Kayaking through the mangroves. There is a small stand of them at Balandra Beach just outside of La Paz, but near Puerto San Carlos there are many miles of shady, covered waterways with lots of birds and fish that are flushed out at your every turn.

Plaza el Ghesto Is Back!
Unfinished hotel on the marina front will soon be brought to life

BY DAVID FLORES

Eduardo Sanchez Navarro, CEO of Grupo Questro, the largest tourist developer in Los Cabos, assured us the abandoned building that sits on the main drag of the Cabo marina will “shortly” be restored and a new resort will be open by the end of next year or early 2020. We say more likely “longly” and it’s about time.

He also dodged the question of how much the Questro group will invest, but he did say, “we have an ambitious project that will remodel the surrounding area and will have a pretty trolley that will take passengers around the project and the Malecon.” He left the back door open for escape with the caveat, “if the process of authorization by the city advances smoothly.” The city is unlikely to say no to Sanchez Navarro, so this time it looks like a go.

The property has been abandoned since 1994 when the peso was suddenly devalued, and investment money evaporated. Work on the partially completed building was stopped and the lending bank foreclosed on the property. Banks in Mexico are different than banks in the United States. In the U.S., bank owned properties are treated like a hot potato and they get the unwanted properties off the books as quick as they can make it happen. It looks bad on the balance sheet. Not so in Mexico, where the banks are unwilling to take a loss, preferring to keep the defunct property on the books forever or until they can sell it at least break even.

As if that wasn’t bad enough for all of us who have to look at Plaza el Ghesto every day.

It’s Sammy Hagar Time!
Every year he celebrates his birthday at his local club, Cabo Wabo

BY ESSEL SI

People will start pouring in all this week, some lucky enough to have secured tickets via the online lottery that sold out in 13 minutes, and others just hoping for the chance to find a way in or maybe bump in to one of the many rock star friends of Sammy who usually show up, some to perform and some to party like the rock stars they are.

A bit of history:
In 1983 today’s Cabo Wabo
Hotels mad as hell. And 53 of them are not going to take it anymore. They have filed amparos (similar to a restraining order), against CFE, Mexico’s power company, for excessive electricity bills, said Paloma Palacios, the Los Cabos Hotel Ass. executive director. They have denounced hikes in the cost of electricity of up to 300%, which greatly affects industry finances. The association is now working on presenting a common front to protect and defend them from CFE. It is expected that at least 150 amparos will be filed against CFE within the next week. Last year, Palacios said electricity and propane represented 5% of their expenses and that has now skyrocketed to 15 percent. Payroll represents 25% of their costs, an addition.

However, some of Los Cabos hotels have profits of up to 64% before taxes. This is due to their charging U.S. prices while paying Mexican salaries. Minimum wage in Mexico is about $8 bucks for an eight hour shift. They all have to pool their tips, so your hotel housekeeper gets about one two hundredth of what you leave her.

Have you noticed these swanky buses cruising around town bragging on the side of them that they are free transportation for their employees? How about just paying a living wage so the employees can buy a car? Every bus you see is a monument to unfair wages. Hopefully the new hotels opening soon will bring some wage pressure with them, as they all compete for employees. Unemployment is already very low, so we’re almost there.

Or will they just bring over more workers from the mainland and not provide any infrastructure of housing, health care and education? Yes, that’s exactly what they will do. Sigh.

Newport to Cabo Race. Newport Harbor Yacht Club (NHYC) announced the opening of entries for its biannual Newport Beach, California to Cabo San Lucas Cars, a ride hailing service, will begin to work in Los Cabos. Cloud Cars is offering the service through their own app and also via WhatsApp.

The company began operations in the state of Queretaro in Central Mexico some 18 months ago and is growing throughout the country. La Paz taxi drivers are already whining about a loss of 70% of their business to Uber. We can’t get Uber in Cabo, the taxista will torch the cars. But we do already have Andale, just download the app and keep it hush hush. A recent trip from up behind Costco to Squid Roe cost about $5 U.S.

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Cabo Firefighters
Get New Gear

Donated by US fire departments

BY JESSE RODRIGUEZ

The Cabo San Lucas volunteer firefighters, called bomberos in Spanish, are vital to enduring storms usually are most destructive to the citizens of our most impoverished neighborhoods in both San Lucas and San Jose. They operate in large part from the donations of equipment, supplies, or money and via the sale of apparel and other souvenir items available at their firehouse. The firehouse and knock knock store is located behind McDonald’s on the road coming into town. Swing by, they could really use your support and they have some really cool stuff.

The Cabo San Lucas Fire Department was founded in 1982, by Gildardo Payan Azcaraga, originally from the state of Sinaloa. A small batch of volunteers initially were armed with only a pail, a couple of radios, and an old vehicle. Currently the fire department consists of 60 volunteer firefighter and firechicks, all of whom are highly qualified in the different types of emergencies such as beach rescues, pre-hospital emergency care, urban rescue, mountain rescue, and water rescue, as well as the prevention and battle against fires. Director Luis Bulnes Molleda and fire chief Juan Antonio Carbajal have made sure Cabo’s firefighters are well-prepared, and to achieve this, small groups of volunteers are sent to take courses in the United States and San Luis Potosi, on mainland Mexico every year.

Aside from the Bomberos Fire Academy, where young men and women cadets attend Saturday classes and train in disaster and risk management along with courses in aquatic rescue and life-guard instruction, The Bomberos also host their annual firefighters competition. This year’s 15th version was held on the street in front of the fire station in mid-August, where 25 participants took the grueling physical fitness exam. The top four were awarded a volunteer job. One woman tried out, but didn’t cut the mustard. Everyone had to show what they could do on the 1) stair climb, 2) hose drag, 3) equipment carry, 4) ladder raise and extension, 5) forcible entry, and 6) the search and rescue carry of dummy mannequins.

In April 2017, The Paso Robles, California fire department sent two firefighter paramedics to Cabo with a load of safety equipment and taught our guys how to use it properly. The Paso Robles Emergency Services Department received a $22,000 grant that was used to fund SCUBA gear for the department. That grant left the California city with equipment that was outdated and no longer passed Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations; and since fire departments in Mexico are not so picky, Paso Robles donated the old stuff to us. We got 30 older uniforms, 54 oxygen tanks and extra boots.

Just last month some Washington firefighters donated masks, tanks, jackets, and other still-usable gear. “A coat can’t be in service longer than ten years in the United States,” said Capt. Jeff Bellinghausen in an interview with Seattle based King’s News. “We became sister city fire departments over the years,” Bellinghausen added. The early August shipment was worth about $1.3 million, if it were to still have value in the U.S. Funding for the delivery was provided by the South King Firefighters Foundation, SeaWestern, a firefighting equipment supplier, helped organize the effort.

In a strange twist of fate, ABC7 News of Illinois reported in September of 2014, about 16 of its Hoffman Estates, Illinois, firefighters that found themselves stranded in San Lucas during Hurricane Odile. “These are firemen that save lives for a living, and now they’re turning to us to help them get out of harm’s way,” said Demet Mangiameli, whose two sons, the youngest a Hoffman Estates firefighter, were stranded in Cabo with the wedding party.

The 24 hour emergency phone number is (624) 143-3577. For more information regarding how you can help, visit their website at www.bomberoscsl.com.
Mall: The Good, The Bad And The Ugly

Well, after the recent rains we couldn’t see a good part. It’s all bad and ugly

BY DAVID FLORES

Our Puerto Paraíso mall on the marina front in downtown Cabo was built by the Frel corporation, which was and still is out of Mexico City. It is now run by the grandson of the original developer, who started out in 1950 building industrial hangars, and then moved on to build condominiums and office buildings in the posh Polanco neighborhood in Mexico City.

The company most recently built condominiums on top of the mall and is now breaking ground on an addition to the mall, in the empty space to the left of the front door, which will contain more retail space featuring Latin restaurants and a Ched Wowie Select grocery store, like the one at the traffic circle in San Jose. There will also be a new high rise hotel.

The project comes with a fashion mall with boutiques, like the upscale Mexico-City based Palacio de Hierro. The Frel group expects 7 million visitors in the coming year.

Looks like they need to pass out umbrellas at the door, as the entire building leaked rivers of icky water in the recent rains. The elevators didn’t work and there was filthy water everywhere. Tenants were screaming bloody murder about their ruined inventory and condos. Of course they were screaming into the void, as management hides out in Mexico City and there is nobody in Cabo who seem to be able to do anything about the disrepair of the building.

Just a thought: quit building the new part until they can fix the old part that’s falling apart?

As with every rain, the mall leaked from nearly every surface.
Another dunderhead idea. The decentralization of the federal government by moving some departments out of Mexico City will be one of the costliest projects ever undertaken in the history of Mexico, warned a business leader.

Gustavo de Hoyos, a union leader, said the relocation of the departments to other cities will cost at least US $6.5 billion. And, oh by the way, the federal employees do not want to uproot their families.

“The cost of this operation would be equivalent to the Health Secretariat’s entire 2018 budget, without tallying in additional and indirect costs,” said de Hoyos.

Among the first relocations planned are the Environment Secretariat moving to Mérida, Yucatán, and Tourism to Che-
general manager Jorge Viana was working at the Twin Dolphin Hotel, when Keith Richards walked in.

Hagar read about it in People magazine so he dreamed of coming to Cabo, although that trip would be delayed until 1986, because Sammy was becoming the new front man for Van Halen, replacing David Lee Roth. Sammy was already well known in the world of American rock, having fronted the band Montrose in the early seventies and was well established as a solo artist.

Sammy was just another guest at the Twin Dolphin, wandering around with his infant son, but he got to know Jorge. Sammy asked for Jorge’s phone number before checking out a day or two later. “Do you know who I am?” he asked. When Jorge shook his head no, he said, “I’m Sammy Hagar, lead singer of Van Halen.” Jorge says, “I thought it was still Roth, that’s how far behind I was.”

But Sammy was impressed with Jorge and invited him to a show in the United States. There, Sammy offered him money to open a bar together.

The land was chosen because it was right in the heart of town. They hired an architect Marco Monroy Jr., today a partner in the business. The idea for the lighthouse that has become a defacto logo for the Club was all Marco’s, as was the catwalk that allows the musicians to go from the green room directly to the rear of the stage.

Today, Jorge no longer works the desk at a hotel, he owns six nice cars, but is still working doors and doing all around work. It’s part of his original dream.

With Marco’s architectural plans, Jorge started building the club. Van Halen was on an eight-month tour in Europe but Jorge was on the phone talking with Sammy all the time. “You remember those big, clunky cell phones back then?” Jorge muses, “Well, every week I’d... CONTINUED ON PAGE 18

Sammy Hagar Ticket Info

As in years past, there will be a limited number of dinner show tickets available right here in Cabo San Lucas, at the Cabo Wabo Cantina. First come, first serve.

Night 1 (Oct. 9th)Tickets be made available at the cantina club area at noon on Monday, October 8th.
Night 2 & 3 (Oct. 11th & 13th)Tickets be made available at noon on Wednesday, October 10th.

Dinner show tickets will cost $120 per person and include a welcome drink, dinner, tax, tip & admission into the show. Dinner reservations NOT GUARANTEED for the show. The show will be standing room only. There are no tables or chairs. Maximum of 2 seats per person present at the sign up for the purchase. ID.

In past years, you would need to camp out all night to get those precious last minute wrist bands, so bring gear.

IT’S SAMMY HAGAR TIME!
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Big rock came down in the rain, from a wall that was already crumbly. The owner/builder of the wall didn’t put any rebar in it. He’s now selling the house and refuses to do anything about the wall. Civil protection was called and promised to come out and take a look-see, but they were a no-show. Looks like the people living up on Gringo Hill are just going to have to do the best they can with their morning surprise.
that eyesore, the developer left without making final payroll. So now the union stepped in demanding a chingo of money before releasing it. Mexican pay-roll goes on forever until finiquito is paid. That's their final payment, which can be substantial if the employee has been there a while. That final balloon payment is Mexico’s version of unemployment: Mexican workers get their unemployment in one big bundle. What could go wrong there?

So back to the Plaza El Gho sto. For many years the union fought the banks for control of the property. The union finally won at the supreme court level, but they were in no position to finish building it. Enter Grupo Questro, who bought it from the union. Next their engineers surveyed it to see if it needed to be torn down or if it’s still structurally sound, and that took most of a year. Turns out it’s sound, and now construction is off to the races. Of course it’s going to be timeshare.

Between drug lords. And meddling by some idiots in Washington D.C. who have never looked at a map of Mexico so they declared it all dangerous in State Department alerts.

According to Rodrigo Espo nda, director of the Los Cabos tourism fund (Fiturca), the joint effort of the hotel association, destination management companies (DMC’s) and tour companies has produced results as groups and convention reservations have tripled in the first semester of this year.

Deader, since There never was a Betty.

NatGeo adopts us. A student of La Paz state University (UABCS) was named an “Explorer” for National Geographic last week, due to her work on research on reef adaptation and climate change. Yup, that’s the climate change that President Trump calls a Chinese hoax. Maria Abas, the student, is about to finish her Ph.D. in marine and coastal sciences and has received a grant from NatGeo to extend her investigation from the Gulf of California (Sea of Cortes) to the reefs in Mexico’s southern Pacific seas.

Her study will be based on evolutionary characteristics of different fish species to use them as a tool to predict changes in climate in the marine environment.

Hard Rock Hotel Open. Sort of. The new Hard Rock Hotel is taking reservations for next May.

They’re also back, Well, almost. KFC and Pizza Hut are planning to return to Southern Baja, according to the state’s secretary of tourism Juan Araiza. He told us that a representative for both companies approached him to enquire about the possibility to operate in our state. Where will they be located is still unknown, but we hope it’s Cabo and not La Paz. The Colonel is dead, you know. Dead as Betty Crocker.

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They’ve been hammering and sawing out there for seems like a couple years, but it’s getting close now, they’re actually taking reservations. Cost is around $450 a night and it’s all inclusive. Well, it kind of has to be, because it’s so far out of town. It’s on the Pacific side, inside the 2,000 acre, two golf course Diamante. The Hard Rock Hotels is
Monday to Saturday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Rancher’s market in Todos Santos. Featuring homemade products from rural areas. Artisanal cheeses, organic chicken 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. The Mercado (market). Todos Santos on Calle Morelos between Rangel and Cuauhtemoc inside the San Diego Feed Store. 
Every Monday: 8:30 am. Pickleball in San Jose. Contact ron@umbarton.com.

Every Tuesday: 8:00 am. Rotary Club at the Sheraton Hacienda del Mar resort. In the Chapel. RSVP: 172-0009 or 172-0010
Every Tuesday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Liga MAC’s used bookstore and thrift shop. El Charnal (Paseo de Los Marinos Street, almost on the corner of Calle Goleta). In San 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: marimardelmar@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 7:15 pm. Call (624)130-7159 or email info@todos santosbrewing.mx for information.

Every Wednesday: 5:00 to 10:00 pm. Art Day. Art, paintings, books, live music. At El Merkado, in the Koral Center in Cerrro 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.

First Thursday: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. YoReciçco sets up tents to receive clear glass bottles, metals, plastics (except Styrofoam), 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, 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 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 Cerrro 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 loscabo tomatoes@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. Álvaro Obregón (between Militar & Rangel). Facebook @TodosSantosBrewing. Ph 612 145203 or email info@todos santosbrewing.mx
Every Friday: 11:00 am. Al-Anon Family Group. Next to Calvary 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 Cerrro Colorado.
Every Saturday: 7:00 am to 12:30 pm. The Organic Market at Pedregal. Organic produce, coffee, fish, seafood, eggs, whole lambs, (Little Bo Peep!) pigs, (Porky? Is that you?) & handicrafts.
Every Saturday and Tuesday: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. La Paz organic market. Postal Park, Constitution and Madero streets. Free.

Every Saturday. All day. The granddaddy of all markets. In addition to organic produce, there are handicrafts, books, critters to adopt, food to eat and who knows what. Behind the town of San Jose. Go to their website and study the map: www.sanjomo.com
Every Saturday: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Children’s library open. Story tellers at 10:30 and 12:30. Looking for gently used books. theranchkids@yahoo.com, Todos Santos. Spanish.
Every Saturday: 5:00 pm to midnight. Cultural Circuit. Arts and crafts exhibit along the Cabo marina, in front of Solon’s Landing and the cultural pavilion. Live music, dancers and art workshops for children. Free.
Every Sunday: 6:00 pm. Sunday Sessions Live Music. Todos Santos Brewing. Enjoy the beautiful stage at Baja sky, live acoustic music, fabulous handmade craft beers and delicious food. Álvaro Obregón street (between Militar & Rangel). Facebook @TodosSantosBrewing for more information, 612-145-203 or email info@todos santosbrewing.mx
Every Sunday: 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Live music and paella. At El Mirador Restaurant in Todos Santos. Great opportunity to exercise and mingle with local families. Each week a different activity, like spinning, arobics, zumba lessons. Email clubcactusbike@gmail.com for more 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.caboskorral.com for information.

October 14-18 The Los Cabos Billfish Tournament returns for its-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 18 Sunday. CarreerasK 5K CABO FITNESS CLUB 2018*. 10K & 5K Races. preparation event for Los Cabos Half Marathon in February 2019. Start and Finish: Cabo Fitness Club (Local Transpeninsular Plaza 19 to 22 on the fourlane, Km. 4.5 El Tezal next to Office Max. 5 pm, not a am, 10K $400.00 5K Adults $380.00 5K Infant $280.00, Pesos, Bunky, not dollars. December 1st, 2019. 13th Annual Dressed to the K9’s, “Giltz & Glam”: 5:30 to 11:00 pm. At the Sheraton Grande, Cabo San Lucas. Proceeds benefit The Los Cabos Humane Society. www.loscaboshumanesociety.com

November 9 & 10, 2019, from 10 am to 4 pm. The 10th Annual Todos Santos Open Studio Tour. All proceeds benefit children’s art programs at The Palapa Society. See working art studios, meet the artists, maybe get some real deals.

To get your event listed here, email the details to david@gringogazette.com. There is no charge. For an event to be included here does not go off when stated, please don’t shoot the messenger, this is Mexico, and every event is, well, fluid.
Calendar of Performing Arts

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Every day, 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Live music. Spanish with some help in English. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it.

Every Tuesday, 5:00 pm. Literature reading sometimes with the author, sometimes with special guests. Spanish with some help in English. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it.

Every Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Garden of the Arts. More than forty local artists show and sell their works, including paintings, sculptures, photography and engravings. Open area. Spanish with some English. Mijares Main Plaza in downtown San Jose. More info on Facebook: Jardín del Arte Los Cabos.

Every Tuesday, 8:00 pm. Documentary Movie Club. A different documentary every week. In the original language with Spanish subtitles. Free. Alfred Green Cultural House Downtown San Jose.

Every Wednesday, 8:00 pm. Movie Club. Every month a different theme. In the original language with Spanish subtitles. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it.

Every Wednesday 5:00 to 10:00 pm. Art Day. Art, paintings, books, live music. Spanish and English. El Merkado at Rural Center, next to the H+ Hospital. Kilometer 24.5 on the fourlane to San Jose.

Every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Art Fair. Food sampling and wine tasting at the restaurants and shops in the mall. Live music and local artists showcasing their work. Plaza el Pescador across from Cabo Azul resort in the hotel zone. San Jose.

Every Thursday, 8:00 pm. Trova and Bohemian Latin-American music. Spanish with some help in English. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it.

Every other Thursday 8:30 pm. Vagabond Movie Club. Various movies in their original languages with Spanish subtitles. Short films and art videos before the movie. Free. Rana Vegana. Playa Migrino St. up from Miguel A. Herrera St. Turn right 2 blocks before the gas station (Pueblo Bonito Sunset area). San Lucas.

Every other Thursday starting in October. 8:30 pm. Vagabond Movie Club. A different movie in the original languages with Spanish subtitles. Short films and art videos before the movie. Free. At El Merkado, upstairs. Tourist corridor at Cerro Colorado, San Jose.

Every Friday, 7:30 pm. Rock Bands Encounter. Different rock groups playing together, sometimes a real battle of the bands. Spanish with some help in English. At Macondo Bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it.

Every Saturday, 8:00 pm. Jazz Night. Spanish with some help in English. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it.

Every Saturday, 6:00 pm. Hermanita de Ysabela Reading lounge. At Cultural Pavilion's Cinema lobby. Cabo San Lucas downtown next to the marina.


Every Sunday 1:00 pm. Movies for kids, storyteller, table games and more. Spanish with some help in English. At Macondo bookstore, Cabo San Lucas, Hidalgo St., half a block up from the Tesoro hotel. The building with a ship's bow coming out of it.

Until October 10. 2nd Chamber Music Festival. Musicians wanted. Open to receive the applications from Chamber Groups of strings until Wednesday October 10. Strings, winds and percussions players welcome, from any nationality over 18 years old. For more information with Alfonso Winston or Nixania Baragan mail: musicadecamara-loscabosfest@gmail.com. Cabo San Lucas.

November 20 to 25. Different surprising hours. Urban Scenic Arts Festival. Prepare to be bowled over by what will appear to be spontaneous dance, clowns cruising down the street, puppeteers, and story tellers. Lots of music and dance... Keep your eyes peeled on streets, in malls, markets and plazas of San Lucas, San Jose and rural areas too. Spanish mostly, maybe skip the story telling and look for the music and cool puppets. And clowns! Clowns transcend language. Clowns are cool.

Community Reading Lounges

At AMELIA WILKES PLAZA Main plaza downtown CSL,

Every Saturday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Hermanita 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: todomosomosdelareal@gmail.com Free.

At PLAZA COTA,
From Monday to Friday. From 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. Reading Club. Spanish mostly. More info and special activities on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/saladelecturatrotamundos/timeline

At KINESIS GYM, El Chamilzar barrio near the Convention Center.

From Monday to Friday. 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Trotamundos Reading Club. Spanish mostly. More info and special activities on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Sala-de-lectura-La-Mar%C3%A1n

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.7579870355373/timeline

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That’s What Friends Are For!
And animal friends come through

BY BITSY LYLE

The ciclovía was quieter than usual last Sunday morning, as it was Mexican Independence Day and many revelers were sleeping in. The ciclovía means cycle thing or something close to that. The main street in downtown Cabo is closed to traffic and people ride their bicycles up and down the street. But there was a dedicated group of animal friends and volunteers eager to join in the third 5k walk/run. It was a CaminADA fundraiser for Amigos de Los Animales (ADA). And they were there for Amigos de Los Animales, which was created on behalf of all our mammals and the best tool to rent or sell your house.

What Running Your DNA Can Do For You

The short answer: Plenty

Spa Cielo has for all of its 12 years in San Jose, been forward thinking in cutting edge preservation of youth and good looks. But now owner/manager Cathy Dammann is branching into the use of recent developments in DNA technology to guide us into being as healthy and feeling as good as she has made us look.

She can guide you into how to run your DNA, and the doctor who heads her program, Dr. Joseph Dib, reviews your entire DNA report with you, interpreting it for you so you know what you’ve got cooking in your genes. But the value in knowing your DNA is, oftentimes the doctor can get into a gene that has run amuck compensate for it. It is a little scary to peek into the future and see your potentially gravely ill self, but wouldn’t it be worth that fright if it can be fixed? Or even if it can’t be fixed today, to know that technology is coming at us so fast, that it will probably be fixable in a few years, and that you will watch for that development? You owe it to yourself to run your DNA now. Your future self, and your loved ones, will thank you.

Ms. Hernandez thinks big. Her dream for ADA is to raise funds to build the first public veterinary hospital to serve San Jose del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas proper. According to Ms. Hernandez, 80% of the local population has limited funds so private clinics are not an option when their pet needs medical attention or when a stray pet is rescued off the streets and needs medical help.

And equally important, due to an enormous stray dog population of at least 15 dogs per person in Cabo proper, the proposed public vet clinic will be offering free neuter and spay for cats and dogs.

When asked how Amigos de los Animales will be able to afford the services of a veterinarian only fee system, Hernandez explained the veterinarian will be culled from a roster of highly qualified and compassionate vet interns just prior to graduation from the nearby Universities de BCS veterinarian school in La Paz.

One of the volunteers who demonstrated his commitment to Ms. Hernandez’ goals and enjoyed the 5k walk at the CaminADA last Sunday was Rudy Rosales, who explained, “Our state, BCS, has an oversight committee, the Comite pro Animales, which was created on behalf of all our mammals and even creatures like sea turtles. Our association, Amigos de Los Animales, is one of the associations under oversight created to address animal cruelty, protection and quality of life.” He continued, “I perceive the proposed public hospital to be control central: we will be, in a generic sense, the safe house for abused, injured, abandoned and sick animals that need medical attention.” Upon discharge, the facility will turn to local shelters and adoption agencies to house these recovering animals until they find safe, loving homes.

Man’s best friends, both dogs and cats, have a friend in Los Amigos de Los Animales. And, like the 5k walk on a holiday Sunday morning in downtown Cabo, the public hospital for those with pets in need will come to fruition one step at a time.
The Troublesome ‘Grease’ Payment

Just don’t do it

BY ORLANDO GOTAY

Anyone who has been here for any meaningful time knows that corruption is, sadly, an ongoing reality—perhaps prevalent as tacos and tequila. In 2017, Transparency International ranked Mexico 135 out of 180 countries in perception of corruption. That corruption is, sadly, an ongoing reality means that for any meaningful time knows that FCPA matters. But if a payment is in connection with a business or has a business purpose, one should pay attention.

Corrupt intent is one for the purpose of influencing, directly or indirectly, a foreign official’s decision making, or inducing misuse of an official’s position. Where there’s corrupt intent, FCPA penalizes paying, offering, or promising to pay money or anything of value. These can be anything, not just cash; it could be a gift card, trip or vacation.

Small businesses are all game. FCPA applies to payments intended to induce or influence a foreign official to use his or her position “in order to assist … in obtaining or retaining business for or with, or directing business to, any person. There are some exceptions for items of minimal or no value.

Winning a contract, evading payment of taxes or penalties, circumventing importation rules, getting expedited permit reviews, could all be actions taken to obtain or retain business.

So it’s payments related to not just to the official, but to others associated with the official.

Foreign officials’ could be typical government employees, the kind we usually recognize—by any level. Importantly, persons employed by state owned or controlled entities are also included. You can see the net is wide.

Lastly, these payments are not deductible business expenses. The message here, “don’t bribe”—is a superb suggestion indeed.

Orlando Gotay is a California licensed tax attorney (with a Master of Laws in Taxation) admitted to practice before the IRS, the U.S. Tax Court and other tax agencies. His love of things Mexican has led him to devote part of his practice to federal and state tax matters of U.S. expatriates in Mexico. He can be reached at tax@orlandogotay.com or Facebook: gotaytaxlawyer. This is just a general outline. It is informational only and not meant as legal advice.

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La Paz is now ready to host any size events. The inauguration of the International Convention Center (ICC) in La Paz last month brought the who’s who from around our capital city. President of the Republic, or even governor, but there were plenty of people there to check out the new space.

The convention center in La Paz joins the recently renovated Convention center in San Jose, and together the centers hope to attract more tourism. The San Jose center comes with spectacular 180° views of the Sea of Cortez and over 16,000 square meters of indoor and outdoor spaces. The La Paz center also sits high on a hill and has a great view of the Sea.

The recent revamping of San Jose was financed by the Institución Ferial de Madrid, IFEMA, based out of Spain. An estimated million and a half dollars went into both centers to get them marketable. The government of Baja California Sur signed a long-term lease with IFEMA to rent space in both convention centers. IFEMA will market the centers for use by companies in Mexico and overseas. Well, that makes sense, hire a Spanish company to market to American firms. Sigh. There are companies in the U.S. who do just this. They know every company that sends their employees on trips, conventions, and rewards, and they rent them space usually several years in advance of their event. Most new convention centers hire these bush-beaters when they first break ground building the facility. The San Jose building has stood empty and unmarketed since 2012. This is why it had to be remodeled. It had hurricane damage and the sound and light equipment was out of date. A Mexican company, Actidea has also been signed on. They are a professional event-planning company. Well, we’re getting closer to where the money is. Hopefully they knock on doors in the U.S.

Tucked in the hills overlooking the Sea of Cortez, about 30 minutes from the international airport on the north side of La Paz on the way to Pichilingue, the La Paz convention center has been built with world-class features. Modern design greets visitors on the open terrace and in the front lobby. Moveable walls give event planners options for what best fits their size. The spaces, named after areas around La Paz, include the Grand Salón Balandra, Grand Salón Pichilingue, the Terraza Tesoro, Lobby Tecolote, and the Cafeteria Tesoro.

World-class services are available throughout both centers. There are all the expected services available, including audiovisual equipment, video and photographic services, and design services. The food and beverage catering service is able to serve from five people up to 2,000 people with the kitchens they have ready for them. Our convention facilities have a lot to offer, and can bring in many more tourists for us. All we need to do is market them to the appropriate companies and organizations.

For more information on either the La Paz or the Los Cabos convention centers, you can visit their continually updated Facebook pages or their not so carefully tended website iccbajasur.com.
President Elect Gets Big Turnout
A very diverse group, but they mostly agree they don’t want mines

BY MARSHA MELLOW

Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador commonly called AMLO, was elected as the next president of Mexico on July 1. The Tabasco native doesn’t take office until December 1, but he has already cut his salary by 60% agreeing to take home less than 6000 USD per month to run the second largest economy in Latin America. Also, don’t be surprised if you find yourself sitting next to him the next time you fly coach. It’s how he’s rolling. In fact that’s how he arrived in La Paz on Monday September 17th—by flying coach. If all that isn’t disorienting enough, for his first appearance as president elect in La Paz, he seemed to be more the leader of an anti-mine protest, than a president elect.

A routine anti-mine protest scheduled for the day after a major national holiday in the states would pull maybe 20-40 underemployed twenty-somethings mixed in with a few baby-boomers who may have been in the actual Monkey Wrench Gang of protestors and saboteurs and are still trying to keep the gang together.

But we’re not in Kansas anymore. Toto. When they heard AMLO was scheduled to visit La Paz as part of his thank you tour, the anti-mine folks started spreading the word on social media. The president-elect’s first official visit to La Paz was as good a time as any, they explained, to inform a national audience of Baja California Sur’s anti-gold mine stance.

AMLO’s appearance was scheduled to begin at 5:30. By 4:15 p.m. there were around 20 twenty-somethings who weren’t quite sure why they were there or what exactly was bad about the mine. They pointed me to their jefa, a well-spoken, neatly groomed woman who appeared to be in her 30s and as articulate about the reasons for the protest as she was passionate. She says mines are taxed at a lower rate than any other business type, so BCS, (our state), makes little money and the profit from the local resource leaves the state. The mines also contaminate water, and reduce the health of the fish, which impacts the livelihood of fishermen and tourism industries. Mines take a lot of water to operate, but protestors do not trust that mine operators will haul desalinated water up the hill. Also, mines in other parts of Mexico have suffered catastrophic failures of the continued on page 22
Crespo said that Uber’s goal is to continue growing in Mexico and to resolve the problems it has in some parts of the country, like here in Southern Baja.

Better tourism through tacos. In 2010, traditional Mexican cuisine received UNESCO Heritage designation as a cultural treasure. The Mexican government’s Atlantia outpost is betting that Americans with more discriminating palates will also make more informed travelers, benefiting the tourist business here. 25 gastronomic ambassadors have been designated by Mexico’s foreign ministry to spread the word about the country’s flavors around the globe. “Food is a very strong ingredient now for modern tourism. One of the stronger strategies to promote tourism is to promote Mexico as a gastronomic destination,” said Javier Diaz de Leon, Mexico’s consul general in Atlanta.

Mexico that’s key, given that tourism accounts for 7.4 percent of gross domestic product and sustains 4 million jobs in the country.

His head of security in the past was Polimnia Romana, a veterinarian who assembled a small group of female police to handle crowd control. The female force’s light touch with children and women who approached Lopez Obrador earned them the nickname “the gazelles.”

But Romana finds it “very worrisome” that Lopez Obrador wants to entrust his safety to someone without security experience as he nears the presidency. Lopez Obrador “cares too much about public opinion,” she said, adding that he is still “behaving like a candidate who is looking for votes.” If something bad does happen, his spot would be filled by the Senate until general elections.

Standing before a cheering crowd of thousands in Tepic, Lopez Obrador last week said, “The people will take care of me.”

Uber all, Well, nor all, Cabo doesn’t have it. San Miguel de Allende is a “gold mine” in Guanajuato for Uber, according to the company’s Mexico communications director, Saul Crespo. He told the newspaper El Financiero that San Miguel generates the highest average hourly earnings of any of Uber’s markets in the state. It is also a particularly lucrative city for Uber drivers, he said, adding that 60% of journeys in the city are requested by foreigners.

San Miguel de Allende is a large expat hub and is also a popular tourist destination. Uber started operations in Guanajuato three years ago and now “directly generates 10,600 economic opportunities and helps transport 768,000 Guanajuato residents,” Crespo said.

He also stated that Uber has become one of the state’s economic engines, with a total of 14% of the state’s population either using the company’s services or driving for them.
What Is Fractional Ownership?
And Is It Right for You?

BY JOHN VERING

If you visit a real estate office nowadays, you’re bound to hear the phrase “fractional ownership” bandied about. It’s the hottest trend in the industry, after all, with particular traction in high-end resort areas like Los Cabos.

But what does it really mean? What is Fractional Ownership?

The easiest way to describe fractional ownership is “shared ownership of a deeded property, with usage rights based on time.” What that means, in simplest terms, is that multiple owners share the title, but only one may be in residence at any given time.

This concept was introduced to great success with private jets and luxury yachts, because it allowed people to share an asset they couldn’t otherwise afford to purchase or maintain. Since the early 1990s, fractional ownership has been gaining in popularity in the real estate industry for exactly the same reason.

Fractional ownership is an excellent option, for example, for those interested in vacation homes or secondary residences. Owners can spend a few weeks each season enjoying their beautiful tropical hideaway, but without worrying about full-time maintenance or upkeep. A management company takes care of services and amenities, and the costs – like the usage rights and potential resale benefits – are shared equally among the various owners.

Is Fractional Ownership the same as Timeshare?

Absolutely not. Fractional ownership may sound similar to timeshare, but the two are completely different. With fractional ownership, you’re not buying a week or two at a resort during a certain time of year…. you’re buying shares of a deeded property, with rental and resale rights. That’s why fractional properties appreciate in value over time, while timeshares do not.

Can U.S. or Canadian citizens buy Real Estate in Mexico?

Yes, citizens from other countries are eligible to buy real estate in Mexico, but it must be done through renewable bank trusts known as fideicomisos.

What are the most common types of fractional ownership in Los Cabos?

Fractional ownership properties in Los Cabos tend to be ocean view homes or villas, many of which are part of private residence clubs. These clubs typically offer a host of upscale amenities that are shared with neighboring owners, from tennis courts and fitness facilities to business centers and concierge services.

Shares of fractional properties, meanwhile, are usually divided into quarters or eighths. With the former, owners enjoy sole use of their property for 13 weeks each year, including five weeks during the winter “high season” (Nov. – Feb.), four weeks in spring (Mar. – Jun.), and the final four during the summer and autumn (Jul. - Oct.). In the case of eighth shares, owners are entitled to six weeks per year of residence use (including at least one week each during season), with an additional week available in alternating years.

What are the benefits of fractional ownership?

There are many benefits to fractional ownership, but here are the three most frequently cited by buyers:

Affordable Luxury

Would you rather buy a beach house for $200,000 or $1,600,000? The answer may depend on the house, or on your net worth, but there’s no question that fractional ownership has opened up the luxury market to an entirely new segment of the population.

Just as Net Jets made the use of private jets possible to a demographic which formerly could not afford them, fractional ownership has opened up the luxury market to an entirely new segment of the population.

Ease and Worry-Free Perks

Imagine arriving at your vacation home for a seasonal visit and finding every floor and counter surface spotless, the refrigerator stocked with fresh food, and all your clothes hung neatly in the closets.

If you’re a fractional owner, you don’t have to imagine: that’s par for the course. Management companies typically offer a variety of services, from daily cleaning and repairs to handling bookings, individualized home prepping, and making payments on taxes, insurance and utilities.

For owners, it all translates to a relaxing stress-free vacation.

Investment Potential

There’s no doubt fractional ownership, like all real estate purchases, can be a great investment, one that will almost certainly increase in value over time. Most fractional management companies also operate their own rental programs, meaning they’ll take care of all the details if you’d like to forgo one of your seasonal visits in favor of renting out the property. Theoretically, you could even rent out all your yearly usage rights, recouping the initial investment while building equity in the process.

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My love for Mexico started when my father moved us to Mexico City for 3 years. Since then, I’ve traveled all over Mexico, but the first time I came to Cabo, it was love at first sight! I was taken by the beauty, people, culture and weather. My husband and I decided to sell everything in Denver and are now embracing our new life in paradise!

The entrepreneurial, I have owned franchised restaurants, started a clothing line, launched a catering company and sold Real Estate for years in Texas, New Mexico and most recently Colorado, one of the hottest markets in the US. Growing my real estate business into Mexico is a natural fit for someone whose love of this country dates back decades.

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Tax On Rental Income
Paying it and being legal in Mexico

BY LINDA JONES NEIL

Ugggggggggg! Nothing is less fun than paying taxes! And many of us have just completed a session with the tax advisors! Now we need to look at the rental income from your Mexican property. Check out these frequent questions:


Yes, the Fideicomiso to hold property in the restricted zone of Mexico is both a contract with the Mexican bank to hold your title as trustee, and also is the deed to your rights in the property.

WE HAVE HEARD THAT OUR PROPERTY CAN BE SEIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT IF TAXES ARE NOT PAID MONTHLY. IS THIS TRUE? John from Puerto Peñasco.

Yes. Definitely failure to pay taxes on income is a violation of the Mexican law and property can be attached and sold as payment for past due taxes after a procedure similar to that used by the US and Canada tax authorities. To date the Mexican tax authorities have not aggressively pursued violators but this is changing as they have access to internet and rental promotion programs.

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Geraldine moved to Cabo in 2004 leaving Barclays Bank after 27 years in their employ as a PA – she is very well traveled and still enjoys visiting different Mexican states while learning the Mexican culture and making friends from all over the world.

Real Estate has now become her passion giving her the ability to assist clients in their choice of homes and helping them in their transition to life in Cabo.

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**BY CONNIE MEYERHOFF**

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As in other countries, owners of rental properties in Mexico are required to pay taxes on their rental income. Failure to pay the Mexican government can result (and has resulted) in substantial penalties and legal problems.

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**Agent Profile**

**Lilia Nava**

Born in Mexico City, Lilia has been involved in real estate since 1993 and feels fortunate to be living and working in this extraordinary paradise. With a degree in business studies, bi-lingual in both English and Spanish, and a high level of experience and knowledge of the Baja California Sur region, Lilia shares a true commitment to professionally facilitate all clients in their search for a new home.

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Plaza el Ghosto is Back!

Plaza El Ghosto, that half finished eyesore between the marina front and the main drag in Cabo San Lucas, has finally been cleared to build. They are going to use the existing structure, not tear it down and start over. So, expect another timeshare/hotel/condo to become a reality.

For his birthday, Sammy brings his wide history of rock with him, from his Montrose days, some solo hits, Van Halen, the Wabos, Michael Anthony of Van Halen and Chickenfoot, Jason Bonham pounding out his Dad’s hits from Led Zeppelin and Vic Johnson of the Wabos, who envisions himself channeling Jimi Hendrix through his guitar, giving a thirsty crowd a sweet taste of 50 years of rock and roll. They might even throw in some Beatles and AC/DC. Michael’s voice has always complimented Sammy’s very well, giving them a wide vocal range, and it’s pretty

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IT'S SAMMY HAGAR TIME!...

tell Sammy how much money I needed for payroll, concrete, whatever and every week he’d send me the money.” Finally, the band started questioning the expenses. They flew somebody down to check on things and he reported back that work seemed to be going well, but the place sure seemed big, guessing that the main arena could hold 500 people or more. The band originally envisioned a small, quaint place where they could just come down occasionally and jam a little. Sammy asked to talk with Jorge and he said, “Are you sure this is 3,000 square feet?” Jorge said, “Oh, I thought you were talking meters…” He chuckles, “We can laugh about it today, and now we’re glad it is this big and we’ve actually added on to it, but it was kind of a serious problem back then.”

With two years of hard work behind them, Cabo Wabo held its grand opening on April 22, 1990 with Van Halen playing on stage to about 400 people, a fairly small crowd by today’s standards. Since then, almost every name in the world of hard rock has graced its stage. Between 1992-93, Van Halen broke up and Sammy bought the club. The club business initially envisioned a small, quaint place where they could just come down occasionally and jam a little. Sammy asked to talk with Jorge and he said, “Are you sure this is 3,000 square feet?” Jorge said, “Oh, I thought you were talking meters…” He chuckles, “We can laugh about it today, and now we’re glad it is this big and we’ve actually added on to it, but it was kind of a serious problem back then.”

There were some lean years. Trying to think of a way to get people to come, Sammy suggested holding a big party on his birthday October 13 and the annual event was born. In 1996, they launched the Cabo Wabo tequila brand, giving further expansion of the name. He has since sold the tequila business in two chunks for $95 million total, which is a big part of his estimated $120 million net worth. Now they’re promoting Mezquila, a blend of mescal and tequila.

Due to the Birthday Bash, the first two weeks in October are a couple of the busiest for those in the hotel/timeshare business. Jorge figures conservatively that the club is responsible for about 10% of the tourists occupying the city’s 16,000 hotel rooms. That number doesn’t include passengers of the 300 or so cruise ships that dock every year, with passengers beating a path from the marina just so they can say they’ve had a cold one at the world famous rock and roll club. The club keeps a portion of the property open during the day mainly for these day tripping cruise boaters, selling a lot of T-shirts at that time.

Jorge explains, “We have pretty much the same number of staff at the Cabo Wabo Hollywood and Cabo Wabo Las Vegas,” where Jorge and Marco are also partners. The Tahoe Wabo in Lake Tahoe is a separate arrangement between Sammy and Harrahs. (Must be way separate, because when asked if he had been to the real Cabo Wabo, a bartender at that Cabo Wabo said, “What’s that?”

“The three of us work really well together,” Jorge notes. Coming from different backgrounds, they all contribute their strengths.

Jorge says, “Can you believe that I managed this whole place by myself for 16 years?” Today, he has four assistant managers. Jorge approves menu items and even invents new drinks. The Cantina is known mostly for finger food, while the restaurant upstairs features formal dining, serving some of the best steak and fish dinners in the city, as well as Mexican specialties. They also cater private parties and special events throughout the year.

Cabo Wabo has live music almost every night featuring the house band, called Cabo Uno, which performs an acoustic set on the patio during the early evening hours and then three sets on the main stage inside the Club beginning around 10 p.m. They also back up Sammy when he pops in for unexpected visits about three or four times per year. (Sammy has a sprawling house on the ocean front between Cabo and San Jose.) I mention to Jorge how amazing it is to see how much Sammy brings the energy level up when joining these younger men on stage and he says, “Well, of course. He’s the boss…”

For his birthday, Sammy brings his wide history of rock with him, from his Montrose days, some solo hits, Van Halen, the Wabos, Michael Anthony of Van Halen and Chickenfoot, Jason Bonham pounding out his Dad’s hits from Led Zeppelin and Vic Johnson of the Wabos, who envisions himself channeling Jimi Hendrix through his guitar, giving a thirsty crowd a sweet taste of 50 years of rock and roll. They might even throw in some Beatles and AC/DC. Michael’s voice has always complimented Sammy’s very well, giving them a wide vocal range, and it’s pretty
Banking For The Unbanked

How anyone can move money around in Mexico

BY EDGAR GONZALEZ

As a foreigner in Mexico, it is very, very difficult to open a bank account. And sometimes it can be even more difficult to deal with the Mexican banking system even if you can crack into it. And as of one year ago, the most recent stats we have, 43% of Mexico’s 2,457 municipalities didn’t have an ATM, according to the commission’s 2018 National Report on Financial Inclusion.

Up until 10 years ago Telegrafos de Mexico was one of the few options for moving money. The government sold money orders, they were here even before Western Union, and they cost about 10%.

Here we give you a workaround to the banking industry. You can now get banking services at almost any convenience store or supermarket, even Telégrafos de Mexico is one of the few options for moving money.

You can now get banking services at almost any convenience store or supermarket, even Telégrafos de Mexico has alliances with different banks and have different requirements. For example in Mega (Comercial Mexicana) grocery store, you need to buy at least $50 pesos of merchandise to be to withdraw. There’s no charge for the withdrawal in Oxoxo and there’s no minimum purchase necessary, but there’s a small fee. But a quick web search will tell you where to go for your specific needs, but be prepared to make this search in Spanish.

Oxoxo has expanded in the payment services niche so you can also go there to make PayPal payments. Oxoxo also has Western Union, Moneygram, XOOM and lots of other options. You can even obtain an almost instant debit card. It’s called Saldazo and it’s a limited services debit card backed by Banamex and has a 15,000 pesos monthly deposit limit, but you can get it for 50 pesos with only your ID and a utility receipt as proof of where you live. They will give it to you immediately. It’s not an international card. But if for example you need to pay a Mexican that does not have a bank account you can ask that person to open this type of account in Oxoxo, which is ready in 5 minutes and boom! He or she has a Banamex bank account and you can deposit whatever you owe them in any Oxoxo. Or you can send them money through one of the many money transfer services but you pay a percentage fee of what you are sending, usually 5%, and a Valid ID is needed for this too. So evaluate your options now that you know they are out there.

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entirely separate from the Hard Rock Cafes. Different company. The local Hard Rock Café went bust years ago and the building is still cluttering up our downtown. Better luck with the hotel.

Chili cookoff Mexican style. On Saturday November 3, Los Cabos will hold its first ever paella contest. Paella is a rice dish that has ancient roots but its modern form originated in mid-19th century Spain. There are several types of paella, including seafood, vegetables, beef and pork, and it may include sausages of different types. The rice, however, must be cooked with saffron, which gives it its yellowish orangish color. Tastes better than it sounds.

The competition expects to attract up to 35 cooking teams, consisting of a cook and maximum two helpers. It is open to the public, so anyone, professional cooks or not, can participate. There will be cash prizes and more surprises, that will be announced at a later date.

A hungry crowd of up to 800 paella eaters, paying 1,350 pesos (about $70 bucks) each is expected. The competition will start at 1:30 pm and end up 6:30 pm and it will include an open bar.

The cost to participate as a cook will be $1,000 USD per team, who will be required to cook for 50 people. The public will cast their vote, and a notary public will be present to banish fears of a fix being in. 25% The proceeds from the event will be donated to two local charities which are currently being chosen by the organizing committee. Hmmn... this thing should rake in a whopping amount of money. $56,000 in entry fees, and $50,000 in cooks fees. Where is their cost? The cooks will bring their own ingredients. Drink up, they better have more than just national drinks.

For more information and to sign up, go to: paellastournament.com. We can only hope those notaries checking on the veracity of the votes also checks to see the charities get their chunk of money.
Cooking Like a Mexican involves a lot of tradition as I hope you have noticed with my previous missives to you. Now, I know we’re a little early for day of the dead, (November 1), but I do want to give my precious readers some recipes that are key to the celebration, since there is a lot of food involved. To start off on the right foot, this edition we will try mole. (Pronounced mol-ee). Don’t get intimidated, it is complicated, but I am offering up the easiest recipe I have known about but equally delicious as the more than a 100 recipes there are that have about 100 ingredients.

Mole Amarillo—or yellow mole if you must—is one of the seven typical moles from the state of Oaxaca, all of them as different in color as they are in flavor. It is not super yellow, so when you make it don’t be scared if it doesn’t look like mustard. The word mole comes from the Nahua word “mulli” which means sauce, and dates back to as far as the sixteenth century. The native Mexican women did not mean to make such a signature dish, but mole came around as a result of experimentation with different spices, chilis, nuts, vegetables and ways of cooking them, roasted, boiled or using them raw. This also determines the color of the mole, but why back then, mulli, or sauces were made to first make sure no ingredient went bad and second, to make food taste different every now and then. I must emphasize the difference between sauce and salsa, neither of them have to be spicy to start with, but sauce is a main part of a dish and salsa is more like a compliment.

In the seventeenth century, a Spanish priest called Francisco de Burgoa documented in his diaries that the native people of Oaxaca offered “totolmole” (mole with turkey) to their recently deceased loved ones, as a way to make their journey to the afterlife a little more pleasant. Remember, Mexicans have a special relationship with death, ant. Remember, Mexicans have a special relationship with death, and traditions go.

As far as the history of mole, many legends have been told, and many stories have been passed down through generations. As far as traditions go.

Before we start, some tips and facts: This is one of the easier mole recipes. This mole has one of the most difficult ingredients to get, even in Oaxaca, which is chilhuacle amarillo, but can be substituted for a mixture of chili guajillo and chili ancho. The flavor will be pretty much the same, but the color will be a little more on the orange side.

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Party For The Kids

Amigos de Los Ninos charity in Cabo will be tossing their 25th annual Redhead beach party at Shaka’s on October 12th. It’s called Redhead beach party in an obvious rip on Sammy Hagar’s birthday season. No, Sammy will not be there. Several pairs of tickets to Sammy Hagar’s 71st birthday party on October 13th will be auctioned off.

It will be lots of fun times with auctions, raffles and door prizes. There will be all you can eat tacos and pad Thai for 250 pesos. 100% of the money raised from the food will be given to Amigos de Los Ninos which takes care of local children.

A full cash bar will be available as well. No pesky coupons with two lines will be used this year. There will be music from Los Dos Cobras, and The Swet Addicts from Lubbock Texas will be collaborat ing with Liroi Douglas from Pescadero.

Round trip transportation will be provided from Cabo to Pescadero for $20 per person. The buses will leave the Mar de Cortez Hotel at 10 am and from Shaka’s at 5pm and will be back to the Mar de by 6. Contact Karla Morris Cator on Facebook for a seat on the bus. Gus. Payment can be made through PayPal at no5brandog@ yahoo.com. 100% of monies raised from auctions and raffles go to charity. Come out for a fun rocking time and support the friends of the kids.

Plus, this is a really fun bar and restaurant you should get to know. Edgar and Brando have put the fun back in Pescadero. If you’re driving yourself, it’s on the road to the old Cerritos Beach Club, on your left, half a mile before you get to the beach. There’s plenty of parking, drinks are cheap, and the food is good. And this day is for the kiddies!

IT’S SAMMY HAGAR TIME!

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safe to say that nobody alive today could get away with singing Robert Plant’s songs, not even Plant himself. Anything is possible with this type of talent on stage, and word is that Joe Satriani will also be here this year so, a little Chickenfoot isn’t out of the question. Surprise guest artists also have a way of turning up. There are 2,000 fans who managed to score tickets via the lottery. They sold out in a mere 13 minutes out with 78,000 who tried. The Club’s sound system, always great, has recently been given a $240,000 upgrade of the latest state-of-the-art equipment, so get ready for Anthony’s bass to blow the hair on your legs back. We’re talkin’ heavy metal noise coming at you with a whole lotta love.

CABO FIREFIGHTERS GET...

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ANTONIETA (cat)

You can be forgiven if you attribute my exotic beauty to the Siamese breed. I am in fact a Tonkinese, which is a fancy breed formed by mixing Siamese and Burmese cats. The story goes that the Canucks, who first created the breed in 1971, took creative license in attributing the name the Tonkin region of Vietnam, from whence these kittens have no roots whatsoever. It is possible that mental confusion caused by a long, cold Canadian winter prevailed.

TAVO (dog)

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Phone Dialing 201

We’re skipping right to calling the baby sitter back home to see if the kids are still alive or to report your credit card has been hijacked. For local calls see phone dialing 101.

For international long-distance calls to Mexico, you first dial 00, then the country code. This is 1 for both the U.S. and Canada, so you would dial 00 then 1 then your area code then the 7 digit number of your baby sitter. (BTW, are you sure you did the right thing leaving your infant with the teenager next door? Her boyfriend looks a little sketchy.)

Now let’s go through this backwards. The country code for Mexico is 52. When calling a Mexican phone number from the U.S. or Canada, you need to dial 011 plus 52 plus the area code plus the phone number here. Here’s the tricky part: If you’re calling a cell phone here, you’ll need to squeeze in a 1 after the 52 and before the area code. Here’s how that goes: 011 + 52 + 1 + area code + phone number. And how do you know if you’re calling a cell phone here? You don’t. But if a lady comes on the phone and babbles something in Spanish, chances are she’s telling you to try again and this time don’t forget the 1.

Now you are ready to call the United States or Canada:

- first dial 00, then the code which for the U.S. and Canada is 1, so you would dial 00 + 1 + the area code and then your 7 digit number.

Now the tricky part. Say you want to dial a toll free number in the States or Canada. You can’t. Mexico blocks them. But we have a work around.

Dial 001, which as we told you, is the international code to call the United States. Then there is a magic number for each of your toll free numbers.

Dialed 888 if your toll free number begins with 800.

Dialed 888 if your toll free number begins with 888.

Dialed 888 if your toll free number begins with 877.

Dialed 883 if your toll free number begins with 888.

Now dial the seven digit telephone number normally. An American operator lady will come on and remind you you’re going to have to pay for this, it’s not toll free from Mexico, but you’re going to be so relieved you finally got through to your bank or your credit card company you won’t even mind paying for the call.

Here are two more numbers to toss into the mix, but good luck with them if you don’t speak Spanish.

Dial 911 to get an emergency operator, but it would be a fake if anyone there speaks English. And where do you think you’re going to direct the police or an ambulance when you can’t even tell Dominos where they’re going to deliver that pizza?

Directory assistance is 040 but it’s not like what you expect. Again, only Spanish, and they don’t really have a directory there with them.

You can often cut a break on inter country calls by making a deal with your US provider. For instance for Verizon you call 611 and tell them you’re going to Mexico for 30 days, please put your plan into Mexico mode, and let it fall off after 30 days. That saves this writer a ton of money.

Also, the minute you cross that border cut off data pushed at you. Only take data when you’re hooked up with Wi-Fi.
The Whale’s Song, written by Dyan Sheldon, and illustrated by Gary Blythe. Published in 1996, bilingual, in Vietnamese and English, unaged and costs $16.95.

I have just discovered this picture book, published in 1996, and feel I must share the magic of it with you, as this year’s whale visitors to Baja are getting ready to return to our shores. It is a beautifully written book, with haunting pictures that look like oil paintings. The words that the little girl (Lilly), and her grandmother use in describing the whales (this is a bilingual book written in both Vietnamese and English), echo my own feelings of awe at the magic of the giant whales inhabiting our oceans, “...as large as mountains and bluer than the sky.”

Her grumpy uncle frowns at that, and tells little Lilly that whales are only “...important for their meat, and for their bones, and for their blubber.”

Her grandmother however, says that whales are magical creatures, who will sing their songs to you if you have given them something special, a gift, like a perfect shell or beautiful rock, and she also tells her that “...they, (whales), have been here millions of years before there were ships, or cities, or even cemeteries.”

Of course, that night’s dreams are full of captivating and dancing whales who sing to her, and so she slips out while it’s still dark, with a single beautiful yellow blossom as a gift, hoping they will accept her gift and actually sing to her.

The colors used in the book’s pictures are of earth, sky, and sea hues, and they also have varying degrees of bluish coloration, giving the book an almost surreal, magical feel. This is a perfect book to read to children and grandchildren. And to practice your Vietnamese in case you’ve given up on every learning Spanish!

The Whale’s Song, by Dyan Sheldon and Gary Blythe is available at El Caballo Blanco, my book store in Loreto, (one copy only, so shake a fluke). You can email me at betojeannine@gmail.com. You can probably pick up a copy at Amazon.com. Please note the change in my e-mail address. This is a book I want to keep in my own library, to read (often) to my own grandchildren. OK, make that no copies in my book store.

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To holy leaf (is the main seasoning in the recipe, which gives it its distinct yellow mole flavor, so it is very important that we look for the ingredient and use it properly.

The original recipe calls for pork lard but can be substituted for any vegetable lard or oil and can also become a vegan option.

You’ll spend a little over 45 minutes in the kitchen, so be patient and put some music on.

In the Studio, we’ve been roasting guajillo chiles and tomatoes.

Ingredients:
10 chillicue amarillo chiles or a mix of 6 guajillo chiles and 2 ancho chiles.
8 green tomatoes.
1 red tomato.
3 cloves of garlic.
2 cloves (clavo de olor in Spanish)
2 hojas santas or holy leaves.
1 stick of cinnamon

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What’s This Merida Initiative And Why Are We Funding It?

Because there are foxy Mexican leaders who like it who know a deal when they see it

BY CHIP STONE

When U.S. State Department officials were told that incoming Mexican President Felipe Calderón was willing to fight the drug cartels, U.S. officials became giddy with relief, envisioning a winnable war and all they had to do was throw money at it. Lots of money.

Thus was born the Merida Initiative signed into law June 30, 2008. Congress appropriated nearly $2.5 billion for the battle, including 22 aircraft. Which now made Mexico giddy with prospects of new toys and lots of money.

The Mérida Initiative is a security cooperation agreement among the United States, Mexico, and the countries of Central America, with the declared aim of combating the threats of drug trafficking, transnational organized crime, and money laundering. The assistance includes training, equipment, and intelligence. And those cool 22 aircraft.

In nailing down this lucrative partnership with the United States, Mexican officials pointed out the financing for the Mexican traffickers comes from American drug consumers. U.S. law enforcement officials conceded that $12 to $15 billion per year flows from the United States to the Mexican traffickers. The Government Accountability Office and the National Drug Intelligence Center, have estimated that Mexico’s cartels earn upwards of $23 billion per year in illicit drug revenue from the United States.

On December 11, 2006, newly elected President Felipe Calderón sent 6,500 federal troops to the state of Michoacán. This action is regarded as the first major retaliation made against cartel operations, and is generally viewed as the starting point of the war between the government and the drug cartels.

Many years later, after he left office, he said, “My big mistake was starting that war on drugs.

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**Cabo San Lucas.** Water conditions as well as the recent rain, fleets dealt fishers returning in the after-from the outriggers of sport-billfish release flag were flying erfish inshore. Offshore a few tuna, a few dorado and roost- with fair catches of yellowfin resumed where it had left off tions until Friday.

fleets did not start back opera- until Thursday, the third week of September, though most fleets did not start back oper- until Friday. However, despite the un- usual weather recently, fishing resumed where it had left off with fair catches of yellowfin tuna, a few dorado and rooster-erfish inshore. Offshore a few billfish release flag were flying from the outriggers of sport-fishers returning in the after- noon each day.

LOCATION: Finger Banks, Migrino, San Jaime, Pozo Cota, inshore Golden gate.

BEST LURES: Varied color-ful lures: green, black, guaca- mayo, petrolero, feathers; caballito and bal- lyhoo bait.

Lefty’s Deceivers if you get into a school of skippies. They will definitely make you cry “uncle.”

**East Cape.** Water – 86- to 88°F. Clear, flat and almost perfect. Air – Very pleasant and cool for September with daytime highs in the low 90s and there has been some rain.

Again, it’s all about the tuna with limits for all anglers, plus there were a few dorado and wahoo taken. The inshore fishing has been stellar with big am- berjack, pargo, and pompano. Big roosters are being released daily with live sardina by far be- ing the best bait; chunk squid is also working.

Yellowfin are just one to two miles off Rincon and Punta Pesadero. Both areas are pro- ducing limits from 5- to 20 pounds with the occasional 40- to 50-pound brute mixed in. Sardina are by far the best bait. Earlier there were some larg- er yellowfin in the 30-pound class taken under fast-moving schools of porpoise 10- to 15 miles offshore. All fell for Hoochies and cedar plugs. Incidentally, quite a few white skipjack are being taken as well. Note to fly anglers: maybe you should bring a 12-weight flyrod armed with a fistful of Lefty’s Deceivers if you get into a school of skippies. They will

**Los Barriles, B.C.S., Mexico.** Water Temperature varied from 82 to 88 degrees. Because of a recent broad low-pressure Tropical system that slowly followed a path directly towards the Southern Baja Peninsula, north through the Gulf of Californian, drenching mainland Mexico and then in the South Western U.S. states, the Port was shut down from Monday afternoon until Thursday, the third week of September, though most

**La Paz.** The excellent bite has exploded with green ev- erwhere and flowers are in full bloom!

What happened wasn’t a hurricane or anything that dra- matic. But there was almost two days of wetness that included heavy rain or drizzle that just never stopped! Hurricanes with lashing torrential rains might last 4 or 5 hours, but at one point this week it rained for about 27 hours! Maybe the vis- iting Oregon and Washington residents brought their weather from the Pacific Northwest down with them … along with some strong gusts of wind and some big seas to go along with it!

It didn’t do any favors for fishing, although the desert has exploded with green ev- erywhere and flowers are in full bloom!

Even as the storm ap- proached, the fish kept biting, but then well…it became just too rough and the port captain shut down all boat traffic and that was it. Everyone was forced to remain on shore for a day. No fishing.

**Fish Killer Of The Week**

Laura Lee Quigley Long view Washington tied into this toothy wahoo while fishing out of Ranch Leonero recently.
AMLO plans to get away with no security detail. This man was one of maybe 50 civilians, who were there with no official role other than supporting and protecting AMLO.

A family from San Lucas arrived by bus, with impeccable Mexican timing, seconds before AMLO finally appeared. Their various ages, physical condition and attire seemed a perfect metaphor for the crowd as a whole. No matter how anyone arrived at the malecon or what life they would be leading when they left, it was agreed by them that Baja California Sur does not want La Mina.

There were no obvious supporters of the mine.

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1 teaspoon of oregano
3 cups of chicken broth (or vegetable) it's worth it and easier to make from scratch!
1 spoonful of pork lard (or vegetable)
4 peppercorns.
½ teaspoon of salt.
Procedure:
If you were lucky enough to find the chillhuacle chilis skip to step three.
remove seeds from chilis.
In a Comal or a skillet with NO OIL, toast chilies over medium heat for about two minutes, until all sides are toasted but not black and burned.
In a skillet, place the toasted chilies, red and green tomatoes and enough water to cover.
Let the water come to a boil over high heat, and let the ingredients cook for about five minutes, or until the chilies soften up.
Transfer all ingredients but NO water to a blender, and add also the garlic, cloves, cinnamon, oregano and peppercorns.
Blend and add as little water as you can if any, if you can get the blender to go with no water, its better.
Melt the lard in a deeper skillet, over low heat.
Add the blended mixture, hoja santa or holy leaves, and the chicken stock. Let it come to a gentle boil and then taste for salt, add as needed.
Once you are sure about the salt, let it boil for another ten minutes, or until it thickens a little bit, stirring occasionally. Consistency should be a thick sauce, sort of like gravy.
When the mole is cooked and reduce, remove the Hojasanta.

Now, this is the mole. You can use this in so many ways, it’s a pretty practical thing to make. For example, you can cook some chicken or beef previously and let it cook for the last five minutes in the mole, so the protein absorbs the mole flavor. My favorite though is chilaquiles.
Cook them as you would regular but substitute the salsa for the mole. See you next time!

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for the bus. I said I had some idea and I was on assignment from the Gringo Gazette. He perked up. “I’m in the incoming president’s party”. (Morena). “I came from up north, Comondu. We don’t support the mine. The president of our party in Comondu, before he was even in office, signed a letter saying we want all the mine companies out. We are here to support AMLO. We’re all supposed to be here with him, for him.” His imposing frame and earnest manner answered all of my questions about how exactly

November 20 to 25. Different surprising hours, different surprising days. Urban Scenic Arts Festival. Prepare to be bowled over by what will appear to be spontaneous dance, clowns cruising down the street, puppeteers, and story tellers. Lots of music and dance. Keep your eyes peeled on streets, in malls, markets and plazas of San Lucas, San Jose and rural areas too. Spanish mostly, so maybe skip the story telling and look for the music and cool puppets. And clowns! Clowns transcend language. Clowns are cool.

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COOK THEM AS YOU WOULD REGULAR BUT SUBSTITUTE THE SALSA FOR THE MOLE. SEE YOU NEXT TIME!
This week we asked: Have you noticed a lot of people from the mainland moving here for work? Have they displaced or inconvenienced you?

1. Dalia Gutierrez, 42, office assistant.

Yes, at my work I have seen so many new people apply for jobs, and either they don’t last, or they cannot keep up with the work here. I don’t mind them if they respect our town, but I cannot bear with those who drive super-fast, leave garbage at the beach or are disrespectful in general. I think that they have been lured here because Cabo really does pay very well, and our way of life is substantially better than on the mainland, but they don’t understand that it’s not a vacation anymore and that you have to adapt to the place where you have just moved.


Yeah, I came here looking for a job too, a little over five years ago. I love Cabo and it has given me so much that I feel like I was born here. I came here looking for opportunities and found them, but I have also seen some people who came looking for the same thing and did not make it because it is very hard to adapt to live here. Not only do we get good paychecks, but things are expensive here too, and some people think that they can behave like they did in their hometown. It does bother me when I hear about someone making a mess while partying or being disrespectful to locals. Also, there are a lot more cars now and it gets a little crazy around some areas.

3. Diego Martinez, 19, student.

There are many kids at my school who just moved here and hate it. Their parents brought them to give them a better life, but they get so bored because there are no soccer teams here or nothing to do like in their big hometown. It doesn’t bother me, but I have heard my family complain that Cabo is growing so much and in such an inefficient way because houses are going more expensive or traffic is now a thing here. All I see is that maybe we can be nicer to them and show them how Cabo really can become their home if they do things right.

4. Jimena Montes, 19, boat assistant.

I haven’t noticed more people, but I guess it’s only natural with all the new hotels popping up everywhere. What I have noticed is that the beaches that used to feel like you were the only one there, are crowded and more crime is happening all around. Not like drug dealing but stealing and rapes and stuff that my parents say they didn’t hear about before. My family also came here from the mainland, two generations ago and we had much less than Cabo has been growing since a long time ago. A little more than nine years ago, I remember going to the supermarket and sometimes not finding what we needed, and now there is everything here. I think that is also because of the people who have made our town bigger.

5. Lucha Bello, retired.

Oh yes, no doubt and I do not like it at all. We used to be a little town full of Choyeros who knew each other and said hi at church or the beach. Now so many Chilangos (people from Mexico City) come here and find good paying jobs but live in a very bad way and just make our town uglier and busier. I have met some very decent people who came here looking for an honest chance and do their best to have a good life, but for the most part I do not like the newcomers.


I think there are very few people who have not come here from other states. I came here 20 something years ago and have made this place my home, but I am not the only one and these people are everywhere and have been here for a long time. We have made Cabo what it is now, and I think we should all welcome them with open arms. It is inevitable that Cabo will continue growing and there are enough opportunities for all of us.

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You never know what a storm will do to the waters and the fishing. Will the waters be dirty? Will there be a lot of debris in the water? What about water temps and bait? Lots of variables!

Well, anglers hit the water on Thursday and while fishing wasn’t up to par, they still found fish. Much better than anticipated. By the end of the week, the area was back on its game for the most part. With each passing day away from the storm, the tuna came back harder. The dorado were more willing to bite. Just overall better fishing.

The tuna bite has generally been mostly around Las Arenas/Muertos Bay all season. Fish between 10- and 100-pounds have been the general rule and it’s been very, very good for about a month. With tuna mixed in among the dorado, pargo, cabrilla and a few other species, the fishing has been solid.

But the big surprise recently was the fishing in La Paz! Out’ve La Paz Bay, most of the fishing is dorado fishing. Probably 90% of the catch is dorado. It’s the “honey hole” for dorado! Well, this season we’ve had little jags of tuna here and there. Pretty surprising all by itself and a nice bonus. But, the entire area has busted loose with boiling, foaming tuna! Fish between 20- and 60-pounds just blasting out’ve the water and slamming every bait tossed in the water!

In the past few weeks, the tuna fishing has been especially explosive! Locals claim that they have never seen so many tuna in 23 years.

Air temps are cooling. Most days only in the mid-90s. However, the humidity has been incredible! One morning at 5 a.m., when we were sending our fishermen out, it was 92% humidity and one evening at midnight it was 88% humidity! Cabo San Lucas

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