crews do all day, every day, for clients. This to be followed by a fiesta at the end of the day celebrating the winners and honoring the Pisces Sportfishing family.

The one-day affair would feature a flare-gun start, a full day of competitive fishing complete with a weigh-in, and would conclude with a huge dock party at Marina Del Rey Dock open to the public where the first Pisces trips had begun.

Almost all the boats in the Pisces fleet participated as crews and boat owners sponsored the crews to compete against each other in the first-ever Crew Tournament (probably the first of its kind, worldwide). The passion that had led them to careers in sportfishing was contagious, and every one of them enjoyed the fun of confronting the challenge of being considered “The Best in the Fleet!” without clients on board.

On September 9, at precisely 7:30 a.m. the 85-foot Contessa, with more than 20 office staff, former employees, and other guests aboard, marked the starting line as Marco and Tracy Ehrenberg together fired the flare, signaling the start as fleet boats ranging in size from 28 feet to 72 feet roared past them in search of the winning fish.

That afternoon, as the fleet began returning, more and more friends and family began gathering to observe the weigh-in. Ban

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That afternoon, as the fleet began returning, more and more friends and family began gathering to observe the weigh-in. Banner were strong, music played, fresh fish was served, and the crowd grew to well over 200. With hugs, laughter and tears, many people greeted one another, as they reminisced about how their lives had been influenced by Pisces and the Ehrenberg family. Regardless of the huge size of the crowd, it felt like an intimate family affair.

After the scales closed and the final winners were determined, continued on page 20.
We Host Rich & Famous
And some jailbirds, too

BY CHIP MUNK

Here is only one week of celebrity visitors. We seem pretty popular with stars, and yet we can’t get anybody to show up at our annual film festival. What’s up with that? We can’t get no respect.

Selenis Leyva, who plays Gloria Mendoza on the Netflix original series, “Orange is the New Black” and Belle on the series “Dietland,” were enjoying some time off at Le Blanc in Los Cabos. Leyva went on a private sail on the Sea of Cortez, and indulged in self-care at the resort’s spa.

Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas brought their love to Cabo. The Quantico star, 36, and the “Jealous” singer, 25, jetted here just two weeks after their families met in India. Chopra shared a snapshot of Jonas on her Instagram. She also posted a shot of our sunset. The ABC star and the Disney alum became engaged in July just weeks after they started dating. Hmmmm….. if anyone asks us, (not likely), we will say don’t.

Teresa Giudice, the Real Housewives of New Jersey star, age 46, shared a series of photos of her pretty amazing old body to Instagram Friday. Not bad for an old broad. So not bad that we think she spends about eight hours a day at the gym. You think we’re kidding? In June, Giudice competed in a bodybuilding competition and won third place.

“Taking in everything summer has to offer me!”, she wrote about her vacation in Cabo San Lucas. She didn’t add, “This sure beats being in prison in New Jersey.”

Teresa and husband Joe Giudice were charged with conspiracy to commit mail fraud, wire fraud, and bank fraud, making false statements on loan applications, and bankruptcy fraud in a 39 count indictment. Oh, and it slipped Joe’s mind to even file taxes in 2004 through 2008. She did a year in the slammer, now he’s currently “inside” for 41 months.

And then Lala Kent was here. The “Vanderpump Rules” star got engaged right here, to her Hollywood producer boyfriend, Randall Emmett, who put a ring on it Saturday night.

In video obtained by TMZ, you can see Randall and Lala inside the Mandala nightclub having champagne bottles with sparklers sent around the room. It’s a raucous scene, made even more so when Randall gets on the mic to say “… All you mother***** know when you fall in love, you turn into a bitch. And that’s what I am. I’ve fallen in love with Lala Kent.”

Can we say what happens in Cabo stays in Cabo? Not with us on the beat.
What’s Going On At The East Cape?

Still pretty much nothing. Oh, except for the Cryin’ Mayan mega resort finally under construction. That’s a big thing.

BY EDGAR GONZALEZ

We talked to Jim Hart, a Californian who has lived on the East Cape for longer than we’ve been going up there, which in itself is more than 20 years. Since 1986 he’s made his living as a Realtor, so he has a lot of inside scoop on what’s going on. He owns Vantage Realty.

What is the East Cape to you?

I have loved the East Cape since I was surfing in the 80s here. I loved it initially because it is so close to California and yet it’s like being on the moon. It was just a little thread on the road that would take you out on a loop. We would stop at the ranches to buy goat cheese or get help to fix a tire. You could get stranded for a day or two before somebody would pass by to help you. Camping on the beaches was always a huge attraction.

(That is mostly restricted now as barb wire fences have gone up seemingly everywhere, as land gets more expensive in a country with outrageous squatting rights.)

I’ve always wanted to see East Cape development happen in an organized manner. My concern for the future is big developments coming in and not being good stewards of the land and to the environment. We have the aquifers that thread down from the mountains and into these underground caverns along the coast line. And they are susceptible to being tainted primarily by the large communities we see sprouting up with timeshare and all inclusive hotels. The local community will not receive the rewards of all the people coming in, unlike in normal hotels where people go out and explore and spend.

My concern is for the people. What are they getting with all these people coming in. What’s the benefit? I see people only surviving. I don’t see people thriving with businesses, restaurants, gift shops, little places that you see in other parts of Mexico.

Have you seen any construction being done at the Grand Luxe Vidanta resort? (a Mayan Palace property)

The new road they built is a good example of what to expect.

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The Apostille
A "legalized" or "authenticated" document

BY LINDA NEIL

In order for a document from your own country to be accepted in Mexico, it must be a legalized or authenticated document. I.E. It must have an Apostille.

No matter what the document, it must be signed before a Notary Public in the county of your residence such as California, Arizona, Calgary, Vancouver....or wherever. Once signed before the Notary Public in the place of residence it must be legalized or authenticated in order to be considered as valid in Mexico.

This means that a designated public official performs a government act and certifies to the genuineness of the notary signature and the seal, and the position of the official who has executed, issued or certified a copy of a document. In the United States, that government entity is usually the Secretary of State of the State of your residence.

In 1981 the Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents entered into force in the United States. Under the convention, (signed in the Hague, Holland), signatory countries, including both the United States and Mexico, but not Canada, agreed to mutually recognize each other's 'public documents' so long as such documents are authenticated by an apostille, a form of internationally recognized notarization. The apostille ensures that public documents issued in one signatory country will be recognized as valid in another signatory country.

Thus, if the document required for a Mexican transaction has been notarized in the United States it must then be sent to the nearest office of the Secretary of State and an "Apostille" obtained. A search under state government in the yellow pages should reveal the telephone and location of the closest office of the Secretary of State. The document to be authenticated through an Apostille can probably be sent through the mail and should not cost more than $40.00 U.S. It is important to allow for extra time to accomplish this step.

Other countries that are signatories to the Hague Convention are, to name a few; Germany, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Spain, Israel, France, Greece and Norway.

All countries which are not signatories to the Hague Convention, such as Canada, must authenticate documents to be used in Mexico by obtaining a "legalization" or ratification of their document from the nearest Mexican Consulate. It maintains a list of authorized notaries with samples of their signatures and is able to ratify the authenticity of the notary's signature.

Many people object to the time involved and the additional step required to "authenticate" a signature for legal use in Mexico. It is less expensive and less time consuming, however, than making a special trip to Mexico in order to sign a document before a Mexican Notary.

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Well here I am again pondering why do I do what I do for a living! If you ever thought the life of a rental agent is easy; think again! Recently, I dealt with a client who asked me how do I do my job and not have ulcers? Now, that is a million-dollar question! This same client also caused me a lot of grief.

Cabo San Lucas and San Jose Del Cabo and all the places in between on the Corridor may be a large area, but we are actually a very small tight knit community of knowing who’s who. As a potential renter I suggest that you be on your best behavior as people know everyone and talk a lot here. Some of you may or may not have heard about the black list. If you made it on this list as a potential renter, good luck trying to rent something. We Realtors and rental agents have to look out for one another. It’s just the right thing to do. So, my dear renter if you have malice or bad intentions up your sleeve, please carry on somewhere else. Cabo San Lucas is my home and I have worked very hard to build my rental career here for 3 years.

When I first have contact with a potential client I have the client fill out a simple questionnaire to help me determine who they are and what they are wanting and needing. From here I will spend time getting to know that client. Most of the time this involves taking that client around Cabo and San Jose to see available properties for rent or for purchase. Please keep in mind that I work for and get paid by a commission and only if and when the deal goes thru. There is a ton of time spent with clients, setting up appointments, driving around to view properties using my own vehicle and gas, filling out and requesting paperwork, documents and negotiating, collecting deposits and helping the client move in and get settled.

Sometimes even a seasoned agent will find themselves working for a client that has no intention of renting and just wants a tour or is just not serious about committing to a rental agreement. This is so disappointing, as there is so much effort and energy expended. So dear potential rental client please make sure you check your motives and be true and honest so we can do our jobs with success and a feeling of gratitude that we have helped you. If you are not sure where you are at, be honest about that. It’s ok. You need to tell your agent as much as possible so we can do the best possible job for you and everyone else your deal is going to affect.


Life Of A Rental Agent
It can be tough if our clients make it so

BY NATALIE EVANIEW

Agent Profile
James Turner

James joins Engel & Völkers Snell Real Estate from the cold Ice Hockey Arenas of Ontario, Canada. Bringing a wealth of knowledge in the construction and sales industry, and a degree in Stock and Investment Trading, James is enthusiastic in working with his clients in their pursuit of owning their dream home.

His love of the Baja California Sur motivated him to settle in Los Cabos, the location he believes provides the perfect setting to make a home, while balancing the demands of business. James and his colleagues from the PI-ONEROS office in Centro Cabo San Lucas are all experts in their respective fields of real estate. Honored to be a part of the top real estate team in the Baja California Sur, and is dedicated, dependable and with integrity, you can be well assured James will do his utmost to help you find your piece of paradise! Contact James from Engel & Völkers at: (624)141-8067.

LEGAL ISSUES OF ROAD TRIP...
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period of time, the foreign individual must request a tourist visa or temporal business resident ID at the immigration office, so that they can give the authorization to stay for a timeframe of no longer than 180 days.

If the foreign individual is planning to stay more than 180 days in Mexico, they will need to obtain a temporal resident ID at the immigration office that will be granted for no more than 4 years, to which could be added the children of the temporary resident, the children of his or her spouse, his or her spouse, companion and parents.

Such Immigration documents must be obtained or the Immigration office could return the foreigner to his country for being in Mexico without a legal resident ID. The foreign individual is planning to extend the road trip to a non-border area, it will be necessary to request a foreign vehicle permit at Banjercito, (Mexican Army banks that are in Mexico and all over the country including some parts of the US), pay $56 US dollars for a 180 day road permit, and give a deposit of between $200 to $400 US dollars.

Such permit could be requested by internet, requesting an Immigration pre-authorization before 30 days of crossing into Mexico, and then requesting by internet the vehicle permit. Such permit will be given for no more than 180 days, depending on the Immigration permit.

Once the car comes back to the US, it is necessary to inform the Customs Authority about the return of the vehicle, in order to get back the deposit given to the Mexican Army Bank.

Be sure and enter Mexico, especially for extended periods of time, the right way! By Daniel Ruiz de la Peña Sandoval, who is a Tax and Corporate Mexican Attorney with more the 14 years of experience, Partner of Ruiz de la Peña y Asociados, S.C. Cel +52(664) 3-09-82-09 Office + 52 (664) 6840287, daniel@ruizdelapena.com.

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Financing / Refinancing Is Finally Here
Based on your Mexican property, not dependent on your equity at home

BY JOHN VERING

For a long time now, home financing has not been an option for U.S. citizens in Mexico – either for those seeking to buy property, or for those who already own existing properties.

Lacking this important financial option, Mexico has been an all-cash real estate market for American investors, with all of the complications and disadvantages that entails.

Potential home owners in Mexico, for instance, have been faced with the prospect of large cash commitments, thereby reducing their overall purchasing power. Existing property owners, too, have been affected, unable to leverage their equity for reinvestment opportunities in other areas.

These disadvantages – the above examples being the most notable among many – have not completely dissuaded U.S. citizens from buying real estate in Mexico. Indeed, interest and activity in the secondary home market has remained strong across the country, especially so in Los Cabos.

But the realities of an all-cash market have, traditionally, made buying real estate more difficult in Mexico; and, perhaps more importantly, have limited the pool of potential owners to those with particularly ample cash reserves.

Recently, however, this problematic situation has finally changed. Dramatically changed.

The big news – and for U.S. citizens very good news indeed – is that Global Mortgage has recently announced financing and refinancing opportunities for the Mexican real estate market.

After a long dry spell of “cash only” purchasing options, Global Mortgage is now offering fixed-rate 15 year mortgages, with full amortization, and the lowest interest rate available from any institutional lender in Mexico. As an added bonus, annual taxes, insurance, trust and HOA fees are all included in the monthly mortgage payments.

Windermere is proud to partner with Global Mortgage in this historic initiative, steering an improved, alternate path forward for both new and existing homeowners in Los Cabos.

Global Mortgage as a business grew out of the overwhelming need for U.S. citizens to have access to financing for residential homes located in Mexico. The company is a response to both continued market growth, and the problematic nature of the all-cash system which has long prevailed.

“With the Mexican second home market experiencing such rapid growth, buyers and existing homeowners need long-term financing solutions,” explains Matt Hainline, Founder and CEO of Global Mortgage. “We are here to help both buyers and current homeowners.”

The secondary home market is currently growing at a rate of 10 to 20 percent annually in Mexico, with Los Cabos contributing heavily to the robust growth figures.

Global Mortgage’s new 15 year fixed-rate mortgages allow U.S. citizens a unique opportunity to buy into one of the most exciting real estate markets in the world – a tropical paradise with year-round sunshine and a lower cost of living – and do so with a much more stable, investment-friendly alternative than ever before.

New buyers don’t have to tie up as much cash, thereby increasing their buying power and investment opportunities elsewhere. And existing owners can leverage their property value for money to reinvest.

It’s a win-win situation from a financing point of view, not to mention from a quality of life perspective.

In addition to the obvious charms like perfect weather and golden sand beaches, there are currently about 15,000 U.S. and British citizens living in Los Cabos, either seasonally or year-round. Cape cities Cabo San Lucas, San Jose del Cabo and the surrounding area thus not only offer stunning natural settings for secondary homes – with spectacular ocean views and access to world-class amenities, from championship level golf courses to big-game sportfishing and pampering spas – but also an existing community of people from similar backgrounds.

About Global Mortgage

One of the most exciting things about Global Mortgage is that its headquarters are in Los Cabos. So while it is true that the company’s financing solutions apply broadly to the entire Mexican real estate market, it is likewise true that there is maximum comfort and convenience for home buyers in Los Cabos.

Global currently employs 10 full-time employees at its office in San Jose del Cabo, a staff with extensive industry experience as a leader in loan products, escrow and settlement processes…including the most sophisticated proprietary loan system ever developed in Mexico for U.S. buyers.

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Daniel Has A Brain Tumor

Daniel Morales, 17, has a tumor which is pushing on his optic nerve and pressing on brain tissue. Daniel was first aware of this problem at age 10 and in 2012 he had surgery for the first time, however, the tumor grew back and now Daniel’s family approached Los Cabos Children’s Foundation in search of support.

They are a very well established charity that has been around for many years and is very well respected. 

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The party’s mayor left an outstanding debt of US $156,000, most of which is owed to CFE. The new mayor pledged to negotiate a payment plan with the federal utility to have the administration’s power reconnected. The electricity was cut off four times during the previous mayor’s three-year term. He has blamed his own predecessor for the unpaid debt. This is pretty standard in an administration change. Look for it here in Los Cabos in the next few weeks.

Same shit, different government. The fine imposed on the incoming Morena party has been rescinded. The fine was for money going missing from an earthquake relief fund on its watch. The 10.3 million dollar fine was reversed because there was not enough evidence it was Morena hands in the cookie jar. The cookie jar, which was filled with about $4.1 million through donations, was for the September 17 earthquake last year. 3.37 million dollars in cash was taken out of the trust and allocated to members of the party according to the initial charge. When the fine was announced in mid-July, President-Elect López Obrador, assured that this was ‘a vile revenge,’ presumably for winning the election.

We’re going to stop now, because we’ve pretty much got enough bad news.

Wait. Here’s some semi good news. We’ll call it less bad news, because nobody is dead. Mexico’s president elect Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) doesn’t take office until December, but he’s already got a multi-billion dollar dilemma on his hands: what to do with the country’s largest infrastructure project, already in a morass of scandals and corruption, which, if completed, will become one of the world’s (and most costly) airports? Last month AMLO announced that his government would either finish it or expand a military base north of the Mexico City, depending on the results of a a review by engineering experts and a public referendum due in October.

An engineering association threw their support behind the completion of the $13 billion airport, but that doesn’t mean they aren’t also on the take. The already white elephant is in its fourth year of construction, only 30% completed, and $4 billion USD over budget. Three big contracts, worth $5 billion, are in the hands of a consortia led by Grupo Carso or other firms owned by Carlos Slim and his family. Slim is one of the richest men in the world, (Warren Buffet and Bill Gates keep

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La Playita, Still A Sleepy Fishing Village

Even though it’s been invaded by Gringos, it sucks it up and maintains its dignity

BY EDGAR GONZALEZ

La Playita is a small fisherman’s village right next to San Jose del Cabo. And it’s the place in which a great part of the zone’s economic growth is coming from.

There are people who have come to San Jose and never visited or even known about La Playita which is right next door.

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the trophies and cash prizes were passed out by the family and friends with more than a few memories and reminiscences. “Of course, they are all the best! They are all winners in our eyes!” Tracy announced as they passed out the prizes.

And The Winners Are
1st Place Billfish Release Hot Rod 42’ Cabo 16 striped marlin released.
2nd Place Billfish Tag Team III 37’ Viking Billfish 1 striped marlin, 2 sailfish
3rd Place Billfish Listo 48’ Viking 1 blue marlin released
1st Place Dorado 30’ Bertram Moppie Rapala for Team Tiburon
2nd Place Dorado 31’ Bertram Ruthless 25.45-pounds
3rd Place Dorado 40’ Cabo Caliente 14.35-pounds
Hard Luck Award 31’ Bertram Tracy Ann who released 17 striped marlin.

Todos Santos’ Best Kept Culinary Secrets
A real brief run down of what could be everyone’s favorites

BY MARSHA MELLOW

As of the most recent count by someone or other, Todos Santos is home to around 7,000 people. For such a small town, this Pueblo Mágico is also home to an oddly high number of sporting facilities, art galleries, and of course, restaurants. Surely, you’d expect to find delicious Mexican food around every corner but after some diligent research, we’ve uncovered some cuisine you’d never expect to find in a rural Mexican town. Next time you pass through this little oasis in the desert, be sure and enjoy at least one of these other worldly treats.

Wonton Soup: While Rumi’s Garden is open only during high season, their Asian fare provides reliable relief from corn, beans, and there isn’t a tortilla in sight. In high season you may even happen upon their open-mic for poets, writers and creative types of all sorts. (Check out Art for Life’s Facebook page for details.) But we’re here to tell you about their delicious wonton soup. With slices of shitake mushrooms and overflowing with that illusive flavor, Umami, this inexpensive soup is as good as any you’d find in any given Chinatown.

Macaroons & Crepes: The Guaycura Hotel (pronounced Y-KOO-ra) may be named after the area’s pre-hispanic native tribe, but their new outpost of Cabo’s French Riviera Restaurant is more Marie Antoinette and less hunter gatherer. Croissants, delectable French pastries and of course all the macaroons you could ever want accompany a full menu of sweet and savory crepes. Bon appetit!

Waffle pops: Corazon de Té does more for waffle sandwiches than Waffle House ever dreamed possible. Still, it’s their waffles on a stick, coated with chocolate and sold like blow pops that will really amp up your road trip.

Topo Chico Cold Brew Coffee: Taller 17’s Cold Brew coffee might be illegal soon cause it’s dank. If you have a drive ahead of you or just need more things to do with Topo Chico, this beverage is for you. Suspicious of its contents, I asked the proprietor what was in this bubbly beverage and she swore it’s only Topo Chico and cold brew coffee. 18 hours cold brew. I don’t know what that even means but it sounds, and tastes serious.

Homemade Donuts: Jaza-mango’s bakery boasts ample treats and endlessly kind, talented Mexican bakers. Their donuts are made fresh daily and will only cost you 20 pesos each. This bakery does something with a glaze donut (what I mistakenly thought was just a donut with simple vanilla frosting) that I never thought possible outside of a Dunkin’ Donuts. I’m still confused about how $20 pesos afforded my taste buds that much pleasure. I’ll have to go back again to sort that all out.

Homemade baguettes and sourdough bread: Again, Jaza-mango bakery. But these staples can also be found at the other end of Calle Miguel Hidalgo at the French Riviera inside The Guaycura Hotel. Suddenly, we are so cosmopolitan with all these baguette options.

Mac n’ Cheese, Corn Bread, Baby Back Ribs: I was raised in the south. As long as I’ve been away, I’ve yearned daily for true Southern Food. Briquette was started a year ago on the far side of town by some well travelled locals who understand Southern BBQ in a way that gets to me every time. Everything on their-cooker menu is amazing. But the real soul food here is the Mac n’ Cheese and the corn bread. They taste just like the sweet sunny south.

Omakase: genius behind Pacifica Fish Market (Patrick) and his beautiful muse (Divier) open their doors to the public every Tuesday—Sunday. Their outstanding day menu of fish n’ chips, spicy shrimp super burros and whole fresh fish are done only by their well kept secret, a private Omakase dinner option. They take only one reservation per night. It’s $50 per person and it’s all the sushi you can eat. There is no menu. Because when the most talented sushi chef you’ve ever met offers you endless sushi, you don’t tell him what you think you want, because he knows better.

Homemade American Style Chocolate Chip Cookies & Hagen Daaz Ice Cream: Esquina’s weekly Wednesday Farmers Market is a grab bag where you can find everything from DVDs to essential oils and Mexican hand woven blankets. But guess what’s available every single day of the week? Big juicy American sized chocolate chip cookies. And Hagen-daaz Ice Cream. You’re welcome.
Here’s hoping you had an awesome Mexican Independence Day. I imagine you had some amazing Mexican food! What? You didn’t even know it was Independent Day? Shame on you. It has been brought to my attention that Mexican food is complicated or has many steps. OK, so my boss, who doesn’t cook anything with more than three ingredients, brings this to my attention all the time.

The thing is, my dear readers, that Mexican food is slow food. Many times comfort food and our relationship with food is very, very special. Back when haciendas (old Spanish inspired houses, built with many bedrooms as families in those days had many kids) were the norm, only the richer people had one. The kitchen was as large as a regular living room is those days, and more than one lady was in there, usually hired from generation to generation. They were almost a part of the family, and in charge of the most important task in the home: cooking.

Talking about food usually makes us a little nostalgic, when we remember our grandparents’ signature dishes, or when we crave mom’s special touch. Most Mexican families have a treasured recipe book which is usually written by a grandmother, and these are often kept safe by the daughters, who rarely share it with sisters in law.

Back to the way Mexican women used to cook in haciendas, let’s keep one thing in mind: the women who worked in the kitchen had nothing else to do but prepare feasts. This was the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. At the break of dawn, some of these ladies went to the hacienda’s farm, where the foreman would give them fresh eggs, milk, vegetables and fruits, and then they would go to the market to find whatever they didn’t have at the hacienda. The cooking ladies would prepare whatever was in season, there was no being told what to cook, unless it was a special occasion. Of course, they kept in mind what the “patroness” (owners of the hacienda) liked, but they had the main decision on what was on the menu. They would make five meals: breakfast, lunch, the main meal, supper, dinner and something light if anyone would get hungry after hours.

The kitchen was the busiest room in the house, serving one meal while preparing the next.
September 17th, 2018

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trading places with him). Forbes says he’s worth $75 billion. Just how much money does one man need? What is he going to do with more billions? Maybe stealing is just habit with him. An addiction that could be helped with rehab. Slim is the owner of América Movil, formerly Teléfonos de Mexico, or Telmex. Telmex was the old telephone monopoly in the country, akin to America’s AT&T Inc. He was there to catch it when it was privatized.

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It’s all paved and it’s like a very modern organized entrance to a modern California resort. And it’s going to have a main avenue that goes down into the community, and up on the ridge they built a closing room. They shuttle people out from their hotel in San Jose, and once they get them in front of this panoramic view, they hardly need a sales pitch. We can only imagine the closing average.

(The company will not talk to us, they would only try to promote their restaurants. They may be keeping their plans private because another resort that tried to come in was voted down because locals thought it was too big and would be an assault on the environment.)

From what I have seen, they also want to put a beach club down on the south part, which borders the Santa Cruz community, and they want to allow access through that community. So right now there’s some controversy about allowing public access from one community to the other, which is something we can discuss at another point. I think the main concern is privacy, from those people who own beautiful homes at the north end of Santa Cruz who may not want time-share folks traipsing through.

If you stop on that corner, down by the beach in Santa Cruz where the Vidanta project is being built, you can see a huge building under construction, a high rise timeshare hotel. I know they are trying to build one of the world’s largest swimming pools. I have my own fantasy of what would come to be: A community in the back, maybe even private air strip for shuttle planes to the airport. It is quite possible with all the land they have. I see at least two hotels in there with homes for sale on the hillside. I think they’ll have a community of employees in the back.

We’re going to be seeing more of this type of communities coming in. But the reason why this Vidanta project I believe will be successful is because of its proximity to San Jose del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas. Plus they are planning to build a highway coming from the airport, one that comes down the Palo Escopeta road. They’re in preliminary stages, physically surveying the road. This is going to affect desert land properties. I think initially locals will be happy because it

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East Cape Guild Awards Scholarships
Investing in good kids is good business. And they could use some help

BY PAIGE TURNER

It’s back-to-school time. Kids around the world are packing up notebooks, pencils, and any other supplies into their backpacks. There is just one problem. In Mexico, education is only free through the 8th grade. Once a child hits high school, the family must pay for their child to continue their schooling. This hits hard for many Mexican families. Students are responsible for costs that can include tuition, school supplies, transportation, and any uniforms, including gym clothes. This costs an average of 500 USD for students attending high school.

However, in southern Baja, there is help. The East Cape Guild awards scholarships to underprivileged kids who show promise in continuing their education. Started in 1997, the program is listed in the International Community Foundation’s Giving Guide for 2018. The International Community Foundation (ICF) is a non-profit that works with programs in Northwest Mexico, and if they endorse a charity, that charity is gold. The ICF vets them to begin their association and in any year they continue to receive, financials must be filed and reviewed. The East Cape Guild has strict requirements for its students, and that’s a good thing because it ensures the students who receive assistance will stick with it and excel. To achieve a scholarship, students must fill out an application, write a letter on why they deserve the scholarship, (in Spanish and English), and submit letters of recommendation, school attendance records and grades as well as their birth certificate. Once all the information is gathered, members of the guild score the applications, and scholarships are awarded based on economic need and academic achievement.

Since 1997, over 1,300 students have continued their education thanks to the East Cape Guild. Students are serious about their goals and express interest in becoming veterinarians, psychologists, computer equipment technicians, teachers, and one student even wants to be anesthesiologist.

The organization uses a variety of fundraising techniques to help as many students as possible. Events such as open mic nights, bocce ball tournaments and an annual Monte Carlo night that feels like the famous casino in Monaco bring in thousands of dollars for the students. However, donations often need to match and exceed the money raised at these events in order to provide a quality education for these kids.

To help this program, the East Cape Guild takes donations through ICF, Wells Fargo, Goodsearch.com and Goodshop.com. However, if you’re a bit more local, you can make a donation directly to the organization by going to their website, eastcape-guild.com and contacting Anne Herschleb. School is back in session for many students around the world, and thanks to the East Cape Guild, some lucky students here in Baja California Sur will hit the books again this fall.

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Foreign Investment Booming In The Other Baja

We are in the state of Baja Sur, not Baja

BY GAIL COLLINS

The Mexican government has free trade agreements of one kind or another with 46 different countries on three continents including with NAFTA, for now. In comparison, the U.S. has only 20. And, with Trump's threats of imposing tariffs on corn, Mexican farmers are making deals with Brazil. Mexico has access to 60% of the world's GDP (That's gross domestic product, a monetary measure of the market value of all goods and services). According to the 2017 World Investment Report, Mexico is one of the emerging economies most open to foreign investment. Covering approximately 3.5% of Mexico's overall land mass, the Baja Peninsula, consisting of two states, Baja and Baja Sur (south), this total area is a real asset to the national economy and currently accounts for around 5% of the country's foreign investment. The subject matter surrounding this can be a little dry but as I delved deeper, I became fascinated with how it all works and the current levels of investment particularly from the USA.

Each state in Mexico offers relatively liberal foreign investment rules often with little difference to those offered on a national company. In Baja California the state government offers several temporary exemptions to help companies start the ball rolling, including reduction on taxes for real estate purchase and special incentives for research and technological development projects. They welcome foreign investment particularly when it contributes to increasing Mexican employment, exports, and higher levels of learning in the field of technology. Baja's unique position sharing a border with California and Arizona and being the closest Mexican state for access to Asia gives it a big advantage. It's all about looking after their country and maybe, on the odd occasion or two – themselves!

Five of Baja's main cities already have well established investment. Tijuana, with its direct border crossing into the USA has attracted companies such as Bose, Panasonic, Toyota, Hyundai, Philips and Samsung. State capital Mexicali, which borders to the north with California and Arizona, has long been a significant contributor to the state's overall economic development and hosts international companies such as Bosch, Kellogg's, LG, Honeywell and Rockwell Collins (no relative!). Ensenada, probably best known for its wine production, also controls the state's largest and most important sea port with direct access to the Pacific

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where the relationship would begin, talking about family gossip, heartache, advice, dreams and hopes. The daughters of the patrons were taken to the kitchen to learn, too, even though they did not have to cook, but they also participated in the conversation as the cooks were almost a part of the family. Back in those days, if you did not know how to cook you were not a good marrying option as a woman.

This has been passed on from generations, and as the way of living has changed - we don’t all have haciendas now - food is special to us. From the prepping to the serving, to the time we spend after eating called sobremesa, it’s a whole affair. Nowadays, we live a life of rushing and street food has become more common, with the typical family meal on Sundays for some families, but it still happens. In the US, you eat around your work schedule, while Mexicans work around our eating schedule. Some may consider Mexican eating habits on a delayed schedule. Not only are our eating patterns different, but our diet as well is also unique. Mexicans generally eat a traditional diet consisting of healthy foods, rich in taste.

This week’s recipe, is one that has many different myths around it, but my favorite involves a Mexican politician and general who fought to defend royalist New Spain and then fought for Mexican independence, Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. Story goes, that Tlalpan - the biggest of the 16 boroughs (called “delegaciones” in Spanish) of Mexico City - had a huge celebration of their patron saint, where many Mexican celebrities and personalities went, including Santa Anna. He was a big fan of booze and gambling, so he bought a house there to enjoy the borough and have a place to come to after the parties. One morning, he was so hung over he asked the cooking lady to make him a soup that would bring him back to life. The cook threw in everything she had on hand and Caldo Tlalpeño was born - Tlalpeño, from Tlalpan.

Finally, an easy, healthy Mexican dish that is a whole meal! Yes, it’s still more than three ingredients, but it’s the best we Mexicans can do in that department.

Ingredients:
- 10 cups of water
- 2 chicken breasts
- ½ onion
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 big and mature tomatoes
- 2 carrots chopped in bite size pieces
- 2 zucchinis chopped in bite size pieces
- 1 cup of cooked chickpeas
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Grated cheese to serve (manchego, chihuahua, asadero or whichever is your favorite, I recommend it is a cheese that melts nicely)
- Avocado to serve
- Chipotle chilies to serve

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Numbers at a glance: Billfish 25%, tuna 20%, dorado 43%, other 8%.

Catch rates have been increasing with more dorado numbers showing up, but not in the big sizes like there were. Small- to medium-size tuna have still been found more consistently as well. And more than ever, it seems that it's true that summer fishing may be "slower," but it also has the potential to fulfill some big dreams with a large fish.

Several weeks ago, we mentioned having to fish a few days to guarantee the best success; well, Art Hevener, a Pisces angler for more than 20 years, proved this point. He fished three days with Captain Jose Ramon Alucano ("Jr") on Pisces 31-foot Rebecca and landed an impressive 470-pound black marlin … his dream fish.

Hevener fished two days and caught two (approximately) 200-pound blue marlin -- one at Destiladeras and the other at Punta Gorda—and he released them both. Another day, Capt. JR tried his luck at Punta Gorda, and found it! He set out some sardina to catch a few yellowfin. There they landed two 15- to 20-pound tuna and used those for bait. A black marlin took the yellowfin resulting in a two-hour fight. Unfortunately, the fish could not be released. This was Hevener's 71st billfish caught! He had been dreaming of catching the black marlin since he first began fishing, and this was the last billfish on his "bucket list.

Art Hevener has always fished the Rebecca with the same crew. When asked why he chooses Pisces year after year, he answered, "The fishing is great. I enjoy fishing with JR and I like how things are done! Fishing with Pisces has always been a good experience." It's stories like Art's (and there are many) that make us so happy to be doing what we are doing after 40 years, and it is clients like Art who make our operation so rewarding.

As Pisces celebrates its 40th Anniversary this year, we are truly a family who wouldn't be here without our faithful anglers and our loyal crew. On Saturday the 9th we had our first ever, (and probably the first of its kind worldwide) Crew Tournament. Almost all the boats in our fleet participated; crews competed against one another, doing what they love the most, having fun by putting themselves to the test without clients on board. It was awesome to see the boys compete for "The Best in the Fleet!" (Of course, they are all the best … all are winners in our eyes!)

Cabo Climate: The weather has been mostly sunny to partly-cloudy with an average daytime temp in the mid- to high-80s and evenings in the mid-70s. CONTINUED ON PAGE 30

Best Fishing Areas: Gasparillas, mid-70s.

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Playa de Rosarito, even though it mainly brings dollars through the doors with its beaches and tourism, has an attractive infrastructure for specialised manufacturing activities such as electronics, textiles and automotive which has led to investment from Sharp, BWS, Tenso and SE-GL.

In 2017 Baja California received over more than 1.4 trillion dollars in foreign direct investment, most of which was focused on the manufacturing industry.

This year has already seen success stories such as $154 million dollars of further investment to their Tijuana manufacturing plant by Esterline Corporation. They have been operating since 1980 and already employ over 1000 people. This new investment will create a further 400 jobs. A 2018 European tour designed to promote foreign investors to Baja has also led to some lucrative deals for the state, which will reap the rewards later in the year and on-going into 2019.

Baja Sur does not have all this manufacturing, as we’re 1000 two-lane miles from the border, we don’t have enough employees as it is, and we are off Mexico’s electricity grid, making energy ruinously expensive. We would be screwed if not for the 70% of our economy that’s tourist based.

With the impending AMLO government coming in, a few foreign investors are holding back to see what will happen. President elect Lopez Obrador has stated that he is committed to retaining foreign investment legislation and fully recognises that it is needed to help Mexico continue its growth and journey into the 21st century, but he is a populist and even threatened to kill some oil deals Mexico has made during the current administration. His determination to clean up corruption will be a further incentive to investors that may be watching on the side-lines.

As they say – we’ll just have to wait and see and work through what is bound to be a complicated transitional phase while we observe what transpires, but continuing investment alongside a thriving tourist economy points to a future that is looking bright for Baja!
Ask a Mexican

This week we asked: September is always our toughest month, with very few tourists in town. What do you think about this September, is it any harder or easier than last September?

Tania Montes, 19, office assistant.
I think this has not been any different than last season, because I see the same number of tourists and hotels have not reported a lower occupation. I do see more local tourists, as far as I can, at the beach at least. September is usually low but not as bad as it was four years ago after Odile. And even so, it does not get as bad as we all think it does, there is no need to close down restaurants.

Soraya Lopez, 43, cook.
I think it is lower this year. I have been reading in the news that Trump has bashed our country so much, that tourists are not coming any more. And also, Cabo has been very unsafe lately, as if the narcs didn’t think knowing we live off tourism. This affects all of us because most of our families work in the hotel industry and if we can’t keep up with the expenses, we end up having to look for other jobs that don’t pay as much and end up changing our whole lives.

Diana Palacios, 55, accountant.
My job does not depend on tourism, but I have seen more people this year. Or maybe I see more people because there are more people living here now. I think that the low season should be used for locals, so we can all take a break from our jobs and enjoy attractions that are typically for tourists, at a local price so our economy keeps flowing.

Maria Burgos, 72, retired.
Yes, I see fewer international tourists this year. My son works at a hotel and during September they even close some sections of the hotel and do maintenance, and I think it is very good for the hotels, but I wonder what the people from the tours and boats do. I know that in September a lot of national tourists come because everything gets cheaper, but some get confused because Cabo looks very empty. It is a good season for me on the farm anyway.

Luis Carrene, 61, rancher.
This year is lower than the last. I think low season this year started early because we have not seen many people and there weren’t many party posters this year. I hope it doesn’t continue happening, or we will be forced to stop working and wait for tourists to come again. I hope that soon, with the fish season starting, more Americans come down, they give good tips.

Javier Urrutia, 42, fisherman.
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Lime to serve
Procedure: Fill a pot, with the 10 cups of water.
Add chicken breasts, onion and garlic and let it cook for twenty or thirty minutes. I would recommend you remove the foam that forms little by little. Remove chicken and shred -I just learned that electric mixers shred meats in seconds! -
In the blender, puree tomatoes with the cup of the chicken broth you just made while cooking the chicken, salt and pepper to taste. Cook for a few minutes until it turns into a deeper red and thickens a little bit.
Add these to the pot with the chicken broth and the carrots and let it simmer on medium heat for ten or fifteen minutes.
Add the cooked chicken, shredded chicken, zucchini and taste to make sure you don’t over or under season. Serve in bowls and let everyone add as much cheese, avocado, chipotle and lime they want!

FISH REPORT... continued from page 27
WEATHER CONDITIONS: Partially cloudy, some rain. Beginning to be calmer.
AVERAGE WATER TEMP: 84°F - 88°F
BEST LURES: Ballyhoo, caballito: blue/red/black/white – cedar plugs, feather lures.
Bait Supply: Live bait is available at $3.00 per bait upon exit from the harbor.

Puerto Los Cabos
Local fleets are now mainly concentrating on the Gordo, Iman and San Luis banks. Anglers are using slabs of squid, sardina, skipjack and small tuna for bait.
Iman and San Luis were the best places to find a nicer (over 70 pound) grade of yellowfin. Although no huge numbers (fish were finicky and shy with the boat pressure), but with patience and consistent drifting and chumming over the high spots, there was a good chance of hooking into yellowfin. The Gordo Banks produced a smaller-grade of tuna to about 12-pounds.

Cape
Water is from 88°F to 91°F and warm. Clear and flat. Air has been very pleasant with highs in the low 90s; afternoon ESE breezes and some rain. Yellowfin in the 10- to 70-pound range are being found mostly within a half mile from the beach. Lots of area both north and south are holding fish with most being taken on sardina, some on chunk squid, with some dorado (mostly schooling size) mixed in and a few nice bulls were being taken. There’s been a slower wahoo bite with lots of big roosterfish along the beaches. Quite a few billfish around with very light fishing pressure, as most anglers are going for the tuna. Capt. Ramon on El Jefe released four strippers and two sail in one day. Trolled ballyhoo are by far the best bait.

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There is some good fishing inside, some nice pargo and lots of roosters, though again, there’s not much pressure.

**La Paz**

The tuna have been going off at Bahia de Los Muertos and Las Arenas. There were some days when the tuna bit early and there were so many tuna that anglers either quit and returned to the beach early or they went off looking for other species. They ran the gamut from little 5-pounders up to 60-pounders with larger fish up to about 80-pound beasts on the live bait and light tackle. Several larger fish to 100 pounds were lost at color!

There were more dorado up to 30-pounds although most fish were in the 10- to 15-pound range. The larger dorado were with the Las Arenas Fleet where the dorado were mixed in with the tuna, but the La Paz Fleet made up 90% of the catch.

There were also jack crevalle, some nice dog-tooth snapper, pargo liso, cabrilla and pompano as well. But the biggest surprise were the roosterfish! There were a few days when at least a half-dozen gallos all ranging from 25- to 60-pounds were hooked and released!

The weather reports predict intermittent rain showers and scattered thunderstorms again, but not much wind so hopefully, it shouldn’t affect the fishing too badly. Most of the rain has been in the afternoons. In between the rain, it’s hot and sunny! Looks like a postcard!

**Cabo San Lucas**

There were some nice dog-tooth snapper, some nice pargo liso, cabrilla and pompano.

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